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AS general election decides new Executive Board

Election results were announced Friday, May 3 with a 15.1% voter turnout

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The general elections for the Associated Students concluded Friday, May 3, voting in the new AS Executive Board for 2019-20 and passing two referendums with voter turnout at 15.1%, according to AS Election Coordinator Alec Willis. Votes were cast in a rank-choice voting style, and positions with multiple candidates went through rounds of candidate elimination.

Newly-elected AS President Lani DeFiesta won with 1,065 votes. Opposing candidate Abdul Malik Ford received 941 votes, and losing by a margin of 124 votes.

Grace Drechsel won the seat for AS Vice President for Governmental Affairs in the second round with 957 votes against Tatum Eames. Astrid Duenas Diaz received 556 votes, losing



From back left to bottom right: Emily Gerhardt, Selome Zerai, Lani DeFiesta, Adah Barenburg, Yesugen Battsengel, Grace Drechsel and Trever Mullins are the newly elected AS Executive Board. // Photo by Emily Porter

the first round, followed by Eames, who had 759 votes by the second round and ultimately lost

by a margin of 198 votes. Yesugen Battsengel won the seat for AS Vice President for Diversity

with 1,113 votes, winning by a margin of 368 votes against Josiah Scott, who received 745 votes.

The position for the AS Vice President for Sustainability went to Trever Mullins, who won in the

second round with 1,087 votes against Jesse Bass who received 642 votes in the second round. Crow Chloupek lost in the first round with 434 votes.

Emily Gerhardt won the seat as AS Vice President for Student Services in an unopposed race with 1,620 votes.

Selome Zerai won the seat for AS Vice President for Activities unopposed with 1,641 votes.

Adah Barenburg won the seat as AS Student Senate Pro Tempore unopposed with 1,558 votes.

A referendum to amend the AS constitution was passed, with 1,799 "yes" votes.

Another referendum proposed by Zero Waste Western passed with 1,636 "yes" votes and 422 "no". This referendum will change the price of coffee and other beverages on the menu to include the price of a disposable cup.

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The burning of "Lies Feminists Tell" poster is being investigated as arson. // Photo courtesy of Abby Theige

Grievances filed by AS presidential candidate

Abdul Malik Ford claims AS employees, fellow candidates broke election code

Laura Place
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The Western Front will continue to report on this story it develops.

Former candidate for Associated Students President, Abdul Malik Ford, has filed nine official grievances against current AS employees and fellow election candidates. Ford alleged that the nine individuals broke the AS election code, either by endorsing candidates or campaigning against him during the election.

Ford lost the presidential race by 124 votes to Lani DeFiesta on Friday, May 3. The grievances were filed on Monday, May 6, against newly-elected AS executive board members DeFiesta, Trever Mullins and Grace Drechsel, current AS board members Millka Solomon, Camilla Mejia, Levi Eckman and Anne Lee, and AS employees Pauline El-

evazo and Dayjha McMillan.

Section IV of the 2019 election code, which was recently amended, states that AS employees may not "as employees or individuals, endorse candidates," and "may not, even as individuals, work on a campaign for or against a candidate, with the exception of their own as a filed and eligible candidate."

The code does not address whether shares, retweets or likes of endorsements or posts campaigning against candidates on social media also violate the election code. Punitive actions for violating the code may include, but are not limited to, a \$25 fee or disqualification of a candidate.

On April 29, a document written by McMillan titled "A Call Out Built from Love" criticizing Ford's leadership abilities was shared multiple times on Twitter and Facebook. McMillan is AS senator

of Fairhaven College, and said they filed an initial grievance against himself prior to posting the statement. The document detailed McMillan's negative experiences in giving Ford feedback about his alleged lack of action to combat homophobia within Western's Black community.

"I am saying all of this because I want people, who are voting, to know what kind of candidate [Ford] is," McMillan's statement read. "I do not believe he is equipped nor qualified to be AS president. I think he has a lot of learning to do before he can honestly say that he can support the entire campus."

The statement received heavy pushback from supporters of Ford on social media. It was also shared by several AS employees, including four of the seven members of the current AS board of directors.

Eckman, AS vice president of academic affairs, defended his decision to

share McMillan's document. He said he saw it as a way to spread the word about McMillan's experience with Ford, and did not think it qualified as a violation of the election code.

Eckman acknowledged that sharing the document could be perceived as a violation of the election code, but that a system of checks and balances exists within the AS to ensure fair review of grievances. He said the grievance board does not include AS board members or AS student senators.

"It's completely at-large students that make these choices... It's completely autonomous of us," Eckman said.

Ford said his goal in filing the grievances was to hold members of the AS Board accountable for not adhering to election policies.

"It's important for me

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A child in an animal costume marches in the 16th annual Procession of the Species parade on Saturday, May 4. The parade started at City Hall and ended at Maritime Park where people gathered and played music. // **Photo by Zachary Jimenez**

Check out these events this week!

- MAY 8** Men's Soccer | 7 p.m. Whatcom Community College \$5
- MAY 9** Stories Deployed | 4 p.m. Wilson Library Reading Room
- MAY 10** Emma Hill Live Music | 21+ 6 p.m. Firefly Lounge \$8
ESC Block Party feat. Culture Shock | 7 p.m. P.A.C.
- MAY 11** ESC Night Market | 6 - 9 p.m. Red Square
AS POP performances | 3 - 7 p.m. Red Square
Farmers Market | 10 - 3 p.m. 1100 Railroad Ave.
- MAY 12** Boundary Bay Trivia Night | 21+ 5 p.m.
Boundary Bay Mountain Room \$1
- MAY 13** Trivia Night | 21+ 7 p.m. Kombucha Town Culture Cafe \$2
- MAY 14** Women's Soccer | 6 p.m. Bellevue College soccer field \$8

Events calendar compiled by Chris Johansen

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Corrections

- The name of the club associated with Students for Bernie that hosted the documentary screening on May 6 is WWU YDSA, not Young Democrats of WWU.

- The ROP is now named the SAIRC

HomesNOW! to build first tiny home at Safe Haven

In a planned \$50,000 upgrade, project to expand to 20 tiny homes

Mallory Biggar
THE WESTERN FRONT

Nearly a month after its transition from Winter Haven to Safe Haven, HomesNOW! is making plans to turn their tents into tiny homes.

