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Housed in the leaky basement of old Edens Hall, Paul Kotzer's neutrino observatory makes do with very little. Kotzer's Project UNCLE may be riding the trails of the sub-atomic particles to the Nobel prize.

Western captures speedy neutrinos

By CLAIR SWEDBERG

In Bangladore, India, a select group of scientists will meet at the International Cosmic Ray Conference in late summer to discuss this year's possible scientific breakthroughs. Among the items discussed will be a physics experiment at Western where, for the first time in America, neutrinos might have been caught.

Project UNCLE Director Peter Kotzer says he first began building the neutrino telescope in 1977. The 36-foot telescope stands in old Edens Hall and is now collecting what are believed to be man-made neutrinos sent into the atmosphere at the Fermi National Acceleration Laboratory near Chicago.

A neutrino is a point-like packet of energy released from the sun. Its mass is so small that until now catching one was impossible. It travels at the speed of light and if man-made has 400 times the energy of a proton. A natural neutrino has one billion times the energy of a proton.

The tests began when Kotzer correlated the time that neutrinos were released at Fermi and the detection of the neutrinos here at Western. The chances are 20,000 to 1 that what is being detected is actually those neutrinos, Kotzer said.

So far, a natural neutrino has been observed only in the Soviet Union, at Lake Issuk-kul, by a telescope 10,000 times larger than Western's.

Eventually neutrinos can help explore for oil, natural gas and iron ore in a simple way that should save billions of dollars, Kotzer said.

Since 1977, the Soviets have played a role in the construction of the telescope here at Western. The level of technology in this area of science is much higher in the Soviet Union than it is here, Kotzer said. Western has been exchanging equipment with Russia since construction began.

Russian scientist Vladimir Murzin, from Moscow State University, has been visiting Western since January. He is an expert in the ultra-high technology field and has been lecturing to physics students, as well as working with the neutrino telescope.

"We are very lucky to have him," Kotzer said. Kotzer is hoping that Western will be able to have more Soviet-American exchanges, sponsored by the state, in the future.

Kotzer said that if the United States spent more money on projects of this type, rather than for military build-up, it would be able to technologically accomplish more.

"There will be a time, hopefully in the future, when we will be using the neutrinos as common means of communication between the Soviet Union and the United States. We are hoping that the first message ever transmitted will be from Reagan to Andropov that will say P-E-A-C-E from the USA to the USSR," Kotzer said.

Davis' budget supported

By ROGER HAYDEN

Most departments in the College of Arts and Sciences support Dean James Davis' \$110,000 end-of-the-biennium equipment budget proposal, but strong opposition was voiced from some natural science departments.

Davis' proposal calls for \$25,000 to be spent for a consolidated computer classroom in the basement of Miller Hall and \$13,200 for word processors for various departments. A top priority appropriation of \$48,000 has been recommended to restore departmental operating funds.

At present funding levels, most of the natural science departments have a replacement cycle of 50 years or more. Gerald Kraft, chairman of the biology department, said the sciences need much more money to provide an adequate level of education for students. "I disagree 100 percent with (Davis' budget recommendations)," Kraft said.

Kraft said his department now is being funded at one-sixth of what it should be.

Merel M. Prim, chairman of the Budget and Advisory Committee to the dean, said it is difficult to

establish priorities that will benefit the greatest number of students.

Although his committee listed funding for computers as a low priority, Prim nevertheless defended Davis' right to make the final recommendations as he saw fit.

Davis said his recommendations were based on requests for computers and word processors from a large number of departments that historically have requested very little money for equipment, but now have a need.

He said that spending money on computers and word processors would meet the needs of many departments and that the purchase of one or two pieces of equipment for any of the science departments would wipe out the \$62,000 left after the \$48,000 was restored for operating costs.

Western has been withholding the distribution of approximately \$750,000 to cover a possible cut of \$1.6 million, ordered by Governor Spellman, if the Legislature failed to pass a supplementary budget last February.

In the end, however, the Legislature acted and the \$750,000 was free to be distributed throughout Western's colleges and departments.

Loan use change in limbo

By DAN RAMSAY

A measure that amends the use of institutional long-term loan funds for financial aid passed the House Education Committee last Friday and has been referred to the House Rules Committee to wait for scheduling for floor action.

Senate Bill 4089 will allow Washington colleges and universities to channel money left in their long-term loan funds into other programs.

Institutional long-term loan funds were set up so schools could act as lenders and make their own Guaranteed Student Loans (GSL). John Klacik, financial aid administrator, said.

"There really hasn't been a need for institutions to make their own GSLs because of the

increased participation of private lenders over the last three years," he said.

