



Tree falls on Ridgeway Beta roof

Joshua DeJong
THE WESTERN FRONT

Freshman Ash Cameron was in her room sitting on her bed when the branch crashed through the ceiling above her head.

"I was laying down when I heard a branch snap and thought, 'hey, a tree must have fallen down,'" Coleman said. "Then all of a sudden pieces of drywall fell on my head and a branch fell through the roof."

It was two branches that broke through the roof of the Ridgeway Beta Hall Stack Nine room during a windstorm Monday, Nov. 13.

Coleman's roommate, freshman Marie Ytell, was not in the room at the time, but said she heard the crash from the Beta lounge.

The roommates said they were offered a paid hotel room by their resident director, but declined to stay with friends.

Ytell said they were told it would take no longer than three days to move back into their room.

Western Chief of Police



No one was injured when the tree fell Monday, Nov. 13, breaking through the roof and showering students in drywall. // Photo by Dan Thomas

Darin Rasmussen said no one was injured, but folks were shaken up.

Rasmussen said officers, facilities management and housing were all on location to assess the situation.

"It does appear that the tree kind of spiked into the roof of one suite," Rasmussen

said. "The tree broke off, but it is still attached."

A Western Alert said the top of the tree fell at 4:20 p.m., creating two small holes several inches in diameter.

Rasmussen said they will have to wait until the wind dies down before they have arborists trim it away. He

said housing is making its assessment for the residents of the room that was damaged.

The National Weather Service put out a high wind warning until 9 p.m. Monday for western Whatcom County and Puget Sound, with wind gusts reaching up to 60 miles per hour.

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Voyeurism reports may be related, police say

Ray Garcia
THE WESTERN FRONT

The Bellingham Police Department has released a composite sketch of a male they believe may be committing acts of voyeurism and lewd conduct near Western.

There have been at least 33 reports of indecent exposure, lewd behavior or voyeurism in 2017 on campus and in surrounding neighborhoods, according to police records.

On Nov. 6, a student was walking near south campus when a man called out to her from his parked car while masturbating.

During the Halloween weekend, a man exposed himself to a female student from outside the Ridgeway



A sketch of a man who may be connected to recent incidents. // Photo from the Bellingham Police Dept.

Gamma residence hall.

On Oct. 25, a man was found masturbating outside of a home on the 1000 block of North Garden Street.

Police were unable to lo-

cate the perpetrators, and now believe the incidents may be tied to one suspect, according to a report released by police spokesperson Danette Beckley.

A witness may have spotted the suspect in the voyeurism cases on Halloween at the 800 block of North Garden Street, according to the report. The witness, who is familiar with the neighborhood, reported someone behaving unusually.

The physical descriptors of the person in the composite match that of the suspect in the voyeurism cases, Beckley said in the report.

If anyone has information on the incidents or feels unsafe, they are urged to call 911 or University Police.

Parks Hall north entrance closed for elevator maintenance



Maintenance will last through the week on Parks Hall's elevators. // Photo by Alex Halverson

Michael Nguyen
THE WESTERN FRONT

The north entrance to Parks Hall facing Arntzen Hall will be closed off all this week due to mechanical equipment installation, said university planner Gail Kuromiya in an email. Kuromiya, who works in the

Office of Facilities Development and Capital Budget, said this installation is part of an elevator renewal project.

Zeigler Construction will be accessing the roof above the elevators.

Kuromiya said the office will try to keep the closure limited to one week.



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Senior Yaritza Esqueda, alumna Aleyda Cervantes and senior Daniel Navarro watch a Black Minds Matter live stream lecture, which discusses issues concerning the experiences of black men and boys in education, in Fraser Hall 102 Monday, Nov. 13. // Photo by Katie Webber

Stay tuned...

Look for upcoming coverage of these events on our website www.westernfrontonline.com

Waterfront Groundbreaking Ceremony

The City of Bellingham is celebrating the new waterfront projects with a groundbreaking ceremony at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14, near the Granary Building. The city has two new waterfront projects in the works, including a new roadway and a park.

STEM Mixer

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program is hosting "Mix it Up! - Movers and Shakers in Science" to promote equality and inclusivity within the program at 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the Viking Union Multipurpose Room.

History on Trial

Dr. Deborah Lipstadt, a professor of Jewish Modern History, will be speaking on campus at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at the Performing Arts Center. She will discuss a libel trial she was involved in, in which she was sued for calling David Irving a Holocaust-denier.

Queer Voices

"Queer Voices: Performance Art Night" is being held at 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 16, in Carver 104. This will be a combination of queer artist performances highlighting historical and current struggles through a variety of mediums including, dance, poetry, and song.

Cops Box

Compiled by Sierra Sandoval



- Nov. 7
800 blk. Harris Ave.**
Some fishing nets found at the above location had been damaged, someone reported.
- Nov. 8, 8:30 a.m.
300 blk. Whatcom St.**
A report was made about vegetation overgrowth that violated municipal codes.
- Nov. 9, 8:32 a.m.
600 blk. Boulevard St.**
Someone reported they fell victim to a scam. They were contacted by someone pretending to be their grandson needing bail money in the form of prepaid Visa gift cards purchased at Target.
- Nov. 9, 9:33 a.m.
3100 blk. Orleans St.**
A package of found IDs was mailed to the police department.
- Nov. 9, 11 a.m.
400 blk. York St.**
Someone reported their neighbor was aggressively bothering them for cigarettes.
- Nov. 10, 8 a.m.
3000 blk. Orleans St.**
Someone found a magazine and turned it into police.
- Nov. 12, 10:38 a.m.
2600 blk. Birchwood Ave.**
A woman reported someone poured sour milk all over her baby stroller.

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Student arrested for domestic violence assault on campus

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THE WESTERN FRONT

A male student was arrested on domestic violence charges for a physical altercation that took place in a campus parking lot shortly before midnight on Saturday, Oct. 28. He was charged with fourth-degree domestic violence assault.

The man was booked in Whatcom County Jail after grabbing his girlfriend, a fellow student, by the arm and refusing to let go, at which point she hit him with her water bottle, according to the police report.

