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## Jazz director brings big change



Jazz Director Kevin Woods plays the trumpet at The Majestic on Wednesday, September 29. Woods played some of his compositions as part of a quartet after his Western jazz students opened for him.

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## Shooting in Oregon hits home

Amanda Milner  
THE WESTERN FRONT

A shooting that occurred at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon on Thursday, Oct. 1, hit close to home for Western as it nears the one-year anniversary of Marysville Pilchuck shooting that took place Oct. 24, 2014.

The shooting at Umpqua left 13 dead and 20 wounded, with the gunman demanding students state their religion before he opened fire, according to MSN News.

Students and staff at Western said they have felt the effects of the shooting.

Communications professor Steve Woods said these situations are ones people don't expect to happen on campus.

"I feel sadness for everyone involved but also disappointment that this kind of thing can continue to happen," Woods said.

Western has a video called "Three Rules for Surviving an Active Shooter: Run. Hide. Fight", available at Western's Safety and Emergency Information at [www.wvu.edu/emergency/](http://www.wvu.edu/emergency/).

The video goes into detail about the steps one should take in an emergency situation with an active shooter.

**Run:** Try to escape or evacuate, remember you are most important, not your stuff. Getting yourself out of harm's way is your first priority. Call 911.

**Hide:** If you can't leave, hide in a safe room or closet or try to block yourself with a large object. Remain quiet and calm and silence your cell phone.

**Fight:** As a last resort if your life is at risk, improvise weapons to disarm the shooter. Commit to your actions, be aware of your environment and always have an exit plan.

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## New pot store resumes construction on Samish Way

Sarah Sharp

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*"A lot of people might not like the marijuana business, but for us, we're business people."*

Yin-Ho Lai

Western alumnus, owner of Trove Cannabis

Alumnus Yin-Ho Lai had spent nearly \$1 million on the construction of his new recreational marijuana business, when the hum of bulldozers suddenly stopped.

On Monday, Sept. 28, the Bellingham City Council voted unanimously to set that hum abuzz again.

The council approved an amendment allowing new marijuana stores to continue construction if

a facility frequented by children opens up 100 feet from their location after they have been issued a building permit.

The amendment reversed the Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board's ruling last

week, which required Lai to halt construction of his marijuana retail store, Trove Cannabis, because an arcade had also opened on North Samish Way.

Marijuana retail stores cannot be located

within 1,000 feet of a school, playground, recreation center, public park, public transit center, library or game arcade, according to Bellingham's industrial zoning regulations.

However, Lai had

already obtained his building permit before the arcade moved into the area.

Now, Trove Cannabis will resume construction, while co-owners Lai and Stephen Reed, whom both studied accounting at Western, dip their feet into the marijuana industry for the first time.

It was a decision the business partners made following Washington's legalization of marijuana in 2012, imagining the possibilities a new industry and an old dirt

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## WINNING DIVE DURING STUDENT COMPETITION



Freshman Nathan Swanson-Dinsmore dives on the verge of victory during a student competition on a break in the volleyball action on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Whatcom Community College Pavilion. // Photo by Daisey James

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## POT: Western alum plans to open rec store

lot could offer, Lai said. "When we found a vacant lot at 218 North Samish Way, immediately our eyes just lit up with a dozen opportunities for us to build a business from the ground up," Lai said.

Although the 1,000 foot rule is still in place for unlicensed marijuana businesses searching for a location, council member Pinky Vargas predicted less state regulations in the future.

"The state had to be very safety conscious when this first came out. However, the state has already said that we can make changes to this rule so it makes sense for the City of Bellingham to take that step," Vargas said.

Still, marijuana stores can only be located in designated industrial and commercial zones in Bellingham. This leaves few locations for retailers to choose from.

Top Shelf Cannabis, the first recreational marijuana store to open in Washington, chose their location off

Interstate 5 in Bellingham for ease in working with the city, store manager Zack Henifin said.

"Our location was chosen here because it's out of the way a little bit, and sometimes people will park next door because they don't want to be seen going into our shop buying marijuana," Henifin said.

Stigma surrounding marijuana is simply a reality of the business Lai expects as he opens Trove Cannabis. But that doesn't distill his passion.

"A lot of people might not like the marijuana business, but for us, we're business people and we want to show what we can do for the industry, and to change the perception of it," Lai said.

Western junior Alex Essenberg said while he believes regulations should



New recreational marijuana store on Samish Way under construction. // Photo by Daisey James

keep a buffer between schools and marijuana stores, he would like to see more cannabis options throughout Bellingham.

"You can find a Starbucks anywhere, but a dispensary you really have to hunt for," Essenberg said.

Henifin said they plan to expand their

stores soon to some undisclosed locations throughout Bellingham.

With all the green in the marijuana industry — over \$8 million in Whatcom County's sale so far — city and state officials are counting on the tax revenue generated by local businesses like Top Shelf and Trove Cannabis.

## JAZZ: Director wants to expand program into the community

**Ian Koppe**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

history in the spring. Woods said he hopes to bring his jazz history course to

community involvement. Whatcom Jazz Music Arts Center is a non-profit organi-

opportunity for a serious jazz program and there has been very minimal community involvement from Western jazz musicians in Bellingham, MacDonough said.

Woods said he believes Bellingham is a beautiful city with a booming art scene in which there is a great niche for a jazz major.

"Once we can show that there is a need for that and that this is a great place for jazz, I think that the college will be on board with at least doing a certificate, which may lead to a minor, which eventually leads to hopefully a four-year jazz performance degree," Woods said.

Woods is trying to get his students out of school and into performing environments around town. He really wants his students to experience what it is to be a performer and not just a student, MacDonough said that.

Trumpet performance major Daniel Lombard said that within the first week of classes he was already performing on stage.

"I really like how willing [Woods] is to get the program out into the community," Lombard said.

Two of Western's jazz ensembles opened for Woods at The Majestic on Wednesday, Sept. 30; a show put on by the WJMAC.

"I strive to not only give my students the information that they need, but to try to inspire them and show them that I am in here practicing all the time too," Woods said.

Preparing students all quarter for one performance is not reflective of the real world, Woods said. He wants to see the combination jazz ensembles playing out in the community at least once biweekly and the big band to be playing more than one concert a quarter.

"I'm very excited to have these students to work with and to be able to take things to the next level," Woods said.

He hopes to attract more talented players to the program over the next couple of years and promote healthy competition to raise the standard of excellence, Woods said.

Western's jazz program will groove to a new beat as a new director steps in and revamps the curriculum.

Kevin Woods, Western's newly hired assistant professor of music and director of jazz studies, said he plans to revive Western's jazz program over the next few years by introducing new courses and promoting community involvement.

His goal is to build the program up enough so that it warrants a four-year jazz performance degree, Woods said.

