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A message to Trump: you're fired

Opinion:

Editorial Board urges no third party voting, no vote for Trump

Editorial Board
THE WESTERN FRONT

The Editorial Board at The Western Front has come to a unanimous decision, Donald J. Trump does not embody qualities we hold to be important as an institution, therefore it is our resounding belief that he is an inadequate candidate for President of the United States.

As students at a notoriously liberal university that resides in a state that perennially turns blue on election day, this probably comes as no surprise. However, we urge you not to vote for someone who uses toxic rhetoric closely associated with racism, xenophobia and a view of women that promotes acceptance of sexual violence.

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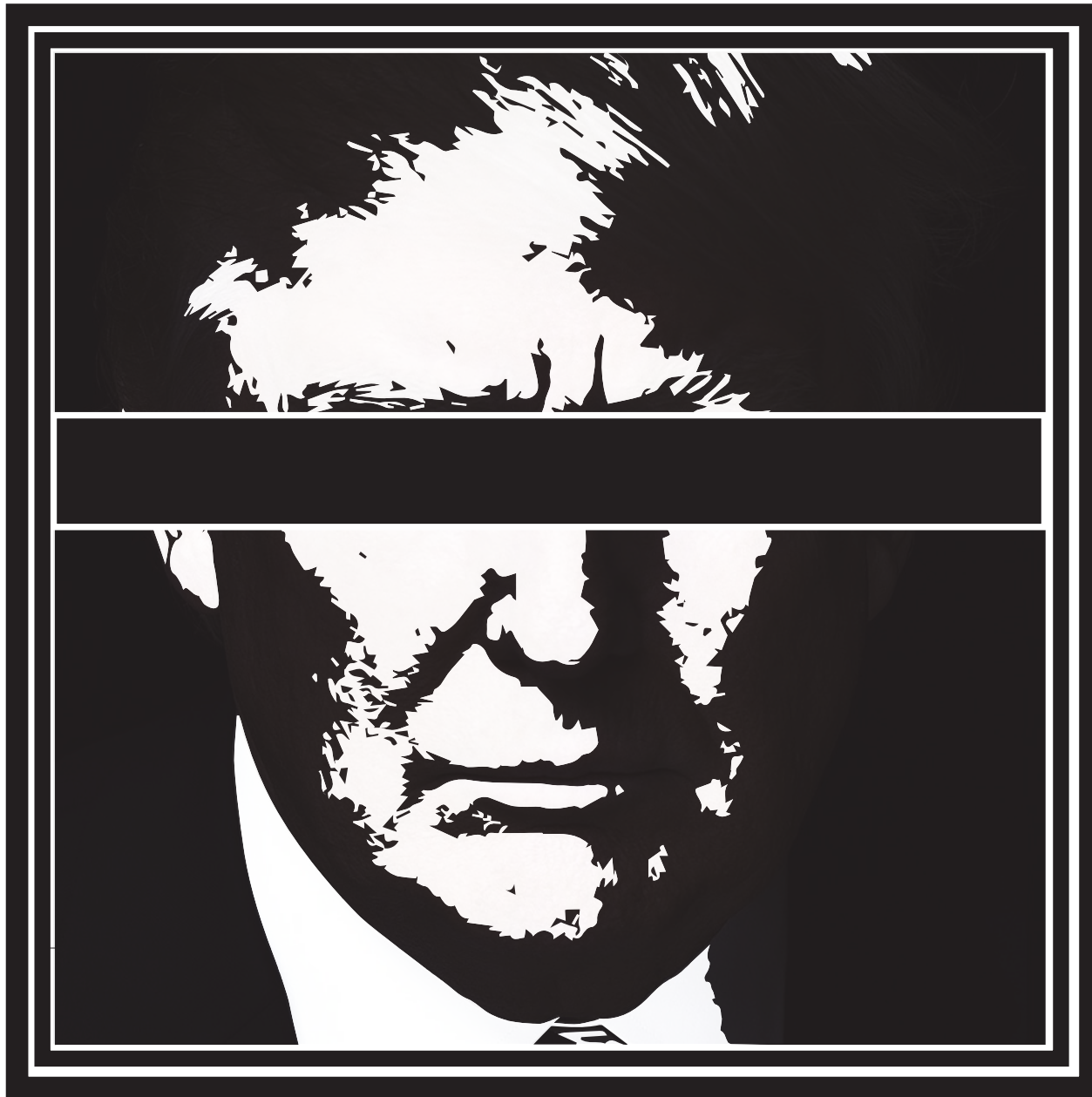


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5 CSCI classes canceled week before school

Sudden cancellations leave students scrambling

Anjali LeGrand
THE WESTERN FRONT

Just days before the beginning of fall quarter, students who registered for any of the five lower division computer science classes — CSCI 101, 102, 120, 140 and 202 — received an email informing them the class had been canceled.

“It was really last minute,” senior Nhi Nguyen said. “I check my email pretty religiously, so I found out pretty much right away.”

Students were not informed of the cancellations until Sept. 15, six days before the start of fall quarter 2016 classes.

Nguyen was signed up for CSCI 202 as a prerequisite for a series of classes she needs for a certification in content development. CSCI 202 is a prerequisite for Management Information Systems 314, which is a prerequisite for a 400-level class Nguyen was planning to take in the spring. Her initial plan was to graduate in spring 2017 by completing the series within the year. The cancellations have made this more

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Q&A with President Sabah Randhawa



President Randhawa speaks his thoughts about the university in his office, Monday, Oct. 10. // Photo by Caleb Albright

Chelsea Andrews
THE WESTERN FRONT

Sabah Randhawa became Western's new president on Aug. 1. Randhawa spoke to The Western Front about his visions for Western in the future.

Q: In your convocation address you mention “three important reflections,” the first being “to appreciate and be proud of Western’s

success.” What do you define as the success of Western so far?

A: The first thing to me is around students. Before I came what I looked at was the numbers, and they were quite impressive. But I think once I came here and got to talk with the students and with the community inside the university and outside, what also really impressed me was

how much of a caring attitude the community has, not just about students but about the community itself. And really I heard so many stories where you know, people stayed with the university and graduated because someone really cared for them. That cultural part of it, if you would, is hard to tell from websites. It's hard to tell from written material and even

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ADDING THE FINISHING TOUCHES



Linda Roundhill, owner of Art and Antiques Conservation LLC, uses a technique called inpainting to restore a sculpture created by artist Alice Aycock. Roundhill was hired to conserve the piece by the director of Western's gallery, Hafthor Yngvason. // Photo by Morgan Stilp-Allen

Cops Box



EVENTS

11:35 a.m., Oct. 4

A subject returned to his rented room to find that people had tried to move in while he was gone.