A witness observed the couple yelling at each other in parking lot 17G in the 100 block of East College Drive. The witness called University Police at 11:24 p.m.

The witness report described the woman striking the man and pursuing him to the ground. The witness told police it looked like the man was on the ground being choked by the woman.

The couple denied that the man had been choked, according to the police report.

The responding officer, Todd Osborn, said that both the man and woman had no signs of physical injury.

Osborn spoke to the man and woman individually.

The woman said she and her boyfriend had been dating for about one year and eight months, according to the police report.

She told the officer the couple argued often and it isn't uncommon for her boyfriend to grab her to keep her from leaving.

She also said he will often remain in her residence after she asks him to leave, according to the police report.

The man told Osborn his girlfriend was attempting to leave, so he grabbed her arm and told her she couldn't go until she calmed down.

He said he does this from time to time, and that he needs to find a better way of dealing with these fights, according to the police report.

Because the man physically restrained his girlfriend until she used what Osborn described as "a reasonable amount of force to free herself," and because both parties said this wasn't the first time he had physically restrained her, Osborn decided there was probable cause to arrest the man.

Anyone seeking help or support in situations of domestic violence, sexual assault or harassment may contact Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services, Consultation and Sexual Assault Support or the Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCES

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services 24 Hour Helpline: 360-715-1563

"The mission of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services is to support individuals affected by domestic violence, sexual assault and commercial sexual exploitation and to lead the community towards ending these abuses of power." (according to their website)

Consultation and Sexual Assault Support: 360-650-2993

"CASAS believes that violence can happen to anyone and it's never the survivors fault. Students of all identities are welcome. The mission of CASAS is to meet every survivor where they are at in their journey of healing. CASAS provides a safe and confidential resource for students who have experienced violence." (according to their website)

Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center: 360-676-0122

"The mission of the WDRC is to provide and promote constructive and collaborative approaches to conflict through mediation, training, facilitation and community education. The vision of the WDRC is for Whatcom County to be a community in which people approach conflict in creative and healthy ways." (according to their website)

Infographic by Ben Olson

Update: Western student hit by vehicle still recovering in Seattle hospital

Joshua DeJong
THE WESTERN FRONT

Freshman Rebecca Chung is still recovering from injuries sustained when she was hit by a vehicle Oct. 27, said Sgt. Carr Lanham of the Bellingham Police Department. Chung was hit walking across Highland Street outside of Ridgeway Kappa residence hall.

Lanham said in an email that the collision is still under investigation.

"According to the family, she is still recovering from her injuries sustained in the collision and is currently in what they called a 'sleeping state' and is not fully awake yet," Lanham said in an email.

Police initially arrived on the scene of the incident at 10:37 p.m. to find Chung, who had sustained significant head trauma.

Chung was hospitalized at St. Joseph Medical Center in Bellingham, but was later transferred to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.



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Professor disciplined for inappropriate conduct

Huxley professor Paul Stangl banned from teaching certain courses after student reports came out describing behavior that made them uncomfortable, felt was a misuse of power

Zoe Deal

THE WESTERN FRONT

A Huxley College professor cleared of a sexual harassment allegation in 2016 has received punishment from the university, according to reports recently obtained by The Western Front.

Paul Stangl will be barred from teaching courses during Summer Session 2018, said Brent Carbajal, Western's provost and vice president for academic affairs, in an email sent in July 2017. He cannot teach a field (travel) course again until Summer Session 2020.

A student alleged that Stangl sexually harassed her and her fellow teaching assistant during a class trip in June 2016, according to a report from the Equal Opportunity Office. A university investigation, launched after a student came forward weeks later in early July, found that Stangl's behavior was not severe enough to be identified as sexual harassment, according to a report issued Oct. 5, 2016.

Western's Equal Opportunity Office does not comment on its investigations, Director of Communications Paul Cocks said in an email.

The initial investigation confirmed that Stangl violated Section 2 of the Code of Faculty Ethics in which faculty are expected to avoid sexual harassment, intimidation and exploitation of students. Stangl also violated University Policy 1600.02, an equal opportunity and discrimination policy which prohibits sexual behavior which can be construed as inappropriate, according to the final report.

The case was reopened in March 2017 when the survivor came for-

ward a second time, after discovering Stangl would be leading another trip in Summer 2017.

Stangl was on sabbatical for the 2016-17 school year. He declined to comment.

In June 2016, during a class trip, Stangl invited two female teaching assistants up to his hotel room following dinner, according to one survivor's written report. Both women had flown in a day earlier than the students. At dinner, Stangl had two or three beers while the group engaged in discussion on the trip and other academic topics, according to the report.

Stangl invited the women to his hotel room after dinner, where he offered the women alcoholic beverages, according to the report.

One survivor said they were confused and surprised by this offer, but accepted wine. She said in her written report, "I was mostly just holding my glass, sipping it slowly because I wanted to keep my wits about me."

Dr. Stangl pointed this out many times and kept refilling her drink against her wishes, according to the survivor's written report.

The report described Stangl as "boisterous, loud and clumsy," and suddenly emotional. Stangl began sharing intimate details about his life and grabbed the women's hands in an attempt to pull them into a group hug, the survivor said in the report. At this time, all three were intoxicated, according to the survivor's statement. One woman's written report cited Stangl's emotional state and the existing power dynamic as reasons the two women were hesitant to leave.

According to the final univer-

sity report by the Equal Opportunity Office, "Such a situation calls into question whether the student can give voluntary consent due to perceived or actual negative consequences that could arise from declining. This sets up a dynamic where faculty can unintentionally or intentionally exploit students for their own advantage."

At one point, Stangl's foot accidentally touched the foot of the survivor, according to her report. She quickly moved away. According to the report, she wouldn't have considered this suspicious had Stangl not joked about it afterwards and then purposely touched both women's calves with his feet.

He also made a comment about wanting to lick their thighs and said repeatedly to the survivors, "If I was 20 years younger, I would marry you," according to the survivor's written report. The women left soon after.