Western currently has two audition-only big bands, three combination ensembles, known as combos, and a jazz choir.

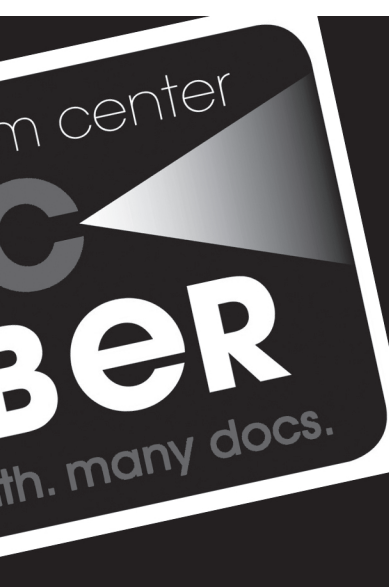
Woods hopes to see the program expand to include two more big bands and five to seven more combos in the next three to five years.

Already, in Woods' first quarter as the assistant professor of music, he has marked the return of courses such as jazz arranging this fall and jazz

non-music majors as a General University Requirement course to fulfill requirements for humanities or arts credits.

"I love arranging and improvisation, but teaching the history of jazz, I think you get a lot of people who aren't music people or jazz people," Woods said.

Julian MacDonough, director of the Whatcom Jazz Music Arts Center, said he plans to work closely with Woods to increase student



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## What's happening? Events on campus and in the community

Friday

<p><b>VU Poster Sale</b> 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Viking Union Gallery Posters of all sizes and tapestries for sale</p>	<p><b>Exploring Hip-Hop and Democracy in Senegal</b> 3:00 p.m. Arntzen Hall 415 Senegalese artists and political activists Thiat and Denise Sow of Keur Gui and Y'en a Marre discuss rap music and hip hop.</p>
<p><b>Drawing Jam</b> 8:00 a.m. – 11:45 p.m. Banner Spaces VU Exhibit about freedom of expression, anyone welcome to come make art</p>	<p><b>Squawktober Fest</b> 8:00 p.m. Old Main Theater Dead Parrots performance</p>

Saturday

## Cops Box

### 1:43 p.m., Sept. 27

Police found a possible drug house on the 2700 block of Madrona St.

### 2:47 p.m., Sept. 27

A homeowner on Baker Street told police a stranger parked in her garage, before walking up to the front door to ask about someone who didn't live there.

### 12:25 p.m., Sept. 28

A man with road rage was frustrated with driving and became aggressive with his own vehicle.

### 5 p.m., Sept. 29

A man reported major issues with cars speeding by his home on Old Lakeway Drive.

### 6:58 p.m., Sept. 29

Police responded to a domestic dispute when a man wanted to break up with his partner.

### 12:15 a.m., Sept. 30

A mother called 911 after her 14-year-old son locked her out of her own vehicle on Pacific Rim Way and would not allow her to leave.

# Police and lawyers talk on student's rights

**Kyra Bruce**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

You have the right to remain silent. You have the right to speak with an attorney. You have the right to refuse field sobriety tests.

These are rights that all citizens, including students, have when interacting with the police.

Know Your Rights, presented by the Associated Students Legal Information Center, aimed to educate students on their rights when encountering the law.

The panel discussion, held on Tuesday, Sept. 29, was made up of three lawyers and two Western police officers, who discussed driving under the influence, minor in possession charges, and interaction with

are," Osborn said.

Attorney Adrian Madrone said the goal was to educate students about the law, not teach students how to get away with breaking it.

"Knowing what the law is, is the easiest way to keep yourself out of trouble," Madrone said.

He understands things in life happen and that people make mistakes and poor decisions. The best legal advice he can give is to be polite and be respectful in those situations, Madrone said.

Both Madrone and attorney Sean McKee continuously emphasized students' right to remain silent.

McKee discussed what students should do when stopped by a police officer and discussed DUIs and MIPs. He said obeying traffic laws and avoiding



**Pictured from left to right: Officer Todd Osborne, Assistant Chief Donnell Tanksley, Sean McKee and Adrian Madrone answer student questions at the Know Your Rights event Tuesday, Sept. 29, in Academic West. // Photo by Caleb Galbreath**

ways be polite but don't answer any questions."

At that, attorney Aaron Lukoff said "Unless your father is Tywin Lannister, don't go there."

Osborn and fellow officer Darnell Tanksley concluded the presentations by giving their perspective as Western police officers.

They try to tailor their work to Western and its students, as that is the community they serve, Osborn said. Tanksley said 50 percent of officers were once Western students.

During the Q&A, most students asked questions about what to do if police show up to a party and being a passenger in a stopped car.

Students were advised to not have drinks in their hands if police show up to a party. They were also reminded to be honest about their age, but that they could always refuse to answer questions and to ask the officers if they could leave.

Many students were also disappointed the infamous "party bus" is no longer an actual bus. "Party patrol," a group of police officers who specifically respond to party and noise complaints, had previously used an old Whatcom Transportation Authority bus. "Party patrol" continues but in the form of two cars, according to Osborn.

After the panel, many students such as Millka Solomon felt a lot of useful information

had been shared.

She would still be scared if she found herself in a law enforcement situation but the information she learned would help her to make the right decisions and not get herself in more trouble, Solomon said.

## TIPS TO AVOID ARREST

- Obey all traffic laws
- Sobriety tests are voluntary
- Admit to nothing

# SHOOTING: Western's safety plan for campus violence

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Junior Brie Cleveland said she thinks it's crazy that shootings are still happening across campuses and scary to think it could happen here too.

"I've never heard from a professor about what we should do,

or received an email from the school that stated what would happen," Cleveland said.

Cleveland is not alone in her concern.

"I have no idea," senior Adam Shaw said when asked what he would do if he were in a situation with a gunman.

It's important that all students, faculty and staff be familiar with how to respond to a situation of violence, Communications and Marketing Director Paul Cocks said in an email.

"Acts of violence can be very unpredictable," Cocks said. "The best we can do is plan, pre-

pare and be ready to respond to the best of our abilities."

The Western Alert system put in place on campus is one of the ways to reach students, faculty and staff with important information in case of campus violence and other imminent threats to safety or health,

Cocks said.

The alert includes text messages to everyone who registers and emails to students and staff.

Our thoughts and prayers go out the family and friends of the victims of this horrific tragedy at Umpqua, Cocks said.

# Campus clubs prepare for 2016 election

*Western breaks student voter registration record for second year, clubs plan events to highlight debates*

**Stephanie Cheng**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

As the 2016 presidential election draws closer, Western students and clubs are pushing students to vote and get involved.

During AS club Western Votes' annual campus voter registration drive, Western set the record in Washington state for the most students registered to vote in one day both this year and the previous, said Rachael Belisle, the organization and outreach coordinator for the Associated Students Representation and Engagement Programs.