Jim Peterson, president of HomesNOW! and the Planning and Community Development Department, discussed replacing one tent in Safe Haven with a tiny home, according to Lisa Pool, a senior planner with the City of Bellingham.

Safe Haven, located at 620 Alabama St., is a temporary safe camping site for the Bellingham and Whatcom County homeless community, which requires a rigorous application process upon admittance, according to a previous Western Front article.

Peterson said HomesNOW! came to an agreement with the city to replace one of the tents at Safe Haven with a tiny home by May 11. Peterson said he hopes that by Nov. 1 of this year, Safe Haven can substitute more tents with tiny homes at the new site.

Doug Gustafson, the technical director of HomesNOW!, said the city has approved a

new site for the camp to relocate to once Safe Haven's 90-day permit is up. The site will begin with seven tiny homes and 13 tents, and the tents will gradually transition out as tiny homes are built. It would cost an estimated \$50,000 to build 20 tiny homes, according to Gustafson.

"We have already raised the money for the first tiny home, which is going to be constructed at Safe Haven," he said. "It's being built as a prototype so the city and the public can see the structures we're talking about for final approval."

As for Safe Haven, with 20 residents, the camp is currently running strong, according to Peterson.

At the Whatcom County Council meeting on April 23, members of the HomesNOW! board of directors Rachel Duval, Gustafson and Peterson spoke on behalf of Safe Haven and about the data they've collected from the camp so far.

"We've had to evict some residents because they can't follow our rules, but at the same time it's worked out," Gustafson said at the meeting. "We [have] six residents permanently housed outside of

the camp."

Around 72% of residents are over the age of 40, with 70% of residents also having a source of income. Sixty percent of residents have a chronic medical condition, Gustafson said.

Safe Haven conducts an exit poll when residents leave, either by choice or eviction, Gustafson said. According to the poll, 60% of residents were not evicted, 20% were evicted for multiple reasons, 10% were evicted because they were not a good fit and 10% were evicted for drug and alcohol related issues.

"We're not trying to keep people at our camp forever; it's meant to be temporary," Gustafson said. "You get a little bit of help, you get a place to store your stuff, a kitchen, electricity, water. After a certain amount of time, you save up a little bit of money, then you don't need to stay at the camp anymore."

HomesNOW! is hosting a building event for their first tiny home Saturday, May 11, where community members can help them build or make food for the workers, according to their Facebook event page.

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to file these grievances because I was deprived of the opportunity of a fair election process. I, as well as others have been affected by these violations and it's shocking that absolutely nothing has been done about it," Ford said in a written statement to The Western Front.

Lee, AS VP for Student Life, announced their official endorsements of candidates DeFiesta, Drechsel, Mullins and Yesugen Battsengel in a Facebook post on Thursday, May 2. According to the election code, this violates the policy regarding candidate endorsements by current AS employees.

In a written statement to The Western Front, Lee said they consciously made the choice to break election policy and publicly endorse candidates.

"I did what I needed to do to show solidarity with the [Queer, Transgender and People of Color] community and the concerns shared by QT-POC students. I'd rather make a statement that breaks a code (a code that people - the board and the [Representation & Engagement Programs] wrote) than remain neutral as someone who's serving in a leadership role. I am accountable to the students and am facing what's coming because of my choice, and I stand by it," Lee said.

AS President-elect DeFiesta is implicated in one of Ford's grievance filings for sharing Lee's endorsement on her Instagram account on May 2. As an actively campaigning candidate in the election, DeFiesta said she did not believe sharing Lee's endorsement, despite Lee's status as an AS employee, would break the election code.

"Nowhere does it say I, as a candidate, can't share an endorsement in support of my campaign," DeFiesta said in a written statement to The Western Front.

Prior to his official filing, Ford publicized his concerns about alleged campaign code violations in a document titled "The Rigged Election," shared via Facebook on Saturday, May 4. In the document, Ford compiled screenshots of social media posts that he claimed were examples of election code violations, as well as correspondences about his concerns with AS board program coordinator Annie Byers and AS elections coordinator Alec Willis.

Mejia and Solomon declined to comment on grievances filed against them. Mullins and Elevazo could not be reached in time for publication. Drechsel declined to comment until after her grievance hearing.

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Whatcom County Jail treats inmates with opioid use disorder

Following class action lawsuit by ACLU, Whatcom County Sheriff's Office implements opioid addiction treatment program

Ian Ferguson
THE WESTERN FRONT

The Whatcom County Jail will begin implementing an opioid addiction treatment program to inmates who are addicted to opiate-based drugs. The program was finalized in a settlement agreement over a civil lawsuit between the American Civil Liberties Union and Whatcom County Jail.

On June 6, 2018, the ACLU filed a class-action lawsuit against the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office for denying inmates with opioid use disorder — a disability acknowledged and protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act — their medication, according to court documents.

While the sheriff's office said they were developing the program prior to the lawsuit, the ACLU claimed their policy of refusing treatment was illegal.

Over the past year, Whatcom County and the ACLU have worked to develop a proper program and have come to a settlement, which was signed by all parties on April 26, according to the settlement document. The settlement is now awaiting approval by the court.

A report by ACLU said the settlement is the first class-action lawsuit that has resulted in a jail changing its entire policy to provide a treatment plan to all individuals diagnosed with opioid use disorder.

According to a report by the sheriff's office, the medication-assisted treatment program, referred to as MAT, has three phases, two of which have already been implemented.

Bill Elfo, the Whatcom County sheriff, said the first phase began in September of 2018 and intends to help inmates who are experiencing the physical symptoms of opioid withdrawal — using drugs to slowly taper them off opiates and diminish the withdrawal period.

The second phase allows

patients who were already on a treatment program prior to their incarceration to continue with their program while incarcerated, Elfo said. This phase began in February.

He said that while the first two phases are still in their beginning stages, the impact of their implementation has not been substantial. This is primarily because there isn't a large pool of people that are medically qualified for the programs.

Elfo said the third phase is where they hope to see the greatest impact.

Elfo said the final phase will begin in about five weeks and will give willing inmates the means to begin a treatment program while incarcerated. This is intended to aid inmates with opioid use disorder into a lasting recovery.

