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## Bellingham joins first March for Our Lives

*Students and teachers organize march to spread the message: "Enough is enough"*

**Sarah McCauley**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

An estimated 2,000 people gathered outside Bellingham City Hall in the pouring rain to advocate for an end to gun violence and school shootings on March 24.

A group of 11 high school students from various schools in Bellingham, a teacher, youth leader, retired professor and three Western undergraduates worked together to make the march happen.

Jennifer Reidel, a teacher from Options High School, and a few of the high school students spoke on the importance of the march and the meaning behind their chant "enough is enough." Speeches addressed multiple issues, including the need for better mental health care and gun regulations.

The group was formed following the lead of Students for Action, a group of high school students from the Bellingham School District that formed shortly after the Parkland school shooting in Florida. They planned to attend the march in Washington D.C., which left an opening for another group to form and lead a march in their local community.

Hoku Rivera is one of three Western students who became a part of this local movement.

"To be completely honest, we didn't actually know whether or not we were going to have a march in the first place, in Bellingham," Rivera said. "However, at the first planning meeting with students, [they] pushed to



**Participants of all ages walk through downtown Bellingham, holding up homemade signs advocating for an end to gun violence. // Photo by Alex Hill**

have it because we want to show our support for the national movement."

Nate Southcott, a student at Sehome High School, shared a spoken

word poem he had written with the crowd. In his poem, he questioned the need for deadly weapons and painted a picture of what it would be like to

lose a loved one to gun violence. "It's terrible that we have to be

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## Bus crowding remains an issue for students

**Julia Berkman**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western students are still unhappy with how crowded buses to campus are, even after big changes were made to routes last year.

Right now, Whatcom Transportation Authority sends at least two buses every 15 minutes to more crowded areas like Billy Frank Jr. Street and Buchanan Towers.

According to Rick Nicholson, WTA's director of service develop-

ment, it's fairly unusual for students to miss class because of bus overcrowdedness.

If you wait long enough, you're sure to get a bus. For some students that wait might be more than 10 minutes, Nicholson said.

Eylen Kim, a senior who takes the bus from the intersection of Chestnut Street and Billy Frank Jr. Street, is one of many students who wait for

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Western students are collaborating with Growing Veterans to get funding for operational fees. // page 6



Organizations are rebuilding lives in Vancouver, B.C. and Bellingham through housing, counseling and community support. // page 8



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When she moved into Nash Hall at the beginning of the year, Alice Davidson had never listened to KUGS, the radio station staffed by student volunteers at Western. By winter quarter of her freshman year, Davidson was hosting her own weekly set. // Photo by Taylor Nichols

## Vendors Row adjusts to its new location amidst construction

Major construction for the new multicultural center eliminates the row's prior location

**Alison Eddy**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

With construction for the new Multicultural Center progressing, the usual location for Vendors Row has been moved to another spot on campus.

Vendors Row is now located on the east side of the Multi-Purpose Room, right outside the entrance to the temporary location of the bookstore.

The relocation is necessary because the cement columns and the canopy above the previous location of Vendors Row are being taken down. The Multicultural Center will occupy the space once completed, and that area will be the new entrance to Viking Union, according to Western's website.

Eric Alexander, associate dean for student engagement and director of the Viking Union, focused on maintaining the setup for the vendors as they have had in the past.

"The already existing canopy over the Multi-Purpose Room made perfect sense for our vendors because it kept them out of the rain and snow," Alexander said. "That side of the building doesn't get as much of the

wind coming off of the bay, so it is a little warmer."

Tucker Walton, manager at Brotha Dudes, also commented on the new location being more comfortable in comparison to the original location.

"Since we are blocked off on the sides, it helps block the wind and keeps us warmer, and we have chairs so we don't have to stand the whole time," Walton said.

Vendors Row will be located at this new location temporarily during construction, but it could be a permanent location in the future, Alexander said.

Alexander said he had considered eventually putting Vendors Row on what will be the backside of the Multicultural Center along the Performing Arts Center Plaza, but he is concerned with the amount of wind the area receives.

"For now, we are going to hold it there for the next 18 months and assess after that," Alexander said.

He said this new location is able to maintain the same number of food vendors and has temporary spaces to offer for student clubs and other vendors as well.

For Brotha Dudes specifically,

Walton said he hasn't seen a major difference in the amount of business at the new location.

"In my experience, people who are in the area have found us without it being a big problem," Walton said.

He said people who are regular customers and want the food will come find them, no matter where they are located.

Junior Sarah-Jane Bentley-Spring hasn't had trouble finding the new location, but she has noticed a new issue regarding space.

"It is a little bit more crowded because there is not as much room for a line to form," Bentley-Spring said.

Alexander said they will find ways to make traffic flow as smoothly as possible, whether that be by situating planters differently, moving tables or creating pedestrian passageways.

He also mentioned the construction site will be a bit noisy over the next few weeks with the removal of the old roof and top floor of the bookstore scheduled during spring quarter.

Although the Multicultural Center won't be complete for about a year and a half, there is a groundbreaking ceremony open to the public on April 20 from 3-5 p.m. at the PAC Plaza.

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## Western's counseling center launches month-long drug take back campaign

How improper prescription drug waste can lead to addiction, overdose and environmental harm

### Key issues

#### 01 Overdose



approximately 6.4 million Americans have abused controlled prescriptions drugs.



Opioid medications like Oxycotin and Vicodin for example, are addictive substances and are often abused.

#### 02 Environmental Harm



Flushing prescription drugs down the toilet has negative impacts on local wildlife and can even end up in our water supply.



#### 03 Action



Managing unwanted prescriptions can reduce the risk of addiction, overdose, and environmental harm.

Infographic by Sophia Greif

**Stella Harvey**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western is encouraging students and staff to take part in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day through a new campaign during the month of April to share information and reduce risks surrounding prescription medication.

Ian Vincent, Men's Resiliency Specialist at the Counseling Center, said the campaign aims to raise awareness about how managing unused prescriptions can reduce the chance of addiction, overdose and environmental harm.

Kas Church, Suicide Prevention Coordinator at the Counseling Center, said this is an effort to educate students and staff about the risk of not properly disposing of old prescriptions and raising awareness about the danger they hold.

"This is part of our strategy to reduce the lethal means students have access to," Church said. "It is also a great way to get highly addictive substances out of the hands of people who might abuse them."

Church said many people's first experience with opioids is with leftover prescription drugs from family or friends. According to the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Take Back Day website, approximately 6.4 million Americans have abused con-

trolled prescriptions drugs. Programs at Western such as the Alcohol and Other Drug Risk Reduction Program, Environmental Health and Safety, and Men's Resiliency Program have teamed up to join this national effort by the D.E.A.

Scott Martinez, risk reduction specialist at Prevention and Wellness Services, said properly disposing of unused or ex-

that might be otherwise available in our community."

Prescription drugs often sit in medicine cabinets long after the person who they are prescribed to needs them, making them easily accessible to those who may misuse them.

Students are known to share prescription drugs for recreational use or cramming for exams, Martinez said. In a time where

medication," Church said. In addition to the risk of abuse or addiction, some of the common ways of disposing of prescription drugs have negative impacts on the environment.

"Flushing prescription drugs down the toilet has negative impacts on local wildlife and can even end up in our water supply," Church said. "We want students and staff to know Whatcom County is for-

name and taking their old prescriptions to a designated drop-off site in Whatcom County.

When dropping off prescription medication, it is important to know the difference between controlled and non-controlled substances, according to Whatcom Has Hope, an organization focused on preventing opioid abuse. According to Whatcom Has Hope, controlled substances include oxycodone, codeine, alprazolam, hydrocodone and acetaminophen, among others. Non-controlled substances include prescription medications that do not fall under controlled medications, as well as pet medications, medicated ointments or lotions, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, inhalers and unopened EpiPens.

