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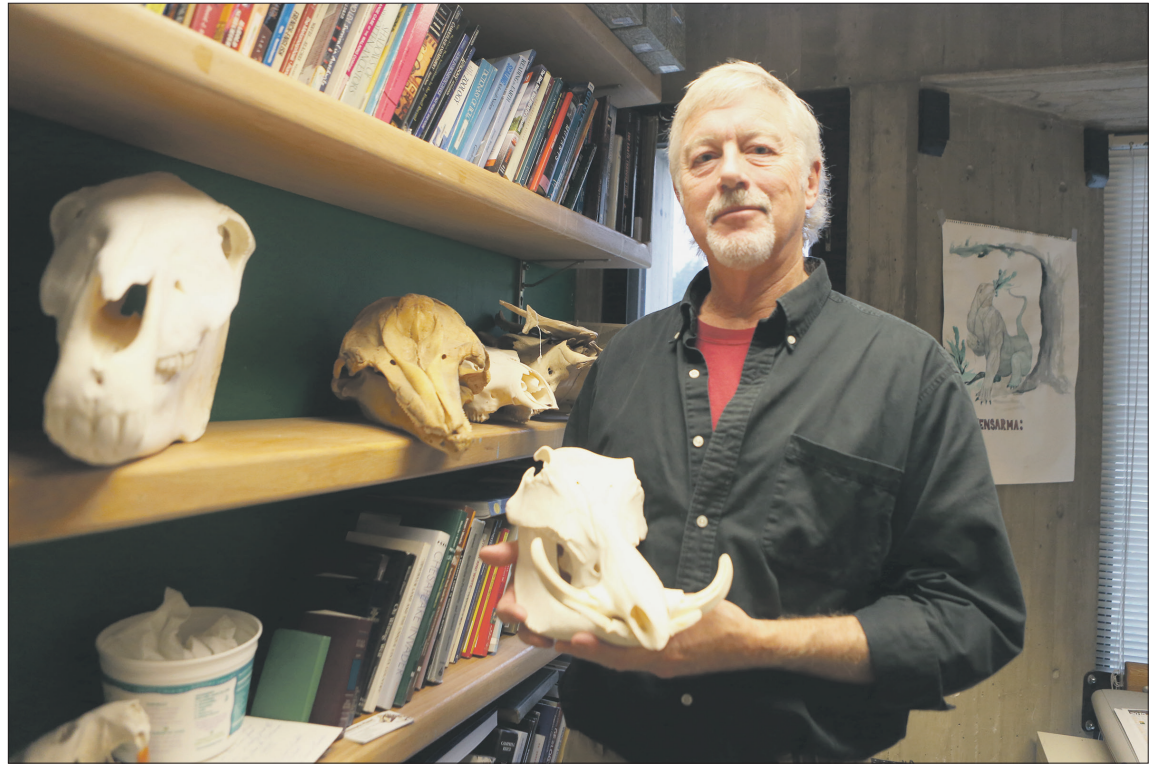
*University police will have increased officers on duty to manage partying*

**Ashley Lambe**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Be aware. That's what students and University Police are saying as they both prepare for Halloween weekend. Halloween is one of the most common drinking times amongst first-year college students, according to a study published in the Journal of American College Health. Halloween is the fourth most popular time for drinking. Only orientation, the first week of classes after winter break, and the December holidays rank higher.

The average first year college student consumes six drinks during Halloween weekend celebrations, according to the study. The study defined a single drink as either 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine or 1.5 ounces of a mixed drink. Males will typically drink approximately eight drinks, while females will drink around four. "Historically it's a busy, busy weekend," University Police Sgt. Ron Carpenter said. Despite that, typically the bulk of activity seems to occur *see HALLOWEEN, page 5*

## Class awakens the monster inside



**Western professor Thor Hansen holds the skull of a West African Warthog in his office in the Environmental Studies building. Hansen teaches the course Monstrous Body with professor Bruce Beasley. // Photo by Caleb Galbreath**

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## Increased citations for walk-only zones

*Skateboarders and bikers must walk in certain areas on campus*

**Karina Soennichsen**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western's police force has recently cracked down on skateboarders and bikers riding in designated walk

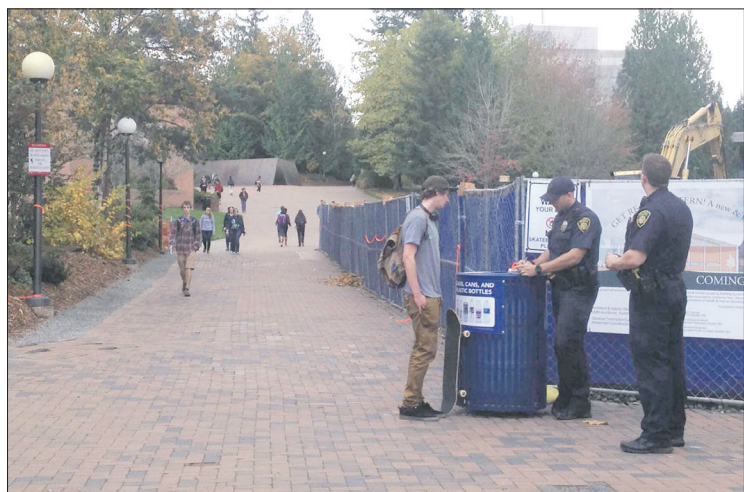
zones throughout campus. While the citations being given out are not new, some students have been surprised by the recent increase in enforcement. University Police Sgt. Ron

Carpenter said that the enforcement has always been around.

