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Curriculum Report Is Partly Dead

Efforts to convert Western's curriculum structure from a departmental basis to an area concentration basis are dead, President Charles Flora told the Front Tuesday.

"I can't imagine an issue receiving more opposition from the community than this," he said.

The Curriculum Commission's proposed model for curricular reform has been rejected by the Academic Council, Graduate Council, Long Range Planning Committee, Faculty Council and department chairman as a group, he said.

Students voted 2 to 1 against the proposal in Friday's election, and Flora said he has received memos of opposition "from many, many individuals."

However, he said that some of the other proposals embodied in the commission's report may be accepted at a later date.

PLEASED WITH DAUGERT PROPOSAL

Flora said he is pleased and excited at the prospect of implementing the Daugert Proposal for an all-college government.

"From my point, the Academic Senate would mean I would interact with one body rather than several," Flora said.

The benefit derived from acting with just the one group allow a quicker solution to problems and improve communications, he said.

"The problem every college president has is communicating with the various constituencies."

Currently, the AS Legislature, Academic Council, Faculty Council and Graduate Council are separate entities. Under the Daugert recommendation, the four would become constituencies of the Academic Senate.

Flora said he plans to take the proposal to the Board of Trustees who have to approve it before it can be implemented.

As for the future of the present councils, Flora said he could see no function for them under the Daugert plan other than as constituency caucuses.



MILITARY RECRUITERS WATCHED ANTI-WAR PARADE - MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 7, EDITORIAL ON PAGE 4.

Photo By DAVE SHERMAN

Anti-War Leaders Pleased with Turn-Out

Anti-war leaders are claiming a "major victory" following Wednesday's peaceful "March for Life" which drew an estimated 1,500 students and townspeople to a parade through town and a rally at City Hall.

AS Vice President Gary Evans, a member of the sponsoring Bellingham People's Coalition, said yesterday he was "feeling great" due to the large turn-out. Evans added he feared a small demonstration, which could have marked an end to the anti-war movement in Bellingham.

"It was one of the best peace marches Bellingham has ever seen," he said. "It is a major victory for those opposed against the war."

The Rev. Bill Sodt, another member of the coalition, said it was an unqualified success, noting that the march was unique from previous ones in that representatives from a wide-ranging number of organizations were able to get together under one cause.

"This shows the maturity of the peace movement," Rev. Sodt explained.

Approximately a dozen boxes of food were collected at the rally on the public library lawn. Participants were asked to bring a can of food to contribute to a newly formed food bank for the needy. The food will be distributed under the supervision of the Low Income Citizens Committee and two local churches.

The orderly parade from campus to City Hall was headed by two American flags and a state flag. Several protestors carrying the sole Viet Cong flag in the march were told to go to the rear by marchers up front.

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Academic Council Adopts Student-Designed Majors

By JIM BROOKS
Front Reporter

The Academic Council has adopted a plan which would allow students the opportunity to design their own interdisciplinary majors. The new program would be implemented primarily for students with specific educational goals that are not adequately provided for by present majors.

Under this plan, a student could create his own major made up of classes from several departments providing he can present sufficient rationale for the proposed major. The student must confer with at least one faculty member in each department offering courses which are to be included in his field of study.

Together, these faculty and the student would write a contract which includes a written statement by the student of the general purpose and concept of the major and explains how the proposed courses meet his objectives. Then, each faculty member must give his approval to the contract. A sample form of the contract would be available at the Department of General Studies.

The following regulations would apply:

—Only Arts and Sciences students may design their own majors. (Secondary education students would not be able to do this since they are in a professional program where teaching competence must be certified. The elementary education package now being investigated may have more flexibility.)

—A student must apply for a designed major no later than the beginning of his junior year—90 credit hours.

—All requirements for the bachelor's degree must be met: 180 credits; no less than 60 credits of upper division study; general education courses; and minimum of "C" grades in all courses in the major.

Regarding the regulations for the designed major:

—The contract must include at least 70 credits in the major and not more than 110.

—The student is still required to take prerequisite courses.

—A student designed major cannot consist of courses over half of which have already been taken at the time the contract is drawn.

—Changes in the contract will be granted only for scheduling problems, course changes, or removal of courses from the catalog. No changes will be permitted if they result from failing grades.

—The program cannot substantially duplicate existing major programs, simply eliminating certain courses.

After the contract has been approved by the faculty originally consulted, the department chairmen involved will appoint one member from each of their departments to serve as the student's major committee. All changes in the contract and final approval for graduation must be made by this committee.

The final approval is to be made by the Academic Council and if the contract is not acted upon by this body in two academic weeks of submission, it is considered approved.

Several members of the Council believed this to be a complicated route but it was agreed that after the program was implemented it would tend to streamline itself.

The Council passed a motion by Sue Kortie, senior student member, stating that the diploma would indicate that it was a student-faculty designed interdisciplinary major and it would include the title of the major and program of study.

The Council's Ad-hoc Committee on Interdisciplinary Majors which drafted the report consisted of Gary Lampman, associate professor of chemistry, chairman; Roscoe Buckland, chairman of general studies; Thomas Schlotterback, assistant professor of art; and David Ziegler, assistant professor of political science.

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AS Speaker Considers Rebate Vote Binding

Does the AS Legislature have the authority to enforce the will of students who voted for a five per cent discount at the bookstore at Friday's AS election?

Yes, says Speaker of the Legislature Mary Watts. She bases her opinion on a 1960 amendment to the bookstore's governing document which states that the bookstore board is "responsible jointly to the president of the Associated Students and through him to the Associated Students' legislative body" as well as to the college administration.

The authority has already been used once before, she said, in the Legislature's decision to override the Bookstore Board's approval of salary increases for bookstore employees.

Bookstore Board Chairman Howard Mitchell said that the board had been having trouble finding out what student feelings were, and that they are happy to have this as an advisory action.

But he feels that the exact percentage of discount should be left up to the Board:

"I question the desirability of making it mandatory." If the bookstore is forced to hold to a five per cent discount, they may find themselves raising prices to be able to afford to give a discount, he said.

Bookstore manager Ray Knabe feels the same way: "They can't expect us to cut prices in addition." He doesn't feel the five per cent figure would be hard to manage, since all it would involve would be not charging five per cent State tax at the cash register.

Knabe is concerned, however, about who his bosses are. He thought his directing body was the bookstore board, but now that the Legislature is taking this action, "You wonder now, what's the deal."

College president Charles Flora, asked his opinion on where the authority lies, said he didn't know.

New Grading Systems Enter Proposal Arena

Students will have the chance to voice their opinions on the present grading system and three new proposed ones at an all-college meeting to be held at noon Monday in the Viking Union Lounge.

The proposed systems are:

The Academic Council's Ad-hoc Committee on Grading's proposal, which would replace the present system with four grades: C (credit), CD (credit with distinction), NC (no credit), and K (incomplete).

A proposed system submitted by Fred Knapman, professor of chemistry which calls for replacing the present system of grading with six grades: A (performance with high distinction), B (performance with distinction), Pass (P) (acceptable performance), No Pass (NP) (unacceptable performance), W (withdrawn from

class), and K (incomplete).

David Ziegler, assistant professor of political science, has proposed an 11-grade system which would replace the present grading system. He called for grades ranging from A to F with the A, B, and C grades having plus and minus qualities.

Tom Cooper, administrative assistant to AS President Steve Cooper said that it is important that students come to the all-campus meeting to express their views on the proposed grading system changes.

"This issue may be acted on at the Academic Council's meeting Tuesday," he said.

"People should let the Ad-hoc Committee on Grading know how they feel. This is really an important issue and applies to everyone at Western."

Man in the Street

Students Questioned on Town-Gown Relations

By MARIE HAUGEN
Front Reporter

Contrasting views were the result of the Front's latest student-in-the-street interview on what the relationship between a Western student and the Bellingham community should be.

Bob Grindle, a junior education major from Bellingham, said that the college and the community should "work together on problems like housing and parking," and try to see each other's views.