The next morning, the women contemplated whether to report the events. They chose to wait until the end of the trip to decide. The survivor said in her report that Stangl called them to apologize if he had, "said anything weird" the night before. The survivor declined to spend evening free time with him for the rest of the trip when invited by Stangl.

The survivor reported that Stangl's behavior over the next 10 days was disorganized and he drank alcohol often. According to the survivor's report, junior and seniors in the Huxley College who have studied under him consider this behavior normal for Stangl.

When Stangl learned of the allegations from the Equal Opportunity

Office, he asked the survivor why she "would do this to him" and expressed concern that he would lose his job, the survivor wrote in the report.

In March 2017, the survivor came forward again to ask the university to prevent Stangl from teaching another field course. The survivor wrote in her report that she feels the university should terminate Stangl's position to maintain the health of Western's and Huxley's professional learning environment.

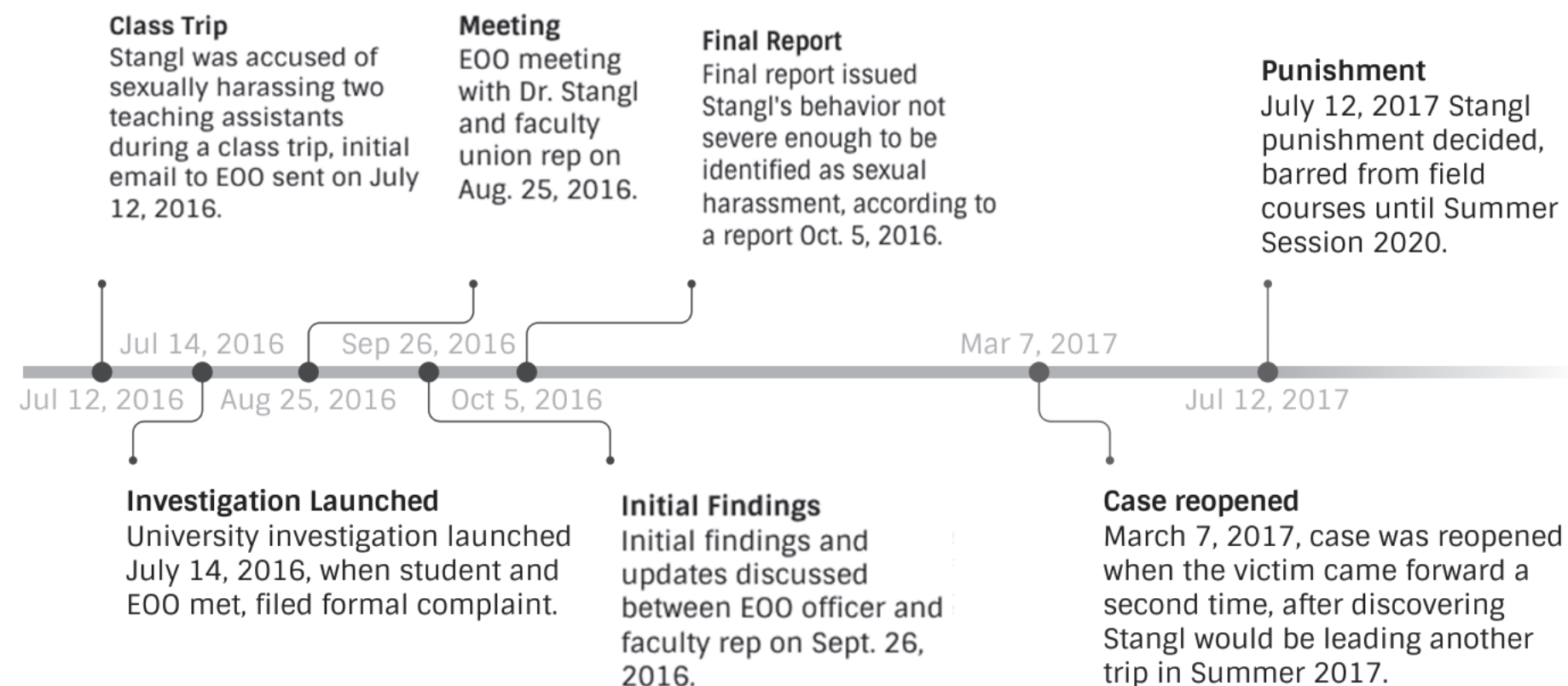
In response, Carbajal initiated the restrictions on Stangl's summer session teaching.

Stangl's statement was included in the final report. He said, "I acknowledge that I invited the [women] to my room and offered alcoholic beverages. This was a terrible lapse of judgement on my part for which I am sorry. I acknowledge that I made the comment [on marriage]. I recognize that it was completely inappropriate and I am deeply apologetic."

Stangl was forthright and compliant during the investigation, according to the Dean of Huxley College, Steve Hollenhorst. He plans to enroll in professional development courses offered at Western. These courses include, "Upholding Ethics in the Workplace" and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training.

Western Washington University has a zero tolerance for sexual harassment, Cocks said. Students, faculty or staff who feel they have been sexually harassed are urged to contact Western's Equal Opportunity office by stopping by their office at Old Main 345 or calling them at 360-650-3307.

Timeline of events:



Infographic by Ben Olson

Gather Bellingham student residents express safety, security concerns

Emma Agte

THE WESTERN FRONT

Student residents in the new Gather Bellingham building reported lack of stairwell accessibility and poor water quality. These are among some of the concerns students faced upon moving in when the facility opened, September 2017.

Sophomore Ali Raetz and her roommates encountered security problems with the lock on their doors. The residents are still waiting for an electronic lock and accompanying key fob, or electronic key card, to replace the standard key lock they currently have.

"I literally picked [the lock] with my bobby pin one time ... but everybody else has one of those electric locks that uses this key [fob]," Raetz said.

Currently, students must use their key fobs to exit the building's stairwells. This creates an issue in the case of a fire, a broken elevator or even forgetfulness.

Raetz's roommates, sophomore Katie Winkelman and Ronnie Delgado, said they have both been locked in the stairwell before.