"Phase three is where we really want to see the progress of being able to connect with people and hopefully get them out of the criminal justice system," Elfo said.

The lawsuit in 2018 was filed by the ACLU on behalf of two inmates who were denied access to medication for opioid use disorder, according to an ACLU report.

The report says because opioid use disorder is acknowledged and protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Whatcom County Jail policy of refusing medication was illegal.

"Singling out a group of people because of their disability and denying them access to medical services to which they would otherwise be entitled is prohibited under the Americans with Disabilities Act," the ACLU stated.

Elfo said the Sheriff's office have been working on a MAT program since 2016, nearly two years prior to the lawsuit. He said it was a "pioneering activity," and at the time there was not a clear set of protocols established to easily adopt and implement a MAT program.

He said they received a small

grant to study what successful MAT programs around the country looked like.

There were two main hurdles in the process, Elfo said. The first was the lack of community-based MAT programs in Whatcom County. He said they were hesitant about treating people in jail only to release them with no option to continue treatment.

Now, with the implementation of phase three on the horizon, Whatcom County has several community-based treatment programs, Elfo said.

The second issue was the jail itself, he said. The drugs used with MAT — primarily Suboxone — have a high potential for abuse.

"People use it to get high," Elfo said. "It happens all the time."

Because of this, detoxing inmates have to be observed closely and must be held separately from other inmates. He said the jail did not have the adequate space to implement this.

"We believe it's an illness, addiction, and we want to be able to treat it better, and get people out of the criminal justice system and into the treatment system," Elfo said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, two thirds of all drug overdoses in the U.S. involve an opioid-based drug. The number of drug overdoses from opioids was nearly six times higher in 2017 than in 1999.

In a 2017 report, the Whatcom County Medical Examiner found that 26 people had died of overdoses in the county— most resulted from mixing opioids with other drugs like methamphetamine, cocaine and alcohol.

"Whatcom County has been suffering from the opioid epidemic, just like the rest of Washington and our nation," Elfo said in a report. "MAT helps people manage their addiction and saves lives."

'Lies Feminists Tell' event poster set ablaze on campus

Crista Blowers
THE WESTERN FRONT

A campus advisory notified students on Monday, May 6, of an arson investigation following a fire set to a wall outside the Environmental Studies building. The fire destroyed a poster advertising an event held by Students for Life of America, called "Lies Feminists Tell".

According to the alert, the fire was set on Saturday, May 4, and caused approximately \$500 worth of damages.

"We are handling this fire as an arson. Intentionally setting such a fire is foolish and very dangerous," Darin Rasmussen, chief of University Police said.

"We are actively investigating and I hope we can find the person responsible for this crime."

According to Washington State Legislature section RCW 9A.48.030, arson in the second degree is a class B felony and could result in up to 10 years in jail, a fine of \$20,000 or both. Kristi Hamrick, media strategist for Students for Life of America, said Students for Life is an organization in support of the pro-life stance on abortion.

"We strongly condemn this act of violence and intimidation. We challenge anyone who

disagrees with us to come to hear the presentation on Thursday instead of resorting to cowardly acts of violence," Hamrick said.

Hamrick added that students can attend and participate in the free event hosted by Kristan Hawkins, president of Students for Life of America.

"What is tragic about the current discussion on life is that those who dehumanize those who defend them," Hamrick said. "Abortion mentality can destroy civil discourse and how far some have fallen from the compassionate response to the human rights issue of our day," Hamrick said.

Students For Life encourages students to ask questions and have an open discussion on abortion.

The event will be held on Thursday, May 9, in room 105 of the Communications Facility, from 7-9 p.m., according to the organization's Facebook event page.

Police encourage anyone with information regarding who may be responsible for the fire to call University Police at 360-650-3555.

Anonymous tips or information can also be reported at 360-650-7233.



The burning of the 'Lies Feminist Tell' poster is being investigated as arson. // Photo by Abby Theige

Decision to remove racial slur from classrooms reversed by ACC

Former faculty senate president Kristen Larson resigns from Academic Coordinating Commission following a 5-4 vote on racial slurs

Kayla Sousa
THE WESTERN FRONT

Content Warning:
Reference to N-word.

A decision to remove the N-word slur from classrooms was reversed at an Academic Coordinating Commission meeting on April 30.

Kristen Larson, former faculty senate president and representative for the College of Science and Engineering, resigned in protest from her position during the meeting.

"The Academic Coordinating Commission just demonstrated just how little value we place on the [student] experience, how little privilege we are willing to give up and how little discomfort we are able to tolerate in order to improve their classroom environment," Larson said.

The four votes were from three student representatives on the commission and Larson, according to Eckman.

The first item of business at the commission meeting on April 30 was to revoke the motion that was passed at the previous meeting. Rescinding the motion would prevent it from heading to faculty senate. This item of business was not published on the Academic Coordinating Commission agenda which is unusual, according to Larson.

Larson notified the commission chair and reached out to the commission to help write the motion before the commission meeting. Larson's motion was brought to the commission during the items from the floor

session of the meeting. The motion was discussed and passed by a vote of 4-3, according to Levi Eckman, Associated Students vice president of academic affairs and AS student senate chair pro-tempore. The Western Front cannot verify the vote from the ACC meeting minutes because they have not been published online for public view. According to Lizzy Ramhorst, faculty senate parliamentarian, the release of the ACC meeting minutes is temporarily delayed due to the absence of the commission recorder.

"The motion only passed because students voted for it," Eckman said.

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lia Webb, chair of the ACC, according to Larson and Eckman.

"My frustration is that the executive board of the Academic Coordinating Commission made the decision to bring this up for a vote but did not give us prior notice about it," Nicole Ballard, AS student senator at-large, said.

Eckman said Larson should've been told beforehand as a sign of respect and a courtesy, because she understands the commission's meeting structure as a former faculty senate president.

"I was at least under the impression that Kristen was given a heads-up that this was happening," Eckman said. "She received nothing and I think that is really unprofessional."

Eckman said the board reports are given by an executive member of a committee about their weekly activity from meeting to meeting, and are designed to be informative and not typically utilized to propose motions.

"I think it should've been an agenda item instead of in a board report so that people could have prepared," Eckman said.

