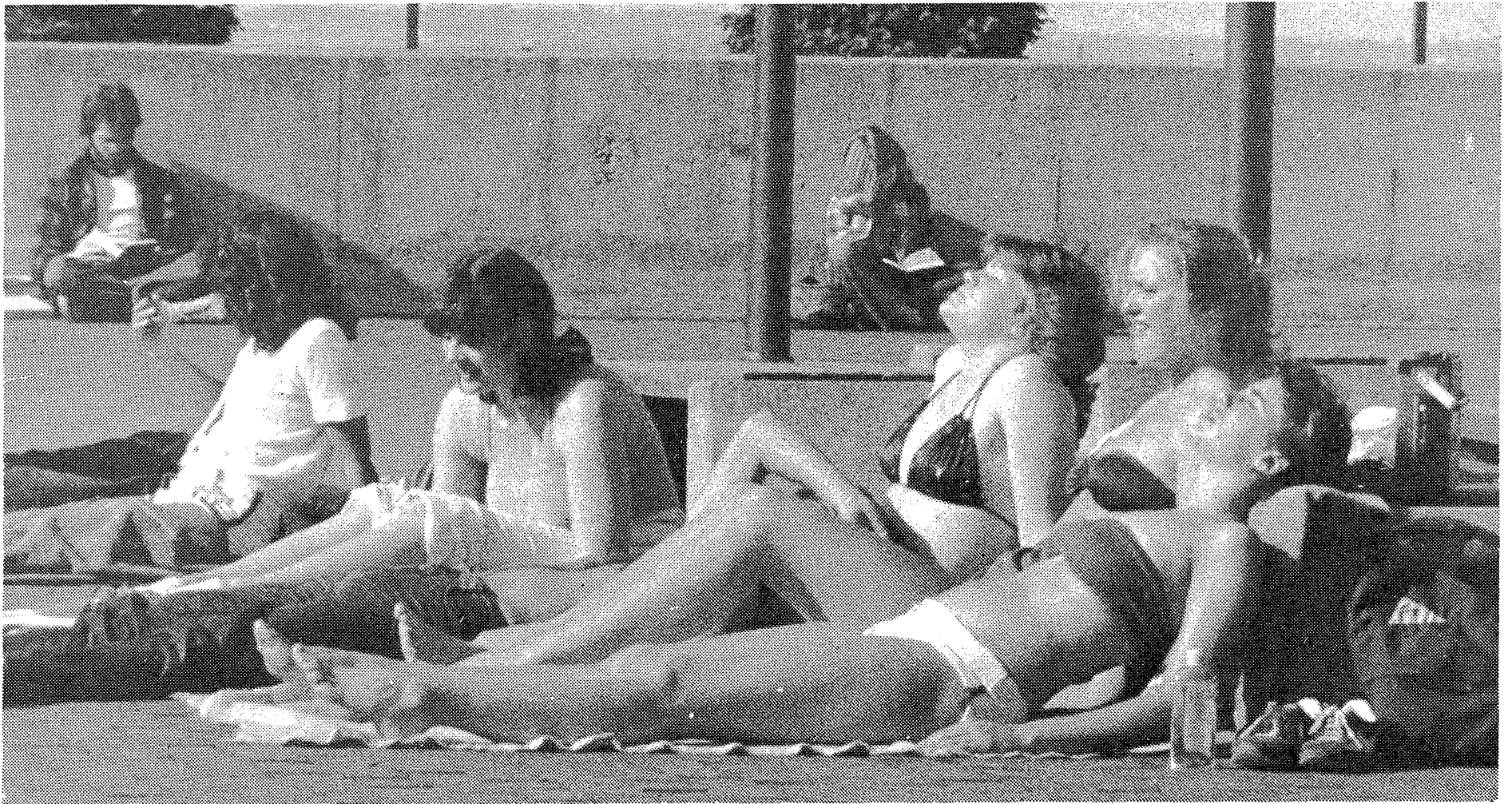


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Jennifer Garlington

Sunbathing 101 is not offered here spring quarter, but if the nice weather persists, many students may skip classes in exchange for sessions in the sun.

Bigotry BUS target of racist note

by Sharon Crozier

A note containing a racist statement and signed "KKK" was found at Western Thursday night, James Schuster, Viking Union building manager, said.

A custodian found the note, which had been pushed under the door of the Black Unified Students office, and gave it to Schuster Friday morning.

Schuster said he immediately called representatives from the BUS, the Office of Student Life, Campus Police and Vice President of Student Affairs Thomas Quinlan.

Quinlan said a rumor of a second note turned out to be a misunderstanding about the first note, which read, "Death to Niggers."

"As far as we can tell, it was just that one isolated incident," Quinlan said. He added he hopes no organized group is responsible and that the note was the act of just one "deranged mind."

Sgt. William Ritsema said the campus police are investigating the note.

Members of the BUS met Friday afternoon in closed session to discuss the note and determine what, if anything, could be done. Ted Pratt, a member of the BUS, said

the meeting was closed to the public because "we have to find out where we are with this."

Mark Robertson, BUS president, said the group will meet again at 4 p.m. today for further discussion.

Associated Students President Greg Sobel told Robertson before the meeting Friday that he was available if needed.

"This is disgraceful," Sobel said. "It is the action of a sick mind. I hope it was just one sick mind and not many."

Detective Sgt. Duane Schenck of the Bellingham Police Dept. said Sunday he had not heard of any Ku Klux Klan activity in the Bellingham area.

In January, a group of people who called themselves the "Junior KKK" distributed leaflets in three dormitories at the University of Washington, Ed Russell, resident-adviser of the UW's Haggett Hall, said.

The leaflets drew no support, he said.

"The RA's were angry but they decided to downplay it and it just died out.

"You know, it's just the 1 percent of 1 percent that makes it so obnoxious for the rest of the campus," he added.

Kitchen: Olscamp grilled

by Jim Segaar

University President Paul Olscamp has received a letter from a state representative investigating the use of student funds for last year's renovation of his school-provided residence.

The letter, from Rep. Eugene Prince, R-9th District, questions the use of \$23,000 of student funds to remodel the kitchen in the president's house.

Olscamp said many of the questions asked in the letter will be answered by the Board of Trustees. Others will be answered by himself and Western's lawyers, he said.

"It's not my home and I didn't make the decisions," Olscamp said. He said Board of Trustees Chairman Curtis Dalrymple will prepare the answer to the letter.

The university owns the house, which its presidents use.

Dalrymple said he expects to

have the response ready in a week or two. He first saw the letter Thursday afternoon, he said.

In his letter, Prince asks if information he was given by Western's Associated Students concerning the kitchen decision is true.

Prince writes he was told the trustees approved the use of \$23,000 in student money for the kitchen project in executive session March 6, last year. The customary procedures for such an appropriation were not followed.

When students asked for records of the decision, the trustees refused because they said students were not involved in the remodeling of the president's kitchen.

Dalrymple said the usual procedures were not followed in the decision because it would have taken an additional six months. During that time, inflation would have pushed the price up, he said.

This refusal was made April 4, 1980, by Ark Chin, then chairman of the trustees.

Prince asks why student funds were used, if students were not involved in the remodeling.

The letter also asks if it is true the funds used were returned to the students after the project was completed.

Prince also questioned if the action was consistent with Substitute House Bill 1480, which outlines students' rights concerning Service and Activities funds. He asks what additional action either the Legislature or Western's administration can take to further insure student involvement in decisions affecting student funds.

Neither Olscamp nor Dalrymple wished to comment on the content of the letter or their response before Prince has received their answer.

Trustees defer to AS

by Abby Haight

Several "little" concessions granted the Associated Students Board of Directors by the Board of Trustees may gain students a larger voice in administrative decisions, AS president Greg Sobel said.

A questionnaire from the AS board asking for clarification on athletic decisions and the Service and Activities fee-split process was discussed by the trustees at a meeting Thursday. Sobel said the trustees' answers were important, if only because they now are on record.

Sobel said the agreement to review raising women's and men's soccer and women's crew standing in 1981-82 was important because "it shows some concession to student views by the trustees."

The AS board now will be able to go directly to Assistant Attorney General Stuart Allen to discuss legal problems that may arise between the Associated Students and the administration, Sobel said. Previously, the AS board had to go through Vice President

for Student Affairs Thomas Quinlan before speaking with Allen.

The trustees agreed to consider "with open minds" all recommendations made by the S & A fee-split committee. By law, a majority of students sit on that committee.

The trustees also agreed to "respect the legitimacy of student involvement in all university decisions."