"Some girl was going down to get something out of her car, so she didn't bring her phone with her and it was like 2 a.m. She locked herself in the stairwell without her key and nobody came in the stairwell for like an hour and a half or two



An electronic key is necessary to enter the building, and enter and exit stairwells. This poses a safety risk in case of emergency situations. // Photo by Kirstyn Nyswonger

hours," Raetz said of another Gather Bellingham resident.

Another source of resident complaints was the brown-tinted water with what appeared to be specks floating in it.

Delgado said she did not drink the tap water for the first week after

moving in because of the taste.

"We have a filter, but [the water] still has a funky metal [taste]," Winkelman said.

These problems could arise from a variety of sources, however it is most likely due to plumbing, said Brooke Love, an assistant professor in Western's department of environmental sciences.

"In Bellingham, our drinking water system is generally really good. Obviously if there's problems that are cropping up in one particular building, then that points to the issue being with the plumbing in that building," Love said.

The City of Bellingham's water quality is tested daily. If harmful substances are found in the drinking water, staff is required to report it to the public within 24 hours, according to the city of Bellingham's Drinking Water Quality Monitoring page.

"Contacting the property owner is their main course of action," Love said. "The other thing that often can help, as a tip for students, is just run the water for 30 seconds

or a minute before you fill up your glass, because that can flush the water that's been sitting in that pipe going to your sink," Love said.

Although maintenance requests were filed, some students said they end up waiting weeks for a response or solution. This can be partially attributed to a limited maintenance staff.

"It's just one guy, which is crazy for like 600 residents," Winkelman said.

Residents believe that Gather Bellingham may have been hasty in its construction, leading to the growing list of problems under their roof.

"It's a brand new building that they put up so quick. That's why we encountered, and continue to encounter so many problems, because it's not good craftsmanship," Winkelman said.

Gather Bellingham officials declined to comment on these issues.

The apartment building was opened for the first student move-in on Sept. 22 this fall. It currently houses over 600 Western students.



Gather Bellingham opened at the end of September this year. Students speculate its hasty construction to open for fall led to unaddressed safety issues. // Photo by Kirstyn Nyswonger

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DRAWING A NEW HAND

Western students started their own company and Kickstarter campaign to fund the creation of a competitive card game

Lea Hogdal

THE WESTERN FRONT

A team of six combined their passion for competitive card games with a multi-dimensional fantasy world to create Ivion, a soon-to-be released tabletop game. It all started with Aislyn Hall, the creator of Ivion and president of their company, Luminary Games.

Hall started brainstorming ideas about this fantasy world during her sophomore year in high school.

"I started writing it down because I just have to, it bursts in my head and I have to do something with it," Hall said. "It kept getting bigger and bigger and then I had all these pages of notes, and all these ideas, but I didn't have anywhere I was going with it."

She said she continued to write down her ideas about these characters and the abstract world they lived in until three years ago, at the age of 19, when something clicked. Hall said while she had written small excerpts about the world and its characters, she hadn't felt like a good enough writer to pursue her ideas in a written direction. Instead, she chose to combine this world with her interest in game design.

Ivion is a competitive card game that holds over 290 unique cards. Of those are six classes, 12 specializations and 54 feats which allow players to customize a new character in every game they play. According to their Kickstarter website, your deck is your character's skills and spells.

The battle takes place on a four-by-four tile grid, and the board fluctuates as the game moves forward and different battles occur.

Ivion is currently in its last preparations before being sent off to manufacturing on Monday, Nov. 13. The game will be sold on Amazon and in stores downtown, Dark Tower Games and Cosmic Comics in about two months.

The Luminary Games team consists of current and graduated Western students. Eight months ago, seniors Adam Hockemeyer, Hugh Wichman and Jake Dardzinski joined on as game developers.

Dardzinski, one of the game developers and now narrative designer, is a creative writing major at

Jake Dardzinski was drawn to the literature and story of Ivion. He is a creative writing major at Western. // Photo by Tyler Morris



The game, Ivion, will be sold on Amazon and in stores throughout downtown Bellingham. // Photo by Tyler Morris

Western. He was drawn to the literature and story behind Ivion. The Ivion team originally brought him on to write the reveals for the classes, which showcases a character's class and creates a narrative behind them, but this led to longer stories on the many different aspects of the world.

"Behind all of this [the board game] is a huge world, a huge storyline, that has multiple planes of existence, a whole pantheon of gods, and we're just looking at a tiny section of that. Jake [Dardzinski] and Aislyn [Hall] are working through figuring out the storyline and getting it written down, but for the most part it's all in Aislyn's head," Hockemeyer said.

CEO of Luminary Games Adam Hockemeyer is majoring in economics with an emphasis on small business management. Hockemeyer said Hall wanted to bring someone else on board to deal with the business aspects and run the company.

Hockemeyer sought out many experts

throughout the process of creating this board game to aid them with taxes, international trade and other issues that came their way. He spoke to small businesses downtown, economics professors, the Western business office and many others within the game design industry.

A key part in getting this board game produced was creating the Kickstarter. Hall said this part of the process was one of the most difficult, with knowing where to advertise, who their audience was and competing with other game illustrations and presentations on a platform that is crowded and judged on a massive scale.

"You've spent all this time crafting this [game] you've poured your heart and soul into it, and it's so much safer to not show it to the world," Hall said.

With the launching of the Kickstarter, the team members worked full-time to playtest and get their name out into the community. Playtesting the game has led to small details being

I'm fine with us losing half of our investment, as long as it exists. I just want it to exist.

Hugh Wichman
Game developer

tweaked so that it can provide the player with the best experience possible. The Ivion Kickstarter raised \$21,000 and allowed the team to move forward with the project.

Wichman said they were fortunate to take part in playtestNW, an organization that helps smaller board games get into conventions for cheap. The team paid \$25 a month and were able to gain tables at popular conferences. They attended PAX, OrcaCon, Bellingham Anime Convention, GeekGirlCon, Dragonflight and Evergreen Tabletop Expo.