"We haven't really put a lot of teeth into the enforcement, but with the construction of Carver Gym, and the narrowing of the pathway from Wright's Triangle all the way down through Carver, it's imperative that we get the word out," Carpenter said.

Students have to be off their bikes or skateboards Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in designated walking zones, Carpenter said. Areas such as Vendors Row are prohibited to bikes and skateboards due to the narrow area and high amount of foot traffic, he said.

*see WALK, page 4*



**Police give citation to student near Carver Gym// Photo by Karina Soennichsen**

## Office of Civil Rights coming to Western

**Rebekah Way**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

The Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education is coming to campus on Friday, Nov. 1, through Sunday, Nov. 3.

This comes as part of an ongoing investigation into Western's response to sexual discrimination and misconduct after a student issued a complaint in April, according to the OCR. Details of when the complaint was issued or how Western handled it have not been released.

In a mass email sent to students, faculty and staff on Oct. 21, the OCR invited the Western community to participate in listening sessions

and one-on-one meetings to discuss the current approach to sexual discrimination issues.

"The university is preparing for the OCR visit primarily by widely publicizing the visit to our campus community," said Paul Cocke, director of Western's Office of Communications and Marketing, in an email.

Western is one of about 140 universities throughout the nation under investigation of handling allegations and complaints of sexual misconduct under Title IX, Cocke said. Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in federally funded education programs and activities.

*see OCR, page 4*



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## ON THE WEB Q&A with new counseling director

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Shari Robinson said top issues at the counseling center include stress and anxiety for students.



## MUSIC AT THE FARM BRINGS JUBILEE



Charlie and the Rays perform at the amphitheater in the Outback Farm on Thursday, Oct. 29. The performance was part of the Harvest Jubilee hosted by the AS Productions. // Photo by Christina Becker

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## Workshop teaches students about activism

Jordan Kunigk  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Students learned strategies for being an effective activist for any cause at a workshop held on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

Around 30 students and other members of the community, who were lead by speakers and activists, learned about the tools, training and support needed to achieve their goals as an environmental, human rights or social justice organizer.

The event, titled Speak Up, Speak Out: Direct Action Workshop, was hosted by the Associated Students Environmental and Sustainability Programs.

Elle Mckitrick, environmental center coordinator, said this event is important for students be a part of.

"There are a lot of campaigns and movements, and students on campus are starting to get involved with those more and more," Mckitrick said. "Especially with the environmental movement in Bellingham it's a really big deal to have these direct actions."

The workshop consisted of a series of activities built to equip students with the skills to make a change. Activities included building an ideal community that allowed the participants to imagine what their community would look like.

Participants were able to draw what they felt they would need in order to thrive. Some of the pictures included buildings providing free healthcare, free schooling, free childcare and a basket of puppies.

"A lot of the students who showed up are part of activist movements on campus," Mckitrick said. "They have a background in activism already. But



As part of the Speak Up, Speak Out exercise, Jim Ace (center) disrupts participants who were asked to draw their ideal community by drawing over their work on Tuesday, Oct. 27, in the Viking Union. // Photo by Caleb Galbreath

*"With the environmental movement in Bellingham it's a really big deal to have these direct actions."*

Elle Mckitrick  
Environmental Center Coordinator

ideas were shared to help them out in life. They talked about how to de-escalate conflict, which is not just helpful in an activist setting, but in daily life as well."

The workshop also involved activities symbolizing what someone practicing direct action might undergo during a rally or sit-in.

Students were shown a slide-

show presented by speaker and activist Ahmed Gaya, who described different types of direct action throughout history.

"Direct action is acts to achieve social or political end," Gaya said. "To show willful refusal to cooperate with social injustice."

Junior Trisha Patterson said trainings like this are a great way for students who may not

know how to get associated, get associated.

"Overall, it's important for people to know how to get involved with direct action trainings," Patterson said. "It's a good resource for students to know there is a way to get involved."

Mckitrick is very hopeful for the future, and believes this event will spark participation, she said.

"I hope it will make students more willing to join on activist movements and actually take a stand, go to a protest," Mckitrick said. "Mostly I hope that it will motivate students to be more involved in any movement they choose to be in."

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## AS starts newsletter

Hallie Fuchs  
THE WESTERN FRONT

A newsletter is being created by the Associated Students Board of Directors to inform and start a dialogue with students about campus issues. The newsletter will be available in the AS Review as well as email starting Monday, Nov. 2, and will run monthly.

With this newsletter, the board is trying to reach out and be all inclusive to students, not just the ones who know about the AS, said AS Board Program Assistant Sabrina Romano.

"[The board] can't actively and effectively represent students without really getting in touch with them," Romano said.

The plan for the first newsletter will be a general introduction. After the first issue, each board member will write about what they're doing for the month and what they've done the past month in regard to their position. Feedback from students will designate how the newsletter will go from there, Palumbo said.

At the beginning of each school year board members meet to discuss board priorities that will affect students.

One priority that came out that list was outreach and transparency, Vice President of Student Life Emma Palumbo said.

A lot of times at board meetings the information discussed doesn't get to students across campus, Palumbo said.

"[The newsletter] is a way to get more information out about what the board does," she said.

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

Friday

### Reel Rock Tour

12 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.  
Arntzen Hall 100  
Reel Rock Film Tour travels around the world bringing the best climbing and adventure films to live audiences.

### Drawing Jam

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Viking Union Gallery  
Draw on the walls of the VU Gallery. Join the VU Gallery for the last day of Drawing Jam. Use oil pastels, pens, markers and watercolors to create your own work.