"In a day, we registered 900 students," Belisle said, comparing it to last year's number of 737. "We're just trying to make sure we can push toward our goal of 3,000 which would be an ultimate record. But we've already set all the records in Washington state."

In addition to the AS encouraging voter engagement, Western is home to nine political clubs on campus. Among those clubs are Young Americans for Liberty, WWU Stu-

dents for Hillary and Western Democrats.

President of Young Americans for Liberty, Sean Rita, said that the club has several events planned for the school year, including a political debate and an event called Incarceration Nation, which will address the issue of overpopulation of prison systems.

Young Americans for Liberty is a political club that supports the discussion of politics but does not endorse specific candidates, Rita said.

Western Libertarians is another political club on campus that promotes student engagement and discussion without endorsing any specific candidate, president Katrina Haffner said.

"Something we talk about concerning the presidential election is not only the candidates, but the different legislation

that's brought to light because people are more interested in the elections," Haffner said. "We're hoping that the recreational legalization of marijuana will become an even hotter topic."

The club is hosting an event with the organization Liberty in North Korea to talk about the relationship between the North Korean gov-

ernment and its citizens on Monday, Nov. 9.

Junior Hanna Hupp is excited for the upcoming election and has been enjoying watching the candidates turn out.

"At first I was definitely a huge Hillary supporter," Hupp said. "But now I'm pretty into Bernie. I have a little pin for him: 'Feel the Bern.' I just think he's been so consistent in his views and what he's advocated for."

Adam Schaefer, chair of Western Democrats, is also interested in Bernie Sanders, but is waiting until the debates to hear what each candidate has to say when challenged about the issues.

Western Democrats is planning on holding a local community forum and potentially hosting a debate viewing party on campus for the first Democratic pri-

mary debate on Oct. 13.

Schaefer said he believes that among Western Democrats, the majority of members are leaning toward Sanders.

"It's almost trendy to like Bernie Sanders," Schaefer said.

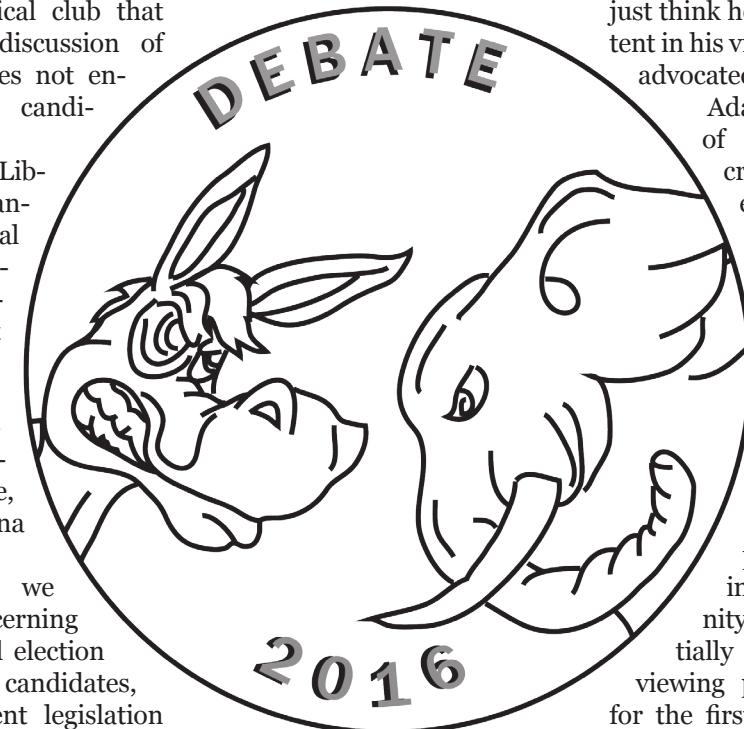
Despite Sanders' surge in popularity, there remain supporters who aren't optimistic about his chances.

"Some of the things he does want to do goes against a lot of mainstream Democrats and Republicans and the legislature," said Zachary Dove, AS Vice President for Academic Affairs.

There's also a political dynasty occurring with Clinton and Bush, said Dove. "It could potentially end up being a Clinton vs. Bush election."

According to The New York Times, there are currently six candidates running for the Democratic Party and 15 candidates running for the Republican Party.

Monday, Oct. 5, is the last day to register to vote in the general election either online or by mail.



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# A WHOLE new BALL game



Freshman Liam Moser bounces the ball off the Spikeball net to his teammate. Spikeball is played in teams of two and functions like foursquare. // Photo by Christina Becker

