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ONLY WHEN THE WIND BLOWS ON WET SQUARE.



## Viking Union gets money

by O. K. JOHNSON

Viking Union administrators were breathing a little easier Wednesday night after they were told they had enough money to operate at least to the end of Spring quarter.

The administrators have been unsure since last December whether or not they would have enough money to finish the 1973-74 fiscal year ending this June. It was feared that the VU would be closed by late May because of insufficient funds.

Tuesday, in meetings with Dean of Students C. W. "Bill" McDonald and college business manager Don Cole, administrators Kay Burke, Jack Smith and Barry Bonifas were assured that the \$4,735 would be available. Wednesday they were told additional money would be available for at least six weeks of the summer session.

The problem stemmed from a decrease in enrollment in full-time students, resulting in a 13 per cent budget cut in December. The Associated Students pledged \$6,000 but the VU still needed an estimated additional \$4,735.

Burke was told that money could be obtained from Housing and Dining but was informed last month that the money was not available. Wednesday,



**VU RESCUED** — Possible closure of the Viking Union — the result of financial uncertainty due to declining enrollment — was averted this week when VU administrators were assured of additional funds.

money was said to be available from somewhere.

"I think the money came from Housing and Dining of which we are a part, but I can't be sure," Burke said. "The problem is that we're really funded by the regular session student and we depend on the money he pays into services and activities."

An ad hoc committee is being set

up to look into the total disbursement of activities and services money, \$48.50 from every full time student. That money is divided up among the Housing and Dining system, VU administration, the Associated Students, Residence Hall Programs and departmentally related activities.

"This will be a real opportunity for

students to look where their money is going," Burke said.

The VU benefits directly 1,000 students in programs as well as serving students with the coffee shop, Mama Sundays, the information desk, a lounge area for students and office space for the Western Front and Klipsun.

## Vandalism, pranks security headache

by TOM ELLISON

Vandalism continues to be a major problem at Western.

"During my six years at Western, 1974 has seen the biggest increase in vandalism," said Officer Chuck Page of Western's security force. He estimates it has increased about

70 per cent in the past six years.

Page pinpointed different incidents which have increased the rate of vandalism.

Two student parking lots — Lot 20D near the Security building and the lot on 25th Street by Buchanan Towers — have been hit lately by gas

siphoning and vandalism. One car had a door smashed by what officers assumed to be a sledge hammer.

Signs also have become vulnerable to vandals. Many signs from different areas of the campus have been ripped off. Page said, "It often costs from \$40 and up to replace these signs."

Pranks also have increased this year. False fire alarms and water balloons head the list.

The records at the Bellingham Fire Department show that during this school year 14 false alarms have been pulled so far. Nash Hall alone has had five. The fire department estimates it cost approximately \$300 to respond to each fire alarm.

The city has been looking into the idea of charging the school for false alarms. The burden of paying for these false alarms would eventually fall on the student in the form of higher housing costs.

Recently at Nash Hall there was a false report of a gas siphoning near the dorm. When

a security truck investigated, the officers were pelted by water balloons. There have been other incidents in which security has been lured by false reports and hit by water balloons.

"This sort of childish behavior," Page said, "could possibly lead to members of the security force refusing to answer a call for fear that it's a false alarm." There are 21 students on the security force who are working to help pay their way through school. He feels that the wages paid these people aren't high enough to justify such abuse.

Security has been trying to deter this wave of vandalism and pranks by alerting people of the penalties involved. The penalty given for vandalizing fire extinguishers, signs, cars, and the like, is a \$300 fine with up to 90 days in jail.

Page suggested that students could help curtail campus vandalism by installing anti-siphoning devices on cars and reporting suspicious activity whenever possible.

## Board mulls Christmas study plan

Two or three week courses during Christmas vacation have been proposed as a way to offer quality education and save money at the same time.

The plan, offered as an informational item by Jerry Anderson, vice president of academic affairs, at the last Board of Trustees meeting, would mean pushing the first day of classes from Oct. 2 to Sept. 27 next year.

It would be up to each department whether they wanted to offer a concentrated field study during the break period.

There are two reasons behind the experimental courses according to Robert Monahan, dean of the college of arts and sciences. The first is that starting classes on Sept. 27 would give departments a chance to offer interim courses.

Secondly, it would save the college money by allowing them to shut down the heat and electricity in more buildings during the Christmas vacation.



### inside...

#### Flora christens new eight-man shell

Western's crew will race a new shell tomorrow on Lake Samish. The shell, The Spirit of Bellingham was bought by members of the community. See pg. 15.

#### Investigative: college land purchases remote

The college-owned Skagit Peat Bog was acquired in 1962 for \$10. This swamp-like area is visited once a year. See pg. 3.

# campus shorts & sidelites

## Debaters hit hot streak in Reno

Western's senior debate team of Kevin Twohy and Mike Bartanen continued its winning ways last weekend by capturing first place in the University of Nevada tournament in Reno.

The duo, who qualified two weeks ago for the national debate tournament to be held next week, began the tournament by upsetting the top-seeded team from Pace

University and went on to defeat California State at Fullerton, and Fresno State. Fresno State had won the tournament for the past two years.

The team of Zach Zabinsky and Blaine Smith finished fifth in the junior division. Smith and Zabinsky placed second and third, respectively, in expository speaking.

## Western's enrollment above prediction

Western's current enrollment figures appear to be above those anticipated by state legislators and the college administration, according to Bob Thirsk, assistant registrar.

Students enrolled during Fall and Winter quarters numbered 8,126 and 8,106. Spring quarter enrollment is tentatively set at 7,700.

This year's average will be

about 400 over the predicted average of 7,550. The operating budget, for the next school year, to be approved by the legislature this month, should reflect the increased enrollment.

Thirsk cited several reasons for the increase: a lower attrition rate, more students are getting desired courses, a record amount of transfer students and more part time students — especially women.

## Evans proposes raise for faculty

A four per cent cost-of-living salary raise for all college faculty members and other state employes was included in Gov. Dan Evans' budget submitted to the legislature last week.

The increase would cost the state about \$34 million, and additional federal funds would bring the total appropriation to \$41.5 million.

College President Charles J.

Flora said he is not sure if the measure will get through the legislature, and he said he didn't think the odds were good.

The last time a salary increase for college faculty was granted by the legislature, two per cent of the seven per cent raise came from existing college funds. Under Evans' proposal, however, new state funds would be appropriated, Flora said.

## Faculty staffing schedule announced

The schedule in planning for faculty staffing has been announced.

**April 23:** The Allocation and Advisory Committee will submit its written proposals for full time equivalent faculty positions to Vice President for Academic Affairs Jerry Anderson.

**April 26:** The vice

president will submit his final recommendations to College President Charles J. Flora, designating the allocation of approximately 401 FTE's to academic departments for Fall 1975.

**May 2:** The Board of Trustees will meet and act on assigned FTE allocations for Fall 1975.

## Psych department offers seminars

The psychology department will offer a free, six-week program for high school juniors and seniors this summer, under a \$19,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

The intent of the program will be to offer educational experiences beyond those normally available in high school and early college courses.

A survey of modern psychology with specific focus on perception, learning motivation, animal behavior, personality, abnormal behavior

and psychotherapy will be featured.

Each student, under the guidance of the instructors, will plan a research project to be carried out during the following school year.

Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and conducted by four high school psychology teachers as well as four members of Western's psychology department.

Money is available to help defray lunch and travel expenses. Applications may be obtained from Ron Shaffer at 676-3527.

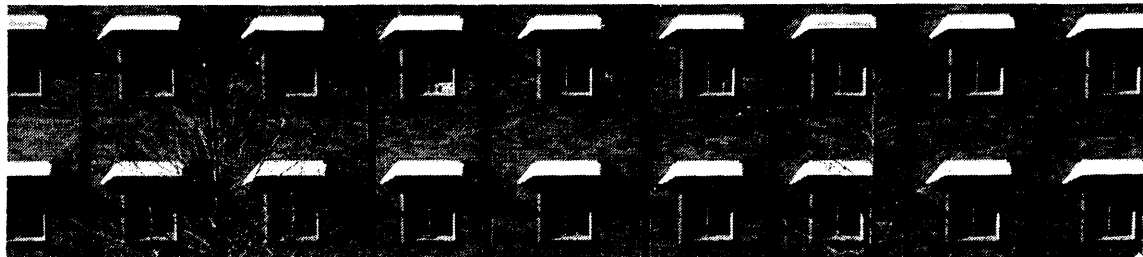
## Home ec offers \$100 scholarship

Junior and senior home economics majors are eligible for the \$100 Allene Ross Hunt Scholarship.

Applications are available at the financial aids office, Old Main 120 or at the home economics department, OM 5. Applicants must have at least

a 3.0 cumulative grade-point-average, 15 to 18 credit hours in home economics at Western, attended Western for at least one year and must be earning some portion of their college expenses.

The application deadline is May 1.



# Grant may get people involved

More Western students could be working as volunteers to help solve community problems if the federal government approves a Bellingham City Council proposal for a \$15,000 grant.

The proposal, authored by Councilman George Drake, would put a paid, full time person in city hall to coordinate volunteer activities for the city.

Drake, a member of the sociology-anthropology faculty at Western, said he has received many requests from college faculty for ways to put students to work solving community problems as part of their educational experience.

Some students are already

working as interns with police and councilmen, Drake said, but many more could become involved in city government under his plan. "There would be a close relation between this office (the new volunteer center) and the college," he explained.

He added that a similar plan was successfully implemented in Tacoma last year, and that it would be a good investment for Bellingham.

The idea would be to create a "civic talent bank," said Drake. "It would give the community a better appreciation of problems involved in public decision making."

Drake, who has been a

councilman for only a few months, said the plan is part of his effort in "getting people involved." He frequently stated during his campaign for election to the council that Bellingham's greatest resource is "the talent and goodwill of its citizens."



GEORGE DRAKE

Fairhaven College was conducted in its fifth year of operation. All of Western's cluster colleges are subjected to such studies after their first five years to evaluate goals and progress and recommend changes or improvements.

"I would venture that every department in the college should have an extensive evaluation every three to five years," Drake said. He added that in a time when resources are becoming increasingly limited, there is a need to clearly define collective goals of the college and establish priorities.

Without determining and evaluating such goals, he said, the college has no basis for determining who should be hired and fired at the college.

# Evaluation slated for Huxley college 5th year

The first external evaluation of Huxley College, Western's cluster college for environmental studies, will be conducted this quarter under the direction of George Drake of the sociology-anthropology faculty.

Also serving on the evaluation committee, which will be studying Huxley's progress in relation to its original goals and concepts, will be Ada Swineford of the geology faculty, Jesse Hiraoka of the College of Ethnic Studies and David Auer, a student.

In addition, Doug Hanson, director of Categorical Programs for Region 10 of the Environmental Protection Agency, and environmental studies directors from the University of Washington and the University of Santa Cruz in California will be called in to assist.