There is not a drop-off location on campus, but there are various sites throughout Whatcom County where both controlled and non-controlled substances can be deposited. Of the 11 sites, the closest locations to campus include the Bellingham Police Department, Unity Care Northwest on Unity Street and the Haggen Pharmacy in Fairhaven.

"We have an opportunity to make a positive change, one that will make our community safer for all," Church said.

## "Proper disposal cuts into the amount of medication that might be otherwise available in our community."

**Scott Martinez**  
Risk Reduction Specialist

pired medication removes these substances from the mainstream supply, which can help reduce misuse.

"Opioid medications like Oxycotin and Vicodin for example, are addictive substances and are often abused," Martinez said. "Proper disposal cuts into the amount of medication

opioid abuse is on the rise, it may seem normal to give away or sell personal medication. Many students may be unaware of both the physical and legal risk of sharing their prescriptions.

"Most people are surprised to learn that it is actually a felony to share or sell controlled prescription

medication," Church said. Church encourages students and staff to participate in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day by cleaning out their medicine cabinets, blacking out all personal information except for the prescription



### MARCH

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a part of this movement, but awesome that we are and that we're doing something other than just sitting by," Southcott said.

While the majority of those involved were high school students, the demographic of people standing on the street that day was widespread. From toddlers to retirees, multiple generations marched to support students.

Reidel was an integral part of the team behind the march. She stood beside the students through the process and hoped that other adults would advocate for them as well.

"I hope that they'll see the energy of all ages, especially the students, but I don't think the change is going to happen if we throw this on the students' backs," Reidel said. "I think it has to be students and adults and all generations saying 'we're done.'"

Western senior Alex McCoy walked with her friends, community members and thousands of other people eager to make change happen.

"I'm really sick of watching people get killed by guns. That's a pretty good reason I think," McCoy said. "I hope that this gets the media coverage that it needs...enough is enough."



People of all backgrounds attended the march. One protester held a sign that read in Spanish, "It does not matter the color of the skin but the color of the blood." // Photo courtesy of Alex Hill



Photos below the line: About 2,000 community members and demonstrators marched through the streets of downtown Bellingham. // Photos by Sarah McCauley

## The Western AS Bookstore

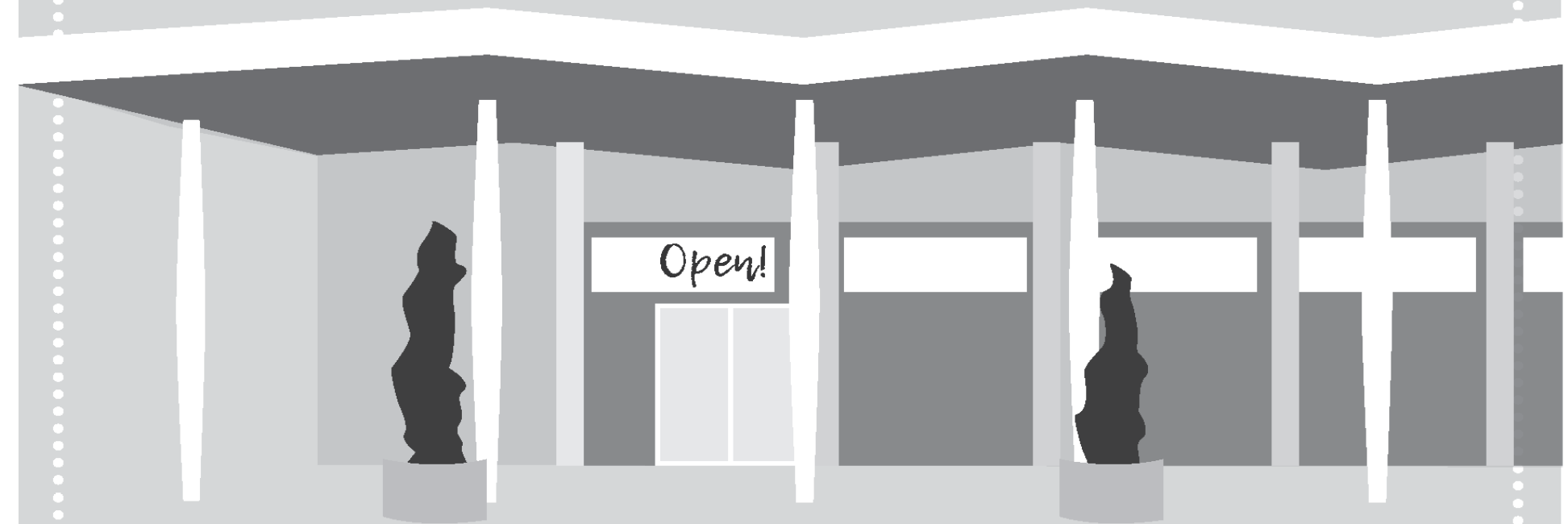
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a bus to take them to campus. "The line for a bus stop stretches two and a half buses full. When you get in line, it's pretty competitive to get to the front so you can get into the first bus," Kim said.

Nicholson said this isn't a new development.

"The buses pretty much have always been very crowded, so it's not unusual, but it's always a concern," he said.

Last quarter, Kim had to run up the hill to campus for her 8 a.m. final after three buses passed her.

WTA is putting out as many buses as they can, Nicholson said.

"Almost 80 percent of students want to get up to campus within a 10-minute window. It maxes us out. We have no more buses to put in service during that window," he said.

Junior Lindsey Costlow, who

lives next to the Lincoln Creek Park & Ride, says she has ridden buses so crowded that people had to stand right next to the driver's seat.

"It was certainly unsafe," she said. These buses were within the 10-minute window Nicholson believes is the most congested.

Since March 2017, WTA completely redesigned their Whatcom County routes. Some buses, like the 44 and 105, were consolidated into one route. More buses were sent to the Lincoln Creek Park & Ride and NXNW, while less routes went down towards Fairhaven and 32nd Street.

These changes have affected students living far away from campus in particular.

Students living on 32nd Street often find bus 11 over-crowded by students who live along the route.

"Those are situations where we really want to hear from people: when they need to get to destinations that aren't on the Blue Line, but they're getting left behind," Nicholson said.

Nicholson said students who take the bus to the Viking Union or the Wade King Student Recreation Center are often filling up buses that aren't on the Blue Line, like the 14 and 11. Those buses have different destinations that can only be reached by that particular bus.

Nicholson, who used to be a bus driver, has also noticed more students getting on the bus to go one or two stops.

Martig said students who do not appear to have a disability might feel ashamed to take the bus short distances.

However, she noted if less people took the bus, students who need seats would get them.

"Students with invisible disabilities are often forced to stand on the bus because nondisabled students take the seats in front, not realizing there are people who need them,"

*"Almost 80 percent of students want to get up to campus within a 10-minute window. It maxes us out. We have no more buses to put in service during that window."*

**Rick Nicholson**  
WTA director of service development

"Taking the bus for really short trips is not something we used to see in the past, and we're seeing more and more of it going on. This affects students who need to go longer distances," he said.

Instead of taking the bus less than half a mile, Nicholson believes students who live at Buchanan Towers or in the Sehome neighborhood should walk to class.

"For people's health, it's better to walk short distances," he said.

Kaylee Martig, a junior and member of the Associated Students' Disability Advocacy Committee, believes encouraging students to walk rather than ride the bus short distances may make students with mobility impairments feel uncomfortable.

she said. Nicholson's main message to students is their use of WTA buses is a privilege, and that WTA has tried to accommodate the increase in demand.