7:40 p.m., Oct. 4

Officers responded to a disorderly subject who stole a broom away from someone sweeping outside and began swinging it at people and objects until he broke it.

6:12 p.m., Oct. 5

Suspect ran away to a friend's house after arguing with their mother about house rules; the juvenile was then returned home by officers.

11:47 p.m., Oct. 8

Officers responded to a welfare call where they were informed a subject without pants was running into traffic and jumping in front of cars.

7:30 a.m., Oct. 8

Chips were stolen from a delivery truck parked outside of WinCo Foods.

10:45 p.m., Oct 8

Someone called to report hearing two screams the night before.

4:29 a.m., Oct 10

A Honda generator was stolen from the 1500 block of G Street.

What: Dear White People
Where: Bond Hall 105
When: Tuesday, Oct. 18, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Come watch Justin Simien's witty satire film that touches on the racial insincerity at a college campus, including a discussion after the viewing.

What: Wednesday Night Concert Series
Where: Underground Coffeehouse
When: Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Come enjoy a free concert featuring the artists Shelf Nunny and Fleksor as the Associated Students Productions continue their weekly coffeehouse concert series.

What: Nightmare on High Street
Where: Viking Union Multipurpose Room
When: Friday, Oct. 21 from 7 to 11 p.m.

Associated Students Productions is hosting spooky "pee your pants" haunted house including blood, twists and turns. Are you brave enough?

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Randhawa talks racial climate

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though the presidential profile said that it's a caring community, you take it on faith and the only way you know is if you have been at the place.

The other thing that surprised me that I was not well aware of before coming here was that outside Bellingham, Western has a number of touchpoints that really provide education opportunities and pathways for students that may not be possible otherwise.

The Western programs in Anacortes, Everett and other places, and again that wasn't something I was unfamiliar with, and so that's something that I think the institution really needs to be proud of in terms of what they have done.

Lastly, I would say in many ways the most important thing is the quality of education. One can look at numbers and that's great, we are graduating 'x' percent of

an issue, as you know, pretty much across higher education, in the United States, not just at Western.

It's hard to say. On the surface, it seems much better than what is has been described over the past two years. That doesn't mean that we don't have issues that we need to address in the longer term, efforts that we need to make. But again, the climate is something that is continuously evolving, and a lot of times there are forces outside the university that impact us. The national election, the debate that is going on there, is one example, but not the only one. So it is something that we need to continuously monitor as we go forward in terms of the campus climate and how people emotionally and intellectually perceive it. But, something that hopefully in my conversations over the next few months, it's something at the top of my

"I am really impressed with the learning environment and the quality of education graduating from the institution."

Sabah Randhawa
University President

students and so on, but I am really impressed with the learning environment and the quality of education graduating from the institution and so many are external alumni, employers speak so highly of Western graduates, so to me that is something that we really need to be proud of.

Q: How would you describe the racial climate on campus and what do you plan on doing to change it?

A: I know that it has been

list. I've been meeting with a lot of people just to basically ask 'where do you think the campus climate is? ... We are working with Stephanie in the AS board to schedule some student forums to get their take about their experiences at Western, and also about the climate at the institution and how can we help improve it.

Q: How has being a first-generation student shaped you, and what do you plan on doing to en-

sure graduation for first-generation students?

A: You know, we will have to get a cup of coffee for me to tell you. I would say that the one thing, just observing my own parents and their struggles, as you can well imagine, taught me a lot, that if I am going to create a different future, education has to be apart of it. I was really blessed that even though my parents, one of them didn't finish high school and the other just finished high school, that at least they were supportive of my education because I know a lot of situations where families don't realize the value of education. At least they recognized from their own struggles the value of education. So as I said, in other settings before, I really owe my career to education. It would not have happened otherwise, and I have been really blessed from that particular perspective. And to me, I didn't even want to get into education as a career, and I'll tell you about that sometime, but one of the reasons that has really excited me about the education career is the opportunity to help create those opportunities for others, that were created for me by others. So again, in our earlier conversation around students and student success and eliminating achievement gaps, there are some cases where it is in the best interest of a student that maybe they would be better off going to a community college for a year or two before they come to Western. I think it is important that we provide that direction, but by and large once we get a student here that we do what we can to ensure that they are successful.

See full interview online

Not enough professors to teach beginning CSCI classes

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complicated.

According to Filip Jagodzinski, an associate professor in the computer science depart-

mented, Nguyen said her adviser informed her they were working on a solution, and would email her back in a couple of

"I ended up not getting into any of the waitlisted classes because it was last-minute."

Nhi Nguyen
Western Senior

ment, the classes were canceled because the department didn't have enough professors to teach them.

"It's not that the professors who were going to teach them are here and they didn't want to teach them," Jagodzinski said. "We were not able to fill the positions, as far as I know." According to Nguyen, students were not informed of the reason for cancellation as the email claimed they were canceled "due to unforeseen circumstances."

"It was days before the quarter started, so all the classes I needed to take either for my minor or my major were all full, so I just waitlisted a bunch of classes," Nguyen said. "I ended up not getting into any of the waitlisted classes because it was last-minute."

In response to why the classes were canceled last-minute, Jagodzinski said he was aware of the timing issue.

"Courses that are taught by non-tenured track, negotiations for those I think are ongoing until the very end, unfortunately," Jagodzinski said.

As for how the department is working with students whose plans of study have been al-

days.

According to an article in The Seattle Times from April 2016, the number of students interested in the pre-major and major of computer science at Western is approximately five times what it was five years ago.

This increase can be seen statewide due to an increase in salaries to six-figures for many Western graduates, according to the same article. This increase has put pressure on computer science departments to meet the needs of more students.

Jagodzinski teaches a completely full CSCI 141 class and, in order to meet high demands of the department, agreed to let 20 additional students into the class to help students affected by cancellations.

"(CSCI) 141 is extremely popular. I was scheduled to teach 200 students, and even if (CSCI) 140 wasn't canceled, there's still a huge backlog for (CSCI) 141," Jagodzinski said. "So, it's not that I opened up an extra 20 seats just to accommodate a few of the (CSCI) 140 students, but yeah, I'm sure it helped."

