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## Suspect in hit-and-run that injured Western student pleaded not guilty in court on Feb. 16

**Aaron Gillis**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

A trial hearing has been set for April 30 for the suspect in a hit and run that injured a West-

ern student on Jan. 31. Luis Gomez Gutierrez, 51, appeared in Whatcom County Court on Friday, Feb. 16 at 9 a.m., and pleaded not guilty to his charge of

hit and run resulting in injury, a class C felony. A class C felony can carry a sentence up to five years in prison, fines of up to \$10,000 or both, according to

Washington state law. Gutierrez was taken into custody on Feb. 5, but released on Feb. 8 after he posted \$5,000 bail. The state requested

bail at \$25,000, but the court deemed bail was to be set at \$5,000. On Jan. 31, Gutierrez was driving a green *see SUSPECT, page 2*

## WTA to temporarily move campus bus stop, address future of park and ride

**Kayna Dean**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Could you find parking this morning? What about a bus to campus?

The Whatcom Transportation Authority Board met to discuss the Lincoln Creek Park & Ride and protocol for buses going through campus while construction on the Viking Union continues.

WTA is concerned about the construction beginning on the Viking Union. Pete Stark, general manager for WTA, said Western originally planned to begin construction in June, but

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**Bus at Lincoln Creek Park and Ride. Bellingham and the WTA have recommended Western add a stoplight at the site to increase safety. // Photo by Taylor Nichols**

## Farmworkers: new campaign benefits farms, not farmworkers

*Save Family Farming launches Farmworker Justice Now, faces criticism from advocacy groups for motives*

**Sarah Porter**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Regional farms have started a campaign in response to farmworker advocacy groups that critics say is deceptive.

Farmworker Justice Now, a campaign launched by the group Save Family Farming, is in response to the organizing done by local advo-

cacy group Community to Community Development and farmworkers union Familias Unidas por la Justicia around farmworker rights.

Save Family Farming communication director and campaign coordinator, Dillon Honcoop, and farm labor advisor, Juan Baldovinos, sent a letter to Western president Sabah Randhawa

on Feb. 15. In the letter, they warned that students supporting union organizing activities is "very harmful to farmers," and they claimed that state-owned buses were used to transport student activists to union protests, which they said is "likely not legal."

Community to Community Development organizer, Edgar Franks,

said the campaign is a result of farms' fear of unions.

Franks said the letter is just a scare tactic intended to prevent students from learning about social justice, that it's part of a larger movement against free speech and that farms are scared of their workers forming unions.

"Hopefully Western

doesn't listen to any of that nonsense," Franks said.

The Farmworker Justice Now project is affiliated with farm groups in Whatcom, Skagit and Yakima counties, organizers said. It seeks to fight accusations that migrant workers are being abused in the wake of the

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**Housing shared by farmworkers at Sarbanand Farms, taken in August. // Photo by Asia Fields**

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## Western grieves sudden loss of professor

**Emily Stoute**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

At the entrance of the computer science department, a table is set up in memory of James (Jim) Lee Johnson, a professor who died unexpectedly in his Bellingham home on Wednesday, Jan. 14.

A condolence book sits on the table for students and faculty to share memories of Johnson, along with flowers and pictures.

Johnson had been with the computer science department since it was started in 1983, when he left the math department to join the new program. He specialized in algorithms.

Mary Tully, the computer science department manager, said she set up the table and

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## Groundhog sure looks like a fool now



A student makes their way past the Western Gallery on Feb. 20. Crocus flower bulbs have begun blooming on campus despite the recent freezing temperatures. // Photo by Taylor Nichols

### SUSPECT

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1995 Ford Escort heading southbound on Interstate 5 when he was suspected of striking 23-year-old Western student Lucas K. Brazier.

Gutierrez then supposedly fled the scene without stopping or calling 911, according to information found in his case file. Brazier was later found in the bushes off of the freeway when a police officer spotted him, according to Washington State Patrol.

A Harborview Medical Center spokesperson said Brazier was in satisfactory condition on Feb. 17.

Debris found at the scene led back to Gutierrez's vehicle, and he was located on Feb. 5, according to state patrol. When confronted by officers, Gutierrez admitted he had been driving, but claimed he thought he had hit a deer, according to his case file. He was then placed under arrest.

Gutierrez's omnibus hearing, where evidence is determined for trial, is set for April 6, and his trial confirmation is set for April 25 at Whatcom County Superior Court.

## We hear you.

Content warning: sexual assault

Students have asked for increased coverage of sexual assault at Western and the way these cases are handled. We understand the importance of reporting on this issue and we are asking for your help. If you want to share your story with us, we promise you will have full control of your story and what is included, and you can withdraw at any time. We can also offer anonymity to survivors.

The Western Front is striving for responsible coverage that shows the wide impact rape culture and sexual assault has on our community. We also want our reporting to be survivor-centered and solutions-based.

You can fill out an anonymous Google Form linked on our Facebook page.

If you would like to share your story, or even just talk about what this would entail, you can also email us at westernfrontonline@gmail.com or email our editor-in-chief, Asia Fields, directly at asiainfields.westernfront@gmail.com.

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### Corrections

In our Board of Trustees meeting coverage last week, we incorrectly said 40 percent of the space in the Multicultural Center is unassigned. According to the administration, this number is actually 14 percent. Our reporter misheard this information.

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accelerated the project to begin in February.

With this construction comes increased traffic on High Street, as well as construction debris like fencing, Stark says the WTA is putting safety at the top of their radar with the help of University Police.

Starting Monday, Feb. 26, WTA will move the bus stop from in front of the Viking Union to a temporary stop closer to the Performing Arts Center. Service delays are expected as a result from the congestion, so students are advised to catch an earlier bus than they would normally take.

The stop will stay by the Performing Arts Center through the duration of the construction, which is estimated to be about a year and a half. Maureen McCarthy, WTA's community relations and marketing manager, said the Performing Arts Center bus stop will be split into two

different zones. The Orange Zone is for riders catching Route 190 or the 190 Shuttle, and the Teal Zone is for riders

turn the area into more than just another parking lot.

Stark said the buses haul about 800 passengers out of

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-PETE STARK  
WTA General Manager

catching all other routes going through Western. McCarthy said there are no plans to change the Haggard Hall bus stop.

WTA has been working with Western on what to do with the Lincoln Creek site for the past 10 years, Stark said. About a year ago, Western wanted to develop the area to provide more parking for students.

WTA and the City of Bellingham suggested holding off for a little while longer and looking into ideas that could

the approximately 400-car lot. In the past year, WTA and the city came up with the idea of adding a bus station to the Lincoln Creek site rather than more parking.

"They [Western] are planning on growing the university by about 300 students a year," Stark said. "In their long term plan, this is an important site. For us to be able to move hundreds of people out of there safely, efficiently and reliably is our number one concern."

Buses having to make left turns across traffic to get into

the lot is also a cause for concern. Stark said the bus station design includes a traffic light to allow bus mobility to be safer and easier for both passengers and the drivers.

Western has a \$7 million budget to develop the site and add a traffic light to the area, according to their original plan. In order to go along with the City and WTA's proposal, Western is asking for assistance from WTA and the state.

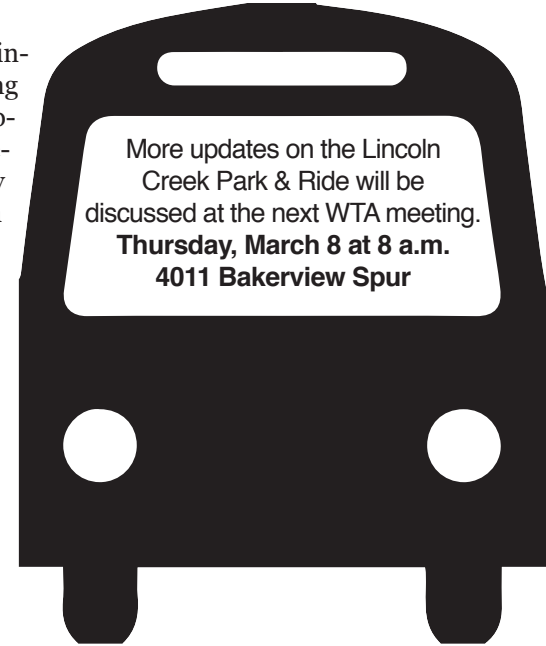
A letter of interest is being drafted to apply for the Regional Mobility Grant by March 1. This grant supports local efforts to reduce roadway congestion and increase traffic mobility.

If the project doesn't receive the grant, Stark said Western could apply for a low

interest loan that can be paid back to the state with 15 years worth of parking fees.

Outside of grants and loans, Stark said the state wants assurance that the site is going to be a park and ride for 25 years. Western plans to have the project designed this year, and construction beginning next year.

Infographic by Kayna Dean



### JOHNSON

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brought the book after students began asking how they could express their condolences to his family.

Johnson is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Shelley; his children, Jessica and Jimmy; his sisters, Jill, Shirley and Midge; and his brother, Robert, according to his obituary.

Tully said the department is tight-knit and many students and faculty were close to Johnson. She expects to keep the table up until the end of the week, as she said people are still processing the news.

"This is a very sad time," she said.

Alex Covington, a senior who was taking Johnson's class this quarter, said the chair of the department,

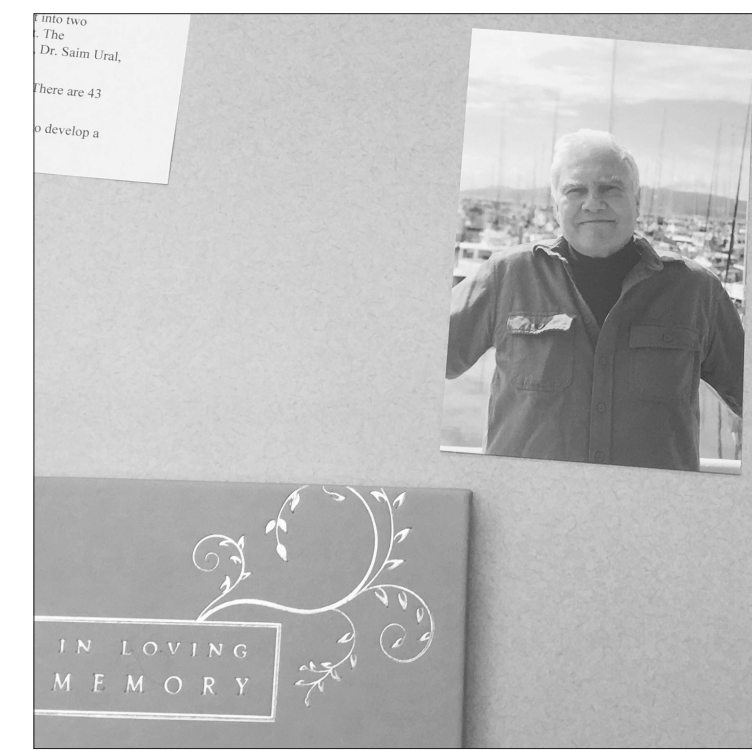


Photo and book on campus for students to share their memories of Johnson. // Photo by Emily Stoute

Perry Fizzano, visited the class on Wednesday to notify students. Later, an email was sent out explaining the situation.