"I have heard students say that they shouldn't have to wait because they're paying for this service. That is misinformation. The transportation fee doesn't pay for WTA, it pays for the bus pass," he said.

Nicholson invites student feedback about their commute.

"When classes start up again in the fall, we're going to have a public meeting up at Western," he said. "These are the kinds of things that students need to talk about. The more feedback we can get, that's all good."



Students pack in tight on a morning bus ride. // Photo by Roisin Cowan-Kuist

## Students team up with nonprofit organization to help veterans

**Maddie Smith**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western students are collaborating with Growing Veterans on writing a grant that will help fund the organization's operational fees.

Growing Veterans is a nonprofit organization based out of Lynden which practices "dirt therapy" by using their farm as a therapeutic tool for veterans who live with post-traumatic stress disorder, as well as offering them skills to add to their post-military careers.

A group of students in Western assistant professor Jeremy Cushman's advanced technical writing class helped write the grant, including seniors Kyle Hansen and Simon Nuckles-Flinn.

If they receive the \$50,000 Newman's Own grant, Growing Veterans plans to spend it on their dirt therapy program, which includes supplies and costs associated with running the farm and peer support training for veterans, Hansen said.

For the veterans, dirt therapy can be more comfortable than traditional forms of therapy, junior Brian Cary, the grant co-author, said.

"This is an opportunity to actually do something with your hands. You're not sitting in an office talking to someone that you don't know and

you don't trust," he said. Bill Smith, vice president of Growing Veterans and a grant writer for the organization, provided guidance for the students through the writing process.

Growing Veterans has done three studies that found the process of farming helps veterans reintegrate back into civilian society when they return home, Smith said.

Being awarded the Newman's Own grant would mean more resources for the Growing Veterans farm, which would result in providing more food for the community.

"We give about 30 percent of what we produce back to the community, to food banks, to people who need food," Smith said.

Growing Veterans' peer support program "gives veterans who might feel isolated a place to find people who have shared their experiences, who can talk them through some of the things they're going through," Hansen said.

This is the third time Growing Veterans has applied for the Newman's Own grant, but it's the first time that they were invited to apply, which increases their chances of being awarded the grant, Cary said.

"It's like job hunting," Nuckles-Flinn said. "Basically, you just have to keep on applying until you get



Veterans and community members alike are welcome at the farm. // Photo by Mathew Roland

something, and you're going to have a lot of rejection."

Hansen said the process of writing the grant was an empowering one.

"As an English major, I've kind of spent the last four years joking about how I have no future," Hansen said. "It really shows me that there are things I can do that can actually make a difference."

Usually, Smith spends about 30 hours on each grant that he writes.

With the help of the students from Cushman's class, he spent roughly four and a half hours in total on the writing process for the Newman's Own grant, he said.

The partnership has allowed Smith to meet the deadlines for three other grants for Growing Veterans, he said.

The grant is currently open for edits and due to be submitted to the Newman's Own Foundation by April 25, Smith said.



**Left: The fields await the next batch of crops. Bottom: Farm Manager Joel Swenson tends the fields as the farm houses the budding plants.**  
// Photos by Mathew Roland



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# Building home: Bellingham to B.C.

*The demand for affordable housing in the Pacific Northwest is growing - and so is the support for those in need*

By Emily Jackson  
THE WESTERN FRONT

The growing homelessness crisis in Whatcom County and the Pacific Northwest isn't confined to the U.S.

Closer to home, both Bellingham and Vancouver, British Columbia, are home to large homeless populations - and they keep growing.

According to a 2017 Whatcom County report, there are at least 742 people experiencing homelessness in Bellingham. The climate is similar in Vancouver, where a similar study found roughly 2,138 people experiencing homelessness in 2017.

Despite this growing crisis, there are people in both cities trying to help the homeless recover a sense of stability.

One solution underway in Vancouver is to create temporary modular homes for the homeless.

The city of Vancouver launched a temporary modular housing project last fall to take care of homeless people's urgent needs, according to the city's website. These homes are part of a wider effort by the Canadian government to create permanent solutions for managing homelessness.

According to the BC Housing website, the company building the modular homes, British Columbia is allocating \$291 million over two years toward housing. This will include the creation of 2,000 modular supportive housing units across British Columbia for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The project, scheduled to finish in fall 2019, will add both temporary modular housing and permanent homes to various parts of Vancouver.

While the modular homes in Vancouver focus on temporary housing, organizations in Bellingham and Whatcom County are using diverse techniques in an effort to end homelessness.

"Long-term housing is the most important focus, and that's what the city has been doing," Belling-



Construction nears the end on a BC Housing low-income residence. // Photo courtesy of BC Housing

ham Mayor Kelli Linville said in an email. "The voter-approved Bellingham Home Fund addresses issues caused by the housing crisis by providing safe affordable homes and supportive services to vulnerable populations."

She said the city has created or preserved hundreds of housing units since the Bellingham Home Fund came into effect in 2012.

Yet, despite the goal to provide long-term housing, Linville said the city needs to keep temporary housing in mind for those who are in urgent need of shelter.

"We continue to seek a permanent site for an easy-access shelter, which is being temporarily provided by the Lighthouse Mission Ministries' Drop-In Shelter on Holly Street," she said.

The permanent easy-access shelter was proposed last May, according to an article in the Bellingham Herald.

According to Linville, the city identified a city-owned property two years ago, which they planned to use for this purpose. However, the plans fell through after the Port of Bellingham purchased the prop-

erty instead.

"Since then, we have continued to actively look for a site, and the county put together a taskforce to help with that process," Linville said.

The city has tentatively located two potential sites at Civic Center, she said.

"We're exploring locating a shelter on half of the city-owned parking lot between B and A streets, in a way that would keep it away from residential uses," she said.

The other possible site is the current Whatcom County Health Department building across from the police station on Girard Street, she said.

Linville said the city will keep working with Whatcom County and Lighthouse Mission Ministries to adapt the project.

Lighthouse Mission Ministries, a Christian nonprofit organization, provides shelter and wrap-around resources to homeless people in Whatcom County. It provides resources to help people rebuild their entire lives, similar to the services in the modular home communities in Vancouver. However, unlike

Vancouver's temporary modular homes, Lighthouse Mission provides both short and long-term support.

"People don't become homeless because they run out of resources," Hans Erchinger-Davis, executive director of the Lighthouse Mission, said. "They become homeless because they run out of relationships."

Homelessness begins with isolation, Erchinger-Davis said. Depending on the situation, many people become homeless because they don't have family or friends who can help.

For this reason, the Lighthouse Mission doesn't just give people experiencing homelessness a shelter and nutritious meals, Erchinger-Davis said. It gives them the relationships they need to keep going.

It also runs an easy-access crisis shelter, medical clinics, recover programs, transitional housing programs, meal programs and outreach teams who connect with homeless people staying in encampments and panhandlers, he said.

Stephen Cairns, 21, a senior

at Western, is a supervisor at the Lighthouse Mission Drop-In Center where he helps facilitate activities, meals and conversations with guests.

"I basically get to be the fun guy," Cairns said. "I help provide an open and safe place to build relationships."