Saturday

### Standing on Ceremony: The Gay Marriage Plays

2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center 199  
Various plays from writers about the moments of marriage. The plays are funny takes on equality, relationships and love.

### Hellingham

8 p.m. and 10 p.m.  
The Upfront Theater  
Be a part of the audience and figure out who the killer is in this improvised murder mystery show. Tickets are \$10.

## Cops Box

### 10 a.m., Oct. 27

A man called police to report he had been scammed.

### 5:30 p.m., Oct. 27

A 43-year-old man was arrested for urinating in public on the 400 block of East Champion Street.

### 11:10 a.m., Oct. 28

A woman reported her son's cellphone had been stolen two months ago.

### 12:51 p.m., Oct. 28

Police responded to "suspicious circumstances" on the 1600 block of J Street.

// Compiled by Mikayla King

## Don't forget to fall back

Daylight Savings is Sunday, Nov. 1. Set your clock back one hour.



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Nominations are due for the following six awards by December 4, 2015:

- 1) Peter J. Elich Excellence in Teaching Award for faculty;
- 2) Excellence in Teaching Award for faculty;
- 3) Paul J. Olscamp Research Award for faculty;
- 4) Outstanding Scholarship Award for faculty;
- 5) The Outstanding Faculty Leadership Award for faculty;
- 6) The Carl H. Simpson Bridging Award for faculty, staff and students.

Additional information about each award, the nomination process, and the links to the on-line nomination forms may be found at

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# OCR: Investigation

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Sophomore Phaolan Class said she thinks that while most groups at Western are aware of the on-campus resources available for students who experience sexual assault, she is unsure about how effective they really are.

If a sexual assault were to happen, it may not necessarily be solved by the on-campus resources, she said. She is glad that a conversation has at least started.

"I think it's pretty great that they're taking the student's side as well," Class said. "There's definitely insight to be gained from all the faculty and staff, but the students are really where the problems are, so it's good that they're actually listening."

In the event of sexual misconduct carried out by a student, Western's current approach is to refer them to Consultation & Sexual Assault Support, the Counseling Center or the Student Health Center. Western also encourages affected students to report the incident to

the police, Cocke said.

"Western is deeply committed to students' safety and well-being," Cocke said. "Survivors of sexual harassment and sexual violence have the right to support from Western even if they choose not to file a complaint."

Community resources are also available to students, such as Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services in downtown Bellingham. During the OCR's visit, DVASAS will be on campus offering to help students find one of their advocates during one-on-one office hours.

An advocate is someone who has had training in helping survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. They provide emotional support or crisis intervention, said Karen Burke, executive director at DVASAS.

Students wishing to file a complaint about sexual violence involving another student can contact the Student Conduct Office. For cases involving faculty or staff, students can contact Sue Geunter-Schlesinger, Western's Title IX coordinator.

# WALK: Police crack down

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Tickets for first-time offenders will start at \$15. Second-time skateboard offenders will receive a ticket of \$60. Second-time bike offenders will receive a ticket of \$30, then for a third offense, the citation will be \$60, Carpenter said.

Sophomore Andrew Martin received a \$15 citation on Monday, Oct. 26. "They were really nice about it. They were really respectful," Martin said. "They weren't the normal angry cops when it comes to skateboarding."

Martin said he understands because he's almost been hit by a bunch of cyclists and skateboarders.

"People are just walking and they're not expecting a skateboarder just to go right by them," Martin said. "Either take an alternate route that has less people there, or just get off your board and just walk."

Although he understands where police are coming from, Martin said he still thinks a fair warning could be effective.

Many students believe there should be warnings before officers hand out citations.

Prospective student Jacob Reed and former student Matt

Rhyasen had never heard of any of the rules about riding skateboards until Monday, Oct. 26, when they also received citations.

Reed and Rhyasen said they had gotten through Red Square before they both got stopped by officers.

**"They weren't the normal angry cops when it comes to skateboarding."**

**Andrew Martin**  
Sophomore

"I haven't seen any areas where you can and can't skateboard," Rhyasen said.

There have been warnings in publications, there are signs on campus and emails have gone out to students about where they can and cannot ride, Carpenter said.

Complaints from students and staff have contributed to the increase in enforcement, Carpenter said.

"We've had people get injured, and we've started to cite people, and we'll continue to cite people as long as we get complaints and people are

getting injured or are afraid for their safety," he said.

Reed and Rhyasen both feel that skateboarders are discriminated against compared to students riding bikes.

"There's not a bias in our department," Carpenter said. "I think that maybe that's their perception and their perception is their reality."

Carpenter also wants students to know that anyone on wheels, other than wheelchairs and strollers, may not be moving faster than 3 mph if there are pedestrians walking, and 7 mph if the pedestrians are jogging.

Carpenter said he understands that people are upset about paying for a ticket after already giving the university a lot of money, however he said this is a safety issue and police have given plenty of warnings.

## A FULL LIST OF CAMPUS WALKWAY RULES

<http://www.wvu.edu/transportation/bike.shtml>

# HALLOWEEN: Staying safe on holiday

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off campus, Carpenter said. Students may start on campus, but will typically make their way downtown or into surrounding areas.

"On campus there's some drinking. Maybe swimming in the fountain," Carpenter said.

University Police won't be resting on their heels though. University Police plans to have more officers on duty than on the typical night, Carpenter said. The officers will be out observing and monitoring the area. Their goal, Carpenter said, isn't to cause an incident, but simply to watch out.

Additionally, Public Safety Assistants, or green coats, will be riding the student shuttle buses that serve the Western area, Carpenter said. They will be in contact with University Police and will inform them if there is any problem with students on the shuttle buses.