"Everybody was shocked," Covington said.

Aran Clauson, a computer science instructor, remembers Johnson fondly. Johnson taught Clauson as an undergraduate student and was his graduate adviser before he became a faculty member himself.

Clauson said Johnson embraced him as an equal when he became a faculty member and had a warm and funny personality, frequently sharing stories about his wife and kids.

"I never got the sense that there was a wall up between master and student," Clauson said.

Clauson said they will have to hire a new faculty member

by the beginning of next year and expressed that Johnson's passing is a serious loss for the department.

"There's a lot of knowledge that is now gone," said Clauson.

Fizzano said he has taken over Johnson's classes for the remainder of the quarter. The faculty is still sorting out how they will cover his classes for next quarter, he said.

A celebration of Johnson's life will be held at 1 p.m. on March 8 at Westford Funeral Home. Memories can be shared with the family online.

The Counseling Center is available for students who are affected by Johnson's passing. Visit their website for information on grief groups and other resources.

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# New major will be added to humanities department

*Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies program to be expanded into its own major*

**Max Brunt**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

The Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies program will be getting its own major starting fall quarter 2018.

The Academic Coordinating Commission approved a proposal for a full 60-credit major and a new 25-credit minor with several additional courses, according to an email sent out by program director Vicki Hsueh. It will

be ready to implement once it passes through the regional accreditation body.

The current program only includes a minor and the option to design a custom major with faculty input. While the custom major option gives students some freedom in designing their curriculum, the prospect of designing your own major can be daunting to some students, Western political science and WGSS professor Shirin Deylami said.

"Frankly, the onus becomes on the student to try and figure out what that major should look like," Deylami said. She said she hopes more students will major in this department if it takes a standard approach.

The self-designed major is a lot of additional work, said current WGSS major Jillian Cobb. She was disappointed to see that Western didn't offer a major in the department before, but still chose to design her own major despite it being a hassle.

"Even though I am graduating before it becomes an official major, I'm really excited that other people who want to pursue a WGSS major now have a pathway to do so," Cobb said. "In the past, I'm sure many students have been disheartened or discouraged it was not an official major, resulting in them picking another major entirely."

The custom major is also difficult because it can lack some of the peer interaction that other majors might have, Rachael Redjou, another WGSS major said.

"There is no sense of community because it literally is just you going through the classes," Redjou said.

The WGSS program has expanded rapidly since it was incorporated into the College of Humanities and Social Sciences in 2013, program director Hsueh said. It called attention to the fact that Western is one of the only public universities in Washington without a Women's Studies or equivalent major.

"I've never had a student who has said, 'You know, I don't think we need a major,'" Hsueh said.

Every single one of them has essentially said 'Even if I didn't want to do the major, I would still want a major.'

The major is 60 credits to make it appealing for double majors, Hsueh said. The new program intends to be interdisciplinary. When Hsueh initially surveyed students in the program she found that many of them expressed further interest in intersectional studies of gender and feminism.

The program has passed all stages of review at the university level, said Marc Geisler, associate dean for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. The next administrative step is approval from Western's regional accreditation body, the Northwest



Illustration by Mathew Roland

Commission of Colleges and Universities.

"The university is accredited for what it has in terms of curriculum, so if you want to add something you need to pass it by our regional accreditation body," Geisler said. "We don't expect any problems with that, it's just a process to go through."



Program Director Vicki Hsueh // Photo by Taylor Nichols

# Sen. Ericksen, Republican officials hold town hall to discuss gun violence, climate change and health care

**Meredith Karbowski**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Hot topics were discussed at a Republican town hall meeting led by state Sen. Doug Ericksen and Reps. Vincent Buys and Luanne Van Werven in Blaine on Saturday, Feb. 17.

After a brief overview of property tax changes, the meeting opened up for attendees to ask questions about local government.

After the recent school shooting in Parkland, Fla., many residents were curious about local legislators' opinion on gun control. One attendee asked about easy access to assault weapons in Washington.

"We don't have a gun problem, we have a mental health problem," Van Werven said.

The statement was met with both applause in approval and angry jeers from attendees.

Van Werven told the audience that assault weapons are illegal in Washington, and said that the state has increased the capital bud-

get for funding for mental health services.

However, according to Senate Bill 5050, the sale of assault weapons is currently legal in Washington. The bill, and its companion bill

*"There's a common thread we've seen in school shootings in the past few years, and it has to do with mental health issues and violent video games."*

**Luanne Van Werven**  
42nd District Representative

HB 1134, look to implement a ban on assault weapons and large capacity magazines, but are currently in committee.

Although no firm plan has been made yet to address gun control, Van Werven said she wants to put armed officers in schools in Washington, which elicited another mixed reaction from attendees.

"Is that your only plan to stop school shootings?" one Blaine resident said.

The resident mentioned

that there was an armed resource officer in Florida.

"There's a common thread we've seen in school shootings in the past few years, and it has to do with mental health issues and

violent video games," Van Werven said. "As a society, these are things we really need to handle head on."

The discussion of gun control was ended when one attendee spoke in support of it and said she wants lawmakers to consider the safety of youth in Washington.

"Do you value the rights of people to carry these weapons of mass destruction more than you value the lives of young people?" she said.

One Blaine resident asked what Buys, who serves on the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, plans to do to stop global warming and climate change.

posed carbon tax.

Brandi Edwards, a nurse in Blaine, asked all three how they felt about accessible healthcare for all.

Ericksen said he is a believer in health savings accounts and thinks single payer healthcare is a step backward.

"Health savings accounts empower people to make their own decisions about their healthcare," Ericksen said. "I think [single payer] is a bad system for us here in Washington state."

In October 2017, Ericksen led a town hall meeting at Western that members of the Young Democrats of Western attended to debate Ericksen about his views on abortion and climate change, which he believes is not caused by humans, despite this being backed by a majority of scientists.

Other than angry outbursts during the gun control discussion, most who attended Saturday's meeting agreed with the statements made by Ericksen, Buys and Van Werven.

# How much do your donations impact elections?

**Julia Furukawa**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

It's easy to feel like your contribution to a political campaign won't make much

of a difference. Yet, even if you don't have millions of dollars, you might have more power than you think.

Many people, college students included, donate mon-

ey to candidates running for office. If you believe strongly in a cause, donating can feel like a quick and easy way to help further it.

However, the news rarely

focuses on these small-scale contributions, opting instead to cover the vast sums of money donated to campaigns by PACs, Super PACs, nonprofits and LLCs. While these donations certainly impact political outcomes, for the top three candidates in the 2016 presidential election cycle, the contribution records don't open to the public show that individual contributions were their largest sources of funding.

These records are required by the Federal Elections Commission. Then, politically-focused nonprofit organizations like Open Secrets publish all reported data regarding donations online in an accessible database.

For example, according to the Open Secrets database, in the 2016 Presidential Election Cycle, 70.89 percent of Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton's donations were from individual contributions.

For Republican candidate Donald Trump, individual contributions made up 39.69 percent of his funding. While not as large of a percentage as Clinton, these donations were the most lucrative for Trump.

In Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders' case, individual contributions made up almost 100 percent of his campaign funds.

This trend doesn't stop at the national level either.

A similar trend appears when looking closer at two of the Democratic House Representatives for Washington state, Maria Cantwell, and Patty Murray.

In Cantwell's case, the donations made by individual citizens contributed significantly more to her campaign than those from LLCs, nonprofits or PACs.

From 2013 to 2018 in Cantwell's races, individual contributions, both large and small, made up 97.86 percent of her funds. Only 0.71 percent of Cantwell's money came from PACs.

For Democratic Rep. Murray, 67.37 percent of her campaign funding from 2013 to 2018 came from individual contributions.

These donations can be used for anything from travel expenses to national ad campaigns, allowing candidates to broaden their reach.

So, what does this tell us?

While many people feel powerless regarding the outcome of an election and don't have the time or means to get out and volunteer or canvass, it seems that a vote from a wallet actually can impact an election, no matter how small that wallet may be.

## Who are the donors?

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# International programs discussed at Provost forum

**Emily Stout**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

The Provost's Office hosted a public forum to discuss Western's new Global Pathway Program and a recent partnership with Study Group, a private corporation that assists universities with international programs.

Western has partnered with Study Group to start the Global Pathway Program, which aims to merge English as a Second Language courses with for-credit courses for international students. Study Group has partnerships with schools across the world and will assist in recruiting students to the program, set to begin in fall 2018.

Western announced a 10-year contract with Study Group in November. After the announcement, some faculty members raised concerns, saying they disagree with the Study Group business model and felt they were left out of the decision. Study Group will also be taking a percentage of tuition for students it recruits.

At a meeting on Feb. 12, the Faculty Senate unanimously voted to approve the Global Pathway Program, with some saying they see value in the program and not necessarily the partnership with Study Group.

At the forum on Thursday, Feb. 15, Provost Brent Carbal said he believes the partnership with Study Group will be beneficial to the uni-

versity.

"Study Group aligns with the mission of Western," he said.

Representatives from several work groups assigned to prepare the Global Pathway Program spoke about what they have completed. The work groups include topics such as admissions, marketing, finance, technology and academics.

Maggie Barklind, senior director of administration and services at Extended Education, said the work groups are made up of people from across the university who offer expertise on a subject.

Vicky Hamblin, executive director of the Center for Global Engagement and head of the academic work group,

presented an academic proposal at the meeting. This proposal outlines the pathways for international students who are accepted into the program.

The current ESL program in place at Western, the Intensive English Program, will assist international students in reaching English language proficiency. Once they reach a certain level, students can begin to take select classes for credit.

Hamblin said they are still working out the specific learning environment that would be ideal for international students who may be taking classes with limited English language skills. She said more will be decided in the coming months.

"We've been wanting to internationalize our program for a long time," he said at the meeting.

Barklind said it is estimated that 75 students will begin the undergraduate pathway fall 2018 and 23-25 students will begin the pre-MBA pathway at the beginning of the 2019-20 academic year.

