

# Trustees pass WashPIRG concept but not funding



ANN SHIRAS

by HARRY McFARLAND

It was a case of compromise, though Ann Shiras co-chairperson of Western's WashPIRG, would not agree totally.

She would argue that the resolution passed by the Board of Trustees to support the concept of establishing a WashPIRG here was "one of necessity, but also one of a beginning where both sides agree."

The vote on the resolution was 3-1. Trustee Patrick Comfort was the dissenting vote at the Thursday standing-room-

only meeting in Miller Hall 163.

In statements previous to the meeting, the trustees indicated the mandatory but refundable \$2 fee was the burr in the saddle.

The trustees and WashPIRG leaders will now wait for a state attorney general's opinion on the funding method's legality, which Gov. Evans has said he will ask for.

Shiras opened the program's presentation to the trustees, terming WashPIRG a "model of participatory democracy" and

representative of the college's educational goal.

Ajit Rupaal, physics professor, said he is in full agreement with the educational value of WashPIRG. He said students, throughout the debate in the All-College Senate, never spoke against WashPIRG, or its funding program.

George Drake, Bellingham city councilman and sociology professor, said he initially told the WashPIRG people "to get out." But after listening to their ideas, he decided they would

fulfill a community need.

Huxley Dean Ruth Weiner also expressed support of WashPIRG, citing her experiences with groups in Oregon, which helped the communities with problems that hadn't or couldn't have been done alone.

James Hildebrand, a mathematics professor, and lone dissenter in the audience, was against the funding program, because a student had to join the organization before attending classes.

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### Elizabeth Cotten performs Friday

Elizabeth Cotten will be the featured performer Friday for Mama Sundays. The show will be in the Concert Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$2.50 and can be purchased at the Viking Union Information Desk and the other usual outlets.

Cotten, 82, is one of America's most experienced and influential folk guitarists. She plays the guitar left-handed, but doesn't reverse her strings as most lefties do.

Appearing with Cotten will be Hazel and Alice. Their music focuses on the Southern Mountain tradition, featuring guitar, autoharp, banjo and at times, a full bluegrass back-up band.

## Forester, planner discuss job market and offer advice in career symposium

by PATTI JONES

Two women with jobs in fields traditionally held by men — forestry and neighborhood planning — talked about their careers to a group of about 20 women in the Viking Union Thursday.

Norah Jewett told the group forestry was not a career in the United States until the 1890s. The first foresters were required to be "rough and tough" enough to survive in the wilderness. They weren't, however, required to know much about trees.

Today, a forester must know about soil, hydrology, weather, chemistry and genetics, among other things. As forestry becomes more science-oriented, more women are entering the field, Jewett said.

Jewett first became interested in botany and living outdoors during a summer she worked with the Girl Scouts on Orcas Island. She enjoyed the self-sufficiency of fishing and gathering her own food. Through hiking in the woods, she became much more aware of nature and excited by "the vitality and continuity of life in wooded areas," she said.

Although she had no field experience, Jewett was hired by the Crown Zellerbach company. Her work involved thinning, reforestation inventory and mapping.

"It was good, physical work and I could stand up to it," she said.

Pressure is placed on companies to hire more women and there aren't many women trained in forestry. Jewett says she believes the fact that she is a woman has helped her get jobs. She is now working for the state near Olympia.

Because the trend in forestry is for more book learning, many graduates do not know how to use basic forestry tools, she said. Starting this year, industry is requiring job applicants have six months of experience which can be gained through summer internships offered by the state and some private companies.

In terms of their future potential, some of the better fields one can go into are management,

wood products and engineering, she said.

Gail Bingham, neighborhood planner for Bellingham, said city planning was traditionally the work of engineers. During the Lyndon Johnson administration, money was poured into social planning and less emphasis was placed on technical expertise. More women took planning jobs, including many who were trained as architects.

Since the Nixon administration, less money has been allotted to model cities and neighborhood improvement projects. As a result, the job market is tightening.

Applicants for planning positions are usually required to have a master's degree or experience. If you can't find an internship, you can volunteer or form your own job through a government grant, she said.

"Women have a tendency to want to be helpful in projects," she said. "But it will be more helpful to you, in your job future, to have something tangible to show which you've done yourself."

Bingham, a Huxley graduate, interned for the city and worked on the Goals for Bellingham project.

Graduates of environmental studies programs often have to create their own jobs, she said. The field is new, and people are generally trained for jobs which do not yet exist.

As in many fields, sex discrimination is now working for women in the planning profession, she said.

The field of planning is very political, Bingham said, because people have a vested interest in land.

"Some people actually think of zoning as a communist plot," she said. Bingham believes neighborhood involvement in decision-making is extremely important.

The career symposium was sponsored by the Women's Center, the Office of Student Affairs and Affirmative Action.

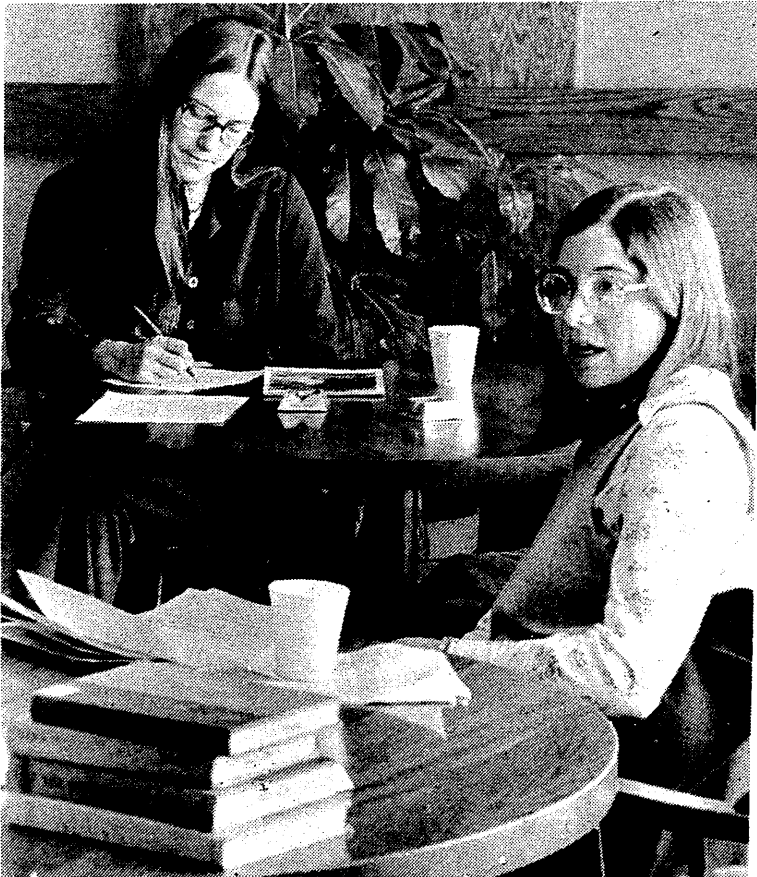


Photo by Ken Ostheimer

IT'S NOT A MAN'S WORLD — Bellingham City Planner Gail Bingham (left) and forester Norah Jewett came to Western to speak at the career symposium.

## Suspects - 1, security - 0

Charges against Stuart Young were dropped Monday by the Student Intermediate Judiciary Board. Young was charged with theft of public or personnel property in connection with the taking of a Gay Awareness Symposium banner Feb. 8.

Tim Douglas, associate dean

of students, recommended charges be dismissed due to lack of evidence and failure of arresting officer Lee Brown to inform Young of his rights.

Young was the first person to be arrested by campus security since nine full-time officers were commissioned in December.

ting debate on the bill in a committee meeting last month.

She also introduced a resolution to develop a citizens task force to review the tuition issue and report to the committee before the 1977 legislative session.

## Legislature rejects tuition hike bill; rule change brings its downfall

Chances for a tuition hike at Western failed last week, when the Legislature rejected an amendment rule change.

The rule change would have forced the House Higher Education Committee to meet and schedule further hearings on a tuition bill, even if Chairperson Peggy Maxie, D-Seattle had not

wanted the meeting called.

The tuition bill, if passed by the Legislature, would have raised quarterly tuition here to \$188. Tuition would also have risen for university and community college students.

The rule change was proposed by committee members objecting to Maxie's actions cut-

## Inside

### Who are they?

Front staffer Roy Tanaka answers many questions in a series of profiles on Western's Board of Trustees. Stories on pages 3 and 7.

### Faculty gives PSC flack

Faculty members and AFT protest Program Studies Committee methods. See page 8.

# Physical barriers bar handicapped from facilities

by PATTI JONES

For some students campus pay phones are too high to reach, certain doors are too heavy to open and gravel paths are too bumpy to use.

Physical barriers bar the handicapped (about 25 at Western) from using many campus facilities. Although Western is trying to correct these access problems, progress has been slow.