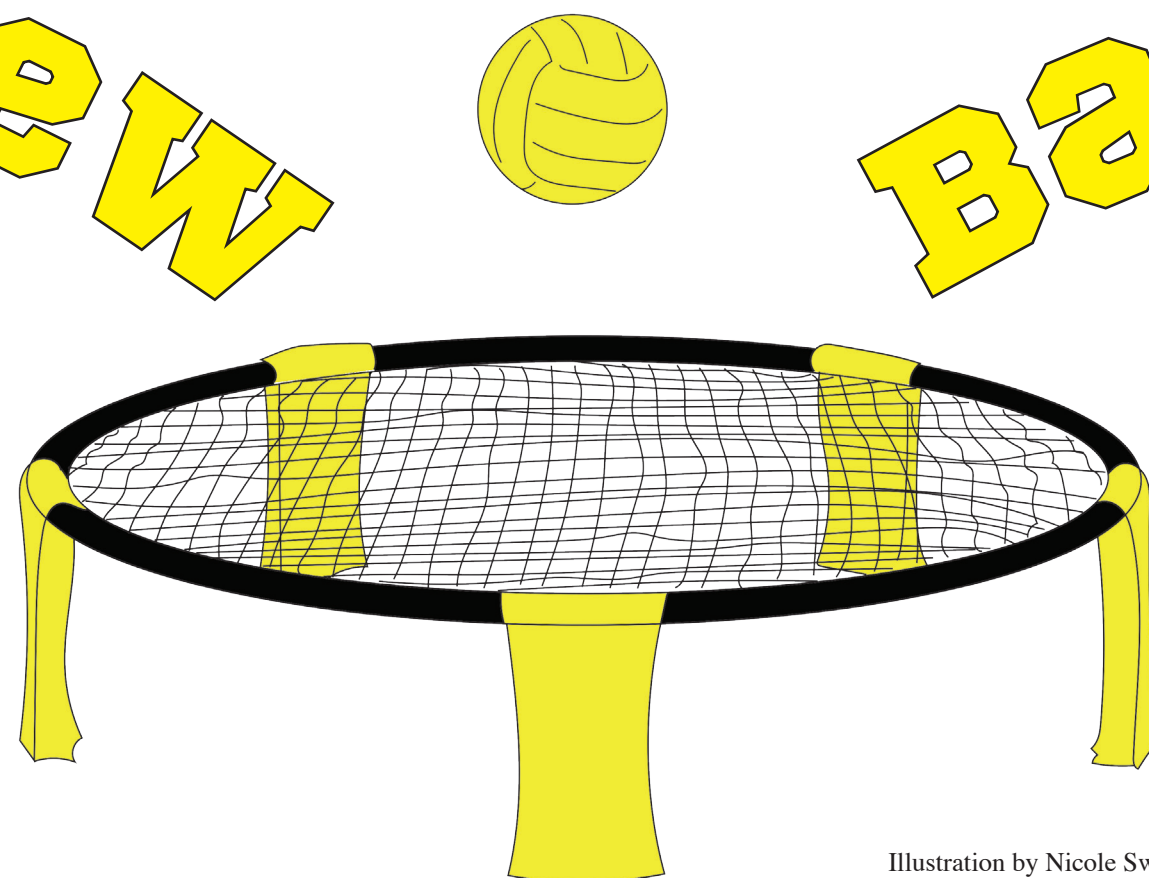


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*The fast-paced game of Spikeball is sweeping across Western's campus. And jumping, and diving and bouncing.*



Freshman Liam Moser hits the ball off the Spikeball net. Western is currently including Spikeball in its lineup of fall intramural sports. // Photo by Christina Becker

## SPIKEBALL: THE BASICS

### Serving:

Server's position must be six feet beyond the net before serving. Once a serve is made the ball must only hit the net to be considered viable. If the receiving team cannot hit the serve after two tries, they lose the point.

### Hitting the Ball:

Either team has up to three hits before the ball must come back to the net. Hits alternate between players, and any part of the body may be used.

### Scoring:

Games are to 21 points, and are won by two. Teams switch sides after one team reaches 11 points. Scores include when the ball hits the rim, the ground or bounces off the net twice.

Sam Chanen  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Under a clear blue sky and the sun's rays, freshman Christian Mueller sets down the equipment. Cleats bump a soccer ball sending it in Mueller's direction. Mueller remains unfazed, continuing to set up the net.

Mueller, however, isn't a soccer goalie. He's setting up to play the fast-paced team sport Spikeball.

The game gets going and players begin to contort their bodies in various ways in order to make sure the ball does not hit the ground. The action is fast-paced and has players diving to keep the ball lofted in the air.

"My first day here we showed plenty of groups how to play it and had a good time teaching people," Mueller said.

Spikeball is a team sport that requires two teams of two players to surround a net. The opposing teams line up across from each other, the net situated in the center, according to the official website.

The net is the centerpiece of the sport. A springy mesh is stretched over a hoop and supported off the ground, like a mini-trampoline. Players bounce the Spikeball off the net, reaching, bounding and spiking to score.

As soon as the ball is served, the players have free reign to move around the net. Players may only use their hands to bounce the ball, and a team can only touch the ball three times before it must bounce off the net.

The goal of all of this is to hit the ball onto the net so that the other team will not be able to return it. A single game can go up to 21 points and must be won by at least two.

Mueller was first introduced to the sport this past summer after his friends asked him to play. After discovering that Western would offer Spikeball fall quarter, Mueller said he became excited at the possibility to play.

Playing Spikeball was all Mueller and his friends did before heading up to Western, he said.

Mueller said he hopes that by introducing the sport to other people it can help Spikeball gain a stronger following at Western.

The game of Spikeball has been rapidly growing across the nation. According to the website, there are more than 250,000 players nationwide and more than a thousand nationally ranked teams.

Kirsten Schumacher first played Spikeball four years ago as a Western student. Now, working as the intramural sports coordinator, Schumacher believes that intramurals need to

start focusing on the less traditional ball sports.

"I think that Spikeball can be our first catalyst of that, get it going and show people that we have other offerings," Schumacher said.

The gameplay is quick and athletic, Schumacher said, but it's also beautiful.

"We had a spike go 30 yards away from the net, came back, rallied back and still were able to make it bounce again," Schumacher said. "It was glorious, there was a lot of diving involved."

Junior Sarah Stochel said she doesn't know anybody else who's as enthusiastic about Spikeball as herself.

She was introduced to the sport by some friends while working at a summer camp a year ago. The dynamic of the game began to change once she started to get the hang of it, she said.

Having already had some experience, Stochel said she knows it is possible to become better.

"It's easy to learn but it's hard to be good at. I have a lot of work to do," Stochel said.

Senior Ashley Haden said she came up with the idea to bring Spikeball to intramurals at Western.

As an intramural staff member, the goal was to prevent

overcrowding at the Wade King Student Recreation Center due to the remodeling of Carver Gymnasium, Haden said.

The rules are strikingly similar to volleyball, Haden said. Unlike volleyball however, the ball has to hit the net, not over the net.

Haden said she can see Spikeball becoming a yearlong sport, because it's played outdoors at the track next to the student rec center and will not require the use of indoor court space.

"I want intramurals to be a chance for everyone to get out there and I think Spikeball is our first chance to really show them that," Schumacher said.



// Photo by Christina Becker

# Just down the hall

Residential Adviser Makayla Henry leads fresh faces into another school year

**Mckenna Kloes**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

From September to June, they are now in it together. Shoes scrape and scuff the red brick path as freshmen enter into the Performing Arts Center. After getting residents settled for their official welcome, the resident advisers stay behind for a celebration of their own.

Senior Makayla Henry, resident adviser for Beta-Gamma, has been preparing for this day for weeks. Her passion for becoming an RA however, has a much longer history.

It was only after having such a positive experience as a student living in the dorms that Henry decided to become an RA. She felt extremely welcomed by her own RA and couldn't wait to be that figure for others, she said.

"You could just walk in to her room whenever and she'd be like, 'Oh yeah, let's just sit and talk.'" Henry said. "You didn't realize how much work she put into it, or at least I didn't until I got this position."

Moving in on Sept. 8, the advisers had time to break the ice and meet each other, Henry said.

"You're not just one RA for the Beta-Gamma community, you're an RA for Western," Henry said.

This is Henry's first year as an RA. She oversees around 60 residents and is one of the 60-70 RAs who manage the 4,060 students utilizing on-campus housing this year, according to Western's website.

"By the time the students get here, we're just adding to the family," Henry said.

RAs spend hours of training and goal setting. Their community becomes so close-knit that when they see each other on campus, it's like seeing a brother or sister who knows exactly what your life is like, Henry said.



Senior Makayla Thomas checks one of the Beta Gamma laundry rooms as part of her resident advisor rounds on Tuesday, September 28. // Photo by Christina Becker

The transition from resident to resident advisor requires extensive training, Henry said. During training, RAs learn how to plan events such as hall meetings and socials with other halls, Henry said.