The AS board's request for a rewording of the minutes from the Feb. 5 trustee meeting also was approved. The minutes had read that the AS board's decision to drop funding of football was based on that sport's high cost. Sobel said the board dropped the sport because University President Paul Olscamp did not raise soccer and women's crew to varsity status and the lack of student involvement in the decision. The original statement was struck from the minutes, and a statement of the AS board's position was inserted.

"We are asserting ourselves in little ways," Sobel said.

The latest on:

Bus shuttle expands runs

by David Mason

Changes may be made in Western's shuttle and Park 'n' Ride bus service next quarter.

Under proposed changes, the shuttle buses, which run at night, will leave and return to campus in either direction on High Street, Director of Housing Keith Guy said. Currently buses leave the Viking Union to the south and return from that direction.

The Housing and Dining Committee must approve the changes.

In another proposed change, daytime Park 'n' Ride service may add evening runs to its schedule, Business Manager Jack Cooley said.

The proposal for new runs "is in the discussion stage," Cooley said. Western needs service beyond

that provided by the housing office's evening shuttle buses, he said.

The Park 'n' Ride bus travels between Miller Hall and the Bellingham Mall. Riders park their cars at no charge along the perimeter of the mall's parking lot.

The number of Park 'n' Ride passengers has grown, Cooley said. One hundred and fifty people ride the bus each day, he said.

But Guy said January statistics show few passengers on two routes added to the evening shuttle service. Five people rode buses on those routes most nights in January, and some nights no one was aboard the buses on the newest routes, he said.

The housing director said he didn't have February passenger statistics yet.

Soviet physicist beams home

by David Mason

Soviet physicist Eugene Kolomeets leaves Western for the East Coast today. Kolomeets and Western physicist Peter Kotzer worked together this quarter on a proposal to beam neutrinos from the United States to the Soviet Union.

Neutrinos are massless, chargeless particles that come from the sun and go through all matter.

Kotzer has applied to several U.S. agencies, including the Dept. of Energy, for the United States' half of a \$6 million joint grant from the U.S. and Soviet governments.

The Western physicist also has

applied for federal funding for a visit next year to the Soviet Union, where Kotzer and Kolomeets would continue their work, Jane Clark, director of Western's bureau for faculty research, said.

In addition to his work with Kotzer, Kolomeets taught a weekly physics seminar at Western this quarter.

The American and Soviet physicists' Project UNCLE (Undersea Cosmic Lepton Experiments) could lead to world communications that require no satellites or copper wiring, Kotzer said when he announced the project last January.

High court to review campus religious suit

by Barb Jarvis

The outcome of a suit between Western administrators and campus religious groups may depend on the result of a pending Supreme Court review of a similar case.

The Western case, Dittman, et al. vs. Western, now is before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Widmar vs. Vincent, involving the University of Missouri at Kansas City, had been decided in favor of religious groups by the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in August of last year.

Attorneys for the religious groups at Western said they do not think the high court will decide the Missouri case before the 9th circuit court ruling.

The question in both cases is which clause of the First Amendment takes precedence in cases concerning the separation of church and state.

Aside from the Establishment Clause, the Free Exercise Clause and the Freedom of Speech Clause, Western's case also involves a question of prior restraint.

The administrations at Western and Missouri maintain allowing

regular and recurring use of campus facilities for religious activity is endorsement of religion and a violation of federal and state constitutions.

The religious groups contend these prohibitions against practice are an abridgement of their right of religious exercise, and that they are being discriminated against because of the content of their speech.

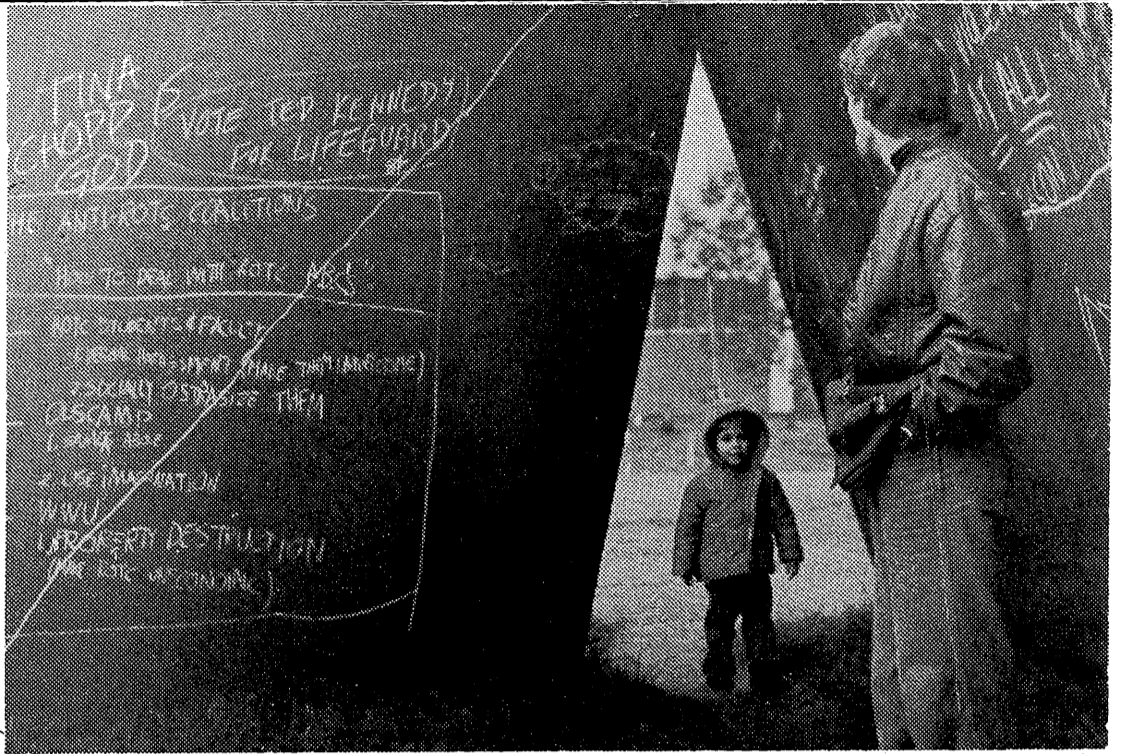
Petition hits 1,000

by Ben Verkerk

Western senior Jess Giessel has not yet completed his petition to rename the Performing Arts Center after John Lennon but he is not giving it up.

Giessel, a Beatles' fan since he was 13, said Thursday he would like to finish the petition by the end of next quarter when he plans to graduate.

He is discouraged, he said, because he has not had enough time and help to circulate the petition. But he should finish it in the spring "when I have more energy," he said.



Jenny Blecha

A future Western student explores the inside of the Serra sculpture, with its vast collection of graffiti.

Art-upkeep budget near

by Nancy Walbeck

Although the Art Acquisition Committee has not submitted a formal budget proposal for the maintenance of Western's outdoor art collection, a previously written financial memo could be resurrected and sent to Vice President for Academic Affairs James Talbot for his approval.

The memo, written last spring, asks for more than \$6,000 annually to maintain the artworks. The proposal includes painting, cleaning, placement of bronze markers and other maintenance.

Some committee members said the 1980 memo was forwarded to Talbot's office, but the vice president maintains he has seen no such document. A copy of the proposal was sent to H. A. "Barney" Goltz

in the University Planning Office.

Eric Nasburg, campus architect and a member of the committee, said the figures in the original memo might have to be updated and that Talbot has asked for guidelines before making a decision.

"In my perspective, it appears Talbot would be interested in having Maintenance and Operations take over continuing operations and expenses," Nasburg said.

"Talbot is beginning to realize something needs to be done," he added.

Larry Hanson, also a member of the committee, said it is the university's responsibility to maintain the sculptures, although he expressed worry about the added financial drain to Maintenance and Opera-

tions' budget.

The recycled budget memo applies only to upkeep and general repair and is not designed to address the continuing vandalism problem.

Committee Chairman Richard Francis said, however, he is more concerned that constant cleaning of the art structures, especially "Serra" and "Caro," will destroy the special rust finishes inherent to their esthetic value.

"It's very complicated to clean the pieces," Francis said. "The rust is protection and also adds texture to the pieces."

Francis was pessimistic about controlling vandalism of the artworks, commenting that he saw "no solution to this long-range problem."

Lift 'botched'

by Lorna Chew

Ongoing construction of an elevator for handicapped students is scheduled for completion during finals week next quarter.

"There was no forethought of what the long-range implications would be, and the entire project is a botch and a bungle," David Marsh, acting chairman of the art department, said.

"The elevator is running months behind schedule, because of shortsightedness. It will be an expensive solution by the time it is completed," Marsh said.