Opinion on the police presence on and around campus seems to be mixed, however.

"I've seen a lot of cops show up to parties and park out front to try and get people out," freshman Britta

The average amount of drinks that male and female students will have over Halloween weekend



Illustration by Nicole Swift

\*Statistics according to a study by the Journal of American College Health

Springer said.

However, sophomore Casey Rae wondered if that presence has been reduced.

"I feel like since the riots, they're afraid to get involved in big situations," Rae said.

The riot Rae refers to occurred in 2013, and was the

result of police attempting to break up a large gathering of students partaking in destructive behaviors. Two arrests were made in the wake of the riot.

However, Aaron Haddeland, Dustin Diamond and Lucas Takeuchi all

seemed to agree that patrols seem to be increased on Halloween.

"I've been pulled over on Halloween just driving a drunk friend," Takeuchi said. "At least they're trying to crack down on potential drunk driving."

The best advice Carpenter had for students was to be aware.

Western students have proven that they've at least taken that advice to heart. Ahead of the weekend, students already have a list of things to be aware of.

"Definitely don't get too drunk," Springer said. "There's going to be tons of people out there, and a lot of bad situations can happen if you get separated from your friends."

Rae also added to watch out for and not drink from random cups, which could have been tampered with or tainted by illicit substances.

"I definitely know people that have had their drinks spiked," he said.

Students and authorities alike said what matters most in the end is personal safety and awareness.

"Take some personal responsibility," Carpenter said. "Watch your alcohol intake."

Having a designated driver or a buddy to call in difficult situations can also be important as recommended by Diamond and Takeuchi. And in the case of an emergency, students can call 360-650-3911 to speak with University Police.

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# YOUR VOICE MATTERS

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is coming to Western to talk with students about Title IX, sexual harassment, and sexual violence.

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From freaks to Frankenstein, one Western class is exploring the lives of monsters through both literature and science.

**Randee Matthews**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Freak shows, robots, dinosaurs, parasites, serial killers and birth defects. These topics may not seem like typical materials to study in a class, but for the Monstrous Body course, the more abnormal the better.

The course, offered since 2004, combines the knowledge of English professor Bruce Beasley and geology professor Thor Hansen. Looking to confront the science, literature and mythology of monsters in the natural world, the class combines two disciplines to get all of the gritty details, according to the course syllabus.

The class is one big scary movie as it takes and studies dinosaurs, diseases, zombies and giants. Hansen said he is open to covering just about anything, even the sexual habits of monsters and humans.

"The only place I've seen monster stuff is in media and movies, so it's cool to get an academ-

ic look at it, and really start digging deep," junior Oliver Dougherty said.

The literary aspect is taught by Beasley three times a week and allows the class to get an in-depth look at monsters in novels. The class becomes an open forum for discussion and the student interpretation of what the text is doing, Beasley said.

"One of the things we love to do in this class is talk about how much difference we have inside of us, and how much we identify with the monster and [that] difference," Beasley said.

For some it is easy to address those similarities, but for others they repress those feelings because everyone subconsciously tries to put their best foot forward, senior Jenai Kirkpatrick said.

While Beasley has monstrous thoughts on the brain, Hansen lets the class in on all the grim details, teaching on the other two days of the week and addressing material similar to the novels the class is reading. The twist is he ap-

Illustration by Nicole Swift



plies a unique scientific scope to the lessons.

Hansen takes on the science behind what is monstrous and the various ways the monstrous embodies itself in the natural world, Beasley said.

"What are the causes? What are the facts? What does the evidence suggest?" Hansen asked.

*"Monster myths are a way of coming to terms with difference and accepting difference into ourselves. But in the process you often find yourself identifying with the monster rather than defining yourself in opposition."*

**Bruce Beasley**  
English Professor

Learning the creepy facts are just part of the course; there are more complex ways to understand monsters, Hansen said.

"I'd like them to have a feel for how a scientist approaches a subject versus how a poet approaches a posed subject," Hansen said.

The class has been discussing so-called "freak shows," with Hansen designing a lecture on deformities to echo what the class



Seniors Hailey Doss (left) and Parker Pepin (right) assist geology professor Thor Hansen (center) inflate a scale representation of a blue whale penis Wednesday, Oct. 28. // Photo by Caleb Galbreath

read in the book "Geek Love" by Katherine Dunn, Hansen said. Students get all of the gory details of freaks as they talk about sticking nails through the tongue and sucking stomach acid through their nose, freshman Bethany Rice said.

"We learned about conjoined twins and birth defects," sophomore Halee Harrell said. "It was really strange and weird to see."

During the course Beasley and Hansen aim to address society's most relevant fears. They've updated their course material this quarter to add artificial intelligence as the idea of robots is increasingly becoming more real and frightening in America, Beasley said.

"Mythology, poetry, film, fiction and fairytales all arise out of things a culture is terrified of at a particular moment," Beasley said.

Studying these monsters and how they are constructed causes a reconsideration of what it means to be normal in different times, cultures, genders and sexual preferences, Beasley said.

and studying monsters has allowed the class to question it, Kirkpatrick said.

The interdisciplinary factor presents students with two different standpoints, one scientific and one social, Harrell said.

The standpoints stem from the two perspectives from which the class is taught. The professors become students as they step into each other's lectures in order to better understand one another, Hansen said.

After looking at how Beasley runs things, Hansen saw they think in very different ways. Beasley's train of thought is somewhat alien to him, Hansen said.

