# World ends tomorrow, film at 11

By Kirk Ericson

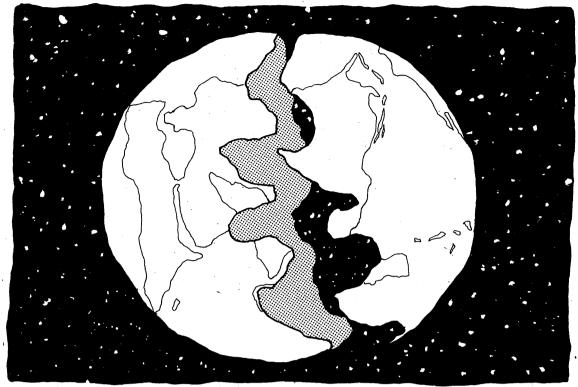
Tomorrow the nine planets will move into the same edge of the solar system, their massive bodies creating a pull on the sun that will sound the cosmic death knell for our dear planet Earth.

That, at least, is the educated guess made eight years ago by two scientists in their book, "The Jupiter Effect." The book sold more than 100,000 copies, making yet another contribution to our society's already substantial supply of doomsday folklore. But while visions of doomsday danced in many people's heads, more astute observers discounted the conclusions of the book. Even the authors wrote a book six years later downplaying some of the bolder assertions made in their previous book.

"The Jupiter Effect" did, however, operate from some basic astronomical truths. Tomorrow the planets will move within a 96-degree arc of the sun, a phenomenon producing a noticeable gravitational effect on the sun.

The authors believed the effect would be extraordinary, causing solar flares of tremendous magnitude. And all scientists agree a large solar flare could create the kind of disaster the Earth never would forget.

Solar flares produce ionized



particles that, given the proper intensity, can hit the Earth's magnetic field hard enough to jolt our planet and throw its rotation off slightly. According to the theory, tomorrow's celestial event is going to cause solar flares large enough to trigger into acitivity the dormant, yet fragile, fault lines formed by the Earth's geological plates. The theory concludes with Earth getting shaken to death.

Most scientists, though, consider the authors' scenario to be

science fiction, not science; the two having as much a relationship as root beer and beer.

Richard Vawter, a physics professor at Western, shares the skepticism most of his colleagues have about the alleged dire consequences of planetary alignment.

"Most of it was spread through popular circles," Vawter said. "The concept of a Jupiter effect is just short of astrology; the Earth experiences more of a tidal effect when the moon is aligned with the sun."

Vawter and other critics of the theory point to the failure of similar past planetary alignments to produce any serious effects on the Earth.

In 1128 the planets gathered in an even tighter, 40-degree cluster, increasing the gravitational effect on the sun beyond the effect produced by the 96-degree are of tomorrow's alignment. History shows no record of any geological anarchy on that date.

Though the doomsday theory experienced a thorough debunking by the mainstream of scientific thought, some trepidation still remains.

A newspaper article on the alignment was posted on the door of the Akasha metaphysical bookstore in downtown Bellingham in response to the tremendous amount of queries the alignment has generated at the store.

"I can't think of anything else that has attracted as many questions in the past two years as has (continued on page three)

# The Western Front

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# Heavyweight horses

See Snoopy and Dick frolic in the fields. They are Percherons. They each weigh more than a Honda Civic. Read about Snoopy and Dick on page 7.

# Green charged with negligent homicide

By Mike Brotherton

Barry A. Green, 19, 606 Everglade Road, was charged with two counts of negligent homicide during a preliminary appearance late Friday afternoon in Whatcom County Superior Court.

The charge followed a Wednesday evening accident in which two Western sophomores were struck and killed by a car driven by Green. Mary-Ellen "Julie" Hall, 20, of Colville, was pronounced dead at the scene. The other victim, Diane E. Wick, 19, of Olympia, died late Thursday afternoon at St. Luke's Hospital.

Green's arraignment is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Thursday. He will be represented by local attorney Phillip Rosellini, who said a plea of not guilty will be entered.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Mac Setter said after the Friday appearance that Judge Byron Swedberg had set bail at \$5,000.

Rosellini said Monday bond had not been posted over the weekend and Green remains in Whatcom County Jail. Refusing to comment on Thursday's arraignment and other matters concerning the case, he said, "I just don't want to talk about it, okay?"

Bellingham Police Chief Terry Mangan said Green had been drinking and was driving a 1966 Buick Wildcat at a high speed when he lost control of the car and fatally injured the two pedestrians on College Parkway. Mangan said a blood-alcohol test was administered, but did not disclose the findings.

Setter also refused to divulge the

want to see the trial moved to another county for lack of an impartial jury.

Setter also declined to comment on possible plea-bargaining options.

According to District Court records of last month, Green was convicted of drunken driving Feb. 23, following a December arrest. A first-time offender, he was fined \$337 and given a year's probation. A sentence of 30 days was reduced to one day in jail.

Wednesday, when the accident occurred, Green was to have served his 24 hours. Because he failed to report to Whatcom County Jail on time, his day had to be changed pending a charge of probation violation.

# Billings trial delayed

By Mitch Evich

The trial of a Western secretary accused of embezzling more than \$45,000 from the music department will begin Apr. 28, Superior Court Judge Byron Swedberg decided Thursday.

The date was set after the woman's attorney, Michael Tario, requested that because of the complexities of the case, he be granted extra time to prepare. The case was pushed back further when dates in mid-April conflicted with Tario's schedule.

The woman, Jean A. Billings, also known as Jean A. Greenleaf, was charged last month with first-degree theft. Her arrest followed a three-week investigation headed by Lt. Chuck Page of Western's

public safety department.

A court affidavit alleges that Billings deposited 18 music department checks totalling \$6,625 into her own bank account under a fictitious name, between Oct. 31, 1980 and January, 1982. The document alleges that more than \$45,000 was stolen from music department accounts while Billings worked there.

According to the document, Billings told Page during the investigation that she repeatedly had been telephoned by an individual demanding she request the checks and deposit them into the account. She said she did not know the identity of the caller, nor the whereabouts of the checks after she deposited them, the document states.

Billings' defense counsel has not yet filed court papers answering the allegations.

Billings pleaded innocent at her arraignment Feb. 18. A pre-trial hearing originally had been scheduled for Feb. 25, but Superior Court Judge Jack Kurtz granted a one-week delay after a request from Tario.

Billings has been employed by the music department since 1971. According to the court affidavit, one of her duties as secretary was to handle payments for service provided to the music department by drawing up field orders for such services and picking up checks.

Billings has requested her case not be discussed with the press, Tario said

# Counseling helps learning problems

By Nevonne Harris

An invisible handicap affects about 2 percent of college students.

It affected Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Edison, Hans Christian Andersen, Albert Einstein, W.B. Yeats, Woodrow Wilson and Nelson Rockefeller as well.

It is called a learning disability. Learning-disabled (LD) people may be tone-deaf, reverse letters when reading or writing, have leftright disorientation or depth perception problems resulting in general clumsiness. Students may have trouble hearing the lecturer in a noisy room, holding a pencil, turning the pages of a book, pressing hard with a pen or following oral or written instructions.

According to the U.S. Office of Education, "A learning disability is a disorder in one of the basic processes involved in understanding or using spoken or written language in the presence of normal or above-average intelligence."

Some types of disorders are perceptual handicaps - brain injuries, minimal brain dysfunctions, dyslexia and developmental aphasia.

Dorothy Crow, Counseling Center administrator and part of the Tutorial Center staff, tests students suspected of having a learning disability.

Many people come for help because they are failing classes, she said. "Some know that they have a learning disability. Many are unaware.'

Their problem is noticeable because a severe discrepancy between intelligence and achievement is present, she said.

The university legally is responsible for helping learning-disabled students if they are average or above-average in intelligence, and can meet class requirements.

The university tries not to hang a label on people, Crow said,

because labels usually have bad connotations. Public schools must label students to gain federal funding, but not universities.

Jill Weimar, a sophomore in computer science, has a learning disability. She also is in the top 5 percent of college students intellectually and graduated from high school with honors. Her problem was not discovered until she attended college.

It was not previously discovered because she never was in one place long enough for the teachers to figure it out, she said.

"I'm an air force brat," she said. When she started college and had some problems, she suspected their cause because her brother also has a learning disability.

Jill is a mild dyslexic. "I flip the letters any direction," she said. When she writes, she skips whole words, leaves out prefixes and suffixes.

Jill said she taught herself to read. Using a typewriter helps because she thinks faster than she writes, and the typewriter helps her compose quickly. When she proofreads her work, she automatically fills in skipped words and cannot tell that anything is missing. On exams Jill uses a typewriter and her answers are monitored in the Tutorial Center.

Ron Adams, a Lummi Indian, is a biology major and also in the top 5 percent of students. He has a learning disability and was unaware of it until recently. He has difficulty with reading and writing.

He used to avoid writing classes, but as he advanced in his major, it was harder to do, he said.