Construction of the handicap-access elevator originally was set at \$160,000, and began during Christmas break, Marsh said. The cab for the elevator is due to arrive for installation by the first week in June, Marsh added. The cost of the elevator at this point is \$170,000, and Marsh said he estimates another \$100,000 is needed for additional art gallery space.

The construction of the elevator has cut the gallery space by 25 percent, Marsh said. The visual communication's classroom on the first floor is smaller because of this construction, and the painting studio has been damaged by the poor planning of a staircase built at the far end of the studio, Marsh said. The size of this staircase takes up

valuable studio space, Marsh said.

The staircase initially was to serve as a route to the mezzanine above the paint studio, where four department teachers have offices, Marsh said. Constructing a staircase was not necessary, because of access to the mezzanine offices through a door located in the art gallery, Marsh concluded.

Handicap Awareness

Three major events, speakers and films are planned for next quarter's two-week Handicapped Awareness program, Glen Huff said. Huff is president of the Organization for Handicapped Students.

A basketball game between Western's varsity team and a professional handicapped team, an obstacle course in Red Square and a scavenger hunt in dorms are events slated for the April 18 to May 2 program, Huff said.

The group wrote to University President Paul Olscamp requesting official recognition of the program. Since 1981 is the International Year of Disabled Persons, Huff said the group anticipates Olscamp's cooperation.

Coffeeshop smokers shunted aside

by Jim Bacon

The Associated Students Facilities Council unanimously approved new regulations Thursday to restrict smokers in the Viking Addition Coffee Shop to the small room at the coffee shop's south end.

The new regulations are scheduled to take effect at the beginning of spring quarter.

Under the new rules, the larger main room of the coffee shop will become the non-smoking area. The small room, which usually closes at 3 p.m., will remain open until the coffee shop's normal closing time.

The council's decision, unless appealed to the AS Board of Directors, is final. AS President Greg Sobel said the board could overturn the decision, or uphold it for a trial period while gathering student opinion on the council's decision.

A poll conducted by the

council indicated overwhelming support for moving the smoking area. Of 183 people responding, 62.8 percent favored a change.

Information was gathered primarily from questionnaires placed at the coffee shop. Some people also personally were asked their opinion.

Desmond Reid, Facilities Council representative at-large, said after the meeting a 1 to 2 percent margin for error existed in the results.

Sobel, however, said later he did not think the poll was statistically valid. He said he "would have done it differently, but that was a decision made by the council members."

Sobel said the survey was an additional measure.

"My understanding was they were inclined to make that decision in the first place," he added.

Normally the council decides an issue based primarily on discussion among its members. At its Feb. 5

meeting, however, it was suggested a survey be taken before a decision was made.

The issue arose after several people complained they had to walk through smoke to get to the non-smoking area.

Coffee shop manager John Greenleaf said SAGA officials told the council late in January that several people had asked if the smoking and non-smoking sections could be switched.

Many non-smokers said they believed a smoking section was necessary but claimed more non-smokers used the coffee shop.

He said they were told they "would have to go through the student councils" to get such a policy changed.

Facilities Council Chairman Chuck van der Linden said after Thursday's meeting that several people also had complained to the Associated Students about the problem.



Claudia North

'Save Our Colleges' garners wide support

by Caryn Shetterly

Campus and community response to the Save Our Colleges petition has been unexpectedly positive, Western's liaison for the statewide movement said.

"Response has been heartening," Pete Steffens, local chairman of Save Our Colleges, said in a phone interview. "It's good, for a change. It shows there's a reaction to budget cuts." Steffens is a journalism professor.

The Bellingham petition is part of the Washington Federation of Teachers' drive to increase support in the state budget of higher education.

Steffens said more than 2,000 signatures have been collected at Western since the petition was started last week. He said local WFT members hope to have 10,000 signatures by next Monday. Many community members

have signed petitions and some have taken blank petitions to circulate among friends and co-workers, Steffens said.

"Mayor Ken Hertz signed and is circulating a petition to all the departments in City Hall," Steffens said. He also said Whatcom County Sheriff Larry Mount had a petition on the desk of his office reception area.

Eugene Hogan, local president of the American Federation of Teachers, said he knew the public supported colleges.

"People in Bellingham believe in higher education," Hogan said. "We just had to make the effort to identify individuals."

Steffens said Western's Board of Trustees signed the petition and promised to circulate others. They haven't done anything like this for a long time. The union has, but not

with such community response."

He said Save Our Colleges is reaching out to all faculty

Steffens said he is surprised by the widespread support of the campus and the community.

"We were just so busy putting it together," he said. "Teachers members, union and non-union, as well as to administrators and students."

"Students are great," he said.

"They've been gathering signatures and manning a table in the VU plaza."

Next Monday, petitions from across the state will be sent to the AFT head offices in Seattle.

AS sets revamp dates

by Mike Brotherton

The Associated Students Review and Reorganization Committee presented a timeline Friday for completing its six-month effort to renovate the AS organizational structure. A pre-general election student vote also was scheduled.

According to the committee's schedule the AS Board of Directors will act on the committee's recommendations March 16. If approved by the board, the committee's proposed bylaws for the Associated

Students will be presented for student action April 14 and 15, committee members said.

The meeting was an open hearing on the committee's work thus far. Council representatives and other students attended to question the committee's suggestions for overhaul of the AS organizational structure.

"We are trying to find a more logical way to put it (the 71 AS organizations, clubs and programs) together," committee member and

AS President Greg Sobel said.

Need for reorganization is the result of poor decisions on the part of AS boards in the past "when boards bought everybody's reason for a program," Jack Smith, committee member and Viking Union director said.

Among the recommendations proposed by the reorganization committee is a nine-member board of directors. If students approve the committee's rewrite of the AS bylaws, nine positions instead of 10 will be up for election, thus the need for a pre-general election ratification vote.

Among the committee's other recommendations for a more manageable AS structure is the establishment of four councils, rather than the five councils now under AS governance. Of these four, the Activities Council is proposed to oversee all AS groups that present programming. It is subdivided by advisory committees to the board of directors.

As proposed by the reorganization committee, the coordinating subcommittee over clubs and other "special interest" groups would receive first budget cutbacks in the event of financial embarrassments similar to those experienced at the outset of fall quarter.

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Editorials

Sugar coating

If the Guinness Book of World Records gave awards for hypocrisy, University President Paul Olscamp and Western's Board of Trustees would have won it easily at Thursday's meeting.

Jammed in among other items on the agenda, the trustees found time to pass a so-called "resolution of appreciation" for Chuck Randall, the former men's basketball coach who got the boot last month after 18 years with the team.

It was a scene guaranteed to bring tears to the hardest veteran of university politics, as Olscamp and the trustees smeared a sugar coating of sentimentality over the raw wound left by Randall's "resignation."

Trustee Jerrold Manley, who once played for Randall, introduced the resolution detailing the former coach's numerous accomplishments during his time at Western.

"He has done one hell of a job over the last 18 years," Olscamp added, and expressed regret that Randall's "failing health" had forced an early end to his career.

Curiously absent from this eulogy was any mention of the fact that Randall's supposedly debilitating heart attack occurred seven years ago, or any explanation of why he had not "resigned" then instead of now, if this truly was the reason for his departure.

Also absent was the coach himself. But perhaps Randall could not bear to see this travesty played out.

And who could blame him? Even those who hardly knew the man found the whole mawkish scene disgusting.

For Randall, who alone knows the real story behind his departure, the episode would have been heartbreaking.

Last hope

Despite continuous pooh-poohing by legislators, it appears inevitable that the cost of higher education in Washington state will accelerate dramatically next year, while its quality will deteriorate at a frightening pace.

In fact, hardly a day passes when some brazen legislator doesn't propose yet another program cut or tuition hike, further hastening this shameless trend. Yet the chorus of exhortations to "remain calm" continues unabated.

Meanwhile, faculty salaries at Washington's public colleges and universities continue to drop—from among the highest in the nation 12 years ago to the bottom third currently.

During the same period, the percentage of state general fund support of universities has declined by one-third, to 10.4 from 15.2 percent.

As a result, outmoded training equipment has become a fact of life and classrooms already have become so crowded that instructors plead with students to drop their courses so no one will have to sit on the floor. The list of casualties is endless.

Can anything be done to halt this alarming trend? The answer is—maybe.

Fed up with the indignities heaped daily on the state's universities, the American Federation of Teachers has initiated a "Save Our Colleges" movement to galvanize support for higher education before it is too late.

Petitions currently are being circulated at Western and across the state calling for a renewed commitment to the quality of education at Washington's colleges and universities.

