

18-year-old vote faces obstacles; passage seen as unlikely before 1971

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CPS) — It appears unlikely the Constitution will be amended to allow 18-year-olds to vote before 1971, despite President Johnson's support.

The proposal is sponsored by 44 senators. But many observers doubt Congress will approve a constitutional amendment this year.

To pass, the amendment must be approved by a two-thirds majority of each house of Congress, then be ratified by at least 39 states.

If Congress does not approve the amendment this year, in time for state biennial legislative sessions beginning next spring, many states will not have a chance to consider it until they meet again in 1971.

In addition to these obstacles, the amendment may face oppo-

sition in both Congress and the states.

Opponents of the 18-year-old vote proposal advance two major arguments:

First, the recent wave of student demonstrations indicates, to them, that young people lack maturity and are not ready to participate in the political process. During Senate hearings opponents said, "Young people are prone to take an extreme point of view and push their ideas to the exclusion of all others."

Second, they argue that states should retain the power to set the voting age.

Opponents seem to fear too, that they may lose office if millions of young people can vote.

At present 18-year-olds can vote only in Kentucky and Geor-

gia. The voting age is 19 in Alaska and 20 in Hawaii. In most of the other 46 states, proposals to lower the voting age have been introduced, but either never reached the ballot or failed in the legislature.

Many of the arguments in favor of enfranchising the young were recapitulated by President Johnson in his endorsement.

He said, "Young people have been called upon by the age of 18 to shoulder family responsibilities and civic duties identical with their elders. At the age of 18, young Americans are called upon to bear arms and are treated as adults before many courts of law and are held responsible for their acts."

"The age of 18, far more than the age of 21, has been and is the age of maturity in America — and never more than now."



A skier takes an icy plunge into a lake of slush at Mt. Baker's annual Slush Cup, July 4. The event is only one of many activities in this area.—Photo by Lydia Christiansen

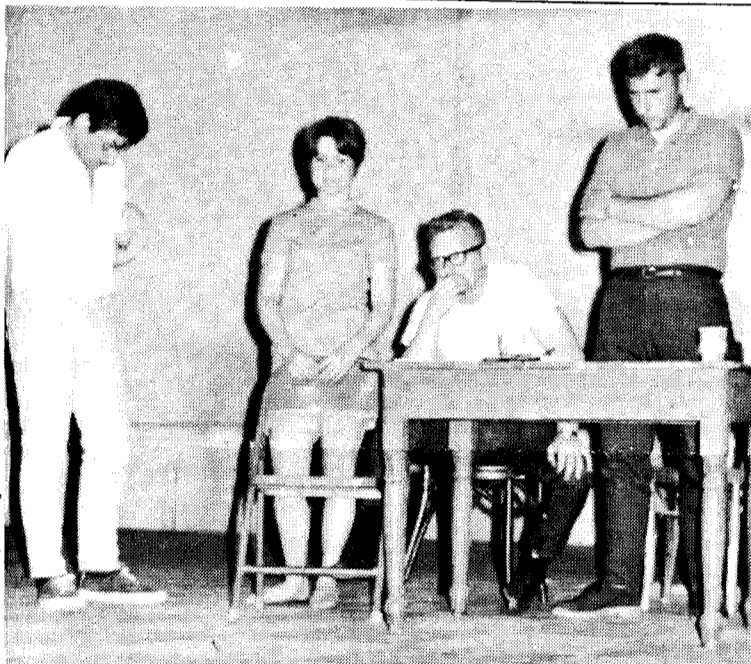
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News in brief

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Christ's case is argued by, above, left to right, Joseph Grant, Susan Parker, Donald Krag and David Webb in "Between Two Thieves," to be presented by Western Players this week. Dr. Byron Sigler, below, directs.

—Photos by Lydia Christensen

Western players present "Between Two Thieves"

"Between Two Thieves," a drama of the guilt or innocence of Christ, will be presented by the Western Players at 8:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday in Old Main theater.