While showcasing their game at PAX, the Ivion team met Warren Yung, a competitive card game fan living in Vancouver.

Yung loved the game and has been talking to stores in Vancouver about it and even going to stores and demoing it for them. Hockemeyer told the story of Yung's first time playing, and how afterwards he pulled out and offered all the cash he had on him, in hopes of scoring one of the three demo sets in existence.

"I think it will be really successful as long as it hits a critical mass of players," Yung said. "I really hope they do."

Freshman Noble Solana-Walkinshaw met the Ivion team two weeks ago at Western's Magic: The Gathering club, during one of their blind

playtests. By the end of the day, he knew this was something he wanted to be a part of.

"I want to be able to say in five years I was there when Ivion started, because I think it's going to be big," Solana-Walkinshaw said.



The creators of Ivion have showcased the game at conventions such as PAX, OrcaCon and the Evergreen Tabletop Expo. // Photo by Tyler Morris

He compared the game to other card games, like Magic: The Gathering, and said with Ivion, you feel involved in every game.

"There's never a game where you're like, 'I don't think I could have ever won this game,' but there are games like that in Magic and basically every other card game, even poker, where you just get screwed over by the draw."

Solana-Walkinshaw said the game's layout was unique. People interact on a physical board rather than only with their opponent. He said what he loves most about Ivion is the deck-building aspect of the game, with its almost limitless combinations and strategic possibilities.

"I could just sit down and build decks for 10 hours and only have started to scratch the surface," Solana-Walkinshaw said.

He said the major price differences between this game and others like it make it a very accessible game to play. Solana-Walkinshaw said a competitive Magic: the Gathering deck costs around \$500 to \$600, meanwhile you can buy all the decks in Ivion for \$60.

The Luminary Games team plans on releasing more expansions after this version, Winterstorm, adding to the deck-building aspect of the game. They hope to ultimately create other types of board games, with Ivion as the flagship of the company.

With its pending success on the line, the creators of Ivion are sure about one thing: their love of the game.

"I'm fine with us losing half of our investment, as long as it exists. I just want it to exist," Wichman said.



The game features over 290 cards which are divided into six classes, 12 specializations and 54 feats for players to use. // Photo by Tyler Morris

Teaching a lesson in survival

Japanese concentration camp survivor speaks out about the importance of foster care systems

Kristina Rivera
THE WESTERN FRONT

December 8, 1941. One day after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Mary Preville became an enemy of Japan at just nine years old. She would spend three years of her childhood imprisoned in the Weihshien Concentration Camp, run by the Japanese in China.

The situation was grim. Preville experienced constant hunger, overcrowding and poor sanitation within the camp. Rats, bedbugs and flies were rampant.

There were 1,500 prisoners in the camp. There were business people, musicians, prostitutes, missionaries, children and any other “enemy alien” in China at the time.

The missionary teachers in the camp decided school would go on for the children despite the miserable conditions. School continued with no chairs, no desks and no supplies.

“They said, ‘We will win this war. And when we win this war, you will have to compete with other boys and girls who have been going to school all the time,’” Preville said.

She said the missionary teachers provided her with structure and predictability in such a chaotic setting.

“We had substitute parents who became our mentors,” she said. “People to keep us from being terrified and to set up a comfortingly predictable atmosphere as much as you could in a Japanese concentration camp.”

Preville shared her story at a fund-

raising event for Skookum Kids on Friday, Nov. 10, in front of a crowd of 200 people. Skookum Kids is a Bellingham-based nonprofit organization. They recruit and train foster parents and help ease the transition for children entering foster care. Preville was the keynote speaker.

Skookum’s founding executive, Ray Deck, chose Preville to speak at the event because of how the adults in her life made her feel safe in dire circumstances.

“Mary’s story exemplifies what we hope kids in our programs will experience,” Deck said. “There’s nothing we can do to change the terrible things that are a part of their past. What is in our control is what kind of experience they have in the midst of that sorrow and the midst of their healing. And that’s Mary’s story.”

Preville and her siblings were born in China to Christian missionary parents, originally from the United States. She attended a missionary boarding school for children hundreds of miles away from her parents.

“Never in the world did we dream when our parents said goodbye to us at the school for missionaries’ children that we would not see them again for 5 1/2 years,” Preville said in her speech.

Preville, now 85, still remembers the day she was marched to the concentration camp.

Towering brick walls surrounded the camp. Jagged glass cemented at the top jutted out, with electric barbed wire coiled above it. Armed guards with Ger-

man shepherds kept a watchful eye.

“The crowding was intense,” Preville said. “The sanitation was horrendous.”

Yet every child was expected to follow the rules the missionary teachers set up for them. Every day they were inspected.

The teachers tried to keep the children’s spirits up. They even turned the hard parts of living in the concentration camp into games, Preville said.

“I only remember one time being afraid in the concentration camp,” she said. “The teachers allowed us to be children as much as they possibly could.”

On Aug. 17, 1945, Preville was sick, lying on her steamer trunk when she heard a noise from above the camp. The noise kept getting louder and louder. Preville got up and looked out the window.

It was an American plane.

Seven U.S. soldiers parachuted from the sky and liberated the Weihshien Concentration Camp.

All 1,500 people in the camp rushed toward the gate.

“They were berserk,” she said. “Screaming, crying out of their minds with joy.”

On Sept. 11, 1945, Preville and her siblings were finally reunited with their parents.



Mary Preville told her story in The Majestic Ballroom on Nov. 10. // Photo by Tyler Morris

Preville has since dedicated her life to helping underprivileged and at-risk youth.

She spent 26 years as the administrator for the Camden County Youth Center in New Jersey. There, she implemented the same structure and predictability she learned when she was in the concentration camp.

“High expectations, good manners, following rules, following schedules and all of those kinds of things, and the sense of hope they put into us,” she said. “These were things that were built into our program at the youth center.”

Years after Weihshien, Preville tracked down and personally thanked all seven U.S. soldiers who helped liberate the camp. She was grateful she had even survived.

“I just felt we had lived a miracle,” she said. “The teachers had given us a miracle of preserving our childhood.”