Every Western student should make a special effort to sign his or her name to one of these petitions—it may be the last chance to save our colleges before the damage caused by the short-sighted 47th Legislature becomes irreparable.



Comment

Wolfman, we need you

Walter Cronkite bowed out of the big time news in that humble and folksy manner that has endeared him to generations of television viewers. And in so doing, he started the internetwork race to find the next "most trusted man in America."

It won't be Dan Rather, Cronkite's heir. Rather is viewed as too pugnacious, ambitious and threateningly handsome. Roger Mudd's move to NBC, prompted by his pique at not getting the CBS anchor, sort of makes him a turncoat.

After all, wasn't it Mudd's antecedent who aided the murderer of Lincoln in his getaway? Albeit, Dr. Mudd helped Booth due to professional ethics but the incident reflects over the decades to taint Roger's switch of allegiance.

Mudd will probably relieve NBC anchorman John Chancellor in a few years. Chancellor, a trustworthy sort, was bucking Cronkite's journalistic expertise and

charisma without a chance of coming up more than second.

ABC, the first network to get out of the starting blocks, has tried more trades, big cash deals and

'Dan Rather is viewed as too pugnacious, while Mudd's move to NBC... makes him a sort of turncoat.'

bring-them-up-from-the-minors moves than any team in the Wide World of Sports Roone Arledge covered for so many seasons.

Arledge admits to tempting Rather with a big contract, but the new CBS anchorman is reported to be getting \$20 million for the next 10 years. ABC now sports a slick, but not powerful, three-man anchor that will probably get

traded again and again during the game.

CBS has two bright lights in its stable that project more "trust" than Rather.

The excellent journalism of Morley Safer combines with a sincerity that can only be real. Safer enjoys his 60 Minutes job so much that he probably didn't care to pursue the anchor chair.

Ed Bradley, imposing, authoritative, award-winning black newsmen, made his mark filling in for Cronkite on weekends. I can see William Paley, CBS president, failing to give the job to Bradley because he feared accusations of tokenism.

So the networks need "trustworthy" men in the eyes of two generations of Americans. They need men who have long media careers, with reputations for being straight shooters.

Captain Kangaroo, Dick Clark and Wolfman Jack, America needs you.

—Edd O'Donnell

No more Mr. Nice Guy

The day is Jan. 1, 1984.

Students have been purged from all university committees, alcoholic beverages outlawed and a dusk-to-dawn curfew established by University President Paul Olscamp.

Olscamp declared a state of martial law and proclaimed himself King Paul I this morning.

When questioned about his right to assume such power, Olscamp responded, "If Franco and Marcos can do it, why can't I?"

"Those nimrod students have been calling me a dictator long enough," he fumed. "Now they will see what a monarchy really is like." Generalissimo R. G. Peterson of

the New Department of Safety, Purges and Radar Surveillance (DSPRS) said the curfew and liquor laws will be enforced starting today.

"Any kid caught out after dark or drinking anything stronger than a Dr. Pepper will have his ass forwarded home in a sweat sock," he said.

He added DSPRS officers will be armed with M-16 rifles and grenade launchers as well as mace and night sticks.

"I have ordered my men to shoot first and ask for a student number later," Peterson said. He would not confirm or deny reports of a "hit

list" including all students with more than three unpaid parking tickets.

Greg Sobel, Associated Students president, met with reporters in his new office in the Bond Hall elevator.

"I really want to keep discussion of the problem within the governance system of the university," Sobel said.

He said he is going to send a memo to Assistant Attorney General Stuart Allen questioning the legality of Olscamp's act.

"I will as soon as King Olscamp gives me some paper," he added.

—Anonymous

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Mail

Royal list

Western Front:

Recent events have caused many of us to wonder just what is going on with our university administrators, notably the president.

First there was the rejection of the Intercollegiate Task Force recommendations, and the underlying rejection of students' role in the allocation of students' money. As far as I know, this "sports scandal" has not yet been resolved, and indeed, may only be resolved in court.

Then there was the dismissal of a certain coach. All the information on this matter has understandably not been released, but it appears to most observers that a personal dispute between the president and the coach led to the coach's firing.

And then we read in the Herald that construction of the new business and economics building was approved against the advice of the State Office of Financial Management, which resulted in harsh public criticism — a "public flogging" — from the House Appropriations Committee.

You'd think that the ugliness of the still-unfinished Environmental Studies Center would be a sufficient reminder not to build buildings you can't afford to complete. Maybe the administration wants a matching set of south campus monstrosities.

Finally we read in the Front that Olskamp is seeking employment elsewhere. Has the burden of trying to cooperate with faculty, students and legislators become too much for him?

As a student (read: serf) watching the mishandling of important university matters by the administration (read: royalty) I am getting pretty upset. Perhaps it is time for those of us who do support cooperation and sensibility to take over from those who don't.

Daniel M. Kirkpatrick

Misleading

Western Front:

It has come to my attention that a March 3 editorial in the Front is critical of the administrative handling of Senate Bill 3531, which appropriated \$788,000 to Western for the completion of the South Academic Building. The editorial is both misleading and unfair for these reasons:

1. The 1979 Legislature clearly intended for Western to include Speech Pathology/Audiology as well as the College of Business and Economics in the building program and design.

2. The budgetary problem was strictly inflation-caused and is no different from virtually every other project appropriated in 1979. It comes to early attention because Western has expedited the project to get it underway in almost record time.

3. The referenced Oct. 2, 1980, "warning letter" from the Office of

Financial Management (OFM) was followed by careful negotiations with the Department of General Administration and the OFM to develop deductive alternatives so that the project could proceed.

Those bids and the procedure saved the state hundreds of thousands of dollars. In the total context, the Oct. 2 letter was properly heeded and responded to by Western.

4. When SB 3531 was before the Senate, Lyle Jacobson, the former director of OFM at the time of the Oct. 2 letter, testified for the bill. It passed the Senate by a vote of 48-0. When the bill came before the House, Jacobson was on temporary assignment to the Corrections Division and was unavailable for testimony concerning the propriety with which the project had gone to bid.

It should be noted that Western does not issue construction contracts; these are issued by the Department of General Administration with the concurrence of the OFM.

It is true that a question arose before the House Committee. This is a legitimate part of the legislative process and no one should be offended by a seeking of facts. Nor should anyone be judged guilty by the inquiry.

The truth is that sufficient funds (\$788,000) were appropriated to assure the acceptance of all deductive alternate bids in a timely manner. The balance of the funding loaf will be given legislative attention in the regular biennial capital budget before this session is over. I fully expect that funding to pass also.

I hope this clarifies the matter. In the halls of the Legislature, this is a very minor question. Western enjoys an excellent reputation in Olympia as a well-run institution—a leader in cost savings, energy conservation and space efficiency.

If the administration is to be criticized when it did nothing wrong, it should at least be praised for providing a high quality educational program for the lowest cost of any of our four-year colleges and universities.

H. A. "Barney" Goltz
Senator, 42nd Dist.

Insulting

Western Front:

In the Front of Friday, March 6, you published my letter pointing out Sue Mitchell's misrepresentation of my views.

You chose to apologize for her article with a note at the end of my letter. "Mitchell mistakenly assumed Larner, a DRAC member, was aware of this connection" (that is, the connection between House Bill 1480 and student responsibility for S & A fee money).

Two points:

1. Reporters never should make such assumptions. It's bad practice and results in inaccurate stories.

2. Your remark implies that I was not aware of the connection, something which neither Mitchell's article nor my letter gives any warrant for.

In fact, I was of course aware of HB 1480, but in talking to Mitchell was addressing other concerns, which I made very explicit, and which were repeated in my letter. These concerns would have made no sense at all if HB 1480 had never been enacted. If you had to make an assumption—there it was, sticking right out at you—exactly the opposite of the one you did make.

I'm sorry you felt you had to cover yourself by insulting me.

Daniel Larner

Ideas meet

Western Front:

I would like to make some comments and observations on the superb letter by Jack Howard in the Mar. 3 Front.

Mr. Howard's concept of love and truth and their relationship to religion is almost precisely the concept I share. I approach Christianity as a constantly growing and deepening understanding of the concepts of love and truth—concepts I believe are embodied in God. I cannot claim to have grown completely and to have understood these concepts fully until I have met God in my heavenly life.

Mr. Howard made a good point about people masking personal intolerances behind religion. Moral Majority epitomizes the bigoted,

reactionary mentality that is prepared to condemn and persecute and then explain its hate-filled actions as "moral."

Jesus Christ has shown us quite a different mentality, to forgive rather than condemn, to understand rather than persecute, to love rather than hate. If we are to find a life of "truth" and "love" we must live the teachings of Jesus Christ in our interactions with others.