Ballard said she found the manner in which the executive board introduced the motion to rescind frustrating because

it was put into a board report rather than on the agenda, devaluing all voices in the conversation.

"I would have loved to have brought a new motion forward with new language to be voted on," Ballard said. "But because there was no communication from the executive board, there was no possibility of that happening."

Larson said Webb and Steven VanderStaay, vice provost for undergraduate education, told commissioners that Western would be in serious legal trouble if the motion passed at the previous meeting were to head to senate.

"Shared governance and parliamentary procedure were used as weapons bolstered by fear mongering and intimidation," Larson said. "I am disappointed and ashamed."

Larson asked Ramhorst if the motion would be on the minutes of the previous meeting. Larson said Ramhorst avoided answering her question.

Larson claims there were private meetings to revoke the motion between the chair and chosen leadership without the rest of the commission.

Ramhorst said although there were enough people for the April 30 meeting to begin,

Webb said to wait for more faculty to arrive, according to both Larson and Eckman.

"I was also a little bit confused because I am one of the executive members that should have been in that conversation," Eckman said.

The vote to revoke Larson's motion passed, and the only votes against the motion to revoke were from Larson and the three student representatives, according to Eckman and Larson.

"The conclusion to be drawn from these actions is that faculty governance leadership is deeply invested in maintaining the status quo of white supremacy and inflames white fragility to do so," Larson said.

Larson said her colleagues in the College of Science and Engineering should be wary that their college is now without a representative on the ACC. Larson said she has witnessed the senate and the commission bludgeon people of color, faculty and students, by both word and deed.

"Faculty senate has become where white people tell themselves that everything is fine and that nothing needs to change," Larson said following the meeting. "Think carefully before engaging with a structure that so violently silences the



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International Workers' Day benefit honors undocumented workers and their families

Brodie Pirtle
THE WESTERN FRONT

In August of 2018, 16 undocumented workers were seized on their way to work at Granite Precasting and Concrete Inc. in Bellingham. Eight months later, a number of the men and their families shared their experiences of being targeted by U.S. Immigration and

Customs Enforcement at the International Workers' Day Benefit at Localgroup Studio on Wednesday, May 1.

The benefit put on by Raid Relief to Reunite Families and Community to Community honored workers who have been deported or faced the threat of deportation. Community to Community is a women-led grassroots organization dedicated to food sovereignty

and immigrant rights, and Raid Relief to Reunite Families was co-founded by family members affected by the raid as a way to fund bonds, legal fees and living expenses for the families, Raid Relief to Reunite Families co-founder Marisol Chapina said.

Since the raid, nine of the 16 men have been deported and the other seven are currently awaiting court hearings

to receive their work permits and visas, she said. Many of the men's families have been living without a source of income in the meantime, according to Chapina.

The event included a panel discussion with the men who worked at Granite Precasting and Concrete Inc. and their families, along with a silent auction and live music. The auction included works

from local artists, along with coupons to local businesses.

Edgar Franks, a Community to Community organizer, discussed the way immigrants help build the labor movement and contribute to the fight for civil rights and services. Franks said people need to realize that the labor movement is also a global movement. Franks said there is not enough protection for immigrants, resulting in large amounts of deportations.

"There is a lack of oversight and protections even though institutions don't do that job, changing this is a global job," Franks said.

According to Chapina, the men have not been to work for eight months, and they are working through the government shutdown which set back court dates to move forward with the visa process. Some of the men are doing volunteer work with Community to Community, and some of the men are even going back to school to learn English, she said.

Jorge Interiano, one of the men detained following the raid, talked about his experience during the panel. Interiano said when wages were low in Honduras, he risked his life to leave and provide for his family. Before being detained, he said he enjoyed working in construction.

"My heart was filled with joy being here in the United States, and it is difficult to explain how I feel about what happened," he said.

Laura Noriega, whose husband Julio was deported

following the raid, also shared her story of having a loved one detained by ICE.

"It was a normal day, and nobody could imagine what was about to happen to us," Noriega said.

Noriega said she is unable to work as a mother of five children. She said she was very appreciative of all the donations from the community.

The last member of the panel to speak who was detained in the raid, Jahn Zúniga, said he had already experienced the deportation a family member. He said he has not seen his father since he was taken away by ICE five years ago.

Zúniga was in the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma for five months before being released in January, he said. He explained how poorly he was treated while being detained.

"Humiliation happens when you are detained, and treatment in the detention is completely inhumane," Zúniga said.

Members of the panel went to Olympia in March and talked to state legislators in hopes to get information about changes in the future regarding undocumented people being deported. Interiano and Noriega went to Latino Legislative Day to talk to state legislators about lobbying for better protections.

"I am hoping our actions help families in the future, so they don't have to go through what I am currently," Noriega said.

According to Zúniga, he was one of the seven men detained

and released on bond. Interiano has court dates starting Thursday, May 2, but some of the other men detained won't have theirs until 2022, Chapina said. It is a long process to receive work visas after being detained by ICE, Zúniga said.

The Localgroup Studio provided the space for the event and all the proceeds from the silent auction went to the Raid Relief to Reunite families. Boundary Bay Brewery donated alcoholic beverages and Jalapeños donated food for the event as well.

Local artist Salish Son performed at the event as well. Vincent Feliciano, the man behind Salish Son, expressed how his music is empowering to his community and Salish people that don't have the platform to share their voice.

Chapina spoke about the next steps for helping the families affected. She said the organization is working hard to assist the families with legal fees and funds.

Franks reminded everyone at the event how close to home the government is detaining these workers explaining where the detention centers are in the county. "There are three detention centers in Whatcom County; it's a discipline mechanism that is in the system," Franks said.

Franks also explained how the workers are a huge part of the labor movement.

"We need to realize that the labor movement fight is also a global movement," Franks said.

Members of the panel and organizations that put the



(above) Edgar Franks gave an opening statement at the International Workers' Day Benefit in Bellingham May 1. // Photos by Zachary Jimenez



(right) Laura Noriega shared her family's story during the panel discussion at the International Workers' Day Benefit in Bellingham May 1. // Photos by Zachary Jimenez



Vincent Feliciano (Salish Son) performs at the International Workers' Day Benefit in Bellingham May 1, 2019. // Photo by Zachary Jimenez

LOCAL BELLINGHAM BAND THE MARY ANNS WINS BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Maxwell Leidig
THE WESTERN FRONT

The audience at the Bellingham Alternative Library anxiously awaited the judge's to announce the winner of Western's Battle of the Bands, Sunday, May 5. Audience members clapped and cheered as Ruben Gomez announced The Mary Anns will perform at Western's 2019 Lawnstock music festival on the Communications Lawn.