On tests, Ron said he was shocked that his scores were so low because he knew the subject. He went to the Academic Advisement Center and then to Crow. She gave him diagnostic tests that showed he had a learning disability.



Dorothy Crow counsels student Ron Adams about learning strategies

In high school, little effort was made to help correct or discover the problem. He was just pushed through, he said. After attending Western, he went to Oregon State University and took classes for minorities that had more individual help. His grades were pretty high. When he returned to Western, his grades plummeted. Now he can take oral rather than written exams, and his grades are up again.

Crow has organized a support group for students with learning disabilities. About 16 people gather to share problems and exchange coping strategies.

Rather than reading an entire chapter, Ron said, he looks at the table of contents and index to find key words that may be on a test and memorizes them. It is not always the best way to get a good grade, he admitted, but it helps.

Jill, when faced with an essay exam, would be the last one to hand in the test. Her answers could not be understood because she skipped words and her handwriting was illegible.

Although about 2 percent of college students are learningdisabled, public schools have approximately 10 to 25 percent learning-disabled students, Crow said. The difference exists because primary and secondary school teachers are not interested enough and do not take the time to show children how to deal with their disabilities, or even to discover a problem exists, Crow said.

Many students simply are pushed into "special education" classes that do not deal with their problem at all, she added.

Jill's brother, Bob, had this experience, she said. He could not read, write or draw. He was clumsy and tone-deaf. His learning disability finally was discovered during his senior year in high school. But the frustration of being labeled stupid by others had caused him to punch his fist through a wall on several occasions.

He now is a jet mechanic and works for Boeing.

It is only in the last few years that people with any kind of disability have been encouraged to go to college, Crow said, including the learning-disabled. This is why many learning-disabled college students are in the top 5 percent. They are very highly motivated people because they have overcome their problems and entered college, she said.

Support is very important, Crow said. A pamphlet sent to some faculty members explains how learning-disabled students can be helped to cope with their difficulties with classes and exams. Help includes using taped textbooks and recorded lectures, other methods are tutorial assistance with difficult courses, use of typewriters on exams when the student's handwriting is illegible, dictionary use on exams, extra time or oral exams when the student is a slow reader, and having students' papers proofread so they can correct spelling errors.

If students wish to receive help, they must contact the Counseling Center at the beginning of the quarter, Crow said.

### Returning students get housing

By Caron Monks

With goals to improve rapport with students and better meet their needs, the Committee on Housing and Dining of the University Residences office has modified resident hall and campus apartment policies for the 1982-83 academic year. said Keith Guy, director of university residences.

The policy changes will go into

The committee reversed the policy of accepting freshmen into the residence halls before returning students, and the no-refund deposit policy will change to a partialrefund policy, Guy said.

Also, the Birnam Wood residence renting policy will return to apartments on a per-unit basis instead of the current per-person basis, and three resident halls will be designated for upper-classmen

Changing trends in student enrollment prompted the policy changes for the coming year, Guy

In fall 1979, Western had an increased number of new student applications for residence as well as a high rate or returning students, Guy said.

We felt the key to future enrollment was the new students and their entry into college. Theoretically, they wouldn't come to school if they couldn't get housing," he explained.

Now the office first will assign rooms to returning students who apply for residence halls and apartments, then to new students according to their date of application and finally to new transfer students, Guy said.

They have reversed the policy because the residence halls were 98.6 percent full in the fall of 1980, compared to 95 percent full in the fall of 1981, he said.

Guy said he is not sure why the residences had 93 less students in fall 1981, than in fall 1980.

"All I have are some hunches," he said.

He said it may partly be due to the deposit policy at the time, not as many applicants for residence and not as many people "waiting in the wings" for space because they were told the residence halls were full. Also, Guy added, the office did not over assign rooms in 1981 as it had done before.

The reservation and damage deposit in the 1980-81 academic year allowed a partial refund of the \$60 deposit if a student did not show up for their reserved space. This policy was changed in the 1981-82 policy to no refund if the students did not show, Guy said.

This will change again for 1982 83 to a partial refund, and students might get two-thirds the deposit back, he said.

The deposit has been raised to \$90 from \$60 and if students notify campus housing on or before Aug. I that they will not need housing, the refund will be \$60. If the office is notified on or before Sept. 1, \$30 of the \$90 will be refunded, Guy

Renting policy at the Birnam Wood apartments is being reversed to a per-unit basis rather than a per-person basis, which will enable students to have the number of roommates they want, Guv said.

Currently, the apartments cost a total of \$1,020 per quarter, and occupants must pay the full amount regardless of the number of students in the apartment.

"Now that we don't have people waiting in line (to get into the apartments), we can rent to two or three or four people depending on what the students want. This way we avoid bad feelings with students and consolidation worries," Guy said.

Also to accommodate students, residence halls Sigma, Omega and Edens will offer priority residence to upper-classmen, Guy said.

"We are trying to promote a more academically oriented atmosphere for older students," he

### The HUB's manager said, "There is no question about it, that (a tavern) would solve our problems.

Space already has been set aside in the South Campus Center for a

Building (HUB) open a tavern. Although the idea had been proposed before, it is being reconsidered because extra revenue is needed for the HUB after state funding cuts.

SEATTLE — The Services and Activities Fees Committee at the Uni-

versity of Washington last Tuesday suggested the Husky Union

tavern in case the proposal becomes a reality. State law would not allow a tavern now, but a member of the Services and Activities Committee said the Legislature probably would consider

allowing a tavern because of the current budget crisis. Also being considered as a new revenue-earning idea is the rental of HUB space to retail shops next year.

Mary Harshman was chosen Coach of the Year Tuesday by the head coaches of the Pac-10 conference. Harshman, University of Washington's basketball coach, led the Huskies to an 11-5 record in the Pac-10 contest this year. He has the second-highest winning record of any active college basketball coach, with 591 victories, a record exceeded only DePaul's Ray Meyer.

DENVER - Students at the University of Denver on Feb. 23 voted 722-245 against a referendum to implement a plus/minus grading

Although the vote does not determine the final decision on the plan, the University Senate will take the students' opinion into consideration. The Senate also heard views from faculty and students. People who opposed the idea argued the plus/minus grading system possibly could have a deflationary effect on the grade point averages of students trying to get into graduate and professional schools. Some professors argued in favor of the proposed new system, saying it would give a more

accurate evaluation of students' performances.

### endor rule would turn tables

By Laurie Donaldson

Bagels, cookies, apples and coffee are located safely now, but the feast might be moved if the Viking Union Plaza vending policy changes.

"It's on the back burner," VU administrator Jim Schuster said Friday, but he added that a new policy may go into effect as early as next quarter.

The change would award vendors a table through a bidding system. Now, the tables are taken on a firstcome, first-served basis and a daily fee is charged.

In order to change the policy, Schuster said, a vending committee would have to meet, write a proposal and present it to the Associated Students Facilities and Services Council.

If the council accepts it, an open public hearing will be conducted. The council will make a decision following the hearing.

Vendor Carol Rondello said the prices for using the tables went up last year to \$1 a day for students, \$2 a day for non-students or \$15 a month from \$1

Rondello said she understood the changes were suggested because some vendors use electricity and water and the administration was going to apply the increased proposed revenue to improve services to the

Schuster said he notified the vendors and would announce any open hearing concerning the issue:

# Services set for women

Wick were Sunday afternoon in Olympia.

Dana Grant, a campus friend who attended the funeral, described it as a "positive, uplifting' ceremony in which recordings of music by the Commodores and Doobie Brothers set the mood.

"It was the kind of ceremony Diane would have liked," he said. Services for Mary-Ellen "Julie" Hall were scheduled for Monday in Colville, Grant said.

For Western friends who could not attend the out-of-town funerals, Campus Christian Ministry will conduct a special memorial for both women at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

sophomores, not freshmen as earlier had been reported. Neither had declared majors as their school and life plans were always changing, he said.

In describing Wick he said. "Nobody ever said anything bad about her. She was not the kind of person who'd offend anyone."

Of Hall he said, "She was always saying, 'Come on you guys, it'll be okay. It'll be great.' She's probably up there now, saying that to all of us here."

Wick is survived by her parents, Donald and Elaine Wick of Olympia; her grandparents, Katherine S. Wick of Cleveland, Ohio and

brother, David Wick of Bellevue; and two sisters, Suzanne Wick of Kent and Joanne Wick of Olympia.

Hall is survived by her parents, Jack and Loretta Hall of Colville, her grandparents, Julia Hall of Mullan, Idaho and Charles W. Young of Plummer, Idaho; three sisters, Raye-Lynn Hall, Le-Anne Hall and Cretia-May Hall, all of

The families suggest memorials to the Diane Wick-Julie Hall Trust Fund, in care of Stay 'n Play Child Care Center, 607 S. Infirmary Road, Colville, Wash. 99114.

# Nominate your favorite prof in Excellence in Teaching awards

Instead of a shiny apple, two Western faculty will be awarded \$1,000 each for their "Excellence in Teaching," according to a Jan. 12 memo from University President Paul Olscamp.

