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New minor launches, honors Holocaust survivor

Western becomes first public university in Washington to offer Holocaust and genocide minor

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The new Holocaust and genocide studies minor has officially launched, making Western the first public university in Washington to provide such a program.

The official launch took place Thursday, Oct. 17, in the Western Libraries Reading Room and acknowledged the life and legacy of Holocaust survivor Noémi Ban. The event hosted a presentation from James Waller, Holocaust and genocide studies professor at Keene State College.

“Why does this minor matter so much?” Waller asked. “Why does the work of Noémi matter so much? It matters because we have not done well at making ‘never again’ a reality.”

The minor was developed by Western faculty with help from the Ray Wolpov Institute (RWI) for the study of the Holocaust, genocide and crimes against humanity.

Students of any major can declare the minor.



James Waller gives a speech about the new Holocaust and Genocide Studies minor on Thursday, Oct. 17. // Photo by Eva Bryner

Students who declare will study topics from multiple disciplines to understand complex events and work toward their prevention, according to the RWI.

“I think it’s important, as Waller talked about tonight, that each individual person does their part to make a change,” Lauren Waldron, a first-year

Western student, said. The minor is 24-25 credits and includes classes such as Tribal Sovereignty and Washington History, as well as Holocaust

Representations in German Literature.

“I think Holocaust and genocide studies at its best invites

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International student visas denied after admission to university

Kiaya Wilson
THE WESTERN FRONT

International students are experiencing challenges during the Trump administration, and Western students are not immune.

Nine Chinese students attending Arizona State University were not given student visas to study in the United States when they tried to return to Arizona for fall semester, according to an Arizona Republic article. The students’ electronics were searched and they were told to buy their own tickets back to China.

“Some international students who were admitted to Western did not receive student visas from the U.S. government,” said Mary Beth Hartenstine, Western’s center director for Study Group, an international student recruiting program. “Therefore [they] were unable to come to Western this fall.”

Student visa approvals have been decreasing on a national scale over the last five years.

According to the U.S. Department of State annual report, there were almost 650,000 student visas given to people in 2015 but that number dropped to about 360,000 student visas in 2018.

“Four students [coming to Western through the Study Group program] out of thirteen total did not receive visas for fall quarter, 2019,” Hartenstine said.

The process of obtaining a student visa can take a long time and, according to a New York Times article, that process has been purposefully delayed. During the time of the Trump administration, students from several countries including

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Uncertainty for HomesNOW! amid ongoing investigation

Ella Banken
THE WESTERN FRONT

Amid the ongoing investigation of former HomesNOW! board members’ misappropriation of funds, a lot of uncertainty exists for the current residents of Unity Village.

Unity Village is permitted to remain at its current location until April 30, 2020, but the next location for the tiny home community is unknown.

The temporary shelter permit granted

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A “HomesNOW! Not Later” sign sits on a pile of pallets at SafeHaven on May 6. // Photo by Zachary Jimenez

Faculty Senate chooses faculty for Code of Ethics task force

Kathrine Huntington
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Faculty representatives due to sit on the new Code of Ethics task force were announced at the Faculty Senate meeting on Monday, Oct. 21.

The task force met on Oct. 14, to inspect three names in particular: Vernon Johnson of the political science department, Bill Lyne of the English department and Clayton Pierce of Fairhaven College.

A motion to ratify the appointment of these faculty members to the task force was passed unanimously.

Some Faculty Senate members voiced interest concerning the nomination process for the task force. Jeff Young, the Faculty Senate president, assured that members were closely inspected and nominated by both the Faculty Senate and outside sources.

This task force will work on revising Section II of the Faculty Code of Ethics. Their first organizational meeting took place on Oct. 14, Young said that so far it’s “off to a good start and will be meeting again in the next two weeks.”



Local band The Mary Anns plays at Mallard Ice Cream for their Music at Mallard event on Tuesday, Oct. 22. // Photo by Claire Ott



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to HomesNOW! for Unity Village states that an extension would not be approved for the site at 210 McKenzie Ave..

According to Rick Sepler, planning and community development director for the city of Bellingham, members of the neighborhood were concerned that Unity Village would be a permanent addition to the community. The restriction of expansion guaranteed it would not be.

In the permit, the city acknowledged the crisis of homelessness in the area and stated that it would be "in the public's interest" to allow for a temporary encampment.

The city and HomesNOW! coordinated two other temporary communities at different locations prior to Unity Village.

"Over a year ago, [HomesNOW!] was informed that this site would be the last site the city provided," Rick Sepler said.

The city is actively working with the county and other partners to help the organization find another site, Sepler said.

"Quite frankly, right now I think it might be challenging for HomesNOW! to find another location based on the cloud over their organization," Sepler said, in reference to the recent financial misuse allegations against former

HomesNOW! board members.

Tina Hayes, current resident at Unity Village, also lived at HomesNOW!'s first tent community, Winter Haven. She said the constant moving has taken a toll on the residents.

"It's been a long road, and I'm tired," Hayes said.

After the investigation began, many changes were made to the governing structure of HomesNOW!. Board member Doug Gustafson asked the city for an extension on their current location in order to have more time to find an appropriate site for the community, but the city denied his request.

"Six months or a one year extension would give us a lot more time to do this in the right way," Gustafson said. "I figured it would be a reasonable request, since we are keeping people potentially off the streets."

A city ordinance passed last year outlined that tiny home encampments can receive a permit for up to two years. However, Unity Village, along with the two previous encampments, were given shorter permits based on the recent creation of their organization.

"You have to have a track record to get the maximum amount of time," Sepler said. "We took a risk each step of the way, incrementally increasing duration and operational abilities of each of these facilities, trying to help

them develop the capacity to hopefully get to two years."

The first encampment, Winter Haven, operated for three months at the beginning of the year. The second camp, Safe Haven, operated for three months as well. Unity Village is permitted to run for eight months, from August 24 to April 30.

"Before this disclosure of financial improprieties came out, we were talking with [former board members] about a two-year term at another location, but now everything is on hold," Sepler said.

Prior to the establishment of Unity Village, the city offered a public comment period for community input. The city received many comments concerning the impact of the tiny home village on the surrounding community.

"It's good to hear from the proponents, unfortunately I have to hear from the opponents as well," Sepler said.

Concerns from the community ranged from increased criminal activity and neighborhood disruption to negative effects on nearby businesses and ecological sites, as stated in the temporary shelter permit.

The city addressed each concern and outlined specific measures to minimize community impact in the same document. It discusses plans for resident screening processes, internal and

external security measures, health standards and much more.

"A key component of the successful approval process for this project was the assurance to neighbors that the project end date was firm and could not be extended," Sepler said in an email to city council members.

As a backup plan, if HomesNOW! is unable to locate to another site by April, the tiny homes will be given to Lummi Stepping Stones, a non-profit organization that provides housing for native individuals experiencing homelessness. HomesNOW! previously built two tiny homes for Lummi Stepping Stones.