Mr. Howard, I don't know if you accept Christ as many of us do, but regardless, I thank you for your refreshing thoughts.

Thomas Duncan

PIRG is?

Western Front:

In the true spirit of democracy, I am interested in any attempt by the community and students to organize and help ourselves in a time of social and economic crisis.

However, many persons seem to have an apathetic attitude when a rally cry is given to organize for the benefit of the community.

In my estimation this apathy is inexcusable in the light of the new administration's policy of slashing public aid. Once again many community members are left in a precarious position, financially. Times are hard and getting harder for the citizens of the community.

In the light of these sobering facts there is an avenue interested folks can take on campus to get involved in an organization that can respond to the needs of the community.

A Western WashPIRG will be an organization run by students. PIRG stands for Public Interest Research Group. They exist in al-

most every state and have been instrumental in initiating research in wide and varied areas, ranging from price surveys in community markets to toxic waste disposal.

PIRG is the brainchild of Ralph Nader and Donald Ross, who co-authored the book "Action for a Change," and who have long stood for the rights of the consumer.

WashPIRG operates by a voluntary student-assessed fee. Students for WashPIRG have yet to be recognized officially on campus and this is the reason for an upcoming petition drive.

I'm sure that if enough students understand the potential benefit of such an organization we will be recognized and can get into action.

However, at this point, we need your ideas, support and action for a change.

Eric Reimer

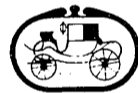
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Western Front:

The Reagan administration is heartless, militaristic and crudely puritanical. But the American people (the majority) are not. We're peace-loving, caring and enjoy loving and being loved. Seventy-four percent of us did *not* vote for Reagan. Unfortunately, we do tend to follow our leaders. I hope that we will live to regret it.

William D. Bokamper

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World celebrates Women's Day

by Grace V. Reamer

International Women's Day, March 8, is one of the most widely celebrated international holidays of recent origin. First proclaimed at a 1910 international conference of women in Helsinki, the day is said to commemorate a demonstration by female garment and textile workers in New York in 1857.

Now the day is observed in countries all over the world, including the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China. At Western, the Women's Center is concluding a Women's Awareness Week from March 4 — 11 in connection with International Women's Day, which is recognized by the United Nations.

The event includes a program of lectures, discussions, films and slide shows concerning changing roles of women in society. Today, Chrysalis Gallery Director Caren Graupe presents a slide show on "Women and Art" at noon in Viking Union 408. Jan Van Ysslestyne of the Northwest Free University speaks on "Women and the Modern Psychic Movement" at 1 p.m. today, also in VU 408.

The Risingfire Women's Self-Defense Collective conducts a "Self-Defense Workshop" from 2 to 5 p.m. today in the VU Sasquatch Room. Sign-up information is available at the Women's Center, VU 215.

"We feel that there are many issues and concerns involving

women that need to be explored," Women's Center Coordinator Laurie Romnes said. She added 56 percent of Western's population is female.

"It's not anti-men, it's in celebration of women" and men are encouraged to participate, Assistant Coordinator Elaine Porterfield said.

In fact, several men as well as women attended and participated in discussions last week such as "Juggling Lives: Self, Career and Family," "Women and Religion" and "Women and History."

"The truth that I see is that women are equal" to men, Mary Beth O'Neill, a minister with the Campus Christian Ministry, said

in her discussion of "Women and Religion."

"Feminists often are seen as those crazy people over there," she said, but added she hopes that image will change.

"We don't know a lot about women in history," Vivian Dreves, a graduate history student, said in her discussion of the subject. She said current history books often present inadequate images of women in the past, and high school and college text books rarely mention women.

On Sunday, Western's Women's Center presented a pancake breakfast to celebrate International Women's Day at the Bellingham YWCA.

Proceeds from the breakfast will

go to the Womenscare Shelter, which also is holding a \$1 raffle this week to raise funds for its counseling service to abused women and children. Drawings for prizes such as a hand-made woolen afghan and movie tickets will be at noon tomorrow in the VU Lounge.

Finishing the awareness week are two presentations tomorrow. "Women and Pornography," a slide show with WAWAV's Lore Wintergreen, is at 12:10 p.m. in the VU Lounge. "Images of a Female God," a slide presentation by Rosana Blethen, follows at 1:30 p.m. in the same location.

Also part of the program is Fairhaven's Chrysalis Gallery display of "Imogen Cunningham Photographs."

At the Women's Center, Romnes said she thinks of the program as having a three-part goal: education, clarification and fun. So far, participation by students and community members has been fairly positive, she said.

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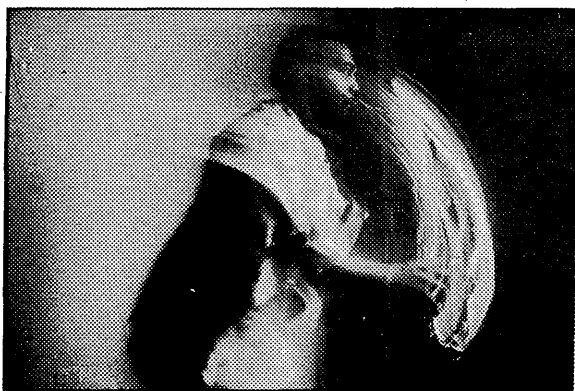


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Paul Tamemoto

Jazz trumpeter Maynard Ferguson thrilled a capacity PAC, Concert Hall audience Sunday evening with his magnificent horn play. Ferguson and his talented 12-piece band, including saxophonist Jeff Kurk, left, combined to make more than two-and-one-half hours of pulsating jazz. Ferguson and company played such jazz standards as "Everybody Loves the Blues" and "Birdland." Also, the group performed a tribute to opera singer Enrico Caruso playing a jazz rendition of "Pagliacci" that lasted nearly 15 minutes.

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Dance works

by Jenny L. Blecha

The second showing of dance works this year, Choreground II, features students in all aspects of dance. Presented by the theater/dance department, the informal atmosphere allows students, as choreographers, directors and performers, to view their works on stage.

Choreground II, consisting of six dance works, begins at noon tomorrow and Thursday in the Performing Arts Center, Main Auditorium.

Kim Loop and Laurie Reid perform "Hollow," a dramatic dance relating hollow feelings caused by a lack of communication.

"Appointments on Saturn," performed by Kim Loop, Michael Miller and Cindy Slack, represents

a journey into the mind.

"Out of My Window," about a terminally ill young girl confined to her room, is danced by Jennifer Haywood, Leslee Hrabetin, Lise Knapp, Michael Miller and Laurie Reid.

The trio, Jennifer Haywood, Michael Miller and Evie Lerner, perform "Drifting." The dance was inspired by the sand dunes of the Upper Peninsula in Michigan and explores the qualities of drifting elements and intertwining relationships.

Two women, Jennifer Haywood and Laurie Reid, performing an animalistic dance exhibiting playfulness and competition.

"A Dream" is danced by Annette Devick and Shane O'Hare.



John Klicker

Unicorn: A ballet opera

"Unicorn," a Renaissance piece by Gian-Carlo Menotti, is best described as a ballet opera. Western's music department combines dancers, singers and musicians in its presentation of the 50-minute piece at 8:15 p.m. tomorrow in the Performing Arts Center, Concert Hall.

Musical selections by the Uni-

versity Choir, the University Singers and a chamber choir will begin the evening, under the direction of Robert Scandrett of the music department.

"Unicorn" is a fantasy about a man who owns three mythical beasts; a unicorn, a gorgon and a manticore. He keeps them in his castle and parades them in the

nearby town. At first rejected by the townspeople, soon everyone wants a unicorn to "keep up with the Joneses." But the townspeople don't value the rare beasts and end up the losers.

Scandrett previously produced "Unicorn" at Western in 1974 and has been touring this quarter's production with 11 dancers, choir and orchestra.

Pieces of Art

Wayne Gorder conducts a wind ensemble concert at 8:15 tonight in the PAC, Concert Hall. Admission is \$3 general and \$2 for students.

Robert Scandrett conducts a choral concert at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday in the PAC, Concert Hall. Admission is free.

An evening of selected Student Directed Scenes, presented by the theater/dance department, debuts at 7 p.m. Thursday and continues through Saturday night in the Old Main Theatre. Admission is free. Six scenes are presented each night ranging from "The Matchmaker" to "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" and "The Bald Soprano."

Surrealistic animation highlights "Yellow Submarine," with the Beatles in all their glory fighting the Blue Meanies, at 7:30 and 10 p.m. Thursday in Arntzen Hall 100. Admission is \$1.50 with Western or Whatcom Community College I.D. One guest allowed per student.

