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Rosenberg's son assails secrecy

GREG COHEN

The ghosts of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg continue to haunt the conscience of the U.S. government 27 years after their execution.

"The government conspired to wrap the entire case in secrecy just as it did to the Ellsberg case and Watergate and the Vietnam War," Michael Meeropol, Rosenberg's eldest son said here Thursday.

Meeropol spoke on behalf of the National Committee to Reopen the Rosenberg Case, which is exploiting the legal, legislative and political means for making public all files relating to the case.

Meeropol, 32, now a New England College professor, and his brother, Robert, 28, were children when their parents became the focal point of an international controversy.

The boys were adopted by the Meeropols after their parents were executed for allegedly giving U.S. atom bomb secrets to the Russians.

"Why does government need secrecy if we really are a democracy?" Meeropol asked. "We don't need a secret police force."

Meeropol charged that the trial judge, the government prosecutors and witnesses for the prosecution lied and "conspired criminally to frame my parents."

"The political issues which surrounded my parent's case 27 years ago relate politically today," Meeropol asserted. "The government is not interested in catching people (in political cases) but getting convictions."

He used the recent government cases against anti war activists and SLA members as examples of political cases where the prosecution used conspiracy as a charge.

"In an era of detente you don't frame spies, but blacks, the poor or native Americans," Meeropol said. "That today are the Rosenbergs."



Duff Wilson

MICHAEL MEEROPOL — Describes his battle with the government in which his parents, the Rosenbergs, were executed 27 years ago. Meeropol was on campus last Thursday.

Latest in announcements

Grads must fill the blanks

The newest thing in graduation announcements, more appropriately termed as graduation un-announcements, has arrived at Western.

According to George Elliott, Student Co-Op Bookstore manager, this year's graduation announcements do everything but tell the time and give a date of this year's commencement ex-

ercises. It is then up to the students to insert the proper information in the blanks provided.

The purpose of this system, in addition to lowering the cost per announcement, eliminates the problem of surplus un-announcements. Whatever isn't used this year can always be used in the future, Elliott said.

Athletes dismissed over beer and car mishap

RICK DONKER

Four members of Western's track team have been dismissed after an incident that involved alcohol and the use of a coach's car following a track meet held at Central Washington State College.

The members, Greg Wirtz, Doug Minkler, Bruce Phillips and Greg Phillips, had stopped off in Ellensburg following the meet and decided to buy some beer for the ride home, according to one source who wishes to remain unnamed.

They drank the beer in the coach's car, leaving the empties in the car when they reached Bellingham. The four team members were driving coach Ralph Vernacchia's car.

When Vernacchia found the beer in the car he felt that he had to dismiss the runners for the remainder of the track year.

"There was nothing I could do, my back was up against the wall. There was just no way I could condone such an action," Vernacchia said.

The coach expressed some regret over the action that he felt he "had to take."

The members who have been dismissed will not be able to participate in any other meets this year. However, this will not prevent them from performing in any other athletic event next year.

AS candidates in the running state views



JIM JOHNSON

I, Herald "Jim" Johnson, a candidate for president of the AS, am a member of The Real Party whose goals include mak-

ing the legislative body and the presidency an effective voice in behalf of Western students and not a rubber stamp.

I back the right of student administrative voice and to have students represented on the Board of Trustees. I also support the Women's Study Program, the minority programs and other special interest groups.

As for experience, mine includes the college academic standards committee, effective organizational work in the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) and the VVAW/WSO (Vietnam Veterans Against the War / Winter Soldier Organization). Also, I have previously worked

with legislators, community programs and as a college day-care board member.

I back the student's right to quality education with minimal cost or hassle. This means changes such as, more women professors without discrimination and helping to provide alternative programs like the one for vets who are forced to drop school due to late Veterans Administration checks.

I am an effective and experienced worker who seeks to represent you as the AS president.

Jim Johnson
presidential candidate



RICHARD CHESMORE

My main concern as AS president will be to support you — the student in any affairs that effect

students at Western. I will work to have a voting student on the Board of Trustees and the tenure committee — two areas that directly affect students.

As for Handel, I don't realistically think that it can be removed, but I will demand that students be consulted in the future. I support a larger return on resale of books to the bookstore. I totally support a tavern on campus. Draw a bud!

Richard Chesmore
Presidential Candidate

Presidential hopefuls give some new ideas



STEVEN FOX

Since I decided to run for president, my student life has changed. I have to sell myself to a lot of students. Selling is what an election is all about. I don't like selling myself.

My main concern is student apathy. Only 10 per cent voted in the last election. Most people are too busy making grades. Mine are going to hurt for the next week. The individual student can effect change is he's willing to

spend a little time and ask questions. The faculty, staff and administration are usually helpful

The AS Board is there to give the student some strength. A 10 per cent vote makes our government look like a joke. I want to make it serious and responsive to our needs.

I am currently a member of the Departmentally Related Budgeting Committee, and the College Services Council. I would like to do more to help. Be concerned. Please vote.

Steven Fox
Presidential Candidate



C. J. Flora
Presidential Candidate
No statement submitted



STEPHEN BARRETT

Student government must either change to become effective and meaningful or become nothing more than a weak organization with the only purpose of providing activities for students.

Only with leadership that knows the malfunctions of the current can the system be improved, but instead of electing candidates who have acquired

the experience necessary to improve student government, we've elected inexperienced candidates. They may make the same mistakes while they are trying to learn the ropes.

My proposals include:

—Establishing a standardized textbook adoption policy to save students' money on buybacks.

—Improving the recreation in tra mural program by hiring a full-time adviser.

—Implementing a student exchange program with other U.S. universities similar to the foreign exchange program.

My only promise is to work hard and do my best. Background: Associated Students board member, student caucus chairman, student senator, senate executive committee member, Western Front business manager.

STEPHEN BARRETT
Presidential Candidate

New veep candidates speak out on issues



KEN MARTIN

Free flowing student government requires response. Interaction between students, the administration, faculty and elected officials is essential. Only when a system of people-to-people feedback is constructed, can Western bridge this gap.

Ken Martin has the qualifications to help in the steps towards better understandings.

Working as a customer relation manager for a film rental business, he has direct experience in solving administrative problems.

Serving as senator at Green River Community College last year, he has direct experience in student government.

Majoring in visual communication education, he understands

the importance of relating to people.

Sharing new perspectives, he will be able to help student officials administer as well as respond.

The problems given to the vice presidency can best be met by a person with these qualifications.