However, this is a last-case option as it would displace all current residents, Gustafson said.

HomesNOW! is considering starting a GoFundMe page to raise money to buy their own land for the tiny houses, Gustafson said.

"We have enough money to run the camp on a monthly basis without a problem, but we don't have any extra money on top of that to buy land or anything," Gustafson said.

Hayes said she spoke with some other residents and they agreed to stick together no matter where they end up after April.

"We are a community, everyone here has become my family," Hayes said.



The HomesNOW! banner located at the entrance of Unity Village on Tuesday, Oct. 1. The temporary shelter permit granted to HomesNOW! for Unity Village states that an extension would not be approved for the site at 210 McKenzie Ave..// Photo by Zachary Jimenez

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Dangers of fentanyl, what to know

Six deaths involving fentanyl overdose recorded in Whatcom County in 2017

Ella Banken
THE WESTERN FRONT

With several recorded deaths in the past few years due to fentanyl overdoses, it is safe to assume that any drug purchased off the street could contain a lethal dose.

According to the Whatcom County Health Department, it is not possible to distinguish a pharmaceutically made pill from a fake pill.

"Fentanyl is 50 to 100 times stronger than heroin or morphine and less than a pinpoint of [fentanyl] could kill an adult," Lieutenant Claudia Murphy said, public information officer for the Bellingham Police Department.

Lummi Tribal Police and the FBI are currently investigating the death of a woman on the Lummi Reservation due to an apparent overdose, according to a press release by the U.S. Attorney's Office. The pills she took are being tested for the presence of fentanyl.

These same pills were sold to bouncers at undisclosed Bellingham nightclubs and on the Lummi Reservation, Tina Jagerson, public affairs specialist at the FBI Seattle Press Office, said in an email.

Fentanyl often appears as pills made to look like OxyContin or other opioids, but it can appear in other substances as well, according to Murphy.

"The heroin on the street is laced with fentanyl," Murphy said. "They can put fentanyl in marijuana, they can put it in all kinds of things."

Murphy said to avoid using pills that don't come from a pharmacy because it's nearly impossible to know what the pills are made of. People who make fake pills have no idea the amount of each substance in what they are producing.

"They are drug dealers, not pharmacists," Murphy said.

In 2017, there were six deaths in Whatcom County related to fentanyl overdose, according to Melissa Morin,



Pills being tested for fentanyl after woman is found dead due to apparent overdose on the Lummi Reservation on Sept. 30 // Photo courtesy of FBI Seattle Office

communications specialist for the Whatcom County Health Department. Data from 2018 is not yet finalized.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 143 people in Washington state died from synthetic opioid overdoses in 2017. Most of the overdoses were from fentanyl in 2017.

It is difficult to know exactly how much fentanyl is circulating in the Whatcom County area. Not every drug that is confiscated is tested for fentanyl, according to Murphy.

"Only things that are going to court get tested by the state laboratory," Murphy said.

Knowing that the danger of fentanyl is present, the Washington State Department of Health and the Whatcom County Health Department urges people to

take precautions if they are using non-pharmaceutical drugs.

"We urge all people who use opioids to get naloxone from a pharmacy and to learn how to use it," said Julie Graham, public information officer at the Washington State Department of Health.

Naloxone is used for the reversal of opioid overdose, according to the state's health department website. It can be administered as a nasal spray or by injection. It may take multiple doses of naloxone to restore breathing along with rescue breathing methods.

The department issued a standing order so anyone can purchase naloxone at a pharmacy without a prescription from a physician.

Illicit drug users are advised to not use alone,

and be wary of how powerful and fast acting fentanyl can be when the origins of the drugs are unknown, according to the county's Health Department website.

"Call 911 immediately if you witness an overdose. The law says that neither the victim nor anyone helping someone with an overdose will be prosecuted for drug possession," the website states. The law cited is RCW 4.24.300, known as the Good Samaritan Law which protects those involved in a medical emergency from liability during assistance.

The best way to avoid a lethal fentanyl overdose is to not use drugs, Murphy said.

"One pill can lead to death, and that's not a law enforcement officer being overly dramatic, it is the absolute truth," Murphy said.

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people into the process of change," Waller said. "There are no qualifications. You're invited into the process of change because you're human, and when you come into that process of change there is nothing too small that you can do."

Seven students have declared a Holocaust and genocide studies minor as of Oct. 17, Sandra Alfors, director of the RWI, said.

The introduction of this new minor comes after Washington state passed

SSB 5612 in July 2019, a bill that "strongly encourages" the instruction of Holocaust and genocide studies in elementary, middle and high school curriculum, according to Washington State Legislature website.

"Until now, Western has neither addressed nor served this state need," Alfors said. "This is particularly disconcerting since we lead all public institutions and graduating students with the endorsement to teach social studies in secondary schools. With this new minor, Western is clearly starting to address state needs."

Alongside commemoration of the new minor, many people joined in remembering the life of Noémi Ban, a Holocaust survivor with a legacy of sharing her life experiences with many generations. Ban died in the spring of 2019 at the age of 96.

"As we celebrate the minor's launch and host our first and only event this fall, it is therefore only natural to honor Noémi's legacy at our university," Alfors said.

Ban worked with Western for 30 years and frequently gave talks at the university. She was influential in creating many programs and institutes, including the RWI and Holocaust and genocide studies minor.

Ban also received an honorary doctorate from Western in 2013.

"Getting to know Noémi better over the past three years had been a great privilege," Western President Sabah Randhawa said. "She translated the poison of hatred into love and compassion."

Photos of Ban ran through



From left, James Waller speaks with students Dylon Carroll and Evan Stern on Thursday, Oct. 17. // Photo by Eva Bryner

the projector, showing the crowd the many times she shared her story. Images of her speaking in university halls, greeting middle schoolers and her many thank you cards from classes in elementary schools were displayed on the projector.

"I can't imagine [Ban] would be anything but thrilled in seeing what Western Washington has pulled together with this

new Holocaust and Genocide studies minor," Waller said. "Her spirit, her message and her work lives on in the incredible work that people are going to be doing here for generations."

A recording of Ban played, and her words echoed through the room.

"Hate destroys the person who hates," Ban said. "I don't hate, because I want to be free. And I am free."