RAs craft posters, set goals and discuss what it means to have a healthy and thriving sense of community on campus, Henry said. They also learn about the intricacies of campus life, she said.

"We hear about the different resources on campus, especially the health center and the counseling center. University police comes in and gives a really good presentation

on what they're here for," Henry said.

Henry comes from a line of RAs as her mother and sister were both resident advisers at different universities. She knew what it took to be an RA and knew that supervising residents is a privilege, she said.

"Sometimes all the students see from us is policy enforcement, but it's so much more than that. We're here to listen to their stories and create community for students at Western," Henry said.

Freshman Morgan Donahue, living in Mathes Hall this year, thinks of her RA as someone there to help

her out with directions and give her guidance.

RAs are there to be the underclassman who can lead you through the first year and answer your questions, Donahue said.

"I keep finding in college that the things I wasn't worried about all of a sudden hit me, and the things I was worried about were a lot easier than I thought," Donahue said.

Sophomore Megan McCardle enjoyed her dorm experience so much that she came back for a second year of resident community. Her RA was one of the main reasons she made close friends freshman year and came back for more fun, McCardle said.

"My RA was amazing last year. She was actually the one who introduced me to my neighbors who I'm living with now," McCardle said. "I came winter quarter and it was my first day and she introduced me to all these people. She took me to dinner because I was the only new person on my floor."

Roommates Kaitlin Neary and Rachel McCardy said they felt extremely cared for by their RA last year.

"Our RA made personal connections with us," Neary said. "She was really intentional about knowing about our lives, which was awesome."

Her RA helped get her through the first year, McCardy said.

Henry hopes to hear all of her residents' stories; she cares about them, she said. Her main goal is to foster community at Western and celebrate the diversity among residents.

The day in the life of an RA can be long, and often full of unseen tasks, but the end result is worth it, Henry said.

*"By the time the students get here, we're just adding to the family."*

**Makayla Henry**  
Beta-Gamma Resident Adviser

## FRONTLINE

Opinions of the Editorial Board

The Lincoln Creek Park and Ride doesn't look any different than previous years, except for a few white signs that say, "Permit Required Fall Quarter."

It's a change Parking Services announced in its master plan last spring, but now opinions are beginning to form. The most explosive of which has been outrage that this time next year, permits to park in the lot will come with a fee.

For returning students who may have gotten used to using the lot for free, this is especially frustrating. Implementing paid permits means students who can't afford a parking pass are losing an option.

While there might be some spots along neighborhood streets, these can be rare and may not be on a direct bus line to campus. For students needing to get to campus in a hurry, this can pose a stressful problem.

Permits for C lots on campus cost \$82 per quarter, or \$313 for an annual pass. That's a big chunk of change to add on to all the other college expenses.

In-state students attending Western are estimated to spend an average of \$23,236 during the 2015-2016 school year. For out-of-state students, that price grows to \$35,588.

Plus, when it comes to lots on campus, there's not a guarantee you'll be able to find a space quickly (or even at all sometimes). Considering Parking Services sells out of passes for C lots pretty much every year, you can bet it will always be packed.

Also, there are unfortunately some spots that get squeezed when other cars

park too close, making it impossible for larger vehicles to fit.

It's not hard to see why Lincoln Creek has been so appealing for so many students.

The issue of payment is not immediate, unless you don't get the permit and still park at Lincoln Creek, which could land you with a \$30 ticket. However, this time next year will be a different story.

But the fact there's still a whole year before the change goes into effect means students have time to plan ahead — an opportunity that doesn't always come when changes are made on campus.

If you know you still want to park there, start putting aside a little extra money each month so you can save up for a pass. If you want a campus pass instead, make sure you mark when they go on sale so you can be sure to get one.

If you don't want to pay for a pass, start researching alternative routes of transportation and find one that works for you. Or look into carpooling with friends who have parking passes.

Although fees can be difficult to handle, they do serve a purpose. In order to have a functional, comfortable campus there needs to be maintenance, and maintenance isn't free.

Pot holes need to be filled, storm drains need to be unclogged and wouldn't it be great if all the lots could be paved?

It's easy to forget that the fees we pay are actually put to use and not just maliciously sucking our savings dry. But it's a thought to keep in mind while planning for next year.

The Western Front Editorial Board is composed of Libby Keller, Heidi DeHart and Stephanie Bishop.

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## Viking Voices

What do you think of Western's current parking system? How do you think it could be improved?



**Michelle Phung**  
sophomore, international business

"I think [Western has] a pretty good system. I only go to the C lot. I think it is pretty spacious. But I know that I have to wait until 4:30 for the free parking, and then I can use it."



**Andy Venegas**  
junior, management information systems

"I think it could be better, particularly the whole permit thing, like the pricing on it. That is my main problem with it. I haven't really thought about it that much, but I think a start would be reducing the prices."

Compiled by Lynsey Amundson



**Morgan Scott**  
senior, environmental studies

"I think it's overpriced, too crowded, there is no bike parking, and it is over monitored. Making more free parking, making parking in a better location, making it a priority for bikes, making the hours less restricted, and making tickets less."