The only thing holding up

the study, according to Drake, is the failure of Jerry Anderson, vice president of academic affairs, to issue a document describing just exactly what the evaluation committee should accomplish.

"I want it (the study) to be useful," Drake said, "but for it to be useful, I need to know what kind of use they intend to make of it."

He added that he will continue to pressure Anderson for a formal "charge" document. Anderson was out of town this week and was unavailable for comment.

The committee has met twice so far to discuss techniques it will use in the evaluation. Drake said he intends to make use of surveys, interviews and questionnaires to get input from past and present students and instructors at Huxley.

A similar evaluation of



SHAME OF A NATION — A model of a U.S. War Relocation Area which housed thousands of Japanese Americans during WWII was displayed in the VU lounge Wednesday in an exhibit entitled "Pride and Shame." The display which depicted both the accomplishments of, and the discrimination against, Japanese Americans was part of the Asian Cultural Fair sponsored by Western's Asian Student Union. —photo by J. E. McCartney

# College-owned bogs receiving little use investigative

by DENNIS RITCHIE and JIM BROOKS

To get there, you drive 55 miles south of Bellingham on Interstate 5, take the Marysville exit and proceed westerly over miles of remote country road. It is Deering Wildflower Acres, one of the several little known properties owned by Western.

Not all the land that Western owns is as remote as Wildflower Acres, but much of the off-campus property receives the same amount of non-usage.

The college owns 118 acres outside of Whatcom County. The Sunquist Marine Biology Center accounts for 80 acres and the rest is taken up by land used by the biology department.

Charles J. Flora, a member of the biology department before he became college president, strongly denies he influenced decisions to buy land for the department.

"Most of that land was bought before I became president. Any assertion that I have used my influence in land buying is absolutely absurd," he stressed.

The common denominator of all these outlying properties is that few students if any know about them. Their existence has been well hidden.

Wildflower Acres is a natural preserve that is part of a 75-year study to see how a natural area survives near an urban area. It is rarely visited by students. A small number of upperclassmen and graduate students occasionally use the property for special projects.

The 25-acre site was obtained from the Nature Conservancy organization in 1968. The college paid \$1,650 with the stipulation that no development of the site be allowed.

The Nature Conservancy is a national organization of dues paying members who buy property threatened by development and attempt to insure that the property will remain in its natural state.



Another college property not unlike Wildflower Acres is known as the Skagit Peat Bog. This 13-acre, swamp-like area near Alger was acquired in 1962 for \$10, and is visited by a few upperclassmen and graduate students just once a year.

Why does the college purchase remote and seemingly unusable properties?

Jerry Brock, assistant business manager for the college, answers, "It's not as important that the land is used by students as the fact that such a

site is available for students and faculty to do research."

Clyde Senger, biology department chairman, said the land is rarely used, "because, if lots of students went down there all the time, it would no longer be a natural setting in which to observe natural habitat."

James Martin of the biology department said, "We're lucky to get the peat bog because there's not many of them left."

One property that receives a bit more student use is Beaver Pond in the Sudden Valley area.

Twice each quarter, Biology 101 classes, numbering between 50 to 100 students, go to the site to observe biological specimens.

The college has managerial rights to 80 acres and recently purchased 3.7 adjoining acres for \$3,750.

Western is also negotiating for 10 more acres adjacent to Beaver Pond.

The most expensive property the college owns outside of Bellingham is the marine biology center at Shannon Point, near Anacortes, a 45-mile trip from Bellingham.

The center opened in January, at a cost of \$500,000. The money was appropriated by the legislature and the center is run by Western, though the facilities are available to many state colleges.

Martin said that the price of \$1,000 per acre for the land was "a steal." He emphasized, "many developers would have taken that choice property for \$5,000 per acre."

One of the most widely used off-campus properties is Lakewood, on the shores of Lake Whatcom. The eight-acre site contains a boathouse, lodge, caretaker's cabin and dock. Obtained through two gifts, one in 1922 and the other in 1932, the property was recently assessed at about \$300,000. It is technically owned by Associated Students and used by students for sailing classes, field trips and general recreation.

The college also owns a small parcel on Lake Samish known as Lutherwood. The site contains a boathouse and dock for Western's crew team. The AS pays for all maintenance from the services and activity fee fund.

Another recreational facility that is seldom used is located on Sinclair Island in the San Juans. The land was given to the college in 1960 and is maintained by the Women's Recreational Association. It contains one rustic cabin.

Some of the properties owned by Western may seem bizarre, but the college buys land when a department chairman finds that a piece of property is available and can make a strong case justifying the purchase. After the department convinces the college business manager Western needs the land, the college contracts the lease and property division of the general administration office in Olympia.

That agency then sends out two assessors to determine the value of the property. The college must indicate to the negotiators how much it is willing to spend and is usually within five per cent of assessed value. If the offer is accepted the college president submits it to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

of the council.

There is also a possibility, said Stewart, that the Registrar may discontinue academic warnings altogether.

Bob Thirsk, associate registrar, said the warning will only come off of the academic record, but will still go out with the grade report.

A student may receive one warning and then after that, the next scholarship action would result in probation and if both the cumulative and gpa are still below standard the third time, the student will be dropped.

W. Louis Barret, physics department chairman and member of the council, said that the warnings were unfair to some people, and that this situation could come about almost by accident.

A freshman who overloads himself then drops to 10 credits during the quarter would receive a "warning" even if, he said, the student got a 4.0 gpa.

The warnings on a permanent record are obvious to prospective employers and can hurt a person's opportunities for employment, said Tom Stewart, a student member



**NEW AS PRESIDENT** — Vicki Robbins, elected vice president last year, moved up to the presidency this quarter when John Wolfe resigned. "Student government shouldn't be limited to those of us with titles," she said recently. —photo by J. E. McCartney

## campus beat

### Biological drives up, Paramecia divided

by JACK BROOM

You can't decline an "Invitation to Biology."

In some countries, you have to take a ten-hour test before you can graduate from college. This is called the Comprehensive Examination.

Of course, that would be much too easy for Americans. We have to take something more difficult before we can graduate. It is called Biology 101.

Although the number "101" may lead one to believe that this is an easy course, anyone who has stayed in the class long enough to learn that a paramecium is not twice as many as one "mecium" knows that this course is not designed for kids.

That's one of the reasons I don't like the textbook title, "Invitation to Biology." It looks like the author is luring us into something. It's an old trick; surely you remember your other science textbooks: "Chemistry for Beginners," "Quantum Mechanics Made Easy" and "The ABC's of Hypo-Complexo-Confudianism."

(The worst, however, was a textbook a friend of mine had in medical school: "Neurosurgery for Numbskulls.")

Anyway, scientists say that the earth was formed 4.5 billion years ago. That would have been a good time to take Biology 101, since there was no life on the planet yet.

But I always procrastinate, so here I am trying to cram these bacteria into my head so I can escape this place.

Already I have had to look up words in the dictionary and then look up the words which the dictionary uses to define the original word I looked up.

Already the textbook is asking me if I am a vitalist or a mechanist and I don't even remember the last time I voted.

And already I have had countless nightmares in which the giant amoeba "Chaos chaos" whips me with its flagella and sucks me into a slimy food vacuole.

One day I came to my lab session right after lunch and we were shown some partially digested enzyme molecules. The stuff was so repulsive I almost gave my lab partner a close look at some partly digested tuna fish sandwich molecules.

Looking around the classroom, it seems like everyone else also decided to wait until their last quarter to explore the secrets of life. They are all old (gray hair and hearing aids abound) and by the way they take notes you can tell that they don't want to leave any chance of flunking the class.

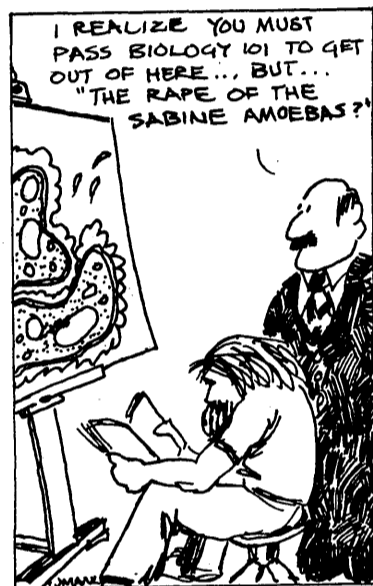
They're obviously not freshmen; freshmen take notes in their binders and pee-chees. These people take notes on their hands and shirt cuffs.

The old guy next to me has had phony eyeballs painted on the outside of his bifocals while on the inside he has already copied down two or three chapters.

Also, unfortunately, there are the lifers; students who have completed all other degree requirements but quarter after quarter can't seem to get their cilia straight.

Perhaps someday, if current liberal trends in education continue, students will be able to graduate from college without being forced through the rigors of Biology 101.

But wait. Before that happens, we must ask ourselves, "Do we want to create a society of adults who actually don't know whether the Chlamydomonas is an autotroph or a heterotroph?"



## Warnings out of records

"Academic warnings" will no longer be posted on permanent record transcripts, and students with 14 credits and a grade point average (gpa) of 3.50 will still be eligible for the academic honors list despite warnings under the 80 per cent completion rule.

This recommendation from the Registrar's Office was unanimously approved March 14 in a meeting of the Council on Arts and Sciences.

The 80 per cent rule says that a student must successfully complete 80 per cent of his classes each quarter.



# editorial

## New investigative Front

The Front is on a new kick: investigation.

This is the role of the adversary press and, by careful, in-depth reporting, the route to change and reform.

Collusion and corruption are enemies of the general public. Unknowns cause the public to be weak. This is our justification.

A core group of some of our best reporters are kicking around, looking

into things, putting old situations into new perspectives, and arriving at interesting, sometimes scary, conclusions.

One investigator said his role is "to put bad people in jail."

Investigation scares some people. But only those with something to hide.

We'll pass no moral judgments. That is the public's duty.

We'll just dig.

— Duff Wilson

# commentary

## Our modern society needs modern gun control laws

The insanity of America's present gun control laws was rudely, and nearly painfully, brought to my attention last week when my wife and I were shot at and held at gun point over a simple mistake.

After leaving Seattle Center at about 10 p.m. I tried to unlock what I thought was the car I had borrowed for the evening. (Actually it was the same year and color Dart in the same beat-up condition as the one I was using and was parked on the same street.) An instant after we discovered it was the wrong car, a shout confirmed our error.

"Hey, they're trying to break into our car."

"Stop you two I got a gun." (We froze.)

"Pop, don't shoot them."

"Stop right there." (We still hadn't moved.)

A yellow flash and sharp crack exploded from the small pistol in the man's hand.

The man, a middle-aged Black, then sent his wife and daughter to call the police while he held us at gunpoint. I tried to explain the mistake but quit when he threatened with his pistol.

The next ten (???) minutes were pure agony as the man rattled on about how he should have shot us to prove what a "bad mutha" he was.

When the police finally arrived, the man was released without a word of admonishment.

After convincing the cops of our innocence, with the help of a witness, we suffered through a lecture on how we should exercise more caution in the future.