Give your response, vote Ken Martin, AS vice president.

KEN MARTIN
Vice Presidential Candidate



SUE HIRCHERT

It is time for student government to have an active role in this college and not just be a rubber stamp. Right now, we must project student energies to constructive ends.

Issues change throughout the year and we need working student members that will do the job they were elected to do. We, the voters, must decide which people will best work for our needs and accomplish our goals. A change is necessary to keep student government alive.

Every student should be able to bring up a problem and get action taken on it by his representative. If elected, it will be my primary concern to see that the needs of the students are met.

It is time for the student body to be truly represented and that is the reason why I am running for this office.

Sue Hirschert
Vice Presidential Candidate

Elections--What are they?



RAYMOND BANKS

I think it is time the students elected somebody who is going to do things for them. I want to be vice president, because I think I can get things moving. I do not just want the title. I am determined to be more than just a name. I plan to act and have been showing my intentions by asking the students what they want:

1—Construction of a tennis practice wall.

2—A typing room with electric typewriters in the library.

3—More aggressive recruitment of minority students.

4—Having "our own tavern."

5—Having "Slow" print the AS forthcoming agenda and report the minutes.

6—Implementation of an Equal Opportunity Program for those students who would otherwise be barred from attending college.

7—Lower prices and discounts on textbooks.

8—Making more courses available more often throughout the academic year.

9 — Longer gym hours on weekends.

Raymond Banks
Vice Presidential Candidate

The number 13, usually associated with black cats and broken mirrors, is the number of positions up for grabs in tomorrow's Associated Students elections. For the victors, it may be a lucky charm.

Their duties are as follows:

President/Chairperson (three quarters, \$350 per quarter) acts as chairperson of the AS Board of Directors and represents the board as the executive manager of AS affairs.

Vice President/Vice Chairperson (three quarters, \$225 per quarter) is the Vice Chairperson of the AS Board of Directors and represents the board as the assistant of AS affairs.

The rest of the positions are unpaid.

Secretary Treasurer is a voting member of the AS Board of Directors, and is responsible for the preparation of their agenda and minutes.

Representative of Services Council and College Services Council (Position 4) is a voting member of the AS Board of Directors, the College Services Council and AS Services Council. He/She is a liaison between these service organizations and the AS Board.

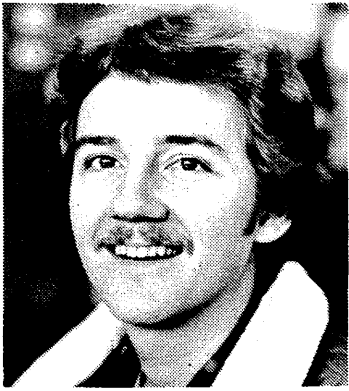
Representative of Activities Council (Position 5) is a voting member of the AS Board of Directors and is the AS Board

representative to the AS Activities Council. He/She is liaison between the AS Board and the Activities Council.

Representative of Facilities Council (Position 6) is a voting member of the AS Board of Directors, and is that board's representative to the AS Facilities Council. He/She is liaison between the AS Board and the Facilities Council.

In addition, seven student senators represent Western students on the All-College Senate. There are four at large positions, one graduate position, one Huxley College position and one Fairhaven College position open.

Candidates for secretary-treasurer positions 4, 5, 6



Steven Anderson
Secretary-Treasurer
No statement submitted

must start dealing with issues more effectively and efficiently.

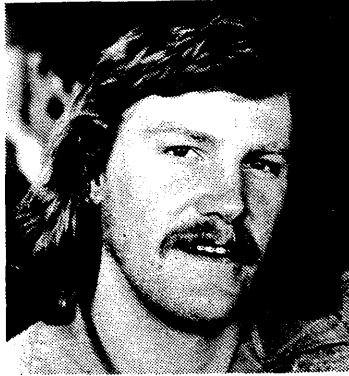
Bookstore buy-back policies, broader services and activities and new college policies such as plus-minus grading are examples of matters needing board attention. I am willing to deal with

As activities council representative to the board this year, I have tried to represent a wide variety of student interests and needs, such as funding for Wash-PIRG and the Viking II's trip to Detroit. I will continue to promote student activities next year if elected.

My qualifications include experience as Drug Information Office coordinator, chairperson and secretary of Services Council, position 5 on Activities Council and the board of Directors.

The election this year is important. Please vote on April 30 for an action-oriented AS Board of Directors.

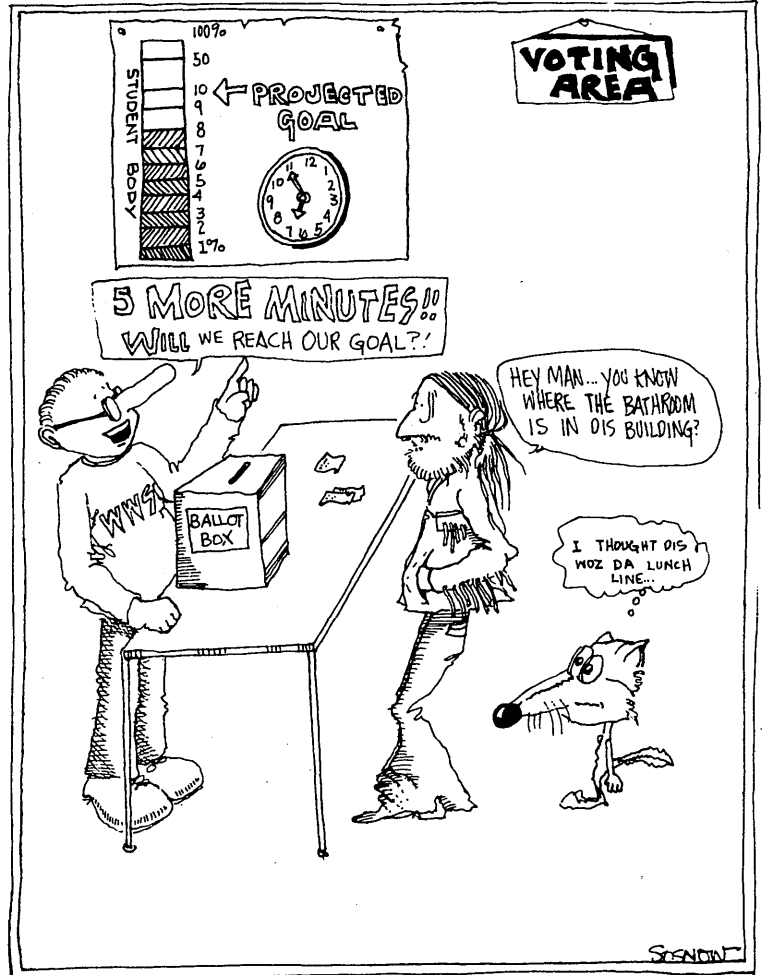
Marilee Fosbre
AS Board, Pos., 5



Kevin Brewer
AS Board, Pos. 6
No statement submitted



Robert Anderson
AS Board, Pos. 4
No statement submitted



MARILEE FOSBRE

It is time for action on the AS Board of Directors. The board

Homosexuality class offers all something

MARSHALL BROWN

SIT YOURSELF DOWN, open up your head, and it doesn't matter how you cross your legs. "What Gay People Do," a class taught by David Mason at Fairhaven College, probably has something to offer you.