One month ago, the number of Western students in need of additional aid was 1,384 "and it's increased since then," Klacik said. Based on the average award for the 1981-1982 school year of \$2,300 per student, Western's long-term loan fund of approximately \$200,000 could assist only 87 students.

Sponsored by Sen. Nita Rindhart (D-Seattle), SB 4089 will direct \$11 million statewide into tuition waivers and work-study employment programs.

Western's financial aid director Wayne Sparks was out of town attending conferences on student employment and GSL advisement, and was unavailable for comment.

Two more bills are on the verge

of passing the House Rules Committee.

SB 3589 extends the Vietnam-era veterans' tuition program that was set to expire in May and enables those students to continue paying tuition rates based on October 1977 rates.

Michael Davis of the Veterans' Affairs office said about 50 Western students are eligible for this program. They are paying \$15 per credit and a maximum of \$153.

The third measure approved Friday, SB 3531, changes the regulations governing refunds of tuition and fees to students who enroll in classes that start after the quarter or semester has begun. This bill, introduced by Rinehart and co-sponsored by Goltz, also permits colleges to grant refunds to students who withdraw from school for medical reasons.

Tuition freeze gets warm reception

By JEFF KRAMER

A bill that would temporarily freeze tuition rates at Washington Community Colleges and Universities passed easily through the Senate Education committee Wednesday morning after members amended it to exclude non-resident students.

The Washington Student Lobby sponsored proposal, which would outlaw tuition increases until students have resumed paying 25 percent of their educational costs (they now pay 33%) now awaits a hearing in the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Still smarting from a February encounter with the House Higher Education Committee Chairman Eugene Prince (R-Thornton) who denounced the freeze plan as

"selfish," the WSL came to Wednesday's hearing prepared to fend off another round of criticism. Instead, the Senate panel listened attentively while WSL board member Dan Pike and leaders from the Washington Association of Community College Students complained that current tuition levels have reduced access to higher education in Washington.

Pike argued that in pursuing the current tuition policy, the state was jeopardizing its future tax base because college graduates tend to produce more revenue than non-graduates.

The freeze measure now joins SSB 3155 in the Senate Ways and Means Committee, a bill that would provide for high technology training programs at Washington's colleges and universities.

AS considers test, activities restrictions

By PAT BULMER

A proposed policy that would restrict tests and assignments during the last week of classes was sent back to the Academic and Community Affairs Council by the Associated Students Board of Directors Monday.

In a somewhat heated discussion, the AS board refused to grant approval in principle to the Finals Preparation Week Policy being drafted by AS Secretary/Treasurer Ron Bensley.

Bensley admitted that the policy needs "fine-tuning" but wanted the board to approve the concept of a Finals Prep Week before he continued discussing it with administrators.

The Finals Prep Week Policy would allow last-week tests and assignments only if students were notified of them by the fifth week of the quarter. It would prohibit early finals, which currently aren't allowed, except in lab sections.

Board members were hesitant to approve the policy while it's being revised. They also wanted ACAC approval before they voted on the policy.

ACAC didn't approve the policy because it didn't have a quorum at its last meeting, although Russ Whidbee, AS vice president for academic affairs, said the committee liked the idea.

Bensley opposed waiting for ACAC approval noting that the committee rarely has enough people to vote. He insisted that the board deal with the policy.

What clinched defeat for Bensley this time was an idea by AS Vice President for Activities Steve Londino that an Activities Closed Week be considered along with the Prep Week, an idea Bensley termed "an unnecessary complication."

An Activities Closed Week would prohibit such activities as dances and movies on campus during the week before finals.

The board didn't recommend that ACAC consider the closed week, but the idea may be examined anyway.

After Londino's proposal, Leonard Brevik, AS vice president for external affairs, moved that the Prep Week policy be put off for a week. Debate then continued until Brevik snapped that his motion meant a vote must be taken and debate ended. Debate ended and the motion passed.

Whidbee said he would try to get enough people for a quorum at the next ACAC meeting. Bensley said he will continue to refine the policy. The AS board should vote on it next week. If the board approves the policy, it next will go to the Academic Coordinating Commission.