The new access ramp to Wilson Library took two years to plan and complete. It is not unusual for such an idea to take a few years to become a reality, explained Harry Skinner of the Office of Facilities Development.

When a job request comes to Skinner's office, the staff makes an initial study on the problem area. Funds are then sought, improvements are designed and someone is found to do the construction.

Unless there is a problem needing immediate attention, job requests are fulfilled in the sequence in which they come. Although improving facilities for the handicapped is considered a high priority, limited funds are more often used to correct safety problems, Skinner said.

Right now a construction crew is installing more lights on the stairs from Mathes to the

Viking Union for the visually impaired. Bigger and brighter graphics are being designed for signs in Old Main.

Push button door openers for the heavy doors at the High Street entrance to the VU and the south entrance to Old Main are in the planning stages.

A landscaping project to brick surface the gravel path from Carver Gym to Arntzen is also in the planning stage. Funds for this project have been available for over a year, but the work was postponed until money could be found for fixing a utility line underneath the path. The Legislature recently granted the money and construction may begin this summer, Sam Buyco of the Office of Facilities Development said.

Proposed projects for the future include remodeled restrooms, accessible public phones, additional railings and elevator services and an information center with recordings of the daily bulletin and other campus information for blind students.

Huxley student Mark Jefferson is exploring problems of access via a borrowed wheelchair, for a work study project sponsored by the Affirmative Action office. For almost two weeks,

he has been traveling around to different buildings and a few sample classrooms, locating problem areas. He is also measuring the width of doorways.

"Most of the older buildings were not designed to accommodate people in wheelchairs," he said. "Arntzen is a bit better."

The top two floors of the Humanities building are impossible to reach by wheelchair and most of the building's doors are too narrow for passage. Lecture Halls 1, 2 and 3 are inaccessible, as are the restroom facilities in almost all of the main buildings. The elevator in Bond Hall does not stop on the main classroom floors.

In reference to the path between Carver Gym and Arntzen, Jefferson said, "I'm not even going to attempt that. I know it's impassable."

Jefferson expects to be done with his study by the end of the quarter.

Until more classrooms become accessible, the Space and Scheduling Office must work closely with handicapped students when they make out their class schedules. If a classroom is found to be inaccessible, the class is moved to another room.



## Student tenants should know their rights

by JOHNE MOCERI

Many students find spring break an opportunity to seek better, different or cheaper housing. Sometimes moving is made more tedious because of landlord-tenant disagreements. A summary of the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act of 1973 may be a help and an eye opener.

The landlord is required, according to the Landlord-Tenant Act, to place all rental deposit money in a trust account with a bank, savings and loan association or licensed escrow agency.

The landlord must give the tenant a receipt for the deposit money, indicating the location of the trust account and notify the tenant in writing of any change in the account's location.

Rental deposits must be returned within 14 days after the

tenant vacates the house and there must be specific accounting for any money withheld. No deposit money is to be withheld for normal wear and tear to the premises. If the landlord does not comply to the rules of the act he can be taken to court and held liable for attorney and court costs.

If the premises needs repair work, the tenant is required to give the landlord written notice of the repair. The landlord is given "reasonable" time to repair with the time allotted, varying with the severity of the defect. The landlord has 24 hours to begin restoring heat or water, or to fix a hazardous condition.

The landlord has 48 hours to begin to restore hot water or electricity, seven days to begin fixing something which would cost less than \$75 or half a month's rent, whichever is less, and 30 days to begin making repairs in all other cases.

If tenants' demands for proper housing are not met by the landlord, they have two recourses: move out after giving written notice, or repair and deduct the cost of the repair from the rent.

The tenant is required to obtain two bids from licensed repair men and submit the bids to the landlord with written notice of the defect. If the landlord fails to act the tenant is free to contract with the lower bidder and deduct the cost from the rent.

Tenants also have rights of privacy from landlords. According to the Landlord-Tenant Act the landlord does not have a legal right to enter a tenant's dwelling without consent of the tenant. A landlord must give the tenant two days notice before entering the dwelling, and he can only do so at the convenience of the tenant.

A month-to-month tenancy may be terminated by giving the landlord written notice 20 days prior to the end of the rental period. The landlord can also, without reason terminate the month-to-month tenancy with a written notice 20 days prior to the end of the paid rental period.

Of course, if tenants don't pay their rent, they can be out on their ears with only a three day notice. If the tenant contests the matter and takes it to court, more time will be given.

## Alphabet soup area repaired soon

by JOHN HYMAS

One of Bellingham's oldest sections, the lettered streets neighborhood, is scheduled for a facelift.

Street repair, sidewalk repair and construction, curb ramps for wheelchairs and 300 trees will give the neighborhood a new look. Contract specifications will be advertised for bidding in April, with construction to follow.

The lettered streets neighborhood includes nine per cent of the city's population, nine per cent of the city's housing units, twelve per cent of the city's substandard housing and Washington Square, a 98-unit senior citizen high rise.

Twenty-three per cent of the neighborhood residents are over 62. Fifty-two per cent of the units are rental, compared to the city mean of 37 per cent.

With the help of federal grants, the city hopes to head off a pattern of neighborhood abandonment similar to areas of decay in other cities. A Housing and Urban Development block grant of \$500,000 is funding the project, to be completed in July. It is the first phase of the city's Lettered Streets Comprehensive Rehabilitation Program.

Housing and Urban Development community development grants of this type were made available to communities through Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

Cities with communities which demonstrate a need for assistance due to poor conditions must meet application requirements which include a comprehensive community development program. It must be a complete statement of the city's community development objectives and programs.

When U.S. 99 was routed through Bellingham, it used Dupont Street, which cuts through the neighborhood. True to the general practice along major highways, small businesses sprang up on both sides of the street.

In 1969 much of the neighborhood was zoned for general commercial use and, to property owners in the area, promised to be a prime commercial neighborhood in the future. In 1972, a study showed no great increase in uses requiring commercial zoning. In fact, there were fewer.

Commercial zoning resulted in no new residential construction, negligence in housing care and lax enforcement of the housing codes by the city. The Bellingham office of Planning and Development's Community Development Plan describes the neighborhood as having "deteriorating structures, poor improvements, a high incidence of low income and related social conditions and other indications of urban blight."

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# Trustees make decisions

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Although each board member has a distinct personality and input before the final votes are taken, it is the board's sanction or veto that is responsible for such decisions as the appointment of the president of the college, reduction-in-force policy, acquisition of facilities and resources and plotting the future of college, including the establishment of programs and colleges.

In addition, the board also serves as the employer of the college.

Board members are appointed by the governor to five-year terms. Each state college board elects its own chairman from within the board and a secretary who may be a board member (as in Western's case).

The board's powers are prescribed in the Revised Code of Washington and their actions are bound by state law. Advice is provided by the state attorney general. In the voting process, a quorum consists of a majority of board members.

Each board member receives \$25 per day and a mileage allowance of 10 cents per mile for each day, or majority thereof, spent on board business.

Each state college board is

required to meet at least twice per year (Western's board meets on the first Thursday of each month) and once in a joint meeting with the other boards.

Informational reports to the governor are made prior to each regular session of the legislature by the secretary of the board.

## Board profiles



**PATRICK COMFORT**

Appointed in 1970, Patrick Comfort, 45, now serves as vice chairman of Western's Board of Trustees.

He was graduated cum laude from Gonzaga University and holds a law degree from New York University. He's a member of the Tacoma law firm of Comfort, Dolack, Hansler, Hulscher, Rosenow and Burrows.

Comfort was a state legislator from 1961-64, a trustee on the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association and chairman of the board of directors of Bellarmine Preparatory School, a parochial school in Tacoma.

Other interests include golf, watching all forms of athletics and family life.

Being a lawyer and board member has allowed Comfort to see what it is like on both sides of the "bar."

"It's quite dissimilar from my everyday tasks. I do a lot of trial work as an attorney. In that capacity, I have to be a strong advocate of my client. As a board member, I find myself on the other end of the bar because I have to examine all the information and resolve the problem.

"The experience has changed me somewhat. I'm at the point where I'm considering seeking a judicial position," Comfort said.

Like other members, Comfort thinks Western has a very dedicated board, as good as any on a state college campus.

"In general, being a board member has been a rewarding experience. It's been a maturing, productive factor in my personal life," he said.

More on pg. 7.

## Mall prospect explored

High Street would be a pedestrian mall if the plurality choice of students responding to an Associated Students Services Council poll becomes reality.

Of 354 student responses, 39 per cent wanted the street to be converted to a mall. The next most popular of the six choices was portable barricades, chosen by 22 per cent.

The least popular option was hiring a traffic enforcement officer, chosen by 3 per cent.

Some students made comments as well as choices. Following are a selection:

On a pedestrian mall: "I as a student of WWSC feel that to

close this street would mean a lot of problems, considering those who have autos and not the \$18 for parking."