Regardless of your sexuality, when you thoroughly explore a subject, as Mason puts it, "as sensitive as homosexuality," you are bound to know yourself at least a little better. For certain, too, you will learn a lot about a social minority that for centuries has been oppressed and, consequently, kept itself in the shadows and dimly lit bars of society.

"We are looking at the psychological roots and historical origins of the gay culture, as well as the contemporary social aspects," Mason said after a recent class session.

At that class he had read from Carl Whitman's "Gay Manifesto," and then opened it up for discussion. Among the 10 students seated casually around Mason's office were several gays and two senior citizens, one of them from Fairhaven's Bridge Project.

IT WAS A lively, diverse and informative discussion.

Due to the Manifesto's militant nature, comments were primarily concerned with current gay political activities. Job security, a major hassle for many gays, police harassment, and military discrimination are among problems gays hope to solve through political action.

Problems arising from the growing self-awareness within the gay community were also discussed. Mason, a gay, drew upon his own experiences in expanding the class' perception of such as "screaming nellies" and "closet queens."



Marshall Brown

GAY GUIDE — Fairhaven Professor David Mason, who is teaching a class on What Gay People Do.

Mason also makes use of art and literature, much of it classic, by gay artists and writers "trying to understand the society out of which they worked."

The class has viewed gay life in foreign cultures through the eyes of two of teacher's class guests, gays from the Far East and eastern Europe. A brief look into the gay "bar ghetto" scene was provided by a daytime trip to a gay tavern in Bellingham.

THERE THE CLASS had a candid conversation with one of the tavern's co-owners.

Asked about the class' value, one student, a "straight" woman, replied, "I've learned a lot. I get along much better with friends of mine who are gay. I can better understand their outlook and feeling now."

A male, non-gay, commented that he has come to feel "the whole homosexual thing is arbitrary. Sexuality is like a spectrum, and what difference does it make where (on that spectrum) someone is." Mason originated the class during winter term, and plans to continue it as long as there is interest.

For David Mason and those who take his class homosexuality is much less "sensitive," and it has taken a long step out of society's shadows.

Gays introduce civil rights act

DORTHANN CLOUD

An amendment to the 1964 Civil Rights Act, giving non-discrimination guarantees in employment and housing regardless of "affectional or sexual preference," has been introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives.

"This is the most important gay-rights legislation ever to be tested in Congress," David Mason of Fairhaven College faculty said. "I'm convinced its passage could remove much of the job related oppression that millions of people feel."

Leaders of the national Gay Task Force who are lobbying for the amendment (HR 166) in Congress say a major campaign to inform legislators of the sympathy and support for the resolution is urgently needed.

As of April 17, the resolution was in the House Judiciary Committee. It was introduced by Bella Abzug of New York.

Amateurs race Ski-to-Sea

DON GREGORY

Runners will be added to the roster of this year's Ski-to-Sea Marathon Race, to be held May 25.

They will be the final link in the race that starts at Mt. Baker and ends at Civic Field. The race is open to all amateur persons.

Teams can race in the canoe, kayak, veterans' and women's classes. Each team is made up of a skier, a canoeer or kayaker, a bicycle rider and the runner. Teams in each class with the

fastest combined times will be the winners.

Entries for the race will be accepted until May 17 unless the 150 entry limit has been reached before then.

The ski race will be a two-mile giant slalom. The boats will travel down the Nooksack River for about 12 miles. The bikes will go a distance of about 20 miles. Runners will cover close to six miles.

The boats will enter the river

at the U.S. Bridge on Highway 9 and end at the Everson bridge. The bikes will travel from Everson to the K-Mart Shopping Center, traveling over the E. Pole and Hannegan roads. Runners will travel from there to Civic Field by way of Orleans and Alabama streets and by Electric Avenue and Lakeway Drive.

For more information, contact the Bellingham Chamber of Commerce.

Another sculpture?

LIZ RUST

A five piece sculpture made of black painted steel has been approved by Western's Art Acquisition Committee. The work was offered on a long-term loan of five years by Virginia Wright.

The sculpture, created by Tony Smith, is called "Wandering Rocks."

To avoid another controversy as was created by the Mark Di Suvero sculpture, the committee would like to hear any objections now before the sculpture is installed. Objections should be

taken to Bill O'Neil, Tom Schlotterback or Larry Hanson.

The committee has recommended that the sculpture be placed between the Art and Technology Building and the Art Annex. Eventually this entire area will be landscaped.

The value of the sculpture is presently \$50,000. The price is destined to go up, committee member Norma Larson said.

The sculpture which presently waits in storage must now be approved by the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the College President and the Board of Trustees.

editorial

Fair proves to be burn out

If the 1975 Future's Fair is any indication of alternative energy practices, we'd all better grab an ax and head for the woods.

Things got off to a slow start on Thursday and proceeded at a snail's pace throughout the fair's duration. Energy, the fair's poorly chosen theme, was non-existent. The only visible signs of life were sparsely scattered workshops with meager attendance and empty, discarded coffee cups.

Even more depressing were the workshops themselves. Speakers addressed their audiences as if the methods used in alternative energy were well-known and commonly practiced. To an outsider, knowing nothing about solar energy, wind technology or any of the other topics discussed, the words fell uselessly by the wayside.

For those familiar with the methods it was a good way to share experiences and suggestions, but that in itself was sad. It's a case of the rich getting rich and the poor getting poorer, not with dollars but with knowledge. Those who wanted to learn should have been slowly nurtured and fed the basics rather than turned coldly away with unfathomable information.

The event was widely publicized and for

the most part, eagerly awaited. People came and "just as quickly" went; there was nothing there to hold their attention.