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Opinions of the Editorial Board

Defining antisemitism can help put an end to it

Antisemitism on Western’s campus is nothing new.

In spring 2016, President Sabah Randhawa created a task force aimed at preventing antisemitic behavior across campus. Speakers from all over the country have been invited to talk on the topic, and from these discussions it has become clear that putting a definition to the name is of utmost importance.

There is a lot of debate, however, surrounding how exactly to define antisemitism.

On Tuesday, Nov. 7, the House Judiciary Committee held a hearing in which it was discussed whether the Department of Education should consider a comprehensive definition to refer to when addressing complaints of antisemitic behavior towards Jewish students on college campuses. It’s still undecided whether Congress will advise the Department of Education to do so.

The bill, the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act, is an important step in informing campus communities across the nation that antisemitism is no exception for marginalized violence.

The definition that is so widely debated is originally known as the Working Definition of Anti-Semitism, adopted by the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC) in 2005. A different version of the definition is

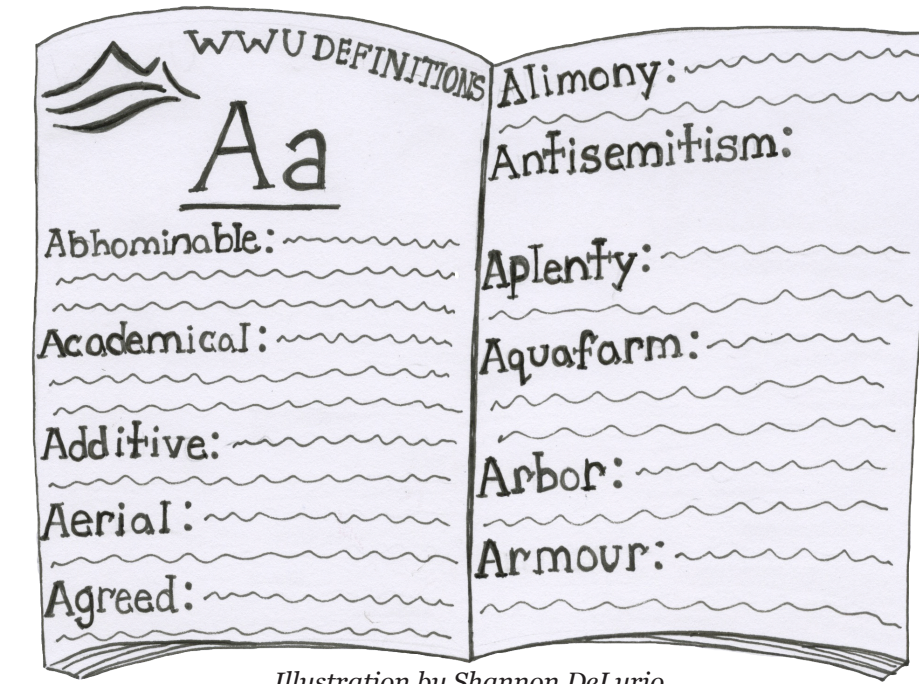


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used by the U.S. State Department in order to assess current problems of antisemitism.

Kenneth Stern, the author of the EUMC’s Working Definition of Anti-Semitism, wrote to the U.S. House of Representatives and cautioned against using the definition for American college campuses as its use was designed for data collectors and researchers.

A more comprehensive definition might solve this problem by tailoring the definition to the realities of attending a modern university as well as encourage a dialogue

between campus community members in order to better understand the issue.

Introducing a definition of antisemitism won’t necessarily solve problems of antisemitism on campus, but it might help the campus community understand the impact of antisemitic statements and actions as well as any behavior that discriminates against marginalized groups.

The task force created by President Randhawa in 2016 was formed in response to several antisemitic incidents at Western that occurred

relatively close to each other that year.

The scope, according to the final report and recommendations for the task force, includes, “Review of the impact of antisemitism in historical and contemporary contexts; review of best practices to prevent and respond to expressed concerns of antisemitism; consult with and seek input from various members of the Western community to inform recommendations.”

The task force followed up on some of its goals by bringing speakers from the greater community to talk about issues surrounding antisemitism, one of which was Director of Governmental Affairs Mark Weitzman from the Simon Wiesenthal Center, a Jewish human rights organization.

Weitzman said in his presentation that Western could be the first university to create and adopt a working definition for antisemitism.

Not only is this great progress for Western, it’s a step in the right direction for universities across the U.S.

Western should continue to invite speakers to campus and encourage the Western community to attend in order to open a dialogue of understanding and knowledge about marginalized groups of people.

The Western Front Editorial Board is composed of Jordan Carlson, Alex Halverson and McKenna Cardwell.

Viking Voices

How would you feel if students could carry concealed weapons on campus?



Olivia Floyd
Sophomore, environmental science

“I think having people carrying concealed weapons on campus where we already have the campus police system isn’t something that I would necessarily advocate for, but I don’t think it would make me distinctly uncomfortable either.”



Zachary Toombs
Senior, environmental education

“I thought they already can? With everything that’s been going on lately it kind of makes me uneasy, but I mean I own a gun, it’s not here in Bellingham with me.”



Derek Winslow
Senior, marketing

“It would probably make me uncomfortable. I don’t like guns at all and knowing that other people have firearms makes me uncomfortable, especially when it’s on their person.”



Lily Foss
Freshman, undecided

“I would be very uncomfortable with that. The only weapon that I think is necessary to carry around is pepper spray, because there has been a lot of Western Alerts going on right now. I’ve been looking into getting pepper spray, but I don’t think weapons any greater than that would be necessary.”

Compiled by Lea Hogdal

Bump, set (1,000) spikes

Junior outside hitter Abby Phelps becomes 14th GNAC volleyball player to reach 1,000 digs, 1,000 spikes

Alex Dupille
THE WESTERN FRONT

History has been made. As Western women's volleyball was on its way to a 3-1 win over the University of Alaska Anchorage on Nov. 2, at WECU Court, junior outside hitter Abby Phelps recorded her 1,000th kill.