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New tuition waver implemented for veteran students

Natalie Breymeyer
THE WESTERN FRONT

As of this fall, undergraduate student veterans who have completed 24 credits using GI benefits are now offered a new tuition waiver.

Students who have exhausted their four years of the GI Bill benefits now have the option to have their remaining education completely paid for.

As long as a student pursuing their bachelor's degree has completed at least 24 credits at Western while using their GI Bill benefits, they can qualify for this waiver. The Veteran Services Office will then determine if the student is eligible for another grant as part of the application process.

The new tuition waiver was first proposed over a year ago by Assistant Director of Veteran Services Ann Beck, who questioned how Western could better honor its veterans.

Currently, Western is the first university in Washington state to offer a full 100 percent tuition waiver, as opposed to the 50 percent waiver other schools offer,

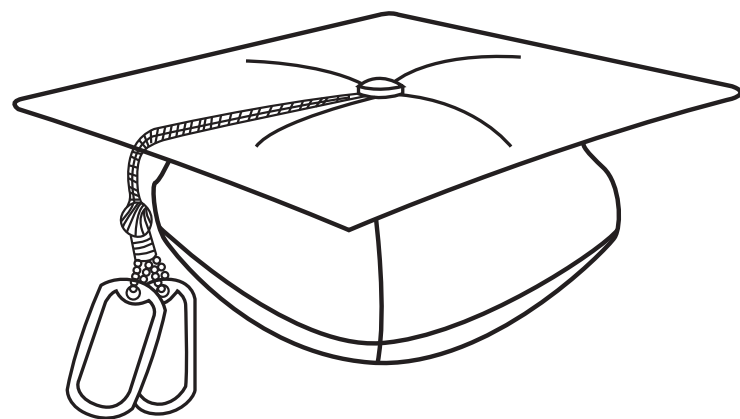


Illustration by Evan Matz

Beck said.

The GI Bill provides veterans who served in active duty positions with paid tuition and fees, as well as a housing allowance for up to 36 months, according to Military.com.

"If they've had to take a lot of remedial courses, if they are in STEM programs or if they're double majors, it might take longer than the months they get under the GI Bill," Beck said.

Matt Stevenson is a senior and student veteran. Although he does not need this tuition waiver, he said if he had not carefully

planned out his education when he began, it might have been an option.

"It's going to help a lot of people who have run out of benefits and maybe keep people from dropping out," Stevenson said.

Stevenson is also president of the Western Veteran Community club on campus. The club is growing increasingly active, offering students a place to build relationships with one another.

"It's very student-driven," Beck said. "The students are seeking each other out to have those connections."

As of fall quarter, there are 183 student veterans, but the Veteran Services Office handles about 385 students total, including dependents, Beck said.

A dependent is the son, daughter or spouse of a veteran.

The Veteran Services Office, located in Old Main, offers veterans, dependents and veteran supporters a place to learn more information about what they offer, ask questions and just hangout.

The new tuition waiver will affect about three to five students throughout the year, Beck said.

"We're not really close to any bases, we're not where veterans usually wind up," Beck said.

"They usually come because they really like Western or they like the area, so it gives us the chance to really build our community around the resources we have."

Phil Fox, a student veteran and sophomore, said he was astonished when he found out about the tuition waiver.

The new tuition waiver could appeal to those who have found themselves in an education plan that will take longer than the typical four years, Fox said.

Fox is not completely decided on his major yet and is considering a plan that might involve implementing the new tuition waiver in his future.

Having any additional hope in terms of furthering his education is more than he can ask for, Fox said.

"One thing I want to make sure that I don't sound like is that I'm not 100 percent grateful for the fact we're going to have a fair living wage on top of 36 free months of college, that's nothing to shake a stick at," Fox said.

Beck said they had tuition waivers previously, but some were outdated. One tuition waiver offered in the past was for veterans of the Vietnam War, but by now most of those people are over the age of 60, and Western already offers an over-60 tuition waiver.

"We're adjusting more to the current population of veteran students," Beck said.

CNN's Anderson Cooper, who moderated the debate alongside ABC News' Martha Raddatz, wasted no time questioning the Republican nominee about his comments on the tape.

In response, Trump dismissed his comments as "locker-room

Second debate explores character of candidates

Matt Svilar
THE WESTERN FRONT

A viewing of the second presidential debate, hosted by Western's None of the Above Club, provided 20 students an opportunity to view Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump field questions in a Town Hall-style format.

One of the most talked about topics on social media prior to the debate was Donald Trump's comments about women in a 2005 recording released over the weekend by The Washington Post.

In the recording, Trump can be heard using vulgar and demeaning language to describe women.

The Planned Parenthood Action Fund said in a public statement Trump's recorded conversation amounts to an admission of sexual assault.

CNN's Anderson Cooper, who moderated the debate alongside ABC News' Martha Raddatz,

talk," saying, "it's one of those things."

Clinton took advantage of the situation, saying Trump's comments about women "represents exactly who he is."

In light of the released recording, Trump has publicly lost the support of House Speaker Paul Ryan and many female Republican members of Congress.

For Western student Jake Hazel, the debate granted insight into how the potential candidates will interact with the global community.

"Foreign policy is the main issue," Hazel said. "What are we going to do about Russia? What are we going to do about Syria?"

Sophomore Julia Phillips had a different reaction, saying the candidates acted "very childish" by avoiding questions and jabbing back and forth at each other.

"Tonight was pretty much a joke," Phillips said.

Clinton answered questions about recently leaked speeches given to Wall Street bankers. She responded by saying politicians have both private and public stances on issues.



Freshmen Stephen Gibson (front) and Cameron Ohlson (back) watch Sunday night's debate in Viking Union 552. // Photo by Matt Svilar

Each candidate had a chance to discuss their stance on ISIS. Clinton specifically stated she would arm the Kurdish ground forces and work with rebel groups in the region to bring down ISIS. Trump stated he would be "hard on ISIS."

Questions on the Affordable Care Act, islamophobia, global

terrorism, Trump refusing to release his tax returns and how to deal with Russian aggression were other main topics of the debate.