Because the man had a permit to carry the pistol (he was a city employe, not a policeman however), he was within his rights to "protect" his property. The only way we could have pressed charges was if he had actually shot us, instead of over our heads.

Gun proponents argue that the constitution guarantees the right for an individual to keep and bear arms. At the time the constitution was drafted there was validity in the argument. The U.S. was a newly emerging nation fighting for its existence, the need for an armed militia was evident.

Times have changed however. Parts of the constitution have been amended to cope with the demands of a growing, changing country. It's time to enact gun control laws that fit the needs of a modern society.

Rodger Painter  
Western Front staff

## Program Commission misses point

An arbitrary decision by the Program Commission has put an end to the 50-cent Sunday night movie in the Music Auditorium.

These films have for years provided an inexpensive entertainment outlet on campus. Last quarter the decision was made to increase to 75 cents and in some cases, like "The Devil in Miss Jones," double the admission cost.

Program Commissioner Nils Von Veh claims the rate hike was required by the film suppliers, but admits many films are available at the old rate. He also says the quality of film offered this quarter justifies the increased cost; "two of them were nominated for Academy Awards," he said.

He has apparently decided to go into competition with the downtown theatres. In this power play with commercial theatres the budget has been so abused that films will not even be offered for several weeks of the quarter.

The Fairhaven Film Series, with films like "A Night at the Opera" and "The Hired Hand," with a seating capacity far less than that of Western, has maintained the quantity, the quality and the price of their films at 50 cents.

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# investigative feedback

## Saga contract misunderstood

Editor, Western Front.

Ric Roff, in his article, "Saga Contract Flaws Cost College \$100,000," which appeared in the Western Front on April 9, 1974, had some gross misconceptions and misleading information.

It was obvious from his investigation that he does not understand the difference between sales, profits, and expenses. Mr. Roff also implies that there is a loophole in the contract.

A so-called "loophole in a contract" implies that one of the parties in the contract had the other party at its mercy because of incomplete or hazy writing. The contract between the College and Saga is well understood by both parties; neither are dissatisfied with the terms and conditions; and neither party assumes a loophole is being used to gain unintended results.

The contract does not specify the College be paid 33%, 50%, or any other per cent if Saga grosses \$1, \$1,000,000 or \$5,000,000. What the contract *does* indicate is that if sales are between \$1,000,000 and \$1,250,000, the first 8% of the Profit Center Income (defined in the contract and verified by independent auditors annually) is paid to Saga.

Profit Center Income (PCI) from 8% to 11% is shared by the College (33%) and Saga (67%). PCI in excess of 11% is shared by the College (67%) and Saga (33%). As the gross sales increase, the percentage of PCI in excess of 8% benefits the College more than Saga.

Mr. Roff implies that "allowances" should not reduce gross sales; however, the contract very clearly defines gross sales as "gross sales less any rebate on these sales." However, for sake of argument, assuming this "loophole" discovered by Mr. Roff did not exist, the "allowances" would have been counted as a business expense, therefore making the PCI the same in either example.

If we were to assume further that the guaranteed number of boarders was met (which was not), the rebate would have been either \$3,760 (contract method of calculation) or \$4,451 (Rick Roff's method of calculation), not \$102,285. Since the College did not have the number of boarders as outlined in the contract, the entire discussion is academic, because that section of the contract is not used for calculation of rebate when guarantees are not met.

Other errors in Mr. Roff's article are as follows:

A. 50% of Saga's gross profit would not have been \$132,003. The total Profit Center Income for the entire year was only \$110,000. No place in the contract does it call for 50% of Saga's gross profit to be provided the College.

B. The strange examples of the bidding process which brought Saga to Western's campus is very similar to the process currently being used by Eastern Washington State College and that which was used by The Evergreen State College in acquiring their contract food service, which is also Saga.

C. A survey which is conducted by Saga and by its employees must be agreed upon by the College administration, and the method of conducting the survey must also meet with the administration's approval and the approval of the Advisory Committee on Housing and Dining. The College is at liberty at any time either to change the wording of the survey or the method by which it is taken. The only results used for the purposes of the contract deal with the overall satisfaction with the food service.

The concern expressed by the article about deducting operating expenses such as managers' salaries, paper, and miscellaneous seems grossly misunderstood, since it is a requirement for any business to deduct its operating expenses. Total deductions for operating expenses were not \$153,433 as indicated by Mr. Roff, but instead \$1,130,587. This includes about \$610,000 for food; \$366,000 for labor; and \$153,000 for other expenses, such as management salaries, paper, and office supplies.

These deductions are not five times the fee paid to Western, because no fee was paid to Western last year.

The entire food service operation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, ended with Saga Food Service's making less than 10% Profit Center Income, which is below national averages. We believe that this is a good example of how we are constantly attempting to minimize rates to students.

To our personal surprise and dismay, the entire article suggests that we may not have done very well at explaining the College's contractual arrangement. Mr. Roff has spent many hours talking with each of us and our Assistant Attorney General about the contract and the arrangement between the College and Saga. We find it very difficult to explain Mr. Roff's misunderstanding about the contract and the resulting article because of the amount of time he spent investigating the subject.

Jerry Brock, Assistant Business Manager  
Pete Coy, Director of Housing  
Riley Sivertsen, Food Services Director

## Roff's rebuttal

It was the intent of the story to expose the unclear details and possible malfunctions outlined in the contract.

A written contract's main function between two parties is to clearly explain total operations and financial considerations so that both parties understand, in full, the aspects of the agreement.

That is not the case in this contract. Certain aspects are in fact "verbal agreements" between Western and Saga that are not specifically written into the contract. This is currently being investigated by the Front.

The contract, specifically including financial considerations of a \$29,718 "allowance" figure and total profit divisions; public bidding; writing of the contract; and a yearly survey, now warrants further investigation by the Attorney General for the State of Washington.

Ric Roff  
Western Front staff

# letters

The Western Front accepts all letters to the editor within the limits of space, libel laws and good taste. We reserve the right to edit. Letters should be 250 words or less, preferably typed and double-spaced. Letters must be signed with name, address and academic department. Names can be withheld for sufficient reason, but anonymous letters will not be printed.

## Streakers 'warm up' on judgement day

Editor, Western Front:

In my two years at Western, I can't remember having read a more inspiring letter in the Front than that of Jack Pommerening regarding streaking. For once, a student at Western has shown the intestinal fortitude it takes to stand up and voice his opinion on something which is wrong.

Streaking, in all forms, is evil and wrong. The time has come when all of us must try to objectively analyze the situation and implement the correct remedy.

The first time I saw a streaker, I was talking to a female friend of mine and I tried to shelter her eyes from the streaker's flapping genitals. I am afraid that the psychological repercussions of this incident will live with my friend for many years to come. The reign of degeneracy that has been rampant on college campuses since the middle '60s must come to an end. All of us have to realize that our bodies are not something which should be exhibited in public, and that sex is a sacred rite which cannot long endure the sacrilege we college students heap upon it.

I feel that there should be some appropriate form of punitive measures to curb would-be streakers from participating in this devil-inspired activity. Perhaps someone in the technology department could build stocks, so that captured streakers could really be put on display. If college students are unable to extinguish such sexually deviant behavior on their own, then the proper authorities should step in.

I believe that Pommerening's letter has pointed out to many people just how wrong streaking is. This is evidenced by the fact there have been no streakers on campus since his letter appeared.

To those of you who are considering streaking, I say one word: don't. Engaging in such satanic insanity as streaking can only wreak havoc with your own soul, and adversely affect those who witness your "streak." Also consider how mom and dad would feel if they saw their son (or daughter!) running naked through a crowded public place.

It may be "fun" now, but on judgment day, how in the hell are you going to account for it?

Randy Dodd  
sophomore

## Bikers beware

Editor, Western Front:

Beware bicycles!

The mobile units between the art building and Carver gym create a large blind spot. When going up the hill - please remember to stay to the right.

The potential for bad accidents is just as strong with pedestrians and other bicycles, as with cars.

Claire Cuddy, Huxley  
Jody Ansell, Fairhaven

## Writer stands by story

Editor, Western Front:

In Tuesday's letters column, five residents of 1000 Indian attacked my integrity and the integrity of this newspaper.

And while it is important to give readers space in the letters column to voice their opinions, it is also important not to let grave charges, such as those leveled at me by residents of "Thou," go unanswered.

Their letter says that it was "never stated nor implied" that they have an agreement with the police. This, however, is contrary to the information which I was given when I interviewed them for the story.

If the Thou men are unhappy to see the publicity about their establishment, this is certainly surprising, since they were both cooperative and enthusiastic during the interviews.

And it is unfortunate that the "social repercussions" of the article would prompt the residents of Thou to dispute its facts.

The facts, as I learned them are:

-that there have been keggers at 1000 Indian for years; these keggers are no secret; some have even been advertised with posters on campus;

-that many college students under the age of 21 have consumed alcohol at 1000 Indian;

-that 1000 Indian has never been busted, even though police have visited several times.

The residents of Thou told me that police officers have

given them advice on how to keep their keggers from getting busted. It is this advice which I interpreted as "an informal agreement."

Do the Thou men now want us to believe that it has been mere coincidence that has enabled their home to hold public keggers for years without interference?

Not only does this conflict with what I was told, it seems completely unlikely.

So while the "social repercussions" of the Western Front article may be unfortunate, I stand by its facts.

Jack Broom  
Senior, Journalism  
(Ed. note: The editorial staff of the Front also stands behind Jack Broom's article of March 12.)