"There's still a lot to learn," Hamblin said.

A pre-MBA option will also be available through the Global Pathway Program. Mark Staton, director of graduate programs for the College of Business and Economics, expressed his excitement to welcome new international students into the program.

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## An Open Letter to Students, Faculty and Administration Concerned About Justice for Farmworkers

Your concern for those who work our farm fields is to be commended. Perhaps you are especially concerned about how guest workers from Mexico are treated. That concern may lead you to join the efforts to protest their alleged mistreatment and even help boycott products coming from farms you have been told are abusing their workers.

Before joining up, we invite you to learn more about justice for farmworkers and especially the H2A or guest worker program

You no doubt agree that farm guest workers should be paid well for the hard work they do, that they should be treated properly, be provided proper housing, be paid what they are owed and be free to express complaints. We agree and here are a few facts:

In Washington state, farmers employed about 18,000 guest workers from Mexico this past harvest season. With about 80% of their earnings sent to support their Mexican families and **with average earnings for the harvest season of about \$20,000 this means their families in Mexico received about \$288 million earned in Washington farm fields in 2017.**

Guest workers are guaranteed by law to earn over the state's minimum wage. Called the "Adverse Wage Rate," for 2017 **the minimum was \$13.38 per hour; for 2018 it will be \$14.12.** Washington's rate is highest in the nation because of our minimum wage. This is the minimum all must be paid, including the domestic workers doing the same work. However, most earn considerably more based on incentive pay. The state reports the **average farm worker pay at about \$18 per hour.** Farmers report typical costs for workers including benefits at \$20 to \$25 per hour.

**Farmers hiring guest workers have many requirements including providing free housing and free transportation from and to their homes. They must also provide a safe, healthy work environment and affordable food.** All these are required by law with numerous federal and state laws applying. In addition to the wages paid, farmers pay about \$1100 to \$1300 in additional benefits and costs for each guest worker. It is an expensive program but used more because of the growing shortage of available farm labor. Some farmers have lost valuable crops because of the severe shortage of farm workers.

**The many regulations involve frequent inspections by regulatory agencies as well as food industry audits.** Farmers not complying with the required living conditions and worker treatment are subject to enforcement and may lose access to markets. The recent \$150,000 fine against a Sumas farm for late work breaks and meal times shows that workers are protected and farmers face severe penalties for failure to comply. The investigation also showed the accusations of farmer abuse relating to the death of the worker in Sumas were absolutely false.

These guest worker jobs are extremely valuable for these workers. Compare the approximately \$20 per hour earned in Washington fields to the Mexican minimum wage of \$11 per day. **It would take six years working full time as a Mexican farmworker to earn what they can earn in a few months in our farm fields.** Hear from the workers yourself at <http://www.farmworkerjusticenow.org/farmworkers-speak-out.html>.

The shortage of workers and efforts to prevent farms from using the guest worker program is hurting workers, not helping them. The very high cost of labor in Washington puts our farmers at a disadvantage against the much lower cost of labor in countries exporting fruit such as Mexico, Serbia, Peru, China and more. Farmers are mechanizing as quickly as they can, reducing these very valuable work opportunities. This hurts consumers as it eliminates locally grown food and increases food borne illnesses. But it hurts workers even more by taking away these valuable jobs.

There is much more to learn about the guest worker program. But here is the main point: **when you decide to support protests, strikes and boycotts against farmers who use the guest worker program please understand you are part of an effort to take opportunities away from those who very much need them. This hurts farmers and consumers but mostly the workers who need these comparatively high paying jobs.**

Farmworker Justice Now is a project of Save Family Farming. We believe justice for farm workers starts with the opportunity to have a great job and provide for their families. We hope you support our efforts.

Dillon Honcoop Farm Worker Justice Project Coordinator

Juan Baldovinos, Farm Labor Policy Advisor

[www.farmworkerjusticenow.org](http://www.farmworkerjusticenow.org)

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potential Sarbanand Farms class-action lawsuit, according to the website.

The goal is to protect migrant workers' access to jobs and farmers' access to labor, said Gerald Baron, the communications director of affiliate group Whatcom Family Farmers.

The project was launched late last year in response to farm labor union Familias Unidas por la Justicia and activist group Community to Community Development, organizers said. Familias Unidas por la Justicia is one of the few farm labor unions in Washington state, Franks said.

Baron said Community to Community Development helps workers circumvent

das por la Justicia winning a union contract in June 2017 scares farms.

Honcoop said it's becoming increasingly difficult for farms to find domestic labor, and migrant workers need access to these jobs. They are high-paying compared to farm labor jobs in Mexico, where most migrant workers come from, he said.

"Farmworkers are, in large part, being treated well," Honcoop said. "Farmers and farmworkers need each other."

Baron and Honcoop said they grew up working on farms alongside foreign workers, and they are concerned about the future of farm jobs and family farming. Baldovinos, who is originally from Mexico and has worked on local farms, acts as a liaison and translator for the Farmwork-



Ramon Torres, leader of Familias Unidas, speaking to farmworkers at Sarbanand Farms in August. // Photo by Asia Fields

"As soon as their funding runs out, they won't talk about farmworker justice."

-EDGAR FRANKS  
Community to Community Development organizer

laws related to union organizing, and argues that the group should be classified as a union and have to face corresponding regulations. Honcoop and

Justice Now campaign.

Franks said they don't know the realities of farmworkers, and that he was a farmworker in the past as

Community to Community Development doesn't consider the Save Family Farming project a serious effort, and Franks said the farm groups don't really care about farmworker justice. He said that it is a public relations campaign backed by big farms with lots of money and political power.

"As soon as their funding runs out, they won't talk about farmworker justice," Franks said.

Baron has a background in crisis communications and is known for his public relations response to the Olympic Pipeline explosion in 1999, according to his bio. He said he tried to retire four years ago, but farms needed his help.

"I don't like to see what's happening with all the groups attacking farms," Baron said.

Honcoop said he was KGMI radio's brand manager for 12 years, so both have a background in communication.

Some citizens are concerned about the Farmworker Justice Now campaign being deceptive. Bellingham resident Dena Louise sent an email to the Bellingham City and Whatcom County Councils which informed them of the campaign, calling it a public relations effort initiated by Baron, according to Louise's Facebook post.

Louise's partner, Sandy Robson, said the campaign is advocating for the farmers rather than the farmworkers. Robson is a citizen journalist who has been a Whatcom resident since 2009, and has blogged about Baron's involvement in agricultural issues.

"If they called it Farmers' Justice it would be more accurate," Robson said.

Franks agrees that the campaign name is deceptive, and he said there's already a nonprofit organization called Farmworker Justice, which Community to Community Development works with. Louise wrote to the coun-

cils that the project seems to say farmers must be undisputed by community members regarding their treatment of immigrant workers, and she asked City Council to engage with Community to Community Development and other groups to develop solutions to end white supremacy.

The debate about the H-2A program comes amidst a recent lawsuit against Sarbanand Farms, as reported by The Western Front. The farm came under scrutiny after the death of Honesto Silva Ibarra, a migrant farmworker, and a subsequent protest involving 70 workers alleging unsafe working conditions.

A Labor and Industries investigation fined Sarbanand Farms nearly \$150,000 for missed breaks and late meal times, which are serious violations, said Elizabeth Smith, assistant director of L&I Fraud Prevention and Labor Standards, in a Feb. 1 press release. The medical examiner concluded that Ibarra's death was due to natural causes, and not a result of the work environment.

Save Family Farming called on Community to Community Development to retract accusations about unsafe working conditions on Sarbanand Farms, and to apologize to Ibarra's family for the "many unfounded claims they have made about unsafe working conditions," according to their press release.

"The issue is, who's telling the truth here?" Baron said.

The Sarbanand Farms lawsuit has been assigned to a judge and the first scheduling date is May 1, 2018, Joe Morrison, a lawyer representing the farmworkers, said in an email.

Baron said Community to Community Development and Familias Unidas por la Justicia are working together to take away guest worker opportunities provided by the H-2A visa program. Franks said they aren't against H-2A workers, but the program needs to be improved.

"It creates a neoslavery workforce, legalized," Franks said.

Franks said H-2A workers should be unionized and farms should be required to provide benefits they promise to foreign workers. He said the success of Familias Uni-

well. He said they are unable to recruit labor because they don't treat their workers well.

Even though the H-2A program requires that farms prove they can't find domestic workers, Community to Community Development said domestic farm labor is often available to farms using the program.



Left: One of the farmworkers fired this summer by Sarbanand Farms participating in a protest outside of the farm in August. // Photo by Asia Fields

# American Indian Movement launches 10,000 mile walk across the nation

*Longest Walk 5.3 aims to combat domestic abuse and drug addiction on reservations*

**Katja Tunkkari**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Participants in a cross-country walk to raise awareness of addiction and domestic violence on reservations left Ferndale on Sunday, destination: Washington D.C.

The walk is the last of three making up the Longest Walk 5. The Longest Walk was initially launched by the American Indian Movement in 1978. Dennis Banks, a co-founder of the group, thought of the idea, and was also the person who organized the Longest Walk 5. Banks lost his own granddaughter to domestic violence in 2015, Indian Country Today reported.

This year's walk held special meaning for participants, as Banks died in October. Included in the opening ceremony was a tribute to honor Banks' life.

A group of around twenty Native American chiefs, elders, community members and supporters gathered in Ferndale for the opening ceremony, bundled in a multitude of layers and

donning American Indian Movement buttons and apparel.

Participants included supporters from all over the globe, ranging from people from Japan to members of Nevada's Shoshone Tribe, who made the trip by car

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**Jessica Houseman-Whitehawk**  
Data collector

from Reno, Nev. to attend the opening ceremony. Freddie Xwenang Lang, a member of Lummi Nation and host of the opening ceremony, was also in attendance.

During the opening ceremony, the walk's national chief, Bobby Wallace, emphasized the necessity of addressing domestic vio-

lence and the substance addiction within Native American communities.

"To everyone standing here in front of me: together, we can make a difference," Wallace said.

He also emphasized the importance of solidarity



**Participants embark on the Longest Walk 5.3 on Saturday, Feb. 17. // Photo by Katja Tunkkari**

a final rally and progress evaluation.

The Longest Walk was initially launched by the American Indian Movement in 1978. It was initiated in response to bills brought before Congress that would've abolished

treaties between Native American nations and the American government.

Since 1978, there have been several renditions of the Longest Walk. They have included the Longest Walk 2, which aimed to bring attention to the need for the protection of Native American sacred sites in 2008. The Longest Walk 3 was an effort to address the diabetes epidemic within Native American communities in 2011.