Sandra Alfors welcomes attendees on Thursday, Oct. 17. "Until now, Western has neither addressed nor served this state need," Alfors said. "This is particularly disconcerting since we lead all public institutions and graduating students with the endorsement to teach social studies in secondary schools. With this new minor, Western is clearly starting to address state needs." // Photo by Eva Bryner



Sandra Alfors, James Waller and Sabah Randhawa pose for a photo on Thursday, Oct. 17. "I can't imagine [Ban] would be anything but thrilled in seeing what Western Washington has pulled together with this new Holocaust and Genocide studies minor," Waller said. "Her spirit, her message and her work lives on in the incredible work that people are going to be doing here for generations." // Photo by Eva Bryner

Safety tips for illicit drug use

- Only consume pills that you receive directly from a pharmacy or your prescriber.
- Pills that are purchased online are not safe.
- Fake pills purchased illegally can appear to be legitimate prescription opioids, but may actually contain fentanyl.
- Return your unused pain medications to a Whatcom Med Return kiosk near you for safe disposal. Most people who are addicted to opioids start by using prescription opioid pain medications. Go to www.whatcomedreturn.org/ to find your closest drop off point.

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VISA

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China, Palestine and Ethiopia were denied student visas.

Once someone has been approved for a student visa, a Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agent will check their documents and may ask them questions before they are allowed to enter the United States, Hartenstine said.

According to the Arizona Republic, the nine students returning to ASU were stopped by customs once they landed in Los Angeles International Airport. Border Protection checked their electronics and told them to return to China, without giving ASU an explanation as to why.

"Although the U.S. Department of State may issue the visa, it is ultimately

up to the authority of CBP, part of Homeland Security, to decide whether to allow the student admission to the U.S.," Hartenstine said.

ASU's president wrote a letter to the secretary of state expressing his disappointment over the students being sent home and requested information on why they were denied entry.

Since visa rejections happen on a national level, there isn't much Western can do about it, Hartenstine added. However, since this has happened to several students, attending several different universities, there is a need for increased awareness of the issue.

How to qualify for a student visa

- Must be enrolled in "academic" educational program, language-training program or a vocational program
- School must be approved by the Student and Exchange Visitors Program, Immigration & Customs Enforcement
- Must be enrolled as a full-time student at the institution
- Must be proficient in English or be enrolled in courses leading to English proficiency
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Bellingham wins bike planning award, still work to do

Garrett Rahn
THE WESTERN FRONT

Despite the city of Bellingham being recognized Thursday, Oct. 17, for the “Rapid Implementation of the Bicycle Master Plan,” some cyclists in the city would prefer more work be done before congratulations are in order.

The Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association (APAWA) and the Planning Association of Washington (PAW) presented the award at the annual Planning Conference in Tacoma. According to Chris Comeau, public works transportation planner for Bellingham, The Bicycle Master Plan (BMP) was established in 2014 and today has completed about 52% of what it set out to accomplish.

The vision of the BMP was that “Bicyclists of all ages and abilities have access to a safe, well-connected network linking all areas of Bellingham,” as laid out in its introduction.

However, some bikers of Bellingham are not satisfied with the implementation of the BMP.

Though what the city has done is appreciated, there is still much to be done in terms of connecting the city’s bikeable areas, providing clear signage for those inexperienced in the area and, more broadly, educating the average driver on how to treat cyclists, cyclist Jesse Williams said.

Williams has been biking in Bellingham since 1993. Over the last half decade, he has noticed some improvements in the city’s biking fixtures, but mostly just an increased amount of bike lanes.

“I think bike lanes are generally a good thing but can give a



A line of bicycles at Trek Bike on Tuesday, Oct. 15. // Photo by Garrett Rahn

false sense of security to some people,” Williams said. “A lot of people think the solution for bikes is more bike lanes, and I don’t think that’s true.”

Williams is not alone in his thinking. Harrison Winkel, a cyclist in the area for two years now, said the main issue he’s noticed is the disconnect between these newer bike lanes, which are dangerous and create a barrier for less comfortable cyclists.

“It’s those sections when you’re in the high traffic, that is super intimidating,” Winkel said. “If I were someone looking to start commuting by bike or a family with kids riding to school, I’d feel more confident

if there was a curb separating traffic, especially if I wasn’t super experienced at riding.”

He and his coworkers at Trek Bicycle Bellingham agree that the best thing a cyclist can do is predictable to the cars around them. Going from sections with bike lanes to sections without them can create safety issues, driving people away from wanting to commute on their bikes.

Chris Elder from the Whatcom County Planning Department said he admires the biking infrastructure of Skagit County more than that of Whatcom.

“The rails to trails infrastructure...in Skagit provides an East-West mainline that provides an

off-road option for walkers, runners and bikers that is far superior to anything Whatcom County has,” Elder said.

According to Elder, it is significantly easier and more cost effective for the city to give cyclists space on existing roads through bike lanes than to create new off-road paths and trails. Those require additional government staff to maintain and monitor, while roadways with or without bike lanes are all already managed by Public Works.

This is disconcerting news to the bikers like Winkel and Williams who would ideally like to see connection for all bikeways, streetside or otherwise.

“Connectivity is key to promoting any kind of bike culture,” Winkel said.

The BMP hopes to provide just that for the city. In the very first chapter, the document states that through public outreach the city has determined all the biggest problem spots, and they are “calling for over 134 miles of on-street facilities over the next 20 years... the plan recommends over 50 miles of new bike boulevards and 45 miles of new bike lanes.”

Williams and Winkel agree that more groundwork is needed to show Bellingham’s cyclists anything to be proud of.

In lieu of having connected infrastructure, the biggest change that these bikers want is in the community mindset.

“Bellingham has done good to make biking possible, but they haven’t done well to make biking as advantageous as it could be,” Williams said.

Long term goals for the bike plan include educating the public on the benefits of biking and encouraging the switch to non-motorized transportation for commutes. The plan mentions how switching to biking as the primary mode of transport will benefit overall health, environmental impact and economic development throughout the city.

None of that can be accomplished without making non-motorized transportation enticing to the general public.

“If we want to get people biking en masse for transportation and recreational purposes, we need dedicated bike/hike roads/trails,” Elder said.

Alternative Library asked to vacate Karate Church

Church was library's ninth location in 12 years, new location not yet determined

Noah Harper
THE WESTERN FRONT

The Bellingham Alternative Library has been asked to vacate the premises of the 180-year-old church they have resided in for the past three years by the end of 2019. The Alternative Library posted an update on their Facebook page on Thursday, Oct. 17 with their initial surprise of the request to vacate and asked the community for help finding the library a new home.

“We ask you to brainstorm and network together with us for any potential leads. We are by no means going to disappear, but we’ll need the support of our entire community to take us to the next level,” the Alternative Library’s post said.

On Oct. 18, David Zhang, the landlord of the Karate Church, took to Facebook on the Karate Church account to express his side of the vacate request. Zhang expressed in the post that after working with the Alternative Library as a volunteer for seven years and a landlord for four years, fatigue set in.

“I’ve just about burned myself out completely, partly due to creative differences with the director, partly due to overextending myself as a building owner. So with great

sadness and frustration, I decided not to renew the lease and took my leave as a library volunteer,” Zhang’s post said.