On speed bumps (chosen by 17 per cent): "So cars could play 'leap frog' with the people maybe?"

Eight per cent were in favor of doing nothing. One respondent said, in part, "Educate the pedestrians."

On an information booth: "Cost? Too much."

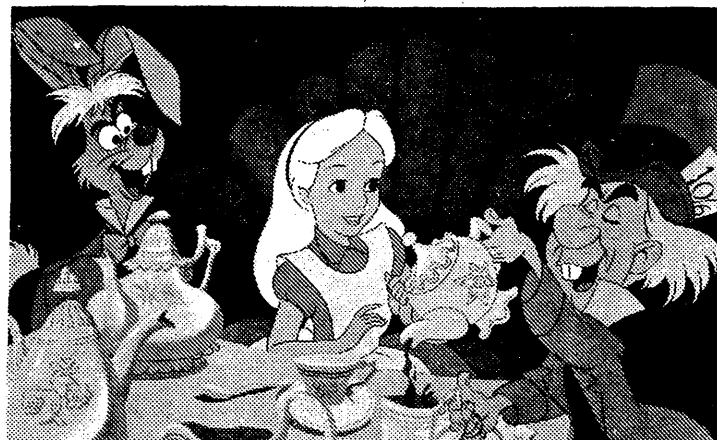
The services council observed that most comments were negative, but written next to many of the ideas were "great" or "It's about time."

## Nuclear safety backer to speak

Richard B. Hubbard, one of three General Electric nuclear engineers who recently resigned in protest of inadequate nuclear safety measures, will speak at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Arntzen Hall Auditorium.

Hubbard was manager for quality assurance at GE's Nuclear Energy Control and Instrumentation Department in California.

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## Bye-bye Bellingham

The prospect of graduating is kind of like finally emerging from a long tunnel. I'll make it this quarter, God willing.

Suddenly you feel the whole world shooting at you and destroying the secure, casual student life you've been weaned on. High taxes, unemployment, and inflation start taking on a new perspective. Once more comes the barrage from family and friends, "Well, what are you going to do with the rest of your life?"

It's a trip similar to graduating from high school. You get a little nostalgic over the whole thing. Some memories stand out because you remember the things that made you grow up a little. Others remain vivid for their attempts to prevent it.

It took this student two years, one warned low scholarship, and a year-and-a-half of finding oneself just to declare a major. Dorm life Fall quarter 1970 could best be described by the once

used axiom, "If you didn't get blown away at least once, you weren't normal."

Tuition then was about half what it is now. Journalism was then crying for college graduates. Demonstrations against war, starvation, and nuclear testing were integral parts of campus life. Western tore people apart in football.

My mother — after pleading with me not to enroll at the University of Washington and "all those hippies" — was greeted by a spring '71 Seattle P-I Sunday section headlined 'Bellingham: Hippie mecca of the northwest.' That was easier explained at home than Western Front publicity of Gay Awareness weeks.

But somehow it all came together.

One finds it hard, wishing to have it to do over again, There's no time like the present for new adventures.

— Keith Olson

## Lyncs are first class champs

Though some may think it odd for a college paper to comment on high school athletics, the accomplishments of Lynden Christian High School's basketball team this past weekend deserve comment, and much more.

The Lyncs not only captured the state class A championship, in itself noteworthy, they did it with only half a team. Coach Bill DeHoog benched six of the team's 12 players (including the starting center and number three guard) for breaking training rules prior to Friday's semifinal game.

Instead of wallowing in self-pity and depression, the Lyncs went out and whipped Lake Roosevelt 53-51 on Friday and Royal City 65-60 in double overtime Saturday for the crown. Both

losers were seeded higher than Lynden Christian when the championship tourney had started.

The names Weg, Kok, Bratt, Jansen, Timmer and Dykstra — Lynden Christian's remaining "iron Lyncs" — are not likely to go down in sports history with such groupings as Russell, Cousey, Sharmon, Heinsohn and the Joneses (Sam and K.C.) of immortal Boston Celtic fame. But except for the lack of national exposure, there is no reason why they couldn't.

The skill, fortitude and desire the Lyncs displayed in Tacoma were phenomenal. Bill DeHoog's Lyncs are not only state champs in their class, they're first class in anybody's league.

— Marshall Brown  
Western Front staff

## Use of airways requires courtesy

I have been a licensed citizen band operator for the past 10 years. I too go by a "handle." Until last year, I would use my radio almost every hour of the day, from the house and the car. Now, because of the over-use of the airways, I only use it on the open road. There is just too much garbage on the air.

Those who continually use their radio to call friends on channels used for call letters only, have probably been one of the main causes of the current fighting between those who have licenses and those who don't.

There is an unwritten law for CB'ers to be polite at all times and not to take over the channel, but to share it.

Many people buying these radios seem to think as soon as they turn it on, the airwaves belong to them and no one else. A word of warning to these people: some CB'ers who have been around for a long time may find you and take your station apart.

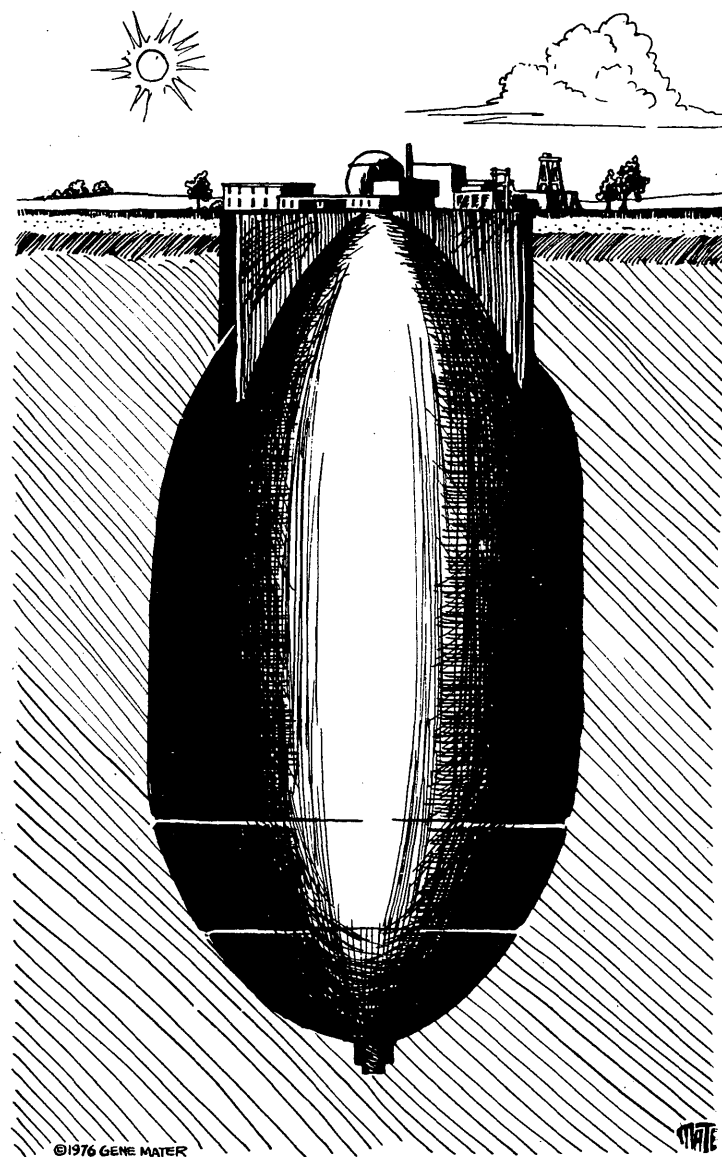
In the past few months radio applications have increased 20 fold. The present application rate is 500,000 a month.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC or "Uncle Charlie") says only about 50 persons in the United States currently are working on citizen band tracking but more are coming in the future. In our area alone, the government has spent over \$500,000 to monitor radio frequencies.

What people don't realize when they use the radio is others use it too. If the unwritten law of politeness isn't upheld, the FCC will step in much faster, and fines and imprisonments will be greater.

So, if you are one of those who think it's "cool" to own a CB radio, at least get a license and learn how to use it without stepping on anybody else. Use common courtesy.

— Tony Volchok  
Western Front staff



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## 'Thanks' from gay lib

Editor, Western Front:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have responded favorably to this year's Gay Awareness Symposium, the best received and the best attended to date.

I would also like to point out to all involved the reason these symposiums have taken place, and will continue on Western's campus, is that there is still much work to be done in the way of creating understanding between the homosexual and nonhomosexual communities.

As an example, gay people are not allowed to attend any and all dances, dance with whom they please and be respected. There is still grave physical danger for any gay person on campus who is not careful to associate with toler-

ant individuals.

There have been many incidents of violence at Western, and I myself have had to counsel people who have met with this fate.