As for displays, the only one up and running was a solar energy heater. It stood outside Fairhaven's dorms, a lone spectacle without appropriate explanation, or literature explaining its function, design or use.

The information booth when found, was far from helpful. Information, when requested, was more of a guesstimate than help.

Question: "Where's the east dining room where solar energy is being discussed?"

Answer: "I think it's over that way," followed by a casually pointed finger.

The climax of the fair came Saturday afternoon when the windmill went up. Even this, however, was too late to draw much of a crowd or interest.

Last year, Fairhaven's energy fair was stimulating, thought provoking and entertaining. This year, the fair's failure came in the planning and preliminary ground work necessary to make a tentative plan successful.

If it is true that people learn from their mistakes, then next year's Futures Fair truly will be something to look forward to.

comment

Standardized texts a threat

We believe that standardizing text books is a form of creeping socialism.

How, you may ask? In many ways. Take the Student Co-Op Bookstore, for example. Free enterprise is stifled by having text books that the students are guaranteed to be able to sell books. How can the bookstore possibly be able to make \$44,000 net profit like they did last year with a policy like this?

A double loss will be suffered, because students will be borrowing and lending books from each other, severely crippling the capitalistic initiative of the bookstore.

This slur on democracy threatens mom, apple pie, baseball cards and even Jerry Ford.

Shocking, isn't it? But there's more. According to the April 22 issue, "a student could save \$20 per year if the policy is adopted."

And what will the average student do with an extra 20 bucks? Invest it? Donate it to charity? No!

When asked what he would do with an extra \$20 I.M. Stoner, a typical Western freshman, said, "buy more pot, I guess."

And the students will not suffer alone. Think of the poor professors, already hampered by the fear that their jobs may be gone any minute, now given the additional worry of choosing a text book they must live with all year.

What are the possible effects of all this? Better teaching? Money saved? Happier, richer, students?

No! Simply a weaker, sicker society. It's rotten enough with student numbers, computer tests, Saga food and number two pencils. Let's not add standardized texts.

Ann Carlson
Rick Donker
Western Front staff

frontlines

Got a question, hassle or complaint? Write it down and drop it in campus mail addressed to FRONTLINES c/o The Western Front. We'll do our best to supply you with an answer that means something.

ANN CARLSON

Don't the Fairhaven people need a building permit for their barn? How will I know whether it is safe to walk near it when the wind blows? And what about the windmills? S.J.

Harry Skinner of Facilities Development said the uniform building code came into effect the beginning of 1975. He said all projects "presently underway before that date are exempt."

The Fairhaven barn begun before the first of the year needs no permit, then, but if begun now, it would.

Skinner added that technically the windmills should have them, but he foresees no hassle from the city.

As for whether they're safe to walk near, probably so—campus architects have been working with Fairhaven students on the project.

However, I wouldn't go out of my way to walk by during a hurricane.

life on campus

JEFF BETTINSON

Chances for a massive turnout of blank-faced students at tomorrow's campus elections are about as good as the chance a 357 pound, baton-twirling midget has of becoming Miss America.

Student elections last fall persuaded a whopping 178 students into trampling their way to the polls. Last spring, 653 of Western's 7,727 students clubbed and bludgeoned each other for the chance to vote.

It has been predicted that the student-activist at Western will soon be placed alongside the whooping crane at Western as an endangered species.

A student named "Big Zero" (the zero doesn't stand for anything) has been declared the spokesperson for apathy at Western.

I stumbled upon "Big Zero" in Red Square reading about his hero, Rip Van Winkle.

"Hey man," Big Zero said, "That old boy was really laid back. He was really ripped. Maybe that's how he got his name."

"Yeah," I said. "I guess sleeping is one way of not doing anything."

"Hey man, don't knock sleeping. I sleep 14 to 16 hours a day myself."

"Are you going to be awake long enough to vote in the student elections tomorrow?" I asked.

"I really can't see how I'll manage to find the time. Sleeping and watching game shows on the tube keeps me busy," the Big Zero said and yawned.

"But aren't you concerned about the state trying to boost tuition and this place becoming overcrowded? Don't you think we need a strong student government to represent us?"

"Hey man," Big Zero said, "don't give me any of that stuff. I watched this commercial on the tube about Western, and it said this place is almost paradise. How can this place be in a financial mess if it can afford to run ads on the tube?"

"I guess this place really isn't overcrowded," I said.

"Of course it's not," Big Zero said. "Well, I better go to class since I'm awake."

"Where do you have to go?" I asked.

"I guess we are meeting today in a janitor's closet somewhere in the Tech building."

letters

Wife of historian sides with Western in Simmer's case

Editor, Western Front:

I would like to reply to the article in Tuesday's Front about Judy Simmer's discrimination suit. I am not familiar with the case against the honors program. However, where the history department is concerned:

When Simmer was hired, she was told the job was for one year only since she does not have a degree in history, and is, therefore, not qualified to teach history.

She was "replaced by a man" because the qualified woman who was first offered the job turned it down, and a man was the next best qualified person.

Rather than feeling there was discrimination on the part of the history department, the Human Rights Commission implied by withdrawing the complaint against history that discrimination was not present.

One more point. As a woman, I do not feel "that if a man and a woman are equally qualified the woman should be given first chance for the job." I would not like to be chosen for a job because I am a woman. All I want is equal consideration based on my competence.

Susan Blondell Kaplan
Math major and wife of historian

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Sculpture runs on air

STEVE GALBRAITH

Fairhaven's Outback has a steel sculpture that rotates more than 150 rmps (revolutions per minute), puts out more than 1,000 watts of electricity — enough to light a barn — and runs on air.

The towering 30-foot monolith is Outback's latest creation — a wind generator.

On a sloping ridge north of Buchanan Towers, the 25-mile-per-hour dynamo was officially inaugurated Saturday at the second annual Futures Fair.

Built with a horizontal axis, the generator has a three-blade propeller 12 inches in diameter capable of producing a maximum speed of 25 miles-per-hour with a maximum output of 1,080 watts.