Zhang ended his post wishing luck upon the Alternative Library and apologizing for his shortcomings in this process. Zhang declined to provide any further comment at this time.

“I’m bummed out to hear it, but I also recognize that he’s within his legal right to make that decision. The library’s got to adapt,” Alternative Library Volunteer Coordinator Meg Duke said. “It’s not the first time we’ll have moved.”

For the past three years, the Alternative Library has been operating out of the former Karate Church. This is the library’s ninth location in 12 years, with previous locations on Railroad Avenue and State Street. Even though the library has been through many iterations, this location felt the most like home due to its spacious design, Duke said.

“The spaces in the past were great incarnations, but this is definitely the best performance venue we’ve had,” Duke said. “This is what has felt like the most permanent home, especially because hundreds of hours of labor and multiple years of volunteer labor did go into



The Alternative Library’s sign outside of the Karate Church on Tuesday, Oct. 22. // Photo by Claire Ott

making this building, home.”

The Alternative Library has until Dec. 20 to vacate the building entirely. At the moment, there is no next location set for the Alternative Library, Duke said.

“Bellingham is a small town, but finding a suitable place for our kind of project is maybe a little bit more

difficult than finding just a simple room to rent,” Duke said, “And that’s one of the reasons why we did decide to post on Facebook, because we recognize we have more than 2,200 members.”

Regardless of the uncertain future, the Alternative Library plans to exist in some form, even if it’s limited.

Depending on the size of the next space, one option for the library is to put some of its books in storage and only make a small selection available, Duke said.

“The library is a pretty cool, pretty flexible, pretty adaptable organization,” Duke said.

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Jazz haven serenades Bellingham year round

Max Gleiberman
THE WESTERN FRONT

Whatcom Jazz Music Arts Center (WJMAC) held their Jazz Walk fundraiser on Oct. 2, serenading the streets with the sounds of jazz. The event took place at a variety of venues downtown, including Camber, Brandywine, Café Adagio, the Cabin and Sylvia Center for The Arts.

This is just one of the many events WJMAC puts on throughout the year, making them an active part of the Bellingham music and arts community. The jazz center, which is housed in the Sylvia Center for the Arts, has been around since 2013 and has been a haven for jazz artists and enthusiasts alike.

Every Wednesday from September to July, WJMAC puts on a jazz night. Another program the center runs is called Jazz Combo, which began on Sept. 30 and aims to help students in jazz with their performance and improve skills.

Dave McConnell, co-head board member at WJMAC said he's been with the organization since it started and says everyone involved is in love with jazz.

McConnell said that he believes that the WJMAC truly enriches Bellingham as a whole.

One way they impact the community is through the connection WJMAC has with local high schools. McConnell said most of the students who play in big bands at school are not getting enough individual attention and playing time.



Sage Romey performs at Cafe Adagio during the Jazz Walk on Oct. 2. // Photo by Max Gleiberman

Kids very seldomly get to work in small groups, and WJMAC provides those small classes for these students, which allows them to fully excel.

"We want to enable and encourage young people who are interested in jazz to have a chance to learn about it and grow," McConnell said.

Sage Romey, who performed at Café Adagio during Jazz Walk, is a WJMAC volunteer and performer as well as a third-year Western student studying music

Romey moved to Bellingham three years ago, and said she wasn't expecting a small town to have such a good jazz scene. She said it was cool to see nationally recognized performers coming to Bellingham.

"WJMAC definitely helped me settle into Bellingham," Romey said. "I talked to WJMAC board and from there, got connected with the community which created opportunities to perform. They encourage the students to go out and play, get

gigs and get you ready to be a professional musician."

She now interns, volunteers and performs during Jazz Walk.

Karee Wardrop, co-head board member of WJMAC, said the non-profit organization is run by volunteers where the goal isn't money, rather it is about making music and building community.

Wardrop said the mission of the organization is to bring great jazz to Bellingham and educate jazz musicians, while bringing

people together and enhancing the community.

"I don't look at the arts as an extracurricular activity, but I think they're an essential," Wardrop said. "If the arts were part of the core curriculum, we would be in a better place."

Wardrop encouraged Western students and other young adults to check out the organization.

"This is the place to be for passionate artists," Wardrop said.

Good brews, better company

Goods Local Brews hosts festival that 'builds community through community'

Naileah Abarca
THE WESTERN FRONT

People huddled under umbrellas and buildings to celebrate Goods Local Brews second anniversary Saturday, Oct. 19. The all-ages festival included face painting, games, dancing, pumpkin carving, food trucks and beer.

The taphouse, owned by Molly Fay, Cory Bakker and Tim Miller, has hosted community events every few months since their opening, Fay said. It stays active in the Columbia neighborhood community, collaborating with other breweries, like Kulshan Brewing, hosting pop-up shops and viewing parties for football and soccer games.

"We believe the local community is the heart of happiness within people's daily lives," Fay said. "I feel that we built a community, our customer base in the Columbia neighborhood. We really wanted to give back to our community and listen to what they wanted."

Fay and Bakker also own the Goods Nursery and Produce stand connected to the taphouse. The produce section of the stand is open April to November for fresh fruit and vegetables. It's also open in December for Christmas trees.

It was important for Fay and Bakker to operate



Georgeos Karadimas cooks for customers at his food truck GREEKTOWN at the Goods Second Annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 19. // Photo by Grady Haskell, background photo by Grady Haskell

a business that wasn't just seasonal, Fay said. They wanted to have a way to interact with their community all the time.

The duo began working toward opening a taphouse but wanted support from the local community first.

"We started talking with our customers and getting their take on it," Fay said. "We then decided to venture

[into] the beer scene. We really wanted to capitalize on the growing trend of breweries."

Then, third owner Miller came into the picture and Goods Local Brews started to come together.

Not only is the community important to the owners, but the same ideology is shared by their bartenders. Rita Caufield has worked at Goods

Local Brews since June and found the culture the most important part of the job.

Caufield quit her day job to work at the taphouse full time and to spend more time with her community.

"We are smack dab in the middle of the Columbia neighborhood," Caufield said. "Our neighbors come together with us and enjoy [the environment] and add to

it as well. Just kind of makes it like a family event."

Recently, the taphouse has partnered with Bellingham Handmade in Bellingham's Handmakers Market. Every Sunday, April through October, the collaboration rotates 10-12 vendors in efforts to support local businesses at Goods Local Brews.

PINBALL LEAGUE LIGHTS UP RUCKUS ROOM



Samantha Kirilin competes in the pinball tournament at the Ruckus Room on Thursday, Oct. 17. // Photo by Claire Ott

Carl Bryden
THE WESTERN FRONT

Hidden between the bars and restaurants that litter Railroad Avenue, the Ruckus Room opens its doors to the

Bellingham pinball league. Even on a cold and rainy Thursday night, the arcade is filled with people excited about pinball.