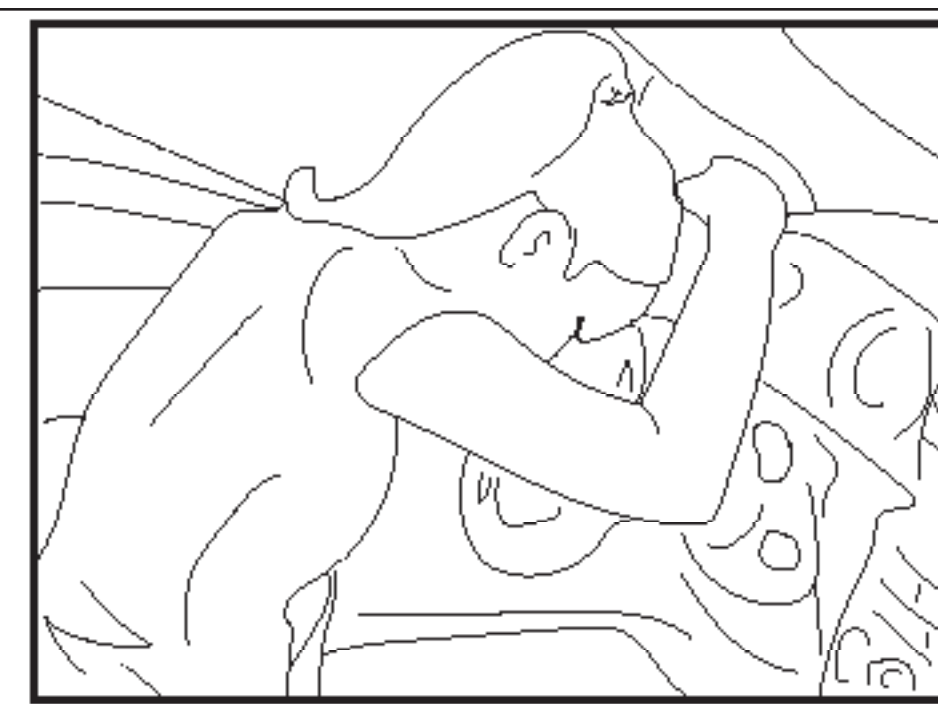
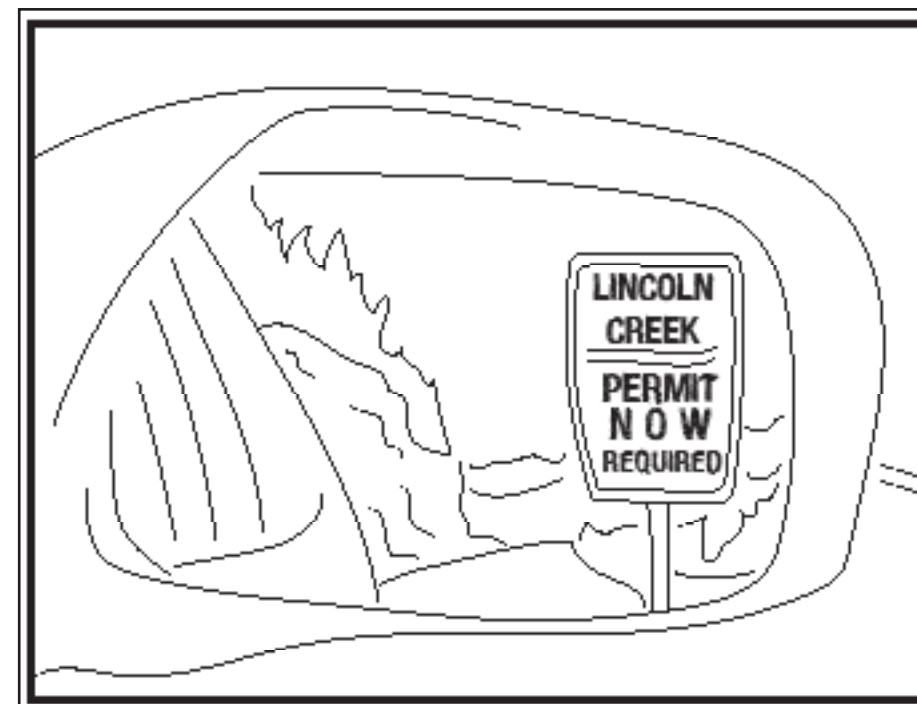


**Alex Barton**  
senior, early childhood education

"I think it is alright. I think that some lots need more spaces, and that the price for the quarter should be lower."

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## Scoreboard

Athlete of the Week



**Rachel Roeder**  
Senior, outside hitter

**THIS WEEK'S STATS:**  
25 kills this week

**SEASON STATS:**  
166 kills total

### ABOUT THE ATHLETE:

Roeder enters the 2015-2016 season with 527 kills, 160 digs and 87 blocks. She was named First-team Great Northwest Athletic Conference all-star and named to West Regional all-tournament team as a junior in 2014. She was also named GNAC co-Player of the Week during that season.

Roeder is credited with 334 double-figure kill matches with a career-high of 24 vs. Cal State San Bernardino and a career-best .531 attack percentage vs. Montana State Billings.

She was a redshirt freshman and now holds three varsity letters.

### MEN'S SOCCER

	W	L	T
NW Nazarene	3	0	1
SPU	2	0	2
MSU Billings	2	0	2
Concordia	1	1	2
Simon Fraser	1	1	2
WWU	1	2	0
Mary	1	3	1
Saint Martin's	0	4	0

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

	W	L	T
WWU	4	0	0
Concordia	2	0	1
Simon Fraser	2	1	1
MSU Billings	2	1	1
SPU	1	2	1
NW Nazarene	1	2	1
CWU	1	2	1
Western Oreg.	0	2	1
Saint Martin's	0	3	0

### VOLLEYBALL

	W	L	Pct.
WWU	6	0	1.000
Alaska Anch.	4	0	1.000
CWU	3	1	.750
Concordia	2	2	.500
SPU	2	2	.500
Simon Fraser	2	3	.400
Western Oreg.	1	3	.250
Saint Martin's	1	3	.250
MSU Billings	1	4	.200
Alaska	0	4	.000

## Men's soccer loses heartbreaker

Paolo Bicchieri  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western's men's soccer team fell to Seattle Pacific University on Thursday, Oct. 1, at Robert S. Harrington Field with a final score of 2-1.

This loss puts the Vikings at 1-2-1 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, placing them in sixth out of eight teams in the conference.

Western started off strong. By the tenth minute, senior Conner Pichette opened the game by scoring on SPU. This was only the second goal allowed by SPU so far this season.

Western defended well. At the 40-minute mark the Viking defense pulled off an excellent save on what looked to be an undisputable goal. Vikings were throwing themselves into the fray to block Falcon shots.

It was after the T-shirt and fanfare filled halftime that the Falcons came back.

With one goal scored the Vikings focused more on their offense. Though the initial energy was fantastic, not scoring soon after the first translated into a funk and some of the fervor petered out.

At the 64-minute mark SPU broke through and tied the game.

Western rallied against the attack. Defense tightened up and offense had a few good runs, too. There was a great breakout with about 19 minutes left, but it was quickly kicked out. Inevitably

SPU defense proved stalwart and their offense ferocious.

Then at the 81-minute mark, SPU scored again.

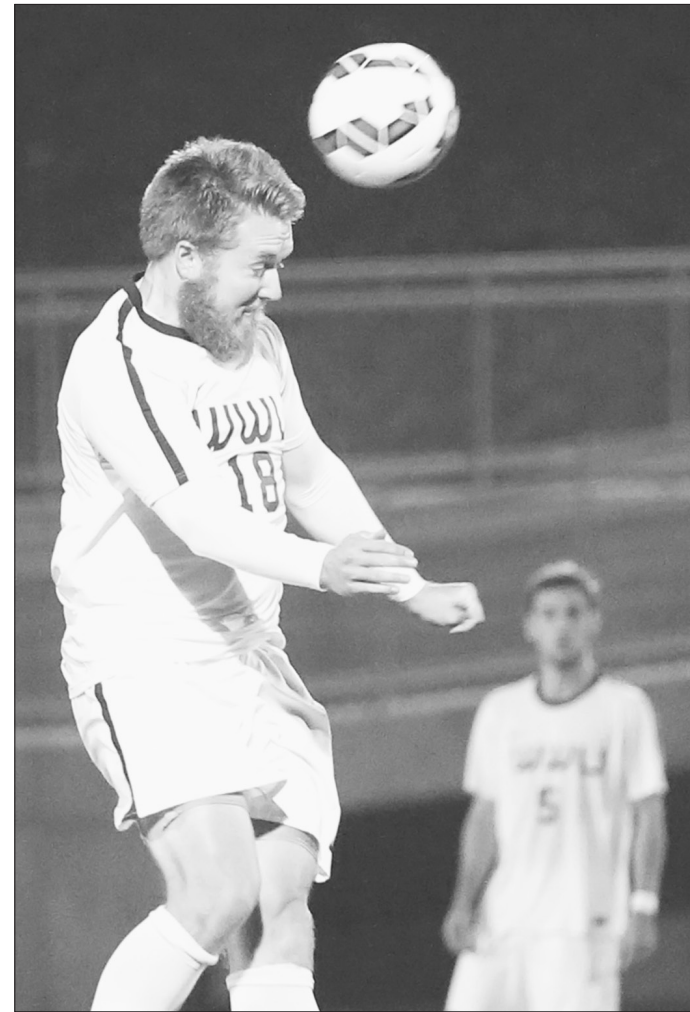
Junior Brady Ulen, forward, commented on the loss.