Perhaps the most unexpected question was the final one of the night, when an audience member asked both candidates to state one thing they appreciated about

the other person. Clinton said she admired Trump's children and what they have accomplished, while Trump said he respects that Clinton doesn't give up easily.

The final presidential debate will be held Wednesday, Oct. 19.

New dorm proposal on south campus pending approval

Jack Carballo
THE WESTERN FRONT

A new student housing project is currently pending approval from Western's board of trustees. The project site of the location is set to be north of Buchanan Towers and east of South College Drive.

Ed Simpson, Western's Assistant Director for Facilities Development and Capital Budget, said the project will be apartment style and should house approximately 200 students.

After the construction contract goes to the June 2017 board for approval, work can begin on the site. The building is scheduled for student occupancy in fall quarter 2018.

The target budget is between \$34 million and \$35 million, which includes furnishing, sales tax, design costs, as well as all construction and contingencies.

"The number one demand

(from university residence housing surveys), and something they don't offer, is single bedrooms," Simpson said. "These would be four-bedroom units predominantly, so every student has their own private bedroom, every two bedrooms share a bathroom; a four bedroom unit would still have a shared living room and kitchen."

Simpson also added there would be some two-bedroom units, and suites for resident advisers. The plan is for the dorms to also consist of a main lounge, a number of private study rooms, a computer lab and a shared laundry facility. 12-month leases will also be an option for residents.

"(With single bedrooms) we feel that we're meeting a need on campus that has not been met in the past," said Linda Beckman, division director of budget and administration enrollment and student services. "The off-campus market has been so tight, even

with the new building going up, the consultant's study show that we'd still have housing demands on campus."

Beckman said one of the top priorities is affordability, something taken into account in the initial planning of the project, as well as accommodation to varying financial backgrounds.

"We're looking at it being as high as six stories with wood frame, mainly for the sustainability aspects," Simpson said. "We're using a renewable source of structure, rather than steel or concrete."

Simpson and his team have been performing geotechnical and life cycle cost studies, in order to determine what kind of heat source to use.

"The building would have its own gas-fired, hot water, hydronic and domestic water, which is a little different from typical campus buildings," Simpson said. "Because the site is so far away from

our steam system, we're looking at doing a gas-fired system, that was the initial evaluation."

University residences is currently in the process of selecting a general contractor construction manager, a contractor who joins the team to work through any design flaws with the architects and engineers. Once the design is finalized, the contractor gives a construction cost for the project.

Kurt Willis, associate director of university residences, said this project is the first apartment complex the university has overseen coordinating and construction for.

"The spirit behind the new building isn't just to address the needs of returning matriculating students to Western who want to remain on campus in housing, but in perhaps more private kind of (settings). Our research has shown there's some interest and demand for that," Willis said. "In addition, in that same complex, can we look

at some internationalizing; what do international students look for?"

The complex is university residences' current focus, however, they are working on plans for up-grades and maintenance to existing residence halls, Simpson said.

This includes the expansion of the Ethnic Student Center and renovations to the Viking Union, set to begin between six and nine months of the current housing project, Beckman said.

"I do think it could be a really good addition to the campus," Simpson said. "The design team we're working with is the same architectural firm that did the renovation of Miller Hall ... I think it'll be very popular with students, extremely popular."

A title for the upcoming residence facility has not yet been released.

According to the report, because of a provision in the Ethics in Public Service Act, Freelan was able to serve as an employee of the

Professor misused campus resources, records show

Robert Johnson,
Alex Halverson
THE WESTERN FRONT

A Western professor used university resources for personal benefit and outside compensated activities, Western's Internal Audit Office found in a special investigation.

Assistant Director of Western's Spatial Institute Stefan Freelan and faculty member Tyson Waldo taught training courses for the online mapping tool ArcGIS through the nonprofit Northwest Environmental Training Center in a Western computer lab without obtaining the proper approval to use university resources, according to an investigation report released late last year.

Western has no more than two investigations performed by the

training center and the university simultaneously, but was not able to facilitate or participate in training activities while on Western's campus.

The use of state resources for personal gain is against state law and university policy.

The report also details the findings of over 5,000 emails and documents pertaining to outside compensated activities by both Freelan and Waldo on Western's computers.

The report found Freelan to be using Western's computers to store over 5,000 personal documents as well, including map data of Freelan's sailing trip in the San Juan Islands, files related to the remodeling of his home and a map for a friend's wedding program, which was created during five work days.

Over the course of the two-

month investigation, Western auditors accessed Waldo and Freelan's computer equipment, email records and electronic data.

A settlement was approved May 13, 2016 between Freelan and the Washington State Executive Ethics Board that required Freelan to pay a civil penalty of \$6,000. This was reduced to \$3,000 on the condition that Freelan agreed to all orders of the stipulation including taking responsibility for violations of The Ethics in Public Service Act and complying to no further violations of the act for two years after the settlement approval date.

Freelan's investigation was the first investigation to have received a penalty from the Washington State Executive Ethics Board since 2002 when a Western employee used resources to send email regarding a political campaign, according to the Washington State Executive Ethics Board website.

Freelan was found in the investigation to have initiated and facilitated two personally beneficial contracts between the training center and the university. These contracts were the training courses for Northwest Environmental Training Center performed in Western computer labs.

The internal audit office recommended the Dean's Office of Huxley work with Western's human resources to determine the monetary amount Freelan should repay and the amount of timekeeping leave he should report to the university for his "on-the-clock" outside compensated activities.

The Dean of Huxley College, along with the Assistant Vice President for Human Resources, determined there was no need for repayment and any timekeeping violations occurred before 2011 when Freelan became aware his actions violated policy, according to the investigation report.

Freelan also was required to complete the human resources ethics test and was given a last chance agreement stating that immediate termination would follow any further violation of ethics or university policy regarding ethics.

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Western student embraces spider fatherhood with 8 open arms

Elitsa Yaneva
THE WESTERN FRONT

Jonah Lazich's 17th birthday was approaching, and his mother was unsure of what to get him as a gift. He already had quite a collection of reptiles and amphibians, so his girlfriend Avere Linker told her to change it up and get him a spider.

Lazich, junior, never classified himself as arachnophobic, but the new, eerie animal had him on his toes.

To his surprise, his new pet tarantula had been a wild female that was caught and had mated before being sold in a pet store.

The hatching of hundreds of tarantula spiderlings caught Lazich off guard, but ultimately sparked an interest in acquiring and breeding more arachnids.