In the pivotal fourth set, Phelps achieved the record and was showered with applause from the fans and her teammates.

This achievement put her into elite company in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference as the 14th player ever to join the 1,000 kill and 1,000 dig club. Phelps is also only the fourth Western volleyball player to join the club.

"It was honestly surreal when it happened, because I didn't really know that was on the horizon," Phelps said. "It was pretty remarkable and I just felt really overwhelmed by the amount of support."

Phelps credits her success on the court to her supportive teammates.

"Even though I was individually awarded, that was such a team award," Phelps said. "It takes three contacts to get a kill. It takes a pass and set. I have amazing blockers in front of me that make defense easy. I really believe this is, 100 percent, a team award."

Phelps' teammate, senior Arielle

Turner, said she was ecstatic to see history being made right before her eyes.

"I can't even express the words how happy I am for her," Turner said. "She's just a hard worker, and every single day she comes in and gets better and makes her teammates better. So, for her to get that [milestone] is just so awesome."

Phelps' team has noticed her tremendous growth on the court throughout her time playing for the Vikings.

"It was honestly surreal when it happened, because I didn't really know that was on the horizon."

Abby Phelps
Outside Hitter

"She has grown immensely; I think her biggest thing is her mental game has grown leaps and bounds," senior setter Kristina Tribble said. "She's incredibly athletic, everyone can see that, but I think to reach these goals, 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs, that to me is totally arbitrary to who she is everyday, and her consistency to not only support herself but help others out."

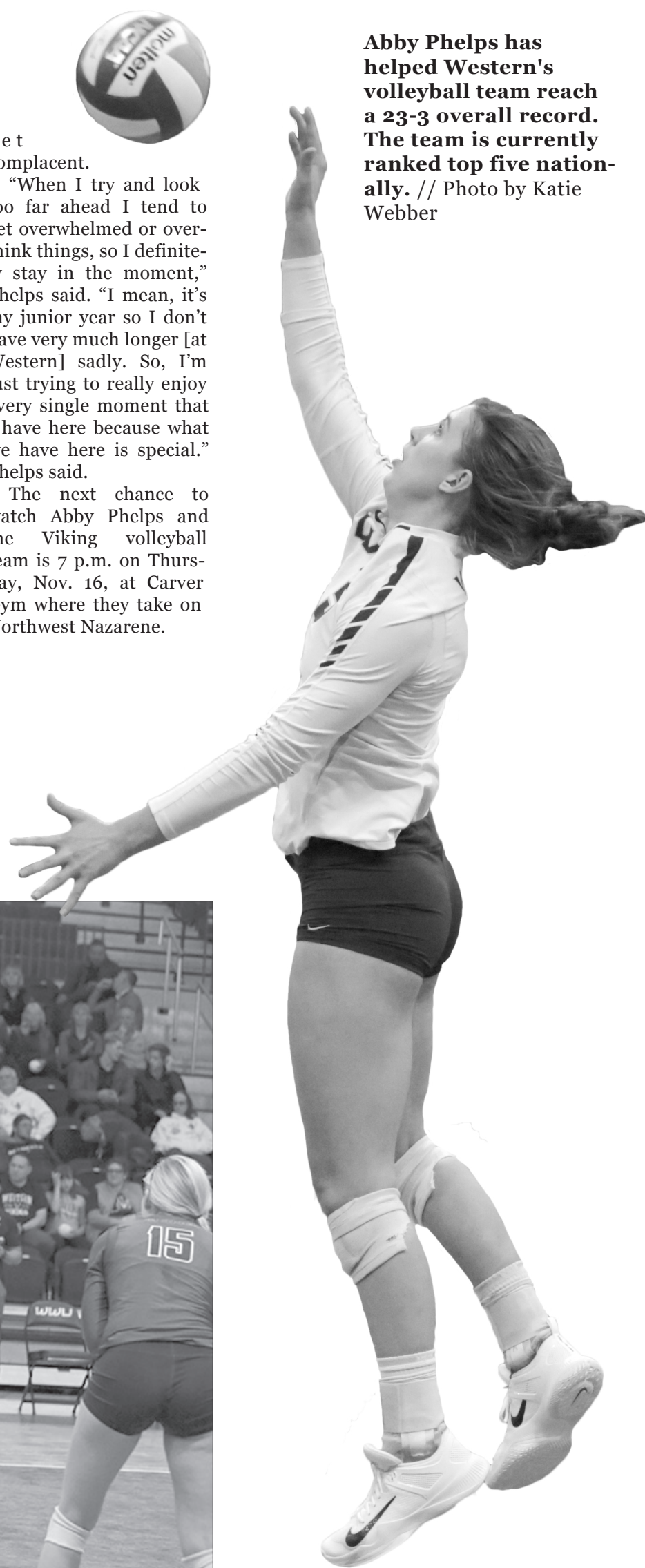
Despite Phelps' accomplishment, she said she's not going to let herself

get complacent.

"When I try and look too far ahead I tend to get overwhelmed or overthink things, so I definitely stay in the moment," Phelps said. "I mean, it's my junior year so I don't have very much longer [at Western] sadly. So, I'm just trying to really enjoy every single moment that I have here because what we have here is special," Phelps said.

The next chance to watch Abby Phelps and the Viking volleyball team is 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16, at Carver Gym where they take on Northwest Nazarene.

Abby Phelps has helped Western's volleyball team reach a 23-3 overall record. The team is currently ranked top five nationally. // Photo by Katie Webber



Phelps celebrates with her teammates after scoring a point. The Vikings are on a 16-match winning streak, tied for the fifth-longest in program history. // Photo by Katie Webber

The hardest-hitting club on campus

Western's boxing club hoping for a higher national tournament turnout

Eliana Ala'ilima-Daley
THE WESTERN FRONT

Rocky said it best when he said, "It ain't about how hard you get hit; it's about how hard you can get hit, and keep moving forward."

The Western Boxing Club is a team dedicated to promoting and giving students the opportunity to participate in the sport of boxing throughout their college years.

Club president and head trainer Jay Lees said there are two parts to the team, one which focuses on technique, while the other focuses on competition.