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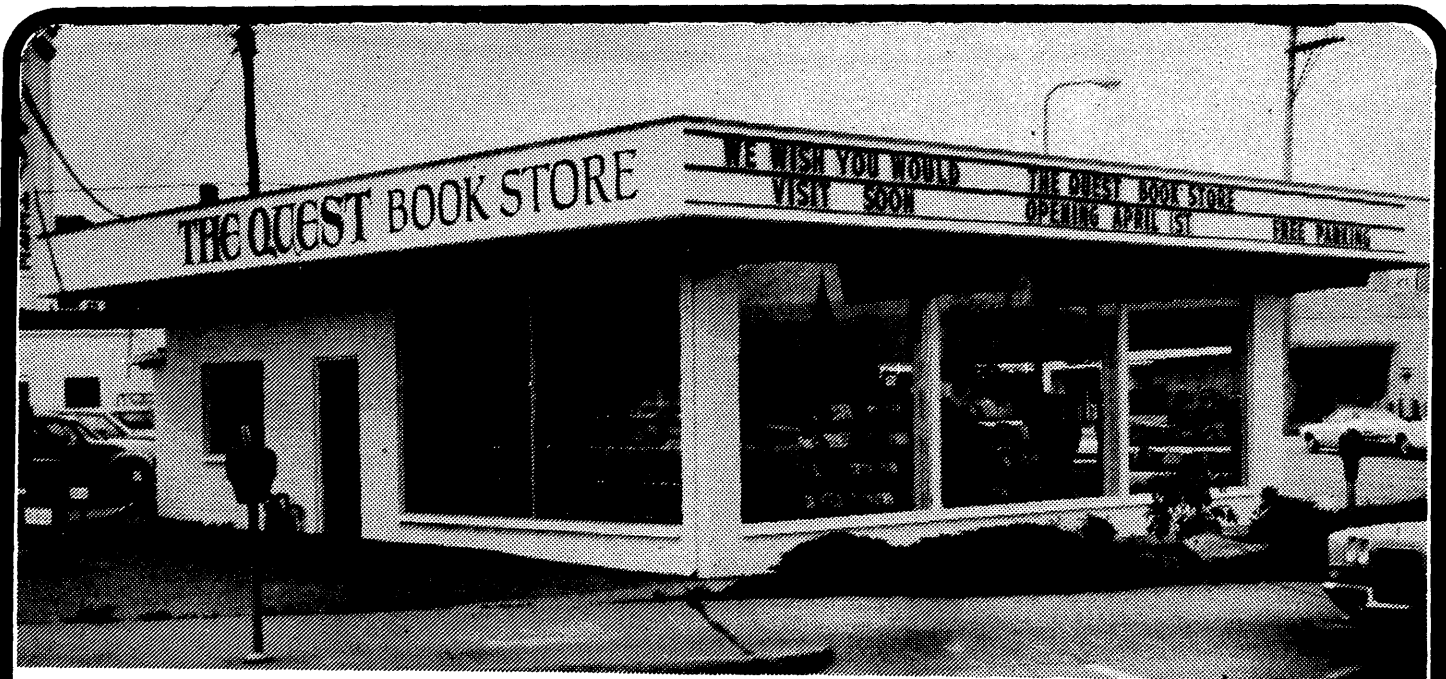
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# events

**Friday, April 12:**

Asian Student Union presents Dr. Richard Chapman, UW, speaking on acupuncture, VU lounge, 1 p.m.; admission: free.

Mama Sunday's presents Keith Green and Alicia Cory, VU lounge, 1 p.m.; admission: 75 cents.

**Saturday, April 13:**

Outdoor Program sponsors a bicycle trip in general area of Lake Samish; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., admission: free. Sign up in VU 304.

5:30 p.m. The Jewish Student Association presents a Seder, an informal Passover service following steak dinner at the Fairhaven side dining hall. Admission is free with Saga meal ticket.

Asian Student Union

presents a concert: Japanese koto music. Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m., admission: 75 cents.

**Monday, April 15:**

Program Commission presents a photography show. Artists: David Johnson & Hide Shabata, VU Art Gallery, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri., admission: free. Runs through April 26.

Self Study presents: Gestalt Mini-Workshop I with Peter Bressers. VU 354, 7:30 - 10:30 p.m., admission: free.

**Tuesday, April 16:**

Young Socialist Alliance presents speaker Maceo Dixon, Socialist Workers Party, Wilson Library Presentation Room, noon, admission: free.

Continuing Studies presents Children's Film Series. "Tops," "World of Little Ig," "A Light in the Night," "The Caterpillar and the Wild Animals" and "The Bike." Lecture Hall 4, 4 p.m., admission: 50 cents children, 75 cents adults.

# County to test disaster plan

by JOE WIESER

"Should a serious earthquake occur in the western portion of the county, it could produce mass casualties, and cause severe damage..."

On April 19 at 2 p.m., the Whatcom County Department of Emergency Services will test its operations plan in an "earthquake-on-paper."

From its equipment-packed Emergency Operating Center in the basement of the County Courthouse, the department will coordinate a simulated disaster drill involving police and fire crews, two hospitals, local units of the Air National Guard and Army Reserves, and the Bellingham Transit System.

Herbert Miller, Whatcom County's director of Emergency Services, said that a similar exercise last spring worked "real well." Since then, the emergency plan has been updated with the help of state authorities and the University of Washington.

When the "tremor" hits, certain city buses will proceed to prearranged checkpoints to receive instructions and take on "casualties." Volunteers will wear bandages and latex moulages to simulate injuries.

While the evacuation plan is prearranged, transit manager Ed Griemsmann said he received "no notice" in last spring's drill, and the plan worked.

The "casualties" will be taken to St. Joseph's and St. Luke's hospitals, where emergency room procedures will be carried out. In addition to the human volunteers, St. Luke's will care for about 50 "paper patients," envelopes containing physical descriptions and symptoms of hypothetical disaster victims.

Keith Lundberg, assistant administrator of St. Luke's, said that last year's drill was "far more extensive than anything either hospital had done in the past." He also said that students at Western gave "a lot of support" by volunteering to serve as patients.

Miller explained that one of the lessons his department has learned from past exercises is the importance of communications. "One of the biggest flaws was that we didn't have enough," he said. In addition to its own systems, Emergency Services has the cooperation of

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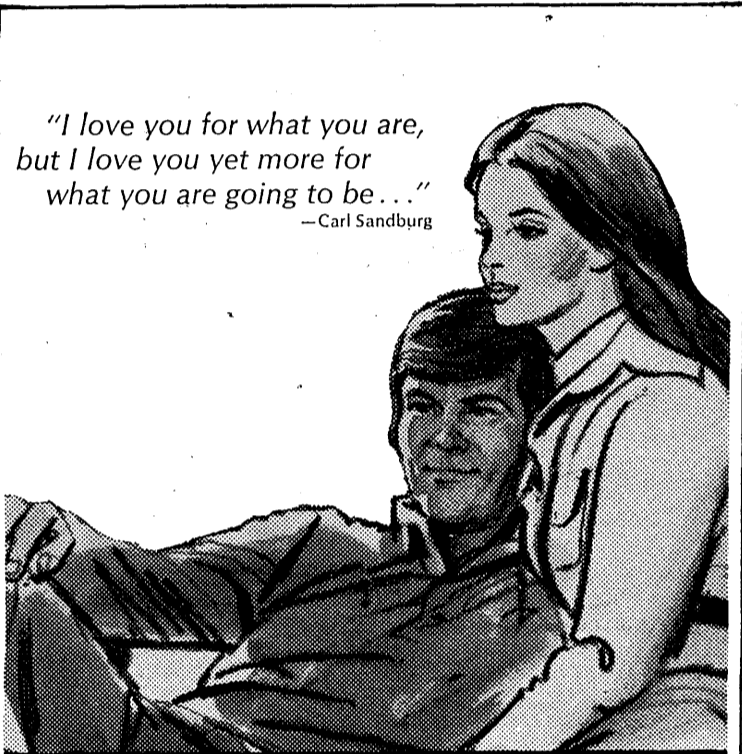
## 1916, 1931, and 1964...'

amateur radio operators of the American Radio Relay League, and of a Bellingham citizen's band group, to insure that vital information will continue to flow in an emergency.

The 262nd Mobile Communications Squadron of the Air National Guard will also help to coordinate communication among various emergency workers. Lt. Col. Sam Wilson said that the exercise "would help to show the community that we can perform these services for them." Last spring's drill worked "fairly well," according to Wilson. "This time we're going to try to learn a little more," he said.

The Department of Emergency Services is active on a day-to-day basis, using its communications and resources in such tasks as aiding search-and-rescue missions in cooperation with the Forest Service and park rangers. But what are the chances of a real earthquake testing its plans?

Minor earth tremors were experienced in the Bellingham area in 1916, 1931 and 1964, with eight others in other parts of the county at various times since 1872. And while earthquakes cannot yet be predicted, Miller said he felt that being prepared is important. "We hope," he said, "that everybody will develop their own disaster plan."



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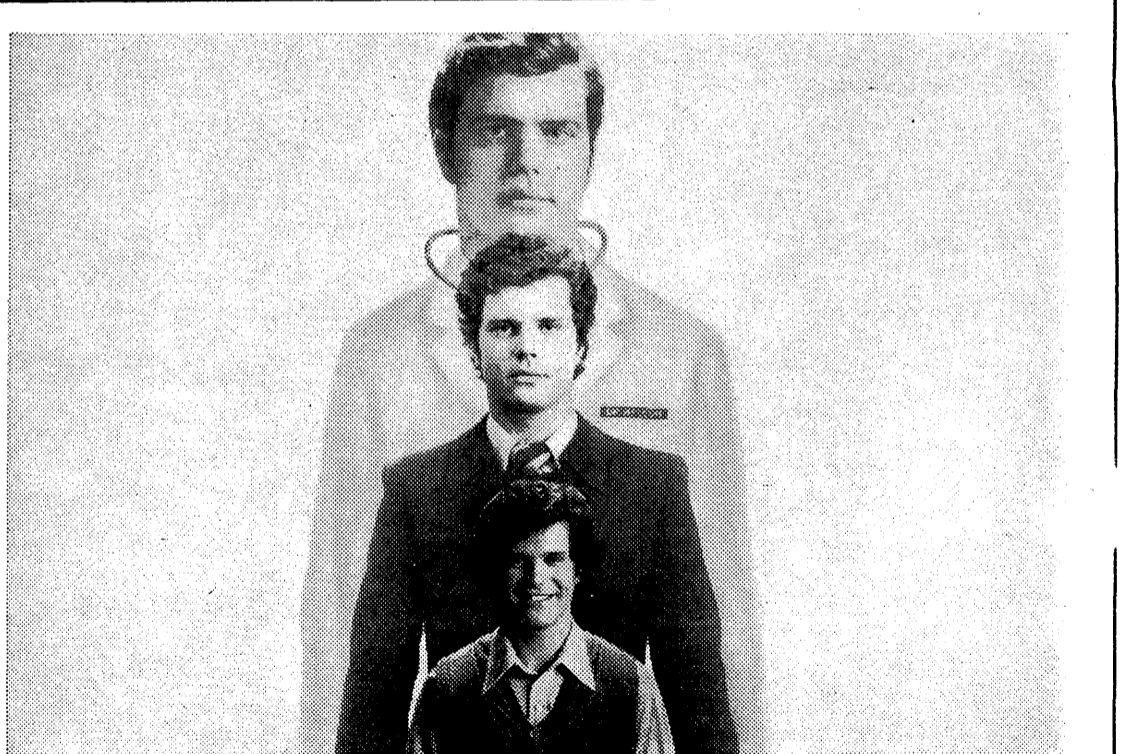
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# arts & entertainment



ALICIA CORY

## Alicia debuts, Keith returns to Mama Sundays tonight

Keith Green, who has been compared to Elton John by those who have heard him perform, returns to Western tonight at Mama Sundays for his third performance.

The 20-year-old singer plays the piano and guitar during his one-man act.

Nils Voh Veh, AS program commissioner said, "We got incredible response the last two years he's been here."

Also performing with Green is a new entertainer to Western, Alicia Cory. The 28-year-old,

self taught performer sings her own songs and plays eight instruments: guitar, harmonica, piano, Appalachian dulcimer, concertina, African kalimba, autoharp, and a rare 108-string Chinese hammer dulcimer.