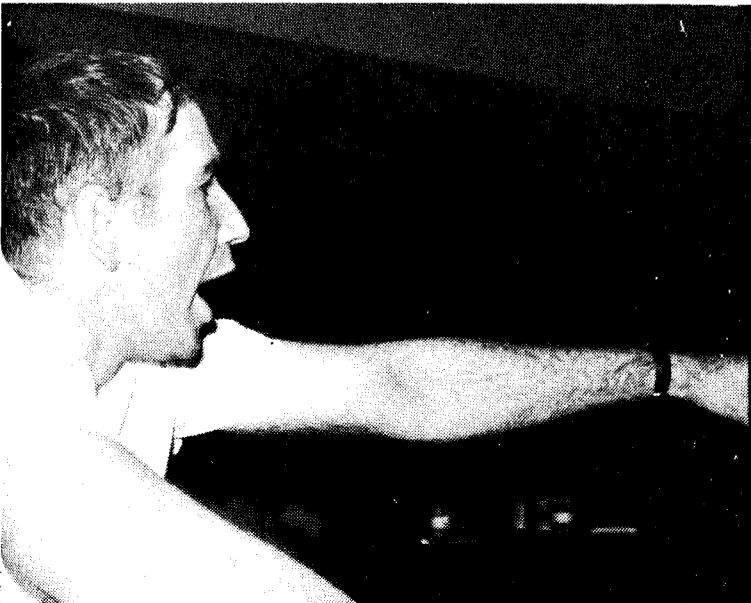
The play, written by the Italian Diego Fabbri, is the story of a family group of players who act as judges, prosecutor and counsels to determine from a contemporary view whether Christ was guilty under Roman and Judaic law.

The indictment charges Jesus with being subversive in religion and politics. The first part ends with a general indictment of man: "We are all guilty."

In the second part, as the verdict is about to be given, a Catholic priest, agnostic, prostitute and anti-Semite interrupt.

Dr. Byron Sigler directs.

Tickets may be obtained at the VU desk or theater box office.



Students receive \$700,000 in aid

By DAN MEINS
Western Front Staff

Government loans, grants and work-study programs now account for more financial aid to students than scholarships do, William Hatch, director of financial aid and student advisement, said last week in an interview.

Western is helping more than one-sixth of the student body to finance their education with \$670,000 from government programs and only \$12,000 from the college's scholarship fund.

Virtually anyone on campus can receive financial assistance, Hatch said, through such programs as the National Defense Student Loans, College Work-Study program, Educational Opportunity Grants, Guaranteed Loans and Western's scholarship funds and short-term loans.

National Defense Student Loans (NDSL), by far the most popular program, was started in 1958 as an inducement for students to go into teaching, Hatch said.

NDSL is a program of "borrowing" and has become the backbone for other government-sponsored financial assistance programs.

Under NDSL an undergraduate student may borrow up to \$1,000 each academic year with 10 years to repay the loan at a three-per cent interest rate.

The repayment period and the interest do not begin until nine months after the student ends his studies.

Those going into teaching have as much as half of the loan forgiven at the rate of 10 per cent for each year of teaching service.

Furthermore, students who teach in certain schools in primarily low-income areas, such as a slum district, may cancel their entire obligation at the rate of 15 per cent per year.

Civil disorders BOQ topic

The first of two panel discussions of the summer Book of the Quarter, "Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders," will be held at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the VU lounge.

The question to be discussed is: "Civil rights or civil disorders? Housing, law enforcement and government."

Hatch said that Western has approximately \$300,000 this year in National Defense Student Loans with a total of \$1,100,000 outstanding since the program began.

College Work-Study, a program of "employment," ranks ahead of NDSL in federal funding at some colleges, especially junior colleges, because the program is run on the campus, Hatch said.

Students, particularly those from low-income families, who need a job to help pay for college expenses can find employment under the College Work-Study program in on-campus work or approved off-campus agencies.

This summer 126 students are working under this program in off-campus, non-profit agencies in Whatcom and Skagit counties. They will make approximately \$1,000 apiece.

Educational Opportunity Grants, the smallest numerically in total financing, is a program of direct "grants," based on exceptional financial need and academic or creative promise.