The fact that the Awareness Week banner was torn down from the front of the Viking Union the first day of this year's symposium, is illustrative of the mentality that makes educating Bellingham and Western's populace necessary.

I would like to invite Stuart Young and all other individuals who may have questions concerning the intent and motivations of the Gay People's Alliance to come down to our office, have a cup of tea or coffee and discuss whatever comes to mind.

Rebecca Valrejean  
Playwright

## High Street solution; all traffic must stop

Editor, Western Front:

The solution to the "High Street Dilemma" is clear. If you want to stop people from being hit by cars on High Street, then you must either remove the cars from High Street or remove the people from High Street. After that, it becomes a matter of degrees.

If we only want a few people to be hit by cars on High Street, then we could employ other

solutions such as the installation of "speed bumps."

How many people are we willing to accept being hit by cars on High Street? How concerned are we with our own safety?

When they finally tell us what their solution is, then we will know how concerned they are with our safety.

B. J. Ruff  
Junior, Business

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# Citizens on 'pro' side of nuclear debate

by GREG HOOFNAGLE

Washington citizens support by roughly a 2-to-1 margin the development of nuclear power facilities, according to Fred Adair, state director of the Office of Nuclear Energy Development.

Only one Washington facility currently is operating, the Hanford reactor near Richland.

Seven more plants are scheduled for completion during the next nine years. Three now under construction near Richland, will be completed in 1979, 1982 and 1984.

Two plants are planned for Sedro Woolley (completion scheduled for 1983, 1985) and two for Satsop (1982, 1984).

Debate is lively on the construction of these plants. In a recent newsletter, U.S. Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, listed several objections to nuclear development.

Among arguments he stated:

- each year, a large reactor's wastes equal the potency of 1,000 Hiroshima bombs;
- radioactivity can cause genetic damage;
- radiation can be concentrated and distribut-

ed through the food chain. In this manner small emissions can become harmful;

-the worst reactor accident could kill 45,000 people and could cause over \$17 billion in damages;

-one pound of plutonium could cause nine billion lung cancers. By 1985, world production of plutonium in nuclear power plants will reach 200,000 pounds a year;

-half a million gallons of highly radioactive wastes have leaked from the temporary storage site at Hanford.

Several state citizens opposed nuclear development at the Oct. 16, 1975 meeting of the state House Subcommittee on Nuclear Plants and Environmental Health.

Randy Skoog of Bellevue reminded committee members of the Brown's Ferry Nuclear Plant fire near Athens, Alabama.

Helen Lauritzen of Seattle wondered whether society is ready to make a commitment of no return to nuclear energy. She said it is too early to make a responsible decision.

On the other hand, many believe nuclear power is necessary. In a speech to the International Platform Association, T.A. Nemzek of the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration, discussed nuclear "mythology."

One "myth" the ERDA officials mentioned was the claim nuclear reactors are unsafe. He said a recent government-sponsored report found risks from nuclear power as exceedingly small.

"In essence (the report) concluded you are 100 times more likely to be hit by a meteor . . . than to be killed by the release of radioactivity," he said.

Nemzek also said there are several adequate methods for storing nuclear wastes. ERDA currently is analyzing these methods, he said.

He scoffed at the belief one pound of plutonium could cause nine billion cancers.

"If it were true," he said, "we should all be dead."

"Atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons during the past 30 years has put 10,000 pounds of plutonium into the atmosphere."

## Engineer says nuclear power risk too great

by AMY NELSON BRISTOW

"Nuclear power has become a 'technological monster' and it is not clear who, if anyone, is in control."

These words, grim at face value, have an even darker meaning since they come from one of three nuclear engineers who recently resigned from a high-level General Electric post in California.

The three engineers said they decided to quit because the risks of nuclear power are too great.

Three University of Washington professors have publicly challenged the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to investigate nuclear power plant safety.

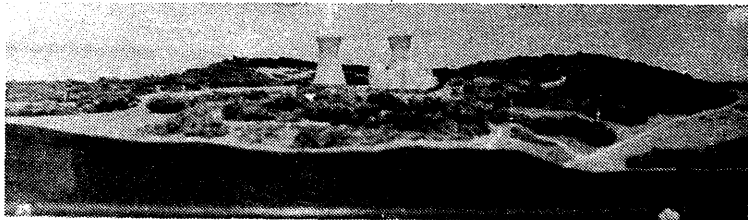
The potential danger to humans from nuclear power is due to the high radioactivity of its fuel and waste products. Injury or death may result when a person is exposed to radioactivity in a large enough dose for a long enough time. The reproductive ability of his or her cells would be impaired or destroyed.

The worst accident nuclear engineers imagine would happen when the systems which cool the extremely hot fuel core within a nuclear reactor fail, called a core meltdown or the "China accident."

The radioactive elements, already as hot as 4,300 degrees Fahrenheit inside the reactor, would get hotter. The reactor would melt through its container and sink toward the middle of the earth. Some dangerous radioactive particles would probably escape into the atmosphere.

This was the danger that the Brown's Ferry plant narrowly avoided last March.

Technicians were checking for air leaks in the plant, run by the Tennessee Valley Authority



**LILLIPUTIAN NUCLEAR PLANT** — This mock up of the proposed Skagit Valley plant is on display in Sedro Woolley. The towers are for cooling water used in steam generation. The dome is the reactor.

near Athens, Ala. They were using a candle to detect drafts, since the plant uses a vacuum to help prevent escape of radioactive air around the fuel core.

They found a leak, but foam insulation in the wall caught fire — from the candle flame.

The plant's safety pumps began working to cool the radioactive fuel and stop it

from seeping out to contaminate the earth and atmosphere.

Seven hours later the fire was put out. But during the struggle to control the blaze, seven of the plant's twelve safety systems had failed.

Norman Rasmussen, professor of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, spelled out the chances of human injury from nuclear power plants in a

survey he took at the request of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. His report said in part:

-Of the 15 million people who live within 25 miles of current or planned atomic-reactor sites, two people per year are likely to be killed and 20 injured by accidents at the plants. By comparison, in the same area the odds are that eight people will be killed by lightning and 4,200 by car accidents each year.

Long-term health effects following a major nuclear accident, with massive release of radioactive contaminants, could result in 170 latent cases

of cancer, 25 incidents of genetic effects and 1,400 cases of thyroid illness.

-With 100 reactors in operation, the chance of a nuclear accident's killing 1,000 or more people is considered 1 in 1 million per year. This is in the same range of probability that a meteorite would hit a population center in the United States and kill 1,000 people.

The Rasmussen report also finds that nuclear plants are 10,000 times less likely to produce a fatal accident than most kinds of non-nuclear generators.

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# Hanford's reactor: Tri-Cities' nuclear powerhouse

by HARRY McFARLAND

Hanford, which houses the only energy-producing nuclear reactor in Washington, is just outside of the Tri-Cities in Southeastern Washington.

The story of Hanford began in 1943 with the famed Manhattan project, which spawned the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

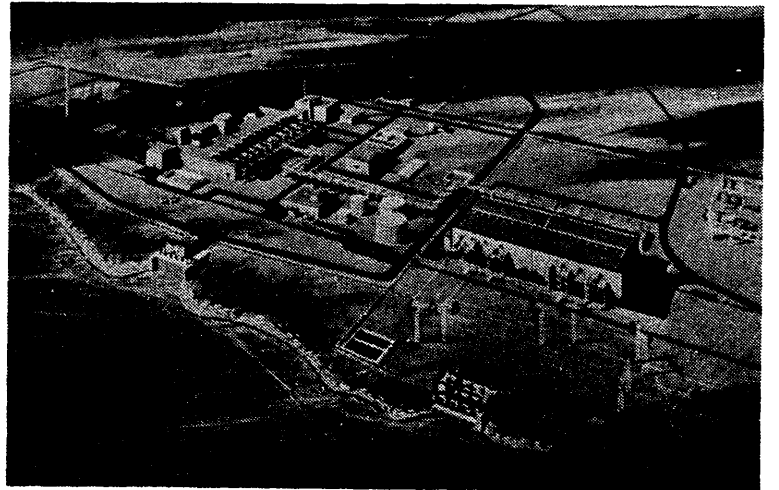
The working reactor was authorized in 1958 by Congress, with the provision that it be a convertible type, capable of being used for electricity through the use of steam produced by the reactor.

The battle began in 1961 and through the next two years survived seven Congressional votes, five of them adverse. It was finally approved that the Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS) would develop the reactor with financing through the largest revenue bond issue ever offered on a competitive bid basis in the Pacific Northwest.

The project was hailed as a first in many areas, such as the first atomic reactor in the United States to be operated on a dual-purpose basis. It was built to produce fissionable plutonium, and converted to produce electricity.