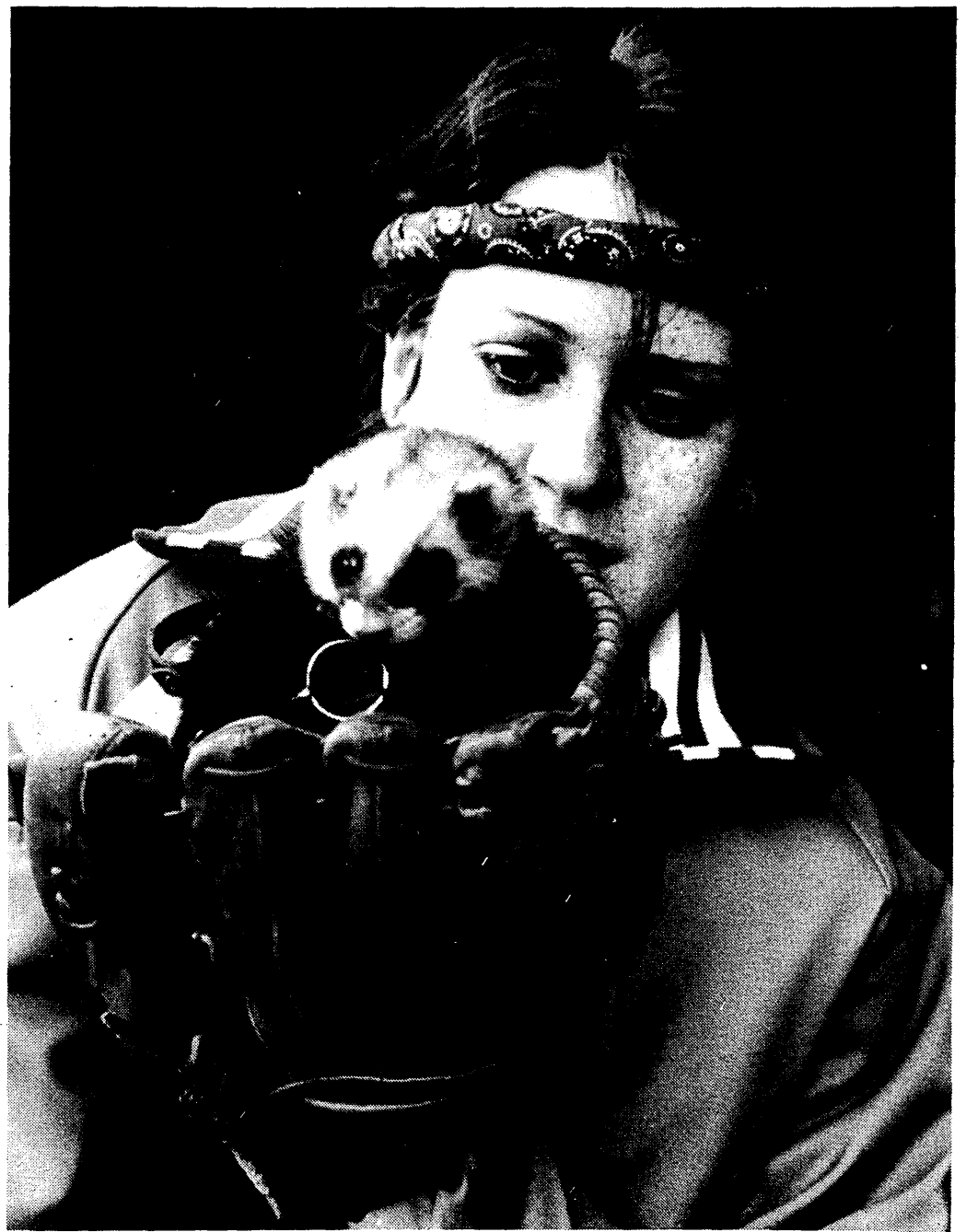


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Ferret-ing out a new sport

Now THIS could be a new national pastime: Ferretball. The possibilities are endless—base on ferret, line ferret, pop ferret, to name a few. It appears Heather Carder is about to open the season by tossing out the first ferret. She's not. She's merely taking care of Oah for friend Vinn Lopardo, the owner of the *Putorius furo*—er, ferret. Play ball!

Next week the board will also propose that a referendum on splitting ACAC take place during May's Associated Students elections.

Brevik said ACAC has trouble getting quorums because some members are interested only in academic issues while others are interested only in external issues. Few are interested in both, he said.

Brevik said interest would be greater and quorums more easily achieved if ACAC was split into an Academic Policy Council and a Legislative and Community Affairs Council.

In other business, AS President Mark Murphy told the board that Western's Board of Trustees approved the bid of Folkers Construction Co. of Anacortes to remodel the Students Co-op Bookstore.

Folkers bid \$174,623. The remodeling budget allowed for \$300,000. AS Adviser Jack Smith said when all costs are considered, remodeling should be \$50,000 to \$70,000 less than the budget.

'Genocide' relives the Holocaust horror

By STEFI FREEMAN

People remember. They try to understand. Forty years later, images of wasted, haggard, emaciated human beings on the way to the Nazi death camps have the haunting power to make people shudder in shame and anger.