"I'm endlessly fascinated by seeing Bruce's

approach to things. He'll talk about these books and ask people to give their interpretation to the book. Who is the villain? Who is the person you sympathize with? What are their motivations," Hansen said.

The term "monstrous" is defined as what is opposite to the norm, Beasley said. The course looks at the disturbed, distraught and exaggerated in order to find the boundaries from which normal end and abnormal begins.

One of the great things about studying monsters is that you can shape your own notions of what is normal, and more importantly, what is abnormal, Beasley said.



Geology professor Thor Hansen (left) and English professor Bruce Beasley (right) pose for a portrait in Beasley's office in the Humanities building. // Photo by Caleb Galbreath



A wide array of skulls line the shelves in professor Hansen's office in the Environmental Studies building. // Photo by Caleb Galbreath



# THRILLED TO DEATH

Bleedingham releases the horror for Halloween film festival

By Ben Johnson  
THE WESTERN FRONT

That type of feedback is essential to growth as a filmmaker, and Bleedingham hopes to fill the void for filmmakers in Whatcom County where opportunities are limited, Washington said.

### Bleedingham Beginning

The festival was created after a late night of brainstorming with friends during Washington's final year at Western four years ago. Washington disliked that a lot of performance art within Belling-

strived to maintain a connection with students as well as Western, Washington said.

Washington met Western Assistant Professor of the Arts Chris Vargas at a previous Pickford film festival where Vargas was an acting judge. After learning more about Bleedingham, Vargas jumped at the opportunity to become one of 10 judges on the Bleedingham panel, Vargas said. The careful selection

"Even if there's gore, I like some element of psychological manipulation," Vargas said. "I think that adds a lot of depth to a horror film."

### From Classrooms to Cobwebs

Giving younger filmmakers a chance to have their films reviewed was a key reason for the creation of Bleedingham, Washington said.

"I try to look at it from the perspective of a 16-year-old filmmaker at a lunch table with his friend, saying 'Hey man, we're going to enter Bleedingham and take that \$500,'" Washington said.

This year a team of Sehome High students, dressed in suits among a crowd of masked faces and costumed moviegoers, entered their film with that very goal.

The team submitted their creation, "Encounter." Brady Mcatee, who created the club, teamed up with Joseph Mueller and a team of student filmmakers to make the short film.

"Encounter" was created over the summer and tells the tale of a bank robber who crashes into the woods to find that he isn't alone. The film was Mueller's second submission ever to Bleedingham, he said.

"I entered the first Bleedingham, I made a short little movie with my family. We had a \$0 budget, blood was ketchup, things like that," Mueller said.

The filmmakers hope Bleedingham will remain immortal and become an October tradition. The tradition dies when they die, Mcatee said.



Bleedingham film festival co-founders Gary Washington (left) and Langley West (right) pose for a portrait on Saturday, Oct. 24, at Pickford Film Center. //Photo by Daisey James

ham was self-congratulatory, and wanted to create a platform for real feedback for an artist, rather than just a pat on the back, he said.

After teaming up with Practical Effects Expert Langley West, the duo decided to hand select panelists with ties to the horror industry. After teaming up with the Pickford to screen the festival, Bleedingham was officially launched in October 2012, Washington said.

Since its start, Bleedingham has

of judges is one they pride themselves on, Washington said.

Vargas has been teaching at Western since 2014 and previously screened and rated movies for Frameline, the San Francisco International LGBTQ Film Festival. Festivals like Bleedingham can open the eyes of up-and-coming filmmakers to new possibilities, he said.

In order for a horror flick to score high in his book, mind games are what really does it for Vargas.

### Frightful Films Hit Bellingham

As the credits end and the horror film begins, the audience members are not the only ones to gasp in anticipation.

"The first time you see your work on the screen at the Pickford as a student filmmaker, it's like, 'Woah, I made a movie,'" said Gary Washington, co-founder of the horror film festival Bleedingham.

The film festival involves various Western alumni and was hosted at the Pickford Film Center on Saturday, Oct. 24th, giving first time and experienced filmmakers their chance to showcase their frightful films.

Now in their fourth year, the festival accepts 12-minute short films from a variety of horror genres. This year 17 films were shown to a panel of film-industry professionals, and applicants competed for zombie-themed trophies called "Bloodies" as well as a \$500 grand prize for best film.

At the end of the night, "Never a Dull Boy That Jack" took home the \$500 prize, including six "Bloodies" for their film "The Graveyard Shift," according to the film's official Facebook page. The film won the top spot in every category judged, except for the "scare factor," in which they placed second.

Films were judged on a number of categories, including: cinematography, editing, sound design, story, special effects and the scare factor, according to the Bleedingham website.

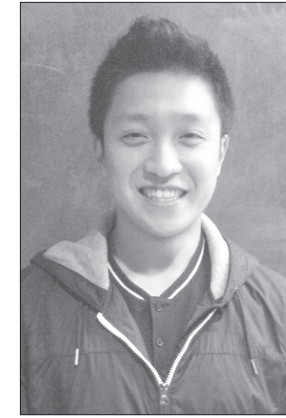
While the festival is disguised in spooky attire and bloody fanfare, it goes deeper than just an opportunity to dress up, Washington said.

"At its core, it's designed for filmmakers to receive accolades from their peers as well as get critical feedback from a panel of industry professionals," Washington said.



# Viking Voices

What is your favorite Halloween memory?



Alvin Ung  
senior, computer science

"My favorite Halloween memory was last year; I was being pushed in a shopping cart while wearing a Spiderman suit. We ordered Wendy's drive-through, and they actually served us — it was funny."