Thursday nights are league nights at the Ruckus Room.

There's an elimination style tournament that anyone is welcome to join. The tournament takes place in eight or nine rounds. Players compete to out-score each other in three turns each per game

on the machine.

"Most of the players have been here for years, so we're mostly just here to enjoy ourselves," said Collin Topolski, one of the co-owners of the Ruckus Room.

Once you lose three matches you're out of the tournament, but the first person out is given free ice cream as a consolation prize.

The Ruckus Room also promotes Thursday evenings as community nights. Topolski said they hope to bring people in and share the joy of pinball in this way. The atmosphere is welcoming to folks who've played pinball their whole lives, as well as people just hoping to check it out, Topolski said.

"The community means a lot to me, I've made more friends here than anywhere else in Bellingham," Garrett Dubofsky, a third-year applied mathematics major at Western, said between games.

Dubofsky and his girlfriend Sam Kirilin, have been coming to the pinball league for the past couple years.

Kirilin, also in her third year at Western, said they would have come when they first moved to Bellingham if they had known about it.

If you haven't played before, the regulars are excited to show you the mechanics and teach you the rules of the game, Dubofsky said. If you're just trying to reminisce about your childhood in the flashing lights of arcade machines, it's a good place to do that too.

The Ruckus Room opened in August 2017, co-owner Emma Smith said, but the pinball league itself existed in Bellingham for the past four years. It's looked different over time, but many of the regular pinballers have stuck around since the beginning.

The pinball league is working on outreach in the community. Last year, the league hosted 'Pin Pals' on Tuesday nights. A womxn and queer collective for women and members of the LGBTQ+ community to come together, play pinball and enjoy themselves.

Pin Pals isn't going on now, but Topolski said they're hoping to get the group going again soon.

The community has become very tight knit, while still welcoming new lovers of pinball.

The Ruckus Room also hosts tournaments for holidays and celebrations. On Valentine's day, the league will host their split flipper tournament. Any two people can join, each person takes half of the controls for the game, and the goal is to last as long as possible in an elimination style tournament.

"The split flipper tournament can get pretty intense," Smith said, laughing. "I think we've maybe broken up one couple. But they got back together."

Pinball tournaments also take place at The Racket Bar and Pinball Lounge, Reset Games and within the community at pinballers' houses. More information is available online at the Ruckus Room's website.



Fady Selim competes in the pinball tournament at the Ruckus Room on Thursday, Oct. 17. // Photo by Claire Ott

50 years later, Klipsun still going strong

Anniversary issue throws back to its past through themes of indignation

Aidan Wiess
THE WESTERN FRONT

Klipsun's 50th anniversary spawned a unique opportunity for former and current staff to discuss their respective time as employees, what their generation stood for and what types of social issues they tackled with the magazine.

The diverse mix of past and present staff members shared stories, lessons and laughs while looking over Klipsun issues from a number of generations during a celebration of Klipsun's 50th birthday on Saturday, Oct. 19.

Questen Inghram, editor-in-chief in Summer 2019 and leader behind the 50th anniversary issue, had the chance to speak on the anniversary issue, going into detail about how Klipsun started off as a yearbook in 1913, and didn't change until the late 1960's.

"I think it is interesting how it's evolved, just looking at the covers from then to now really shows you, and that's something that we really wanted to explore," Inghram said. "We made the cover and the design an homage to the very first issue."

He also went into the issue's theme: indignation, a word meaning anger at injustice that sparks action.

He said during Klipsun's conception, in the height of the Vietnam war, this was a word that defined the feelings of many people on campus and across the nation.

As such, Vol.1 of Klipsun's 50th issue pursued stories with such a theme.

Journalism professor Peggy Watt said the 50th anniversary staff noticed how similar the topic in older issues were to modern ones.

"Anti-war efforts, housing problems, challenges for stu-



Klipsun Editors, from left, Questen Inghram, Ray Garcia and Anelyse Morris address attendees at the 50th anniversary of Klipsun on Saturday, Oct. 19. // Photo by Grady Haskell

dents juggling jobs and classes, weird politics," Watt said. "Vice President Spiro Agnew was bad-mouthing the media. Ethnic students at Western were asking for greater awareness of social issues and their concerns."

Comparatively, current Klipsun Editor-In-Chief Ray Garcia discussed working with marginalized communities on campus.

"My personal experience as both an editor for the Western Front and Klipsun is that there are a lot of marginalized communities on this campus that aren't given the same platform or opportunity to speak as others have," Garcia said. "Even when

these groups are provided coverage on issues happening within their own communities, they're mostly misquoted and misrepresented."

Garcia hopes to face these issues head-on. He wants his staff to have the compassion and empathy to slow down the reporting process.

A number of staff members, past and present, discussed what they thought about Klipsun's role on campus.

"Klipsun's primary purpose is to provide students with the educational experience of putting out a real magazine," Bill Dietrich, editor in 1973, said. "It has

a long history of editors selecting issues of real relevance to build a quarter around. This exposes students not only to writing, editing, photography, and design challenges, but to critical thinking about what society is grappling with."

Former editor Rudy Yuly, who was on staff from 1979 to 1980, discussed Klipsun's signature long-form approach to storytelling.

She said in her time with the publication, they were trying to cover more in-depth and varied stories than would be seen in The Western Front.

She went on to say how similar Klipsun is now to its past self, a statement that is reflected by a number of other editor responses to the same question.

Inghram said he likes Klipsun because it doesn't have a narrow focus and it fills the gaps between other student publications.

"It's not the Front, it's not the Planet," Inghram said. "It is fluid and that's why I think it is such an important publication because it does cover things that wouldn't be talked about anywhere else."

He went on to say how the magazine is a unique opportunity for students to apply all the different skills that they've learned and tell stories in a way that represents the community and what it values, while exploring issues that are important to people.

With that in mind, Garcia went into detail about the upcoming issue.

"I think in our current sort of socio-political climate, there are

varying tensions between varying communities, and there are a lot of different identities on this campus," Garcia said. "I think one of the main sort of issues that our editorial staff and our writers have been addressing in this upcoming edition of Klipsun is the fact that regardless of where you've come from and regardless of what you've gone through, it's sort of identifying that all of us can overcome adversity and we can transcend our own limitations."

Klipsun has faced controversy. Editors of past issues spoke of times when their stories were accompanied by backlash.

Mike Vouri, 1978 editor, said there was an instance where one group of people was so angry with one publication that they followed the staff around campus while they were distributing the issue, and collected each hand out to throw in the garbage.

Yuly said she faced backlash from the dean of Fairhaven, at the time, for writing a story about Fairhaven being in danger of losing its accreditation. The dean was so furious with her story, she was forced to defend the article to the dean, her advisor and the head of the journalism department.

"Fortunately, I could provide full documentation (and recordings) of everything I wrote about," she said. "I was really glad I'd kept good notes and recorded my interviews—thanks to my great professors, who taught me and all my fellow students really well."