The Mary Anns, an Americana-inspired band, took the stage with a modern folk sound combined with a classical violin. The five piece band is made up of Skylar Tibbetts, Skylar Kaster, Serafima Healy, Elijah Kirk and Ben Weaver.

Tibbetts and Healy said they have been playing music together for over a year and a half. Since the two started, they've slowly recruited three more members including the newest addition, drummer Ben Weaver. The performance was his second time playing with the Mary Anns.

"We feel extremely lucky to have played with such

talented musicians and having been part of such an awesome event as a whole," Tibbetts said. "The great thing about this community is regardless of who won this 'battle', the

other bands still came up to us afterwards to congratulate us."

Gomez, the Associated Students Underground Coffee House coordinator, ran three previous rounds of Western's

Sounds of the Underground: Battle of the Bands competition at the Underground Coffee House, but decided that the final round be held off-campus.

"My favorite all-ages space

is the Alternative Library," Gomez said. "It's close to campus and it's a nice change that helps to integrate the Bellingham music community with the Western music community."

The four finalists, Analog Brass, Idell Drive, Sidney and the Guys and the Mary Anns were selected through three rounds of competition leading up to the finals. The three judges, Katie Grey, director of the Makeshift, Hollie Huthman, co-owner of the Shakedown and Alan Schellenberger, Western's Music Department alumnus and drummer in Bob Fossil, chose the winner from the group of four finalists.

Analog Brass, a six-piece brass group, started the night off by marching from Western's campus all the way down Billy Frank Jr. Street, playing for onlookers and pedestrians before marching to the venue.

Analog Brass played a five-song set, including an instrumental rendition of "Old Town Road," a popular country song by Lil Nas X and Billy Ray Cyrus. They finished off their



Analog Brass crosses High Street on their way to the Alternative Library after playing for pedestrians and onlookers during their march down Billy Frank Jr. Street to the venue. // Photo by Maxwell Leidig



(above) The Mary Anns practice outside before their performance on May 5. // Photo by Mike Oh



(right) The Mary Anns perform at the finale of the Sounds of the Underground Battle of the Bands at the Alternative Library on Sunday, May 5. // Photo by Mike Oh

set with a packed audience and a line extending outside the door with people waiting to get in.

Idell Drive, an alternative-rock trio based out of Bellingham, switched up the mood by striking heavy guitar riffs. Despite it being a school night, the energy and amplitude of Marcus Benson, Alex Golombek and Zach Cowin kept peoples hands up and the heads bobbing.

Sidney Amos, Zach Bassett and Ryan Barney took the stage under the name Sidney and the Guys for the last act of the night. Their mixture of piano, guitar and drums had the audience jumping up and down before transitioning into a slow piece to close out the night.

Kyle Venooker, a volunteer at the Alternative Library, said it is important to have safe and radical places for marginalized people to come and amplify their voices.

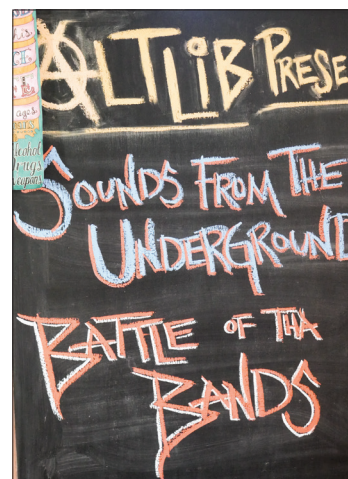
"There's a lot of really positive stuff that happens here," Venooker said. "We get to foster a really diverse and unique music scene."

Tibbetts said The Mary

Anns have several shows coming up, and are busy preparing to release new music soon.

"We are also releasing an EP shortly and will have shirts later this month," Tibbetts said.

According to Tibbetts, the four bands plan on holding a jam session in celebration of the event.



The Alternative Library sign welcomes people to the finale of the Sounds of the Underground Battle of the Bands on Sunday, May 5. // Photo by Maxwell Leidig

'Star Wars' fans celebrate May the fourth with fresh ink

Tattoo newcomers and old-timers alike come together for "Star Wars" themed tattoos at Old School Tattoo and Piercing

Emily Feek
THE WESTERN FRONT



Maddie Domico marks her body for the first time with a "Star Wars" tattoo at Old School Tattoo & Piercing during their "May the Fourth Be With You" sale. Domico said she favors the original "Star Wars" movies over the newer ones, hence the starfighter tattoo. // Photo by Emily Porter

costume that Foertsch assembled.

Before the event started, Foertsch and Rye stopped to take pictures with Eric Pope, an Anacortes resident visiting to celebrate "Star Wars" day by marching around Bellingham in a Chewbacca costume.

A wide variety of fans entered the shop to participate in the flash sale, from tattoo novices to tattoo veterans covered in ink. A trio of participants even commuted from out of town to participate in the event. Jordan Foley of Burlington

and Marissa and Michael Shearer from Mount Vernon described themselves as "Star Wars" super fans.

"It just seemed too good to pass up," Michael Shearer said.

Shearer already had a tattoo of the rebel alliance logo when he entered the shop and left with a pair of wrist tattoos featuring TIE fighter and X-wing starfighters.

"The Empire Strikes Back" was a fan favorite at the event. The artists asked customers which "Star Wars" movie was their favorite, and Foertsch said almost every-

one's answer was Episode V, although someone did cite Episode III as a favorite for its "meme value."

Despite the shared allure of the "Star Wars" movies, each customer had a different reason for getting their space-themed tattoo.

For Jenna Grossarth it was about nostalgia. Grossarth said she wasn't a big fan of the franchise and didn't have a favorite film, but her mom loved the series and she associated it with her.

"It's more like thinking about my mom," Grossarth explained.

Grossarth chose a Chewbacca tattoo, and placed it on her calf next to a tattoo of a character her husband designed. Another reason she got the tattoo was because she jokingly refers to her husband as "Chewie," Grossarth said.