The walk will employ a spiritual, educational and community-building approach as it makes its way across the continent, according to its mission statement. It will also collect data regarding domestic violence and alcohol addiction within Native American communities in order to find solutions, Wallace said in his opening address.

Also participating in the march are several supporters who will be responsible for data collection as the Longest Walk 5.3 makes its way across the United States.

The data will serve to help Native American Tribes support programs that address domestic violence and substance abuse, Jessica Houseman-Whitehawk, a data collector, said. It will also be used to compile a report that will be sent to Congress in the effort of implementing

legislature that will reduce the impact of these issues on Native American tribes.

Houseman-Whitehawk said she had a close relationship with Dennis Banks, having known him since she was a young girl.

Having earned a college degree in statistics, Houseman-Whitehawk aims to implement a quantitative and qualitative data collecting approach in the form of surveys in order to complement the data that Banks and his supporters already collected.

Houseman-Whitehawk continues to support the Longest Walk after Banks' passing.

"I just really believe in, and I've witnessed, the beautiful things that the walk has done for people. Inspiration and empowerment for the people. I'm just really happy to be a part of it," Houseman-Whitehawk said.

**"To everyone standing here in front of me: together, we can make a difference."**

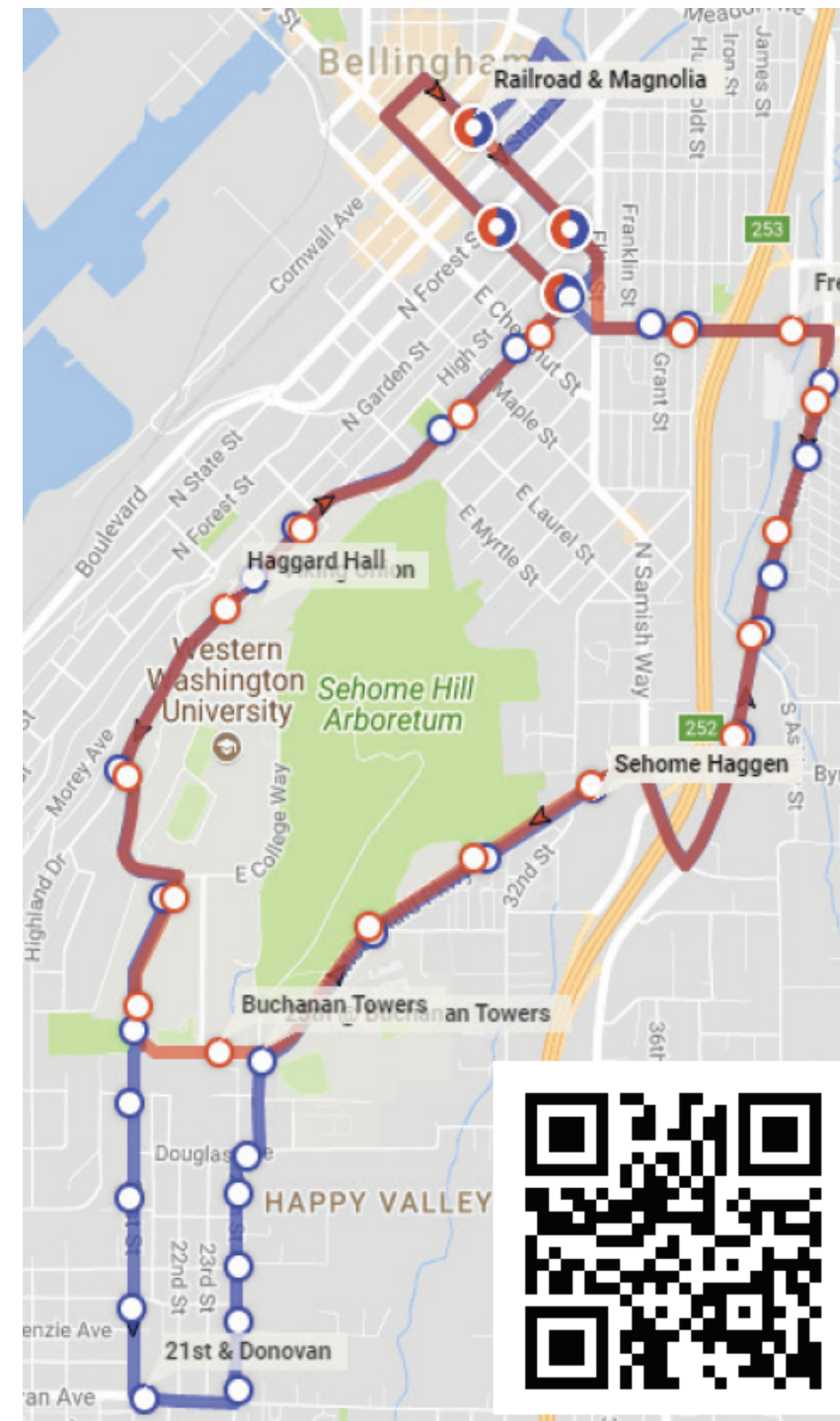
**Bobby Wallace**  
National chief of the Longest Walk



**Jeremiah Jones holds the flag of the Western Shoshone at the opening ceremony for the Longest Walk 5.3. Jones travelled from Reno, Nevada, to participate in the ceremony. // Photo by Katja Tunkkari**



**Individuals gather for the opening ceremony, in which original founder of the Longest Walk, Dennis Banks, was honored. // Photo by Katja Tunkkari**



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# WHAT'S GOOD: BRUNCH IN BELLINGHAM

Taylor Nichols  
THE WESTERN FRONT

People love brunch. I mean, who doesn't? Some trudge through weekdays, knowing the hardest thing they'll have to do on the weekend is decide between eggs benedict or a soup and sandwich combo.

For others, it's all about the socially acceptable day drinking.

Whether you're doing it for Instagram or in serious need of a mimosa, the same old spots can get old after awhile.

Here's a list of five noteworthy places that are not so average.

\*Yes, all of these places have coffee.

## Cafe Rumba

Walking down North State Street, you may be intrigued by this Peruvian deli. If the half-painted deep blue door doesn't make you look twice, the steamed up windows might.

What's so steamy in there? All the Peruvian flavors, of course.

They have a signature breakfast sandwich, but you can add a fried egg to any of their regular ones too. They can make any sandwich as a breakfast plate or a scramble. No mimosas here, but they do have Peruvian coffee, beer and Peruvian passion fruit juice. They don't usually get too busy until lunch, so it's nice and easy to get a table in the morning.



## La Fiamma

Pizza for breakfast? Kind of weird, but it works.

First of all, this hungover brunch thing has gotten to the point where they serve slices of leftover pizza from their late-night window with a beer or shot.

Also notable: \$2 bloody marys and mimosas from 9 to 11 a.m. (including a ghost pepper or chipotle bloody mary for those spicy people out there.)

I had the mozzarella and veggie pizza, which comes with poached eggs, arugula and pesto. The eggs benedict pizza also piqued my interest. They serve French toast, dutch babies and skilletos too, if you're not down with the poached eggs on pizza thing. It usually gets busy around 11:30 a.m. on weekends, so be sure to show up early for happy hour or make a reservation.



## Marlin's Cafe

If you live in the York neighborhood, there's a good chance you've caught the bus in front of Nelson's Market. Let's be honest, you've probably already been here for brunch. The cafe is a popular place for students. It's pretty kitschy in the cafe, which is inside the market. Think of the classic 1950s diner style.

During my visit, I had the veggie omelette and a side of blueberry pancakes (the pancakes were bomb). It gets pretty busy on the weekend but the atmosphere and convenience is hard to beat. It's way more low-key on weekday mornings, so this would be a good place when you feel like getting your weekend started early. You know, like on Tuesday.



## Rook and Rogue

This board game pub opened in May 2017. If you're into spending 13 hours playing Dungeons and Dragons, drinking soda and eating mountains of tater tots, this is the place for you. That's basically the idea: eat, drink and play games. Their weekend brunch menu pays tribute to Harry Potter, Pokemon and Star Wars, among others. It's totally nerdy, but not in an exclusive way.

I had the Hogwarts Letter, which was eggs, bacon and hashbrowns, with a side of French toast. They also have a tofu scramble for us veggie people out there.

The food was so-so, but the atmosphere and fun games were totally worth it. I played Muggles Against Humanity, which is just Cards Against Humanity but Harry Potter themed.

They also had an Oregon Trail card game, Scrabble, Connect Four and a bunch of others I'm not cool enough to know about. It's worth checking out.

The staff was super friendly, showed us all their favorite games, and made it accessible for people who just want to dabble in the board game world. Plan to spend a couple hours here and bring friends, so you can actually finish that game of Monopoly. It doesn't get too busy for brunch, so this is a good place to go if you don't want to wait. The place is pretty spacious and they have spots to accommodate bigger groups.



## Magdalena's Creperie

Magdalena's is awesome. The fancy sweet and savory crepes are not to be missed (a bit more "gourmet" than AB Crepes), but I'm really here for one thing: pierogies.

Handmade ones are so much better than the frozen ones, and this spot in Fairhaven does it best. The sauerkraut and mushroom ones are my favorite (get them pan fried). With lunch fare like the Warsaw, Oslo and Roma sandwiches, Magdalena's will satisfy your travel bug without, you know, spending thousands of dollars on a backpacking trip.

I'm a huge fan of Pel Meni, but there's really nothing like traditional, authentic pierogies in the morning. I finished it off with a tiny tart, covered in Nutella and topped with strawberries and blueberries.

Magdalena's isn't so much in the student budget range, as it's not so cheap, but for authentic Polish cuisine, it's worth it. Bonus points: They serve tons of different coffee options, including a French press for the table.

You'll have to travel pretty far to find another truly Polish pierogi, and Magdalena's are spot on.



All photos by Taylor Nichols

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### CAFE RUMBA

BRUNCH HOURS:  
MON.-SAT. 10 A.M.-7 P.M. SUN. 11 A.M.-5 P.M.  
PRICE: \$  
DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: 0.6 MILES

### LA FIAMMA

BRUNCH HOURS:  
SAT.-SUN. 9 A.M.-2 P.M.  
PRICE: \$\$  
DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: 0.8 MILES

### MARLIN'S CAFE

BRUNCH HOURS:  
MON.-FRI. 7-11:30 A.M. SAT.-SUN. 8 A.M.-2 P.M.  
PRICE: \$  
DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: 0.8 MILES

### ROOK AND ROGUE

BRUNCH HOURS:  
SAT.-SUN. 10 A.M.-2 P.M.  
PRICE: \$  
DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: 1.3 MILES

### MAGDALENA'S CREPERIE

BRUNCH HOURS:  
WED.-THURS. 10 A.M.-3 P.M. FRI. 9 A.M.-4 P.M. SAT.-SUN. 8 A.M.-4 P.M.  
PRICE: \$\$  
DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: 1.5 MILES

# Rent a dog if you can't parent one

*How Alternative Humane Society rescues and finds homes for abandoned animals*

**Sarah Porter**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

A muscular black dog with big, sweet puppy eyes sits on the floor wearing a green bandana that reads, "Adopt Me."