"Got the first one for my birthday and then the babies desensitized me and I immersed myself in the whole spider thing," Lazich said.

Lazich was fascinated with watching the spiderlings develop and increasing his knowledge on the subject. Once the spiderlings matured, he sold them and then got his second spider. From there, the collection of spiders increased exponentially.

Lazich now finds himself deeply invested in something most people are afraid of. With thousands of spiders in his house, he is thrilled to have a hobby that doubles as a form of financial stability.

Using his home for all orders of operation, Lazich breeds and sells arachnids and other invertebrates through his personal business: Bellingham Arachnids.

Lazich owns around 90 different species of spiders, six species of scorpions, five species of cockroaches and a centipede. With over 200 adult spiders, 2,000 spiderlings and 50 scorpions, business is booming.



Lazich displays the result of his breeding, recently hatched Trinidad Olive Spiderlings. // Photo by Morgan Stilp-Allen.



Junior Jonah Lazich holds the Slate-red Ornamental Tree Spider (*Poecilotheria Ruffilata*)'s terrarium. // Photo by Morgan Stilp-Allen.

A wall of the bedroom Lazich shares with Linker is lined with storage shelves full of enclosures. When there was no longer enough room there, Lazich branched out to the hallway outside of his room and to the downstairs bathroom, which is now used as an incubator room.

"I haven't moved out yet," Linker, junior, said. "I told him if we move into another place, we are going to have a designated room just for the spiders ... I like having my space away from them."

Lazich started Bellingham Arachnids last January. He had already been breeding and selling on a relatively large scale, but with the new company, he is able to make a name for himself and grow as a spider-



Lazich breeds scorpions as well. He's seen here with an Emperor Scorpion. // Photo by Morgan Stilp-Allen.

breeding business.

Once customers began returning and he received good reviews, his business picked up fast.

Initially, Lazich did not make any money from his sales because it all went back to buying more spiders. As the company progressed however, Lazich was able to both pay his bills and fund his breeding projects.

With no other job to distract from Bellingham Arachnids, Lazich is able to focus all of his attention on spiders and making a living off of his hobby.

Pursuing the business management major at Western helps Lazich to formulate a successful business plan. He applies the skills he learns in class to the financial side of Bellingham Arachnids in order to help

establish a profit margin.

Lazich feels fortunate to be making a living off his passion, but he will always see his spiders as a hobby first and foremost.

"I don't just see dollar signs when I have baby spiders," Lazich said.

However, caring for so many spiderlings does occasionally prove to be difficult for just one person, so Lazich sometimes needs to call for backup from his friend, senior Alec Nielsen.

The thousands of spiders shocked Nielsen at first, but over time, his interest grew and he found himself intrigued by the process of breeding.

"You shouldn't be scared of animals that aren't going to do anything to you. They can be just as



Orange Baboon Tarantula (*Pterinochilus Murinus*). // Photo by Morgan Stilp-Allen.

good of pets as cats and dogs if you show an interest for them," Nielsen said.

Tarantulas are Lazich's area of expertise, but he is in the process of learning more about the breeding processes of scorpions and other invertebrates.

"I've always been into unusual pets," Lazich said.

Growing up, Lazich volunteered at The Reptile Zoo in Monroe, Washington, and owned a large collection of reptiles that included snakes, geckos, turtles and frogs.

"I was into snakes and those were easy to hold, but spiders were a creepy change of pace that I wasn't ready for," Lazich said.

About halfway into his time at The Reptile Zoo, the owners learned Lazich was knowledgeable on spiders, and he became responsible for feeding the tarantulas on display.

A month after moving to his current home in Bellingham, Lazich started breeding his spiders intentionally.

He owned a female, and a couple of months later, one of the males of the same species matured.

"I wanted to see it from start to finish and be responsible for the whole thing, so I went for it and it worked out," Lazich said.

Since then, Lazich has been breeding up to 10 spiders at the same time and caring for their thousands of spiderlings. His profits have increased with more valuable and rare spiders coming into his collection.

When breeding spiders, Lazich has to replicate their natural en-

vironment in order to get them to mate. By moving the spiders to different locations around the house, he alters the temperatures and simulates the change of season. His bedroom stays the coldest, while the bathroom is kept at a hotter temperature of 83 to 85 degrees.

The hallway outside of his bedroom is used as a quarantine space for his new spiders. After receiving a new animal from other breeders or online sites, Lazich monitors their health before moving them to

the bedroom. This is to ensure they don't carry any mites or parasites that could spread to the rest of his spiders.

Those in the market of buying and selling arachnids often trade with one another in order to breed other spiders. If Lazich has a female that is ready to mate, but no male of the same species, he will reach out to other breeders and they will ship him the spider he needs.

After Lazich mates the male and female, he gives half of the offspring

back to the original owner of the male and sells the rest.

Bellingham Arachnids' clientele includes other breeders, people who own tarantulas as pets, The Reptile Zoo and a few pet stores.

"Even if I stop breeding and selling, I would still have them as pets because I like owning them," Lazich said.

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Lazich opens his Mexican Red-Knee's terrarium. // Photo by Morgan Stilp-Allen.

Western club advocates for free tampons

Chelsea Andrews
THE WESTERN FRONT

A female student sits in class on Western's campus. While listening to her professor's lecture, she realizes she started her period. After frantically looking through her backpack to find a tampon, she realizes she does not have one with her. She is now faced with the choice of asking a stranger for a tampon or rummaging for change to use the toiletry dispensers in the restrooms. For many women, this scenario is an all too common reality because Western does not provide free toiletries for students.

This situation might soon be avoidable thanks to a new club called Free the Toiletry. The club wishes to provide free tampons and pads in restrooms on campus.

"It's generally accepted women just have to pay for that stuff and that's life. That just struck me deep. I realized this isn't fair and we could make a huge change about it."

Paige Rosson
Club President

Last year, club president Paige Rosson was in a sociology class where she was assigned to write a persuasive letter. Around the same time, Rosson had been reading articles about the tax on tampons in Europe. After spending some time researching more on the topic, she wrote her letter to the Student Health Center in an attempt to persuade them



The Free the Toiletry club was created by (left to right) Samuel Backman, club president Paige Rosson and Danielle Freyer. The club is hoping to make tampons and other toiletries available to students free of charge. // Photo by Harrison Amelang

to provide free tampons to students.