The cities near the reactor began as agricultural communities, and the site was picked for the area's low-density population, the electric power available from the Bonneville Power Administration, and ample cold water from the Columbia River.

Richland, most dependent upon the reactor, grew rapidly as activity in the Hanford area increased. The other two cities, Kennewick and Pasco, have grown slowly until recently. With help from the increase in agricultural development, specifically corporation farms with acreage in the tens of thousands, these communities along with others in Oregon have grown to a population estimated at 300,000 by local businessmen.



**HANFORD PARK** — Despite controversy and debate, the Hanford site has grown steadily and could someday house 40 reactors.

## Nuclear power safer than believed by public

Bruce Bon Durant, a Fairhaven resident, says he does not try to defend nuclear power, but considers it "safer than the public generally believes."

He retired in 1971 after 25 years of supervising radiation protection at the federally-owned Hanford complex, near the Tri-Cities area in southeastern Washington.

Bon Durant said critics "use scare tactics and exaggerate the potential danger of nuclear accidents to prove their point."

The Hanford plant controls were adequate, he said, and to his knowledge "there were no fatalities from nuclear accidents" while he worked there.

"I recognized there was great power involved, but I was also aware that there was control of that power," he said.

Bon Durant said there were complex back-up safety controls. Personnel wear various devices to monitor radiation levels and exposure time is restricted in certain areas. Special protective clothing is worn and everyone must pass through an automatic radiation check system daily when leaving the plant.

Security is provided by guards around-the-clock, with two wire fences. The inside fence has its own force of guards also.

Reported nuclear waste storage tank leaks into the ground and radio-active material getting into the food chain does not worry Bon Durant. When he worked there, the ground water levels were carefully monitored and there was constant testing of area animals. Bon Durant assumed the same precautions are still in effect.

Bon Durant said he favors the location of plants away from population centers, because of large numbers of people who could be hurt in a

nuclear accident.

He said he would like to see more research done on solar power because "after all, the sun is there and it's free."

The 1970 census totaled the three cities at only 65,000 people. During the recent "depression" while the rest of the state suffered, the Tri-Cities boomed. Construction of houses, apartments, and shopping areas has brought millions of dollars to the area.

Construction in the Hanford project has boomed also. WPPSS has three reactors being built and Westinghouse Corporation is constructing a fast flux test facility.

In the recent progress edition of the Tri-City Herald, there was mention of a nuclear park with a total of 40 reactors.

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# Board of Trustees' profiles

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**PAUL HANSON**

The only local member of the board is Paul Hanson, 40, appointed in 1971.

Hanson was graduated from Stanford University with a BA in economics. He also attended the former Campus School at Western and graduated from Bellingham High School.

He is president of Mount Baker Mutual Savings Bank of Bellingham, as well as secretary-director of the Mt. Baker Recreational Co. and Whatcom County Development Council, and director of Builders Concrete, Inc., and Savings Bank Trust Northwest in Seattle.

Hanson is an outdoors type who enjoys boating, fishing and hiking. His family owns a summer cabin on Orcas Island. But of all his activities, Hanson feels the trusteeship is the most challenging and rewarding.

"It provides the greatest opportunity for service to the community," he said.

"I have great respect for the other board members. They are extremely capable and dedicated people," Hanson said.

He says he feels one of his most significant contributions has been to be a part of the process of selecting a new president for the college.

"I'm happy to have been a part of the process and, as far as I'm concerned, I'm very pleased with the leadership shown by Dr. Olskamp."



**ROBERT WINSTON, JR.**

Thirty-five year old Robert Winston Jr. is the youngest member of the board. Winston was appointed in 1971 and serves as the board's secretary.

Winston holds a bachelor of arts degree in finance and a law degree from the University of Washington. He lives in Spokane where he is an attorney with Winston, Cashett, Respod, McNichols, Connelly and Driscoll.

He has an active interest in youth and is chairman of the board of the Northeast Branch of the Board of Children's Home Society of Washington. In the past, he was a member of the Governor's Commission for Youth Involvement and a delegate to the White House Conference on Children and Youth.

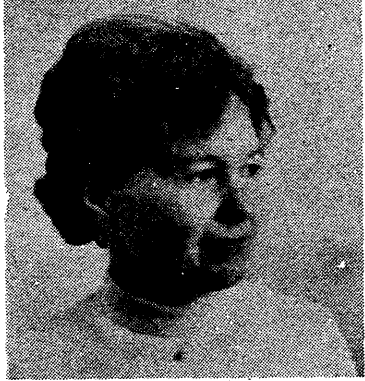
He is a member of the Spokane Bar Association and past chairman of the Spokane Young Lawyers Committee.

Being the only board member from eastern Washington has made the trusteeship an espe-

cially interesting experience for him.

"Because I'm not directly involved with all the pressures of the area, I think I can offer some different insight on some of the issues," he said.

"It puts quite a strain on my own business because I have to spend up to two days per month in Bellingham but I enjoy it tremendously. If I didn't, I wouldn't be on the board."



**RITAJEAO BUTTERWORTH**

A member of the board since 1969, Ritajeau Butterworth, 44, is the only female chairman of a state college board of trustees.

"When I first became chairman, there was some confusion as to what I should be called. So at the first meeting over which I presided, I said I preferred to be called by the traditional 'Madam Chairperson.' Well, a student got up to speak a short while later and said, 'Madam chairperson, I mean chairlady. Uh, chair madam, umm, chairperson, sir . . . ' Needless to say, he was embarrassed," Butterworth said.

She attended Dominican College in San Rafael, Calif., and the University of Washington. Although she has no degree, Butterworth has lectured on higher education matters at community colleges and has taught junior high school students at her church.

Since becoming a board member, Butterworth said she has dropped most of her community activities, which included working with the Ryther Child Center and Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle and being an alumni advisor to UW sorority Gamma Phi Beta. She is an active participant in Republican and non-partisan politics.

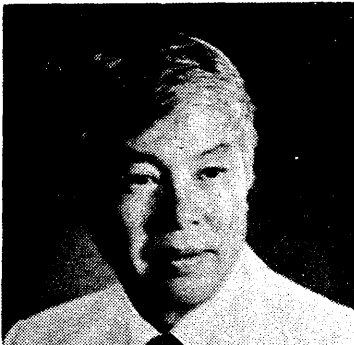
"I've also become a history buff in the past four years. A 90-year old relative asked me to do some research on our family and since then, I've become quite interested," she said.

Butterworth also does needlepoint and oil painting but says she "has no talent."

She joined the board at the end of a swelled college growth period and finds problems now faced by the board are completely different.

"I've seen some tremendous changes in student attitudes and significant changes in the types of problems faced by students and administration.

"It's been a pleasant experience, a great opportunity for me to get to know the campus and the people better," she said.



**ARK CHIN**

Born in mainland China in 1934, Ark Chin is the newest member of the Board, appointed in 1974.

Chin, 52, came to the United States when he was 9-years-old

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and was graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in civil engineering.

He is president of Kramer, Chin and Mayo, a consulting firm in Seattle, and has designed and been project manager of several construction projects.

He belongs to a number of professional organizations, including the Consulting Engineers' Counsel, and has served as a trustee for the Chong Wa Benevolent Association, a liason group representing the greater Seattle Chinese community.

One of Chin's favorite hobbies is golf, which he describes as a "driving passion."

Chin feels Western has a top-notch board.

"All of the board members think for themselves; they have

inquisitive minds and are fair-minded. Although you'll probably see a great amount of agreement on the more general issues, there are also situations where the vote will be split. For instance, when the College of Fine and Performing Arts was voted on, the chairman had to make the final decision.

"I find being a board member is very exciting because it gives me a chance to look at the college and determine what is best, both in the immediate and long-term benefits. It also gives me a real sense of making a contribution back to the community. I consider myself a byproduct of the community, in a broad sense, and now, I can make a contribution to the welfare of the college and youth."

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING FILMS

"Alice in Wonderland" is the last film the Program Commission will be presenting this quarter. It will be shown Thursday, March 11 at 6:30 & 9:00 pm. Tickets cost 75c and will be sold in the Music Auditorium ticket booth. This remarkable Disney adaptation of Lewis Carroll's novels *The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass* is a musical fantasy on one level and also faithful to author Lewis Carroll's satire on education, politics and Victorian life. It is the utmost in animated excellence and spendor. Animation is ideal for depicting plausible impossibilities and Disney uses it to splendid effect in scenes showing Alice becoming tiny, then gigantic, and finally being washed through a keyhole on a flood of her own tears. Forget your finals and visit never-never land . . .