Educational Opportunity Grants range from \$200 to \$800 per year with an additional \$200 given to those students who were in the upper-half of their class during the preceding academic year.

The Guaranteed Loans program primarily makes loan insurance available to any college student who wants to borrow.

The program is designed for students from middle- or upper-income families who cannot qualify for student employment or loans.

Under this program, an undergraduate can borrow as much as \$1,000 per year at a three per cent (middle income) or six per

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Did your check bounce?

Students who owe the bookstore money for insufficient funds or closed account checks must pay before July 26 or be subject to a collecting agency fee.

Republican to speak

Art Fletcher, Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, will speak on campus on July 18.

He will hold a press conference in VU 208 at 2:30 p.m., visit with Upward Bound project participants in L 3 at 3 p.m. and attend an open coffee hour in Saga 2425 at 4 p.m.

Lecture on Seri set

A slide program on Mexico's Seri Indians, a twentieth-century tribe still living in the stone age, will be presented at 7 p.m. next Tuesday by Otis Chidester, of Tucson, Arizona.

Chidester, who did some of the photographic work for a Disney television program on the Seri, has been studying the primitive people since 1935.

Register for art fair

Artists who plan to enter the Pacific Northwest Arts and Crafts Fair in Bellevue July 26-28 must register by July 13, fair officials said.

All work must be original, not more than two years old and for sale. Work may be entered in professional, nonprofessional and junior (13-17) divisions to compete for more than \$2,000 in awards.

The nonprofit fair is largest of its kind in America and has attracted more than 162,000 persons in previous years, its sponsors say.

For information, write the Pacific Northwest Arts and Crafts Fair, Bellevue, Wn. 98004.

Pool hours changed

Recreational swimming hours in the Carver Gym pool have been changed due to heavy demand.

A group of 30 men and 30 women will be admitted from 4-4:45 p.m. and a second group from 4:45-5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Physics institute held

A Physics Institute is being held this summer for 30 high school teachers.

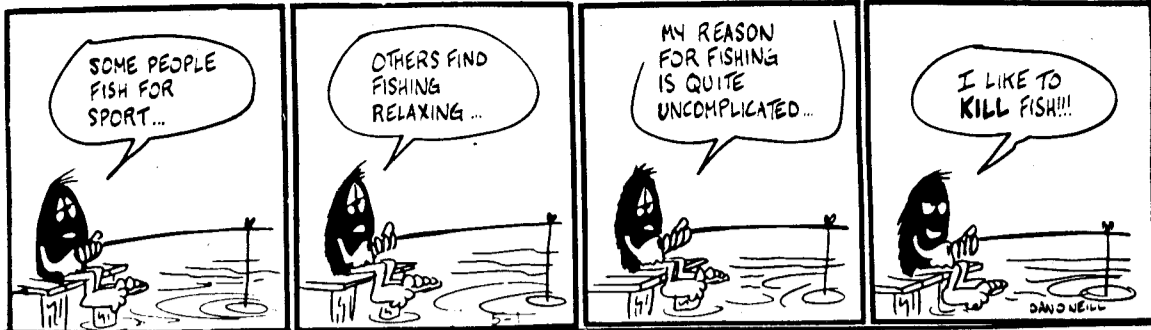
The fifth program of its kind, it is funded by the National Science and Ford foundations.

Participating teachers are from throughout the United States, and one is from Nigeria.

BOC to poll students on college alcohol policy

The Board of Control decided Tuesday to poll students this summer and again in fall for their opinions on the college policy on alcoholic beverages. The Board also voted to submit the following statement to President Charles J. Flora: "The summer BOC is anxious to secure for students a change in institutional rules concerning alcoholic rules on campus." A proposal to install a washer and dryer for free student use in the VU basement was turned over to the student welfare committee. The BOC set up a new policy governing dances because of the

poor turnout for the June 28 event. Groups sponsoring dances now must give seven days advance notice and advertise in the Front the week before. The BOC voted to support a stink-in on behalf of Dick Gregory. Dead fish will be mailed to Olympia to protest Gregory's jail sentence for illegal fishing. The Board will sponsor a course critique. Students will grade their courses and professors on questionnaires to be circulated starting the fifth week of summer quarter. The results will be available in time for fall quarter preregistration.