In her letter, she argued the health center supplies free condoms, so why not toiletries? Students can walk to the health center on campus at any time and pick up condoms, but there is nowhere on campus for women to receive free toiletries, Rosson said.

"Sex is a choice. Having a menstrual cycle is not," Rosson said.

The health center didn't begin to supply free toiletries after receiving Rosson's letter, so she decided to take matters into her own hands. She started devising a plan over the course of a year to make her vision of free toiletries for Western students come true.

Rosson has two major supporters in

her endeavour. Danielle Freyer, Rosson's roommate, is a senior and business management major who became interested in Rosson's plan after hearing Rosson talk so passionately about her ideas. After doing more research on the topic, Rosson said she quickly became engrossed in the idea as well. Freyer said she knew she wanted to help Rosson make the club possible.

Another one of Rosson's biggest supporters is her childhood friend, Samuel Backman. A senior economics major, Backman became interested in the club after talking to Rosson over beers one evening. Hearing Rosson's passion and vision for the club convinced Backman to become active as well.

Freyer said the issue is a relatable one for women.

"What am I supposed to do if I don't have anything?" Freyer said. "I have a bladder and there is toilet paper in the bathroom. Why aren't there tampons?"

Rosson became increasingly interested and aware of gender inequality in society after coming to Western.

"I have spent a lot of time opening my eyes to some of the double standards within how we behave in our genders," Rosson said. "We've been living so long in this kind of world where it's generally accepted women just have to pay for that stuff and that's life. That just struck me deep. I realized this isn't fair and we could make a huge change about it."

Another primary goal for the club is to minimize the taboo placed on tampons and other menstrual products.

"We want to bring this out in the open and say, 'There's no reason to hide the fact that you have a menstrual cycle, everybody knows it already,'" Rosson said.

If the club gains traction, the goal is to supply an organic, natural brand of tampons and pads in all bathrooms on campus.

"That way, it's not even a question, so you don't have to worry about it when you're in class or in any situation. It's just there," Rosson said.

The club will hold its first meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20. The location of the meeting is still being determined, and future meetings will be bi-weekly. For further information on the club, visit their Facebook page "Free the Toiletry WWU" or email them at freethetoiletry@gmail.com.

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Trump on women

On Friday, Oct. 7, a video was released that caused a ripple effect from leaders of both parties dissuading Americans to vote for Trump. The video, obtained and published by The Washington Post, shows Trump in 2005 on an Access Hollywood bus describing his advances on a married woman. He used language that demeans and objectifies her and other women.

"And when you're a star they let you do it. You can do anything. Whatever you want. Grab them by the pussy," Trump said in the video.

This kind of language is deadly, and it's not necessarily because some Americans are undoubtedly offended by the word "pussy." It's be-

cause of what Sophia Bush, actress and women's rights activist, said in an Instagram post, that "pussy" isn't the most offensive word in the clip, it's "grab." In the context Trump puts it in, the word grab insinuates a nonconsensual sexual advance, making him a sexual predator.

In Sunday night's televised debate and in an official apology, Trump called his words "locker-room talk." Let that sink in. A presidential candidate describing sexual assault as "locker-room talk."

Friday's video isn't the first time he's made such a comment, as he has been documented making countless appearance-based comments about Miss Universe contestants, Rosie O'Donnell and even his own daughter.

Why now?

Crime. Rapists. Killers. All of these are words Trump has been using to describe his aversion toward allowing immigrants and refugees into the U.S.

Trump has been overtly public about the wall he plans to build on the southern border of the United States in order to keep out Latinos immigrating from Mexico.

In other instances, he used blanket statements on Twitter to describe African-Americans as criminals and inexplicably kept referring to them when discussing inner-cities during the Oct. 9 presidential debate.

Trump also wants to create a database for Muslims to register in upon arrival to the U.S., xenophobic behavior that leads Americans to

believe "Muslim" is equal to "terrorist."

The amount of harbored hatred toward other cultural groups that Trump has shown and built a platform on makes him clearly unfit for the presidency.

Show action by voting

Trump has no interest in helping you as a middle-class American student, a woman, a person of color, the list goes on.

Many Americans feel they are choosing between the lesser of two evils when deciding between Hillary Clinton and Trump. We unequivocally deny that notion and now is not the time, numerically speaking, to vote for a third party candidate.

Nov. 8 is a big day. Don't blow it.

Viking Voices

"What kind of leadership qualities do you feel the president should have, and after last night's debate, do you feel as if either bipartisan candidate embodies those qualities?"



Laura Munger,
sophomore,
linguistics

"They should embody intelligence and a level of prudence. Also, compassion is important. Of course, "could" and "should" are very different things, and I'm not sure that either candidate will embody the ideal qualities... I would say that Clinton embodies them much better than Trump does. Neither of them embody them to the degree that I would like as a voter."



Skylar Aieta, senior,
design

"I would say transparency is pretty important. As in, there shouldn't be a large disconnect between what people say and what they believe. Of course, I'm influenced by election season just because it's primarily based on rhetoric. Self-awareness is key too, which I think current candidates lack. Communication skills are really important... Neither candidate."



Jordan Kubichek,
senior, creative
writing

I watched the debate yesterday and I feel like both of the people that are in the running for president did not show some leadership qualities where it counted. I would like to see a candidate that owns up to mistakes and answers questions directly. I hate indirect questions or dodging of questions in any way, it makes me suspicious... No, I believe that both candidates have shown some forms of leadership, otherwise they wouldn't have made it as far as they did... They're mostly arguing with each other.



Vivian VanZwol,
junior, computer
science

"Compassion for people. Personally, I care about the trans-bathroom issue. I'd like [the future president] to let transwomen into women's restrooms... Yes, I would say Hillary [models] I think compassion. And for sure the trans-bathroom thing."

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4 Vikings earn GNAC honors



Isaac Derline // Photo by Harrison Amelang

Tyler Urke
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western took multiple Great Northwest Athletic Conference player of the week honors for Sep. 26-Oct. 2 and Oct. 3-Oct. 9.

Sierra Shugarts
Junior defender Sierra Shugarts received the GNAC Defensive Player of the Week honors for two consecutive

sity. "It feels great," Shugarts said. "It's really fun to get those awards, and they're very much team awards as much as they are individual awards. It's cool we get to share it together."