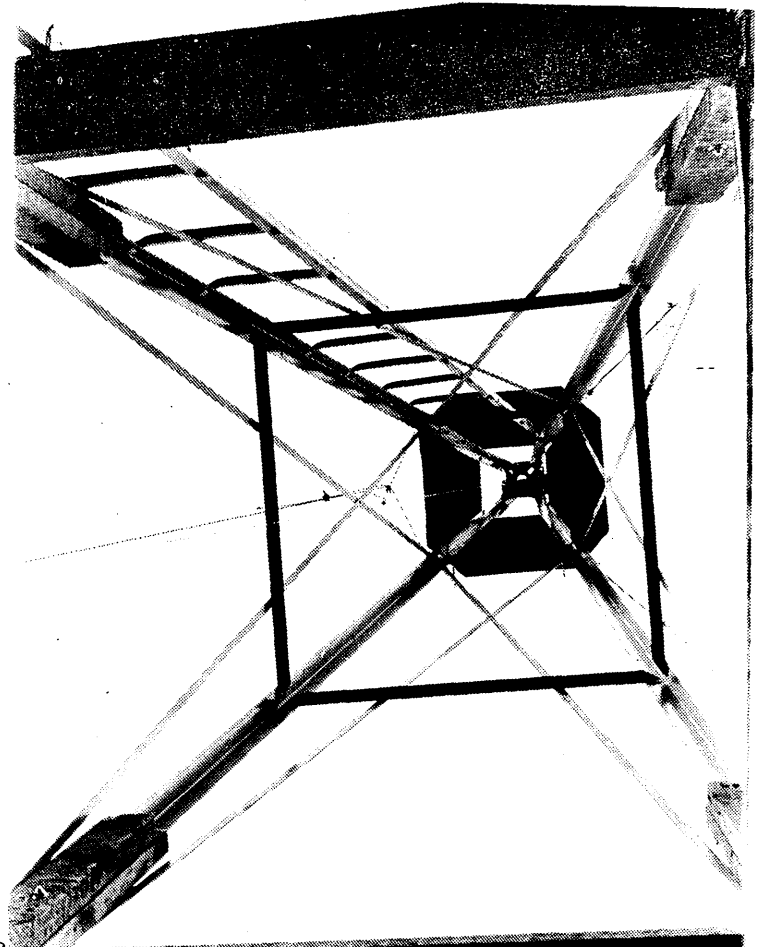
Loosely constructed from two automobile axles and other scrap auto parts, the dual alternator (electric generator for producing alternating current) was built at a cost of \$200 by Mike Jordan, an Outback student who started work on the generator last October.

The unit was designed from a manual entitled "Simplified Wind Power Systems for Experimenters," written by southern California aeronautics engineer Jack Parks. Parks, whose Helios Corporation designs wind generators, headed a windpower workshop at the Futures Fair.

Jordan said his main motive for building the generator was to see if he could build one cheaper than the standard \$800 retail kit.

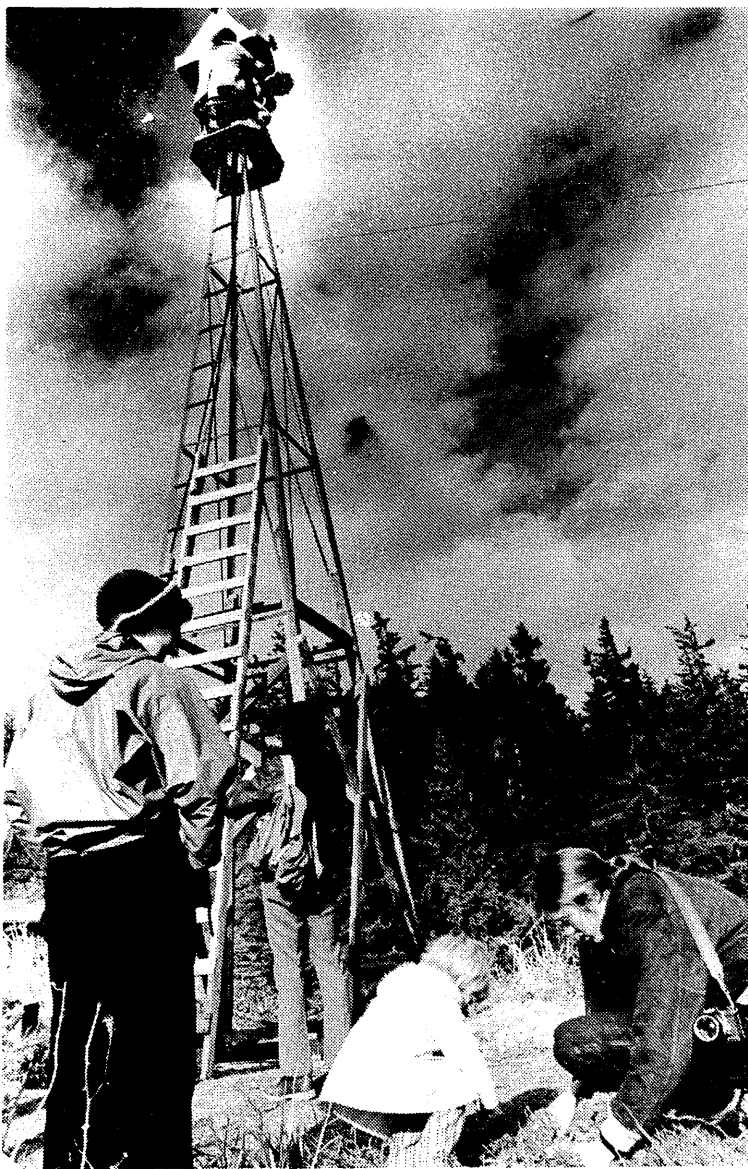
Outback plans to use the generator to supply lighting for a barn it is rebuilding. Later, the generator may be used for heating and tool-operation.

Jordan declined to comment on the future of alternative energy systems. "I only design wind-mills," he said.



Duff Wilson

SKIES THE LIMIT — Above, a view from directly beneath the wind generator, which, although late coming up, proved to be a highlight of the fair. Below, Outback student Mike Jordan works on part of the wind generator, which he designed. The generator is technically called a "dual alternator sail-wind."



Tore Ofness

PACIFIST QUIXOTES — Fairhaven students put finishing touches on windmill generator located in the college's Outback area.

frontscope Futures Fair

"Steps Toward Energy Without Waste" was the theme of the Second Annual Futures Fair, presented by the Outback Project, Huxley, and the AS Program Commission. Despite poor weather and attendance, the show did go on, with panel discussions, workshops, displays and multi-media presentations.



Randy Green

GOALS FOR BELLINGHAM PANEL — Opening Fairhaven's second annual Futures Fair, a Goals for Bellingham meeting heard and discussed comments from the audience.