Olivia Hicks, a former Western student, browses past Klipsun Magazines at the 50th anniversary of Klipsun on Saturday, Oct. 19. // Photo by Grady Haskell

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Mastering post-college employment

Career Services Center open house showcases programs providing career guidance

Ana Soltero
THE WESTERN FRONT

Laughter, enthusiastic conversation and friendly greetings poured out of a tucked away corner in Old Main.

The Career Services Center held their open house on Wednesday, Oct. 16 for students to meet the staff and learn about the resources they offer to the Western community.

"It is really just a way to welcome the Western community to our space and [a way of] making sure that everyone on campus knows who we are," Jenny Spurgin, assistant director and employer relations and outreach of the Career Services Center, said.

The center's vision is to help create, "a world where everyone is empowered to achieve their career goals and live their best life," according to their website.

Six separate stations were set-up: the LinkedIn photo booth, a tour of the Career Services Center interview rooms, a drop-in advising center, an introduction to Viking CareerLink, a tour of the career closet and drop-in presentations.

There were also info tables set up for the PeaceCorps, WHOLE, the Office of Sustainability, mending and sewing-- related to the career closet-- the Student Employment Center and MBA Services.

The open house is also a way of making sure students and faculty know where their new spaces, such as their interview rooms, and other resources are, Spurgin said.

"It was important for us to have the open house ... so students could come and they

could become familiar with [the Career Services Center]," Effie Eisses, director of the Career Services Center, said. "We have done a whole bunch of new initiatives that we want people to be aware of."

One of the new initiatives is the career closet. The career closet consists of gently used professional clothing that students can take for free. The only requirement is that you have to make an appointment with them to let them know you are coming in.

"We do not want a student to ever say, 'I'm not going to that interview because I don't have the right clothes to wear,'" Eisses said.

The goal of the career closet is to provide free, professional attire for Western students and alumni for any professional event, Madeline Roseninge said. Roseninge was the career closet's intern over the summer and is now a Master of Business Administration candidate.

"If there is a job fair, an interview or a presentation they need to give, students have a place to come and see what we have and not have to spend \$300 on a new suit," she said.

The Career Services Center also offers drop-in advising and help practicing for interviews.

"We only have three career counselors for our 16,000 students," Eisses said. "We do not want to make students have to wait if they have an important job interview and they need their resumé to be looked at because it is due the next day. So, we implemented drop-in advising."

The Career Services Center offers help preparing for an interview year-round by appointment. According to



A table and board filled with Career Services Center information on Wednesday, Oct. 16. // Photo by Ana Soltero

their website, the nature of an interview is simulated by a facilitator asking the individual a set of questions. The mock interview lasts about 20 to 30 minutes.

Viking CareerLink is another service provided by the Career Services Center. "Viking CareerLink is like an online job board specifically for Western students. It's kind of like Indeed or Craigslist," Haley Goodwin, a peer advisor in the Career Services Center, said.

This job board houses opportunities not only for post-graduate jobs on there, but also for internships, she said.

The Career Services Center offered a LinkedIn photo booth during the open house, where a student could come in to have their LinkedIn profile picture professionally taken, and later meet with a career counselor to go over their profile. Although the photo booth was only for the open house, the Career Services Center offers year-round LinkedIn help to struggling students.

According to an article from 99firms.com about LinkedIn statistics, LinkedIn is used by 92% of Fortune 500 companies.

"If there is one message I want people to know, [it] is [that] we have a really awesome team of people who really care about student success and are dedicated to helping students achieve the outcome that they have for themselves," Eisses said.



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Career Services Center October Events

Internship and Volunteer Fair
October 24

Viking Union Multipurpose Room
12-4 p.m.

University Opportunities in Amazon Operations hosted by Amazon
Information Table October 29

10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Viking Union Lobby

Information Session October 29
4-5 p.m. Academic West 204

Resume Prep Workshop, October 29
5:15-7 p.m. Academic West 204

PACCAR Career Day
October 30
South Campus
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

How to Prepare for a Career Fair Group Coaching Session
October 30
Viking Union 567
12-1 p.m.

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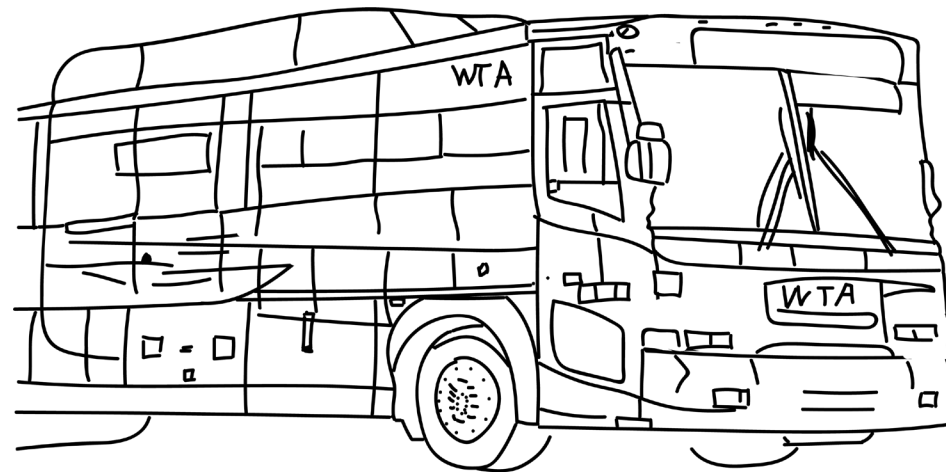


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While I am thrilled that Western offers alternative options to driving, I remain deeply unsatisfied with my morning commute to school.

Every day I arrive at my bus stop early, yet every morning, bus after bus passes me, packed full of other students. I stand in the rain, miserable, tired and almost out of options.

If you're going to offer a bus service and charge a transportation fee to all students attending over half-time, then give all of them access to busing.

I get it, buses reach a certain capacity. There is only so much sardine-like shoving we can all do to fit on the hot, sweaty, stinky, germ-infested bus. But my god, if every bus is full in the morning, provide more buses.

Every morning is a gamble. Will I or won't I make it on the bus this time? Some mornings, I manage to escape inconvenience and cram in, but even on those glorious days, the bus zooms past other stops with students who didn't make the cut.

On the bad mornings, the mornings I dread, every bus drives past me and I must make the

decision of whether I should take the L and walk the 17 minutes all uphill and be late to class anyway, or if I should wait around another 15 minutes for the next bus in hopes of fitting on and still be late.

Sometimes I just go back to bed. This really would be less of an issue if driving to campus wasn't so impossible. But not only are passes

scarce and spots few, but if you are one of the lucky ones to score a pass, it is not cheap. An annual parking pass is approximately \$300, and that does not even guarantee you a spot. Not to mention, parking tickets are given out like candy on Halloween. According to reporting done by The Western Front last spring, Western made \$585,490 on parking tickets in 2018.