## MAMA SUNDAYS

Ms. Elizabeth Cotten will perform in concert on Friday, March 12. This show promises to be the highlight of the quarter. The concert will be in the Concert Hall at 8:00 pm. Unfortunately we have to charge \$2.50 to cover fees. Tickets are on sale now at Bellingham Sound Center, Budget Tapes & Records, Fairhaven Books, Q.C. Stereo and the V.U. Info Desk. Elizabeth Cotten performs with a warmth and technical virtuosity that is unmatched by contemporary musicians, regardless of age. Ms. Cotten has influenced three generations of guitar players and, at 82, she is still composing new songs. *Freight Train*, which she wrote as a young girl, is now an American classic. "Libba" Cotten is interesting to watch; she is a left-handed guitarist who does not reverse her strings, but turns her guitar upside down with bass strings on the bottom instead. Her presence onstage, her sense of humor and exuberance as she relates tales of her youth, and her quietly dazzling intimacy with the guitar holds the audience in some kind of awe of her.

Ms. Cotten will be preceded by Hazel & Alice, two women with a powerful and distinctive vocal duet style. Their repertoire spans traditional songs, coal mining songs, women's songs, gospel tunes and instrumentals, as well as original material.

This is an evening you shouldn't miss — if you do, you'll probably kick yourself later. Make the time for it, because we promise you won't be disappointed.

## ART GALLERY

Kathleen Rabel will be opening a show beginning March 7 through March 18. Ms. Rabel was the original founder and member of MULTICOM, Multiples Commune, a group of Seattle printmakers. She has exhibited all over the states and has had a variety of teaching experience including Cornish School of Fine Art, Evergreen State College and W.W.S.C.

Our only lecture this quarter will be presented by William Gerber, president of Dowse International, Inc. Dowse, Ind. is a company specializing in the detection system which has attracted international attention using the principle of biophysics. The presentation will be Tuesday, March 9, at 8:00 pm in Arntzen Hall 100, admission free.

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# Faculty agitated by committee's recommendations

by ROY TANAKA and SUKI DARDARIAN

Actions taken by the Program Study Committee (PSC) in the last two weeks have caused dissension and confusion among Western faculty and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT).

The PSC, a presidential advisory board charged with analyzing all of the college's programs, recommended reduction of full-time equivalency [FTE] faculty positions for several departments.

The PSC also recommended the College of Ethnic Studies be dissolved and replaced with a "more viable minority studies program."

The departments received letters to appear before the PSC and defend their present allocations in the face of recommended cuts.

The AFT accused the PSC of not allowing the departments enough time to prepare and present their cases and said the wording of the letters

was "so terse and accusatory that the impression given to faculty members" was a determination had already been made and "any defense is a mere formality." (Letters were received by the departments less than a week before their requested presentations, which were limited to 45 minutes.)

"The way in which the study is being carried out has induced anxiety. Many faculty members are getting defensive and it's demoralizing, especially for those who may be the first to go," said Golden Larson, chairman of the English department. Larson added that the departments had reported to the PSC and felt the 45-minute allotment was adequate for his department.

AFT members have also objected to a proposal from College President Paul Olscamp to the Board of Trustees that would change Reallocation/Reduction-In-Force (R/RIF) policies.

According to the AFT statement, the faculty wasn't consulted prior to the proposal. The proposal, which adds another criteria — faculty staffing imbalance — for enacting R/RIF, also adds that "a faculty member, once 'rified,' will not have priority in regaining a new opening that occurs in his former department, for the opening shall be returned to the administration to use as it wishes."

The proposal was sent back to the All-College Senate by the Board of Trustees.

The PSC recommended the physical education department's lower division courses and inter-collegiate athletics be removed from faculty allocation.

Department chairperson Margaret Aitken said she did not want 200-level courses to be treated as such because many of them were necessary for physical education majors.

## CES needs 'more viable alternative'

by ROY TANAKA

The College of Ethnic Studies (CES) faculty has reacted favorably, but with some reservations, to a Program Study Committee (PSC) recommendation to dissolve CES and replace it with a "more viable minority studies program."

According to CES Dean Jesse Hiraoka, the recommendation was not surprising, but the main concern voiced at a Wednesday faculty meeting was how such a program could be maintained.

While the PSC, College President Paul Olscamp and Board of Trustees might endorse such a program, a major commitment must also come from the faculty of other departments and students. Thus far, there hasn't been that kind of commitment, Hiraoka said.

Among the reasons cited by Hiraoka were a reluctance to accept non-traditional educational disciplines like CES and Fairhaven and Huxley colleges, especially in view of funding and staffing pressures; the relative isolation of Bellingham from ethnic concerns, unlike large

metropolitan areas; and the conception of ethnic studies as a program for minority students only.

Hiraoka said the emphasis of the program should be ethnic studies, not minority studies, because concern should be given to the total cultural problems of society.

The CES faculty was also concerned about a number of "inaccuracies" in the PSC report. According to Hiraoka, CES will report to the PSC after making a sufficient study of the recommendations.

Among the items of contention is a charge by the PSC that CES did not develop a center for minority students. Hiraoka said CES was never given the facility to develop such a center.

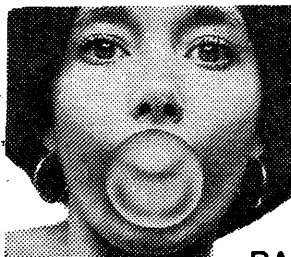
"Ethnic Studies was expected to develop a center, recruit students, organize conferences and symposiums, develop community programs and more."

So far, no concrete recommendations have been made by the PSC as to the form a minority studies program would take.

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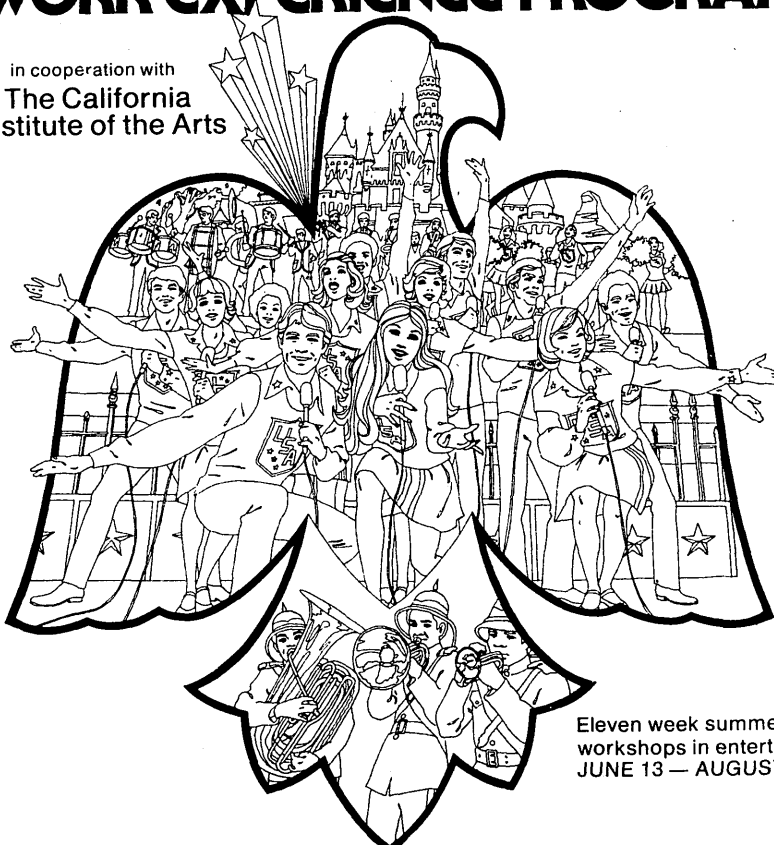
Elizabeth Cotton is probably best known through her song "Freight Train," which has been recorded by Pete Seeger, Peter, Paul and Mary, and many other folk and country performers, but her impact on folk music and American music in general is far greater than that. Now 82, she has influenced three generations of musicians, and performs with a warmth and technical virtuosity unmatched by most musicians, regardless of age. Last year at Western, she held a packed, standing room only audience spellbound by her stories and songs. Don't miss the concert.

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## Thespians to present finale

Western's touring theater company will present Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" in a final performance at 8:15 p.m. Saturday, at the Bellingham Theatre Guild. Tickets are: Students \$1.50, Adults \$2.50.

## Mackenzie selected editor



Pete MacKenzie, 21, has been selected editor for Klipsun for spring quarter. MacKenzie is a senior majoring in journalism, with a minor in East Asian Studies.

Amy Bristow, Harry McFarland and Greg Hoofnagle are running for editor of the Western Front for spring quarter. Selection will be made tomorrow at 4:15 p.m. in HU 304.

## Aliya committee to meet

The Aliya Committee will hold a meeting tomorrow for people interested in building a rural collective community. They will meet at 8 p.m., in Fairhaven 340. Anyone interested who cannot attend may call 733-4713.

## Poli Sci club postpones talk

The Political Science Club has postponed the "Report on the Legislative Session" from March 10 to March 31, due to the extended session. Sen. H. A. "Barney" Goltz and Reps. Mary Kay Becker, Art Moreau, Don Hansey and Duane Berentsen have been invited to appear on the panel.