Faculty and students of Western's theater/dance department perform a dance concert at noon Wednesday and Thursday in the PAC, Main Auditorium.

A concert of student compositions will be presented at 8:15 Thursday in the PAC, Concert Hall. Free admission.

The Western Symphony Orchestra conducted by Barton Frank performs "The Rites of Spring" at 8:15 p.m. Saturday in the PAC, Concert Hall. Admission is free.

The last completed role of Bruce Lee highlights "Enter the Dragon," one half of a double-feature Saturday in Arntzen Hall 100. The other is "The Yakuza," with Robert Mitchum in underworld Tokyo. Shows are at 6:30 and 9 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 with Western or Whatcom Community College I.D. One guest allowed per student.

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Sports

Viks avenge earlier Husky win, 58-54

by Mark Carlson

Before boarding the bus for Bellingham and Friday's regular-season finale with Western, the University of Washington women's basketball team had read in the UW Daily that it wasn't supposed to lose to "teams like WWU."

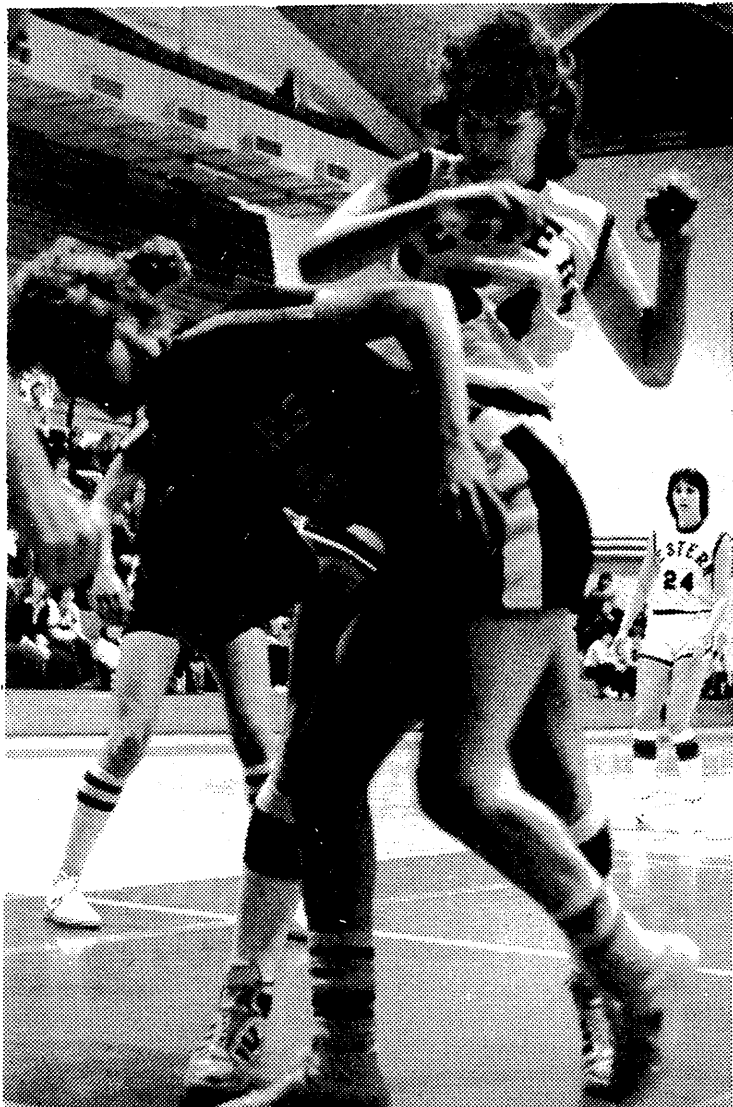
After all, the Huskies are a major-college team, while the Vikings, 68-62 losers to the UW earlier in the season, compete at the small-college level. The Huskies come from all over the nation on full-ride scholarships and their exploits are published in a glossy, 60-page press guide. The Vikings are a local group (all from the Puget Sound basin), who must pass the hat at halftime because athletics are equal in importance with keeping the sidewalks swept at this backwoods teachers' college.

The UW may have realized it was in trouble as it went through pre-game warmups. More than 1,000 noisy Western partisans packed the stands. The Western band showed up for the first time this season. The lineup introductions were turned into a sort of Viking father-daughter night. And the Western players themselves were visibly psyched.

All this translated into a 58-54 Western victory, the Viks' 21st consecutive home-court win, making their final regular-season record 21-5.

The tense, dramatic win was no doubt an excellent tuneup for the Division II Region IX tournament tomorrow in Billings, Mont.

The Viks were tentative on



Jim Segaar

Western avenged an earlier loss to the University of Washington Huskies Friday with a 58-54 victory.

offense early, and fell behind, 10-5, after four minutes. But a 13-4 spurt, behind eight points by center Judy Irving, pushed Western up by four points at 18-14 and the Huskies to the bench to re-group.

After UW pulled to within one at 23-22, Western used a pair of baskets by forward Sue Thomas to assume a 28-22 halftime lead, and expanded that advantage to 39-30 midway through the second half.

At that point, Western coach Lynda Goodrich pulled Irving and All-American forward Jo Metzger, who, troubled by a sprained ankle, had been flat offensively.

"They were tired, and our bench has been coming in all year and doing a good job," Goodrich said.

The Huskies, spidery 6-2 center Liz Chicane leading the way with eight points, whittled the Vik lead to one point at 39-38.

Thomas, who gave Western a lift early in the contest, supplied another bit of inspiration with a basket at 8:22 that snapped the Husky scoring skein, and lifted the Vikings to a 41-38 lead.

Thereafter, the two teams traded baskets, and Western's zone de-

fense had its finest hour thus far this season.

A couple of baskets by Western guards and an unmolested shot by Irving broke the Huskies' back.

First, Kym Cummings, playing her final home game for the Vikings, as were Irving and Metzger, snuck between two Huskies, intercepted a pass, and sank a layup at 4:24.

Then, in a once-in-a-lifetime play, freshman guard Susie Miller, with one second showing on the 30-second clock, took an inbounds pass from Metzger and swished a 25-footer.

Finally, after two Chicane free throws narrowed the gap to one at 55-54 with 53 seconds left, the Vikings played keep-away for 25 seconds, then found a lonesome Irving right of the key for an easy 12-foot jump shot. That put the game out of reach for the Huskies, a game the Daily felt they weren't supposed to lose.

Irving led Western with 22 points and 15 rebounds, while Metzger gathered 12. Chicane paced the UW with 22 points, followed by guard Karen Murray with 11.

Vernacchia: Viks need more work

by James Woods

Western's men's track team competed in its first meet of the season on Saturday in the Varsity-Alumni Meet at Western's track. The meet was not scored for team points.

The Alumni team was made up of Western graduates from two and three years ago.

"This meet gives us a chance to have some fun and see some of the alumni," Viking coach Ralph Vernacchia said.

"There were some good performances today, but we have to work and train harder," he added.

"The bad weather had some effect on how we performed," Vernacchia said.

Bruce Cyra set a school record in the 3,000-meter run with a 8:37.4 clocking. Alumni Clay Stenberg was a close second in the race with a time of 8:38.

Stenberg was voted the best performance by an alumni in a running event. Ron Robertson won the pole vault with a jump of 13 feet and was voted best alumni in a field event.

Winners for Western's varsity were Rod Ritter in the hammer throw, Tony Bash in the high jump, Blake Surina in the javlin and shot put and Kelvin Kelley in the long jump.