Austin Cunha  
freshman, undecided

"One time in sixth grade, my mom showed me how to do zombie make up using liquid latex and things like that. I shredded my clothes with a cheese grater, put a bunch of make up on and had fake blood everywhere. ... I ended up making a first-grader cry. It was amazing."



Samantha Arkin  
sophomore, public relations

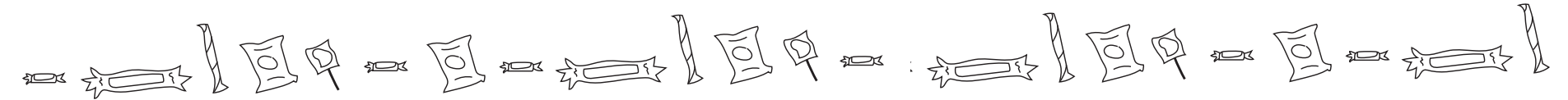
"This one year I saw this princess dress in a catalog. ... It was a Snow Queen and my mom got it for me. It was this huge, long-sleeved, blue dress and it was puffy and had a white, boa collar. I thought I was so cool."



Megan Duim  
sophomore, undecided

"One time I went to a friend's house and 30 of us all went trick-or-treating. When the 30 of us got to one house, the people were like 'really?' and they gave us all their candy."

Compiled by Maria Matson



# FRONTLINE: Staying Safe and Eating Candy

Opinions of the Editorial Board

College students don't need to be told not to be irresponsible on Halloween.

At this point, most of us have seen the cheesy videos in health classes about the dangers of drinking, and hopefully common sense has developed enough to know when situations go bad.

While most are still young, students are adults who should understand their actions have consequences. More importantly, some of those actions can have consequences that can last years and even affect other people.

College students don't need to be told what to do, but sometimes they need to be reminded of what could happen.

In 2012, State Farm released a study citing Halloween as the deadliest day of the year for fatalities involving child pedestrians. Between 1990 and

2010, 115 children were killed on Halloween.

It was also determined that drivers between ages 15 and 25 were responsible for nearly one-third of those accidents.

For students thinking about heading to parties and then driving home after, this data may perhaps spark some reconsideration. After all, there are also trick-or-treat events throughout Whatcom County that will have candy-seekers of all ages out in the streets.

If thinking about all the kids out roaming the streets doesn't put holiday safety into perspective, maybe thinking about your own childhood will do the trick.

When you're a kid, the most dangerous thing you think can come from Halloween is a cavity or stomach ache. Halloween is about dressing up in the costume you've been planning since

Fourth of July, getting free sugar and staying up past your bedtime.

While those meanings change as you grow up, the underlying message stays the same: have fun so you can remember it for years to come.

This means that all the warnings and caution are not meant to discourage having a good time. Halloween is still an opportunity to go out with friends, eat good — or bad, depending on your goals — food and have some laughs.

Making time to enjoy some treats with friends is definitely appealing as the second half of the quarter begins rearing its ugly head. So by all means, enjoy it. Just make appropriate plans if your treats include a 21-or-older label.

There's no shame in calling a cab or asking a friend to crash on their couch. At least you'll be around afterward to pay them back.

Adulthood is all about finding balance — balance of work, finances, personal life, and more. Celebrating is no different, there's a balance between having fun and being reckless and stupid.

Listen to the voice that tells you it's OK to enjoy yourself, but also listen to the voice that reminds you not to go overboard.

Students are at the dawn of their futures; one night of overindulgence isn't worth throwing away all the work it took to get to that point, not to mention all the opportunities yet to come.

So, while wigs and makeup may transform students into zombies and characters from "Game of Thrones," they shouldn't forget who they are and their common sense.

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# Sounders have wildcard potential

Approaching the end of the season, Seattle fans look toward the chances of playoffs



Cameron Caplinger  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Having not lost a match this season since Aug. 26, the Seattle Sounders are looking like a very formidable wild-card team in the MLS playoffs. Playing well against possible future opponents during the season with injuries throughout the

squad, the Sounders could go from barely making the playoffs to dominating it.

The Sounders eliminated the defending champion Los Angeles Galaxy by a score of 3-2 on Wednesday, Oct. 28. With a few defensive miscues by LA, Seattle capitalized and managed to pull off the win in the one-game playoff.

After entering the season as heavy favorites to win the MLS Cup, the Sounders played sluggishly, but refused to lose as many games as the team should have.

Seattle started with a record 8-3-1 and then

from June to August, the Sounders went 4-12-1 as they missed its star forward, Obafemi Martins, with a groin injury.

Now with his return, the Sounders have a 5-1-4 record, with offensive production no longer an issue.

The Sounders are definitely hot coming off of its stunning win over LA, and the team looks to keep its winning ways going. Seattle will face FC Dallas on Sunday, Nov. 1. The winner of that two-leg matchup will play the winner either the Portland Timbers or the

Vancouver Whitecaps. If the Sounders can keep having strong defensive performances against tough offensive matchups like the LA Galaxy and possibly FC Dallas — both of which are in the top five in goals scored this season — then the Sounders could easily make it to the finals. Seattle's offense is rejuvenated and fresh once more and scoring goals shouldn't be an issue. Especially if the Sounders play such a laughable defense like the Galaxy had.

Too soon?



Illustration by Nicole Smith

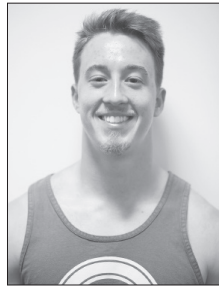
# From the Sidelines: Seattle Seahawks

We are now 3-4 this season, but ranked No. 2 in the NFC West. What is your take on these numbers?