'Poor U' arouses mild student interest

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CPS) — In terms of actual enrollment, the Poor People's University was less than a success. But measured in terms of impact on those who did participate in this phase of the Poor People's Campaign, it was far from a failure. That is the assessment of Ross Connelly, assistant to the director of student and campus activities of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and coordinator of the university project.

Connelly said those who attended solidified and focused their idealism. "We felt a need to turn students on, to community action, organizing, involvement in the issues on campuses, in suburbia, inner cities, all over," Connelly said, adding, "I don't think we failed."

accept white students' participation. Also, some grew impatient with the seeming lack of organization. "They were looking for too much direction," he said. The University, like the Poor People's Campaign, is not completely shut down. Connelly hopes to mobilize students to go to the capital throughout the summer to demonstrate on behalf of jailed campaigners, and more workshops are planned.

Connelly said interracial dialogue was strained at times, because some blacks would not

Institute studies South Asia

A National Defense Education Act (NDEA) summer institute for advanced study of South Asian geography is being held at Western this summer. The broad objective of the institute is to improve teachers' knowledge of South Asia. Techniques of organizing and presenting the subject at junior and senior high school levels also are being studied. The institute program incorporates formal lectures, discussion periods, a methods and materials lab and library study. Lectures by staff specialists are followed by seminars.

Five 3-credit courses are offered on the subjects of geography, methods and materials, history, peoples and social institutions and government and politics of South Asia.

The institute is directed by Dr. Howard Critchfield, professor and chairman of the geography department. Associate

interviews

TODAY — Kelso, Highline, Newhall, Calif. school districts; for teachers; education placement office. TOMORROW — Eatonville, Edmonds, Pajaro Valley, Calif., school districts. THURSDAY — Quillayute Valley school district. NEXT TUESDAY — Washugal, South Bend school districts. Appointments for all interviews should be made at the placement office.

director is Dr. Debnath Mookherjee. Guest lecturers with teaching experience in South Asia supplement the program. Participants in the program receive \$75 per week plus an allowance of \$15 per week for each dependent. There is no charge for tuition or fees, but each pays his own costs of travel, room and board, books and supplies. Forty junior and senior high school teachers of geography and other social studies in Washington are participating. The eight-week program began June 17 and will end Aug. 8.

The project was conceived as a "freedom school" to establish new priorities and "redirect the energies of the campus community into an action commitment."

Potential attendance was estimated at as high as 15,000. But due to the campaign's late start, fewer than 500 attended seminars dealing with poverty and related topics.

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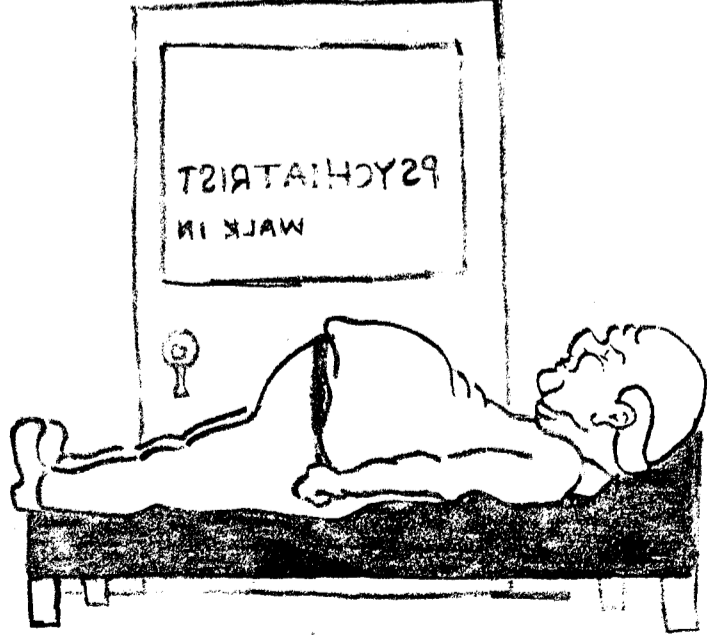