University of Washington student Maddie Domico participated in the flash sale and got her first tattoo, an X-wing starfighter encircled by a wreath. She said she loved the series and the designs that Old School was offering, and she was planning on getting a tattoo anyway.

The tattoo artists brought their passion for both "Star Wars" and tattooing to the event. Rye and Foertsch were joined by fellow Old School tattooist Jesse La Farge, who didn't design his own tattoos for the event but helped tat-

too customers.

Foertsch has been tattooing at Old School since 2002, and said he loves tattooing as both a job and an art form. He said he considered going to art school in Seattle but ended up moving to Bellingham and later taking on an apprenticeship with a local tattoo shop.

"I kind of fell into it," he said. "Once I got into it, I realized it was a really good fit for my personality and skill set."

His fellow artist, Rye, learned to tattoo from the previous shop owner. After his apprenticeship ended, he chose to continue working at Old School, Rye said.

"It's a good location and I like the people I work with," Rye said. "I didn't see any reason to leave."

Foertsch, Rye and McKnight all agreed that the shop's culture was a significant reason why they enjoyed being at Old School, both for interactions with co-workers and with customers.

"It's a lot of talking to people and hearing their stories," McKnight said. "You get to meet a lot of cool people."

Regardless of whether customers are having tattoos custom designed or participating in flash sales like the "Star Wars" Day event, everyone brings their own experiences to the process.

9 | OPINION

Outgoing students are affected by Western's increasing incoming student rate

Contrary to popular belief, the whole point of entering college is to leave it. One piece of paper and a hat with a funky little tassel and suddenly the world is, in theory, your oyster. It's the most important day of some people's lives. More than the birth of your children or your wedding, your college graduation celebrates a tangible recognition of your four, five, six years of hard work. It's something everyone you love should be able to watch you experience.

The University of Washington has a phrase on their website about graduation tickets:

"We will do everything possible to ensure that students are able to invite as many family and friends as they wish."

However, it's important to note that an average of 5,000 graduates sit in the center of Husky Field for their ceremony, a stadium that holds up to 70,000 people. That means each graduate can fit around 12 people there to watch one of the most important days of their life.

Unfortunately, at Western, you get four or five free tickets to your graduation ceremony. That number may not even cover everyone's immediate family. The problem isn't in the tickets — it's in the

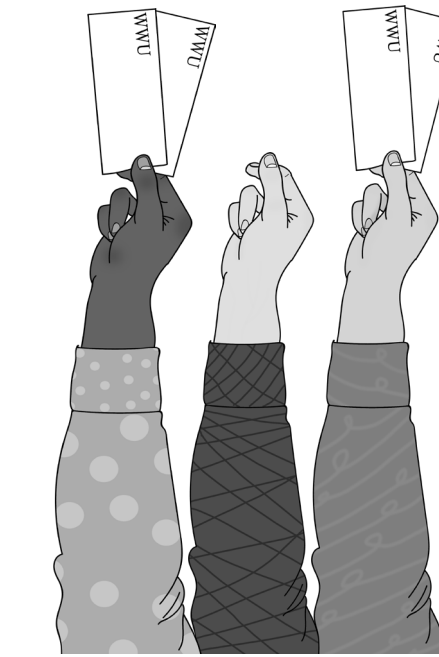
capacity. Western is simply expanding too fast for a space as small as Sam Carver Gym to hold enough people to watch their loved ones graduate.

Graduation numbers hover at about

1,800 students during spring quarter. Divided into four ceremonies, students graduating in Carver Gym can make sure their five closest loved ones are able to grab tickets. Students with extra tickets will often take to the re-sale of their surplus tickets, creating a bloated and, transparently, slimy supply and demand situation. For the record, if you send back your extra tickets, the school will redistribute them.

Students and their families have the option to queue for one more ticket, but there's no guarantee they'll receive it, and grandma may be forced to wait outside, or watch the livestream of the ceremony in the Science, Math, and Technology Education building.

The SMATE building livestream was set up as a way to direct that overflow of attendees. It's a good idea, but it won't solve the underlying issue at hand; Western accepts too many students. In 2015, they accepted nearly 4,000 new students. In 2018, that number has gone up by nearly 300 people, but there haven't been any new dorms since 2011. Departmental budgets and hiring numbers have mostly stayed the same. So has the graduation rate. So where are we fitting in all these students,

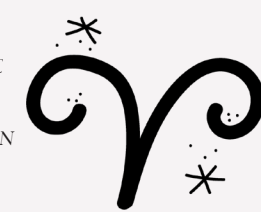


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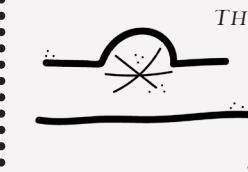
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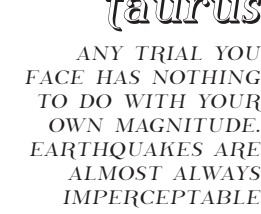
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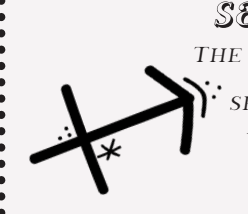
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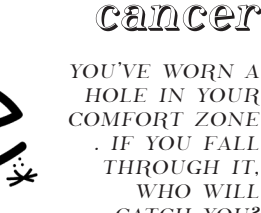
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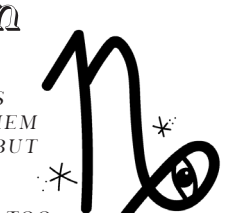
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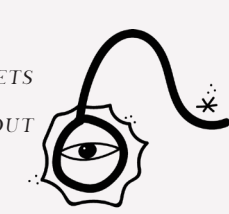
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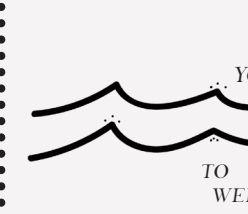
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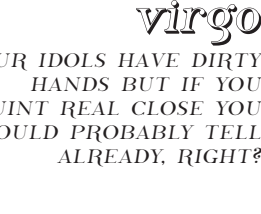
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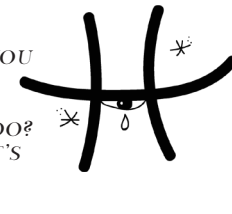
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VIKING VOICES

Do you think the limit on the amount of grad tickets you can get negatively affects students?