"Western and Bellingham used to be closer, but the increased size of the college has caused them to spread apart," he said.

Jeanne Koehn, a senior geology major from Vancouver, Wash., said the relationship should be "a lot better than it is."

"What I'm tired of is the discrimination because you're a student, like the higher prices at stores that get a lot of college trade because of their location," she said.

Miss Koehn thinks that the college is removed from the community. "We're up on the hill and they're down there. It's a barrier. I don't think that more than a few students even get out of the college area," she said.

John Kinsella, a junior business major from Bellingham, said he'd "never thought about it."

"I don't live here, I live in Seattle and I just come here to go to school. The only thing I do in Bellingham is buy my groceries during the week," he said.

Diane Williamson, a freshman psychology major from Bellevue, was another who thought the relationship should be "a lot better than it is."

"Blacks are hassled constantly by Bellingham citizens and police," she said.

Miss Williamson related one incident involving an overcharge at a gas station which the police became involved in. "That's just one of many incidents that have occurred in our 'fair' city of Bellingham," she said.

George Ottlyk, a junior speech major from Bellevue, said that "students should be drawn away from the community."

"Students are here for a definite purpose, to study, and if you're wrapped up in the community it hinders your chances of completing a college education," he said.

Marilyn Jean Hamlin, a sophomore undeclared major from Seattle, said the relationship was "awful."

"I hate being in this city," she said. "The people are down on college students. You smile, and nobody smiles back."

"Also, the town is conservative, and any college is not. The two don't mix," she said.

Miss Hamlin said she thinks that the city-college relationship could be better in time. "But, they're directly opposing each other, and they're both well established," she added.



BOB GRINDLE



MARILYN JEAN HAMLIN



JOHN KINSELLA



JEANNE KOEHN



GEORGE OTTLYK



DIANE WILLIAMSON

Dan George Captivates Indian Days Crowd

By GLEN JONES
Front Reporter

Chief Dan George eloquently captivated the packed Viking Union lounge Wednesday night, helping to initiate Indian Days with his stories, songs and conversation.

George dominated the evening, which was sponsored by the American Indian Students Union, in his sparkling, yet serious way of recounting old tales and renouncing old misconceptions about the Indian people.

The smiling seventy-four-year-old Vancouver Indian humorously discredited Christopher Columbus' report in 1492 to Queen Isabella that "hostile savages" inhabited North America.

He called it a recurring European miscalculation which has caused troubles ever since.

"I blame the movies that were made years ago that said the Indians were killers and savages that attacked the settlers and pioneers as they came West," he explained.

"The text books in the schools are wrong. The Indians helped the settlers by feeding, supplying and guiding them."

He also disagreed with the popular white accounts of the Custer "massacre," saying the actual event was much like that portrayed in the movie "Little Big Man," in which he co-starred with Dustin Hoffman.

"The story coming down from the old people of the Crow and Sioux says that they actually had tears in their eyes having to send their braves into battle.

"They don't like to kill anyone unless they have to," George said.

He related this line of misconceptions to integration troubles now occurring in British Columbia.

In a heart-felt and dramatic soliloquy, George conveyed the Indians' environment in that current problem in Canada.

"I was born in an age when people loved the

things of nature and spoke to it as if it had a soul.

"And then the others came like a crushing, rushing wave, hurdling the years aside; and soon I found myself in the twentieth century.

"We floated in a kind of grey reality, weak in our hope of the future. We were living in the dying energy of a dying culture. We did not have time to adjust to the startling upheaval around us.

"We didn't have the skills to make a meaningful contribution, and nobody would wait for us.

George claimed that Indians are a people with special rights guaranteed to them by treaties which they've paid for with their culture, pride and self-respect.

"We paid and paid and paid, until we were a beaten race . . . do you know what it is like?"

He explained the wants of his people as being equal job and educational opportunities, guidance and counseling, but especially to be respected and to feel that they are a people of worth.

"Pity I can do without, but my manhood I cannot do without," he said.

"Unless there is integration in the hearts and minds of people, then there is only a physical presence and the walls between are as high as mountain tops."

Lightening the evening with a touch of hilarity, he told an anecdote about a foolish drunken Indian (a man whose name was Dan George). It was a graceful transition.

"My guitar playing is very poor and my voice is worse," George laughed as he introduced another of his talents.

But when he had finished two songs, which were not really melodious nor sung in English, the crowd responded with cheers and standing ovations, having bridged any language barriers.

The rest of the evening revolved around a highly informal question-answer period about film facts and future plans which George accented with his own brand of quiet wit.

Photo By DAVE SHERMAN



CHIEF DAN GEORGE

Vine Deloria, author and lecturer, and Will Wasson of Ethnic Studies, joined George for a sort of impromptu panel discussion late in the program. But they too were fascinated with the old chief and became like extensions of the crowd by asking questions of their own.

In a final show of admiration for George's achievements, the crowd gave a standing round of applause, to which he responded with raised hands and bowed smiling face, and the evening came to an end.

Front Editorials....

" To comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comforted "



Photo By LOREN BLISS

Police Surveillance

The man in the foreground of the above picture is the identification officer of the Bellingham Police Department. He was sitting on top of the public library surveying Wednesday's anti-war demonstration when we discovered him. He had been snapping photos of an unknown number of individuals below with his telephoto-equipped camera.

If you attended the rally on the library lawn, then the local police may have taken your picture—for doing nothing more than attending a peaceful, city-approved demonstration against the war.

The Bellingham Police Department and Chief Cecil B. Klein must be restrained from continuing this outrageous form of police surveillance at public gatherings. We demand to know how the photos will be used and to which state and/or federal agencies copies will be sent. We urge those persons who attended the rally to write letters of protest to Mayor Reg Williams and Chief Klein. They are directly to blame.

Police photographic surveillance at

public demonstrations—primarily those which originate from the left end of the political spectrum—has been on the upswing since the Joseph McCarthy era. Such police tactics are used to gather information and to intimidate those who disagree with government policies.

It is no secret that a larger number of citizens would participate in anti-war demonstrations in this nation if it were not for the threat of being included in a government intelligence file. Local demonstrations here, with Wednesday's lone exception, have been sprinkled with camera-toting police from almost every level of law enforcement in this state.

As citizens in a supposedly free society we must demand our right to peaceful protest without being savagely intimidated by the police.

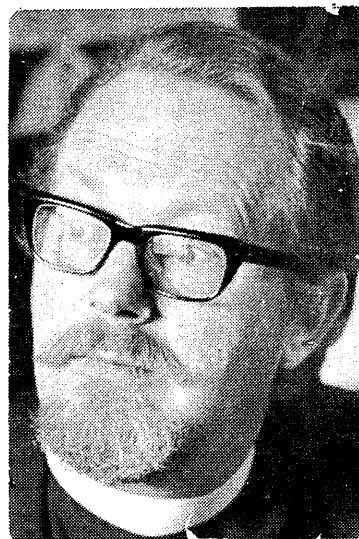
This newspaper will relinquish equal space on this page to the Bellingham Police Department to justify their actions at Wednesday's peaceful demonstration and to answer our questions.