Caitlyn Jobanek
Senior midfielder Caitlyn Jobanek earned the GNAC Offensive Player of the Week award for Sep. 26-Oct. 2. Jobanek helped the Vikings to a pair of wins with three goals in two matches.

Player of the Week honors for Sep. 26-Oct. 2. Phelps averaged 3.38 kills and 3.62 digs per game and scored a team-high 33.5 points. The 2015 GNAC Freshman of the Year is tied for the GNAC lead with 10 double-doubles.

"Practice every single day; that's what's starting to show in the games. That's really nice," Phelps said after her team swept Central Wash-

ington University Thursday, Oct. 6.

Isaac Derline
Junior Isaac Derline was named GNAC Cross Country Male Athlete of the Week Oct. 3-9.

Derline took first place at the WWU Classic with a time of 31:13.2.

He is Western's first individual men's champion since 2009.

weeks for her steady play anchoring Western's back line. Shugarts leads position players in minutes played and has helped the Vikings lead the league with a 0.39 goals against average. Shugarts scored her first career goal against Concordia University Saturday, Oct. 1, before providing game-winning goals against Montana State University Billings and Northwest Nazarene Univer-

The senior is tied for second in the GNAC with four goals including two in Western's 4-1 win over Saint Martin's University, Thursday, Sept. 29, and a second-half goal against Concordia.

"It's a great honor, but it's a team effort," Jobanek said. "We come out every game hoping to get those big goals and defend well."

Abby Phelps
Sophomore outside hitter Abby Phelps spiked and dug her way to GNAC Offensive



Sierra Shugarts // Photo by Morgan Stilp-Allen

Western volleyball catches fire



Junior Joellee Buckner attempts a dig in Western's match against University of Alaska Anchorage, Thursday, Sept. 22. // Photo by Morgan Stilp-Allen

Juan Mendoza-Tovar
THE WESTERN FRONT

Despite having six losses on the season, the Western volleyball team finds itself in a position to make a post-season run. Currently ranked number 20 in the country and riding a five game win streak, Western is one of two teams from the Great Northwest Athletic Conference in the American Volleyball Coaches Association top 25 poll. The

other is defending conference champion University of Alaska Anchorage.

Before the start of the season the Vikings were ranked number five in the country, but then dropped its first three games for the first time under Head Coach Diane Flick-Williams.

The results are a far cry from the dominant play of last season, in which the team finished with an overall record of 27-6, garnering the

fifth most wins in program history.

However, the response from the team has been swift. The Vikings sits in second place in the GNAC, tied with Central Washington University and Simon Fraser University.

Western swept rival Central Washington at home and is coming off a 3-1 win over Northwest Nazarene University.

"We're getting closer and

closer to our potential," Flick-Williams said. "We have a lot to learn, and I think they're excited to see that when they do learn, it actually pays off in the match."

The Vikings have 13 more opportunities to learn and grow, including a stretch of four home games beginning Thursday, Nov. 10, to close out the season.

"The biggest thing that we've done is we've sat down and really gone over our mental game and what defines us as a team, and we've started really committing to that," sophomore outside hitter Abby Phelps said.

Phelps' 2016 campaign is off to a great start, ranked seventh in the GNAC with 3.25 kills per set and eighth with 3.74 points per set.

As a team, Western leads the GNAC in hitting percentage — a term used to evaluate how effective a hitter or a team is over a span of games.

"Just knowing that we can have that control the entire time, inside out, every single time against a really good team, I think it gives us a lot of confidence into the rest of the season," junior outside hitter Arielle Turner said.

Turner is helping pace the Viking offense and is tied for second in the GNAC with 0.47

aces per set.

With trips left to first place Alaska Anchorage and Central Washington still on the schedule, the Vikings have plenty of chances to prove they belong in the postseason conversation.

Just one player on the Western roster is a senior, defensive specialist Bryce Larson. Three juniors, six sophomores and eight freshmen, four of whom are redshirts, make up the remainder of the squad.

Sophomore Kayleigh Harper leads the GNAC, and is ranked 45th in Division II, with a .347 hitting percentage. She is also eighth in the league with 1.10 blocks per set.

"We've done a good job at working through all the stuff that comes with having a new team," Phelps said. "We have really, really good coaches, and they do an amazing job of scouting. So, we come in with a plethora of information as to how to beat the team were coming into."

Next game: on the road at Saint Martin's University, 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13.

From the sidelines

Opinions from The Western Front staff on all things sports



Tyler Urke
Reporter

Cracking down on celebrations helps the league because football is a team sport and allowing players to engage in elaborate celebrations sends a message to young viewers that individual antics are more important than team accomplishments.

The recent growth of Esports has caused major sports news outlets like ESPN to increase their coverage of these leagues. Should Esports be placed on the same level as traditional sports?

I am biased because I play video games competitively but Esports should be placed on the same level as traditional sports. Esports require the same time commitment as the rigorous practice and training involved in traditional sports. Additionally, there is a lot of money to be made in the gaming world.



Gabby Ramos
Reporter

I don't care for celebrations. It is understandable for players to express themselves on the field but the NFL has the right to take issue with some of the more outrageous celebrations.

I think if there is a market for Esports then it should be covered in the news. However, I don't think it should be placed at the same level as traditional sports.



Chelsea Andrews
Reporter

Celebrations will always be a part of the NFL. I think it is important to maintain a limit when it comes to excessive "showboating" but the league needs to allow players to express themselves because that is more fun to watch.