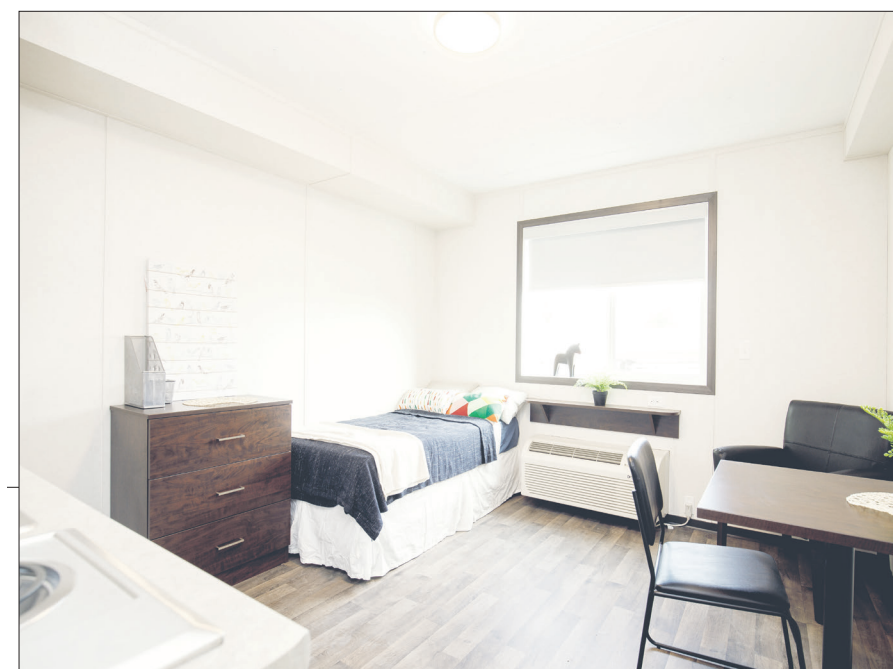
Cairns said he started working with Lighthouse Mission seven months ago.

After working with people in homelessness throughout high school and college, he said he realized there's a lot to learn from them.

"As much as I've looked to help them, they've helped me too," he said. "So many people [at the Drop-In Center] love me. They help me. They taught me what it means to persevere."

Around the clock, for 365 days of the year, Lighthouse Mission works with an average of 250 men, women and children who struggle with homelessness. The organization seeks to empower people to take the reins on the road to recovery, said Erchinger-Davis.

The Mission accomplishes this goal by responding to all areas of life, he said, describing how a holistic approach includes helping people grow in their economic, social, spiritual, emotional, physical and mental health.



A brand new single-bedroom BC Housing apartment in Vancouver, British Columbia. // Photo courtesy of BC Housing

Erchinger-Davis said these core issues must be considered in addition to housing.

"Throwing a roof over someone's head doesn't solve someone's homelessness," he said.

Erchinger-Davis said there are different stages in recovery from homelessness.

"People from many walks of life come to us in the crisis stage of recovery," he said. "Those people need quick relief. Once they're out of that crisis stage, they enter the development stage."

According to Erchinger-Davis, that's when a full life recovery can begin. He said the Lighthouse Mission is working to empower people to be the solution to their own problems.

"We can't respond to a development need with a crisis response," he says. "We need to make sure the response matches the need."

Erchinger-Davis said building housing units can be helpful in select cases. This "Housing First" model has recently gained popularity as an effective method, according to a report by the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

However, he said this approach can leave people with a home but no support system. Support is key, especially for people struggling with addiction and serious behavioral

health issues.

Erchinger-Davis said the Lighthouse Mission works to reverse this trend with a "Housing Next" model that encourages a level of healing and growth to help a person maintain housing long-term.

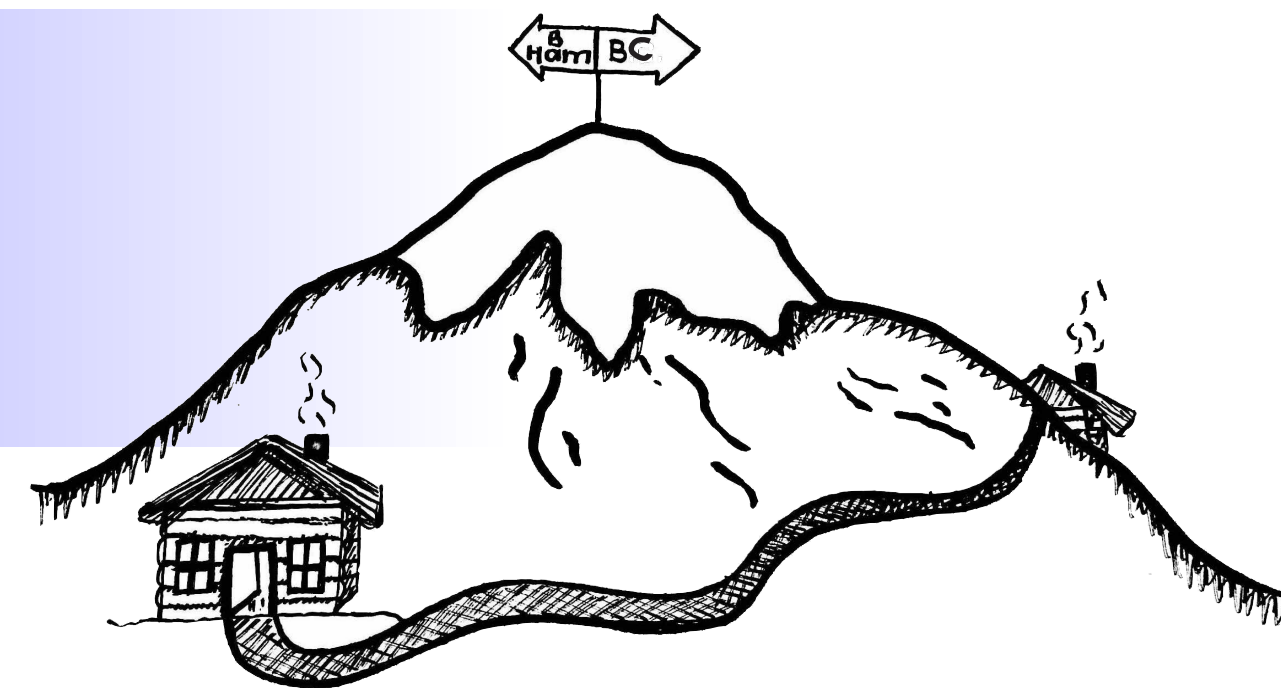
These resources include classes about the psychology of addiction, anger management and spiritual growth. The classes on spiritual growth are not required, he said, but they play a key role in helping people find their identity and find healing from guilt and shame they may be holding on to.

"It's critical for people to have an understanding of who they are, of their value and what their calling is in this life," Erchinger-Davis said. "Hope lives at the Lighthouse Mission."

Lydia Place, a non-profit agency serving homeless households in Whatcom County, also takes a multifaceted approach to ending homelessness.

"At Lydia Place our mission is focused on disrupting the cycle of homelessness," Shultzie Willows, community engagement director for Lydia Place, said. "Many of our programs are centered around families with kids, so that their children are the last generation to experience homelessness and poverty."

However, Lydia Place serves couples without children and unaccom-



A volunteer with Lydia Place installs flooring in a Bellingham home. // Photo courtesy of Lydia Place

panied adults as well Willows said.

According to the organization's website, Lydia Place provides various services including permanent supportive housing, parenting support, counseling and education about the faces and causes of homelessness.

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*"Hope lives at the Lighthouse Mission."*

**Hans Erchinger-Davis**  
Executive director of The Lighthouse Mission

ing to fix the crisis facing this and other communities. It takes all of us working together," she said. "And, it takes all of us being good stewards of our resources to solve this community problem."

Solutions range from various emergent and permanent housing programs, to a new program that will provide accessible and affordable lockers, to the tiny home movement and an emergency shelter.

From Vancouver to Bellingham, approaches to helping homelessness may vary. However, organizations in both cities are trying to help people experiencing homelessness find stability and healing.