Concern is state of future

NANCY AUST

"We can't be doing our own thing anymore, because it has an impact on everyone else and their environment," city council member George Drake said in a Goals for Bellingham meeting that opened the Second Annual Futures Fair on Thursday.

Drake, a faculty member here, discussed citizen participation, changing problems in society and the need for evaluation of our existing systems.

As a society, Drake said, we must begin to concern ourselves with the future state. Citizen participation is necessary in re-evaluating problems and answers. "There are always more

problems than resources," he said.

Drake stressed two forms of citizen participation: resource mobilization and political mobilization.

Resource mobilization consists of recruited help and is the "nicest and safest resource," Drake said.

One of the functions of political mobilization is the process of reevaluating systems presently existing within society, Drake said.

He suggested these various processes, "if necessary for a democratic society," be backed by money and resources, with "maximum citizen participation."

Drake said he would also like to see the Civic Partnership Office funded properly. "I'd like to suggest that we've got to work toward a system for recruitment and selection of citizens in government."

Another part of preparing for the future that demands citizen participation is the evaluation of systems. "They're obsolete the day we set them up because things are always changing," Drake said.

He said systems "haven't had a good look taken at them for a long time."

In addition to Drake's speech, a media program was given by Goals for Bellingham.



Duff Wilson



Randy Green

GOALS FOR BELLINGHAM — George Drake, background, and Larry Graser lead the presentation of the first event of the Futures Fair. All of Thursday's events were geared towards the community.



Dan Lamont

BACK TO BASICS — Ryan Drum expounds on his non-electrical philosophy of life.

Ryan lives the other way

CAROLYN CRAIG

RYAN DRUM SIFTED himself through the small crowd in Fairhaven's Outback Center, carrying a hoe and a packet of plum seeds, switching off lights as he went. Seemingly satisfied, he plopped himself cross-legged on the floor.

"The human race cannot exist without electricity — right? The human race has never existed without electricity — right?" he asked.

"Wrong," he answered.

"We have not evolved in the last hundred Edison-cursed years," Drum said. "We're committing a highly-tuned protracted suicide by buzzing ourselves to death."

He said man, with his multitudes of electronic gadgetry, has created a high background static in the atmosphere which, in effect, short circuits the electromagnetic thought processes of the brain.

"You can't trust your own mind anymore," he said. "There's too much static interference."

Drum said he's teaching at Fairhaven so he can eventually buy himself some land somewhere and get away from all that electronic noise.

"I'm buying myself a ticket to be a savage," he said.

HE SEEMS TO be getting pretty close. He grows everything he eats. He feeds his rabbits dandelions, his chickens rabbit guts and his gardens chicken bones. He stuffs his down clothing with chicken feathers, and uses candles for light.

But he hasn't escaped entirely. He uses electricity to take a bath

"It's hard to be a savage in the city," he said.

They have lost the energy to do anything but sit around and absorb television's "phony reality" he said. Their bodies are exhausted from trying to extract a meaningful existence from the "junk food" they eat.

"Dandelions have more nutritional value than anything you can buy at Albertson's," he said. "And most people will pay you to come and pull them out of their gardens."

He thought about what he'd said for a minute, and then started chuckling. He did this several times, punctuating the waterfall of words which seemed to pour straight from his brain. Nobody knew whether he was laughing at himself or at the audience or at homo sapiens in general.

Whatever it was, it must have been pretty funny.



Duff Wilson

HERE COMES THE SUN — The heating panel of a solar-powered water heater is given an extra layer of protection. The device raised the temperature of part the water up 20 degrees on Saturday, with clouds in the sky and a chill in the air. The solar-powered water heater was built last summer for the King County Fair and appeared at the Second Annual Futures Fair.

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SOLAR/ENERGY WORKSHOP — One of four Saturday workshops concentrated on the area of solar energy. In addition to discussion on the use of the sun as an alternative power source, a slide show was presented. Other Saturday workshops covered the areas of water, methane and wind as alternative energy sources.

Energy workshop all wet

SUKI DARDARIAN

Although gears were turning rather slowly Saturday at the Futures Fair, about 20 people gathered to discuss small scale hydro-electric power systems at the water workshop.

Bob Ness, coordinator of the afternoon workshop explained that different types of energy sources are applicable to different areas. In this area, he said, we have more of an advantage in using water as an energy source, because we're "blessed with a lot of water."

Different types of water turbines and the methods in which energy is extracted from water were described. The most popular type of turbine discussed was the Pelton water wheel, which Ness called the best low-cost do-it-yourself turbine.

One workshop participant, anxious to discover more about the Pelton water wheel for her personal use, was warned by Ness not to jump into things so quickly.

"In considering any kind of energy source, you must become familiar with the land first, to avoid making costly mistakes," he said.

Most of the workshop discussion centered around considering a site for water-powered energy sources and the procedures necessary in their construction.

Ness, who is with the Outback Program, is beginning to develop an experimental site for a small scale hydro-electric energy source with the Institute of Alternative Futures, of which he is president.



Duff Wilson

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Calculator boom hard to figure

GRANT RANLETT

Slide rules are becoming a thing of the past. In 1973, the Student Co-Op Bookstore sold 500 slide rules, according to George Elliott, bookstore manager. Calculator sales this year equal \$86,000, Elliott said.

Most calculators are sold to physics, math and chemistry students, Elliott said. Many people buy them just to figure simple problems such as grocery costs and gas mileage.

Calculators come in a wide

range of prices. The bookstore's least expensive model is \$29.95. The most expensive costs \$795. Texas Instruments and Hewlett-Packard are the best selling calculators, Elliott said.

Despite their popularity, calculators are the subject of controversy. Some students consider the pocket calculator an invaluable time-saver, while others think the machine is a hindrance. Certain professors

here believe students rely too much on calculators rather than on their own thinking processes. "You can do without a calculator, but with one you can do so much more," science major Kevin Kelley said. "The calculator, however, doesn't help you understand the problem."

"If you don't understand the math problem you're working on, a calculator can actually confuse

you," VICOED major Maureen Faires said.

"The use of a calculator doesn't really help, but actually hinders," physics department chairman Louis Barrett said.

Donald Sprague of the physics department said the use of calculators is unfair to the rest of the class who did not own them. The use of calculators has caused no obvious improvement in grades, he said.

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Minority student's needs examined

A Needs Assessment Workshop for Minority Students will be held Monday, May 5 from 6:30 to 10:30 pm. in Viking Union 361. Representatives from the faculty, the administration and the student body will attend. The workshop's purpose is to determine the needs of minority students that are not being met by the college. Among topics to be discussed are: student-personnel services, faculty-student interaction, general college environment and minority recruitment programs.