"Our intensity off the start went well," he said. "We just got too comfortable after we scored our first goal and started being lackadaisical; then the tables turned on us."

Instead of putting in effort for only half the game, the team will be coming out for the full ninety minutes, Ulen said about the next game.

"[We] just got to bounce back and work on little mistakes," head coach Greg Brisbon said after the game. "Hopefully we can improve."

Western's next match against Saint Martin's is at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3, at Harrington Field.



Senior Kurtis Pederson heads the ball during their 2-1 loss against SPU, Thursday, Oct. 1, at Robert S. Harrington Field. // Photo by Daisey James

## Intramurals welcomes back alumna

Campus rec hires Western grad as new intramural coordinator

Jessie Mulrine  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Screaming shoes on court floors, clapping and shouting can be heard within the Wade King Student Recreation Center from the office of the new Intramural Coordinator, Western alumna Kirsten Schumacher.

Schumacher, 25, graduated from Western in 2013 with a major in community recreation. After receiving her graduate degree in sports management from Washington State University this year, Schumacher comes back into the Western fold ready to make a difference.

Schumacher wants to broaden the focus of campus recreation and help students enjoy sports without the major commitment of varsity sports or clubs.

"I think [sports] can do a lot of good things for people and that's why I like working in sports," Schumacher said. "I want to give students the opportunity to be involved in them."

Schumacher wants students to be able to develop leadership skills through sports, especially intramurals.

As an incoming freshman, Schumacher didn't plan on becoming a community recreation major, or even consider Western as one of her first choice schools.

While visiting Western during Western Preview, Schumacher made her decision to attend the university after seeing the lamps outside the Wade King

Student Recreation Center light up the trees up in the arboretum against the night sky.

At that time, she wanted to be a chemistry teacher, but quickly decided she shouldn't teach the topic.

"I took Chem 121 and got a C, I took Chem 122 and got another C and I was like, 'Man, maybe I shouldn't teach this,'" Schumacher said with a laugh. "First Cs of my life, maybe I should stop."

*"I can connect to my students a lot better, I truly know what they are going through because I did it three years ago."*

Kirsten Schumacher  
Intramural Coordinator

Her roommate at the time was the one to recommend looking at the rec degree; Schumacher did and fell in love.

Schumacher worked as a sport club liaison at the rec center during her time as an undergrad. Her current boss, Assistant Director of Departmental Assessment and Sports Clubs Clark Cripps, was the person who initially got her interested in campus recreation.

"To come back and work under him now, how can I say no to that?" Schumacher asked.

Now Schumacher wants to broaden the scope past the intramural league by

doing special events, teaming up with organizations to promote awareness for organizations, events and issues such as Breast Cancer Awareness, men's health, disabilities, and Transgender Awareness Week.

"I'm excited to bring that to Western," she said.

Another goal is to change the perspective of intramurals and expand their outreach. Schumacher wants people to know that the program is aimed toward everyone.

"Being an alumna in the position does help," Schumacher said. "I can connect to my students a lot better, I truly know what they are going through because I did it three years ago."

In the end, Schumacher knows what it's like being a student at Western. Understanding the school culture is beneficial when making changes and still making them fit.

However, she still had to apply and interview for the job. She was up against about 65 other people for the position, Schumacher said.

College jobs and positions are incredibly competitive, but that didn't stop her when she found out the intramural coordinator position was opening up.

"When I saw that I could come back, I came back," Schumacher said.

The type of job that Schumacher is filling now tends to be viewed as a springboard to move onto other opportunities, but she said she will stay as long as the opportunities fit.

## Volleyball team stays on top after home match

Amanda Milner  
THE WESTERN FRONT

A sea of Viking blue filled the bleachers at the Whatcom Community College Pavilion on Tuesday, Sept. 29 for the women's volleyball match against Simon Fraser Clan. Cheers echoed throughout the gym as the Western Vikings defeated Simon Fraser 3-1.

The victory over Simon Fraser was the Vikings' 11th consecutive win as they stole three of the four games played.

Western fell to Simon Fraser in the

opening game. With a score of 15-24, on game point they were able to push in seven additional points to minimize the gap.

"The good thing about volleyball is that you start the game at 0-0, they can take games but they can't take the match from us," head coach Diane Flick told her team after the loss in an effort to motivate them for a win.

The set ended with an overall score of 21-25, but the Vikings had momentum on their side.

Sophomore Arielle Turner, outside hitter, took the serve at a 3-3 tied game in the second set.

"Her serves sparked us and put Simon Fraser on their heels," Flick said about Turner's serve streak. "She did a good job at getting that little push we needed so that everyone could follow her."

Turner's consistency and determination carried through as she served 10 consecutive points to put Western in the lead at 13-3.