# Bellingham: A town where *nothing* goes to waste?

A local nonprofit is challenging Bellingham to let nothing go to the landfill and join the Zero Waste movement

By Miranda Roberts  
THE WESTERN FRONT



The sign outside of the Sustainable Connections office welcomes visitors. // Photo by Roisin Cowan-Kuist

The Zero Waste movement is budding in the City of Bellingham. Local organizations are reaching out into the community to inform residents and business owners about the efficiency of reducing waste in homes or businesses and they're getting a positive response from a town known for its environmental awareness.

Sustainable Connections, a local nonprofit, launched the Toward Zero Waste Project in 2007 to help businesses come together and transition to using more sustainable practices to take care of their waste.

Founded in 2002, Sustainable Connections' mission statement is "to educate, connect and promote local businesses to build strong communities," according to their website.

Mark Peterson, sustainable business manager at Sustainable Connections, has been promoting better waste practices in Whatcom County for over a decade.

Peterson is a certified project management professional and has worked on a variety of sustainability projects including Toward Zero Waste and B-Corp certifications.

A B-Corp certification can be earned by a business if it passes a rigorous environmental impact assessment. The certification immediately tells the consumer that the business or product they are supporting has been proven to be environmentally conscious.

"It is heartening to see the Toward Zero Waste movement picking up steam," said Peterson.

He said the majority of the sustainability conversation in Bellingham has been about less accessible options, like solar panels.

Although there has been a lack of discussion on the less glamorous side of going green, waste reduction remains an important conversation to have.

Peterson discussed the long history that Sustainable Connections has had working with businesses in Bellingham and credits that to the close relationships they've managed to build.

Along with building business relationships, Sustainable Connections is now starting a project, the Food Recovery Initiative, to help

those in need in the Bellingham community.

"The Food Recovery Initiative will actually help businesses redistribute their edible prepared food to those in need instead of throwing it away," Peterson said, adding that Sustainable Connections will be setting up deliveries to communities in need.

Along with TZW, Sustainable Connections Membership Coordinator Becca Weathers heads her own campaign, "Think Local First," to encourage community members to shop at independent businesses and buy locally made products.

"The Zero Waste movement is coming out of our generation because it is trendy and cool," said Weathers.

Weathers said that oftentimes the first thing a business has to think about when opening is their waste.

"It's a part of Bellingham culture," she said.

Weathers said Sustainable Connections runs five separate programs including food and farming, green building, smart growth, energy and the smart business program, each targeting a different aspect of environmental consciousness.

Along with targeting businesses, the Towards Zero Waste project reaches out to the broader community by involving the public and local businesses in promotional games and advertisements.

Throughout the year, there are several community events and informational opportunities to spread

the word about the importance of waste reduction. These include sending out holiday gift guides for buying locally, Earth Day volunteer work opportunities and Independence Day "Support Independent Businesses" promotions.

Membership with Sustainable Connections works in a mutually beneficial way, Weathers said. Local businesses get to promote their sustainability and efficiency while simultaneously helping the environment through their efforts.

"The businesses pay a fee for membership and get to reap all the benefits, such as workshops and advertisements," said Weathers. "Regardless of peoples' outlook on climate or environmental issues, we can always win people over with efficiency of sustainable practices because it saves them so much money."

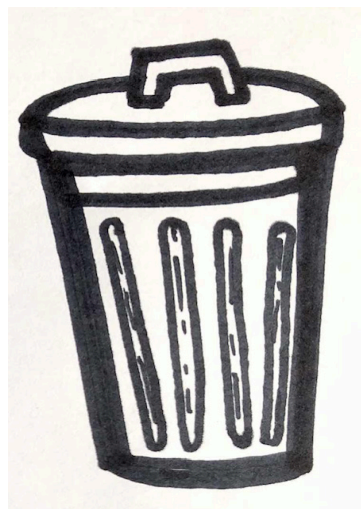
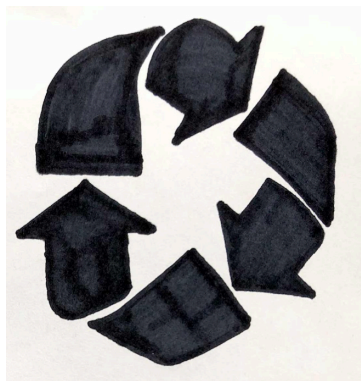
Membership with Sustainable Connections now includes between 400 to 500 businesses, according to Weathers, but she said around 2,000 businesses in the community are helped through volunteer work and networking that Sustainable Connections provides, even without an official membership.

The Zero Waste movement continues to grow and be supplemented by organizations like Sustainable Connections who strive to make businesses more efficient while still producing the product or service that the community is familiar with.

Weathers said the best way businesses are beginning to reduce waste is by being mindful of the

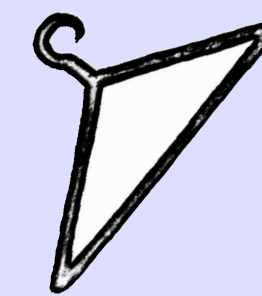
waste they are producing, and that in order to continue cutting down on waste, businesses will need to get creative with how they take care of it.

Some of the businesses in Bellingham that are certified by Sustainable Connections include Aslan Brewing, the Community Food Co-op, Boundary Bay Brewing, Ragfinery, Haggen, Inc. and Whatcom Farmers Market.



# A sustainable fashion revolution at Ragfinery

This downtown Bellingham business combines sustainability and style



By Stella Harvey  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Nestled at 1421 N. Forest St. is a storefront with bright fabrics piled behind its windows.

Ragfinery, a local non-profit with the goal of diverting textile waste from landfills, collects these supplies to become new creations.

Ragfinery was founded in April 2014 as the second business of ReUse Works, an organization focused on community and sustainability. ReUse Works provides job training and business opportunities for low-income residents using discarded materials. Ragfinery is a creative community staple with an environmentally conscious twist.

Shan Sparling, program manager at Ragfinery, said the organization has a multitude of facets including upcycling, community outreach and creative collaborations.

"When we first started out, we thought we would be collecting T-shirts and 100 percent cotton, but we very quickly learned that the Bellingham creative art community was really looking for something like this," Sparling said.

Not only a store, the Ragfinery hosts a variety of workshops and weekly events teaching sewing and crafting techniques. By reusing old materials and selling upcycled sewing supplies at a discounted rate, the Ragfinery has made a commitment to reducing waste and diverting textiles from the landfill.

Upcycling, or the reuse or repurposing of used clothing or materials, is a way of reducing waste and reusing materials that would otherwise end up in landfills.

"Upcycling is a creative way to get people thinking about what they're wearing, where their clothes come from [and] the quality of their clothes," Sparling said.

According to the Council for Textile Recycling, the U.S. generates an average of 25 billion pounds of textiles per year. Only 15 percent get donated or recycled, resulting in massive amounts of clothes ending up in landfills.

Sparling said the consumer culture created by the fashion industry often makes people feel pressured to go to a store and buy the latest thing, which is to blame for the increasing amount of textile waste.

"Recycling things is important, but teaching people about reducing the amount of stuff they buy and reusing things is the way you can really preserve the embodied energy of what's already



The front windows of Ragfinery, stocked with upcycled clothing and supplies. // Photo by Stella Harvey

been made," she said.

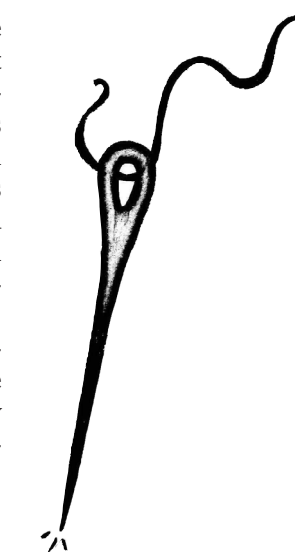
According to their website, Ragfinery has hosted more than 144 upcycling workshops and diverted an estimated 743,000 pounds of textiles from landfills since its opening through weaving together local artists, community volunteers and those who want to learn traditional textile skills.