The awards, provided by the Western Foundation, are given each year to a professor from the College of Arts and Sciences and to a faculty member of one of the other colleges - Business and Economics, Fairhaven, Fine and Performing Arts, Huxley or the School of Education.

Although students may nominate a faculty member, the final decision will be made by two selection committees formed by Olscamp.

Previous winners and visiting faculty are ineligible and the award is for teaching, not research.

Class evaluations from the last five years will be included in the judging. The committees also may devise other tests for the candidates.

Before teachers are considered, they will be asked if they wish to be

a candidate. They must agree to class evaluations and may submit letters of recommendations from faculty and former and current

Nominations are available and must be submitted to Dean James Davis of the College of Arts and Sciences for faculty nominees from there or to Dean W. A. Gregory, College of Fine and Performing Arts, for nominees from the cluster colleges. The entry deadline is April 9.

### Earth may be in for it tomorrow

(continued from page one)

the question of the effects of the planetary alignment," Barbara Snyder, owner of the bookstore,

"I see a lot of people who have a large amount of fear and paranoia about the event. A lot of them are afraid that California is going to fall into the sea," she said.

Unlike many of her customers, Snyder said she believes the alignment will have a favorable effect on the world's citizens.

"On a spiritual level I think it gives the Earth a chance to grow, to share the consciousness of the other planets," she said.

The consensus among scientists expresses little fear the Earth will be cancelled tomorrow by the planetary alignment's effects; it would be best to carry on in a normal way, assuming tomorrow will come and go in the same fashion it has for thousands of years.

Nonetheless, the Jupiter Effect might prove a useful topic if you happen to find yourself strapped for conversation in a bomb shelter

## AS brings bad news from

By Mitch Evich

The Reagan administration is proposing to "slaughter" federal assistance for higher education.

That was the opinion expressed by Bob Sizemore and Jamie Beletz, two Associated Students representatives who recently attended the national "Student Lobby Day" conference in Washington, D.C.

Speaking at a press conference yesterday, Sizemore, vice president for academic affairs, said that "never before has the U.S. government so blatantly taken steps to deny education to so many individuals . . . [it is] a slaughter of federal student assistance programs for fiscal year 1983.

Speaking from a prepared text, Sizemore said Washington students will face a 40-percent reduc-. tion in Pell Grants, a 29-percent cut in college work-study and elimination of Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants, National Direct Student Loans and State Student Incentive Loans.

Sizemore said he and Beletz conferred with Sen. Henry "Scoop" Jackson (D-Wash.) and the top aid to Sen. Slade Gorton (R-Wash.), as well as Congressman Al Swift (D- 2nd Dist.) and Don Bonker (D-3rd Dist.).

Jackson was "highly supportive" of education, Sizemore said, but Gorton's aid said the senator was more concerned about balancing the budget.

'Gorton is still non-committal, however," Sizemore added. "But the prevailing outlook is that he wants to balance the budget at the expense of social programs."

Sizemore said he thinks the Lobby Day was successful in raising congressional awareness about the plight of higher education, and said an even stronger impact could be made by students writing and phoning their representatives.

Beletz, vice president for external affairs, delivered a much more vehement attack against the Reagan administration, accusing it of promoting policies that may lead

"Such a tremendous buildup in military spending, while simul-

taneously axing drastically at social spending, can only mean one thing," he said. "It can only mean the United States is preparing for

Beletz said it is important for students to actively oppose proposed federal cuts in higher education.

Gorton's Seattle office phone number is 442-5545. Jackson's is 442-7476, and Swift's office in Bellingham may be reached at 733-4500.





M-F 11-8 Sat. 12-6 Sun. 1-6

# Quickly-

### Ski Sun Valley during spring break

The third annual Sun Valley Ski Trip is scheduled for March 19 to 27 at Warm Springs, Colo. Transportation and lodging costs \$210. Sign up at the VU Finance Office, VU 209.

For more information, call 671-4494.

### Apartheid meeting to feature UN rep.

The representative to the United Nations from the International Defense and Aid Fund for Southern Africa, Wilfrid Grenville-Grey, will give a public address from 7 to 8:30 p.m., followed by a general meeting of the Anti-Apartheid Action Coalition (AAAC) from 8:30 to 10 in LH 2.

The speaker's organization is one of the major agencies committed to anti-aparthied activities worldwide. Grenville-Grey lived and worked in Southern Africa for more than 20 years before being posted to the United Nations in 1978.

### Bike touring slideshow, talk Thursday

A free slide show and discussion, part of a long-distance bike touring planning seminar, will be given by Brendan McNamee in the Library Presentation Room at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

The event is sponsored by the Outdoor Program. Call 676-3460 for

### Volunteer tour guides needed

The Admissions Office is seeking volunteers to serve as campus tour guides for the Western Preview, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 10. For more information, call 676-3440 and ask for the student-to-student

### Pottery sale tomorrow at Art Annex

Ceramics students have scheduled a pottery sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow in or around the Art Annex, depending on weather

### Chinese academicians to discuss econ

Zhun Dong Yu and Kang Lin, two academicians from the People's Republic of China, will be on campus through Friday. Zhun Dong Yu, a researcher from the Institute of World Economy and of Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, will discuss European currency markets and the Chinese banking system.

Kang Lin will discuss modern readjustment in China's national economy and foreign trade. For more information, contact the College of Business and Economics.

### Keys missing, if found call Security

A 3-inch round, metal key ring, holding 25 to 30 maintenence keys, was lost Thursday in a laundry room at the Birnam Wood apartments. If found please return to campus police at the Safety and Security Office.

### **Debaters host district tournament**

The Western Forensic Program will host the District II qualifier for the National Debate Tournament March 7 and 8 at the Country Inn in La Conner. Larry Richardson, Western's director of forensics, will serve as tournament coordinator.

A second major forensic event is the Pi Kappa Delta Province Tournament scheduled for Vancouver, B.C., March 24 to 27.

A series of social events and tours in the Vancouver area are scheduled around the time of the convention.

### More A.S. Job **Openings**

### **KUGS Operations Coordinator**

- Assist with the production and broadcast of programs, handle public service announcements and coordinate volunteers to help with activities related to programs. \$330/qtr. Application deadline March 11, 1982.

### Art Gallery Assistant

 Assist the director in show preparation and presentation. Handle publicity coordination concerning the V.U. Art Gallery. Minimum wage. Application deadline March 11, 1982.

### **Equipment Rental Shop Staff**

 (2 positions) Operate equipment rental desk and perform routine maintenance as directed by assistant Manager. Application deadline March 11, 1982.

For applications and further information contact Tom Floyd, Personnel Manager,

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# Drunks cause pain, not laws

Last Thursday the Legislature killed a bill that would have imposed tougher penalties for drunken driving. That same afternoon, the second of two Western students died from injuries suffered in an apparently alcohol-related accident.

The victims were not drinking and driving. They were walking on the sidewalk—on the opposite side of the street.

We have heard it so often that it has become monotonous: If you drive, do not drink. It has been displayed on millions of posters, expressed by thousands of driver education teachers and uttered by many a forlorn state trooper.

But some continue to ignore it. And people continue to be killed. Drunken driving is by far the foremost cause of death among 18- to 21-year-olds. When Lyndon Johnson first received casualty reports from Vietnam, he accurately remarked that the figures did not approach those of young people killed or injured on America's highways.

Perhaps tougher drunken driving laws are too much to ask from our society. Alcohol is not merely an aspect of our social life. It is our social life. Everything revolves around it. We tell ourselves that we will not drive home drunk from a party, but we do

If nothing else, the deaths of two Western students cut down by an out-of-control automobile at least raised campus consciousness about drunken driving. But it will fade quickly. Within a few weeks the incident will have slipped from the minds of most students.

### The Front Line-

But some will not forget easily. For those who were close to the victims, the pain their deaths caused will linger.

It is time to stop drunken drivers—before they stop you.

# '82 Legislature deserves boot

The Washington Legislature should be locked up for malfeasance, nonfeasance and misfeasance. At the very least the foot-shuffling, babbling fools should be thrown out of office at the first available opportunity.

Last summer Olympia was in an uproar with the revelation that the wolf was at the door and we had the largest fiscal crisis in the history of the state.

By fall it was apparent that a special session was in the offing. That project cost the taxpayers even more of the dwindling bucks available for state services.

The ostensible purpose of the special session was to get the problem in hand. The majority Republican party and the governor carved up the social services budgets until they looked like last year's holiday turkey carcasses.

Legislators wrestled with the politics instead of the realities of the problem. The high-priced special session came and went with virtually no action beyond taking out some heavy interest loans from the New York monetary moguls.

At the end of the unproductive special session the lawmakers had provided themselves with a little breathing room and vowed to resolve the state's budget woes come the 1982 regular session.