Who has been our biggest asset thus far? Who has been our biggest weakness?

Who is our biggest competitor in the coming weeks?

Where should we go from here?



Colin Floyd  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Yes we are 3-4 but could easily be 7-0 if not for four fourth quarter collapses by the defense. The NFC West is struggling this year and if the Hawks can catch up to the Cardinals then we will be in good shape.

Our best asset has been Tyler Lockett — he's the second player in Seahawks history to score a receiving TD, punt return TD and kick return TD in a single season. Our biggest weakness has been the defense. It has allowed four teams to come back in the fourth quarter and win; it also are not forcing enough turnovers.

You don't have to look any farther than our NFC West foe, the Arizona Cardinals. The Hawks sit atop our division and are fifth in the league in total offense and sixth in defense (Hawks are 16th on O and third on D). If we are going to make the playoffs we will need to beat the Cards both times this year.

All the Hawks need to do is get the run game back on track, force more turnovers, protect the football better, close-out games stronger and continue to utilize Jimmy Graham, especially in the end zone.

The games against the Cardinals will decide our playoffs fate. Currently the Seahawks have a 36.2 percent chance of making the playoffs, according to metrics by Football Outsiders. Games with the Cardinals with the division in the balance will have significant effects on playoff percentages.



Cameron Caplinger  
THE WESTERN FRONT

The Seahawks have had one of the toughest schedules this season out of any team this season, without Kam Chancellor for two of the games and with a struggling offensive line. 3-4 isn't what fans would desire, but it has been a transition period.

Offensive line coach Tom Cable has been the only thing keeping this team together, dealing with their lack of pass blocking. The Seahawks are the most sacked team in the NFL, with Russell Wilson being taken to the ground 32 times.

The Arizona Cardinals. The offense is finally clicking, something the Hawks couldn't do last year with a mess of injuries at the quarterback and running back positions. Along with the consistent and well-coached defense, it will be a tough battle.



Rachel Hunter  
THE WESTERN FRONT

I am still very hopeful that we'll be able to clinch the top spot when it comes down to playoffs but right now, as you can see by the numbers, we've got some work to do.

Our biggest asset has been Tyler Lockett, averaging 12.8 yards a game and is consistently a great receiver. He comes up with great runs and is just a reliable player to have on the field. Our weakness is the offensive line is just not doing its job and making it impossible to run a successful play.

I think our biggest competitor will be the Cardinals. Arizona is first in our division. If we can beat them, we can regain some confidence to push through the rest of the season. We can win, but we definitely need to be at our best and our O-line needs to figure things out.



Evan Elliott  
THE WESTERN FRONT

I'm not worried. We started 4-4 last season and ended up in the Super Bowl. More importantly, four of our last nine games are against division opponents meaning that wins against them will help us climb both the division and conference standings.

Russell Wilson is our biggest asset because he offsets the Hawks' biggest weakness, the offensive line. Wilson doesn't always get the respect he deserves, because he's always had a dominant defense and running game. His ability to escape pressure and improvise is why we're still afloat.

Dallas. The biggest competitor is always the next game. A win against the Cowboys would mean getting to .500 before the Hawks go on bye. If you want to look ahead further, the matchup after the bye week is against first-ranked Arizona. We play them twice so winning those games are crucial.

We don't have a ton of room for error after losing games that we should've won, but we should be fine. A lot of my optimism rests on being able to win within the division in the coming weeks. Nothing needs to be dramatically changed, the Hawks got hot around this time last year and I expect that to happen again.

# MEET THE MEN'S CREW CAPTAIN

The Western Front sat down with senior Henry Brown to talk about Western crew



Senior men's crew captain Henry Brown stands for a portrait. It is his fourth year on the Western men's crew team. Brown and the team are preparing for the competition that awaits them this season. // Photo by Christina Becker

Robert Dudzik  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Beginning his fourth year on the team, men's crew Captain Henry Brown prepares himself and the Western crew team for a hard hitting, fast-paced year of rowing.

**Q: How long have you been rowing crew?**

**A:** I started rowing my freshmen year. No high school experience other than a dinky little summer camp, where I rowed for a week or two. Then I've been rowing consistently since the first day of freshmen year.

**Q: What got you interested in crew?**

**A:** I had a lot of friends who rowed in high school. I was very active and would work out with my friends and

they told me "Henry, you've got a good body for [rowing] and the basic fitness, go try it out. The worst that will happen is you will get a killer workout and decide you don't make it." So I gave it a shot at the info fair and talked with the current captain, Joe Gregersen, got the info, showed up and never really left.

**Q: What does a typical workout look like for a crew member?**

**A:** Crew is unique in that it has to have a blend of cardio and strength. A lot of aerobic fitness mixed with raw power. A typical practice is broken up depending on what season it is, along with the day of the week. Whether we are doing 5Ks in the fall or 2Ks in the spring, so long versus

short, Mondays will be our longer day. We will do what we call "steady state," which equals 10,000 meters on the ergometer. Tuesdays and Thursdays we have a lifting program developed by Will Ruth, who is a recent kinesiology graduate and rower. Wednesdays are technically our tough days and those are more interval pieces. Fridays are basic cardio, usually spin bike or a light jog, because we have practice on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Morning workouts start at 5 a.m. and go until 7 a.m. out on the water.

**Q: As team captain, what are your personal goals this year?**

**A:** Physically, I want to get faster. I want to set a personal record for myself in

regard to 2K times. When I approached crew, I realized that there was a lot gained from your teammates, in terms of mental and emotional growth. I try to use crew as an avenue to mold myself into a better person. Over the last couple years, I have looked at past leadership and past captains. I've really tried to look at what they embodied that I admired and I'm doing my best to embody that myself. I want to be able to embody what people want to exemplify.