Michelle Christensen
Human Services

"I do think it's kind of lame thinking about that and having to choose. If there are students that have split families, there is not a lot of space available to celebrate that as a family. It can be really challenging."



Kayla Cisneros
Business and Sustainability

"They don't take into account that a lot of students have a lot of primary family. They don't realize that there are a lot of first generation students and they want to see their siblings graduate. I wouldn't want my family watching me from a TV screen."



Tyler Brohaugh
Business

"Graduation is a really big thing. For those who have a really big family it's also a big deal. You only graduate from college usually only one time, I think they should have a certain amount of tickets other than the small amount. If it was to be held outside or if Carver was bigger or they just redid the layout it could be accommodated for."



Sadie McGregor
Early Childhood Education

"I think you should take pride in graduating college and being able to invite your entire family to watch you walk and only having five tickets, you won't be able to do that."

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Bellingham Roller Betties

A family-friendly atmosphere and serious booty-kicking come together at the Bellingham Roller Betties' roller derby matches

Aryonna Willoughby
THE WESTERN FRONT

People boisterously cheer from cramped gym bleachers over the sound of blaring rock music as roller skaters determinedly hustle past each other on a makeshift track. This isn't your typical skateway. Bright outfits, crazy face paint, wacky names, and helmets and pads mark the skaters as roller derby athletes.

This was the scene at the second competition of the season for the Bellingham Roller Betties, Bellingham's women's roller derby league. Founded in 2006 by a group of local skaters, the league is currently in the middle of their 12th season.

Roller derby is a full-contact sport in which one skater from each team, the "jammer," races around an oval track in order to earn points. The catch? The jammer has to evade four players from the opposing team, known as "blockers."

One fan of the sport, Holly Tobosa, said she sees the athletes as role models for her own daughter.

"I like to bring her. It's really positive, [there's] a lot of strong women," Tobosa said. "We just love it- the pace of it, the body positivity, the intensity, the sportsmanship, and the music."

After the Betties first-ever game in 2007, things took off quickly. Dottie Hazzard works on the league's marketing committee and coaches Team F.L.A.S.H., one of the three home teams that make up the Betties. She said the crowds started getting too large so the league had to move away from competing at the Lynden Skateway and relocate to Whatcom Community College's Pavilion & Student Recreation Center.

Since then, things appear to have worked out. The competitions draw in a diverse crowd. A large ensemble of the young, old, and everyone in between filled the majority of

the bleachers on the April 27 doubleheader.

According to the league's webpage, volunteers set up a "Bitties table" outside of the gym, offering activities such as arts and crafts and skater autographs for younger fans. In addition to having family seating options available, the venue also offers a beer garden for fans 21+.

Hazzard said there are many different volunteer options that people can sign up for, and most of them don't require a pair of skates.

The Betties appreciate help with setting up the gymnasium on bout days and working concessions, ticketing, and merchandise booths. Other volunteer opportunities include security at the beer garden and taking down the track after the bouts, Hazzard said. Volunteers also get free admission to the bouts, where tickets typically cost \$15.

For those interested in competing, the league hosts an eight-week long training

camp called "Booty Camp" every August for \$40. Although Hazzard finds the price pretty affordable, she admitted it can start getting expensive con-

Love skater Shammunion expressed appreciation for new members.

"A lot of people that already play derby hop around leagues



Tough Love player Brittany Vermeer (Killah B) gets her shirt tugged by teammate Michelle Townsdin (Dita Von Teeth) during a bout. // Photo by Zachary Jimenez

sidering the added cost of the needed equipment. However, the league does offer equipment for people to try out for free for the first few days.

Those interested in joining shouldn't worry about their possible lack of skating experience, Hazzard said.

"If you've done track, you're going to do great. If you've done weightlifting, you're going to feel confident. If you've been a couch potato for the last 20 years and you just want to make some friends, you're still going to be fine," Hazzard said.

Upon finishing with training, athletes then become members of The Grit Pit, the league's skaters-in-training program. Once in The Grit Pit, athletes become eligible to be drafted by one of the three hometeams: Team F.L.A.S.H., Tough Love, or the Cog Blockers.

After coming away with a tight win over the Petersburg Ragnarok Rollers from Alaska on the April 27 bout, Tough

and then also, though, we really love fresh meat coming in and learning the game and growing on that pool because once you start it's like you can't stop," she said.

If there's one thing Hazzard wants potential players to know, it's that the sport is extremely inclusive to people of different backgrounds and experiences, she said.

"The key to [roller derby] is that anybody can try it," Hazzard said. "When I first started skating, I was skating with someone who was doing their Ph.D. in molecular chemistry and somebody who was the mother of four children ... There's just this wide variety."

You can catch more derby action at the league's next doubleheader on Saturday, May 18 at WCC's Pavilion. The first bout between the Cog Blockers and the Snake Pit Derby Dames from Coeur D'Alene, Idaho starts at 5 p.m. and Team F.L.A.S.H. will take on Tough Love at 7 p.m.



Michelle Townsdin (Dita Von Teeth) skates around the rink during a bout against the Petersburg Ragnarok Rollers on April 27. // Photo by Zachary Jimenez

Racing for Records

Goofy and fun until it's time to run, Karlington Anunagba knows how to turn it on when it comes to competition

Andrew McClain
THE WESTERN FRONT

"It's always been my dream to break records," Karlington Anunagba said of his track aspirations as he sat in Sam Carver Gymnasium, surrounded by pictures of Viking Hall of Famers.

At 17 years old, the first-year Western track & field sprinter is on the verge of doing just that.

However, Anunagba had already covered a lot of ground before he even had the chance to lace up his shoes as a Viking.

Born in the state of New York, Anunagba is a dual U.S. and Nigerian citizen. He attended high school at Atlantic Hall in Epe, Nigeria, where at 14 years old, he set the school record of 10.7 seconds for the men's 100-meter. It's a mark he would surely have improved with more time at Atlantic Hall, but he graduated soon after setting the record and started high school early.