Defense workshops accent respect

Women, trained to be submissive, are often the victims of assault and rape. The Feminist Karate Union of Seattle will then instruct basic techniques of self-defense. Participants will try out assertive physical action and experience, the first step toward changing submissive reflexes. Pre-registration is required for the workshops since class size is limited. Registration tables are located in the VU plaza and the Women's Commission office VU 215. For more information call 676-3460.

Foreign studies to have open house

Arthur S. Kimmel will conduct a Foreign Study Open House today from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and tomorrow from 1 to 3 p.m. The meeting will be held in Miller Hall 350 and 350A. This meeting will be informal and is intended for students interested in studying in Mexico, Canada, France or England. Kimmel will show slides of France and Mexico at the meetings. Kimmel taught in Avignon, France, in fall 1973. Brian Copenhaver who will teach in Avignon this fall will be on hand to advise students. For more information contact the Foreign Study Office in Miller Hall 353. It is open from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from noon to 2 p.m. daily.

'Jeopardy' writers win awards

The winners of this year's "Jeopardy" creative writing awards are Kathryn Cristman for poetry and Pegeen White for fiction. This year's competition was judged by Galway Kinnel, author, and David Wagoner, editor of Poetry Northwest. The winning works will appear in "Jeopardy," which will come out in early May.

Front places in state contest

The fall quarter Western Front, edited by Dennis Ritchie, tied for third place in a college newspaper contest Saturday in Seattle. The annual statewide competition, sponsored by SDX, the society for professional journalists, was won by the Seattle Pacific College Falcon.

events

TODAY

Pi Sigma Delta, the national political science honorary society, will meet in the Political Science lounge on the fourth floor of Arntzen Hall, 3 p.m.

Jacob Dweck, Director of the Israel Aliyah Immigration Center in San Francisco, speaks on living, working and studying in Israel, Miller Hall 104, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Film - "Paths of Glory,"

shows at Fairhaven Auditorium, 6:30 and 9 p.m., 50 cents.

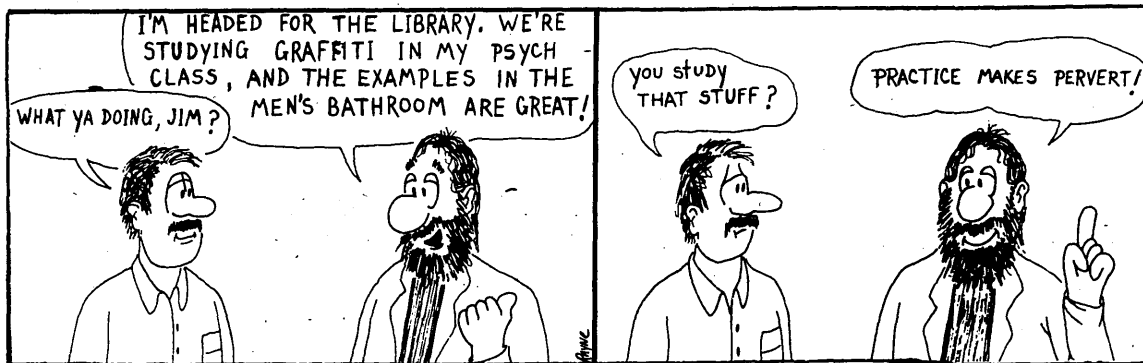
Women's Commission meetings every Wednesday at 3:30. Viking Union 360.

THURSDAY

Film - "The Girls," shows in Music Auditorium, 6:30 and 9 p.m., 75 cents.

Rick Anderson, P-I columnist, speaks in Lecture Hall 3, 9-11 a.m., free.

Last day to withdraw with half refund.



Life in the plaza

Vendors enjoy freedom

GEORGE McQUADE

Students passing the bookstore going to the coffee shop in the Viking Union are often absorbed by such pitches as: "Hi, wouldn't you like to buy something nice for yourself?" a tall, slender jeweler dressed in a thick, hand-knitted sweater and matching beanie cap, asks. "Ladies and gentlemen, I am about to perform one of the most daring religious acts of them all . . . eating fire!" a barefooted, short young man wearing soiled overalls with his thick, blond, heir in a ponytail, proclaims. The Viking Union plaza shelters familiar faces of people who are independently making it for themselves. Most do have the choice of doing something else. A common and classical feeling of the following people who aren't

making a whole lot of money at what they are doing are enjoying the feeling of being free.

Don Eisenberg, 23, a tall, slim man with a slightly crouched posture, has been selling jewelry at Western and other schools for nearly four years. His girlfriend got him interested in making and selling candles. Then, he went on to selling Mexican sandals he received from friends. Now he sells jewelry and is doing fine he says.

"I'm a vegetarian, and I eat on the road most of the time," he said. "When I travel, I stop at various taco places to eat. At home my diet consists of mostly rice and soybeans. I eat Miso, soybeans paste fermented and Tofu, soy beans cured with cheese," Eisenberg said.

He tries to keep his price

range affordable for students. He had to restart his business this year after his jewelry was stolen when his car was towed away from an accident.

"I get ripped off all the time," he said. "People ask during the day which is the most expensive ring and come by later and rip me off. I smell the thieves before they come. Sometimes they will buy while stealing my jewelry."

"When I used to sell my merchandise at Seattle's Pike Street Market, people would work in pairs and rip me off. I have wised up since then," Eisenberg said.

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sports

Racquet team blasts SFU

Simon Fraser's tennis team wasn't much of a match for Western as the Viks came up with a 9-0 shutout victory last Saturday to boost Western's season record to 7-1.

"We expected to win the match as it was and I think we came through with much team cooperation," said Viking Jim Cannon, who played both singles and doubles in the Simon Fraser match.

Western's John Riley said he thought the results of the match were a "definite step to the championships."

Several of Western's top players did not compete to give other Vik players an opportunity to

perform because of an assured victory.

Don Miner, Viking's second singles against Simon Fraser said, "They were a weaker team of course, but some of our players were able to get in some good experience."

Victorious Viking singles competitors were: Gary Stansifer, Bob Watford, John Riley, Don Miner, Mark Davis and Jim Cannon. Doubles winners for Western were: Miner-Davis, Watford-George Nations, and Cannon-Riley.

Western's next match will be on home courts against Pacific Lutheran University Thursday.