Cory has performed on CBS and most radio stations in southern California. Cory is currently working on her first record release to include some of the 300 songs she has written.

Admission is 75 cents at the door of the VU lounge.

### BLACK ARTS CLASS

## Play shows love, cage

"The Lavender Troubadour," a play about a love affair between two women, will be presented by the Gay People's Alliance (GPA) at 8 p.m., April 18 in Viking Union 450.

The play, which was performed twice to sell-out crowds last November, is back due to "overwhelming demand," according to Beck Valrejean of the GPA.

"The Lavender Troubadour" is an attempt to relate to the non-homosexual community "what it's like to live in a cage without visible bars," said Valrejean, a Western senior who wrote the play.

Proceeds from the performance will go to Sandy Schuster and Madeline Isaacson, two lesbian mothers from Seattle who recently became involved in a legal battle to gain custody of their six children.

Admission is 75 cents and advance tickets will be sold in the GPA office, VU 223.

The performance will be video-taped for possible broadcast on educational television channels across the nation.



BECK VALREJEAN — photo by Allen

## Workshop revives Black Arts

If you have heard the beating of drums while in the VU elevator and could not figure out where it was coming from, relax and enjoy. It is the Black Performing Arts class doing its thing on the fourth floor of the VU.

The class, instructed by College of Ethnic Studies (CES) faculty member William Harris, is a workshop for Black Arts Northwest, a black theatre group sponsored by CES.

The objective of the class is for students to gain a general knowledge of the performing arts, and to develop

demonstrative skills in several areas of these arts.

The areas are vocal and instrumental music, dance and drama. Each area is directed by one or more students who have had previous experience in that particular field.

Freshman Leonard Green leads the instrumental music-makers during the twice-a-week, three hour sessions. The students work together from exercises that outline each instrument's part. When all the correct rhythmic patterns are put together, a song has been learned.

The class started out with five conga drums brought in by members. To get a better variety of sounds, some of the men made more drums by nailing rawhide over the tops of various sizes of wooden barrels.

Other instruments include cow bells, timbales, shakers, a woodblock and others producing African sounds.

This quarter the class has been concerned with learning the material while next quarter they will be performing in different places around the state.

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HIDE SHIBATA — photo by Allen

## Photo display showing in VU

Hide Shibata's photography of inmates of the old Northern State hospital will be on display next week at the VU gallery.

The work by a foreign student at Western has won honorable mention in Life magazine's bicentennial photography competition.

Shibata, student of nationally known photographer Imogene Cunningham and son

of a Buddhist priest, came to Western to study under photography teacher Bob Embrey of the Technology department.

He has exhibited in San Francisco and sold photos to be used in a psychology text by the University of California. He plans to move to New York this fall to work with famous photographers there.

His roommate, David Johnson, will also exhibit his work. Johnson is in Europe showing his portfolio to prominent photographers.

A senior citizens home in Poulsbo, Washington, comes alive through David's lens in this exhibit.

The show will run through April 26. An opening reception will be held Sunday, 7-9 p.m.

## Music dept. presents two operas

by MARIE McCLANAHAN

An "Evening of the Opera" will be presented at the Bellingham Theater Guild tomorrow at 8:15 p.m. "Mavra," a comic opera, by Igor Stravinsky and "The Merry Wives of Windsor," a romantic opera by Otto Nicolai will be featured. Admission is free.

"Mavra" was dedicated to Tchaikovsky to point out the Russian elements of the music. Western students Kaaren Herr (soprano), Robin Campbell (mezzo-soprano) and Linda McLeod (contralto) play three of the four characters in the one-act opera.

A Western graduate, Arthur Frieson, left his vocal studies in Hanover, Germany to sing tenor in the title role of "Mavra." Gilbert Rodriguez is the stage director and set designer.

The instrumental ensemble for "Mavra" includes: Charlyn Bethell (oboe), Gerald Arnold and Sandra Scott (clarinet), Bob Cullen and Gene McLaughlin (trumpet), Lesley Styer (french horn), Cathy Kraemer (trombone), Chris Barnes (tuba), and Scott Smith (piano). There are eight wind instruments and a piano included.

"The Merry Wives of Windsor" deals with the adventures of Sir John Falstaff and the virtuous wives of Windsor who teach him a lesson. It is a favorite in most European opera houses.

The 10 characters in the three scene opera include: Eric Parce (Falstaff), Maitland Peters and Peter Benecke (confused husbands), Jerilyn Lang and Colleen Rodriguez ("merry wives"), Linda McNeas and Scott Majema (young lovers), Phillip Grothaus and Greg Lykke (suits) and Loren Lang and Rick Weatherby (men servants). Lee Taylor is the set and stage director.

Besides presenting "The Merry Wives of Windsor" in a shortened version, the opera will be accompanied with six woodwind instruments and a piano.

Richard Lince and Nancy Haugerud (flute), Charlyn Bethell and Brian Vance (oboe), Gerald Arnold and Sandra Scott (clarinet), and Barbara Helling (piano) include the instrumental ensemble. Music for both operas will be directed by Mary Terey-Smith, of the music department faculty.



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## 'I.F. Stone's defiant spirit

by DEBBIE McBRIDE

A square, little face fills the movie screen. Intense curly hair and an astute Jewish nose punctuate the movie's voice.

"All governments are liars," chafed I. F. Stone glibly.

So begins the story of a newsman who, single-handedly, took on government and told some 20,000 subscribers to his weekly newsletter what was really going on in the government in the 1950s and '60s.

The movie, "I. F. Stone's Weekly" will be in Bellingham one week starting Wednesday, at The Picture Show in Fairhaven.

In a letter, written in 1963, Stone says, "I feel like the luckiest intellectual in America, able to get through these bad years speaking the piece, earning a living, sending the kids through college and acquiring an audience."

Stone is remembered for finding order in the chaos of Communist witch hunts in the McCarthy era and, later, in the Vietnam hoax.

He ignored the "pseudo-objectivity" of his competitors — the newspapers — claiming that they "said what the government expects them to see."

"I try," he wrote, "to transmit the joy of fighting even though the odds seem hopeless and the outcome impossible."

"When a country has as big a military machine as we do, it's bound to get into trouble," he said.

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instrument.

Araki, who taught at Keio University in Tokyo and is now residing in Seattle, is currently working on an experimental music program at the Beacon Hill Elementary School.

An acupuncture demonstration will be shown today at 1 p.m. in the Viking Union lounge, free of charge. The concert is 75 cents per person.

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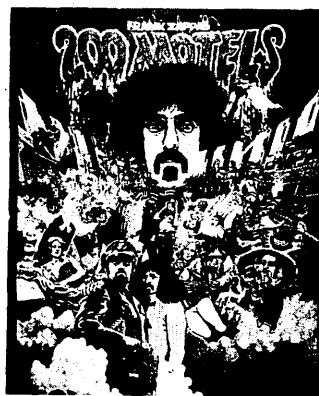
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## Weekly' shows of newsman

therapeutic, but is it politics?" "How do you have a revolution when four-fifths of the people are satisfied?"

Jerry Bruck, the young Canadian producer of "I. F. Stone's Weekly," is a subscriber to the newsletter. He wanted to make a movie about what the press could do because, "In 1970 it looked like the world was going to end."

The point of the movie, Bruck said, is "to show what one man could do, week after week, by reading public records," things that the entire staff of the New York Times missed.

When Bruck asked Stone to star in the documentary, Bruck noted, "Izzy thought I was crazy. 'Why would anyone want to make a movie about crummy paper?' he asked me."

Bruck shot the movie in "six or seven chaotic trips" from Montreal, Canada, to the United States.

With paint on the sleeve of his fly-issue parka, and a red-checked, plaid shirt, Bruck said the movie was financed by "rich liberals" and subscribers who loved Stone.

Now Bruck is in the process of developing a distribution system to help independent film makers, like himself, to market their work.

Stone was afraid to see the film, Bruck said, and wouldn't look at it before it was finished.

But he was delighted with the finished product, to Bruck's relief, and he went to the New York opening and gave a speech.

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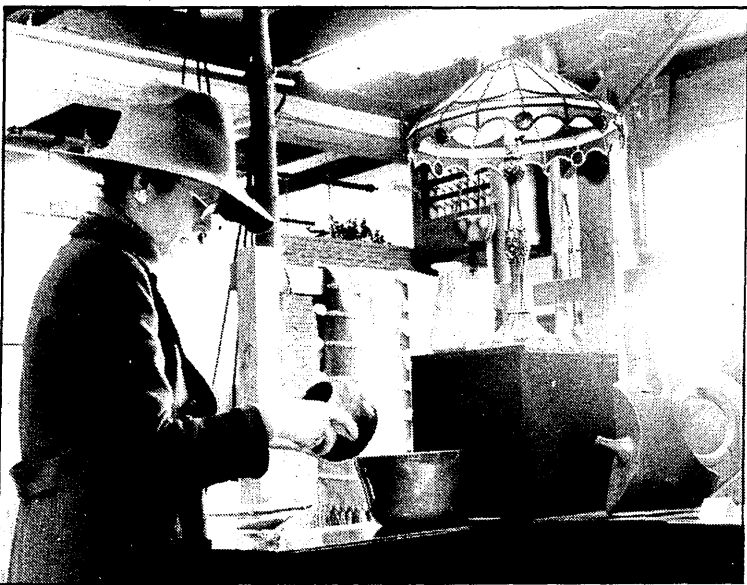
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SERIOUS BUSINESS GALLERY

## 'American Graffiti' makin' out, cruisin'

by PATT JOHNSON

After more than six months in Seattle, one of the finest films of 1973 is finally in Bellingham. "American Graffiti" is at the Viking II theatre.

Set in a small California town in 1962, the action all takes place the night before two friends, Steve and Curt (played by Ronny Howard and Richard Dreyfuss) are to leave for an unnamed college "back East."

After considerable emotional trauma, Steve decides to stay and (inevitably) marries his high school sweetheart. Curt, on the other hand, makes the break from the dead-end, nowhere way of life portrayed in the film.

"American Graffiti" will probably be remembered as a great period piece of the late 50s and early 60s. Every stereotype of the time is convincingly placed throughout the film.

Besides Howard and Dreyfuss as all-American boys winning scholarships, there are Candy Williams as the nice-girl cheerleader; Charlie Martin Smith as the ugly, creepy "sad sack;" Candy Clark as a dumb blonde; Paul Le Mat as an aging drag racer; Bo Hopkins and his goons as the greaser bad guys; and Wolfman Jack in a small, but important role as the disc jockey whose banter on the ever present blaring car radios helps tie everything together.

Director George Lucas has produced an amazingly convincing work. The feeling of a warm, muggy summer night in a somewhat smothering atmosphere is very strong. It is very easy to feel like you're there.

The finest single piece of acting was done by Paul Le Mat as John Milner. Milner is a hotshot racer whose interest in cars led him to stay in town and open a little garage. But now he's a legend of sorts and younger hotshots are frequently trying to beat him and strip him of the only thing he has — his reputation as the owner of the "hottest car in the valley."