After graduating, Anunagba had some time to kill before going to college. Leaving his parents behind in Lagos, Nigeria, he traveled back to New York with his twin sister, Karen Anunagba. In New York, he spent almost three years training to become a better runner.

"I stayed in Manhattan, so it was always noisy and busy," Anunagba said. "Bellingham is way different."

However, Anunagba pointed to that difference as one of the main appeals of Western.

"I chose Western because I wanted to try something entirely new," Anunagba said.

It's a decision his family, including four sisters and a brother, fully supported.

"I was kind of nervous for him [to go to Western,]" Karen Anunagba said, adding that the distance between them was her main concern.

Despite that nervousness, Karen Anunagba said she saw

it as a great opportunity for her brother. Anunagba transferred to Western in January and his sister said she has already seen him make great progress as a runner.

"He's getting much faster," Karen Anunagba said. "It's fun to see."

Anunagba said he's worked hard to see that improvement, but also gives credit to the coaching staff at Western.

ley spoke highly of Anunagba in terms of raw athletic potential, but also praised the young sprinter for being an avid learner.

"When he was re-learning his running form he took the lessons to heart," Dudley said. "He would take feedback, think about it, and then ask questions."

Dudley said it's a sign of how seriously Anunagba takes

"I just have to look at my own personal goals," Anunagba said. "If I work hard, I know I can live up to my own expectations."

Anunagba doesn't let that goal keep him from having fun, though.

Dudley described him as being a bit of a joker and said that he helps keep the atmosphere light when the strain of competition can

about him was just what a friendly guy he was," Fernandez said. "He thought everything was funny."

The second thing Fernandez noticed about Anunagba?

"This kid is faster than all of us," Fernandez said while laughing.

Fernandez described Anunagba as having a good head on his shoulders, and praised him for wanting to learn and to become a stronger runner. It's a desire that Anunagba attributed to his competitive nature.

"I always want to win my races," Anunagba said. "I don't even like to come in second place. I always want to be on top."

It's the kind of statement that oozes confidence, but Anunagba said he still gets nervous before races. He said he fights off those feelings by putting in his earbuds and turning his music up to drown out the world so he can focus on his goal.

Anunagba has made a lot of mature decisions on his journey, including being strict with his diet and social habits.

Anunagba said he tries his best to eat healthy, including lots of fruit and chicken. That dedication includes giving up his favorite soda, Fanta Orange, in favor of water. He's also traded out the raging keggers that typically define the college experience for games of FIFA with his friends and going to the movies.

"I don't party. I focus on track and school," Anunagba said. "Some people might think it sounds boring, but it's the way to success."

Anunagba said his dream is to become a professional runner. It's a goal that he said won't come easily, but he doesn't feel like there's anything holding him back from trying.

"You just have to disregard all the negative stuff and try your hardest," Anunagba said. "If you do your best, good things are going to come to you."



First-year Karlington Anunagba traveled from Lagos, Nigeria and moved to Manhattan with his siblings three years ago before joining Western's track & field team.. // Photo by Emily Porter

"The only obstacle in my way was my running form," Anunagba said. "I didn't know how to run properly, so when I got to Western coach Dudley took his time to work with me, and now I'm getting it." Assistant coach Eric Dud-

le's sport. That seriousness extends to his academics as well. Anunagba said that his goal is to maintain a 3.7 GPA or higher, but he doesn't think he's set the bar too high for himself as he seeks his degree in business management.

start to feel overwhelming. "He's just fun to have around," Dudley said.

Angelo Fernandez, a second-year sprinter and hurdler for the Vikings, said he couldn't agree more with that sentiment. "The first thing I noticed



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Sports roundup: Spring season coming to a close

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THE WESTERN FRONT

Women's Soccer

Women's soccer hosted the University of Washington for an exhibition match at Robert S. Harrington Field on Thursday, May 2. The game was the last match on the home field for the Vikings during the team's six-game spring exhibition schedule. At halftime, the score was tied up 1-1. The Huskies held their defensive positions and scored another goal in the last half, taking the win over the Vikings with a final score of 2-1. Western will continue on to their last game of the spring series on Tuesday, May 14 against Bellevue College at the Bellevue College soccer and softball complex.

Women's Rowing

The Women's rowing team traveled to Seattle to compete in the 33rd annual Windermere Cup in Seattle on Saturday, May 4. The three crews from Western — the Varsity 8+, Varsity 4+ and the second Varsity 8+ — each placed fourth in their races through the Montlake Cut. The four crews were up against other collegiate teams in the levels of Division I, II and

III. The Varsity 8+ finished in the Erickson Cascade Cup with a time of 6 minutes 53.053 seconds against the University of Washington's third Varsity 8+ that won the race in 6:39.835 minutes. The Vikings will race in one more regatta in the regular season against the Stanford Lightweight team and Central Oklahoma on Saturday, May 11 in Redwood City, California. The NCAA Division II Women's Rowing Championships will take place on May 31 to June 1 in Indianapolis, **Indiana**.

Track & Field

The men's and women's track & field teams competed in the Ken Shannon Invitational Track & Field Meet on Saturday, May 4 in Seattle at Husky Stadium. Of the men's team, first-year Ryan Witters and third-year Cordell Cummings took first place in their events. Witters won the 400-meter with a time of 51.20 seconds and Cummings won with a time of 52.62 seconds in the hurdles. Five javelin throwers from the women's team placed in the top 10 of 12 competitors. Third-year Raquel Pellicer finished third in the event with a top mark of 43.60-meters/143-0. This meet was the last event in the 2019 regular season for the Vikings. Coming

up, the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championships, which will be held on Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11 in **Monmouth, Oregon**.

Men's Soccer

Men's soccer hosted Highline College for the fourth game in the team's six-game spring exhibition season at Harrington Field on Saturday, May 4. The

Vikings scored goal after goal against the Highline Thunderbirds, winning the game with a final score of 11-0. The men's team is scheduled to play in its next exhibition game on Wednesday, May 8 against Whatcom Community College at the Orca Field. The men's final home game of the spring series is on Saturday, May 11 against the Sounders U-23.



Western women's soccer player Zoe Milburn fights for the ball during a game against the University of Washington on Thursday, May 2. The Vikings lost the game 1-2. // Photo by Zachary Jimenez

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