Zora, a labrador-mastiff mix, was a rescue from Idaho who is now looking for a new home. For a fifteen-month-old, she is well mannered as she sits with her case manager, Laura Nixon.

The Alternative Humane Society has no shelter



**Alternative Humane Society President, Tish O'Keefe (far left), looks through dog costumes with other volunteers.**  
// Photo by Sarah Porter

or paid employees and is run entirely by volunteers. Rescues are cared for in about 30 foster homes, said Tish O'Keefe, the Alternative Humane Society president.

To become a foster parent to a rescued animal, potential volunteers fill out an application to determine if they are eligible, according to the organization's website. If potential fosters have enough time, rent in a pet-friendly home or own their home, they can become foster parents.

Case managers help foster parents find new homes for their rescue animals by reading over applicants and reaching out to potential owners, Nixon said. Most case managers are people who want to be fosters, but can't due to living situations, Nixon said.

"I'll foster one day," Nixon said.

The Alternative Humane Society brings available pets to adopt-a-thons held on the weekends at locations such as Mud Bay, Bellingham Pet Supply, Petco and Paws for a Beer, according to its events calendar.

"We're not making money by any stretch of the imagination," O'Keefe said, chuckling.

O'Keefe said their adoption fees don't really cover the cost of care. For example, there was a senior dog they rescued named Gilbert, who was a big lab that lived on the streets for years. Gilbert had many health issues, and the organization ended up spending over \$1,700 on surgeries, such as removing a tumor and various dental work.

When he was finally healthy, he found a home, and his adoption fee was \$160. This means the organization lost about \$1,540 caring for Gilbert. O'Keefe said they are able to provide these services due in part to community donations.

People sometimes leave the organization money in their wills, O'Keefe said. She recalled a man whom they had never met showing up to one of their board meetings, then shortly after receiving a \$10,000 check in the mail made out to the organization from his estate. The Alternative Humane Society is also sponsored by NW Kennels, City Dogs, Rover Stay Over, Figo, Bellingham Pet Supply, Life Cycle Pet Cremation, Whatcom Educational Credit Union (WECU), Iron Street Printing and the Petco Foundation, according to its website.

The organization's adoption process is intimate. When someone is interested in an animal, they fill out a statement of interest — with popular rescues, sometimes they have to narrow it down from 30 applicants to one — and then they do a home check, O'Keefe said.

A home check involves foster parents, volunteers or case managers from the organization visiting the applicants home to ensure that it is a good fit for the animal. They like to meet the applicant's whole family and, if they are a good match, they can move forward with the adoption.



**Zora hangs out with her case manager, Laura Nixon, waiting for potential adopters to say hello.** // Photo by Sarah Porter



**Zora, a fifteen month old lab mix, is on her best behavior at the Mud Bay Alternative Humane Society adopt-a-thon.**  
// Photo by Sarah Porter

If organization members can't perform a home check, they will ask the applicant to send them animal-related references and photos of their home to prove their space is what they say it is.

O'Keefe said that many people who adopt from them like to keep in touch with the organization, sending them updates about the pet's life.

"People send us pictures all the time," O'Keefe said. "You make friendships that way."

O'Keefe said she has made many new connections in her eight years as president of the organization. O'Keefe, who works full time as the aquatic director and training specialist for the YMCA, said that she plans on making the Alternative Humane Society her full-time job when she retires.

"I always wanted to rescue dogs," O'Keefe said.

# Off to a different adventure

Instructor leaves after 16 years at Western but hopes to be back when the door opens

**Laurel Messenger**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Laura Carney's passion to teach and form connections created a ripple effect on Western and international students from Japan. Although her time at Western came to an end earlier this month, her influence still remains.

Carney has created a network of connections at Western, Bellingham and all the way back to Japan. She had been part of Western for 16 years as the senior instructor for the Asia University America Program and the Language and Culture Programs under extended education.

Originally from Richmond, B.C., Carney moved to Nagoya, Japan to take a teaching position at Aichi Shukutoku University. She taught English for 12 years there.

While in Japan, she met her husband, a Western alum. With his connections in Bellingham being close to Carney's family in Canada, they made the move to Bellingham.

In 2000, she began her new journey at Western. One of the first things she did was create a classroom volunteer program. Students signed up to sit in on classes and help Japanese students learn English and communication skills.

The Asia University America Program has Japanese students work together with Western students



**Former Western Asia University America Program (AUAP) instructor Laura Carney.** // Photo by Taylor Nichols

through the classroom volunteer program, WWU Japanese Conversation Club and Campus Friends program so they can better understand each other's culture.

Over the years, Carney has added her own flare to the program.

Western student Ana Maschmann volunteered with the program and has known Carney for five years. Carney was the first professor Maschmann volunteered with.

"Ana is just such a great example of the many amazing volunteers that we have in the program," Carney said. "She is a natural teacher."

Maschmann said the volunteer program changed her life, but not just hers alone. Everyone involved

in the program benefits and friendships are often formed through it, she said.

"It gives great opportunities for students who come here to study because it gives them connections with Americans," Maschmann said. "It really helps our volunteers because it gives us an experience that really isn't comparable to anything else."

Carney also helped launch the Japanese Conversation Club that has been at Western for 10 years now. The program is so popular that sometimes the club has to get two separate rooms to fit everyone.



**Photo courtesy of Laura Carney**



**Photo courtesy of Laura Carney**

"Sometimes we would hold the club meeting like speed dating," Carney said. "You wouldn't be stuck with the same partner the whole time."

Carney is dedicated to her students' learning and experiences, said Paul Chen, a political science professor and friend of Carney's.

"She is very friendly and eager to serve her students," Chen said. "She cares a lot about her students and wants to give them a real feel of what it's like to be here and go to school here."

One of the stories that stood out to Carney most from all her years at Western was of one Japanese student, Junpei.

*Read the full story at westernfrontonline.com*

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# What's happening this weekend?

## Friday

### Dead Parrots & S.U.C.K. Go to Space

Western's Spanel Planetarium (Third Floor of Haggard Hall)

6:45-7:45 p.m. (doors open at 6:15) Limited seating  
\$3 — All ages

On campus comedy group, The Dead Parrots Society collaborates with S.U.C.K. Stand Up for a night of improvised comedy.



Photo courtesy of Dead Parrots Society

### Paint Your Pup at PAWS!

Paws For a Beer (501 Harris Ave.)

6-9 p.m.

\$40 (\$5 for first drink) — 21+

Come paint a photo of your dog at Bellingham's first and only dog-friendly tavern. Send a photo of your dog ahead of time. Bring your dog at your own judgement.

### Radical Poets' Showcase: Featuring ATL Slam

Alternative Library (519 E Maple St.)

8-11 p.m. (Doors open at 7:30)

Free — all ages

Come and see some great poetry for free. Listen to poets from Bellingham and around the area.

Events compiled by Jack Taylor

## Saturday

### Noisywaters Live At the Spanel Planetarium

Western's Spanel Planetarium (Third Floor of Haggard Hall)

6:30-8 p.m.

\$3 — All ages

Noisywaters is a local band in Bellingham that will perform live with handmade video projections on the full-dome screen at the Spanel Planetarium.

### Women's Basketball vs. MSU Billings

Sam Carver Gymnasium

7-9 p.m.

\$10 adult, \$5 student/senior — All ages

Western's women's basketball team will take on MSU Billings in their last home game of the season.

### KSA Heritage Night: The Road to Home

Performing Arts Center at Western

7-9 p.m. (doors open at 6:30)

Student \$12, general \$15 — All ages

The Korean Student Association puts on its heritage night in which traditional Korean songs will be performed along with Korean street food. Proceeds go to the organization "Liberty in North Korea."

### Kokota: The Islet of Hope

Fairhaven College Auditorium

2:15-3:15 p.m.

Free but donations to the Film Festival and/or a new clean pair of socks for local people experiencing homelessness is encouraged.

Bellingham Human Rights festival will be screening the documentary, "Kokota: The Islet of Hope," which tells the story of Mbarouk's quest to help Kokota, an islet in south eastern Guinea.

## Sunday

### Sundays at the Outback

Associated Students Outback Farm (516 High St.)

10a.m.-noon

Free — All ages

Help the WWU LEAD—Learning, Environment, Action, Discovery—remove invasive plants and work on the Forest Garden. Limited spots.

### Open Mic Night at the Co-op Bakery Cafe

Community Food Co-op (405 E Holly St.)

5-7 p.m.

Free — All ages

Watch local artists perform or even perform yourself. Call ahead of time if interested in performing.



Photo courtesy of Community Food Co-op

### Bellingham Film Annual Showcase & Mixer

Pickford Film Festival (1318 Bay St.)

6-8:30 p.m.

\$5 for Students or Pickford Members, \$7 for general admission — All ages

Come see a variety of films that are all created in Washington. Focusing on emerging talent, audience members will be able to ask questions and interact with the filmmakers.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Select submissions from winter quarter

WEEK OF JAN. 22

#### More coverage of STEM and other programs needed

As I go about my weekly business, I often enjoy reading an article or two published by The Western Front (here on out known as the WF) to stay informed about what is happening in our community, both on the smaller scale of our campus, and the larger scale of Bellingham and this beautiful state many of us call home. But, the more I have read, the more I have begun to realize that one very large, and for a great deal of my peers, a very important topic was missing — there was little to no content about STEM programs, projects, or events here on campus. So odd did this strike me that I sought to prove myself wrong, for there seemed to be quite a bit of content about other programs here on campus (namely environmental, political, or arts related programs).

I looked through over fifty pages

of content (with ~ten articles per page) on the WF website, and out of hundreds of articles, I found only seven articles even remotely related to the hard sciences. That means that a meager ~1.4% of articles that are published (currently) by the WF pertain to STEM programs here on campus. To say I was disappointed by this statistic would be an understatement.