Ragfinery strives to educate and challenge Bellingham's community to think about who is making their clothes, Sparling said. The textile industry is second only to the fossil fuels in the amount of toxicity it imparts on the planet.

"It's really a much bigger problem than most people think it is," Sparling said. "You can make such a big difference in not having a huge wardrobe of cheap clothes, but instead buying a few quality things."

The Ragfinery will host its fourth annual upcycling runway challenge on Saturday, April 14 at the Leopold Crystal Ballroom. The event comes in conjunction with Earth Day, which takes place on April 22 and celebrates the natural world and what consumers can do to protect it.

For more information on ways to decrease waste, stop by Ragfinery Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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## FRONTLINE

Opinions of the Editorial Board

### What the Sinclair controversy really means for journalism

When the words “fake news” first appeared on the radar, worries about media literacy and fabricated stories going viral were on everyone’s minds. But a much bigger threat looms on the horizon -- uniform news, controlled by corporations.

A free press is essential to democracy. Without it, the public is not able to hold those in power accountable or make informed political decisions.

Historically, this has meant media free from government censorship, first and foremost, but corporate control has become equally dangerous to press freedoms.

When powerful corporations control news, our access to unbiased information can become limited. As a future with bigger and more powerful corporations looms, regulations protecting the press from their influence become more essential.

Having diversity in news is critical because it provides a wealth of different ideas and opinions, ideally formed from unbiased evidence and facts.

Many people recently became aware of the media giant behind their local news station, conservative-leaning Sinclair Broadcasting Company, when a video circulated over the weekend showing dozens of anchors from Sinclair-owned local news chan-

nels forced to read a script submitted by the company.

Reading the script on paper is one thing. It looks very impersonal. But watching anchors from Oregon, Washington D.C. and South Carolina giving a uniform message is another.

“We’re concerned about the troubling trend of irresponsible, one-sided news stories plaguing our country,” the anchors said.

It seems as if the company has good intentions, but the phrase doesn’t have the same ring to it when 36 screens with 36 different people are saying it in unison, side by side.

The anchors all voiced concerns that media groups are pushing fake news and using personal bias to control public opinion, which critics were quick to point out is one of President Trump’s favorite talking points. Published by sports news site Deadspin, the eerie video ends with anchor after anchor saying, “This is extremely dangerous for our democracy.”

Local news and corporate media groups may seem like water and oil, but Sinclair has been acquiring local TV channels from Oregon to South Carolina, becoming one of the largest media companies in the U.S. and reaching 39 percent of Americans, Vox reports.

Counter to ideas of a democratic free press, that number would jump to 72 percent if their purchase of Tribune Media is approved. This was made possible when Trump-appointed FCC Chairman Ajit Pai scaled back regulations on how many TV stations a company can own, Mother Jones reported in 2017.

While their message seems well-meaning, their method is ominous. The true threat to democracy lies in having homogenized news spread to Americans from sources they already trust. The gray area between this and propaganda doesn’t stretch far.

When people are tired of politicized news coverage from CNN and FOX News or looking for local coverage, they may turn to local news stations, where many anchors are familiar faces who have built trust with their audience.

Sinclair is known for giving their broadcast stations “must-run” segments like this scripted one and right-leaning segments featuring former Trump White House official Boris Epshteyn. Their interest is in making money, but their role should be to inform audiences instead of lobby for policies that will help their business.

The danger of corporate-controlled media is that companies could con-

trol the news in a way that benefits them, giving them even more power and influence over the public. When media companies all over the country are scrambling to find a way to fund honest, ethical journalism, the options available become fewer and far-between.

There can be a balance between corporations and the media they own, and autonomy can be maintained in news organizations. For example, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos is the owner of the same “Fake News Washington Post” Trump has been bashing since before he took office. Concerns of Amazon being its own corporate giant aside, Bezos keeps out of The Washington Post’s news coverage, including coverage of Amazon, its executive editor Martin Baron told The New York Times.

As journalists are government watchdogs, the public must be watchdogs as well. Public critique of Sinclair and the FCC calls for stricter regulations on media monopolies and holding companies to higher ethical expectations helps protect the integrity of a free press. If any time is the right time for journalists and the public to hold media companies and monopolies accountable, it’s now.

*The Western Front Editorial Board is composed of Taylor Nichols, Kira Erickson and Eric Trent*

## Viking Voices

*How do you know if a news source is credible?*



**Alexa Davis**  
Freshman, undeclared

“I look for something that isn’t too politically biased. So for me that means I’m not going to go to CNN or FOX, or MSNBC. I like to do more independent sources, and I like to be able to trace their sources and see the links to studies they’re citing.”



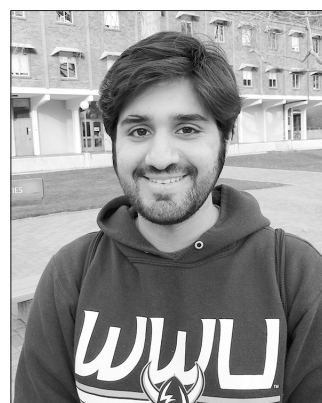
**Dedeepya Gudipati**  
Sophomore, Biological Chemistry

“I look for something that looks for both sides of the argument in a logical way that doesn’t say what side is correct but just gives us the information and lets us decide.”



**Maddie Page**  
Junior, English Literature

“Where it comes from. If it’s like a BuzzFeed article or a Facebook post then it’s probably not true. It might be, but I won’t trust it. I also look to see if it’s like a proper news organization with a website and if it just looks visually good.”



**Usama Arshad**  
Sophomore, Physical Therapy

“It depends on where it’s coming from and who’s writing it. I look at what they do and depending on the type of story, you can kinda see spots where there might be some bias. Another thing is if other people are reporting on the same thing and someone is saying something different from the other people.”

*Compiled by Colton Redtfeldt*

## Women's rowing ranked No. 1 in NCAA

*The defending champion Western women's rowing team relies on its "willingness to row not only for themselves but for each other"*

**Alison Eddy**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

As spring quarter starts, the 2017-18 athletics season is wrapping up with track and field, men’s and women’s golf, women’s softball and women’s rowing.

So far this year, the athletic program has seen success with a number of teams. The volleyball team and women’s soccer team advanced to the regional finals, men’s basketball made it to the Great Northwest Athletic Conference semifinals and women’s basketball won their 1,000th game this year.

Western’s women’s rowing team has potential to continue the successes of Western teams after being named the No. 1 team in the first Division II coaches’ poll of the season. The women’s rowing team has a history of winning with seven national championships stretching from 2005-2011, and another last year.

Senior Trisha Patterson is a fourth-year rower on the women’s rowing team. According to her, the team’s success comes from, “our willingness to row not only for ourselves but for each other.”

The women’s rowing team is a sweep rowing team, which means each person in the boat has one oar and work in a pair. Patterson said the entire boat has to row as one and there isn’t any position that is more important than the other.

Patterson has been rowing since high school and along with other sports she has participated in, she said it was always understood, “Oh, you’re a girl and you’re doing sports. That’s cute.”

She said that while the women’s team can’t row as fast as the men’s varsity eight, they work just as hard and train just as hard as the men’s team.

“A lot of my experience has been living up to expectations and also proving expectations wrong,” Patterson said.

She has heard comments like the aforementioned, and one comment in particular referred to a male lifting a



Senior Chloe Burns sits in the stroke seat on the No. 1-ranked NCAA Division II Western women’s rowing team this year. // **Photo by The Western Front**

certain amount of weight as lifting like a girl.