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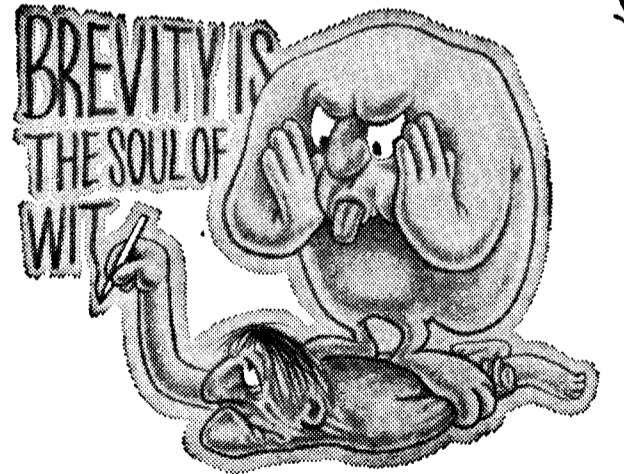
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Creative writing teacher joins English department

Dr. Eugene Garber, who joined Western's English department this summer, will teach creative fiction writing.

Garber taught at the University of Iowa for 11 years, and has been acting director of the nationally-known Iowa Writer's Workshop since 1966.

Bellingham's physical attractions and Western's reputation as a fine liberal arts college brought Dr. Garber here, he says.

He also was delighted with the opportunity Western offered to teach undergraduate as well as

graduate students in writing classes and to teach literature.

When asked how he grades creative writing, Garber explained that any student in his class who does all the assigned work receives a C, a student who shows marked improvement gets B and a student of exceptional ability gets an A.

Dr. Garber said he believes fewer than 100 Americans today make their living by writing fiction. Creative writing is more a "work of love" and its rewards are more personal than monetary, he said.

AS will install hitchhiking bench

Student hitchhikers probably will get a bench, as suggested in a Front editorial last week, although it may not be before fall quarter, AS President Noel Bourasaw said.

He said he thinks the idea of such a facility is excellent, and added, "I don't think we will have any trouble at all" getting the proposal passed in the AS Legislature.

But the summer Board of Control does not have power to appropriate money, so the project may not get underway until September, he said.

Bourasaw said he will discuss this problem with the AS finance officer, and will bring up the proposal at Thursday's meeting.

\$700,000 aid available, but scholarships are nil

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cent (upper income) interest.

If a student comes from a family with an adjusted income of less than \$15,000 a year, the federal government pays approximately one-half the interest.

Hatch described the Guaranteed Loans as a "very good program," with the only drawback that it is not managed by the college. The school merely certifies that the student is registered with the college.

By far the smallest financial aids program, Hatch said, is the college's scholarship fund of \$12,000.

"Roughly one-half of the freshmen who apply, get some kind

of an award. Of those who do not, the largest percentage do not qualify for some reason, for example, need," Hatch said.

Hatch pointed out that many people still think of scholarships as the only financial aid available when actually it is only a small part of a larger set of programs.

"The real point of financial aids," he said, "is to help the student stay in school whatever his dollar needs."

A scholarship has strict requirements tied to it and may only pay \$200, he said. Unless a student qualifies for the exact amount he needs, he should consider other financial avenues.

Hatch said that Western needs

a better short-term loan program. "The college loan program is the same size it was in the 1950's and 1960's. This was quite adequate at one time but it is not now," he said.

Under the present system, students cannot draw more than three loans per year at a maximum of \$150 per loan.

"If a student needs money in a hurry and can't wait for a NDSL loan to come through, he should be able to borrow on a short-basis. It may make all the difference in the world," Hatch said.

Hatch said he would like to see the Associated Students contribute funds for such a program. If the students could raise \$2,500 a year through a drive, he said, they would get it back plus interest and at the same time help themselves.

Seniors take lion's share of spring grade honors

Seniors monopolized grade honors for spring quarter, while freshmen, although numerically superior in enrollment, were shoved far to the bottom of the grade totem.