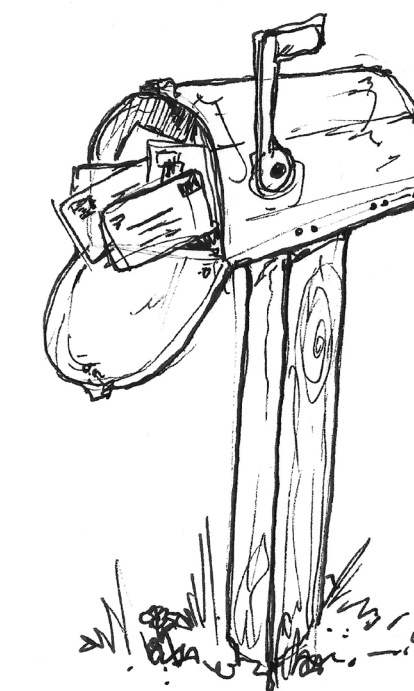
As a student currently pursuing a degree through our lovely engineering department, I found this to be staggeringly out of proportion compared to the sheer number of projects and events that our department produces and participates in every week, quarter, and year. And that's just the engineering department, let alone programs like computer science, chemistry, physics, and biology (the last two of which were not even mentioned once in an article).

STEM students make up roughly 15% of total WWU enrollment (as

per the WWU admission quick facts page), and to see such a small representation of our work to our peers and community is frankly quite discouraging. And I know we (referring to my peers in STEM programs) are not the only ones that feel this way.

I would like to say I am involved on campus; participating in multiple clubs and extracurricular programs on a weekly basis. But, even then, I feel like I know very little of what goes on around campus or with in different departments, no matter how involved I get. After talking to about a dozen students from one of my GUR classes (a class with students from a variety of programs) — most of them expressing that they would like to hear more of what was happening in other programs — I realized that I was not alone in this. There are so many extremely important events that happen here on campus that no one knows about.

All that I ask for is greater rep-



resentation of more programs here on campus. The material you are currently producing is relevant and important, but I would love to see more of what is happening with in various programs here on campus, not just a select few. Whether it be more from STEM programs, teaching programs, English, or business; there are so many unrepresented programs that are making huge impacts here on campus and in our community.

Ruth Runge, engineering student

WEEK OF JAN. 29

#### Sexual assault

Since coming to WWU last fall, I've had a fairly typical experience, as a college freshman. I suffered through (and conquered) some life-changing classes, I witnessed college parties firsthand, I made some true (and less-than-true) friends, and I lost and found myself. One common aspect of college life that needs to be eliminated now is sexual assault. Since coming here, I've watched not one, not two, but three of my friends go through extreme trauma after other "friends" decided that taking advantage of people without their consent is an okay thing to do. Breaking news! It's not! One in five women and one in sixteen men are sexually assaulted while in college. Ninety percent of cases are not reported. So, Western Front, will YOU report on this? It's time to publicize this issue, and to put our foot down once and for all. We need more articles that educate our students about how assault, violence, and harassment is unacceptable, and will not be tolerated. Inform survivors about on and off-campus resources, and let citizens know how they can help someone in a dangerous situation. As broadcasters, you have some of the strongest voices in the region. I urge you to use them, and to prove that Western really DOES care. My friends, and all students for that matter, are counting on you.

Anonymous student, environmental studies major

#### Planned Parenthood

As a Planned Parenthood patient in Bellingham, WA. I know from personal experience that these centers play a vital role in our state. I've been a pa-

tient ever since I moved here 4 years ago to attend Western and I have been so grateful for the services they have provided me, ranging from STD testing to run-of-the-mill women's wellness checkups. If it weren't for their ability to provide affordable services, I would have had no way to access such necessary screenings.

Attacks against Planned Parenthood are attacks against my health and the health of the 103,456 women, men, and you don't people who also rely on these centers across Washington State for preventative services like birth control, cancer screenings, STI testing and treatment, and well-woman exams.

Over half of Planned Parenthood providers are in medically underserved areas, such as Skagit and San Juan county. That's why the claims made by some politicians that other health care provider could serve me and other Planned Parenthood patients as effectively when access to health care at Planned Parenthood is blocked are so absurd.

Planned Parenthood has always been there for me when I needed them, and I don't know what I would've done without their services. I am just one of millions who depend on Planned Parenthood health centers across Washington and around the country.

We should all stand up for this incredible health care provider rather than attempting to defund it, leaving me and thousands of individuals across Washington without the care that we need. Action can be as simple as showing your support by putting a sticker in your window or as big as volunteering with your local chapter. Whatever you do, don't let the thousands of people who rely on affordable health services end up without.

Victoria Campbell, accounting and MIS major

#### "ICE in their Veins," a poem by Inga Elyrom, American Cultural studies major

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Ignorance is pure hell  
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Old as creation  
Cain killing Abel, divided we fall  
Black, brown, red blood of Americans  
Sur, Norte, Centro todos somos Americanos  
Spilled in vain  
In our streets, honor stained  
Blood is not white  
Sangre es azul, tristeza profunda  
Mar que nos hunde  
Depths of sorrow created by  
Saltwater, a mother's tears, lagrimas se caen  
In our wounds, we never heal  
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#### Notice of Public Hearing:

#### Proposed Rule Changes to WAC 516-24-130, Demonstrations, and WAC 516-52-020, Firearms and Dangerous Weapons

Notice is hereby given that Western Washington University is proposing amendments to its Washington Administrative Code related to demonstrations and firearms and dangerous weapons. A public hearing will be held at 12:00 p.m. on March 13, 2018 in Old Main, Room 340 at the Bellingham campus located at 516 High Street.

The purpose of the hearing is to allow all interested persons an opportunity to present their views, either orally or in writing, on the proposed changes to WAC 516-24-130 and WAC 516-52-020.

Proposed changes to WAC 516-24-130 include: a change in title and updates to language within the section to reflect the change; language that the university is committed to a safe campus and preventing loss or damage; language regarding the time and place of freedom of expression and assembly activities; replaced the word disrupt with obstruct; and added additional conduct restrictions.

Proposed changes to WAC 516-52-020 include: a change in title; a new subsection to define armor or armaments, a firearm, and a weapon; updates to language regarding who may possess a firearm or weapon; and updates to the regulations and exceptions regarding weapons, firearms, and armor or armaments on campus.

Advance copies of the proposed rule amendments may be obtained by contacting Jennifer Sloan, Rules Coordinator, 516 High Street, MS 9015, Bellingham, WA 98225-9015, by email at Jennifer.Sloan@wwu.edu, or by phone at 360-650-3117. Copies will also be available at the hearing.

Persons wishing to provide written comment may submit their remarks to Ms. Sloan at the above mailing or email address by March 12, 2018. To request disability accommodation for this hearing, please contact Jennifer Sloan at 360-650-3117 or by email at Jennifer.Sloan@wwu.edu by February 27, 2018.



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# Experiencing harassment in the rec center

Women speak out about unwanted attention from male students in the weight room

Tyler Urke  
THE WESTERN FRONT

The percentage of women using the weight room in the Wade King Student Recreation Center has tripled in the last five to seven years, according to rec center fitness coordinator Ron Arnold.

Weight room staff is also around 50 percent female.

However, for some female Western students, the weight room has been nicknamed the “manquarium” because of its reputation of being mostly full of men and unwelcoming toward women.

Junior Deepika Verma has experienced unwanted attention in the weight room firsthand.

She said one day she stood up after stretching and noticed a man staring directly at her while walking toward her.

Verma said she had her headphones in and was confused because she didn't know the man. Then she said he asked for her number.

“He said, ‘I thought you were cute. Can I have your number?’ And I was like, ‘No. I’m sorry. I don’t give my number out,’” Verma said.

Verma said the man walked away, but that she still feels intimidated going in the weight room alone.

Verma is a transfer student from Central Washington University and said when she first started going to the weight room, she asked one of her male friends to go with her for the first few months.

“I told him, ‘I’m scared. I’m intimidated. Can you just go with me?’” Verma said. “It’s a lot easier when you go with a friend.”

Senior Christa Dietrich said she works out in the weight room almost every day and said it’s uncomfortable because it feels like she’s being watched at all times.

“I don’t want to have a billion guys watching me while I’m working out,” Dietrich said.

Senior Kelsey Machado said what she notices most is that women are treated differently in the weight room.

“You don’t see guys coming up to another guy while he’s benching and ask him how many sets he’s doing,” Machado said. “If I’m benching, sometimes guys will try and talk to me and I’m like, ‘Dude, back up.’”

All rec center staff are required to attend a mandatory sexual harassment training led by the Equal Opportunity Office at the beginning of fall quarter, Arnold said.

Rec center staff also conduct their own sexual harassment trainings within their own departments.



Female students say the rec center weight room can be the site of harassment and unsought attention by male students. // Photo by Mathew Roland

Weight room staff are well prepared to step in if necessary, and have done so in the past, Arnold said.

“Our Fitness Staff in the weight room has intervened because of patrons experiencing unwanted attention,” Arnold said in an email. “If and when these situations occur, it is handled according to the Student Recreation Center and Western sexual harassment protocol.”

This issue isn’t isolated to Western’s rec center weight room.

Western President Sabah Randhawa addressed the campus community in an email Tuesday, Feb. 20, asking students, faculty and staff to report sexual harassment and assault to the Equal Opportunity Office.

“Western’s policies with respect to sexual misconduct as a form of sex discrimination are unequivocal: this kind of behavior will not be tolerated and all reports will be investigated,” Randhawa said.

Machado said unwanted attention can extend outside the weight room as well.

The physical education major said her freshman year a male student tried talking to her in the weight room even though she wasn’t acting interested.

He then tried to hit on her at an off-campus party, Machado said.

“I shut that down real quick,” Machado said.

Machado said she doesn’t notice flirting in the gym she uses when she goes home as much, but she thinks because patrons are the same

age in the rec center weight room it happens more often. She said it’s a widespread problem nonetheless.

“Girls are just treated badly in gyms,” Machado said. “I was putting clips on one time and an old guy came up to me and said, ‘Don’t be afraid to ask for help if you need it.’ I was like, ‘It’s just a clip.’”

Dietrich also said the weight room is uncomfortable because she feels like the male patrons know what they’re doing better than she does.

The psychology major said there’s a perception most girls don’t lift heavy weights and do cardio instead.

“I think that girls are intimidated to go down there because there are so many guys and everyone has a different experience with guys,” Dietrich said. “Sometimes just being around a big group of guys can be so uncomfortable when you’re the only girl, too.”

If students experience sexual harassment in the weight room, they can notify rec center employees.

They can also call 911 if it’s an emergency, notify University Police at 360-650-3911, or contact or the Equal Opportunity Office to report the incident at 360-650-3307. CASAS is also available to provide support at 360-650-3700.