Unless the governor extends the session by cal-

ling the lawmakers into another special gettogether, the regular 1982 legislative session will end in two days with Washington still in as much trouble as it was nine months ago. Apparently the Legislature believes the gestation period of a state bankruptcy is longer than the gestation period for a baby.

Unemployment is more than 12 percent. The construction industry is in a stall. Seattle is reported to have the highest murder rate in the nation so far this year.

Health programs are almost disappearing under the knife. Universities are unable to plan on how many of the state's young minds they will have money to serve in the next few years.

While the social and economic quality are hurting everywhere within 100 miles of anywhere else in this state, the Legislature sits around contemplating the best rhetorical claptrap to mouth in hopes of not alienating their constituency.

They whine about not wanting to raise taxes, publicly refusing to face the inevitable while privately jockeying to get behind a tax plan that will make them look best in the public eye.

Gas tax, sales tax, property tax. Every legislator has his idea of what will be most palatable to the public and each idea is geared to the legislator's ideas about the next election.

The Washington State Legislature, in the main, is comprised of people who do not give a damn about anything other than being able to hang on to that little place of power. They are dedicated public servants like a woodpecker is a carpenter.

Giving this group of losers power was like offering a monkey a machete and sending him in to do brain surgery. Somewhere there must be a citizens' group with the resources to bring civil suit against these bozos for breach of contract.

# Heaven not prepared for Americans

By Terry M. Sell

Dear Ma:

I do not wish to alarm you but the world might end tomorrow.

A pair of scientists have surmised that the cosmic juxtaposition of the planets this Wednesday will cause massive earthquakes. I imagine this could even break the earth in half.

What is most distressing about this is we will all die. I am very concerned about what death might be like.

Some people contend life resumes after death. This makes no sense to me. When you die the condition is described as death, which would appear to preclude life. Perhaps a better description would be death after life, which seems like a more natural progression.

If you come alive again, this would be life after death after life. This unfortunately implies that you might die again, since when you are alive you eventually end up dead.

Because we spend so much time thinking about and preparing for and trying to avoid death, this death after life after death after life seems a terrible inconvenience.

Perhaps life after death after life is eternal, which would be much better. But eternal life also implies the possibility of eternal death, which sounds much more restful though not nearly as exciting.

This ignores entirely the question of what we are before we are alive. We might be dead, or we might not be at all. Some people say we were other things, like trout or fungus or pizza, as in ashes to ashes, earth to earth and crust to dust.

I hope we all go to heaven, although I have no idea what heaven may be like. Having spent some time recently in Moses Lake, I am fully aware of the alternative.

My biggest fear is that heaven will be very similar to Lynden, which would tend to preclude much drinking and dancing. Never have I wanted to spend the hereafter in an eternal rerun of "Father Knows Best," though I am certain he does.

But I am concerned that if indeed the world ends tomorrow we may witness quite a few problems as 220 million Americans are unleashed on heaven.

Americans tend to ceaselessly try to get what they want. Imagine the confusion as millions jostle for a cloud with a view, while many more will refuse to go and head for Canada instead.

If we are healed of our earthly ills, many Americans will suffer greatly, lacking body odor, bad breath, dandruff and unwanted facial hair with which to belittle themselves.

Americans may become bored

and listless without television. They will instead stare listlessly off into space, waiting in vain for a commercial cue to head for the

refrigerator.

Atheists and some philosophers will be forced to deny their existences, wandering aimlessly while refusing to acknowledge anything.

Perhaps most upsetting will be the constant disruption of heavenly events. Imagine the ruckus in the celestial choir when the baritones suddenly break ranks to the call of "It's Miller time!"

And finally consider God's consternation when he discovers Alexander Haig on the Almighty's throne, pronouncing to all "I am in charge here."

I hope this is reason enough for God to reconsider ending life

before death.

If the earth does crack, Ma, I hope you remember to put the cat out and send in your tax return. The Internal Revenue Service probably will survive even the apocalypse. I often have thought God created man only so he could claim more deductions.

love and best wishes, your son, Winky



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# Letters

# Ignorance breeds racism

Western Front:

We were disappointed with the outcome of our Feb. 26 meeting with Front reporter Lori McGriff in the Minority Affairs Office. We do realize that the topic of racial prejudice is a broad subject that cannot easily be expressed in the limited space of the newspaper.

We attempted to share our experiences with Lori about instances of racial prejudice in the college community in general. Several points were made in that meeting and need to be clarified. We cited examples to illustrate the kinds of racism that are expressed by members of the college community. In the article, these statements appeared outside of the context in which they made sense. At the same time, we emphasized why we believe that racism exists by raising the following points:

Separating ignorance of racial or cultural differences from outright racism. When we were asked to provide examples of the kinds of racism we have experienced on campus our responses were "Racist actions are subtle" and "It is difficult to separate outright racism from (the expression of racism through) ignorance of our differences."

If a student makes a statement such as, "Indians are uneducable," it is difficult for us to recognize whether this student speaks from a general lack of awareness or is being racist outright. Yet, the statement just made is a racist remark. We know from the remark made that it is quite possible that the reference was based upon misinformation. Thus, ignorance may be used to foster misinformation and to condone or encourage practices of racism. Such practices may be adopted whenever it chooses to

adjust or correct wrongs. We do feel that it would be unfair for us to leave no room for the growth of individuals who wish to make an effort to understand our racial or cultural differences. If we express anger or any other emotion in response to an unintentional act of racism, we may be closing the door to better understanding. If we leave racist remarks go uncorrected, no one will know that we disapprove of the passage of inaccurate statements. So, often we experience frustration because it seems that our efforts to understand racial conflicts are simply a one-sided effort.

2. Historical perspectives of Native Americans tend to breed racism. "People tend to see us from the historical perspective rather than how we are now," was our comment made when we were asked about stereotypes.

Historically, the government justified its actions (or inactions) in relation to its responsibilities to Native American tribes by declaring Native Americans as racially inferior. Thus, paternalistic policies were developed and tribes were no longer viewed as independent political units of government. Tribes were to be considered wards of the federal state. At other periods in history, the strengthening of tribal self-government was the emphasis of federal policy for Native American tribes. Other governments followed this lead. Most Americans still see tribal governments from the "racially inferior" point of view, despite the progress Native American tribes have made over the years. Continued prejudicial practices are rekindled and rationalized in this manner.

An example might be, if we choose to express our viewpoints on a controversial issue, such as the Indian fishing rights issue in Washington state, different or opposing views will likely be expressed in a classroom setting. This does not add up to an outright verbal attack or prejudicial treatment. Statements made by students or any other person whose views differ from ours, often reflect the racism that has been built into the public mind through the historical treatment of Native Americans by the federal government and other governmental units. It is important to note that scholarly works have likewise followed the trends adopted by the government in respect to studies made about Native Americans.

3. Controversial issues resulting from Indian treaty rights tend to add to the racist mentality of those who choose to maintain a racial frame of mind. "It is a matter of economics" was the remark made in response to identifying racism.

Generally, people who elect to retain racial beliefs are those who stand to benefit materially from the proliferation of racist attitudes among the public in general. Growing, developing, and adapting systems of tribal governments on or off reservations is something such a person would not allow himself to see because of the economic gains to be achieved by seeing Native American groups otherwise. The movement to abrogate treaties is formed upon concepts such as this.

In June, 1981, the Civil Rights' Commission completed a report on the Native American struggle for survival. The report explains tribal treaty rights from a legal perspective and how those rights classify Native Americans separately from other ethnic or racial minorities and the everyday citizen. Opponents of tribal treatv rights proclaim inequality as the basis for their arguments opposing Indian treaty rights. They generally protest that Native Americans are super-citizens as a result of tribal treaty rights. Such views are based upon individualism, a concept acceptable in mainstream American society but still rather foreign to the tribal or collective nature of Native American people.

Legally, treaties were made between the federal government and sovereign tribal political units of governments or politically structured tribal groups. In most circumstances, treaty relations were established with tribes as a peace instrument to accommodate expansionism. At other times, treaties were used as a means for recruiting allies during times of

And then, treaties were the vehicle for obtaining title to land which had previously been communally owned by the tribal people inhabiting this continent.

Native Americans have viewed their treaty rights as a means for survival. Assimilationist policies were and continue to be destructive to the continuance of Native American people and their culture. Treaty relations were recognized by Indian people as a measure of protection from outside interference. From this view, treaties serve to protect the Native Americans' right to control the outcome of their destiny. Control. as used here, refers to the opportunity to select from the alternatives available from the whole society that which will best serve the maintenance of tribal cultural values while adapting to forces of change.

Racism does exist on campus. To separate ignorance from outright racism is not an easy task to accomplish because ignorance and racism, when combined, work together to reinforce racist attitudes. If an individual chooses to recognize his or her own ignorance and then follows up that awareness with efforts to overcome his or her own ignorance then that individual is a true scholar. Are we not all students here?

-Norma Joseph Kim Williams Margie Boyd Native American Student Union

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# Commentary

# Spellman to sell out on pipeline

If you were paying attention last week you will have noticed how the Washington in favor of the Northern Tier pipeline project.