He acts tough, but he seems to regard everyone with a compassion he hopes won't show. He helps the latest hotshot who cracks up his car while trying to destroy him and even grudgingly cruises town with someone's ridiculous little sister.

When he tries in his own way to convince Curt to leave, he (Le Mat) demonstrates superb acting ability, unmatched by anyone else in

the film.

As the advertisements have been saying, it was the time of "making out and cruisin'," but Lucas shows that it wasn't all good.

## Variety at SB gallery

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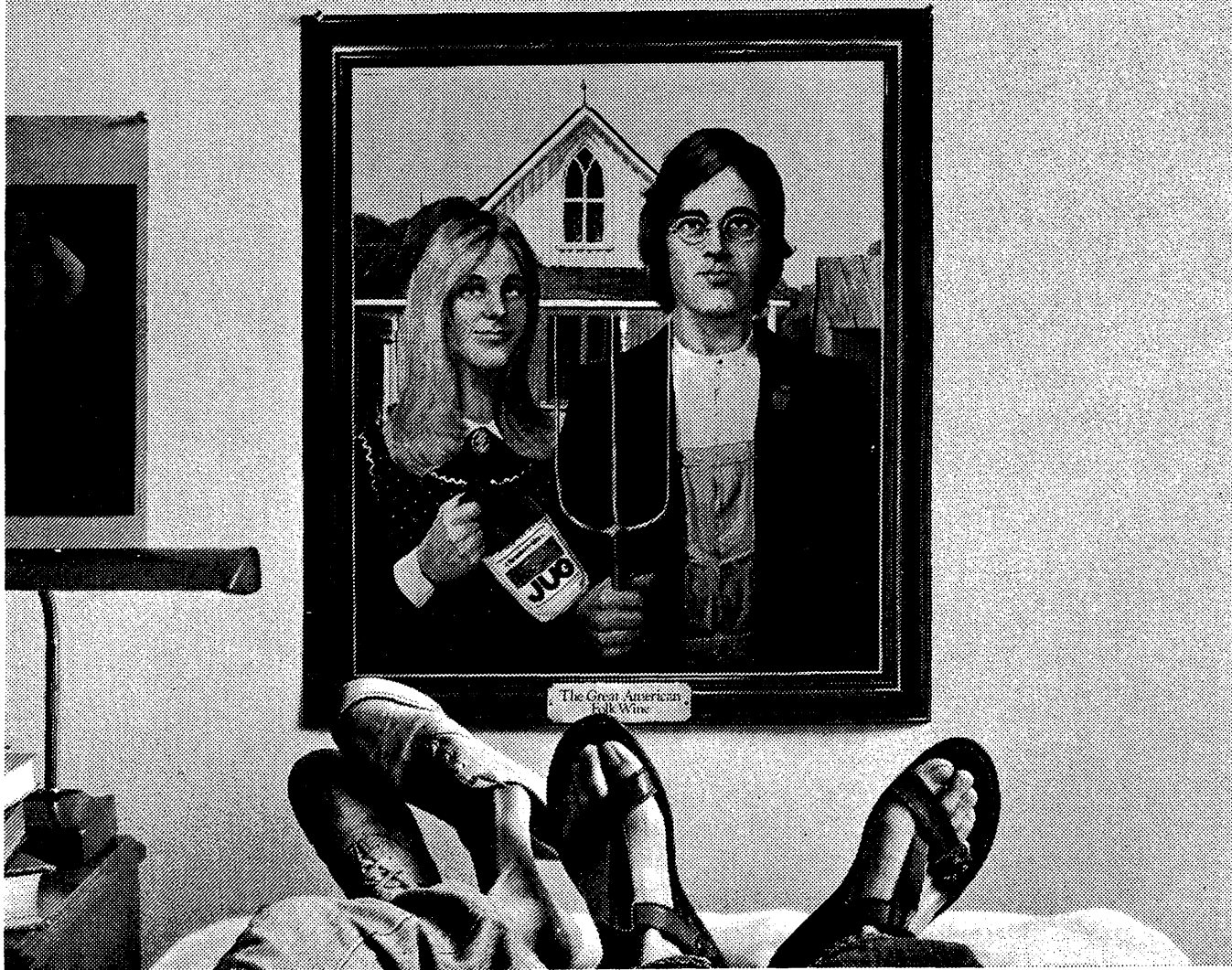
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# Research program assesses Western students' needs

"We must program according to the needs of the students if the institution is to be a viable source of learning," Ray Romine, associate dean of students said.

Student Needs Assessment is a research program to study why students leave Western, why they stay and if their particular goals are being met.

"Our programs can become obsolete very quickly and we must continue to supply a curriculum that will meet the needs of the students. We must plug the gaps with progressive ideas," he added.

Last year there was a study done on why students leave Western and this year the program is researching why students stay.

There are also pilot programs concerning student's interests, he said.

One particular program currently being studied is a series of career guidance

seminars for the purpose of exploring job interview skills.

"We're trying to help people focus on opportunities available to them in this particular field," Romine stated.

Included in the organization of this pilot program are Lewis Lallas, placement director, Sonja Taylor, counselling center director, Jean Kruse, drug education program director, and Tim Douglas, AS director.

"Another area of concern to the Student Needs Assessment Program is the drug education program," Romine added.

The drug program has sponsored a series of workshops and seminars all designed to help people with "emotional" development.

"We're experimenting with programs to see if students are interested and it appears that many are, as evidenced by the attendance at these events," he commented.

One aspect of determining

student needs and interest is to test for it.

This takes the form of determining attendance or that of an attrition study. Both areas are concerned with surveying student needs.

"We experiment with the results and if they are successful we can build them into a program," he said.

Romine added that they are discovering their programs are only useful for a short period of time.

"This is further evidence that needs are in transition. We must recognize this. What is relevant today is obsolete tomorrow. We must program accordingly," he stated.

## New telephone service helps place job seekers

The Y.W.C.A. has recently began to organize a new referral service to help find jobs to which people are best suited.

This new organization, known as Hire Line because they operate mainly over the phone, was first attempted in January. But a lack of funds forced postponement until this month.

Hire Line grew out of a desire by many women and minority groups for new opportunities and variety in employment and because referral agencies don't have the time to seek out part-time or occasional employment.

Thus Hire Line is directed mainly for women and minorities over 18 years of age. But its director, Kathi Russell, pointed out that Hire Line is open for men as well.

Russell said that the service is not just for job referrals but also for people who want to upgrade their abilities. People with skills or talents such as

singing or typing can get help in improving.

Hire Line would like to obtain 300 applicants. So far Hire Line has placed 11 to 15 applicants in jobs.

The big things, according to Russell, is for people to realize that they have a talent. A person, for instance, who has a talent making pottery may be able to teach others.

Not only are job applicants wanted but volunteers are needed as well to keep Hire Line going. Volunteers are needed for office maintenance, job counseling, typing and handling telephones plus people who can promote Hire Line in Bellingham.

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Western's distinguished service professor Paul Woodring of the education faculty will speak at the banquet to be held June 13.

The banquet is normally a gathering of alumni who graduated over 50 years ago. This year, however, all alumni will be invited because the affair

will be held in conjunction with Western's 75th Anniversary.

Inge, Western's alumni officer, said that 100 alumni usually attend the function, but this year he expects more due to an estimated 600 alumni in town for the 75th anniversary celebration.

The Alumni Office has 19,000 graduates on record and estimates that another 25,000-30,000 have been "lost," Inge said.

The banquet is tentatively scheduled to be held in Viking Union 360.

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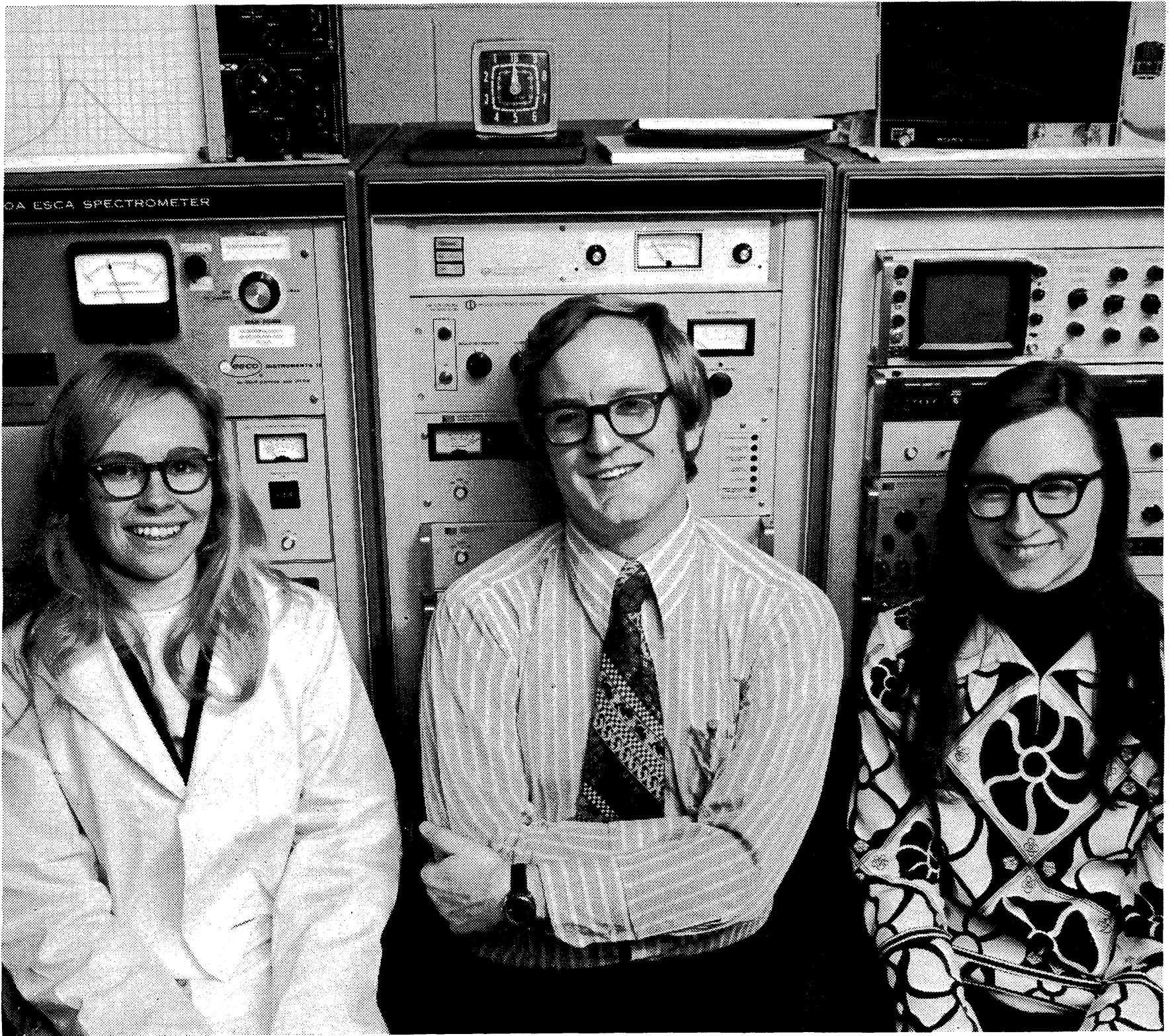
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# Ski-to-Sea relay May 19

Preparation for the second annual Ski-to-Sea relay race, scheduled for May 19, is now underway.