Viks third in golf

On the rain swept Sudden Valley Golf Course, the Oregon State Beavers maintained their first round lead and floated to an eight stroke victory in the university division of the WWSC Invitational Golf Tournament.

Medalist honors, awarded to the top golfer in either division, were won by Dave Molitor of Oregon State and Jim Zimmerman of Eastern, tied with par 143.

One UBC golfer who wished to remain anonymous, said of the OSU victory, "They're used to playing in these conditions, and I'll bet he (Dave Molitor) could probably beat half the golfers here putting with his umbrella-handle."

Following Western in the college division, in fourth place was Simon Fraser, fifth was Puget Sound and bringing up the bottom in sixth place was Southern Oregon.

In the college division, Eastern Washington took top spot with a low score of 766, and was followed by Central (794) and Western (801).

The first day of the two day tournament was held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club, where the Vikings were in fourth place despite the fine playing of Al Bauer and Marty Fendrick, both four over par.

Bauer finished six strokes better than Fendrick with a seven over par 150, good enough for sixth place in the individual standings. Other Vik scores were Mike Haerling (160), Jeff Heathers (165), Gene Adams (173) and Neal Patterson at 175.

Hurdler proves a real talent

STEVE ADAMS

Keith Gilbert leads this year's Viking track team in scoring ... and finds himself surprised.

Not that he considers himself lucky. "I'm surprised because there are so many high quality athletes on this team," he said.

As a freshman, Gilbert's point total reaches 37 1/2 points. His closest competition has 29 1/3 points.

Aside from his track work, Gilbert is an excellent student, as his 4.0 grade point average last quarter shows. He is also an avid guitar player, something that could keep him from persuing a psychology degree and the hurdles next year.

"If the right circumstances occurred, I'd consider music a career. Not now though," he said.

Gilbert has been running the hurdles for the past seven years. Last year he was All-State, placing sixth in the state meet. At Renton High, he owns one of the top three best times for the 120-yard highs. The other two all-time greats, Jeff Newing and Jerry Belur, are stars for the U.W. track team this spring.

This season Gilbert has run the 120-yard high hurdles, the 440-yard intermediates, high jumped and run a leg of the 440-yard relay. His top performance was winning the high hurdles (15.2), the intermediates, (59.2), and his leg of the second place 440 relay team during the Western Invitational meet, April 12.

"I was really up for that day. I thought I had a good chance to win," he recalled. That one day performance brought him 12

points and Western went on to win.

During the pro track meet held in Seattle in February, Gilbert had a chance to rap with his

favorite hurdler, world record holder Rod Milburn for an hour and a half prior to the meet.

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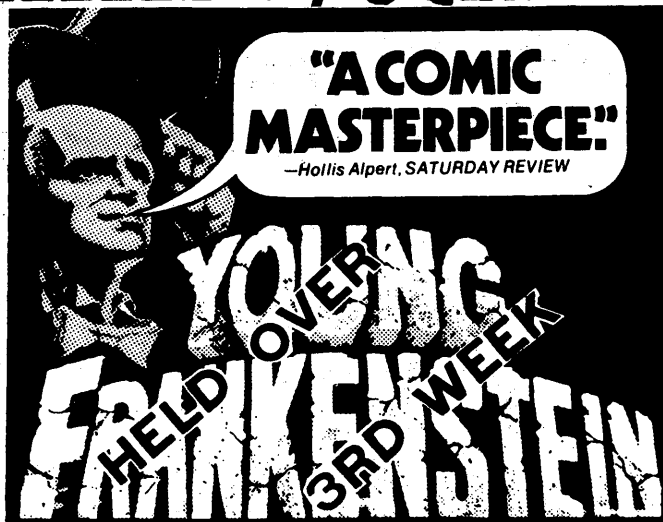
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Arlint starts ruggers rolling

KEITH OLSON

VIKING RUGBY COACH Larry Arlint has said all season long his team needs to develop more scoring punch.

On Saturday, Arlint delivered the scoring blows himself, with three tries, as Western's ruggers jumped to a 16-3 halftime lead, then held on for a 19-11 decision over the visiting University of Washington.

Western opened the scoring early in the game, after both teams failed to capitalize on deep penetrations. Arlint scored his first try about six minutes into the contest, capping a 30-yard scoring play.

Galen Melby's conversion kick just missed from a difficult sideline angle.

Minutes later Western worked the ball deep near the Washington goal where Arlint skipped in with the first lateral from scrum. Melby added the first of his next two conversions to increase the lead to 10-zip.

Doug Buche put the Huskies on the board with a 15-yard penalty kick late in the half. But with time running out in the period, Arlint nabbed a mishandled Washington pitchout and raced untouched for his third try.

IN THE SECOND HALF, Washington's Scott Coffield scored twice on long runs for tries, both

times throwing a fancy move on Melby to free himself. However, the Huskies never really threatened to regain the lead as Coffield's second try came on the last play of the game.

Melby added a 20-yard penalty kick after an off-side call for Western's second half points.

Despite the win, Western rigger Stan Fritz said he thought the Viks played poorly.

"We still make the same mistakes we have all season," Fritz said. "On defense, we keep playing the ball for an interception when we should be playing the man and making a tackle."

Play was sloppy at times with numerous scrum and field violations whistled.

Two Western starters, captain Duane Roth and Ken McHugh were injured in the second team preliminary match and were forced out of the first team line-up. Mike Welter and Brad Gilford filled in for the injured starters and performed well in their initial efforts with the first team.

Western fan Michele Thomas was also shaken up in the second team game, after being bowled over on a sideline play. She was taken to St. Luke's hospital, where she was examined and released in time to catch the latter minutes of the first team match.

The Western second team thumped the Husky seconds, 24-0.



Mona Johnson

THE LAST HURRAH — Vik ruggers defeated the Huskies Saturday in Western's final home appearance of the season. The Vikings scrum [top photo] and charge the UW as Western's Galen Melby kicks to the enemy [bottom photo].

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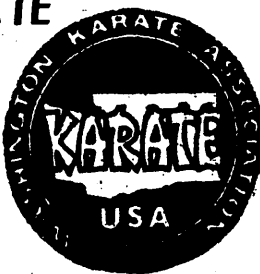
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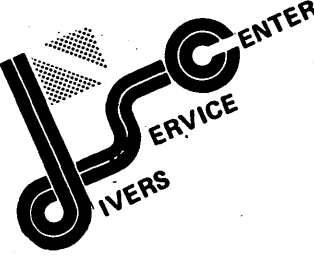
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