## Honor society applications due

Applications for membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society, are due Friday. Forms are available in the office of Eugene Hogan, Arntzen 408.

## Center holding ovulation class

The Blackwell Women's Health Center will sponsor its second class in the ovulation method, 6 p.m. Friday in Fairhaven 340. The series' first class will be repeated at 7 p.m. A sign-up sheet and details are available at Sex Info, VU 223.

## Text buy backs finals week

During finals week the AS Coop Bookstore will buy back used textbooks, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon Friday. Fifty per cent of new purchase price will be offered for books needed spring quarter, and a wholesale price for all others.

## Women's studies meeting set

A meeting to coordinate Women's Studies programs of the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Ethnic Studies, Huxley and Fairhaven will be held at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, in the VU Lounge. All interested faculty and students are urged to attend. For more information, contact the Women's Center, VU 215, 676-3460.

## events

### TODAY

Music — Opera workshop, Bruce Pullan directing, 1 p.m., Concert Hall. Admission: Free.

Music — Jazz concert, William Cole directing, 7:30 p.m., Concert Hall. Admission: Free.

Music — Open mike, 7:30 p.m., Fairhaven coffee shop. Admission: Free.

Water Witching — William Gerber presents "The Principles of Dowsing," 8 p.m., Arntzen Auditorium. Admission: Free.

### WEDNESDAY

Music — College choir, Robert Scandrett directing, 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall. Admission: Free.

Movies — Double feature: Jean Luc Godard's "Alphaville," H. G. Wells' "Things to Come," 6:30, 10 p.m., Fairhaven Auditorium. Admission: 50 cents.

### THURSDAY

Movie — "Alice in Wonderland," 6:30, 9 p.m., Music Auditorium. Admission: 75 cents.

Meeting — Bahai fireside discussion, 7:30 p.m., Viking Union 360.

Film — Outdoor Program films on basic ski touring, Wilson Library Presentation Room, 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY

Music — Mama Sundays presents Elizabeth Cotten, Hazel and Alice, 8 p.m., Concert Hall. Admission: \$2.50.

# Western's 'unknown' acreage used for storage, research, recreation

by MARIE McCLANAHAN

Western owns or leases nearly 133 off-campus acres in Skagit and Whatcom counties but most are unknown to students, according to Betty Farnham of the college planning office.

Western's main campus has 230 acres.

The biology department has five properties used for class field trips and biological research. Alger Bog, sometimes referred to as Skagit Peat Bog, a 5-acre area about 15 miles south of Bellingham, was purchased in 1962.

Quarter-mile long Beaver Pond is located one mile south of Lake Louise, which is between Lake Whatcom and I-5. The college does not own the 80 acres but has managerial rights since the land is state-owned.

Ten acres adjacent to Beaver Pond, Zamboni, named after the last owner, was bought by the biology department in 1973.

In 1968, the Nature Conservancy, an environmental organization, deeded 25 acres near Marysville, Wash., to Western. The property, Deering Wildflower Acres, is used for environmental science research and conservation studies.

Shannon Point Marine Center, a 70-acre plot, is located near the Anacortes Ferry Terminal and is used by environmental and marine biology students. It was purchased from the Port of Anacortes in December 1970, and was selected on the basis of availability of high quality sea water.

The National Guard Armory Building, 214 East Pine St., Bellingham, was acquired by Western in

1972. Part of the building is rented to the Bellingham Rolladium for roller skating, and the other is used for storage.

Kulshan Cabin, used for departmental field trips, is located on government owned property, near Mt. Baker.

Lutherwood, a facility used by Western's crew team activities, is located on the southwest end of Lake Samish. It's use is restricted to the dock and boat house, both completed in 1972 by Western. Western holds a 10-year lease with Lutheran Camp, Inc., for the property.

Lakewood, eight-acres on Lake Whatcom has a boathouse, lodge, caretaker's cabin and dressing room facilities. It's used for social, recreational and curricular activities.

Western also owns 10 acres of property on Sinclair Island, southwest of Lummi Island on the east side of Orcas Island. The island can be reached only by private boat or airplane.

On Jan. 7, 1960, the Board of Trustees assumed trusteeship for this property from H.P. Jukes. Western's Women's Recreation Association uses the island as recreational space.

Purchasing of Western's properties is done by the state. Properties are appraised, the college planning office draws up a three-year budget including properties in which Western is interested, and a request then goes to the legislature for approval.

"But the legislature never gives us as much as we want," Farnham said. "Since I've been here 16 years, last year was the first year I can remember that we didn't purchase any property."

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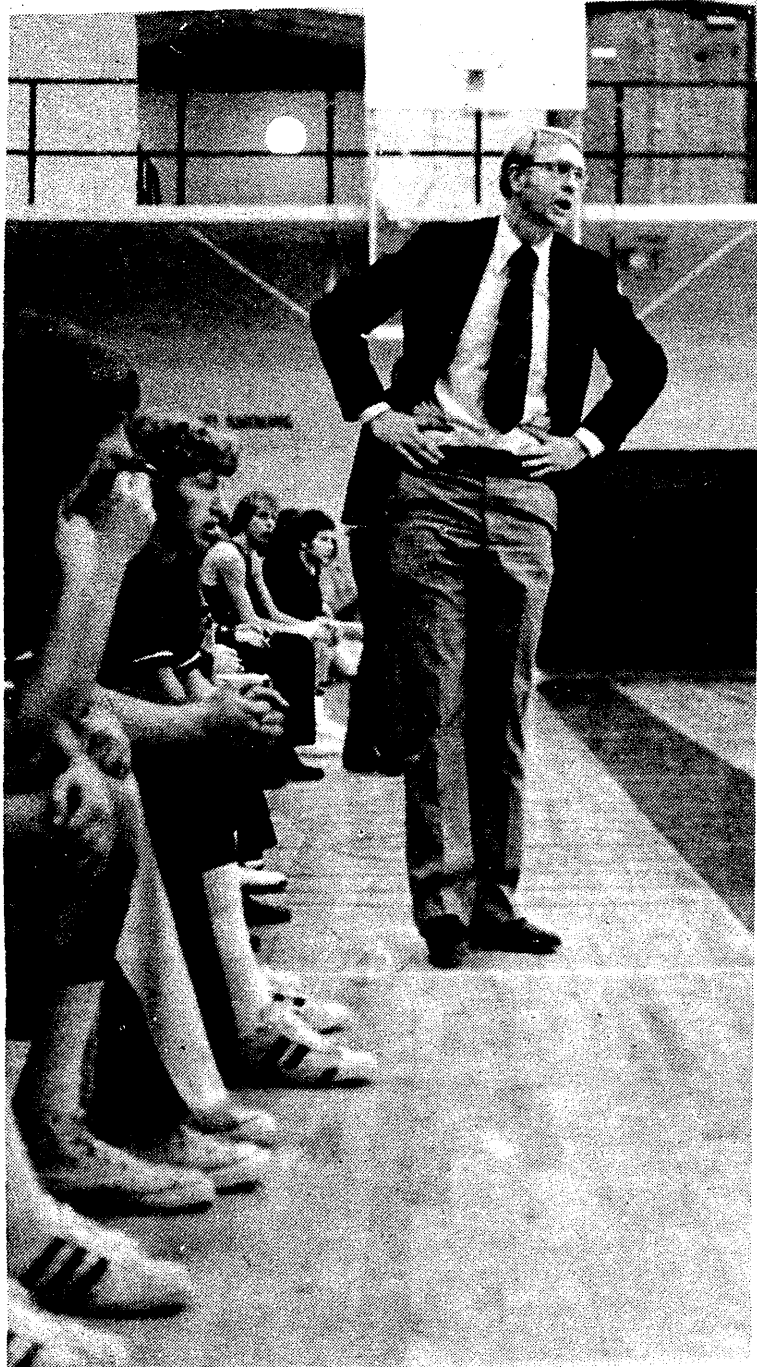
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# Sports

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COACH JACK ECKLUND

## Ecklund ends first, only season

by MIKE THOMPSON

Although coach Jack Ecklund's basketball career at Western was brief, he was able to guide his team to a winning season. Western finished this season with a 14-12 record, marking an 18th consecutive winning season.

But Ecklund's coaching at Western has ended as suddenly as it began. Next year, coach Chuck Randall will return after missing this season.

Ecklund said he doesn't have any plans at present. He will continue to instruct classes at Western spring and summer quarters.

"I'll go where a good opportunity arises," he said.

Looking back over the season Ecklund said there were some games Western could as easily win as lost.

"Of course a coach likes to win all games, but being realistic, you lose some," he added.

It was a challenge coming into a new league, Ecklund reflected.

"Most of the players were also new to the program so it took a while to unify. They adapted to my style of play very well and quickly."