—John Stolpe

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REV. BILL SORDT

Journal of this veteran marching for peace: VIOLENCE is the issue... TV showed it for real... the Nixon administration is determined to preserve its right to violence in Vietnam, and is willing to use violence at home to maintain that right... D.C. police clubbing, mauling, and hauling young people when they don't move fast enough to please the Attorney General, scowling down from his balcony... I know people aren't responsible for their faces... genes and chromosomes do that... and maybe handicaps produce hateful dispositions... but he's in charge of justice... nine thousand five hundred (9,500) men and women arrested by our government in two days in one city to silence them... what's wrong with a regime which has to do that to make its point against the governed?... why must desperate people interfere with traffic to make their masters hear them?... the President responded overnight to the Calley letters... we know he could do that... must we entertain the frightening thought that he may want to stop the war but can't because he doesn't have control?... oh, democracy?... this walk is like the slogging Marine marches in China and Japan... people along the road frightened and hateful as Mr. Mitchell... locals in Japan believed all U.S. Marines were grandmother-killers when we first went there in force in 1953... that's what the men heard in pillow Japanese... there were Marines in Washington this week... why are people hostile to peace marchers... (a girl told me confidently the other day that she thinks peace activities are sinful and Christians ought not participate)... why... it's because we don't all live in the same world... it took me years to understand that... not everyone sees the world as I see it... my favorite journalists are T. R. B. in New Republic and Norman Cousins in Saturday Review... many people don't know they exist, or else call them evil too... some admire William Buckley and John Chamberlin or HUMAN EVENTS, all of whom (which) I think are out of touch with reality... George Ball, Johnson's man, says now (NEWSWEEK, May 3) that our Vietnam war is not, as some claim, the result of American "economic imperialism, gunboat diplomacy, and nineteenth-century style filibustering," but DOES stem from "misconceived purposes of strategy and politics... a misguided effort of containment"... we were wrong... that's a glimpse of reality at least... better than the Nixon saga of the white goodies from the West galloping into Vietnam to save the brown maidens from the Red-brown baddies from the North... why does our government, which in 1945 broke its wartime promise to Vietnam by supporting its French recapture, now put so much store in honoring vague commitments to men like Thieu and Ky... why did American liberals think that puppet Diem, runaway to safe America during the war, could 'save' Vietnam from its own people?... everyone ought to read RAMPARTS' latest on Ky and opium... much of RAMPARTS I discount, but Ky is enough like the Kuo Min Tang thugs I saw in Chinca to make this story plausible... wonder if the FBI will be making mug shots today... strange that the FBI, with 70 per cent Catholic agents, is now hounding a small bunch of priest-patriots... Thy Kingdom come, O Lord, on earth as it is in heaven!

'March for Life'

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Chanting was low-keyed since parade marshalls had only one bullhorn with weak batteries. There were no incidents along the parade route down Holly, Cornwall, Champion, and Unity streets.

A short, middle-aged woman stood on the sidewalk downtown with a box of medical supplies "in case something goes wrong." She said she loved America, but was against all the slaughter in Vietnam. She added that her husband was a Korean vet, and would have attended the march if he did not have to work.

Other sidewalk commentary wasn't as polite. One man: "What would those fellows do if this country were invaded, they're being pacifists and all?"

The marchers relished the trek past military recruitment headquarters on Unity Street. One Marine sergeant made an obscene gesture to a Vietnam veteran who stepped up and pointed to his own combat ribbons. The veteran returned the compliment.

At the rally, a policeman standing on the fringe commented, "I'm glad I didn't pay to come; I haven't learned anything."

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AS Slams Revised Code, Makes Recommendations

AS Legislature voted Tuesday to send the newly proposed Guide to Student Rights and Responsibilities to the Board of Trustees with the legislature's "strong objections" and two recommendations.

The recommendations are that a committee composed of at least half students corroborate on a code and that the code not duplicate federal, state or city statutes.

Legislator Libby Bradshaw introduced the motion which further said, "we realize the need for such a code, but feel the present draft is not acceptable for students of this campus." The entire legislative body approved the motion.

According to Legislator Mary Watts, the proposed guide is designed to update the present

Code of Conduct, but it was found to contain various constitutional flaws.

Kay Burke, Viking Union director, complained that many cases that are held in the school's judiciary should be handled in civil court. "Otherwise," she added, "the student becomes jeopardized in that he is fooled into believing he has immunities on campus."

In other action, Mike Pinch was appointed acting business manager for the Western Front. He will hold the job for two weeks until the legislature reviews applications and makes its choice for the '71-'72 school year.

The legislature also approved a motion by Miss Bradshaw giving Legislator Bill Braswell a year's term as the legislative appointee to the Activities Commission.

Veteran Charges College with Discrimination

By JIM AUSTIN
Copy Editor

Vietnam-time veterans constitute today's economic minority group, Morris Swadener, service officer of the campus League of Collegiate Veterans (LCV), said Wednesday.

Swadener said that veterans are being discriminated against by the college, the state government and the federal government.

"A jailbird has more rights than a veteran does," he said.

The senior history major from Raymond said that Western deprives some veterans of the chance to attend college here because of its policy of not deferring tuition payments.

"Other schools in this state let veterans enroll and defer tuition and fees payment until they receive their first GI Bill check," he said.

Swadener also charged the State Legislature with a lack of concern for veterans' problems.

An indication of the state's lack of concern for returning veterans has been their refusal to bring bills authorizing state bonuses for Vietnam-time veterans out of committee, he said.

"They (the legislators) received their bonuses for World War II and Korean War service, but now they are telling us that we don't get one."

According to Swadener, returning veterans have the highest unemployment rate of any single group in the country.

"Veterans are being denied jobs simply because they are veterans," he charged.

BONE TO A STARVING DOG

The amendment exempting war-zone veterans from tuition increases is a "bone to a starving dog," he said.

The LCV at Western wrote key members of the House and Senate expressing their dissatisfaction with the amendment.

Swadener said the amendment would benefit perhaps 250 to 300 of the more than 1,000 veterans at Western.

The House-passed amendment to the tuition increase bill exempts all veterans who actually served in the Indochina Theater of Operations after the passage of the Tonkin Gulf Resolution in August 1964.

"This is out and out discrimination," Swadener said.

"It does not include any veteran who was not in Vietnam nor any veteran who was in Vietnam but is not going to school."

Swadener said that the LCV intends to poll veterans on their reaction to this amendment as well as a proposed amendment that would waive all tuition and fees for veterans who are ineligible for GI Bill benefits.

GI Bill educational benefits are good for up to eight years after discharge and are only good for as many months as the veteran was on active duty, up to 48 months.

"Most veterans want to take up where they left off, but our society will not let them," Swadener said.

Knapman Asks for Reaction to Final Examination Schedule

RON GRAHAM
Managing Editor

Policies regarding the final examination schedule and, more particularly, the week previous to finals, has raised some difficult problems, according to Acting Dean of Western Fred Knapman.

He recently sent a memo to all faculty reminding them of the final examination policy approved by the Academic Council May 19, 1970 which reads:

"The week preceding the final examination week is not to be used for written examinations and in no case for a final examination masquerading as a second mid-term examination. Final paper assignments or take-home examinations, if given as part of or in lieu of a final examination, are normally due during the final examination week."

Violations of this policy are widespread and Knapman has decided that it's impossible to enforce.

"How in the world are you going to enforce a final examination schedule? You'd need a system of informers and policemen," Knapman said.

Furthermore, the special finals week means a

loss of up to 10 per cent of class time, Knapman pointed out.

All instruction is closed down finals week and some students and faculty are leaving campus before finals week is through, he said.

This causes a public relations problem since taxpayers see 10 per cent of the instructional time wasted, he said.

Some faculty don't want to follow the schedule and students implore faculty to violate the schedule, according to Knapman.

The scheduled final causes several problems, he said;


- there is no opportunity for feedback,
- there is an emphasis on two-hour tests, and
- the final schedule also encourages cramming by students.

On the other side, scheduled finals organize the tests and spreads them out, he said.

The finals schedule is also forced on students of the cluster colleges since they take classes at Western, he pointed out.

Knapman has asked for departmental reactions to the scheduled finals week, and the problem may be circumvented if a finals schedule just isn't printed up, he said.

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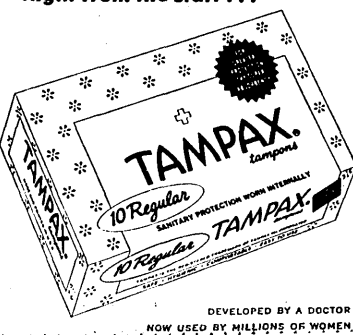
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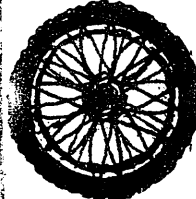
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Huxley Prof Says:

Nuclear Warfare Threat Overshadows Ecology

The most important problem facing man and his environment today is the threat of nuclear, chemical and biological warfare, according to Herbert Webber, associate professor at Huxley.