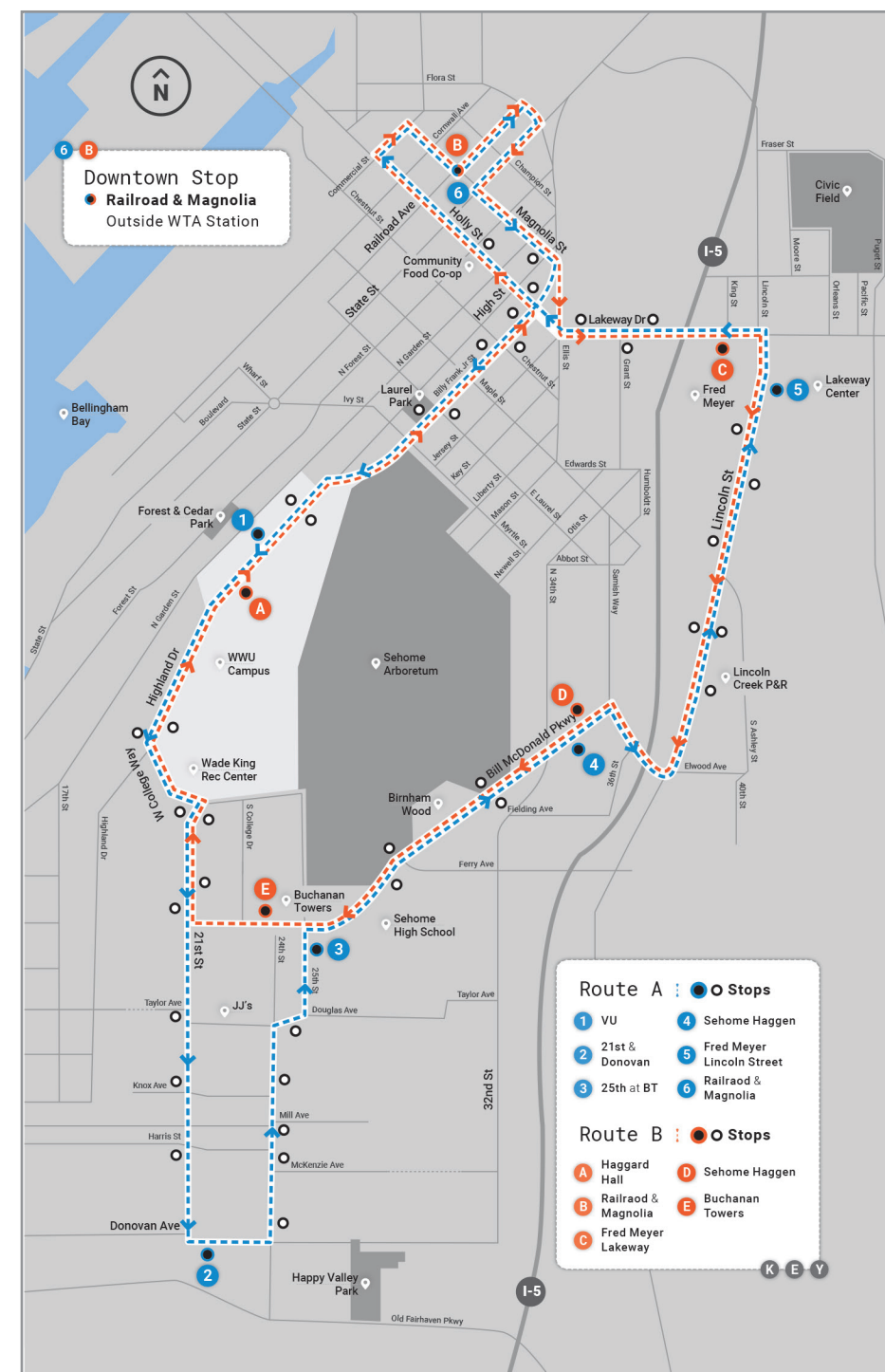
Players go through the same rigorous training regimes as any other traditional athlete and deserve to be on the same footing as other major sports. Esports is trending heavily as Amazon-owned Twitch recently purchased Curse Inc., a popular Esport service that is similar to Skype. The market is massive.



Evan Elliott
Managing Editor

Hurts. I think about my youth and remembering touchdown dances from the likes of Terrell Owens, Chad Johnson and Randy Moss. Commissioner Goodell is only worried about his product, and he thinks on-field celebration hinders it. He is sorely mistaken.

I wouldn't watch it, but I don't see why not. ESPN already airs the World Series of Poker and Scripps' National Spelling Bee, so I can't see why they wouldn't be open to similar options (such as competitive gaming) that already have a built-in market.



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Blades of glory

New faces have propelled the Western hockey club team to a 6-0 start

Ben Olson
THE WESTERN FRONT

Senior Billy Holbrook serves as club president and team captain, of the Western hockey team. As club president, he is in charge of most of the team's operations, including travel accommodations.

"If something's going through the team, my name is on it," Holbrook said.

The team has started its 2016-17 season off with a perfect 6-0 record. Despite its hot start, Holbrook, who plays the forward position, said he thinks many students are unaware of the team.

"We're out there [on campus] every Friday before home games passing out fliers," Holbrook said.

The Western hockey club started in 1980 and has competed in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Division II for the past year. From 2013 to 2015 the Vikings competed in the National Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA). In 2013 the Vikings won the NCHA national championship when they defeated Le Moyne College 2-1 to hoist the Founders Cup.

Western relies on a mixture of veterans and rookies to



Senior forward Andrew Liebel advances the puck in the first game of Western's two game set against University of Idaho, Friday, Oct. 7. // Photo by Morgan Stilp-Allen

improve on last season, which it finished with a record of 9-9-1. First-year players, like freshman forward Alex Stoneham, have found success early in the season. Stoneham credits some of his success to the veteran players.

"We have a great group of veterans here," Stoneham said. "They've done a great job of welcoming the rookies and young guys into the group."

Though the Western hockey team is a student-run organization, its coaching duties are handled by first-year head coach Larry MacDonald and assistant coach Cole Moore. MacDonald brings over 17 years of experience to the team.

"He's been a great asset so far," Holbrook said. "Coach MacDonald brings a lot of experience."

The starting goaltender for Western is Robert MacDonald, a junior transfer from Minnesota. At St. Olaf College he competed in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference at the NCAA Division III level. Robert MacDonald is the son of head coach Larry MacDonald.

"It's been an adjustment," Robert MacDonald said. "I've been really impressed with

how strong the competition is, and how strong the team has been."

Western began its 2016-17 season in Spokane with two victories over the University of Idaho. The team then rolled through a four-game home stretch in which it handed two losses to both Portland State University and University of Idaho, improving to 6-0 on the season.

Despite a perfect record, Holbrook said he is concerned by slow starts to games, a theme throughout the early part of the season.

"We haven't had the best starts so far this year," Holbrook said. "We have come out slow in most of our games."

Western will play its next six games on the road, beginning with three games in three nights starting on Oct. 14 in Bozeman, Montana. The Vikings will face Montana State on Friday and Saturday, then finish up against Montana Tech in Butte, Montana on Sunday.

The Vikings won't play at home until Oct. 29, when they host the Hockey Saves Exhibition Game at the Bellingham Sportsplex.



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