If we can't park on campus, and walking is too far, we should at least have access to enough buses. I really don't think that's too much to ask.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Where have all the bricks gone? A satire.

To Whom it May Concern (to which, I mean all those who have eyes to see and are capable of independent thought);

A troubling occurrence across our campus has come to my attention – as it has no doubt come to yours, my dear reader. A mystery of the greatest import. A shocking series of unexplained events that have arisen under our very feet.

Upon first taking notice of the disturbing trend less than a week ago, I was perturbed. I admit, in all candidness, I did not realize the degree of the calamity before this and it's doubtless I walked idly by, ignorant to the threat far longer than I care to admit. Since that time, I have been haunted day and night by this menace that lies, unnoticed by

"Sometimes they will tilt and tremble with all manner of clanks and clunks, as if they were living things."

the technophile masses of my fellow students. Consumed in their own little worlds, leaving them exposed and defenseless.

And so, I have decided that I must act. My conscience cannot bear the consequences that I fear silence would bring upon my fellow students.

The question that started all of this. The evidence that supports my deepest fears. Surely, I am not the only one? You cannot all have missed the signs? I dare even to type the

next line ... but I must. "Where have all the bricks gone?"

Beware. Ignorance is not bliss. I have not at this time ascertained the entirety of the malevolent schemes of the masonry, but without a doubt there is something afoot. Bricks have gone missing across the entire campus. In some places, in ones or twos, while in other locations as many as fours or fives. For a day and a night, they might disappear, only to reappear in situ, as if nothing had occurred.

Wait, there's more. As one passes over the bricks, resting one's foot upon them, sometimes they will tilt and tremble with all manner of clanks and clunks, as if they were living things. Perhaps they are, and they are waiting. Waiting to rise up from beneath our heels and seek revenge for the thousands of indignities they have endured. Simple feet being the least of these, high heeled shoes the middle, and skateboards the vilest of them.

What does this all mean? What can we do while there is still time? I beseech my fellow students to tear their eyes from their phones and yank the headphones from their ears. Be kind to one another, and especially to the bricks below your

-Rebecca Hegge

Viking Madness starts new hoops season

Hundreds of fans pack into Carver to interact with players and coaches

Nolan Baker
THE WESTERN FRONT

For a Friday night, campus was unusually loud. The booms and clashes of the Viking marching band echoed out of the entrance to Sam Carver Gymnasium, welcoming hundreds of eager fans into the first event of the year for Viking basketball.

Dubbed "Viking Madness," both the men's and women's teams started off the new season with a night of autographs, dunks and three-point contests. Although the regular season doesn't start for a few more weeks, the excitement for the upcoming season was palpable.

Before festivities officially began, both teams formed an autograph-signing assembly line around one half of the court, where fans young and old chatted, took selfies and had posters signed by their favorite Vikings. "Now it's time to meet your 2019-2020 Vikings," Jeff Evans, Western athletic communications director, boomed into the PA system.

With that announcement, Viking Madness, and the new season, began.

Every player was individually introduced to the raucous crowd, throwing out T-shirts into the stands and high-fiving teammates as they took the court. There was clearly an air of excitement for these players and the year ahead.

"I think it's good for our community to see our team and who's here and who's playing and to get excited for the year," said Carmen Dolfo, who is entering her 28th season as head coach for the Viking women's team.

According to Western's athletics website, close to 800 fans attended the 33rd annual Viking Madness, which was marketed extensively around campus and the Bellingham community.

"Every year it gets better and bigger," said senior forward Teravor Jasinsky. Jasinsky leads the men's team in points, averaging 19.1 per game over his career.

"It's just a different atmosphere when the stands are packed and people are yelling,"



The Western men's basketball team standing arm-in-arm at Viking Madness on Friday, Oct. 18. // Photo by Claire Ott

Jasinsky said after the event. "We're really happy with how it turned out tonight and hope that carries over into the season."

After introductions, both teams showed off their teamwork with intersquad scrimmages. The women's team showcased fierce defense (even for a practice game) for an excited crowd, while the men's scrimmage featured everything but defense.

The loudest moment of the night at the WECU Court was after sophomore guard RJ Secrest put his teammate Bryce Knox on the floor with an ankle-breaking stepback crossover.

After the scrimmages and a brief intermission from the Viking marching band, both teams entered a three point contest and the men's team finished the night with a dunk contest that brought the crowd to their feet.

Behind the festivities, there are real expectations for these two teams who both saw their seasons cut short. The women lost in the semifinal round of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference tournament.

Last season, the men's team missed out on a spot in the GNAC tournament and lost their final game to Concordia University,

with a final score of 79-70.

The Vikings finished the season with a 15-15 record. It was the worst win-loss record of coach Tony Dominguez's eight seasons as head coach. The Vikings were plagued by injuries throughout all of last season, with multiple starters missing key games.

"We had a lot of injuries, so it was a disjointed year that way," Dominguez said. "Every time we turned around we had one of our starters out and so it was tough to get in a rhythm."

Jasinsky said the team will be coming out with a chip on their shoulder this season.

"We know what we're capable of, we can do big things this year. We definitely have something to prove," Jasinsky said.

The Viking women will be tested early this year, starting the season off with four straight games on the road. They begin with games against Fresno Pacific University and Humboldt State University in Arcata, California, for the West Region Crossover Classic. They then continue to Azusa, California, where they face UC San Diego and Azusa Pacific University.

"We have four really good teams we're playing on the road,"

said Dolfo, "so we'll really find out where we're at."

The women's team also lost in the semifinals of the GNAC tournament, just barely missing out on a spot in the GNAC championships with a heartbreaking loss to Northwest Nazarene University with a final score of 83-78.

Dolfo said her team is determined this year to finish what they started and bring home a GNAC championship.

"They work really hard, and I think they really believe in themselves and so hopefully that'll happen this year," she said.

The first home game for the women's team will be on Friday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. against Western Colorado University at Carver Gym.

The first home game for the men's team will take place on Friday, Nov. 8, at 7:30 p.m. against Cal State Dominguez Hills.



Taylor Skadan cheers with teammates at Viking Madness on Friday, Oct. 18. // Photo by Claire Ott

Are you satisfied with your transportation options to and from campus?



Emma Nebeker
Environmental science

"Definitely, I think the bus systems runs so easy here."



Ashley Myers
Geography

"I am. I actually live like less than a mile [away], so I walk."



Nate Bucker
Environmental science

"Yeah I am. I ride my bike, but when that's not an option, the buses go right by house."



Jonah Deboard
Geology

"Yeah, I think it's about as good as you could ask for."