The marine biologist, speaking before a small crowd in the Viking Union Lounge as part of Development Week, said he believes this problem overshadows that of ecology.

"Nuclear warfare concerns every person in the world," he said. "This is the most urgent problem facing man today. Ecological problems won't kill us tomorrow, but nuclear warfare could."

Webber added that the second most serious problem facing man is that of racial equality. He rated environmental problems as being fourth or fifth down the list of priorities.

Webber broke down the environmental problems into two areas: 1) Population and food; 2) Resource and energy use. He said that in 35 years the world's population will double. He attributed this doubling to efficient death control and inefficient birth control.

"What has happened is that we have affected only one side of the birth-death equation," he pointed out. "Work has been done on lowering the death rate, but we are reluctant to do anything about the birth rate. The average middle class family still wants 3.5 or 4 children."

Webber also said that people must change their basic attitudes and values concerning resource and energy use.

"Our basic attitude is man apart from nature; it should be man as one with nature," he said.

St. Francis of Assisi, according to Webber, said that man should be equal with nature; that everything has the same right to existence. Webber explained that man should follow this advice and extend the same ethics to nature as he does to his fellow human beings.

"It isn't ethically wrong to chop down a tree, but it is to kill a man," he pointed out.

Webber explained that in order to be in



HERBERT WEBBER

harmony with nature, man has to realize that he should only kill what he needs to survive on; and should realize that he lives under the same right to live as any tree, animal or plant.

"As it says in Genesis, Man is not to subdue nature, but rather to act as a steward of nature," he said. "With this in mind, man and nature will be as one."

Speaking of Lp's

By **KEN RITCHIE**
Record Commentator.

Another gushy column this week... found some thoroughly delightful albums.

MARY, Mary Travers (Warner Brothers 1907).
MOONSET, Joe Bauer (Raccoon No. 3).

LOVE IT TO DEATH, Alice Cooper (Warner Brothers 1883).

Mary Travers' first effort away from Peter and Paul is a toe-curler.

Several times in the past few days I have put this album on my lopsided record changer, set it on reprise and played either side a dozen or so times.

Not a single cipher on the entire lp.

As usual, when I get off by listening to music, it is difficult to describe any particular record.

Fortunately Mary has done a pretty good job:

Picture weavers / seeing a pattern that only you / can see / weaving out of the warps of / my life / a better song. Picture weavers / your threads are strung / with songs, that like a / night that's clear, have stars / to make the soul remember.

Moonset.

Joe Bauer and Banana from the Youngbloods, plus a little help from Michael Kane, Jack Gregg and Steve Swallow, did an album on the Youngbloods own label.

It's completely instrumental... good layback music, with the very distinctive sound of the Youngbloods.

Bauer is the first short person in show biz that does not try to compensate his lack of height with obnoxious cockiness... a delight to watch in person and to listen to on record.

Alice Cooper records for Straight Records.

Straight Records also releases, or lets escape, Frank Zappa's records.

Zappa has done things with The Mothers of Invention, Reuben and the Jets, The G.T.O.'s, Uncle Meat, et al.

I have suspicions that at any point in any day Zappa is ready to tell anyone, fuddle duddle.

Alice Cooper has the unmistakable Zappa imprint.

The cover of the album has five freaks, two of whom are dressed in drag.

This is not a record that Tricia Nixon would buy.

This is not a record that Dickie Nixon would listen to even if he heard it.

Alice Cooper verbalizes, with music and song, many of the fears which confront all of us.

... feels like I'm living in the middle of doubt... 'cause I'm eighteen.

Anyone who has passed the eighteen-year mark with any awareness, realizes the lost and lonely sensation at that, and all ages. Alice Cooper has set it to music.

I think the whole trip for Cooper, Zappa, et al is to poke fun at plastic people and the parts of us that are plastic.

No solutions are offered, but at least we are made aware of the problem.

I would never recommend Cooper if you are at all wasted, but any other time it is an excellent album to really listen to.

Among the other records that have been piling up is a release from Environmental Sound Control, Inc.

MUSIC TO GROW PLANTS BY.

A very weird album.

It sounds like a typical plastic background-type record except for the strange oscillator effects during some of the cuts.

According to the information on the liner, you can increase the growth of certain plants by playing this album a few times a day.

Maybe so.

What really disturbs is that a packet of seeds is included in the record.

The packet is labeled Coleus, Rainbow Hybrids.

This is a very common plant, available in many seed stores.

However, the instructions on the back include this information: For use as pot plants, shift to larger pots as the plants grow.

Godfrey Daniel!

I'm afraid to let these seeds germinate, Stan Pitkin, Jane Mason or their friends might come narking at my door.

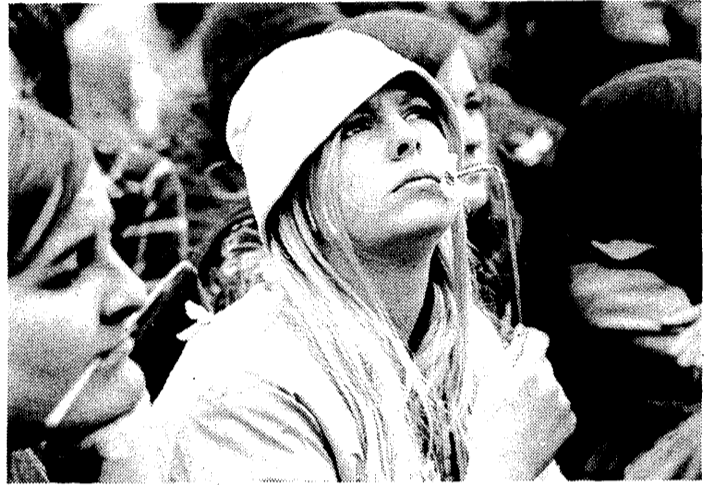
In the interest of science many sacrifices have been made, but I ain't gonna risk my new-found freedom.

Instead, I'll aim my speakers at the penicillium culture growing on my south wall and see if it perks up any.

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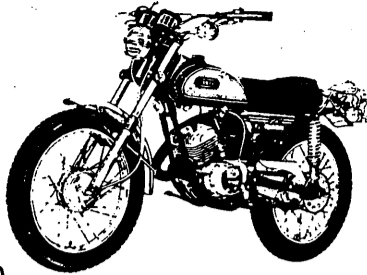


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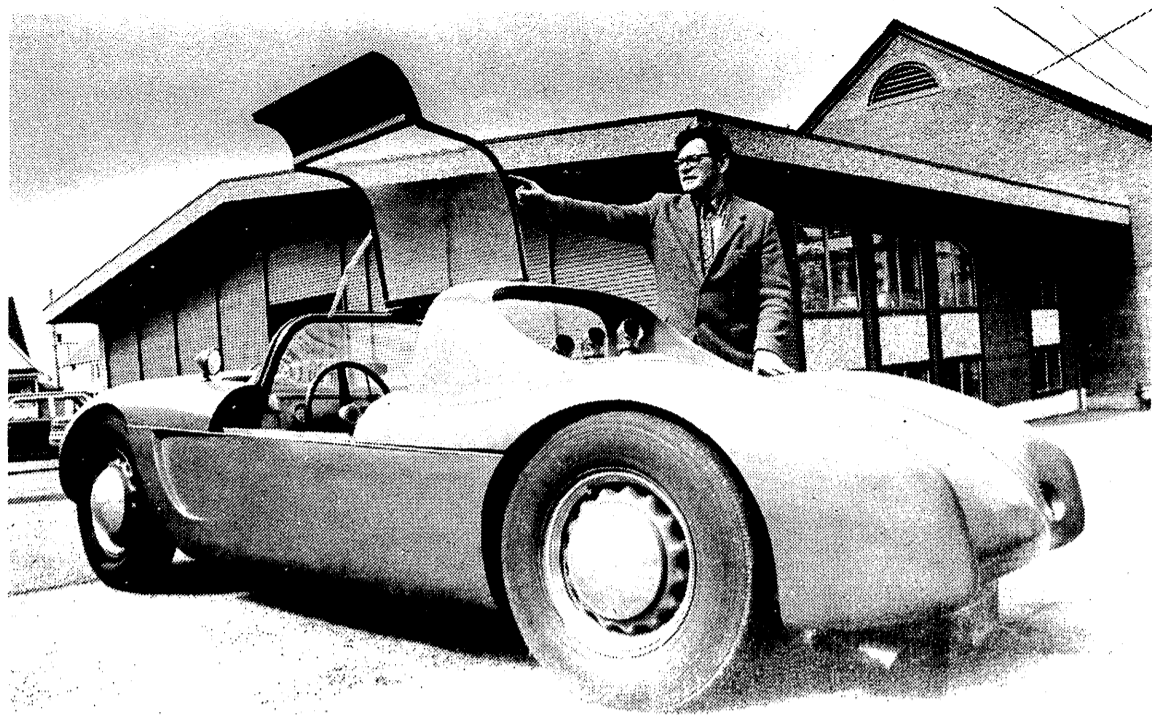