"[Boxing] makes me feel like a modern-day gladiator."

Sean Barber
Boxing member

"I teach them real boxing, but it's more about self-defense," Lees said. "There's no contact. It's about just getting a good workout in. The other section, we have a team that does spar. Out of that group, there's a couple people that compete."

Club member and assistant trainer Sean Barber said the team, at five years old, is still fairly young. He said the club has seen growth; they began with only three or four regular members and now have around 12.

Barber has been boxing on-and-off since high school, about six years, but has been boxing competi-



Western's boxing club is available for both men and women. // Photo courtesy of The Western Boxing Club

tively for three years.

"I just think it's a cool thing to be able to practice a combat sport. It makes me feel like a modern-day gladiator," Barber said.

The team went to nationals two years ago, but with only two players competing and Barber said this year's team looks more promising.

"This year looks pretty good," Barber said. "It looks like we're going to have five guys and one girl."

Barber said his favorite memory was when he brought six men from the team to a gym in Bellevue for their first experience fighting against a competitive opponent.

"Most people that take boxing would think some bald, tattooed guy with a mustache, but little did they know, they get paired up with this girl," Barber said. "She beat up all six of these dudes. She's actually

a part of our club now."

What makes Barber even more competitive in the sport is the fact his younger brother Dylan is also on Western's boxing team.

"We always train together and that's really motivating," Barber said. "Dylan's the younger one, so he's always been better."

Dylan Barber disagreed, saying he would describe them as pretty equal in skill.

"We don't have a record [between us] but it's probably close to 50-50," Dylan Barber said.

The Barber brothers also practice together.

A typical practice for the team usually involves some warmup footwork, conditioning and then Lees will teach a technique to the group.

"We are very open to new people coming in," Dylan Barber said. "You don't have to have any experience to show up for a meeting."

The boxing club meets at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday and Thursday, in Viking Union 464.



Brothers Sean and Dylan Barber are both members of the boxing club, along with club president Jay Lee. // Photo courtesy Boxing Club

From the sidelines

Opinions from The Western Front staff on all things sports

What is the most physically-demanding sport?



Ray Garcia
Reporter

People who are in swimming have it pretty rough.

Not only do they have to swim a crazy amount of laps during practice, but they have to be able to swim in various ways.

Also, they need really good endurance and strength to maintain speed throughout their swim meets.



Samuel Biehn
Reporter

The most physically demanding sport?

Well, it's obviously football. And I'm not talking about the kind with Lionel Messi.

Not only are bodies flying at you trying to tackle a player from every which direction, but they are the bodies of players who bulk-up all season long in the weight room.

Getting hit by a 300-plus pound defensive lineman at or around the line of scrimmage? Ouch.



Sierra Sandoval
Reporter

When you are surfing you have to have strong shoulders, arms and core to be able to paddle yourself in the water, as well as stand up and balance when riding a wave.

Not only do you have to have physical strength, but also the ability to hold your breathe for long periods of time if you are sucked under the water and being rolled in a wave.

It's also a very dangerous sport that challenges your mentality, as you never know what could possibly happen.



Hailey Palmer
Features Editor

The most physically demanding sport is gymnastics because you destroy your body. In gymnastics, you use a lot of muscles not commonly used in other sports.

You have to be strong and flexible and a lot of other sports just require strength.

It's not one of those sports you can just come back to after taking some time off. You have to be constantly training or you could legitimately hurt yourself trying to jump back into it.

It's not a sport you can compensate with overall strength.

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS ROUNDUP

Abby Owen

THE WESTERN FRONT

Men's basketball starts off season strong, but defeated shortly after

Vikings 87 Argonaut 45

Vikings 76 Vulcans 80

The No. 22 Vikings defeated Notre Dame de Namur University, 87-45, on Saturday night at home. Junior center Logan Schilder recorded his first career double-double. This was the team's 10th consecutive season-opening victory. They were upset the following day by Hawaii-Hilo, 80-76, with another double-double from senior forward Deandre Dickson. Sophomore forward Daulton Hommes scored 22 for the team. They play next on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m., against Douglas College in Sam Carver Gymnasium.

Women's soccer advances to NCAA West Regional final

Vikings 2 Seawolves 0

The seventh-ranked women's soccer team shutout Sonoma State University 2-0 on Saturday at home in the second round of NCAA II championships. Freshmen midfielder Grace Eversaul and junior forward Karli White both scored, with the Vikings booting 25 shots on Sonoma, while Sonoma managed only four. This is Western's 14th shutout in 19 games this season. On Thursday, Nov. 16 and 17 they will play in the NCAA West Regional Final

against UC San Diego in California.

Women's volleyball on 16th consecutive win

Vikings 3 Falcons 2

The No. 5 Vikings beat Seattle Pa-

cific University, 3-2, on Thursday, Nov. 9, winning the last game 15-13. The Vikings improved their record to 22-3 overall, remaining in first place in the GNAC. On Saturday night the team

defeated Saint Martin's University on their turf 3-0. The team out-blocked the Saints 14 to 3, the third-most blocks in a three-set match in program history. They set the three-game record earlier this season against Simon Fraser with 16 blocks. The Vikings play at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 16, against Northwest Nazarene in Carver Gym. On Saturday, Nov. 18, they play Central Washington University at 7 p.m in Carver Gym.

Women's basketball starts season with 2 wins

Vikings 86 Sunbirds 72

Vikings 54 Loggers 50

On Friday, Nov. 13, the team beat Fresno Pacific University at home, 86-72, with senior forward Hannah Stipanovich scoring 20 points. Four new players joined Stipanovich in double-digits, including Dani Lwami, Kelsey Rogers, Emma Duff and Gracie Castaneda. On Tuesday, Nov. 14, there was another victory against Humboldt State University, 54-50, with Stipanovich scoring double-digits again. The team travels again to California to face UC San Diego on Friday, Nov. 17 and Azusa Pacific University on Saturday, Nov. 18.

Women's soccer is looking to retain their national championship. // Photo by Katie Webber




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