In our last episode James Watt, interior secretary of the Reagan cabinet, visited Gov. Spellman to press for the approval of the Northern Tier disaster-in-the-

Old forthright John told him that he had not decided about that matter as yet but did not wish to go against the advice of the phalanx of state officials that have vetoed the idea as ecologically hazardous.

It looked a lot like Spellman was holding out for some federal concessions before he would sell out for the economic quick fix the project would bring to the state.

Understanding the need to get some better cards on the table, Watt returned to Washington and started looking around for some aces to play.

Voila! In two weeks we get word that the Coast Guard, which has federal string pulling is pushing on been testing supertankers in the Puget Sound and has been publicly leaning toward allowing the big oil barges into the Sound, suddenly does an about face and supports continuance of the ban.

> This move is meant to mollify the environmental folks and give the state politicos a trade-off to point at when Spellman sells out the ecologically concerned public of Washington state.

> Within a few days, headlines at the top of the Post-Intelligencer announce that the pending shutdown of several Coast Guard facilities in the area has been postponed by David Stockman's statistical stormtroopers.

Why are these stations being saved from the knife when so many others are taking it in the neck in government departments?

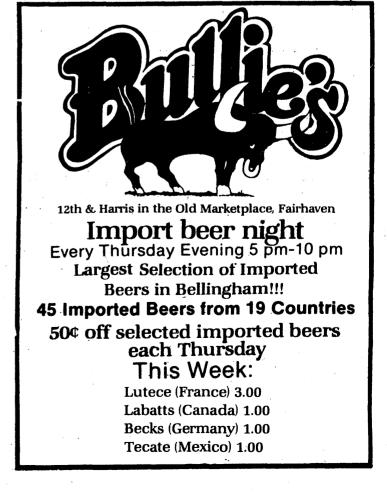
It is called politics, folks. Watt told Weinberger that he needed those Coast Guard cuts stopped to please the admiral so he would support the continued tanker ban so the governor would have something to point at when he approves the pipeline as an alternative to supertankers.

The "Scoop" Jackson-Slade Gorton comedy team have been surprisingly quiet on the issue in recent weeks, leaving John Spellman a one-man show regarding the Northern Tier Pipeline and "peaceful coexistence" sphere.

They know that when the ships are down old John will not have the backbone to stonewall the White House and veto the pipeline fiasco. That way the senators, congressmen and cabinet can let pipestuffing John be the villain or the hero, depending on which way the oil flows when it hits the water.

-Edd O'Donnell





By Lori McGriff and Grace Reamer

(Editor's note: This is the last in a series of articles dealing with ethnic minority students at Western.)

lthough minority students often are saddled with a multitude of problems in their pursuit of a college degree, Western is doing everything it can to help them meet that challenge, several top administrators said.

Western has the smallest minority affairs program and also the smallest minority student population among the state's five universities. But that is not stopping Western from increasing the scope of its recruitment efforts, the first step in encouraging higher education for minority students, said Luis Ramirez, director of Minority Affairs.

Thomas Quinlan, vice president for student affairs, said he is optimistic about getting minority students to Western and keeping them here, although budget cuts have hurt the minority affairs program as well as other programs.

"Despite the budget cuts, which have really affected our recruitment efforts, we are really committed to doing outreach work," Ouinlan said.

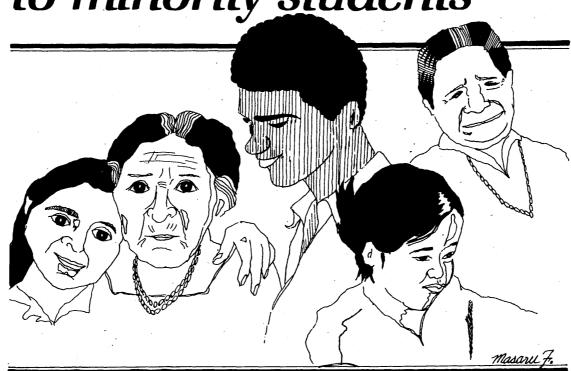
He added, however, "The money that I have available has been earmarked for helping these kinds of students.'

Some of these funds go to Western's early outreach program, the only one of its kind in the state, Ramirez said. The program involves contacting students, teachers, and counselors as early as middle school and informing them about programs available at Western. But, Ramirez added, the most important people to contact are parents.

"We really need to help out the parents with information," he said. They are the best motivators for their children."

Ramirez said he is trying to en-

Western reaches out to minority students



courage minority students at an early age to prepare themselves for college, and to educate their parents about college opportunities.

Booklets designed by Ramirez to educate the parents of children with Latin American or Native American heritage now are circulated throughout local middle schools, he said. Pamphlets concentrating on other minority populations also are in use, he said.

He said he concentrates on Latin American and Native American students because those are Whatcom County's largest minority population.

Although Western has been trying to recruit minority students, the minority population on campus has not increased significantly in the past seven years, according to a recent study by Western's Affirmative Action Office.

Quinlan said the lack of an increase in Western's minority student population despite recent recruitment attempts might be because ethnic minorities have played a small, but increasing, role in local politics.

Attitudes that minority students cannot succeed change slowly, Quinlan said. Until significant changes in attitude are achieved, recruiting minority students from Whatcom County will remain

Jesse Hiraoka, director of Ethnic Studies, said after the College of Ethnic Studies ended its eightyear life in 1977, Western's minority population slumped. Although total student enrollment increased in 1977, the minority population fell to 335 from 358 the previous

Hiraoka said he believed some students left Western because of the ethnic college's demise. The college had been one of three cluster colleges started by Western, Hiraoka said.

Another Western program helps minority students and low income students gain admission although they have low grade point averages.

The program, which started in 1980, admitted about 22 students its first year, Director of Admissions Richard Riehl said. In fall 1981 six more students were accepted into the program.

About half of the students are minority students, Ramirez said.

Rieh! said only one or two students have left Western, a much lower drop-out rate than that experienced among low gpa students before the program began.

But recruiting the students has been the major problem. Although many apply and are accepted at Western, they often are accepted and enroll at another college or university instead.

Ramirez said he currently is calling and writing to all minority students who have applied, encouraging them to come to West-

Helping minority students stay at Western is another duty of the minority affairs office, Ramirez said.

He arranges tutors for students who need help by contacting the academic department offering the course.

A minority identity forum also has been developed to help students deal with cultural understanding and social problems such as interracial dating.

This program started last year and consists of informal counseling and open discussion. Speakers present campus problems minorities may have to deal with, Ramirez said.

Ramirez said he has worked with the counseling center and placement center to help minority students find jobs once they graduate. Minority students are seeking the same careers as white students, according to the career placement center.

"I think it's (recruitment) going to continue to be successful. We want minority students to be here," Quinlan said.

"I think it's extremely important for a university to show diversity.'

# nternational students comp

By Donna Biscav

International students compared life for women in their native countries, shared mixed feelings about returning to their homelands and discussed American feminism last Thursday in Wilson Library Presentation Room.

The panel, led by Kathryn Anderson of the women's studies department, spoke to a group of about 30 persons, including six men.

Elizabeth Hendow, a crosscultural studies major, Kumiko Tanaka, an American history major, Rohana Rahmat and Ozlem Kosan, both biology majors, joined Anderson in the discussion.

Three of the women panelists agreed the opportunities for women in their countries depended

on the attitudes in their families. Tanaka, who is from Japan, said

although her family is not typically Japanese, "Japan still has a tendency to think women don't need higher education." She said some of her relatives did not approve of her coming to the United States to

"I am very influenced by American culture," and therefore, "I am out of pattern" in Japan, she said.

Kosan, from Turkey, said the treatment women receive in her country depends on the social structure of family and the region of the country.

But, Kosan said, "some families oppose children going to Europe or American because they are attached to their children.'

Most of the women expressed feelings of apprehension and excitement about going home when their studies are completed.

Rahmat, a Malaysian brought up as Moslem, said going back will be difficult. "I'm definitely changing," she said. "It is exciting and frightening."

But because Hendow left Iraq illegally she probably will not return. She left with her parents when she was six and eventually moved to America when she was in the fourth grade.

"If I even go back to my country, they will expect me to act like an American," Hendow said.

American professors were compared to Turkish professors by

Kosan who said at Western professors are always interacting on a friendly basis with students.

But in Turkey "you have to recognize the boss, the head of the department."

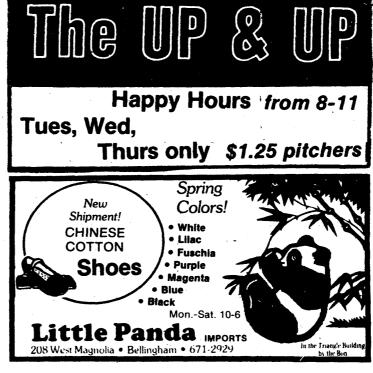
One of the students was surprised American women were not completely liberated.