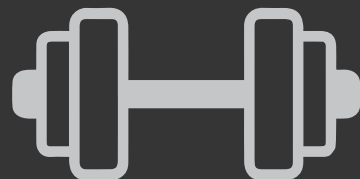
**“Sometimes being around a big group of guys can be so uncomfortable when you're the only girl.”**

- Christa Dietrich

## 5 Fitness Staff Sexual Harassment Training Outcomes

- 1 Bring group awareness of individuals’ perspective on sexual harassment and what they perceive as sexual harassment to be.
- 2 Make sexual harassment relevant to our environment.
- 3 Group activity will develop a tactical approach to dealing with sexual harassment perpetrators.
- 4 Educate team on Student Recreation Center protocol for dealing with sexual harassment.
- 5 Cover campus resources for sexual harassment.

\*Info from WWU Rec Center staff



# SPORTS ROUNDUP

Jasmine McMullin captures long and triple jump crowns; women's basketball holds final spot in GNAC tourney with two games left; and second place men's basketball goes 2-0 this past week

Aaron Gillis  
THE WESTERN FRONT

## Track and field

The men’s and women’s track programs both finished fifth at the 2018 Great Northwest Athletic Conference Indoor Championships this past weekend at Jacksons Indoor Track Center in Nampa, Idaho.

## Women’s track:

Senior Jasmine McMullin was named the Women’s Field Athlete of the Meet after winning conference titles in the long jump and triple jump.

McMullin won the Performance of the Meet award after claiming her third-career triple jump title with a leap of 12.68 meters, good for third best in the nation, setting the GNAC record, meet record and Western’s program record.

McMullin captured the long jump title with a leap of 5.73 meters, her personal-best by nearly a foot and ranked No. 3 all-time in Western’s record books.

Junior Savannah Smith finished third in the 200 meter final with a time of 25.31, second in Western history, and was fifth in the 400 meter final with a time of 57.15, second in Western history.

Freshman Claire Hansen placed fifth in the 60 meter hurdles with a time of 9.09, ranking third in Western history.

Sophomore Chanelle Eddy placed 17th in the shot put with a mark of 10.94 meters, ranking sixth in Western history.

## Men’s track:

Freshman Bryant Welch placed fifth in the 400 meter final with a time of 49.01, ranking second in Western history.

Sophomore James Jaspersen finished sixth in the mile with a time of 4:18.19, placing eighth in Western history.

Sophomore Cordell Cummings ran the 60 meter hurdles in 8.35, finishing third overall and fourth in Western history.

Welch, junior Reid Lovercamp, freshman Wyatt Longley and senior Ryan McArthur ran the 4x400 relay in 3:20.29, placing second overall and third in Western history.

Junior Jacob Ringold finished fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 13.82 meters, ranking seventh in Western history.

## Women’s basketball:

The women’s basketball team went 1-2 this past week, bringing their record to 12-15 overall and 8-11 in the GNAC. Following a 79-77 loss to Simon Fraser on Tuesday, Feb. 20, Western is now tied with Simon Fraser for the sixth and final spot in the GNAC playoffs with one regular season game remaining.

On Thursday, the Vikings earned 67-59 over Central Washington University (14-12, 10-8 GNAC) on Thursday night at Sam Carver Gymnasium. Senior forward Hannah Stipanovich’s game-high 19 points led the way for the Vikings.

Saturday night, the Vikings lost an overtime thriller to second-place Northwest Nazarene (20-3, 16-2 GNAC) 78-76. Hannah Stipanovich scored a game-high 20 points, and Emma Duff hit a 3-pointer to tie the game and force overtime, but the Vikings couldn’t pull out the victory.

The Vikings head back home to play their final game of the season at Carver Gym against fourth-place MSU Billings (18-10, 11-7 GNAC) on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m.

## Men’s basketball:

The men’s basketball team picked up two wins to remain in second place in the GNAC, boosting their record to 20-6 overall and 15-3 in the GNAC, with two regular season games remaining.

The Vikings beat Alaska Anchorage (13-13, 9-9 GNAC) 66-56 on Thursday night at Carver Gym. Senior Deandre Dickson scored a game-high 17 points.

The Vikings then defeated Alaska Fairbanks (10-14, 8-10 GNAC) 70-60 on Saturday afternoon at Carver Gym. Sophomore forward Daulton Hommes led the way with 19 points.

The team closes out their regular season schedule with a showdown of the top two teams in the GNAC, when the Vikings face off against first place Western Oregon (25-1, 17-1 GNAC) at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 22, in Monmouth, Oregon. The Vikings then close out their regular season against last-place Concordia (4-22, 0-18 GNAC) at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, in Portland.

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# Western rugby alumnus turns pro

Former Western rugby player Louie Henson signed with the Seattle Seawolves in December

Jessica Vangel  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Louie Henson, a Western men's rugby alumnus was signed to a major league rugby team his first year out of college.

"It's everyone's dream. I didn't choose to go professional, I got chosen to go professional," he said.

Henson played on the men's rugby team for all five years he was a student at Western and was captain all of last year.

Henson signed on with Seattle's major league rugby franchise, the Seattle Seawolves, in late 2017.

"I was very emotional when the Seawolves told me that they wanted to sign me. I was thrilled because I achieved a dream of mine, but I knew all along that there was a lot of hard work to be done to succeed," Henson said.

Henson shared that he encountered struggles during his time at Western. He tore his ACL and spent a year in recovery.

However, Henson said the hardest part was the mental recovery, not the physical. Three months after the surgery, Henson said he was still waiting to get the OK from his doctor to even run.

"At that point you're wondering, 'My god, am I ever going to run again?'" Henson said.

The challenges he faced helped prepare him for his career.

"Our coaching staff is very professional and they have coached at professional levels before, so they were bringing to us a similar style to what I'm seeing outside of Western," Henson said.

Henson credited Western with preparing him for his career but many people at Western credit Henson for inspiration, proving Henson has left his mark on Western men's rugby.

"I looked up to him as a leader and a player," Parmvir Rai, vice president of Western men's rugby, said. "I often asked him for advice about playing, being a leader and just everyday things that happen in life."

Rai looked up to Henson as captain of last year's team, saying he was someone the whole team would want representing their program at the post-collegiate level.

Treasurer of Western men's rugby Sourabh Raigaga praised Henson for his leadership and athleticism as well.

"I will never forget the determination and athleticism that he has," Raigaga said. "He works hard, was an excellent captain and I will never forget the fact that he walked off the field on the day he got injured with no help, even though he had a major injury. The mental strength and determination he has is the reason for his success."

Henson's friends and teammates



Louie Henson was a Northwest Collegiate Rugby Conference first-team selection for Western rugby at the tighthead prop position. // Photos courtesy of Louie Henson

speaking highly of him, but Henson humbly said his success stems from simply hitting all the right marks.

"It's every athlete's dream to go professional, right? I think I just did all the right things and paid my dues. It just happened to be a great opportunity to have my first year away from Western be with Major League Rugby," Henson said.

Henson and his teammates all concur the rugby team and the community that surrounds it creates a success-

ful environment for its players.

Raigaga said there are several coaches that push the team as hard as they can and many mentors that ensure the team has a strong community surrounding them.

"We push ourselves and our teammates and hold each other accountable," Rai said. "We pride ourselves on our work ethic and determination, both skills that extend beyond the pitch."

# Women's water polo makes a splash

The student-run club sport supports itself through friendship and camaraderie

Jessica Vangel  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Instant athlete: just add water.

The Western women's water polo team shows pride for this unique sport through their teamwork and passion for the game. From beginners to teammates who have been playing a majority of their life, this team has been about supporting each other.

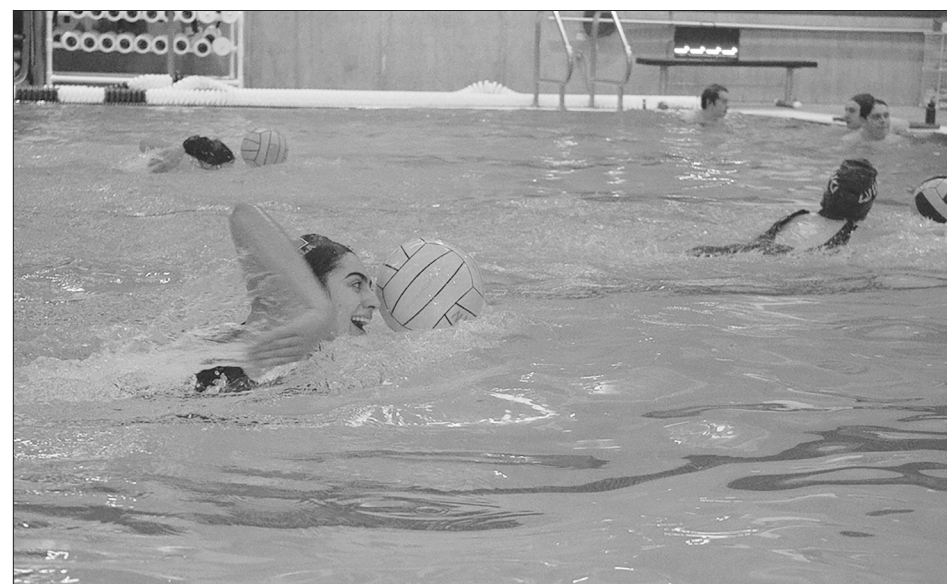
"We're like a big family," freshman marine biology major Karrin Letcher said. "This sport isn't like any other."

The team bonds in and out of the pool, helping make the chemistry between teammates stronger.

As a sport that is both physically and mentally demanding, good relationship between teammates is a must, Letcher said.

"It's more about getting to know people," Letcher said. "We get along well and sometimes just hang out and get ice cream after practice, just because."

The team is a student-run club sport, which helps form the bond-



The women's water polo team practicing on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the rec center pool. // Photo by Amalia Justiniano

ing between teammates, sophomore business major Kirsten Dodge said.

"We really can work with each other and bounce things off each other," Dodge said. "It has much more of a community feel."

Every year the team has new members join and old members re-

turn to welcome in those who are new.

"The returners come in already being friends," team captain and senior environmental science major Chanel Long said. "When we get new people the next year, we try to include them as much as possible.

We want everyone to have fun and get along."

A priority for this team is to push a students-first mentality. Dodge and Long said there is an understanding of putting academics first before getting in the pool.

"It forces me to organize my time," Letcher said. "I plan things around practice like homework."

The team consists of 12 members and welcome anyone who is interested in trying the sport.

"For a lot of people, it's their first time playing," Dodge said. "When I first started I didn't really know how to swim. So you don't need to have that background, just come out here and try it because we're here to support you."