Team statistics

WWU Player	Field Goals	Free Throws	Rebounds	Points	Avg.
Metzger, Jo	447 230 .515	134 87 .649	86 155 241 9.6	547	21.9
Irving, Judy	283 134 .473	90 55 .611	105 133 238 9.5	323	12.9
Cummings, Kym	278 105 .378	36 16 .444	19 25 44 1.8	226	9.0
Thomas, Sue	126 63 .500	41 23 .561	59 109 168 7.0	149	6.2
Smith, Kim	135 48 .356	47 28 .596	28 32 60 2.7	124	5.6
von Hahn, Dina	104 44 .423	49 32 .653	38 76 114 4.8	120	5.0
Miller, Susie	94 42 .447	49 31 .633	29 48 77 3.3	115	5.0
Johanknecht, Mitzi	105 37 .352	47 32 .681	38 76 114 4.6	106	4.2
Logue, Nancy	84 33 .393	21 17 .810	40 59 99 4.0	83	3.3
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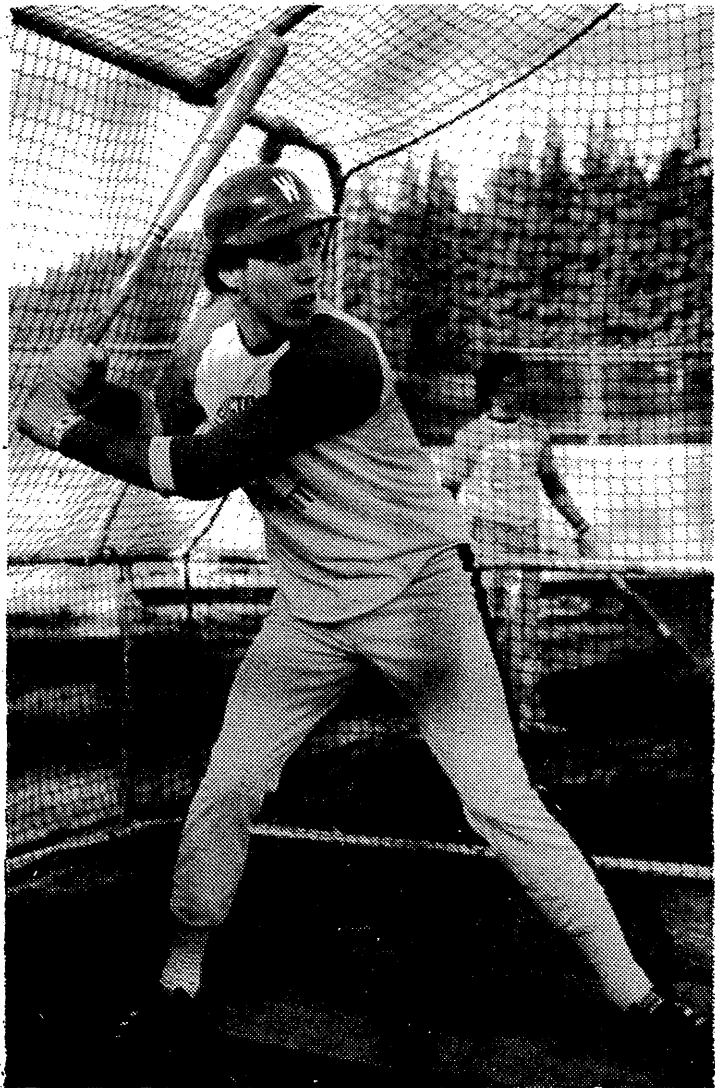
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Kurt Wagner majors in baseball



Kurt Wagner

Mark Carlson

by Sue Mitchell

The only major that interests Kurt Wagner is the major leagues. Study obviously is not the reason the senior power-hitter is here.

"I may major in business administration, but I haven't declared it yet," Western's only four-year baseball letterman said.

In only his second full season of hitting, Wagner, called Wags by his teammates, is considered the long-ball threat for the Viks.

After pitching most of his career, the 22-year-old injured his arm the summer after his freshman year and suffered through therapy, including cortisone shots. He finally got a chance to pick up the bat last year as designated hitter (and back-up first baseman) and hit for a .304 average.

His hitting and veteran-status earned the right-hander the flag of team captain this season.

"He's almost an assistant coach for me," Coach Mark Fenn said. "He is an outstanding leader."

Fellow players echo the coach's praise: "The younger players really look up to him," shortstop Ted Doyle said.

"Wags' kind of quiet, but when he talks you want to listen to what he says," outfielder Wade Jackson added.

His teammates' praise is much louder than his own, however.

"I was really flattered that the guys elected me. The best I can do is lead by example," the 6-2, 180-pounder said.

The pressure is on him this year as the Viks begin their season, but he said he can handle it.

"The only pressure I feel is what I put on myself," the Tacoma native explained. "I really want to do well."

In the opening doubleheader against the Univer-

sity of Washington, Wags did well, going 2 for 6 and hitting the ball hard each time at bat. Wagner ripped a line-shot deep into the leftfield corner but was thrown out trying to stretch it into a double.

"I think he was watching the ball when he came out of the batter's box," Fenn said. "But he did what we want him to do—hit the long ball."

Wags is confident he can do better as the season progresses. "I feel really good at the start of this season."

He said the team as a whole also is more confident—"We know we can win games this year."

His confidence may be stronger because of tips a Cincinnati coach gave him prior to the season, Fenn said.

"He told Wags to pop his hips more as he comes around on his swing to give more power to his hitting," Fenn said. "He's been thumpin' the ball ever since," he added. "Right now he's doing everything right."

Another aid to Wagner's improvement was a ten-day stay in a Florida training camp during Christmas break. While there, the pros helped him concentrate on pulling the ball.

"I learned to swing hard from my ass," he said. "It should lead to more homeruns."

Wagner's only homerun last year, against Central Washington University, helped spark the Viks to a come-back victory over the Wildcats.

He said he thinks he can hit seven home runs in 27 games this year and he is sure he can bat over .300 again.

He likes the challenge of feeding off a pitcher's fast ball who tries to "blow it past you."

Doyle and he may try out for the Victoria, B.C., minor league team later in the spring, he said. It could be the first step to his dream of playing in the majors.

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Overtime

by John L. Smith

For the most part, intercollegiate athletics at Western felt the all-too-harsh effects of winter in Bellingham.

Few Viking teams were big winners, or even winners at all. But looking closely, bright spots can be found—even with a wrestling team that finished 3-9 in dual meets. The club, coached in its final year of existence by Harry Smith, placed seventh at the combined NAIA District I and II meet. Eleven teams entered the meet. Not too much positive there. A closer look, however, reveals two successful wrestlers, Todd Wilson and Jeff Bergsma.

Wilson, competing in the 158-pound division, finished the season with a 20-14-1 mark. The heavy weight Bergsma was the best Viking wrestler, compiling a 19-5-1 record and gaining a berth in the NAIA Nationals.

Coach Bob Warner's Viking Hockey team was the most pleasant surprise of the winter. The club dominated the Northwest College Hockey League this year, finishing with a 23-5 overall record.

The men's and women's basketball teams had almost entirely opposite seasons. The men ended their nightmare with a 4-21 record. The women finished the regular season with a fine 21-5 mark and are headed for the AIAW playoffs.

The women are led on the court by All-American Jo Metzger. The senior continued her excellent all-around play this year, averaging just under 22 points and 10 rebounds per game. She had help from all her teammates, but none added more to the team's strive for the playoffs than center Judy Irving. The senior from Tacoma ended the regular season averaging 13 points and 10 boards per outing.

The men's team, conversely, did not enjoy a winning season. But the year was doubly bad for the Western men. Not only did the club have the worst record in the past 18 years, but also it lost the services of the man who has guided the team for that span, Chuck Randall.

With only two weeks remaining in the season, Randall resigned amid a cloud of controversy as to whether he did so for personal reasons or was forced out by University President Paul Olscamp.

One thing is certain, Western lost one of the finest college coaches in the Northwest when Randall resigned. In his nearly two decades as the Viking coach, Randall compiled an excellent 274-183 coaching record.

When combined with women's basketball coach Lynda Goodrich's amazing 201-59 mark, it becomes clear that Western is, or was, in possession of two of the winningest coaches in the nation. The loss of Randall may be the biggest defeat of the year for Viking athletics.



Jim Segaar

Who me? You have GOT to be kidding! Harlem Globetrotter Sweet Lou Dunbar clowns with an official during a game Thursday in Carver Gym.



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PARKING PERMITS may be renewed for spring quarter through Fri., March 13. Open sales begin Mon., March 16. Permits are sold at the Department of Public Safety from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

COMPUTER SCIENCE SECTIONS added for spring quarter are: CS107 (NC-519), 9 MWF, MH110; CS110 (NC-521), 8 MTRF, BH111; CS297 (Programming in RPG), 2F, BH111, one credit.

SUMMER SESSION registration will take place on June 22, and the first day of classes will be June 23. The 1979-81 General Catalog lists incorrect dates. The calendar on page 3/B of the 1981 Summer Catalog takes precedence over all other printed material.

VU INFORMATION DESK: Offices and departments should forward to the VU Information Desk any information available on programs, seminars, etc., planned for spring quarter. This enables the Information Desk staff to inform the general public of Western's activities.

VU SPRING BREAK HOURS: The VU will close at 5 p.m. Fri., March 20, and re-open at 7 a.m. Mon., March 30. The Viking Addition Coffee Shop will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mon.-Fri., March 23-27.

CARVER RECREATION FACILITIES will be closed March 21-30. Locker rooms will be open from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri., March 23-27, with equipment cages open from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. for towel exchange.

LOCK RENEWALS: It's time to renew PE locks for spring quarter. Renew your lock or turn it in by Thurs., March 19.