While she is frustrated by that comment and others like it, she also said Damien Fisher, the strength and conditioning coach, really cares about what goes on in his weight room. She said he

is working on creating an equal environment for both men and women inside and outside of the weight room.

Director of Athletic Communications Jeff Evans said he has been at some of Western’s practices at 5 a.m. on Lake Samish and often they are wearing head-

**“A lot of my experience has been living up to expectations and also proving expectations wrong.”**

**Trisha Patterson**  
Senior rower

lamps and rowing in freezing temperatures.

“It’s not just powerful, they all have to be in synchronization and they are doing it as hard as they can,” Evans said.

Evans promotes and publicizes athletic events through communications such as websites, articles and social media.

He said one of the goals of the athletic department is to make the best student-athlete experience possible at Western.

“We are kind of the eyes, the ears and the voice of Western Athletics,” Evans said.

He also said the athletic department focuses on supporting the athletes on the field and in the classroom.

“A lot of our 300-plus athletes are not going pro,” Evans said “They’re getting their degree and they’re graduating and they’re entering the workforce.”

The women’s rowing team most recently took first place at the Varsity 8+ race of the Husky Open on Montlake Cut in Seattle on Saturday, March 31. The team completed the 2,000-meter course in 7 minutes, 8.935 seconds defeating Seattle Pacific University (7:13.079) and the University of Washington (7:20.849).

Led by sophomore coxswain Jonah Bettger and senior All-American Chloe Burns in the stroke seat, the Vikings powered through a strong second half of the race to record the 5-second victory over SPU.

“It was a fun day for sure as UW is always a great host,” head coach John Fuchs said in a university press release. “The 1V was able to finish strong, netting them the overall medal for the 1V event. Anytime we can do that against a Washington crew, Portland and Seattle U., we will take it.”

The women’s crew team doesn’t have any home races, but they have races in Seattle on April 14 and May 5.

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# Sports roundup for the week

**Tyler Urke**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

**Men's golf:**

With just three weeks left until the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Championships, the Western men's golf team turned in a strong performance at the Mustang Intercollegiate Tournament April 2-3 at Palm Valley Golf Club in Goodyear, Arizona.

The Vikings tied for third out of 20 teams with a 19-under par score. Cody Roth, a junior, led Western in the tournament with a 9-under-par 207, good for sixth place and his fourth top-20 finish of the season.

"I am very proud of how the guys played from start to finish this week," head coach Luke Bennett said in a press release. "To shoot three under-par team scores and to save our -11 for the final round was so great to see."

Western is the two-time defending champion of the conference tournament and has won eight of the 10 titles since the event started in 2008. This year's tournament is April 23-24 at the Coeur d'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

**Women's golf:**

The women's golf team will have its own crack at the Mustang Intercollegiate Tournament April 9-10 in Goodyear, Arizona.

At Western's last tournament on March 6, the Vikings finished 12th out



Sophomore pitcher/first baseman Anna Kasner readies for a pitch during a Western home game last spring. // Photo by Kirstyn Nyswonger

of 17 teams at the Tim Tierney Pioneer Shootout at Callippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton, California.

**Track and field:**

Western track and field athletes were spread thin across the Pacific Northwest as they competed in four different events Saturday, March 31.

Four Vikings competed at the 43rd Stanford Invitational in Stanford, California where sophomore Raquel Pell-eer placed second in the javelin with a personal best throw of 47.91 meters. Her

mark placed her seventh on the all-time Western outdoor record list.

Four Vikings also competed at the 2018 San Francisco State Distance Carnival at Chabot College in Hayward, California. Junior Savannah Smith moved up to seventh in the Western record books by finishing third in the 400 meter with a finish of 57.24 seconds.

Junior Kyler Sager also etched his name in the Western record books with a seventh place finish in the 800 meter in 1:52.98, good for eighth-best all time.

At the University of British Columbia Open, Rudy Mataya jumped from fourth

to first place in the decathlon on the final day of competition. He won the pole vault (4.00 meters) and javelin (39.28 meters) to win the competition with 5,157 total points.

Five Western athletes competed in the UPS Shotwell Invitational at Baker Stadium in Tacoma.

Freshman Myles Smith placed first in the field of 20 runners in the 800 meter, clocking a time of 1:59.24.

The Vikings return to competition Friday, April 6, hosting Saint Martin's, Seattle Pacific and the University of British Columbia for the WWU Track & Field Invitational at Civic Stadium at 2 p.m.

**Softball:**

Western's softball team (11-23, 5-10 GNAC) has had a rough season and sit at the bottom of the GNAC standings with less than a month left in the regular season.

After winning the GNAC tournament last season, Western was poised to make noise in 2018. The Vikings recorded one of the best statistical seasons in program history, setting single-season offensive records in hits (449), doubles (78), home runs (37-tied), extra-base hits (126), total bases (660) and hit-by-pitch (34).

This year however, the Vikings have only two seniors and have lacked run-scoring. Western's highest run total in a game all season was in a 14-9 loss to Fort Lewis University on Feb. 10. The Vikings are averaging 3.26 runs per game, worst in the GNAC.

## From the sidelines

*Opinions from The Western Front staff on all things sports*



**Nolan Kirby**  
Reporter

The Mariners aren't going to make it to the playoffs this year.

Although, the Mariners are looking much better than previous years. With Ichiro Suzuki back, it feels like there is a good chance of being in the playoffs.

But, Ichiro isn't the hitter he used to be. In 2004, Ichiro had a career-high hitting average of .372 but as of last year, he had a batting average of .255. And Nelson Cruz, a big home run hitter for the Mariners, twisted his ankle last Saturday after hitting a home run.

Cruz is currently in a protective boot and it is unknown when he will be able to play again.



**Walker Sacon**  
Copy Editor

Since 2001, Mariners fans have been asking "is this the year?" as the team has piled up disappointing finishes and flea-bitten seasons en route to the longest current post-season drought in American pro sports.

The Mariners are off to a strong start this season but the defending champion Houston Astros loom atop the American League West. Houston's presence means the Mariners postseason hopes will depend on battling the Angels and the meat of the AL East for a wildcard spot.

Early injuries to key players and stout competition in the AL point towards more disappointment for M's fans and another "not this year" in response to their eternal question.

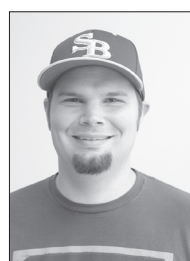


**Tyler Urke**  
Sports Editor

The Mariners will not make the playoffs this season because they are cursed. It may not be on the level of "The Curse of the Bambino" or "The Curse of the Billy Goat" (both of which have been broken), but with the longest active playoff drought in professional sports, it's safe to say something is not right with the franchise.

No matter how the roster is constructed, it seems key players will eventually go down to injury and the M's will fall just short of the playoffs for the rest of eternity.

As a lifelong fan of the Mariners, I have to say that I hope I'm wrong, but at this point it's better for my sanity to expect them not to do anything and then be surprised later on rather than get my hopes up just to have them crushed.



**Eric Trent**  
Managing Editor

I've been saying yes for the last 17 years, but how many times do I have to say it before it comes true?

In reality, I've been going into each season expecting not to make the playoffs. Expectations lead to resentments.

The good news is, we have a legit leadoff man in Flash Gordon and possibly the best top-four lineup in the majors. What's better than starting off with Gordon, Segura, Cano and Cruz?

Felix was better than expected in the season opener, Paxton will come around, Leake looks solid at the No. 3 spot and Diaz has eight strikeouts and three saves in three innings.

World Series, here we come.