An inventor of sorts, Ecklund completed about 12 inventions

in his spare time. A basketball scorebook, goal reducer, equipment rack and a hurdle are a few of them. He said he will continue to work at his hobby when he has the time.

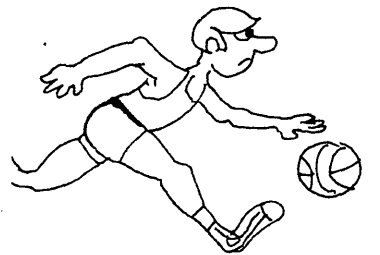
"I feel a person should try to develop things to save time and money in the field of physical education," he said.

## Cats make tenth berth

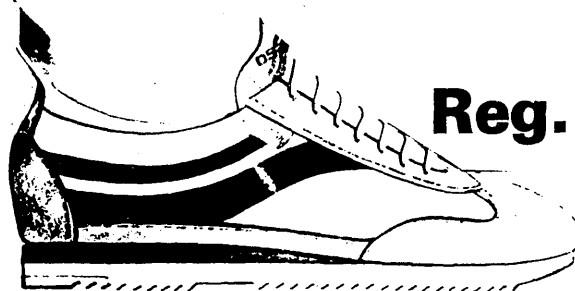
The Central Washington Wildcats earned their 10th national tournament berth last week edging Eastern Washington State College for the District One NAIA basketball championship.

The Cats defeated the Eagles, 74-66 and 52-49, in the final two games of the best-of-three series and will face Briar Cliff (Iowa) at the national tournament in Kansas City today.

Eastern, the Evergreen Conference (Evco) champion, had

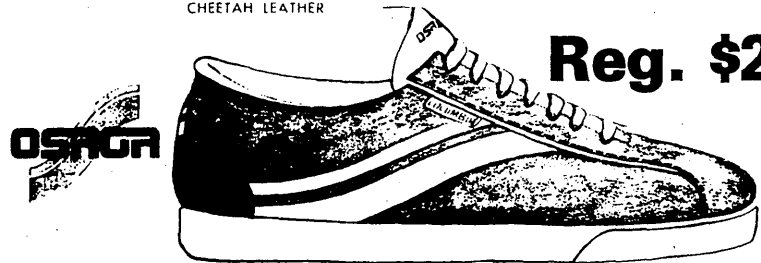


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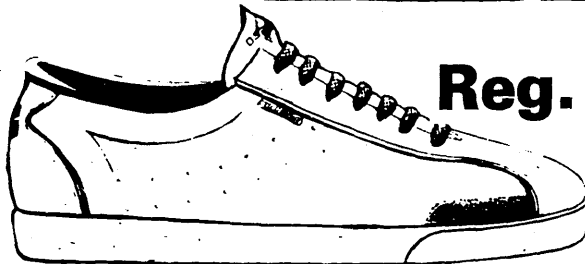
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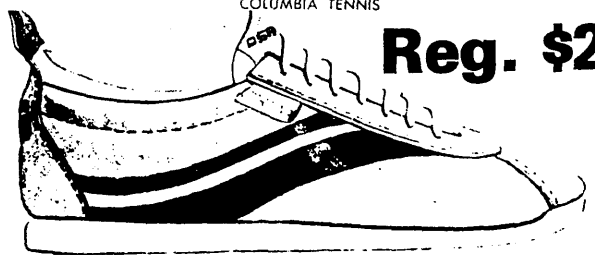
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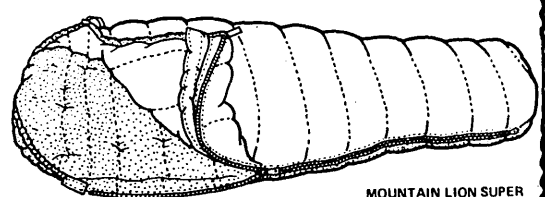
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# Local sports mag geared to youth

by CAROLYN PRICE

What is home grown, and reaches as many as 225,000 homes around the world?

No, it's not Washington apples, but a new sports magazine called Young Athlete, published in Edmonds.

It is a feature magazine geared to youth and amateur sports, but according to its editor, Dan Zadra, adults and teachers also use it as a teaching aid for kids.

Since its premier publication last August, subscriptions have come not only from throughout the country, but from Taiwan, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Guam, Japan and Saudi Arabia as well.

Young Athlete, a bimonthly, reviews fundamentals, encourages participation and shares the feelings and ideas of athletes, coaches,

trainers and spectators.

Zadra explained recently that there are 42 million people between the ages of 10-17 participating in sports, and until Young Athlete came along, these people did not have a magazine they could call their own.

"You can't expect a 12-year-old to read Sports Illustrated and get a heck of a lot out of it," Zadra said frankly.

In the first issue, publisher Jim Rothaus wrote an introduction on what Young Athlete was about and what he hopes to accomplish from its publication. In putting the magazine together, he said, "We asked ourselves to imagine just what it means for that many young people to actively seek the fun, frustration and self-discovery found in athletic competition."

Young Athlete is what Rothaus came up with.

## Trainer cites Western inadequacies

by CAROLYN PRICE

A bum knee is a bummer to some people, but Jane Nichols is not letting hers put a limp in her involvement in sports.

A recurring right knee ligament injury ended her plans to play basketball for Western this year. Instead, she turned her attention to being the women's basketball trainer.

Nichols is not a newcomer to the position, having served as an assistant trainer at Washington State University the previous two years. She helped tape the Cougars football squad and the women's volleyball and field hockey teams during that time.

She said the most important thing is being able to evaluate an injury correctly.

"At WSU you're just drilled in it so much," she said. "With so much repetition, it just sort of comes automatically after awhile."

"If I couldn't get a coaching job or found out I didn't want to coach, this is something I could always fall back on," she

21-year-old Nichols explained about her sideline.

"I could almost write my own ticket in getting a job, what with the increase of women's sports. But it would have to be a university . . . there's no money in a college."

She noted one big difference about athletes at Western where there is no athletic injury treatment center, and WSU where they have complete facilities including whirlpool, ultra-sound (muscle vibrator), a coed training room and a full-time physician.

"If the kids here get injured, they just say 'Oh well, . . . I'm okay,' because they know Western does not have the facilities to take care of their injury."

"But at WSU, the kids just automatically go to the treatment center because they have the complete facilities to help them there."

She said it's a kind of "conditioned" response at both schools because the kids know

what's available to them.

[Ed. note — Western's only rehab treatment is a whirlpool located in the men's varsity locker room. Women must receive special permission to use the facility.]



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## On to regionals!

### Vikettes sweep districts

ASHLAND, OREGON — Coach Lynda Goodrich celebrated her 100th basketball victory here Saturday night as the Western Vikettes swept the Northern-Southern Area district tournament in three straight games.

They defeated the University of Alaska-Anchorage, 80-48, Thursday; Seattle Pacific College, 81-78, Friday; and Oregon College of Education, 69-66, in the championship game.

The title clinched a top seed for Western in the regional tournament this weekend at Portland State University. The Vikettes, now 17-3, battle Central Washington State College in the first round Thursday.

PSU and Anchorage will also represent this area with Montana State University, Washington State University, Central and defending regional champs Boise State University representing the Eastern region. The winner will advance to the national tournament at Penn State.

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# Organization counts for local politics

by DAVE MARCHBANK

Inexperienced observers of grass roots politics received a lesson in the value of planning and organization at last week's local caucuses. Senator Henry (Scoop) Jackson and former California Gov. Ronald Reagan had the only visible organizations in Whatcom County and walked off with the lion's share of delegates from their respective party caucuses.

Jackson, who had the added advantage of being a favorite son, pulled a strong 33 per cent

compared to his nearest rival, Morris Udall with approximately 13 per cent of the 128 delegates to the upcoming Democratic county convention. Candidates Hubert Humphrey, Jimmy Carter and Fred Harris each received 1 per cent or less of the delegates. Over half remained uncommitted.

Indications from a few of the local Democratic caucuses show the uncommitted delegates lean heavily toward Udall but could not muster the necessary backing to be counted as

committed delegates.

Delegates to the Republican county convention are "free will agents," untied to a particular candidate or position and able to vote for whomever they please. But the method of choosing the delegates gives a prior indication of how they will vote.

Reagan supporters turned out in large numbers Tuesday night to insure the chosen delegate from their local caucus would be favorable to their candidate. A straw vote of 40

per cent of the over 400 delegates shows Reagan with 57 per cent backing to President

Ford's 39. Uncommitted delegates received between three and four per cent of the vote.

## Senior citizens offered classes

In order to take Western's campus further into the community, Continuing Education and Bellingham's Senior Activity Center are implementing seminars and programs on pre- and post-retirement.

Robert Thirsk, Continuing Education director, said he would like to get resources and input from participants of the

Fairhaven Bridge Project.

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