Franz Gabl, program organizer, said that teams will be competing for prizes and trophies totaling over \$2,000. He said you don't have to be an expert to enter.

The race involves team

competition with a skier, a bicyclist, and one or two in a canoe or kayak for the final leg of the race.

The race consists of a giant slalom ski race, approximately two miles in length, beginning from the top of Panorama Dome chairlift on Mt. Baker to the Day Lodge. A bicycle race 22 miles in length, starting at

the Chandelier Lodge near the town of Glacier and following the Mt. Baker highway westward to Nugents Corner Bridge on the Nooksack River. Also, a kayak or canoe race, 15 miles long, down the Nooksack River from Nugents Bridge to the Guide Meridian Bridge near the town of Lynden.

Fees for the race are \$2 per



person. Gabl said nearly 80 people have already entered. Entries will be limited to the

first 180 team applications received. Anyone contracted as a professional in any of the sports involved is not eligible.

The race, held in conjunction with Bellingham's Blossomtime Festival, will draw people from as far away as Maryland and Colorado, Gabl said.

Entry forms are available at Franz Gabl's Specialty Ski Shop, 1515 Cornwall Avenue, or the VU desk.

## Flora opposes areas of excellence concept

The "areas of excellence" concept of the Council on Higher Education's Roles and Missions Report would get "hit in the head" if College President Charles J. Flora had his way.

Under the first draft of the council's proposal, Washington's state colleges would each have its own specialized educational areas. Western's "areas of excellence" would be concentrated in physical sciences, engineering technologies, environmental studies and letters and social sciences.

Flora said he does not want to see fine arts programs deemphasized at Western. "We are first and foremost a liberal arts college," he said. "That's a rock; you build on that rock."

Another of Flora's objections to the Roles and Missions Report is that it would limit doctoral programs to the University of Washington and Washington State University.

He said some parts of the report are useful, notably its



CHARLES J. FLORA

regional aspects, which would make Western the center for environmental studies and Canadian-American relations. Western's geographic location makes it more suited for these programs than other state institutions, he said.

Public hearings dealing with the report were held last month at Washington's state colleges and universities. More hearings will be held before the final draft of the report is submitted to the 1975 state legislature.

## 'Festival of Lambs' fosters Christian gospel awareness

The aim of the Campus Christian Ministry's "Festival of Lambs" this week is to intellectually and spiritually let those attending "know what the Christian gospel is all about."

Coming festival highlights include: A Seder dinner in the Passover tradition Thursday, and a Good Friday service featuring the classic Pasolini film, "The Gospel of St. Matthew." Easter Sunday will

feature a midnight Catholic Mass, sunrise service on Sehome Hill, and a Lutheran Service at 11 a.m.

There will also be a series of tapes by Phillip Scharper on "The Theology of Liberation." These will follow the following morning breakfast and prayers. In addition, local ministers will lead a series of discussions each day at noon on the "Lamb" theme in the Biblical record.

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# Tracksters hope for SPC victory

The Western track team will be looking for its first win of the season when it takes on the Seattle Pacific College Falcons tomorrow at West Seattle Stadium.

The two teams met earlier this season at the Salzman Relays in Tacoma, with the Falcons finishing in a tie for second place and Western fourth.

Western will be at less than full strength according to coach Ralph Vernacchia. Sprinter Carlos Warren is coming off a hamstring injury and will see action in only the 440 relay.

Jim Magee is coming off a similar injury and will see action in only the 100 and

200-yard dashes and the 440-yard relay. Defending Evergreen Conference long and triple jump champion John White will be restricted to the long jump because of a jammed knee.

Despite the injuries, Vernacchia feels the team will "give them a fair run." He added that the Falcons would have to be favored to win the meet.

The Vikings will do most of their scoring in the javelin, long jump, triple jump and hurdles according to Vernacchia. The Vikings will have to have a strong performance in the distance events to keep pace with the Falcons.



**RECORD HOLDER** — Senior, Mike Vorce will compete against SPC Saturday at West Seattle Stadium. —photo by Gary Johnson

# Highline stops women

Lack of experience cost the women's tennis team its first match against Highline Community College Wednesday.

Wendy Harper, first singles, beat Liz Bono 6-0, 6-3 while the rest of Western's singles players, Chris Anderson, Lenore Kalapus and Debbie Pritchard were downed. Harper and Anderson also took the first doubles contest 3-6, 6-4, 7-6.

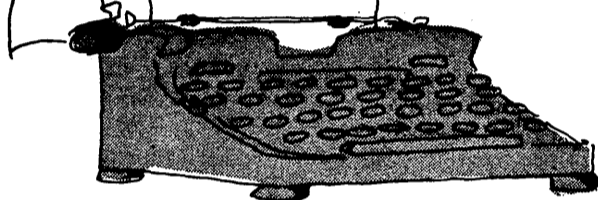
# Men's tennis

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## Long, Aitken support department split

by DENNIS RITCHIE

Both physical education department chairman Margaret Aitken and athletic director Boyde Long have praised the recent change in which Long answers to the dean of students rather than Aitken but there appears to be a big difference

why they like it.

In separate interviews Aitken emphasized a separation

between the P.E. department and the athletic program and said that it will bring a new definition of the responsibility

of faculty members involved in both.

Long, on the other hand, simply said, "All this means is that I no longer answer to Aitken in all matters pertaining to athletics."

Long said that there is no real separation. He explained, "Teaching and coaching are still very closely tied together. I really don't see any sharp definition of the amount of time spent for coaching and the time spent for teaching."

Long and Aitken have been involved in several public splits of opinion in recent years concerning personnel matters in the department. Long de-emphasized the differences saying, "Those disagreements were on personnel matters in the department which will still be up to the discretion of the department chairperson."

Both Long and Aitken agreed that they feel there will be no great change in the athletic program under the change.

## Soccer club wins match

Western's Soccer Club went north to Canada to defeat the Aldergrove Dons of British Columbia 3 to 1 last Sunday.

Hector Perazo of Western said, "Our team was better than ever with 14 players and we had two people from England, two from Persia, and one from Saudi Arabia playing."

Western now has a 7 and 3 record, with the next game being played May 5. No games for the "anarchist" soccer club, so-named because of its no-coach policy, are planned before the Aldergrove Dons rematch.

## Field condition delays softball

Grass re-seeding of the athletic fields has postponed indefinitely the start of the intramural men's, women's and co-rec slow-pitch softball league.

Men's and co-rec volleyball games are scheduled to begin April 15. The women's league was held in the fall.

An intramural track meet for both men and women will be held later in the spring.



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# Cinderwomen seek first victory at UW

by CAROLYN PRICE

Abundant talent centered around the quarter mile run and javelin could give the women's track team the depth it needs to open its season tomorrow at the University of Washington Invitational Meet. "More runners turned out for the quarter mile (440 yards) and it turned out that it is one of our stronger events," explained Asst. Coach Bruce Blizard. "There's a lot of talent here."

Blizard cited Ronda Miner, junior transfer from Yakima Valley College, as Western's top 440 runner with an early season clocking of 58.3 seconds. "Ronda is also very strong in the 880 and mile," added Blizard.

Sherry Stripling, javelin; Sue Stange, high jump, medley relay; and Marilyn Powell, medley relay are all returnees from last year's team which placed seventh in the nation. Stripling's toss of 143'8" in that meet ranked her third place nationally.

"It's still early in the season and Sherry is throwing the javelin well over 140 feet," said Coach Alta Hansen. "Her high finishes should really give the team the added depth they need to be top contenders."

Not to be forgotten are the sprints where freshman Jackie Green is expected to be a threat. Two years ago she placed first in the metro league in both the 100 and 220 yard dashes.

"The medley relay team that went to national's last year lost two of its runners," said Hansen. "But the way things

look now, this year's team will be as good or maybe even better."

Covering the mile and two mile events are returnee Diane Dodson, Nancy Baer, Kathie Dickinson and Vicki Saimons.

Quarter milers that are potential candidates for the relay are Stange, Miner, Powell, Dianne Graaff, Melissa Barnum, Lori Wallace and Darlene Lake.

Sue Rivord is the lone shot put and discus thrower with Bethany Ryals at high jump and Jo Ann Hill and Beth Barrett also throwing the javelin.

Hansen believes the team has a lot of potential and may be the strongest in the district. "Five people were sent to nationals last year and this year I think we can qualify as many or more," she said.

Tomorrow's meet will include teams from Washington State, Central, Eastern, Yakima Valley College, Whitworth and Flathead Valley Community College, who in the past have always had a strong team.

# Crew regatta tomorrow

by O. K. JOHNSON

In getting back with school spirit, College President Charles J. Flora will christen the Western crew teams' new super-seater shell, "The Spirit of Bellingham," tomorrow noon at the Western Invitational Regatta on Lake Samish.

The regatta, starting at 10 a.m., is the big event of the year for coach Bob Diehl's charges. The Vikings will be rowing against some of the top Pacific coast schools which include the University of Washington, Oregon State University and the University of Oregon.

This year's regatta is more prestigious than last year's, according to crew team members. Last year the University of Washington sent half its crew to Western and half to Oregon. This year, the Huskies are coming full strength.

The Huskies will be out for revenge. Last year Western shocked the Seattle crew by edging out

their second boat at the finish line.

Western also pinned the Huskies varsity four boat with two losses last season. The Vikings are not racing four man shells this year, concentrating on the eights instead.

"We're going to have our hands full on Saturday," Diehl said. We're just going to have to shoot for second."

The Vikings will be racing a new shell tomorrow, an extremely lightweight eight-man shell that will be christened by Flora "The Spirit of Bellingham." The shell was bought for the team by members of the community and was designed by George Pocock.

The regatta will also feature an open singles race, highlighted by Mike Cullins, the defending Canadian National Champion and Mike Graham, the Western Springs Champion.

Also featured will be a special coxswains race.



STANDOFF — Jack Davis and Steve Stanford practice as they prepare for the Montlake Dump and Mudball Tournament to be held this week in Seattle. —photo by Moises Hernandez.

## Mudball hosts ruggers

Mud, garbage, and sweat will abound this weekend in Seattle as Western's Rugby Club squishes its way through the Montlake Dump and Mudball Tournament.

The ruggers are looking forward to placing high in the two-day tournament where they took fourth last year.

Western's first action will be

at 9:15 a.m. tomorrow against Ex-Britanica, a first division Canadian team from the Vancouver Rugby Union.