**Will the Mariners make the playoffs this season?**

## Vikings Sports Schedule April 2018



Date	Event/Competitor	Location	Time
<b>Track and Field</b>			
04.06.18	WWU Invitational	Bellingham, WA	2:00 pm
04.14.18	SMU Jay Hammer Meet	Lacey, WA	TBA
04.19.18	Mt. Sac Relays/California Invitational Combined Events	Torrance, CA	TBA
04.19.18	Brian Clay Invitational	Azusa, CA	TBA
04.20.18	Beach Invitational	Long Beach, CA	TBA
04.20.18	Mt. Sac Relays/California Invitational Combined Events	Torrance, CA	TBA
04.20.18	Brian Clay Invitational	Azusa, CA	TBA
04.28.18	WWU Ralph Vernacchia Track & Field Meet	Bellingham, WA	TBA
04.30.18	GNAC Multi Championships	Nampa, ID	TBA

### Men's Golf

04.02.18	Mustang Intercollegiate	Goodyear, AZ	7:30 AM
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04.23.18	GNAC Championships	Coeur d'Alene, ID	All Day
04.24.18	GNAC Championships	Coeur d'Alene, ID	All Day

### Women's Golf

04.09.18	Mustang Intercollegiate	Goodyear, AZ	7:30 AM
04.10.18	Mustang Intercollegiate	Goodyear, AZ	7:30 AM
04.23.18	GNAC Championships	Coeur d'Alene, ID	All Day
04.24.18	GNAC Championships	Coeur d'Alene, ID	All Day

### Softball

04.07.18	Central Washington	Viking Field	12:00 PM
04.07.18	Central Washington	Viking Field	2:00 PM
04.08.18	Saint Martin's	Viking Field	12:00 PM
04.08.18	Saint Martin's	Viking Field	12:00 PM
04.21.18	Saint Martin's	Lacey, WA	1:00 PM
04.21.18	Saint Martin's	Lacey, WA	3:00 PM
04.22.18	Central Washington	Ellensburg, WA	12:00 PM
04.22.18	Central Washington	Ellensburg, WA	2:00 PM
04.28.18	Concordia	Portland, OR	5:30 PM
04.28.18	Concordia	Portland, OR	7:30 PM
04.29.18	Western Oregon	Monmouth, OR	1:00 PM
04.29.18	Western Oregon	Monmouth, OR	3:00 PM

### Women's Rowing

04.07.18	Covered Bridge Regatta	Lowell, OR Dexter Lake	ALL DAY
04.14.18	Falcon Regatta	Seattle, WA Lake Washington Ship Canal	ALL DAY
04.21.18	Stanford Lightweights	Redwood City, CA Redwood Shores	ALL DAY
04.28.18	WRA Championships Heat Races	Gold River, CA Lake Natoma	ALL DAY
04.29.18	WRA Championships Championships	Gold River, CA Lake Natoma	ALL DAY

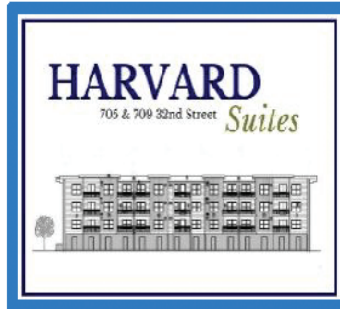
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2600 Douglas Ave.	\$895
705/709 3 <sup>rd</sup> St (New Construction)	\$950-\$1,125
245 32 <sup>nd</sup> St.	\$1,045-\$1,295

### Downtown:

202 E. Holly St.	\$750
1304 Railroad Ave.	\$875
839 State St.	\$975

### North Bellingham:

135-139 Prince Ave.	\$895
3516-18 Northwest Ave.	\$1,025
4330-4349 Water Lily Lp.	\$1,025
425 Stuart Rd. (New Construction)	\$1,025/\$1,095
755 Telegraph (New Construction)	\$1,100-\$1,175

## ONE BEDROOM

### Near WWU:

1014 23 <sup>rd</sup> St.	\$925
2305 Douglas Ave.	\$950
240 32 <sup>nd</sup> St.	\$995
900 22 <sup>nd</sup> St.	\$995
813 Billy Frank Jr. St.	\$995
1034 24 <sup>th</sup> St.	\$995
930 22 <sup>nd</sup> St.	\$1,050
808 20 <sup>th</sup> St. (Condo)	\$1,025
245 32 <sup>nd</sup> St.	\$1,025-\$1,075
2501-05 Taylor Ave.	\$1,095
501 Voltaire Ct. (+den)	\$1,175

### Fairhaven:

1300 McKenzie Avenue	\$1,295-\$1,495
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### Downtown:

202 Holly St.	\$995
1304 Railroad Ave.	\$925-\$975
839 North State St.	\$995-\$1,125

### Central Bellingham:

3111 Newmarket (Condo)	\$1,325
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### North Bellingham:

2823-35 W. Maplewood Ave	\$950
425 Stuart Rd (New Construction)	\$1,135-\$1,305
541-549 E. Kellogg Rd.	\$1,050
4330-4349 Water Lily Lp.	\$1,095
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-\$1,175
2170 Douglas Ave.	\$1,195-\$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
220-40 Douglas Ave.	\$1,295 / \$1,350
230 32 <sup>nd</sup> St.	\$1,325 / \$1,375
1011 High Street	\$1,350-\$1,550
817 Blueberry Lane.	\$1,350
2001-2005 Knox Avenue	\$1,250
3201 Elwood Ave.	\$1,395
1003-1009 24 <sup>th</sup> St.	\$1,495
705/709 32 <sup>nd</sup> Street	\$1,595 - \$1,620
814 High Street	\$1,350-\$1,395

### Downtown:

605.5 N. Garden Street	\$1,325
839 North State St.	\$1,625

### Fairhaven:

1300 McKenzie Avenue	\$1,550-\$1,895
1002 11 <sup>th</sup> St.	\$1,625

### Central Bellingham:

1713 Carolina St.	\$1,095
2423 Pacific St.	\$1,125 / \$1,295
1636-1638 Texas Street	1,250-\$1,395

### North Bellingham:

2631-47 Maplewood Ave.	\$1,100 / \$1,295
135-139 Prince Ave.	\$1,150
2823-35 Maplewood Ave.	\$1,225
541-549 E. Kellogg Rd.	\$1,250-\$1,375
512-516 Tremont Ave.	\$1,250-\$1,350
3343-53 Northwest Avenue	\$1,275
755 Telegraph (New Construction)	\$1,295-\$1,800
3308 Hilda Ln.	\$1,325
251 W. Bakerview Rd. (Condo)	\$1,525
425 Stuart Rd (New Construction)	\$1,550-\$1,800
4330-4349 Water Lily Lp.	\$1,575-\$1,595

Avenue \$2,195-\$2,350

### Central Bellingham:

1709-1711 Carolina St	\$1,250
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## THREE BEDROOMS

### Near WWU:

921-927 21 <sup>st</sup> St.	\$1,550
1020 24 <sup>th</sup> St.	\$1,595
2170 Douglas Ave.	\$1,695
910 N. Garden Street	\$1,695
814 High Street	\$1,695-\$1,895
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
1011 High Street	\$1,850
705/709 32 <sup>nd</sup> Street	\$2,020

### Fairhaven:

1300 McKenzie Avenue	\$2,195-\$2,350
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### Central Bellingham:

1709-1711 Carolina St	\$1,250
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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
524 32 <sup>nd</sup> St.	\$2,100
910 N. Garden street	\$2,525
1011 High Street	\$2,650
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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## FIVE BEDROOMS

### Near WWU:

2001-2005 Knox Avenue	\$2,850
1011 High Street	\$3,500

## SIX BEDROOMS

### Near WWU:

1011 High Street	\$3,500
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## SEVEN BEDROOMS

### Near WWU:

605-607 N. Garden Street	\$4,500
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