Men inspire with words and leaders inspire with actions.

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# Athlete of the Week



Catherine Miles  
Senior forward and midfielder

**THIS WEEK'S STATS:**  
2 goals

**SEASON STATS:**  
9 goals

**ABOUT THE ATHLETE:**

Miles, a three-year varsity player, enters the season tied for fifth among Western career leaders in goals with 32 and eighth in points with 74.

# Scoreboard

## MEN'S SOCCER

	W	L	T
SPU	8	1	3
NW Nazarene	7	4	1
Simon Fraser	7	2	3
MSU Billings	6	4	2
Concordia	4	3	5
WWU	3	7	2
Saint Martin's	3	9	0
Mary	2	10	0

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

	W	L	T
WWU	11	0	0
Concordia	8	2	1
SPU	7	3	2
Simon Fraser	5	5	1
MSU Billings	5	5	1
CWU	5	5	1
Western Ore.	3	7	1
NW Nazarene	2	8	1
Saint Martin's	0	11	0

## VOLLEYBALL

	W	L	Pct.
WWU	11	2	.846
CWU	11	2	.846
NW Nazarene	11	2	.846
Alaska Anch.	10	2	.833
Concordia	7	6	.538
Simon Fraser	6	8	.429
Western Ore.	4	9	.308
SPU	4	9	.308
MSU Billings	3	10	.231
Alaska	3	10	.231
Saint Martin's	1	11	.083

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# Women's soccer shuts out Nazarene

*The Vikings remain undefeated after its last regular season home game*

**Lynsey Amundson**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Senior forward and midfielder Catherine Miles led Western women's soccer team to a 4-0 win over Northwest Nazarene University, clinching the Great Northwest Athletic Conference regular-season championship at home on Thursday, Oct. 29.

"We were patient and able to move the ball well, so that helped a lot," head coach Travis Connell said.

For the entire first half, the Vikings controlled the ball with sharp passing and plenty of shots on goal.

Senior midfielder Savanna Moorehouse scored off an assist by junior forward and midfielder Caitlyn Jobanek with 40 minutes to play.

"Our passing [worked well tonight] — we connected to balls, and finished," sophomore defender Sierra Shugarts said. "It was nice to finish early."

With 17 minutes left in the first half, freshman forward Gabriela Pelogi provided a perfect cross for Miles to drive into the back of the net.

The Vikings led 2-0 going



**Freshman midfielder Sophia Kallas heads the ball toward the Northwest Nazarene goal during Western's final home game of the regular season on Thursday, Oct. 29, at Robert S. Harrington Field. // Photo by Daisey James**

into halftime.

"We have really good players and they motivate themselves," Connell said. "No matter who they are playing, what the score is, they play with heart."

Seven minutes into the second half, senior forward and midfielder Stephanie Hamilton passed the ball

into the middle of the box where Pelogi drove it in the net, right passed the goalkeeper.

Miles scored a second goal off an assist by sophomore midfielder Colleen Lindsay with 14 minutes left to play in the game.

The Vikings have outscored its opponents

73-8 with 11 shutouts overall. Its success comes from a strong defense and senior goalkeeper Ashley Haden's 43 saves.

The Vikings offensive success has come from Miles who leads the team with nine goals and Pelogi with eight goals.

Western's winning streak

is now 14 games, giving them a GNAC record of 11-0-0. This is the longest victory string for Western soccer since 1984.

"I would say our chemistry [makes us successful]," Shugarts said. "Even last year we were good, but we never had that group effort, so I think it is our chemistry that really helps us."

For the second consecutive week, Western was ranked No. 2 in this week's National Soccer Coaches Association of America NCAA Division II poll.

"[For Saturday we need to work on] our consistency and playing at this high of a level at Concordia," Shugarts said.

The Vikings hope to continue its winning streak against Concordia University, that is 8-2-1 in GNAC play and ranked second under Western. The Vikings face off at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, in Portland, Oregon.

"We're excited. We have an opportunity to be undefeated in our conference schedule," Connell said. "That's really hard to do with a difficult conference like this, but we're looking forward to the challenge."



## Presidential Search

Campus Community Forums • NOV 2 - 4

The Western Campus Community is invited to provide input about the considerations important to selecting the next President of Western at a series of campus community forums that begin on November 2 and continue through November 4. Members of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee and the search consultant will be present to hear your thoughts.

**In preparation for the forums please consider the following questions:**

- What do you see as Western's strengths?
- What do you think are the most significant opportunities and challenges for Western in the next five years?
- What skills, professional experiences and personal characteristics do you think the next President should have to lead Western in addressing them?

Community members unable to attend the forums may share their thoughts online at [www.wvu.edu/presidential-search-survey](http://www.wvu.edu/presidential-search-survey)

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#### FOR STUDENTS:

**Monday, November 2**, 5:00 - 6:30 pm, FH 101 (*Fraser Hall*)

**Wednesday, November 4**, 8:30 - 9:50 am, HH 153 (*Haggard Hall*)

#### FOR FACULTY:

**Monday, November 2**, 3:00 - 4:30 pm, AW 210 (*Academic Instructional West*)

**Tuesday, November 3**, 9:00 - 10:30 am, VU 565 A/B (*Viking Union*)

#### FOR CLASSIFIED STAFF:

**Tuesday, November 3**, 12:00 - 1:20 pm, FH 101 (*Fraser Hall*)

#### FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF:

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