"I thought they didn't stereotype women here," Rahmat said. She was surprised to find United States women are considered weak here, she said. "I thought that only happened in my country."

But Tanaka said American women are more liberated than Japanese women. In Japan, she said if a "person doesn't fit into the pattern, she is outcast.

"American women know how to express their opinions," Tanaka added. Japan's educational system does not teach people to express opinions through writing essays and other methods used in United States schools, she said.







# Willard Wilder turns 100-pound Percheron foals into one ton . . .

# Draft horses

Text by Scott Fisk and photos by Casey Madison

The quiet country air was broken by the thunderous pounding of two tons of equine flesh charging across the field. The two Percheron draft horses shook the ground and kicked fist-sized chunks of mud high into the air.

"Those two always like to get at each other when they play," Willard Wilder said. "We have to keep the fences hot or they'd break them down."

The stout, easy-speaking 50-year-old has raised draft horses for the past 15 years, primarily for show, but in recent years the demand for work horses for use on small farms and in logging has increased.

The Valley View Percheron Ranch, 17 miles north of Western, just off of I-5, is operated entirely by the Wilder family. Visitors always are welcome for tours of the 15-acre ranch.

Wilder, however, does not use the horses for farm work. Instead he earns his living raising the animals for sale and show.

"I bought my first string of eight Percherons 15 years ago out of Alberta for \$3,000 (for all of them). We always had them around when I was young, so I've always liked them and wanted to raise them on my own."

Wilder said the price of a harness-trained Percheron now starts at \$1,500 and increases depending on size and quality. He said some prize show horses have sold for as much as \$25,000

"Lot of local farmers of course don't want to pay that kind of money. I think the price for work horses will stay fairly low if the demand for them goes up." He added, even with the increase for farm use, most of the horses he sold were used for show purposes.

His son Craig led Snoopy, a dapple gray gelding out of the feeding stable. The largest horse on the ranch, Snoopy weighs about 2,200 pounds and is 18 hands (6 feet tall) at the shoulder.

While holding Snoopy's bridle, the big horse turned to lick Wilder's ear, getting a scratch behind the ears in mutual affection.

"Percherons are easy to train, they're really docile," Wilder said. "The training process starts from the moment they're born. It's important that you're there and handle them at birth so they're used to humans. From then on you just have to treat

them gentle and be good to them."

Wilder has 29 Percherons now, and is expecting seven or eight new foals this spring.

Mud, manure and an electric fence must be avoided to reach the stables where the newest arrivals, a pair of four-week-old foals and their mothers, Carrie and Lois, are eating.

The foals already are waist high and as stocky as lumberjacks. At birth, the foals weigh between 100 and 250 pounds.

At first the two seem shy, keeping in step in their mothers' shadows as they edged over in curiosity toward Wilder.

One of Wilder's dogs, spying the horses, teased the larger foal. But the seemingly shy foal spun, its lean legs already showing tremendous strength and agility, sending the startled dog scampering through the corral fence.

At four years, the foals will reach full size and strength. On the average, Percherons weigh a ton and are 16 to 18 hands (5-4 to 6-0) at the shoulder.

The foals' rich chocolate-brown coats slowly will turn to a storm-cloud gray dapple by age five.

Wilder's daughter, Cheryl, 21, who is secretary of the local draft horse association, said the degree of grayness depends on the breeding.

"Some Percherons are almost white while others can be kept at the original foal brown," she said.

Once reaching full size, the horse easily can pull its own weight and work until it is 20 years old, the average life expectancy.

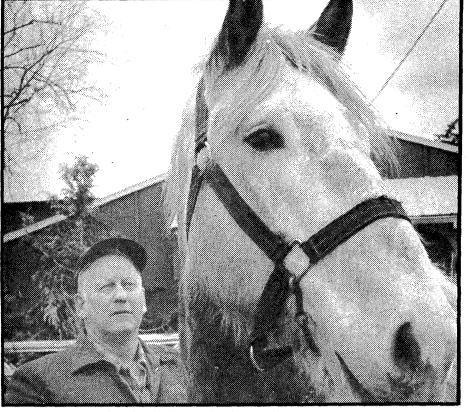
"They don't eat any more than a regularsized horse though," Wilder said, while receiving another lick from Snoopy. "They're just like people — even though they're bigger doesn't necessarily mean they eat more."

Full-grown Percherons eat three pounds each of hay and grain a day.

"I'd estimate they eat about \$3 worth of food a day," Wilder said. "But when we're working them out for show in the summer, we'll feed them eight to 10 pounds a day."

Wilder, said horses have advantages over tractors on small farms because they do not use gas and can work on hills a lot better.

"Sure I'd like to see more farmers use



Willard Wilder is dwarfed by 2,200-pound Snoopy.

them, it would be good for our business. With the price of fuel I wouldn't be surprised at all. Up in Canada draft horses are being used quite a bit for logging also."

Percherons are one of five breeds of draft work horses. Shires are the largest, followed by Percherons, Clydesdales, Suffolks and Belgians.

Percherons originally were bred in La Perche district of France as war horses.

They first were used significantly in America during the French-Indian war to pull heavy artillery equipment.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, draft horses were used in cities and rural areas for transportation and farming. With more grain needed for food during World War I, however, more efficient means of producing grain were needed.

City horses no longer could be fed, and their rural use was phased out by the rapid development of farm machinery.

From 1920 to 1945 the number of registered draft dwindled from 95,000 to a few thousand, mostly owned by hobbyists.

Horsemen such as Wilder have kept the draft horse breed from becoming extinct.

Percherons have been by far the most popular of the draft breed for their gentleness and easy ability to train.

Now the Wilders are experiencing a shift

back to the horse as a practical means of labor.

Cheryl said a company in Canada now is manufacturing horse-drawn farm equipment.

The Wilder's travel extensively in the summer to fairs all over the Northwest. Draft horse show competitions include a four, six or eight-horse hitch pulling a wagon, plowing contests and pulling contests.

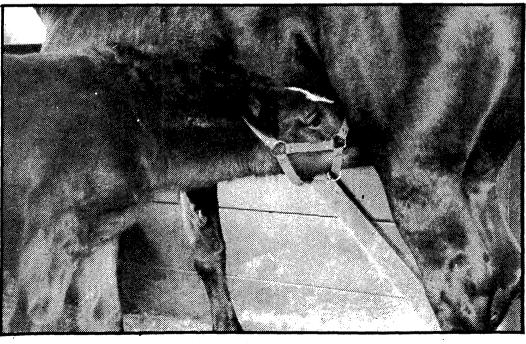
"Our first one is the Lynden plowing contest on May 15," Cheryl said. "From then until October we tour eight or nine fairs in Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Canada.

"We do a lot of traveling, plus parades and little things like that keep us busy," she said. "But everyone who wants to come out and take a look around is welcome and there's always someone around to give tours."

Cheryl added that the horses always were the happiest to get back home after being couped up in the trailer for long trips.

"If we're not careful, they'll take out a few fences because they're so happy to be loose and run."

As the two young geldings continued to turn the field into a gumbo of mud with their play, it is easy to see how fences could not stand between them and a playful romp in the still country air.



Wilder is expecting seven or eight foals this spring.

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# Arts

# 'Rainy Tuesday' hampered by pace

By Chris McMillan

The New Playwrights' Theater is one of the most exciting theater experiences offered by Western's theater/dance department.

Usually produced twice a quarter, it allows student playwrights a chance to see their works performed and to see where improvements are needed.

The audience is part of that

growing process. Its reactions are used by playwrights to pinpoint the weak points in their material.

If it was up to the audience in Room 199 of the Performing Arts Center Friday night, Bob Schelonka's NPT production, "Another Rainy Tuesday," now would be on its way to Broadway. But Schelonka's work still is rough

in spots, so he may want to postpone his trip for a while.

"Another Rainy Tuesday" is the story of Artie (Mark Murphy), a man who admits he is crazy, but denies he is insane. His story starts in a New York alley where he tries to convince another bum (Colan Dolan) that they are prisoners of war in Nazi Germany and they have to escape.

Artie's past is portrayed through flashbacks. In them, his mother (Collette Ogle) loses her sanity, his wife (Sally McIntosh) leaves him because of their clashing personalities and he spends several months in a New York mental institution.

Schelonka has a good idea with this play. He uses Artie to explore if being crazy is all that bad.

Mixing comedy and drama well, his play provides a very enjoyable

But unfortunately, several things were lacking in Friday's performance. One of the biggest problems were in the alley scenes, where a major part of the play takes place. They did not seem to do anything, except to introduce Artie. his craziness and his feelings about

The scenes, intended to be funny, seldom were. The jokes were there, but the timing and energy needed to make them funny

Dolan's performance, although it was good, was too slow to be consistently funny. Dolan acts and talks like a drunken bum, but his timing caused jokes to die of old age before the punch line was

The scene between Artie and his mother is confusing. Artie is crazy at that time and it is unclear if he is doing all the imagining, refusing to believe what his mother says, or if what his mother says is true.