Of the 445 students who earned 3.5 or higher for 14 or more credits, a majority, 236, were seniors. The President's List also included 104 juniors, 98 sophomores and seven freshmen.

Straight A or 4.0 averages were earned by 72 students out of a total enrollment of more than 6,000. Of these, 45 were seniors, 10 juniors and 16 sophomores.

Kathleen A. Bienz, of Bellevue, was the only freshman to make the highest list.

Of this group, boys outnumbered girls 46 to 26.

(Four of the six members of Western Front's spring editorial staff were on the President's List. Those who received 3.5 or higher included editor Jeanne Doering, managing editor Mike Koch and news editor Steve Lampe. Spring copy editor and summer editor Don B. Wittenberger was on the 4.0 list.)

The 72 students who earned 4.0 were:

FRESHMEN: Kathleen Bienz.
SOPHOMORES: Beleta Belding, James Blizard, Herman Bouma, Paul Burr, Kayla Holeman, Calvin Jackson, Max Knittel, Ernest Leenders, Pamela Morris, Edward Shaffer, Joan Sharp;

Donna Shultz, James Ryan, Judith Warwick, Janet Westlund and Cynthia Zwart.

JUNIORS: Donald Carlson, Nancy Dimond, David Gross, Michael Marines, Dennis McCleerey, Douglas McKeever, Clayton Philbrick, Dale Scott, John Ward and Gerald Woodard.

SENIORS: Charles Adams, Robert Arseneault, James Bailey, Timothy Barr, Michael Bobbink, Harold Bockemuehl, Delbert Brodie, William Brookerson, Raymond Burke;

Raymond Capstock, Patricia Christie, Ralph Clark, Patricia Cunningham, Jimmy Diehl, Edna Doolittle, Steven Ellis, Kathleen Endrizzi, Karen Hanson;

Dale Henley, Marcia Higgins, Thomas Jepsen, Kathleen Johnson, Linda Johnson, Timothy Johnston, Gregory Jones, James LaMont, Michael Lucas;

Michael Neely, Janis Nelson, Larry Nelson, Timothy Novak, Terry Osborn, Nancy Sampson, Lois Smith, Patricia Smith, Douglas Sonju;

Ernest Stahl, Ian Trivett, Lois Trueblood, Karen Van Hood, Barbara Walden, Roberta Wiecking, Don B. Wittenberger, Stephen Wiitala and Ernest Wycoff.

Writers' workshops

The Pacific Northwest Writers Conference will meet at Western for 18 workshop sessions July 25-27.

Featured will be award-winning author Agnes Newton and television writer Walt Morey ("Gentle Ben").

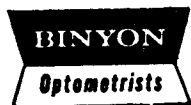
Workshops will cover most aspects of writing, from short stories and novels to poetry, magazine articles, plays and television scripts.

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- 2. GRADUATES**—Obtain materials from Graduate Office and secure program approval from graduate program adviser, and Dean of Graduate Studies.
- 3. REPORT** with your blue book to the Registration Center, ground floor of Edens Hall on Wednesday, July 17. The Registration Center will be open 8:30-11:30 and 1:00-4:00.

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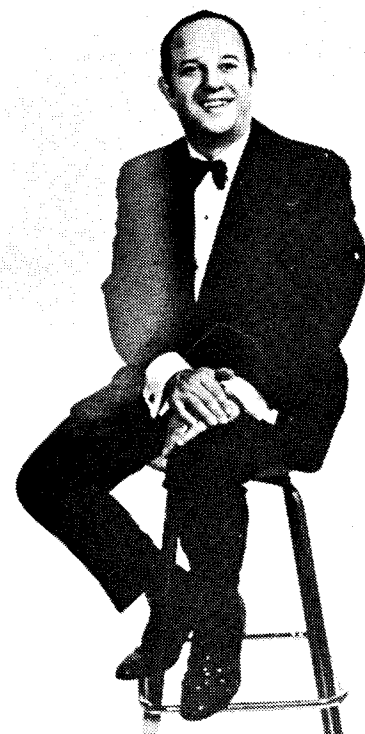
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Recreation schedule