The team meets on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Wade King Student Recreation Center pool from 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. for open practices. They encourage people to show up.

"It's a really unique sport," Long said. "It's worth a try. It's something new and you should always try new things."

# Scooping up accolades; alumnus set to play in 2018 World Lacrosse Championships

Alexander Rabin, a 2016 Western graduate, was selected to play for the Israeli National Team

Tanner Fricke  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Alexander Rabin's style of lacrosse at Western was enthralling to watch. His drive, passion and energy were contagious, former teammates said.

Now he'll be playing in the 2018 World Lacrosse Championships in Netanya, Israel, from July 12-21, after being selected to the Israeli National Team.

Rabin, whose family now lives in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, grew up on Bainbridge Island and is a 2016 Western graduate. He was the leading scorer on the men's lacrosse team his senior year, netting 43 goals in 23 games.

Currently a member of the Haifa Lacrosse Club in Haifa, Israel, part of the Israel Premier Lacrosse League, Rabin said it's an honor to play for the national team.

"Wearing the blue and white to represent Israel on the field is special, whether it's a team practice, exhibition match or otherwise," Rabin said. "I've been lucky enough to suit up for the team and I'm thrilled with the opportunities around Israel lacrosse."

Zane Sharif, Rabin's former teammate at Western, said he's not surprised with the success Rabin's gained so quickly.

"Playing lacrosse at Western was a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

- Alexander Rabin



Alexander Rabin playing for Haifa Lacrosse Club in July 2017, a professional team in Haifa, Israel that's part of the Israel Premier Lacrosse League. // Photo courtesy of Alexander Rabin

a tight-knit, mutualistic community full of ambition," Rabin said.

The most rewarding aspect of the game isn't success, Rabin said, but in passing along knowledge.

"The sport can take you around the world, as is my case, and it's important to give back to the sport," Rabin said. "Seeing new players incorporate

lacrosse into their lives here is a special experience. Ultimately, it's most impactful to be out here introducing and coaching the sport with a new generation of young athletes. That's the real reward."

As Rabin fought his way to the national stage, it didn't come without challenges. The idea of packing up his

"It wasn't shocking that Rabin made Team Israel," Sharif said in an email. "He's one of the most talented and dedicated players I've known. The caliber of talent for that kind of play takes years of dedication."

Garrett Goshorn, a senior defender on Western men's lacrosse team who played with Rabin for two years, said what sets Rabin apart from others is how he motivates those around him.

"Playing with Rabin was always exciting because of how much he loves the game," Goshorn said in an email. "He was always pushing us to be fast, so we could get the most out of practices. His personality was like his play style, very fast. Rabin definitely has the spark for great lacrosse, so it's fitting where he's playing right now."

While Rabin has found success in lacrosse at Western and beyond, it isn't as widespread as other sports in North America, making the audience difficult to reach. But that doesn't mean the sport isn't full of passion, Rabin said.

"Lacrosse is not as large as football, soccer, basketball or baseball, but it's



Alexander Rabin was Western lacrosse's leading scorer his senior year in 2016, netting 43 goals and earning first-team all-conference honors. // Photo courtesy of Alexander Rabin

life and moving to a foreign country wasn't something Rabin was on board with at first.

"Initially, I was unsure of packing up shop and taking time to move to Israel," Rabin said. "In other words, sacrificing [opportunities] at home for a new adventure abroad. It was something of excitement and fear all the same, but it was a crossroads that I'm ecstatic to have navigated."

Missing opportunities in Washington gave Rabin pause, but a brand-new landscape and an unseen set of challenges ended up winning him over. After stepping out of his comfort zone and adapting to a new environment, Rabin said he couldn't help but feel he made the correct choice.

Rabin said being a student at Western was a growing experience for him, and playing for the lacrosse team enriched not only his love for the game, but also his love for life.

"Playing lacrosse at Western was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and helped me appreciate high-level lacrosse with an aspect of enjoyment," Rabin said. "Being able to enjoy what you do is always important, be it academics, work, athletics or anything else. Western cultivated an appreciation for enjoying my time, regardless of what I'm doing. Enjoyment and passion lead to success."

5 goals scored to help Haifa claim third place in the 2017 Israel Premier Lacrosse League championships.

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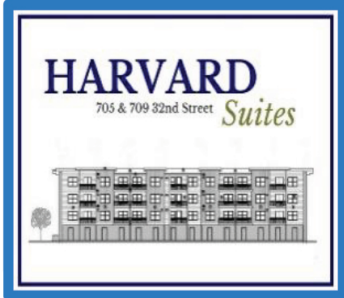
43 goals scored in 23 games his senior year at Western.

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3516 Northwest Ave. (flat)	\$925 / \$950
500-520 Tremont Ave.	\$950-\$995
425 Stuart Rd (New Construction)	\$975-\$1,305
500-504 Tremont Ave. (1bd+loft)	\$1,025
541-549 E. Kellogg Rd.	\$1,050
3516-18 Northwest Ave. (Loft)	\$1,095
4330-4349 Water Lily Lp.	\$1,095 / \$1,100
516 Darby Dr. (Condo)	\$1,125
755 Telegraph (New Construction)	\$1,195-\$1,295

## TWO BEDROOMS

### Near WWU:

250 32 <sup>nd</sup> St.	\$1,195-\$1,275
1014 23 <sup>rd</sup> St.	\$1,150
813 Billy Frank Jr. St.	\$1,125-\$1,195
2170 Douglas Ave.	\$1,150-\$1,295
2305 Douglas Ave.	\$1,075-\$1,395
1034 24 <sup>th</sup> St.	\$1,195-\$1,250
2604-08 Douglas Ave.	\$1,245
1020 24 <sup>th</sup> St.	\$1,250
900 22 <sup>nd</sup> St.	\$1,295
1500 22 <sup>nd</sup> St. (Duplex)	\$1,295
2220-40 Douglas Ave.	\$1,295 / \$1,350
230 32 <sup>nd</sup> St.	\$1,325 / \$1,375
817 Blueberry Lane.	\$1,350
1018 23 <sup>rd</sup> St.	\$1,350
3201 Elwood Ave.	\$1,395
924 Garden St. (Condo)	\$1,425
1003-1009 24 <sup>th</sup> St.	\$1,495
700 32 <sup>nd</sup> St. (Condo)	\$1,525
705/709 32 <sup>nd</sup> Street	\$1,620

### Downtown:

1001 North State St. (Condo)	\$1,250
1031 North State St. (Condo)	\$1,250 / \$1,325
617 North State St.	\$1,325
1015 Railroad Ave. (Condo)	\$1,350 / \$1,550
1011 Bancroft St. (Condo)	\$1,395
839 North State St.	\$1,625 / \$1,650

### Fairhaven:

1300 McKenzie Avenue	\$1,550-\$1,975
1506 Wilson Ave. (House)	\$1,495
1002 11 <sup>th</sup> St.	\$1,525-\$1,625

### Central Bellingham:

1713 Carolina St.	\$1,095 / \$1,125
2423 Pacific St.	\$1,125 / \$1,295
1529 Lincoln St.	\$1,225
1638-1702 Texas Street	1,250-\$1,395
1025 Potter St.	\$1,350

### East Bellingham:

1267 Toledo St. (Duplex)	\$1,125
1111 Yew Street (House)	\$1,250

### West Bellingham:

2920 Lorraine Ells Court (Duplex)	\$1,050
3311 Redwood Ave. (Condo)	\$1,250
3008 Lynn St. (House)	\$1,395

### North Bellingham:

2631-47 Maplewood Ave.	\$1,100 / \$1,295
135-139 Prince Ave.	\$1,100 / \$1,150
3405 Northwest Ave.	\$1,150 / \$1,195
2823-35 Maplewood Ave.	\$1,225 / \$1,295
541-549 E. Kellogg Rd.	\$1,145-\$1,395
512-516 Tremont Ave.	\$1,250-\$1,350
3343-53 Northwest Avenue	\$1,275 / \$1,295
3518 Northwest Ave. (flat)	\$1,295

4626 Celia Way (Condo)	\$1,295
755 Telegraph(New Construction)	\$1,295-\$1,800
3308 Hilda Ln.	\$1,325
4658 Wade St. (Duplex)	\$1,325
251 W. Bakerview Rd. (Condo)	\$1,525
512 Darby Dr. (Condo)	\$1,525
425 Stuart Rd (New Construction)	\$1,550-\$1,800
4330-4349 Water Lily Lp.	\$1,575-\$1,650

## THREE BEDROOMS

### Near WWU:

921-927 21 <sup>st</sup> St.	\$1,550
1020 24 <sup>th</sup> St.	\$1,595
721 36 <sup>th</sup> St. (House)	\$1,650
2170 Douglas Ave.	\$1,695
920 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street	\$1,725
524 32 <sup>nd</sup> St.	\$1,750
930 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street	\$1,750 / \$1,795
1112 High St. (House)	\$1,825
245 32 <sup>nd</sup> St.	\$1,900
705/709 32 <sup>nd</sup> Street	\$2,020

### Fairhaven:

1504 Wilson (House)	\$1,700
1300 McKenzie Avenue	\$2,095-\$2,495

### Central Bellingham:

1709-1711 Carolina St	\$1,150 / \$1,250
2124-2126 Superior Street	\$1,350 / \$1,395
2211 Iron St. (House)	\$1,495
1429 Franklin (House)	\$1,700
3026 Barkley Meadow Cir. (House)	\$1,925

### East Bellingham:

1109 Yew St. (House)	\$1,550
2830 Dakin Street (House)	\$1,725

### West Bellingham:

3003 Lynn St. (House)	\$1,595
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### North Bellingham:

3303-3307 Hilda Ln.	\$1,450 / \$1,475
541-549 E. Kellogg Rd.	\$1,525-\$1,650
4341-4349 Water Lily Lp.	\$1,695-\$1,750
755 Telegraph Rd. (New Construction)	\$3,200

## FOUR BEDROOMS

### Near WWU:

2170 Douglas Ave.	\$1,950
617 North State St.	\$1,995
524 32 <sup>nd</sup> St.	\$2,100
2225 Knox Ave.	\$2,350
2305 Douglas Ave (New Construction)	\$3,100
(Starting Construction early June)	

### Fairhaven:

1502 Wilson Avenue (House)	\$1,895
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### Central Bellingham:

2313 Woburn Ave. (House)	\$1,995
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### East Bellingham:

1303 Bonanza Way (House)	\$1,750
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## FIVE+ BEDROOMS

1721 Saint Paul Ln. (House)	\$2,500
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