This scene also drags, because of Ogle's slow pacing. She and Dolan

perform in first gear and although both give good performances, they slow the play too much and detract from Murphy's hectic pace.

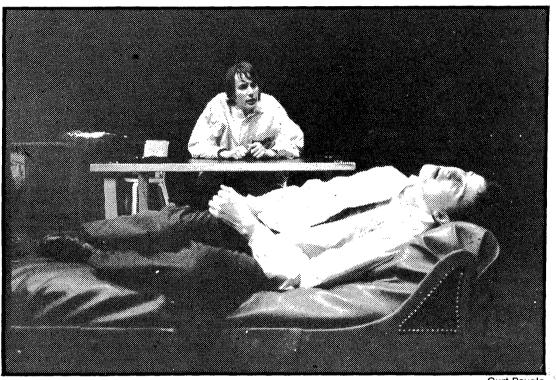
But the play gets better. The scene between Artie and his wife is funny and stylish, like something out of a Neil Simon comedy. McIntosh does an excellent job as a person who wants to be strictly serious, but also dreams of being

The play's funniest moments come in the hospital scenes. Sean Markland's deadpan performance as Artie's doctor is wonderful.

Jill LeFebvre, as Artie's nurse, gives the play a human touch as she gradually becomes attached to Artie. And Murphy's performance is fantastic with a character whose dramatic range reaches deeply into all spectrums of drama and comedy.

The play's sorest spot is not with the actors, but with a lighting effect used when Artie travels to the present from the past. Two scripts of multi-colored lights flash as Murphy walks down the aisle connecting the two stages, giving the process a disturbing and inconsistent science fiction mood more suited for an episode of "The Twilight Zone.'

The problems are nothing a little writing and pace adjustments cannot solve. For the most part, the play is entertaining; even thoughtprovoking at times. Schelonka is not ready for a train ticket to Broadway, but he is on the right



Curt Pavola

Mark C. Murphy and Sean Markland

# iversions

Tonight — A symphonic band concert, conducted by Nicholas Bussard, will be performed at 8:15 p.m. in the PAC Concert Hall. Admission is free.

The Second Annual Whatcom County Art Competition and Exhibition will run in the VU Gallery through March 19. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

An exhibition of pottery by Artur Hohl will be presented through March 17 at the Bellingham Hardware Gallery. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday or by appointment. Admission is free.

Exhibits at the Whatcom Museum

of History and Art include: historic photographs by early Northwest photographer Darius Kinsey through March 28; "Second Skin: Clothing from the Permanent Collection," an exhibit of clothes from 1880 to 1980, through April 4; and paintings by Larry Gray and Glen Garwood through March 28.

Wednesday - Cellist Janos Starker will perform at 8 p.m. in the PAC Main Auditorium. Admission is \$15 and \$9.50, \$6 for students. For reservations, call 676-2870 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

Thursday - Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai will read selections from several of his works at 8 p.m. in LH 2. Admission is free.

Western's theater/dance department presents "Choreoground," a dance concert, at noon today and tomorrow in the PAC Main Auditorium. Admission is free.

Western's theater/dance department and the College of Fine and Performing Arts presents "Directors' Studio II" at 7 p.m. nightly through Saturday in Old Main Theater. "Bits and Pieces," directed by Gretchen Lynn Nordleaf, and "Reforestation," directed by Rox-anne Bash, will be performed tonight. Admission is free.

Stanley Kubrick's "A Clockwork Orange," starring Malcolm McDowell, Patrick Magee and Adrienne Corri, shows at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in the PAC Main Auditorium. Admission is \$1.50.

Friday -- "Directors' Studio II" continues with three plays: "Twelve Pound Look," directed by Leonard Fitzgerald; "The Valiant," directed by J.R. Stanley; and "Portrait of a Madonna." directed by Joe Krieg. The performance starts at 7 p.m. in Old Main Theater. Admission is

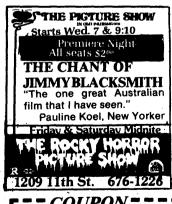
Musica Viva presents The Borodin Trio at 8:15 p.m. in the PAC Concert Hall. Tickets are \$15 and \$9, \$6 for students. Admission is by subscription only.

Friends of Fairhaven present "Macbeth" at 8:15 p.m. through Saturday in the Fairhaven Auditorium. Admission is \$3. Performances will continue after spring break.

Saturday - "Directors' Studio II" concludes with "Stage Directions," directed by Dennis Fox, and "God," by Sean E. Markland. The performance starts at 7 p.m. in Old Main Theater. Admission is free.

The cult film "Harold and Maude," starring Bud Cort and Ruth Gordon, shows at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in the PAC Main Auditorium. Admission is \$1.50.

Sunday - The latest James Bond adventure, "For Your Eyes Only," shows at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in the PAC Main Auditorium. The film stars Roger Moore, Carol Bouquet and Topol. Admission is \$1.50.



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### Whatcom County art expressed in paint, metal and glass

By Caron L. Monks

Choosing from a variety of artistic styles in different mediums last week, judges selected the winning entries for the Second Annual Whatcom County Art Competition at the Viking Union Gallery.

First place was taken by Pamela Goetz's untitled piece, a rectangular table constructed of steel and glass and ground to produce different textures on the cylindrical legs and top of the work. Goetz won \$100 for her work.

Michael Martin won \$75 for his second-place winner, an oil painting titled "Before the Separation."

The simplistic painting is of a melancholy couple perched on a bench clasping hands, and seemingly surrounded by a grasshopper-green cloud.

In third place, winning \$50, was Steve Glueckert's mechanical "Rat Race," an amusing toy-like creation depicting mankind's struggle to finish the race.

Show awards and \$25 were given to five other entrants at the competition and five honorable mention awards also were given.

Out of 273 entrants to the competition, 29 were chosen for the contest. The 13 winners were selected by judges Tom Schlotterback, chairman of Western's art department, George Thomas, director of Whatcom County Museum of Art and History and Sandra Scandrett, a member of Bellingham's Arts Commission.

Judges chose the 13 top articles by process of elimination as the works were paraded past them, Scandrett said.

"The winners were all by personal choice. We didn't discuss each piece individually, she said. "I looked for imagination, neatness and innovation in the art.



Michael Martin's 'Before the Separation'

The steel and glass table piece was on the "favorites" list of all three judges, so it won first place, she said

Scandrett said she liked the primitive quality and flatness of

the "Before the Separation" painting, which she said was well done.

Glueckert's "Rat Race" was "innovative and amusing. It was crude in a way, but consistent in the way it was conceived and fabricated," she added.

Consistency throughout the art was the criterion that Scandrett said she looked for most.

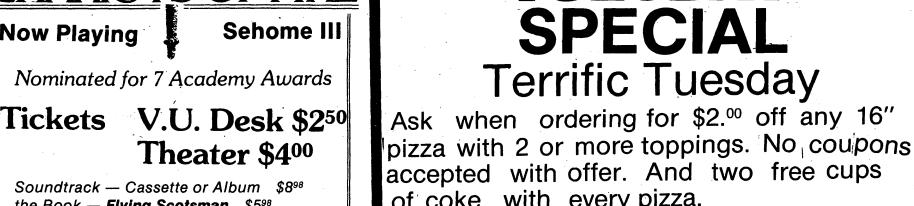
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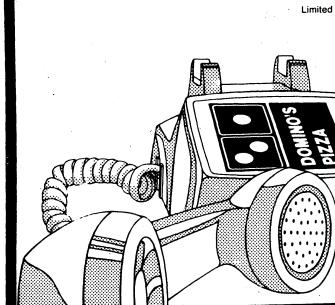
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# Sports

# Vik women in playoffs

ball team plays the College of Great Falls in Montana tonight in the first round of the AlAW Region IX playoff action.

The Vikings lost two games last weekend, 75-59 to Lewis-Clark State College on Saturday and 89-60 to the University of Idaho on Friday, ending their regular season with an 18-8 record.

Western could have had a home playoff game if it had defeated Lewis-Clark. But the Vikings' losses dropped them to third place in the Northwest Empire League with a 9-5 mark.

and Mitzi Johanknecht grabbed 13 rebounds against the Warriors. Johanknecht had both team honors against the Vandals with 15 points and seven rebounds.

The Vikings were plagued by fouls in both contests, 33 against Lewis-Clark and 31 against Idaho.

Both opponents took advantage of Western's foul troubles, as the Warriors hit 25 of 42 shots from the line and the Vandals connected on 33 of 41.

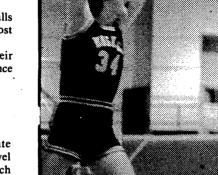
Western game will play Idaho at Seattle University on Friday in the semifinals.

Lewis-Clark plays Eastern Montana Tuesday with the winner playing Montana Tech Friday, also at Seattle.

The losers of the semifinals will meet the following night preceding the finals.

The Vikings played Great Falls last year in the semifinals and lost 78-77 in overtime.