Thirty-two teams from Canada and the United States will be competing on the former dump site near the University of Washington intramural building.

## Rain may washout baseball action

Western's baseball team is scheduled to play Central today at Civic Stadium—maybe. A decision was to be made this morning on whether the game should be played here or at Central, due to the rain factor.

Central comes into the three game series with a 0-0 Evergreen Conference record. The Wildcats, as a team, are batting .263. They're led by Ty Gorton who has a batting average of .447 along with 10 stolen bases. Their pitching depends on Jim Clem with a 2-0 record. He has a 2.37 ERA. They have an excellent reliever in Casey Fergolis with a 1.35 ERA.

The Viks come into the series with a 0-3 conference record and 1-5 overall. Team batting average is a poor .156. John McDonald, a pitcher, leads the team with a .500 batting


average. He's hit four-for-eight. The games, should they be played here, will start Friday at 2:30 p.m., while the doubleheader will start Saturday at 10 a.m.

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## Criminal investigator post cut

Officers from Campus Security are warning on-campus residents to take extra care in protecting their belongings. If something is stolen, they report, there is a decreasing chance that the victim will get the article back.

This hazard to personal security comes as the result of the suggested budget cuts of the Mitchell report of September 1973. In following the suggested cut backs, the security office has reduced their staff by five patrolmen and has eliminated the post of campus criminal investigator.

The latter cut has caused the most concern in the security office because of its possible effect in hampering investigative efficiency.

Previously, the criminal investigator, Chuck Page, was responsible for looking into any crime committed on campus. Through his work, a crime could not only be investigated, but the criminal could be tracked down and caught.

However, since his layoff in January all such on-campus crimes must be reported to the Bellingham police, where they are placed on a priority list for investigation.

Both the ex-investigative officer Page and security administrator Robert Peterson believe this new system of solving crimes will cause a decrease in efficiency.

"The Bellingham police would give us all the help they could," said Page, "but they don't have the time to give us close personal service. The crime downtown is increasing and they're kept very busy."

In an annual report from the city's police department, statistics show a total increase in reported criminal incidents of 359 between 1972 and 1973.

Add to this the fact that the city police is not as familiar with the Western campus as the security office is, and the problem is compounded.

According to Peterson, the forced layoff of Page comes at an especially bad time since the crime on campus is increasing as well.

Statistics provided by Page revealed that the reported criminal incidents on Western's campus

increased from 51 for the month of January, 1971, to 113 in the same month last year.

This increase comes even though the enrollment has decreased from 9169 to 9106 in the same period.

Page's job as criminal investigator has been eliminated but he remains on the security force as a lieutenant.

Under the work of Page, who has been investigating crimes at Western for the last two years, there was a 27 per cent return rate for stolen articles and a 75 per cent rate for lost-and-found articles.

Although no statistics were compiled, Peterson said this figure would most likely drop.

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The budget cuts have also reduced the size of security's foot patrol by five men. This cut has all but eliminated the "blue blazer" patrol, a group of students who patrolled the dorms, the area most prone to thefts.

Theft, Page explained, is by far the most common crime reported. The major portion of these are what he described as "walk-ins."

"This," he explained, "is where a person walks down the halls trying the doors. If he finds your door open he will walk in. If you're there he may say he's looking for someone. If you're not, there is a good chance you'll be robbed."

Another theft crime that is increasing is gas siphoning. This usually occurs early in the morning and is especially evident in the visitors' parking lot below Peterson's hospital, he said.

In Peterson's opinion, the Mitchell committee was hasty in making their budget cut suggestions to the security office.

"Crime didn't decrease," Peterson concluded, "it's still here. If anything we should have had our funds increased."

As for the future of the post of criminal investigator, Peterson said he will work in an effort to get the position back on the staff.

## Legislation to increase benefits for veterans

Legislation involving Western's Vietnam veterans will boost benefits this year.

Western's League of Collegiate Veterans received information from Senator Henry M. Jackson on a comprehensive educational benefit bill, an increase in monthly rates to 6.7 million veterans.

Lorraine McGaw, veteran coordinator for Western said the last increase of \$45 in benefits was in Sept. 1, 1972. During the period of the increase, some checks were recalled and confusion in payments was constant.

The proposed increase would allow more disabled veterans to take advantage of vocational rehabilitation programs and extend benefits for up to ten years after discharge.

Referring to past Veterans Administration mismanagement McGaw said, "it was difficult for people who depend on receiving checks on a particular day. However, an increase in benefits sounds good to me, but I couldn't begin to live on that amount."

Veteran Will Spence of the

Vets office says Whatcom County was successful in obtaining a veterans service center in Bellingham, establishing a Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund for extreme funding problems, and gaining the assistance of state and national representatives to intervene in behalf of veterans issues.

Spence said important bills are pending in Congress in April and urges veterans to contact his office in 226 Viking Union or contact the Veterans Service Office for information on Vietnam Veteran bonus expansion bills in the Washington Legislature.

Veterans Against the War have information on bills which provide for general and unconditional amnesty for Indochina war resisters. The movement for amnesty is growing and Western veterans have scheduled discussions and films on amnesty for May.

The Vietnam Veterans and Wounded Knee trials in VU 215.

## Legal aid office helps lower-income people

by CAROLYN HUGH

A woman who was denied admission to a Bellingham bricklayers' union apprenticeship program constitutes only one of 12 sex discrimination complaints handled by Northwest Legal Services since last June that have resulted in court action.

She and her counsel at Northwest Legal Services, a federally-funded legal aid office for low-income people, are now awaiting a hearing date before Seattle Federal District Court.

Northwest Legal Services' Judy Bush said that she and Teresa Williams, a University Year for Action volunteer, took the woman's complaint to court because they wanted faster action than they thought available through routine filings with the State Human Rights Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

Bush said the commission's successful handling (through employer-employer negotiations) of their first complaint gave her and Williams "false hopes." The commission, she said, actually takes much longer than its claimed 60 days to begin investigating complaints.

The EEOC, with a backlog of one or two years, isn't very efficient either.

The speediest complaint-investigators Williams said are at the Olympia office of the Wages and Hours Division of the U.S. Department of Labor. She said they usually begin investigations within 90 days, but they don't handle lawsuits.

A 1973 state law allows women to take their employers directly to court in sex discrimination cases.

"That law may be the least-used law in the state," Bush said. "I don't know of a lawyer in Bellingham who's handled a sex discrimination case. Of course, that doesn't mean that they can't learn."

"We're no experts, ourselves," Bush added. "Preparing the case of the bricklayer has become cluttered with complications. We have to prove that up to the time of the alleged discrimination, the employer was satisfied with his/her employee's performance."

It is a violation of federal law for an employer to be fired for complaining of discrimination, but Bush said she knows of one Bellingham instance of a firing two months after a complaint was made. The employer cited other reasons for the dismissal, however.

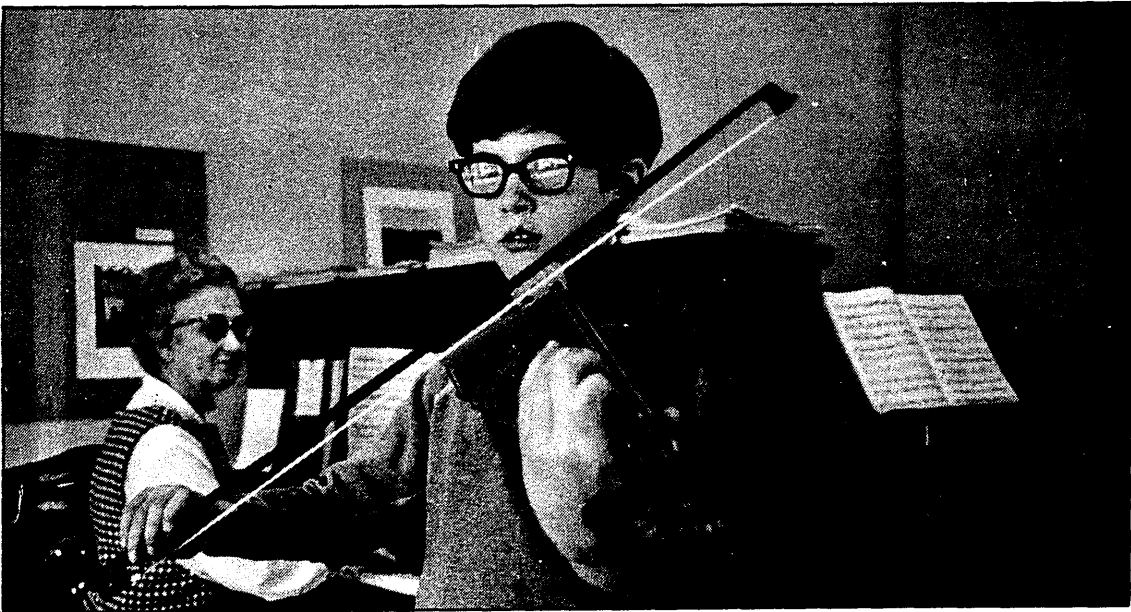
"It's scary to complain when your job is on the line," Bush said. "And all procedures for handling sex discrimination cases are so fraught with deadlines that you can't even begin to defend yourself without a lawyer."

"There's no immediate justice anywhere," she added. "It takes a long time for any case to come to court."

"Really good cases," according to Bush, are exemplary ones that affect many people.

"If women know their rights," she said, "they can organize to intimidate employers so that they don't dare discriminate."

The Northwest Legal Services office is located in the Clover Building on West Holly Street.



SUZUKI METHOD — Jeannette Scott instructs youngster "by ear." —photo by J. E. McCartney

## Suzuki teaches music by ear

by CONNIE TEDROW

Learning to play a musical instrument at the age of three is not as incredible as it may sound, if you're familiar with the Suzuki method of instruction.

Shinichi Suzuki originated the method in Japan about 30 years ago. It sprang from his philosophy that learning speech by ear could be applied to music by listening to the repeated note, observing the instructor, absorbing the experience and imitating.

Suzuki success is based on two important differences not stressed with the same emphasis in the traditional method of music instruction. First, the parents are required to attend classes with their child and are given basic instruction along with them. The parent then acts as the home instructor for the child. Secondly, the child is taught to listen to the musical notes, learning by ear and committing the sounds to memory.

Suzuki violin was brought to Bellingham in

1967 and is taught by Jeanette Scott. Jeanne Mertens began the Suzuki piano lessons here in 1970.

Scott first heard of the Suzuki method in 1958 when the mother of a student showed her a picture of a young Japanese child playing Bach's Double Concerto.

Later she attended a workshop given by John Kendall, the first American to go to Japan and learn the method from Suzuki. In 1964, Scott traveled to Japan to study the Suzuki method, becoming the third American to do so.

Mertens first became interested in Suzuki when she began playing the accompanying piano music for Suzuki violin students.

"They played beautiful music," she said, "while my own students were struggling to put everything I had taught them together. I knew there must be something there."

Mertens then visited a Suzuki piano instructor, brought back the music and began learning the technique in order to teach others.