Photo By DAVE SHERMAN

Technology Professor Designs Racing Cars

SCOTT ANDERSON
Front Reporter

Michael Seal, assistant professor of technology, has designed and built several sports cars which have been used primarily for racing upon completion.

"My main interest is in designing a car which could be used on the road. Most of the cars were raced because there was no other way to use them at the time they were built," Seal said in an interview last week.

Seal built his first car, a 1931 Morris Series 1 with a Wolsley engine, at the age of 15 and began racing it when he was 16. The car, which had an 1100 cubic centimeter engine, raced in the modified G class at the old Abbotsford Race Track, Seal said.

His second car, a Tatra engine car with a large tube chassis similar to a Porsche Spider, was raced with fairly good success, he said.

Seal believes that the Tatra engine car was the first mid-engine car to run on the Westwood circuit.

The car, which had a fiberglass body, was converted from 52 horsepower to 140 horsepower without changing the displacement, Seal said.

To accomplish this, Seal used four carburetors, an 11-to-1 piston ratio rather than a 6-to-1 ratio, Vincent Black lightning, had the cam ground, and installed one of the first tuned header systems.

The last car Seal built has been converted and licensed for street use in Washington. It has a multi-tube space frame mid-engine Corvette mounted on a Tatra Transaxle, Seal said.

The car, which was fairly successful when raced, has a fiberglass coupe body with gull wings.

Seal, who has driven most types of race cars although he has only raced sports cars, quit racing in 1964 at the request of his wife.

"I've never considered safety requirements before, but I would now if I designed a car," Seal said.

Seal said that racing is fine for about ten laps, but one begins tiring after that. The average speed during a race is more than 85 miles per hour and the races last an average of three hours, he said.

"I find watching sports car races rather dull too. It's much more fun to be out driving them," Seal said.

For his next car, Seal plans to use an Oldsmobile Toronado engine and transaxle and put the unit in the back.

"The entire car should weigh under 2,000 pounds," he said.

Seal once had a car called "Exodus" which was designed for off-road races. A flathead Ford V-8 was used in the back as ballast, and the front end of the 1948 Morris Series E was removed entirely, he said.

Seal said his investment in the car was \$15, but it was more successful than Jeeps on some courses.

Faculty, Staff Barred From Pre-Registration

By RON GRAHAM
Managing Editor

A directive has been sent to all faculty and staff barring them from advance registration under the tuition exemption granted to them during last 2 years by the Board of Trustees.

Assistant Registrar Robert Thirsk said that this is the first quarter that this regulation has been enforced.

Faculty and staff who want to take advantage of the tuition exemption will not be permitted to register until the first day of classes in any given quarter.

This quarter about 15 faculty and administrators 45 or 50 staff persons are also attending classes, according to Thirsk.

"They have last priority as long as their tuition is being paid," Thirsk said.

It is possible that a person who is exempt from paying tuition could force a student out of a class sequence which he needs for a degree by having advance registration, Thirsk said.

"It is hard to justify that and I won't."

Though the Board of Trustees had assumed that those faculty, administrators and staff taking advantage of the tuition exemption wouldn't get advance registration, many didn't know or care and have gotten advance registration anyway, Thirsk said.

Faculty and administrators were granted tuition exemption by the Board of Trustees in Jan., 1971 under the following restrictions:

—no more than five credit hours can be taken per quarter.

—courses can't be taken in the person's own subject area.

—the class can't interfere in any way with his appointed duties or schedule.

—his presence must be acceptable to the course instructor.

—the course can't be funded under the Continuing Studies Division.

The staff was granted tuition exemption in May, 1969 by the Board of Trustees with several restrictions including:

—no more than six credit hours can be taken per quarter.

—approval must be granted by the immediate superior.

—if the course time interferes with regular work schedule the person's work schedule must be revised to make up the lost time.

The rationale behind the grant of tuition exemption to faculty and administrators is probably professional improvement, according to Thirsk.

Staff take courses to further their education, gain expertise in their particular position and take advantage of the tuition exemption as a fringe benefit, according to Theresa Olbrantz of personnel services.

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Campus Briefs

Muslim Celebration

The Muslim Student Association (MSA) will join about 700 million Muslims around the world in celebrating the birth of the prophet Muhammad.

Muslim communities throughout the Northwest will meet at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Koimonia Center, located at the corner of Northeast 45th Street and 15th Avenue Northeast in Seattle.

Unlike Christmas, the celebration of Muhammad's birthday is only an observance of an historical day that marks a new era in the history of Islam.

According to Jamshid Haghgoo, president of Western's MSA, it is neither a ritualistic nor a festive day.

Multi-Arts Festival

The Program Commission has announced plans to hold the first annual "Back-Lawn" festival May 23. The festival, part of Multi-Arts Week, will begin at 9 a.m. and will be held on one of the athletic fields behind Carver Gym.

The festival will consist of bands from the Northwest area, like the "Sky," and will last through the day.

The commission also plans a sunrise finger-painting activity which will take place on May 25 in Red Square. A jam session is also tentatively planned for that day.

Spring Enrollment

Total spring quarter enrollment is 8,732 according to the registrar's office.

This compares to 7,495 for last spring quarter.

Freshmen students number 774 men and 1,111 women for a 1,885 total. Sophomores narrow the gap between men and women with 805 men students to 922 women to add up to 1,727.

In the junior and senior class, men outnumber women by a sizeable margin 1,183 junior men to 831 women for a total of 2,014, and 1,199 senior men to 837 women for a total of 2,036.

Off-Limit Lakes

Fragrance and Lost lakes are off limits to overnight campers effective immediately; Bill Byrne, assistant ranger at Larrabee State Park, said earlier this week.

Byrne said the prohibition extended to swimming, fires and hunting as well.

"It's just getting too messy and littered in there," he said.

"People are going in and cutting the trees, and in short tearing the places apart."

In the future overnight camping will be permitted only in the areas of Larrabee State Park that are specifically designated as campsites, he added.

Outdoor Dances

"Cold Trane," a group from Seattle, will present an outdoor concert at 4 p.m. today on the Old Main lawn, followed by a free dance from 9-12 p.m. in Red Square. In the event of poor weather the dance will be moved to the Viking Union Lounge.

"Nine Lives," another Seattle band, will play for a free afternoon concert and dance May 14. Weather permitting, the dance will be held in Red Square or moved to Lecture Hall 3 for a concert.

Class Drop Deadline

Monday is the last day to drop classes without receiving a failing grade, according to Lorraine McGaw of the registrar's office.

Veterans who drop below the required 12 credits will receive a lesser amount in their GI Bill benefits, she said.

Bookstore Board Applications

Any senior interested in filling an unexpired term on the Bookstore Board for the remainder of this year can apply for an interview to AS President Steve Cooper, in the Associated Students offices.

Applications will be accepted until next Friday.

Doctor's Bag

By ARNOLD WERNER, M.D.