SPRING QUARTER CO-ED VOLLEYBALL will be sponsored by the Intramural Office. Entry forms should be obtained and returned to CV112 by 5 p.m. Fri., April 3. For more information, contact X/3766.

SPRING 1981 BOOK OF THE QUARTER is *Dealing With Censorship*, edited by J. E. Davis and published by the National Council of Teachers of English.

Planning & Placement Center Recruiting Schedule

(Seniors must have files established in the Placement Center prior to sign-up for interviews.)

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Lightweights meet in pugilistic panorama

by Brute Blighting

It appears University President Paul Olscamp and Associated Students President Greg Sobel have the chance to settle their differences once and for all.

After months of potshots by both sides, Olscamp and Sobel will step from the conference room to the ring Friday to decide the fate of the Service and Activities fee controversy.

The match, at 8 p.m. in the Whatcom Sports Arena, is part of the "So You Think You're Tough" contest currently touring the Northwest.

Olscamp and Sobel challenged each other in separate letters to the Front.

"I just got tired of the underhanded dealings," Sobel said. "Besides, I'll beat the shit out of him. I mean, have you ever seen him in shorts?"

Olscamp said he sees a different outcome.

"Frankly, I'm surprised he issued the challenge," he said. "When all facets are considered, the reasonable and logical observer can only conclude that I will emerge victorious. Reflect, if

you will, on my superior intellect, my ability to reason logically . . . The smart fighter has a distinct advantage."

Both men expect their rigorous training schedule will contribute heavily to the outcome.

"I've been involved in some extensive remodeling of my home," Olscamp said, adding that the refrigerator, dishwasher and kitchen sink were especially difficult to handle.

Olscamp visits the SAGA dining halls, where he punches slabs of real beef-like tasting meat substitutes. "We needed somebody to tenderize our meat," SAGA Director Rick Waldt, said.

He also jogs daily around the track behind the physical education building, trainer James Talbot said.

Sobel's trainer, Bob Jirka, says his man has been lifting weights to prepare for the fight. Unfortunately, the build-up in chest size has been accompanied with an equal expansion in head size.

"It's a difficulty we've had to deal with," Jirka said, explaining that he has had trouble convincing Sobel of the problem.

The scheduled fight has sparked

interest at Western, including some wagering on the outcome.

Physical education instructor and ex-basketball coach Chuck Randall, the local oddsmaker, is giving the fight to Sobel with 5 to 2 odds.

"That's where I'd put my money," he said. "In fact, I'm betting this month's paycheck, what's left of it anyway, that Sobel will win."

Olscamp, known as the "Great Stone Face," says his iron jaw will be a distinct advantage. "I've never been knocked down or out and don't plan on starting now," he said.

Sobel said he will unleash a secret weapon seconds before the opening bell sounds, but refuses to disclose its identity.

An informed source, who asked not to be named, said the weapon is Sobel's earring. "He believes it is a reception device through which he receives rays of energy beamed from other galaxies," the source said.

If a winner is declared, both fighters say other conflicts may be decided by future fights.

Admission is free.



Bucky The Pencil Beaver

"Still-life of a Subaru," the latest addition to Western's outdoor art collection, was installed last weekend. Artist Bernie Gall calls the \$250,000 sculpture, purchased by the Virgin Weight Foundation, "an experience in upward motion."

Sobel out for plasma

by Crabby Trait

A private memo sent last spring from University President Paul Olscamp to Vice President for Student Affairs Thomas Quinlan revealed that student monies were spent on more than the remodeling of Olscamp's kitchen, Associated Students President Greg Sobel said yesterday.

Sobel said that almost \$20,000 of Service and Activities fees were used by Olscamp to pay for two color television sets, a two-week trip to Bermuda and a Niagara Adjustable bed.

Olscamp, reached in Olympia, denied Sobel's allegations. "That's just a product of his (Sobel's) over-active imagination," Olscamp said. "The trip was strictly business and my doctor advised me to get one of those beds."

Sobel said that he obtained a copy of the private memo while Olscamp's secretary, Sonja Scherbler, was out of the room. He would not say where it was found.

The memo reads, in part, "After all, it sort of is my money and I have a right to it. Besides, they're so worried about that damn kitchen, they won't even notice."

Olscamp was referring to an incident last spring when it was revealed he had used \$23,000 of S & A fees to pay for the remodeling of his kitchen. Sobel said that the private use of S & A fees is illegal.

"It's not against the law because it was used for school business," Olscamp said. The trip to Bermuda was to tour universities there and "maybe pick up a few pointers," he added.

Quinlan could not be reached for comment. Sobel said the AS Board of Directors will review the legality of Olscamp's action.

"We're going to nail him this time," he said.

Rust raises dough

by Grease Schemer

University President Paul Olscamp announced yesterday a revolutionary solution to the budget cutbacks that have plagued many programs at Western.

Beginning spring quarter, Olscamp said, the administration will auction Western's outdoor artworks to raise money for completion of the South Academic Building and other programs short of funds. The state Legislature voted last week to allocate only half of the \$1.7 million Western requested for the building's completion.

"We will be killing two birds with one stone," Olscamp said, referring to extensive student criticism of campus artwork.

"In addition to getting rid of student badmouthing of our professional artwork," he said, "we will be able to raise faculty salaries to a level comparable with high school teachers with money from the sale."

Olscamp said he foresees no student opposition to the proposal. However, he expressed the fear that students may begin vandalizing trees and buildings on campus in place of defacing sculpture.

"I don't want to see 'Tina Chopp lives here' painted across the front of Old Main after the Serra sculpture is carted away," he warned at a press conference.

As for the Serra sculpture, nobody seems to want it except the

artist. Olscamp said he recently received a phone call from Richard Serra, who said he was "fed up" with criticism and vandalism of his "masterpiece" and would personally retrieve the sculpture from its current resting place between the Art-Technology building and Arntzen Hall.

Serra intends to offer the U.S. Navy a good price for the four iron slabs if it will name the ship after him, Olscamp said.

Richard Beyer's sculpture, "The Man Who Used to Hunt Cougars for Bounty," will not be auctioned. Olscamp said he would like to present it "as a memento of a long year" to the Associated Students officers.

Toilet breaks delay more evaluation spats

by Fancy Fallback

At the opening Faculty Senate meeting of the 2001-02 academic year, the first order of business was the 824th proposal for teaching evaluations submitted by an Ad Hoc committee chaired by the aging Robert Thorndike.

The new proposal, outlined on a red, white and blue paper in a concession to Gerard Rutan, was a numerical analysis from one to 100 designated to enrage and offend all faculty members.

The senators agreed this was a step in the right direction as previous proposals offended only a few.

"I am categorically opposed to numerical enumerations," Doug Park, the bald-headed, portly Eng-

lish department chairman croaked. He then advised a scowling Thorndike to "put his numbers where the sun don't shine."

Faculty Senate President George Mariz restored order to the meeting by banging his cane on the table to quiet the continuing chorus of raspberries.

"Hear, hear, senators, point of order," the elderly Mariz pleaded.

Rutan tried to table the motion and propose one of his own.

"I want faculty parking spaces moved closer to campus than the Bellingham Mall," Rutan, the former ambassador to Canada during the Reagan administration, shouted. "It's outrageous. It's de-

spicable. Are we not intellectuals in an academic institution or mere working-class types carrying lunchpails?"

William Scott intoned that a solution might be found in the U.S. Constitution and suggested that the ACLU could make a test case.

"I see it as a direct threat to our civil rights, a violation of the 101st Amendment that states intellectual highbrows can park anywhere," Scott contended while stroking his long white beard.

Phillip Montague disagreed and yanked Scott's beard to get his attention.

"To park or not to park, that has been the burning philosophical

question throughout the ages," Montague ranted.

Mariz, once again using vigorous cane action, brought the meeting back to the original question of teaching evaluation proposals. He offered for comment a cable received from former Vice President for Academic Affairs James Talbot, who manages a sheep ranch in the Australian outback.

Talbot's assessment of the ongoing debate was one word — "Bullroar." The senators were stunned at the vote of no-confidence. Rutan was more than stunned, he was incensed.

"He stole my favorite word.

How dare he?" the ancient political scientist sputtered.

It was finally proposed to table the motion until the quarter break, when no meetings are scheduled.

Because of the elderly contingent of senators, the meeting was adjourned early for comfort station breaks. While waiting in line to use the facilities, Montague was overheard talking to no one in particular.

"I told these young whipper-snappers back in '81 that this discussion could go on into the next century," he complained. "But did they listen?"

He was heard cackling madly to himself as the line inched forward.