- TODAY**—United Boatbuilders Tour, 2:30-4 p.m.
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- THURSDAY**—Steak Fry, Lakewood, 5:30-7 p.m.
Try your hand at char-broiling a steak. Food furnished; just bring your appetite, the kids and a knack for having fun.
- SATURDAY**—Victoria, B.C. Boat Trip, all day.
Visit provincial capital of British Columbia, shop and sightsee on Vancouver Island and at Butchart's Gardens.
- SATURDAY**—Hike to Lake Ann, all day.
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- NEXT TUESDAY**—Mt. Baker Plywood Tour, 2-4 p.m.
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Campus calendar

- TODAY**—Christian Science Organization, AM 23, 6 p.m.
Project Overcome movie, L-4, 7 p.m.
Book of the Quarter, VU lounge, 7 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**—Dr. Won-Kyong Cho's dance performance, Mus Aud, 8 p.m.
Bridge, VU 209, 6-10 p.m.
Viking Yacht Club, Syne Thorsen, SM 105, 7 p.m.
- THURSDAY**—Board of Control, VU 208, 4 p.m.
Miller Analogies Test, L-4, 4-5:30 p.m.
Alpine Club meeting, George Mustoe, SM 109, 7 p.m.
Film "The Maltese Falcon," L-4, 7 and 9:30 p.m.
Play "Between Two Thieves," L-1, 8:30 p.m.
- FRIDAY**—Play "Between Two Thieves," L-1, 8:30 p.m.
- SATURDAY**—Grad Tests, L-4, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
English Master's Exam, CS Aud, 9-11 a.m.
Play "Between Two Thieves," L-1, 8:30 p.m.
- MONDAY**—SCAT Test, M 227, 2-7 p.m.

Letter

Are assassins heroes?

Editor:

I am aghast at the defense of assassins as existential heroes by a student of Western.

Do premeditation and conscious choice by the individual justify or mitigate the crime of murder? Such an act may be the practical outcome of Jean-Paul Sartre's philosophy of desperation, but it is contrary to the principles of the English Common Law that are in force in our courts today.

If Mr. Prunier thinks that my opinion about the men who killed John and Robert Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln, James H. Garfield, William McKinley and Martin Luther King is merely another manifestation of the "vicious parochial mind" of America, let him make the most of it.

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editorials

okay, you frosh . . .

Okay, you frosh, you loused up.

We counted only seven of you on the list of spring quarter honor students, and only one of you made a four-point.

By contrast, 236 seniors earned a berth on the President's List, of whom 45 got straight-A.

What is the cause of this gross discrepancy?

The editor considered delivering a lengthy sermon for the benefit of those frosh who might still be around (i.e., the survivors), but then he got to thinking back to his own freshman days. And while he can't speak for anyone besides himself, a few suspicions come to mind.

Like, where were the freshmen while he and many other seniors hunched over mountains of books and papers, burning the proverbial midnight oil, up in their dingy off-campus garrets?

At dances and parties.

Where were the frosh while the seniors prowled through long dark stacks of dusty books and periodicals in the library, hunting down the one vital term paper source that is never there when needed?

lost?

Summer students new to Bellingham by now probably have gone half-crazy trying to find anything in this town.

That's because the first thing you discovered is that the streets here run every which way, and no logical person can even figure out where he's at, much less determine where he is going.

If you share this problem, we suggest you stop by the Chamber of Commerce

Sunning in the grass with their lovelies. Where were the frosh while the seniors reviewed their class notes for the umpty-zillionth time (with nary a day's notes missing)?

At the beach.

This is just conjecture, of course.

However, there are some other notable differences between freshmen and seniors which might help account for these results.

First, by the time you've been through four years of the mill, you can't help but have learned how to study, if you are inclined toward that sort of thing.

Second, by the time you are a senior you have begun to worry about some of life's more pragmatic concerns, like how to get into this graduate school or land that job, or otherwise avoid the draft.

And it is a fact that the last year's grades generally count for more than the first three years put together.

Finally, by the time you're seniors, all you frosh, maybe you'll be tired of lying out in the grass picking up mosquito bites and sunburn, too. —Don B. Wittenberger

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