QUESTION: While in Vietnam, I was subject to the loud sounds of artillery and other weapons. During an attack, a round exploded relatively near me. I was not wounded, but my ears gave me trouble for the rest of my tour. In my left ear I could hear several rather high pitched tones. Sometimes the tones are louder than at other times. There also seems to be a full feeling. When I was released from active duty the doctor told me the ringing in my ears would go away. It's been almost three years since my separation and if anything the ringing is worse. I don't mind the hearing loss so much but the ringing sometimes bothers me when I try to go to sleep.

ANSWER: Hearing depends upon an extraordinarily sensitive mechanism which can be damaged by sudden loud noises or by sustained periods of exposure to high levels of sound. It is said that performers in rock groups who spend hours rehearsing with loud amplifiers end up damaging their auditory acuity.

The condition you describe is technically called tinnitus. Your history certainly suggests that your hearing mechanism was damaged while you were in the service. Find out about getting authorization from the Veterans Administration to be evaluated by a specialist in the area of hearing.

Unfortunately, some types of ringing in the ears are very difficult to treat as anything done to change the ringing would also result in deafness. You need expert advice.

QUESTION: Can I get venereal disease from oral sex?

ANSWER: Yes. Syphilis can be transmitted through any type of direct contact with an infected area. Gonorrhea enters the body almost solely through the genital area.

'Bikecology Day' Set for Tomorrow

Bike buffs, by definition a silent crew, intend to be heard and seen tomorrow.

They are planning a nation-wide observance of "Bikecology Day" to convince Americans that bicycling is not only a practical mode of transportation but is also a deterrent to environmental abuse and a road to mental and physical health.

Originators of the idea are two Santa Barbara, Calif., residents, Ken Kolsbun and Mike Pyzel, who have contacted more than 5,000 key individuals and organizations throughout the country to solicit participation in the event.

Each city is expected to plan its own program.

"Americans by the thousands are expected to take to their bikes to show urban planners, politicians and industrialists that cities are meant for people, not automobiles," Kolsbun and Pyzel said.

They also suggest that a portion of federal, state and city transportation funds go for the acquisition, design and development of safe bikeways. They point to Holland and the Scandinavian countries where there is a national network of bicycle paths.

"The cyclist, unlike the motorist, is not sealed within a capsule of protective metalwork," they argue.

"As a result, he is free to experience his immediate surroundings by seeing, smelling and touching."

Bellingham's "bikecology hike" is being organized by Dave Shannon, a senior environmental control major at Huxley from Bellingham.

The plan calls for a trip to Sunnyside, on the north side of Lake Whatcom, leaving at 10 a.m. tomorrow from Viking Union 304.

Returning time is tentatively set for 3 or 4 p.m. Shannon said that the trip to Sunnyside will take about two hours each way.

For further information, call the Outdoor Program at 676-3112.

All area bicyclers are welcome.

'Cabaret' to be Presented


Long legs, colorful costumes and lots of good music are all wrapped up in "Cabaret." The musical, produced by Western's Drama and Music Departments, will run from May 13 to 16 in the Music Auditorium.

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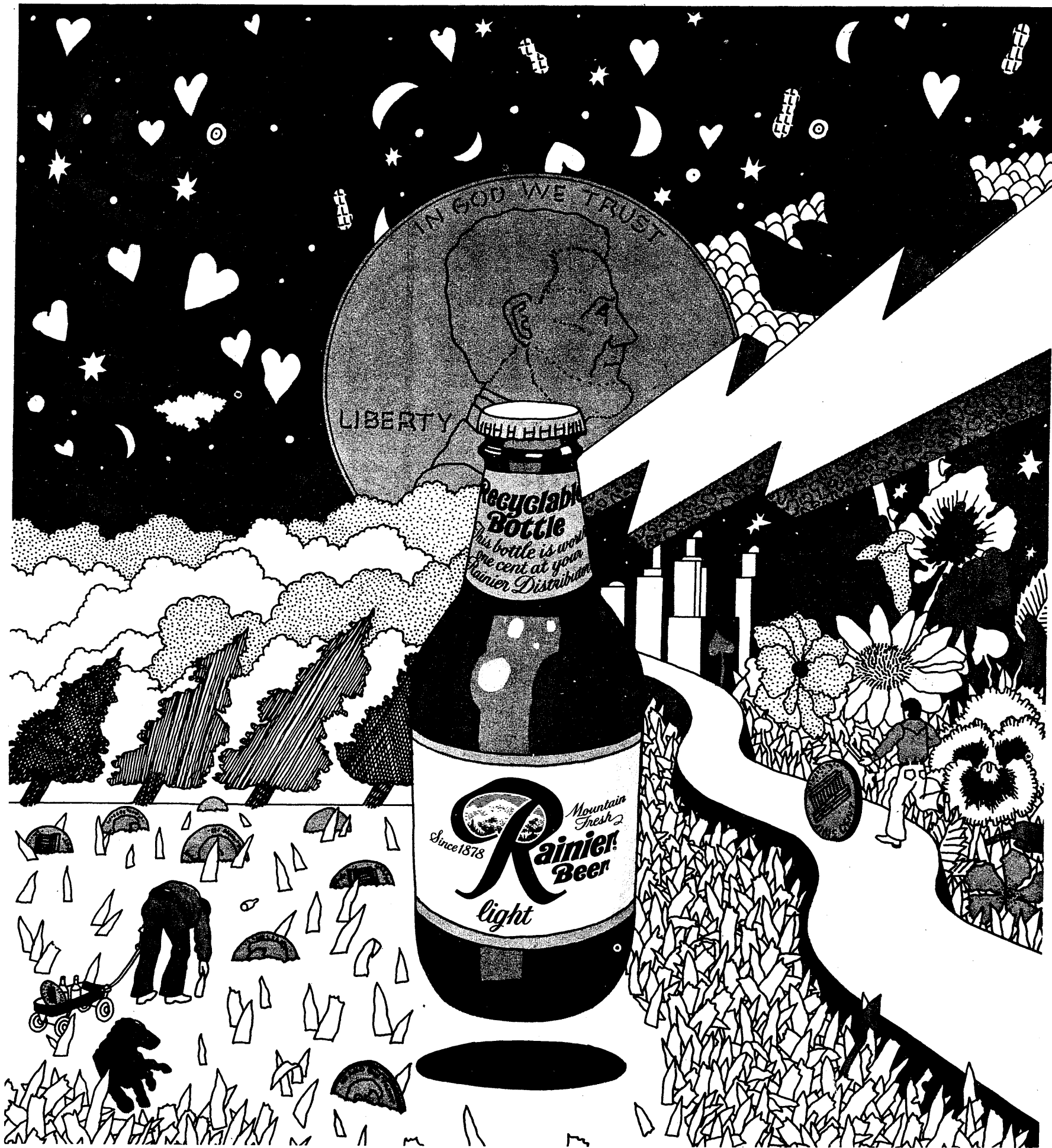
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Viking Union to Manage Recreational Facility

JACKIE LAWSON
Front Reporter

The Grotto, recreation facility in the basement of the Viking Union specializing in pool and ping pong, is in the process of changing hands from Associated Student to Viking Union control.

At present, the Grotto is under the financial auspices of the AS business manager. However, the student business manager simply does not have the time to devote to the Grotto, according to Jack Smith, assistant director of the Viking Union.

The auxiliary enterprises committee voted two years ago a \$16,000 appropriation out of the housing and dining budget, for Grotto improvements.

Auxiliary Enterprises voted Wednesday to approve the appropriation and definitely decided to put the money into various improvement programs such as the addition of eight new pool tables as well as better lighting, floor coverings and wall decorations.

Specific breakdowns of the \$16,000 include replacing the existing four pocket billiard tables and carom (pocketless) billiard table with eight gully pocket tables.

Northern Billiards of Seattle has looked over the area and indicated that there would be sufficient space for this number of tables, according to the Auxiliary Enterprises proposal.

In addition, the AS business manager has

agreed that the trade-in on the old tables should be applied to the purchase of the new ones.