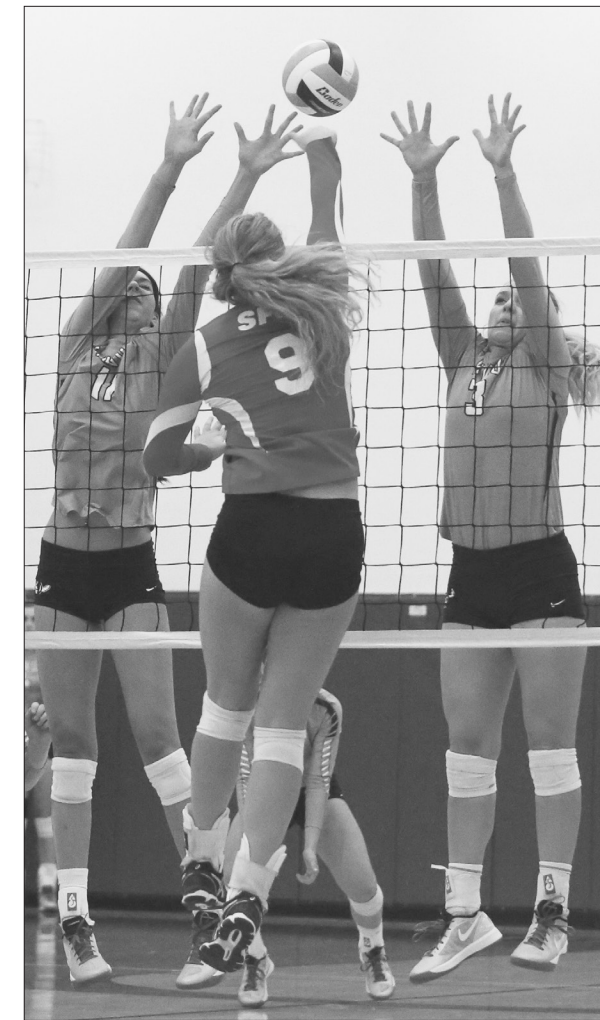
The third set was neck and neck as the Vikings and Simon Fraser battled it out for points.

"We played a steady game, one point at a time, and kept it simple once we got going," senior Jennica McPherson said.

Momentum was with the Vikings as they entered the fourth game after victoriously taking the third set.

Western coasted when the scoreboard reflected 20-12 in the fourth set and they quickly finished the fight, defeating Simon Fraser with a 25-13 lead.

"We don't lack for effort or heart," Flick said.



Kayleigh Harper (11) and Arielle Turner (3) attempt to block a hit on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at WCC. // Photo by Daisey James

## Changes made to weight room

New arrangement in the Wade King Student Recreation Center weight room provides a better workout space.

Evan Elliott  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Senior Erica Chapman hopes that her newly designed weight room at the Wade King Student Recreation Center will lead to safer lifting, less waiting and be less intimidating for students.

As last year's lead personal trainer, Chapman initially noticed a need for a change last summer and felt that the existing layout should be altered due to safety precautions.

"I noticed that our most high risk situation lifts — that being like a back squat/front squat, dead lift, stuff like that — is in the smallest area of the weight room," Chapman said.

There was a trend among students asking for another squat rack that went hand in hand with Chapman's vision for a safer weight room.

"A lot of patrons were saying how, 'I've come to the rec, warmed up with full intentions that I'm going to squat and it's been an hour to an hour and a half and I still haven't gotten a squat rack,'" Chapman said.

Clearly the previous layout would not be able to safely account for more high-risk lifting as it stood, so Chapman capitalized on the clear connection to make the weight room safer while still being able to add more room for what the students wanted.

"I had my idea [to] flip-flop the whole weight room, take the dumbbells from the other side and the squat racks and just flip them," Chapman said.

Chapman discussed this idea with her superiors and received the green light to make her changes. The process to make sure every piece of her plan was evaluated and had reasoning behind it, took three-to-four months,

Chapman said.

"We've gone from people standing around for an hour and a half at high time, around 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., to only seeing around 15-20 minutes now," Chapman said.

Although the new arrangement is an improvement, it may take time to get used to it.

"Overall, I think she did a good job," senior Yeung Yip said, who uses the weight room regularly. "She spaced it out really well, but at the same time it's a little hard to get used to."

Junior Justin Manipis, a frequent gym attendee, echoed the same ideas saying that some of the placement of the dead lift stations could be better. Still, both Yip and Manipis were on

board with the changes, noting that it's the only option for an efficient weight room.

"It's the only real arrangement that can work in this formation," Manipis said.

What the arrangement also does is low-

ers the intimidation of coming to the weight room and being able to reach fitness goals, whether you're new to the gym or not.

"We're just having a bigger initiative for letting people know that we want everyone to experience the weight room because we have such a great facility," senior Ali Olson, employee at the rec center, said.

Olson applauded all facets of Chapman's redesign, going as far as to say that it's the best she has seen the gym designed since she's been at Western.

See [www.edu/campusrec](http://www.edu/campusrec) for more information on all things devoted to Wade King Student Recreation Services.

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# Triathlete places at world competition

Colin Floyd

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She was just 14 years old when Jason Jablonski discovered the Wenatchee native at the local swim club team. Jablonski knew her parents and took on the role of trainer when they asked him to train their daughter. At age 17, she decided to pursue her sport with Jablonski as her endurance coach. He would prepare her to take on the world.

Meet Abbi Milner, a 19-year-old Western sophomore who enjoys sports, the outdoors and most importantly crushing the competition at world-class-level triathlons.

This past summer Milner scraped the surface of her potential as a triathlete. She qualified at the national competition for the 2015 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Chicago that took place on Sept. 19 of this year. She finished 14th overall in her age group, 20-24-year-old females.

"I started swimming when I was in middle school, and that was my main sport all through high school and then I did my first triathlon when I was 16, but kind of just for fun," Milner said.

It wasn't until she was about almost finished with high school that Milner and he were paired up for good and began training with full intensity to compete in triathlons, Jablonski said.

Going into her junior year of high school, Milner did a couple of local triathlons that summer. Summer of 2014, she started working with Jablonski, training every day and fine-tuning her skills for the bigger stage.

In the summer of 2014 Milner qualified for the national competition, where she competed against some of the best athletes in the country.

"She was doing really well with local stuff and the regional stuff she was doing extremely well, and then she qualified for nationals," Jablonski said. "She went into nationals and saw how hard it was, it was kind of an eye opener for her."

Jablonski points to a more relaxed approach as a potential reason for Milner's success.

"She had done nationals about a month before that and we were not anticipating her doing worlds," Jablonski said. "But she got the qualification for worlds and basically we had kind of wrote off training — you need a break after a big race — we just went into worlds with the idea of gaining experience."

Fresh off her big win at the World Triathlon Grand Final Chicago, Milner hasn't slowed down at all. This fall, she walked onto Western's cross-country team in hopes of improving her running ability, seeing that swimming is second nature to her and her cycling has drastically improved over the past few



Abbi Milner trains with the Western cross-country team on Wednesday, Sept. 30 in Sehome Arboretum. // Photo by Caleb Galbreath

years.

Once the cross-country season is over, Jablonski will have her on more of a specific workout plan geared toward her next big race that takes place next summer, the Cozumel ITU Triathlon World Cup in Cozumel, Mexico. Milner stays in triathlon shape year round, swimming about two times per week, running three times a week, biking two-to-three times per week, along with

some interval workouts and a longer bike ride on the weekends, she said.

Milner has already assembled an impressive athletic resume by the age of 19. Her coach and many other supporters know she is capable of making a career out of this sport in the near future.

"She's going to be racing on the international stage in the next few years," Jablonski said.

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