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Intramural sports are back on campus

Fall quarter brings opportunities for student involvement with intramural sports

Wilson Turk
THE WESTERN FRONT

In perfect Pacific Northwest fashion, the first week of intramurals kicked off with one of the wettest weeks of fall quarter.

Fall quarter intramural offerings include soccer, volleyball, basketball, dodgeball and flag football. Soccer is typically the most popular, offering all levels of competition from open leagues – for anyone wanting to try it out – to the 11 vs. 11 league, which offers a more competitive atmosphere.

“Most people played a little bit of high school sports and just want to keep it going,” said Dylan Arrowood, a soccer lead and one of the supervisors for intramurals. “Every once in a while, you’ll have some ex-varsity athletes come out and play.”

Sadie Sheller was a varsity soccer player in high school and now plays in the 11 vs. 11 league. For her, intramurals are not all about winning. It’s about exercising and having fun.

“It’s a lot less stressful than high school or club is, because most people are just here to have fun and play soccer,” Sheller said.

For intramural referees, the games are less hostile.



Rain pours down as the Nash Hall and Ridgeway teams face off in 11 vs. 11 intramural soccer on Wednesday, Oct. 16. “Most people played a little bit of high school sports and just want to keep it going,” said Dylan Arrowood, a soccer lead and one of the supervisors for intramurals. “Every once in a while, you’ll have some ex-varsity athletes come out and play.”

// Photo by Wilson Turk

In many professional games, and even in many youth sports, referees are criticized by athletes and fans for the calls they make. Intramural players have a different attitude toward referees.

“I know how I was when I was playing soccer toward refs. It’s definitely a differ-

ent perspective,” said Devinn Oliveri, a current referee for intramural soccer and volleyball.

Oliveri said he knows a lot of the players, and they are respectful toward him and the other referees.

Intramurals offer an opportunity for students to

meet new people who share similar athletic interests.

While most teams are formed ahead of time, they usually aren’t large enough, so they pick up free agents through the Western Intramural website, Arrowood said. Free agents are athletes who are not yet on a team.

Occasionally, the league coordinators will form teams of all free agents.

“I met my first friends at Western [through intramurals], so it made me feel like I was more a part of the community,” Sheller said. “And I felt a lot more comfortable at school.”

Sports Roundup: women's soccer No. 10 nationally

Nolan Baker
THE WESTERN FRONT

Women's Soccer
Although the Vikings were down 1-0 at halftime against Simon Fraser University on Saturday, the No. 10 ranked women’s team came back with two second-half goals to hand the Clan their sixth conference loss of the season. With goals from junior midfielder Grace Eversaul and senior defender Peyton Chick, the Vikings were able to stay atop the Great Northwest Athletic Conference table and secure their seventh conference

win, improving to 11-2-0 overall and 7-0-0 in GNAC play.

Men's Soccer
The men’s soccer team secured themselves a spot as front-runners in the GNAC with a hard fought 1-0 victory over Saint Martin’s University in Lacey on Thursday, Oct. 17. Western earned their first win on Saint Martin’s home field since 2014, according to the Western athletics website, and secured first place in the conference boasting a 3-0-1 GNAC record after that game. The Vikings were able to keep the highest-scoring team in the GNAC from any goals, and

got their third shutout victory of the season thanks to a 26th minute goal by sophomore Johan Espinoza.

Continuing their road test, the Vikings men’s soccer team rolled past Northwest Nazarene University 3-0 on Saturday, Oct. 19, in Nampa, Idaho. It was the Viking’s third consecutive shutout victory and they remain undefeated in the GNAC. Junior midfielder Drew Farnsworth tallied two goals, one in the 5th minute and another in the 62nd minute. Freshman goalkeeper Brandon Locke earned his third straight shutout. The Vikings

haven’t been scored on since a game against Saint Martin’s University on Oct. 5.

Volleyball
Led by an impressive 12 kill and 4 block performance from Kayleigh Harper, Western’s volleyball team swept University of Alaska Fairbanks 3-0 on Thursday, Oct. 17. The Vikings improved to an impressive 17-0 overall record, sitting firmly at first place atop the GNAC with a 9-0 conference record. Sophomore outside hitter Gabby Gunterman recorded her 11th double-double of the season, redshirt freshman outside hitter Calley Heilborn set the game high with 15 digs and defensive specialist Tupu Lologo had all three of the Vikings’ service aces.

After a program record-setting 17-0 start to their season, Western’s volleyball team suffered their first loss of the season on the road to University of Alaska Anchorage. The Vikings entered the game as one of only four undefeated teams in NCAA Division II, but weren’t able to overcome a talented Anchorage team that improved to an 8-2 record against conference opponents and a respectable 13-5 overall. The loss dropped the Vikings from second place in NCAA Division II rankings to sixth place, although they still remain in first place in the GNAC.

Men's Basketball
In an intrasquad scrimmage to kick off the preseason for men’s basketball, the blue team narrowly beat out the white team 74-71 at Sam Carver Gym-

nasium. Sophomore forward Jalen Green led the blue squad to a win with 25 points on an efficient 10-for-16 shooting, along with six rebounds and one block. Senior center Logan Schilder, with his hulking 7-foot frame, had a 18-point, 11-rebound double-double on 7-for-11 shooting. Men’s basketball continues its preseason with an exhibition at Carver Gym against the Seattle Mountaineers.

Women's Golf
After exiting day one of the West Region Preview in a disappointing 17th place, the Viking women’s golf team finished the tournament 10th overall. In Carlsbad, California, on Monday and Tuesday, freshman Elise Sumner led the team tied for 29th place in a tournament of 90 players. NCAA Division II runner-up and tournament hosts Cal State San Marcos won with a 18-over par effort after two days.

Men's Golf
The Vikings men’s golf team finished in 12th place out of 16 teams in the Otter Invitational in Seaside, California, on Monday and Tuesday. Senior Ethan Casto, who already has three top 10 finishes this season, recorded a two-under par effort at the two day tournament. Redshirt sophomore Aidan Thain shot a final round one-under par 71, moving him up an impressive 24 spots on the leaderboard to finish in a 34th place tie. The Vikings’ next tournament is at the Dennis Rose Intercollegiate in Waikoloa, Hawaii, beginning on Monday, Oct. 28.



Western forward and midfielder Karli White looks back at a shot on the Simon Fraser University goalie on Saturday, Oct. 19. The Vikings won the game 2-1, with two goals in the second half. // Photo by Alex Moreno

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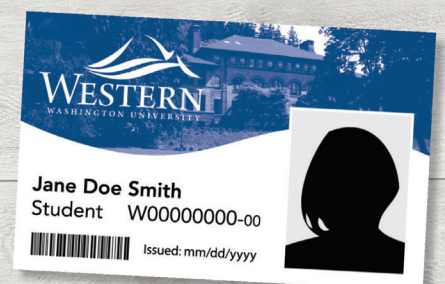
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