Cost estimate from Northern Billiards for Brunswick Gold Gully pocket tables, complete with six cues per table, balls, trays, triangles and wall racks is \$1,200 per table (\$9,600 inclusive) less a trade-in value of \$300 to \$350 per pocket table and \$200 for carom table (a total of \$1,500).

Net cost for tables will be \$8,200.

Other improvements proposed include purchasing additional billiard equipment necessary for beginning inventory and equipment repairs, chalk, talc, tips, and extra cues, disposal of shuffleboard facilities and replacing existing game tables.

Other improvements will involve the purchase of spectator seating (approximately 16 stools), cigarette urns and table seating, installation of adequate lighting and vinyl asbestos tile flooring, enhancing the appearance of walls, and relocating the present ping pong table.

Any budget surplus would be returned to the housing and dining system. The suggested \$1 per hour per table rate represents an increase of 25 cents per table per hour over present rates.

The rate will be raised in order to cover the assistants' wages. Additionally, the rate raise is lower than virtually any commercial establishment according to Smith.

Copeland Says Birth Rate Lowest in World's History

By SUSAN GAWRYS
Front Reporter

You've undoubtedly heard about the population explosion, the masses of hungry people by the year 2000. You've probably heard about the United States' role, consuming more than its share of people.

Gerry Copeland, a representative from Zero Population Growth, said that the United States' birth rate in 1970 was the lowest it has ever been.

But for Zero Population Growth, it wasn't low enough.

Copeland spoke on Wednesday as part of Development Week. Zero Population Growth, an organization started by Paul Ehrlich, author of the Population Bomb, who alerted the world to the hazards of overpopulation, aims for no increase in the population.

The United States had a .8 per cent increase last year. This means that, if the .8 per cent rate is constant, there will be 1.5 million more Americans yearly, or 2.8 children per family. The United States population will double in 63 years, Copeland said.

"A typical American uses his resources and pollutes his environment 35 times more than a typical citizen of an underdeveloped country," Copeland said.

Because the United States is not self-sufficient resource-wise, this places a burden on underdeveloped countries where two-thirds of the people are undernourished, Copeland said.

"Why does Seattle City Light advertise for air conditioning? Do we need that type of superfluous consumption?" Copeland asked.

"We have to think in terms of keeping what we have, instead of allowing the Kent Valley to be taken over by Boeing."

Copeland, who worked in India on family planning, said that the population problem is so massive that it cannot be solved easily.

He said that in India, vasectomies weren't always the answer, because that simple operation often became infected due to poor facilities.

The 30,000-member Zero Population Growth thinks that, however huge the overpopulation problem may seem, it is not yet necessary to make two children per family mandatory and any more illegal.

"It doesn't work out that you can impose your own solutions on other people," Copeland said.

"The only way to get it done is by educating people and giving tax incentives.

There are so many people due to the increase in death control means and the increase in younger people, particularly women, in the population, he said.

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If you're over 18 years of age, possess a skill or college education, and are single, engaged or married you may be eligible for the Peace Corps.

To occupationally qualify for the Peace Corps program, a bachelor degree or skill (qualified tradesman) is the minimum requirement.

At the present, one-third of the volunteers serving are teachers, although a teaching certificate is not a requirement, according to John Rhinehardt, a representative for the Peace Corps and returned volunteer from Colombia.

Another third of all applicants are generalists—journalists and psychologists for example. Generalists work in six specific programs: community health, family planning, rural and urban development, malaria control, smallpox eradication and environmental problems.

"It is helpful and preferred if an applicant has previous professional experience in a field, but it is not a requirement. Liberal arts people are needed," Rhinehardt said.

There are no psychological tests given to applicants as was the case in past years. Currently, an applicant need only complete a self-evaluation form and turn in eight references.

As of April 23, 1970 no new exemptions for military service were issued by the U.S. military. A two-year postponement of induction is the only benefit given by the Peace Corps.

The Peace Corps is actively working in 60 countries and is subsidized by American federal tax programs, such as income tax.

The countries encompass areas of Central and South America, Africa, Near East, South Asia, East Asia and the Pacific.

The country in need must ask for help and each

country is required to pay something for the volunteer service of Peace Corps workers.

For example, one country may pay a volunteer's housing costs as remittance for service.

The Peace Corps is a non-salaried program; however, volunteers receive several kinds of payment. A living allowance is given which covers housing, food and entertainment.

Although the amount paid varies from country to country, the average payment throughout the world is approximately \$100 for the two-year period, Rhinehardt said.

In addition, \$175 per month for each volunteer is banked in Washington, D.C. When a volunteer returns to America he has \$1,800 net savings.

Medical and dental care are maintained within each country for volunteers and 48 days of vacation is granted during the two-year period.

Each volunteer receives \$9 traveling expenses for each day of vacation.

Initial transportation costs to each country, as well as transportation to and from training sites are paid by the Peace Corps. There is a three-month training period.

Training sites are located in all participating countries as well as in Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

The Peace Corps also needs minorities as volunteers. There are approximately 4,000 openings for summer; and prospective applicants should apply six to eight months prior to their availability.

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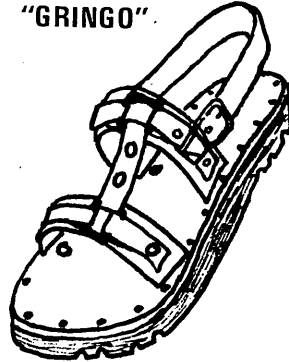


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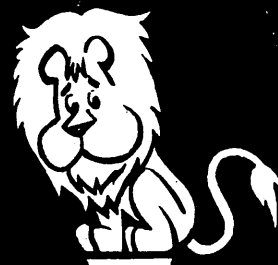
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The Sporting Word

Recycle This Championship

By KENT SHERWOOD
Sports Editor

By a simple analysis of the past it has become obvious that the Western baseball team will win the Evergreen Conference championship this season. Or at least, the defending champion Central Wildcats won't.

This odd, if not bold, statement comes from the realization that sports and title winners seem to follow a type of cycle in the professional ranks. So why not apply it to collegiate circles?

The first cycle was the dynasty era. The Yankees ruled baseball, the Packers couldn't be beaten in football, to defeat the Celtics for the hoop crown was unthinkable and Montreal owned the hockey title.

As these monarchs grew old, their empire crumbled with age and another cycle began. The upstarts took over. This was particularly noticeable in a number of series between Baltimore and New York.

The football Jets and Joe Namath scoffed at the odds and shook the sports world with a Super Bowl triumph over the Colts. Following suit, the Mets turned 1969 into a miracle year by whipping the unbelievably powerful Orioles in the World Series. And to complete Baltimore's misery, the Knicks knocked off the Bullets and went on to win the NBA championship.

The latest trend is the failure to defend a title once it has been won.

Kansas City's Chiefs couldn't even win their own league after winning the Super Bowl. Neither did the Knicks or the Boston Bruins get past the semi-finals in the quest for a second consecutive crown. Only the Orioles can halt this cycle.

Which brings us back to the collegiate scene, which seems to be a mixture of all of these trends. UCLA's basketball supremacy is unquestioned. Southern Cal has a thing about NCAA baseball championships.

So it would seem that all Western has to do is beat out Southern Oregon and the other five Evco schools and not worry about Central. Right?

Unfortunately, that kind of thinking is like wishing for sun during a typical Northwest winter. It may happen, but you would be wise to bring your umbrella anyway.

Tomorrow, the Viking nine takes on a strong Eastern Oregon team at Civic Field. Since Western is currently tied with the Wildcats for the Evco lead, this twin bill is quite important to Connie Hamilton's squad.

At the same time, Central will entertain the league's cellar dweller, Oregon Tech, in Ellensburg, which is not the easiest place to win.

It would be nice if the Viks could rule Central out, since after all, history already has. But you can be sure that coach Hamilton isn't using the past as a guide to the Vik success and won't be counting on the Wildcats to fold under the pressure of Father Time.

And you can bet Central isn't too worried about it either.