The Vikings are making their 10th regional playoff appearance in the last 11 seasons.



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Mitzi Johanknecht will be shooting tonight in Montana.

### team needs Hockey

By Cathy Melovich

The Viking hockey team has earned a spot in the Western U.S. Collegiate Championships but lacks the funds to participate.

The championships, scheduled for March 26 to 28 in Los Angeles, will cost each player approximately \$200. Western's coach John Utendale said he hopes the 17 players will raise \$100 each.

'We're going to send the entry fee but we'll forfeit that if we can't get enough money," Utendale said.

"As a representative of our league, we will need any support we can get," he said. "Any size donation will be helpful.

Western finished second in its

league to Trinity Western College of Langley, B.C., but hockey is a varsity sport at Trinity, making it ineligible for the club-sports championship. The only Western losses were to Trinity.

"That's our competition," Utendale said. "We enjoy playing them because of the rivalry that's developed over the years.

He added because hockey is a varsity sport at Trinity, its budget is much larger than Western's, allowing the teams all the equipment and practice time needed. Utendale said he believes Western has much talent but not the budget or facilities to develop it.

This season the players were

required to pay \$60 to participate and with equipment and travel expenses, the season cost each player approximately \$500, Utendale said.

To lessen expenses, the team is bidding for ice time in Aldergrove, B.C., 20 miles away from Bellingham, and White Rock, 25 miles

Its present practice site is in Chilliwack, 60 miles to the north.

"It's too far-we can't afford the ice," Utendale said.

"It has been a difficult season. If we don't get better financial backing and if we don't get more regular practice sessions, then we'll have to disband," he said.

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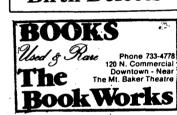
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# Olympic camp helps female cyclist

By Donna Biscay

Bicycle racing, a male-dominated sport because of the tremendous power-to-weight ratio required, now is attracting women on the state and national levels.

For the first time in the Games' history, the 1984 Olympics will include a women's cycling event.

Karen Pheifer, a sophomore anthropology major at Western, recently returned from three weeks of bicyling at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

The free program, called the Olympic Development Training Program, gave Pheifer and 29 other women from across the United States a good start in the racing season and helped prepare them for state and national races, Pheifer said.

Although the Olympics still is a dream for Pheifer, 21, qualifying for the national races definitely is a goal for this year, she said. Taking one race at a time, Pheifer must place first among the top three in the state road race on May 31. This year's race will be in Bellingham and is sponsored by the Mt. Baker Bicycle Club.

Last year, Pheifer placed fifth in the state road race and brought

home a bronze medal for the 25mile time trial.

Pheifer, who has been racing for two years, trains in Bellingham with the Mt. Baker Bicycle Club Racing Team. Because the team consists of only two other women, she usually races with men. She often rides 35 miles a day with some of the team.

Since she is used to riding with men, Pheifer said she really could not compare her riding to the other women's until she started training in Colorado.

Once at the Olympic Training Center, the first hurdle for Pheifer and her two teammates from Bellingham, Barb Rappaport and Martha Burns, was riding at the 6,000-foot elevation in the extreme

Pheifer said the outings the first week were very painful and often the riders turned around early with frozen water in their bottles.

Pheifer began practicing and competing in karate tournaments about five years ago. While she did not participate in competitive sports in high school, Pheifer said karate, in addition to strengthening her legs, let her "feel okay about competition."

But sometimes she has mixed

feelings about competition, she

"In order to win you have to beat someone, maybe your friend.'

Her Bellingham cycling coach, Ken Meyer, said "Karen has mental toughness that she developed from karate."

Meyer, who has been racing for 10 years, said Pheifer has tremendous potential.

"The last three weeks showed Karen how much work she has to do in order to get to the nationals,"

While at the training camp, Pheifer rode an average of 150 miles each week. She said she thought they would ride more but the camp trainers said that quality miles were more important than quantity. Women's races rarely are longer than 35 miles, Pheifer said.

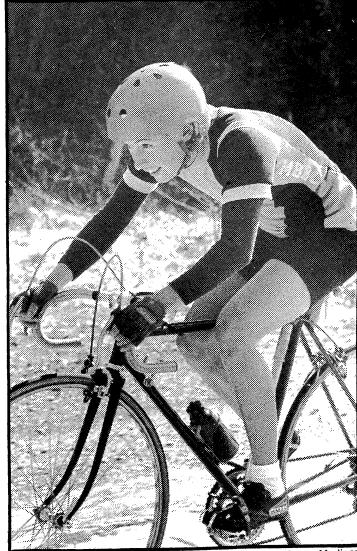
During the second week in Colorado, the group was tested for oxygen comsumption, strength and percent of body fat, Pheifer said. Also, they were lectured by coaches and sports doctors on nutrition, bicycle equipment, massage and first aid.

Pheifer, who brought her Italian Gios Turino bicycle to the camp, rode every day through the town of Colorado Springs with a number of other cyclists. One day, she said, they rode out of town to the Garden of the Gods National Park. The police stopped them for speeding in the park. Some of the cyclists called to the police, "How are we going to get to the Olympics if we can't go over 30 miles per

One new experience in Colorado for Pheifer was cyclo-cross riding. The women rode their racing bicycles as if they were dirt bikes, over packed snow, ice and gravel, she said. this improved her skill in handling her bike and also increased her confidence, she said.

The confidence and new skills Pheifer gained last month in Colorado will be tested this racing

And in the fall, at the season's



Karen Pheifer

Casey Madison

end, the women's Olympic Development Training cycling team will be selected. Twelve women will qualify by points earned in "Super Prestige" races such as the national and world championships, the Coors Classic and the Great Mohawk Carpet Classic. Eight additional team members will be chosen by the coaching staff. This team, along with those participat-

ing in other Olympic events, will

train in Colorado Springs next winter for the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Currently Phéifer combines classes at Western with her training. But she said if she qualifies for the nationals she will try to get a sponsor and devote all of her time to training for the big races.

"I'm going to get to the nationals this year," Pheifer said optimistically.

### WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MATH/C.S. SPRING QTR. CHANGES — Added, C.S.: CS 117 (NC-526), 3 MWF, BH215. CS 210 (NC-533 BH111. Canceled: Math 103, 8 a.m. section. Added, Math: Math 126, 8 MTWRF, BH225. Math 205, 3 MTRF,

PARKING PERMITS may be renewed for spring quarter through Friday. Open sales begin Mon., March 15. Permits are sold at the Parking & Transportation Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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AUDITIONS for Friends of Fairhaven's spring production, Marlowe's Edward II, are underway. Production dates are weekends of May 7, 14 and 21; rehearsals are 5:30-7 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. during April with longer run-throughs in May. Cast calls for 40 men and 2 women. Call David Mason, X/3681 (or 733-4150 7-11 p.m.), for details or audition appointment. Open to all interested persons.

SPRING QTR. COUNSELING CENTER WORKSHOPS include Assertion Training for Men & Women, 2-4 p.m. Mon. starting April 12 for 8 weeks; Dealing with Procrastination, 2-4 p.m. Fri., MH263, starting April 16 for 7 weeks; Eating Disorder Group, 4-5:30 Tues., MH263, starting April 7; Overcoming Perfectionism, 2-4 p.m. Thurs. starting April 15 for 8 weeks; Stress Management Group, 2-4 p.m. Tues., MH263, starting April 13; Women's Suport Group, 3-5 p.m. Wed., MH263, starting April 7; Autogenic Training (deep relaxation), 12:30-2 p.m. Thurs., MH263, starting April 8; Dealing with Self-Defeating Behaviors, 12:30-2 p.m. Wed., MH263, starting April 14. For more Information on any of these groups or to sign up, contact the Counseling Center, MH262, X/3164.

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CAREERS & MAJORS: HOW TO PICK & CHOOSE: Session #5—"Career Exploration"—will be held Wed., March 10. Information and sign-up sheets are in the Placement Center, X/3250, OM280, or Counseling Center, X/3164, MAJORS

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

Seattle YMCA Camp Orklia, Wed., March 10. Summer only. Sign up in OM280.

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**Legal Information Assistant Coordinator** — Assists coordinator in running office, organize volunteers, coordinate special programs and distribute pamphlets.

Men's Resource Center Coordinator — Have a keen awareness of men's changing roles in society and be able to manage volunteers and organize an office.

Men's Resource Center Assistant Coordinator — Responsible for publicizing the MRC and maintaining a working file system. Handle programming and organize special activities.

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Sex Information Assistant Coordinator — Work in the office referring people and organizing information. Help maintain and update files.

Women's Center Coordinator — Should have knowledge of women's issues and their changing roles in society. Will manage office volunteers to provide information on women center.

Women's Center Assistant Coordinator - Responsible for Women's Center library, the coordination of volunteers, referrals and service to drop-ins at the Women's Center.

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**Recycling Center Coordinator** — Coordinates the operation of the Recycling Center including public relations and information as well as the maintenance of the facilities.

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