Canucks, Gridders Win IM Crowns

Two spring intramural championships have been awarded, one in volleyball and the other in weightlifting.

In volleyball, the Canucks came out on top in the double elimination tournament, defeating the Diggers. The Diggers had beaten the Canucks in the first match, 16-14, 16-14. Since it was the Canucks first loss another match was needed, with the Canucks winning, 11-15, 17-15 and 15-9.

The Hawaiian Allis took third, with Six Easy Pieces placing fourth.

In weightlifting, the WWSC Football Team took the team-crown. Competition took place in five weight divisions, with each competitor performing the bench press, deadlift and standing press.

The Footballers consisted of Steve Skogmo, 165 lbs., Gary Aagaard, 181 lbs., Rich Nomini, 198 lbs., Marv Nelson, 242 lbs., and Rich Boyd, superheavy.

Individual winners were Ron Rudy, 132 lbs., Dan Trudeau, 165 lbs., Aagaard, 181 lbs., Nelson, 242 lbs., and Bob Christensen, superheavy.

Vik Nine Face EOC In Vital Evco Tilt

Western's baseball team hosts Eastern Oregon College (EOC) tomorrow afternoon at 12 noon in a crucial doubleheader at Bellingham's Civic Field as the Vikings continue their fight for the Evergreen Conference (Evco) title.

The Vikings, 5-3 in Evco play, are tied with Central Washington for the league lead. Southern Oregon and Oregon College are a half game down in the loss column, each with 6-4 marks.

EOC is 4-4 in league action and 12-12 overall. Sizing up the Mountainers coached by Howard Fetz, Hamilton said, "He's got a good program going there. Last year they got to the NAIA District playoffs and have three returning all-conference players."

One of the three is their leading hitter, infielder Steve Maurer, who has been belting the ball at a .350 clip.

Maurer and the Mounties will face a depleted Viking pitching staff that has been a trouble spot all year. Most recent casualty was Neil Crawford

who suffered a broken ankle sliding into second base against Southern Oregon two weeks ago.

Left-hander Don Balke, who has taken over for Crawford as the Big Blue hill ace, will start the first game against EOC. He sports a flossy 1.97 earned run average, striking out 47 batters in the 46 innings he's worked.

Jim Reed will start the second contest. "Reed has done a good job in relief," said Hamilton, "and deserves a chance to start."

Ron Porterfield is hitting .383 to lead the team. Pete Johnson has a .341 mark and Rocky Jackson .298.

The Vikings lost 3-1 to Seattle University Tuesday afternoon in a rain-abbreviated contest at Seattle. Balke, limbering up for tomorrow gave up 3 runs in the third inning. Reed relieved him and shut the Chieftains out until the rains came to halt the game after five innings.

Marty Greget was responsible for the only Viking run as he got his first collegiate hit, a home run in the fifth inning.

WESTERN FRONT SPORTS

Fish Eye

Whatcom Fishing Report

By SCOTT ANDERSON
Front Reporter

Fishing has been slow on most Whatcom County and Skagit County lakes since the lowland lakes opened in mid-April. However, as the weather warms, fishing should improve in most lakes.

Silvers should start hitting in Samish and Whatcom Lakes about the middle of this month, provided that the weather stays reasonably warm.

Whatcom is generally a slow starter, though cuts to five pounds are often taken early in the season.

Baker Lake, in Whatcom County, generally provides fair spring fishing but provides the best catches in the fall. The lake has been almost inaccessible since opening day due to much snow and slides in the area.

The steadiest producer of fish in Whatcom County this year has been Silver Lake, with several limits being taken out of there to date.

Fragrance Lake, on Chuckanut mountain, offers good early morning rainbow fishing for those who are willing to pack in a rubber raft and a can of worms.

A longer 3-mile hike into Lost Lake along the Jeep road on Chuckanut Mountain can produce fair rainbow fishing. However, those who prefer the larger trout should wait until midsummer before trying their luck at Lost.

Since access is through Larrabee State Park for both Lost and Fragrance Lakes, observe fire hazard regulations. Camping should be done in the park campgrounds and then hike into the lakes.

Lake Terrell, near Ferndale, holds numerous catfish (you can catch approximately three to four hundred catfish within three hours). Incidentally, Lake Whatcom has some good catfishing around July in the vicinity of Bloedel-Donovan park.

Whatcom and Samish Lakes also are good producers of spiny rays from about mid-June through early September.

Streams and some rivers (see fishing regulation book for rivers and streams that open later or remain closed) open for fishing on May 23.

Trout fishing is generally better in the streams,

producing more and often healthier fish. Worms work on most streams, and most local streams are suitable for fly fishing.

Hutchinson Creek and Sumas Creek are good early season producers, as are many of the small streams in northeastern Whatcom county.

The three forks of the Nooksack River offer good fishing at various times throughout the season, but the fishing is often sporadic and I have come out several times with no fish.

One of my favorite streams is Skookum Creek, which runs into the South Fork of the Nooksack. On a three-member one day expedition last July, we caught an average of 50 fish per person. Several of the fish, brooks and rainbows, were small, but we brought out nothing under 10 inches.

Another favorite stream is Bear Creek, on the way into Baker Lake. It is heavily fished near the parking area, but a hike downstream should result in better fishing.

If you plan on hiking down as far as the dam, I would recommend a pair of hip waders, as the water is almost waist deep in places.

If you are primarily a spin fisherman, I recommend a 6½-7 foot light action rod, with a Mitchell 300 reel or equivalent.

This combination is extremely versatile, and may be used for occasional trolling, as well as for still fishing. The main advantage of a light action pole is that when a fish strikes even lightly, the tip action is quite pronounced.

This sometimes makes trolling difficult, however, especially in windy weather.

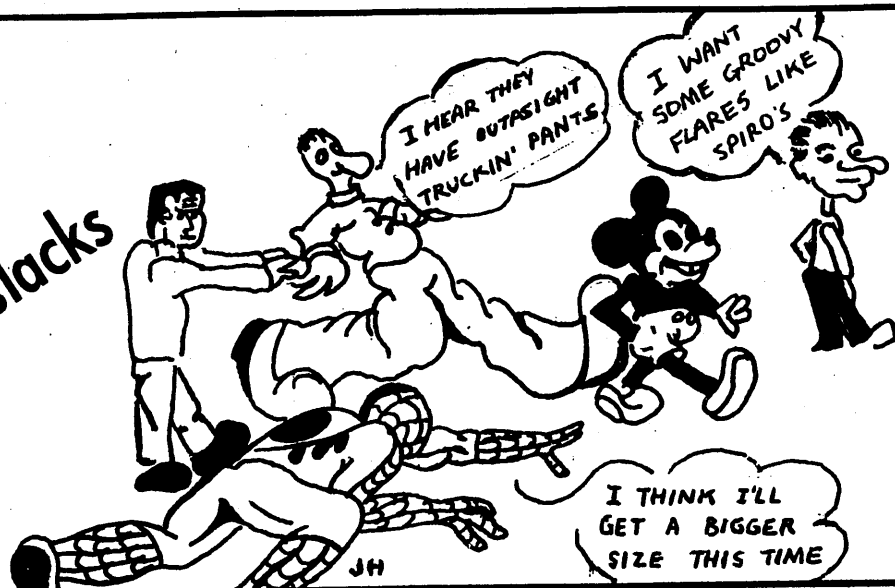
For those whose primary interest is trolling, I recommend a medium action rod with a baitcasting reel.

As for line, I rarely use more than ten pound test, and for streams I will go to as light as 3-lb. test. You can go even lighter than this, however, if you want a lot of action.

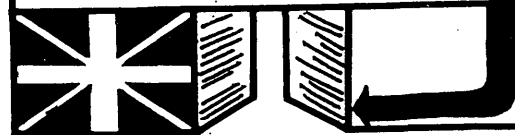
Be sure to carry an emergency first-aid kit, especially when hiking, and carry life jackets when in a boat. They may seem cumbersome and space consuming, but they can save your life.

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