Twenty years of research went into the compilation of the BBC documentary *Genocide* presented at Western Sunday night, showing visions of the Jewish Holocaust in Poland carefully captured on German film as an anthropological study of a dying race. Footage and photographs used in the film of the Jewish Poles in the Warsaw Ghetto were culled from Nazi records and from Himmler's personal photo album filled with mementos of the systematic degradation and

execution of hundreds of thousands of Jews.

More than fifty people gathered to watch the documentary and join the discussion led by Rabbi Arthur Jacobovits after the screening in the V.U. Lounge. Rabbi Jacobovits has lectured at universities in the Northwest for twenty years.

"We need to see this so that these millions of people will not have died in vain. The world once allowed this to take place," Rabbi Jacobovitz said. "People need to come to grips with this."

Opening with the Sept. 1, 1939 invasion of Poland, the documentary said: "It is a grim and dreadful story." As images of Nazi soldiers on parade flashed by, it continued, "We present it as a memorial to the thousands of people who died in the Warsaw Ghetto."

Today, it is the latent anti-Semitism of "good people" that Rabbi Jacobovitz fears. He is concerned about the power of propaganda and the media, citing the example of *Good*, a British play in which "cultured, educated, just, and moral" Germans are inexorably drawn into the Nazi mentality by personal and social pressure, and by propaganda that portrayed the Jews throughout the war as the happy, thriving beneficiaries of the Nazi regime.

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I.D. offers student help abroad

By LYNANN BRADBURY

Students traveling abroad this summer can "financially aid" themselves with the use of an International Student ID Card.

Available for \$6 in the Foreign Study Office, Old Main, the ID card "is the only document recognized worldwide as official proof of student status," said Arthur Kimmel, Foreign Study Director.

The ID card "saves students substantial amounts of money with discounts and benefits, (and) provides automatic accident/hospitalization insurance anywhere outside the continental U.S.," Kimmel said.

Any full-time student enrolled for one of the three past quarters is eligible.

Student status allows a 10 to 50 percent discount for many restaurants, hotels, sight-seeing tours and transportation costs.

The *ID Discounts Guide*, a free informational booklet, lists international offices to help student travelers. The guide gives specific information on discounts and benefits available to students. The discounts are "beginning to be good in the United States," Kimmel said. Hawaii, Alaska, New York and San Francisco are some of the areas that offer students reduced rates.

The 1983 International Student ID Card expires Dec. 31, 1983. Cards for 1984 will be sold in October.

"Next to a passport," Kimmel said, "the International Student ID is considered the most valuable document a student takes along when traveling abroad."

Volunteers needed

The Bellingham Food Bank needs volunteers to collect, prepare and distribute food for people in need. Volunteers are needed between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday for retrieving food donated by area businesses and individuals, repacking bulk foods, packing and distributing food bags for Food Bank clients and sponsoring fund and food drives.

If you can help for three or four hours one or more times per week, call the Food Bank at 676-0392.

Caucus forming

A group of women from Whatcom and Skagit counties, working to establish a local chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus, an organization designed to help women (and men) become more involved in politics, will meet from 3-5 p.m., Saturday, April 16, at the YWCA, 1026 N. Forest.

Scheduled to speak are Rep. Al Swift (D-Bellingham), Rep. Helen Sommers (D-Seattle) and Nancy-Helen Fisher of the Women's Political Caucus.

For more information, call 733-5101, or 766-6655.

Politics examined

Canadian Party leadership, the process and the selection will be the lecture topic of University of Saskatchewan political science professor John Courtney at 3 p.m. Monday in the Wilson Library Presentation Room. He also will comment on the current Progressive Conservative leadership race.

A reception for Courtney will take place in Canada House on Monday.

NEWS NOTES

Library receives gift

Western has received a complete set of the Census of Canada 1851-1971 as a gift from the Canadian Embassy. The data is on microfiche and available on the fourth floor east of Wilson Library, in the Governments Documents section.

The census is available to students, faculty and the general public.

Create a slide show

A multi-media slide show on kayaking and sailing in British Columbia by Peter Fromm will be shown at 7 p.m. Monday in the Outdoor Program center, Viking Union 113. Admission is \$1.

Fromm will also instruct a workshop on how to produce your own slide show at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the same room. Cost for the workshop will be \$15.

Correction

Because of omission of a paragraph on page two in the last issue of the *Front*, some comments by Milt Krieger of the liberal studies department appeared to be made by Charles Fox of the political science department.

The story was about the student-faculty ratios called for in the House budget.

Krieger said the ratios are "at this point indefensible, though not ideal."

Krieger said he thought the emphasis on upper-division courses was a "skewing of educational priorities."

Find lost articles

The Viking Union Lost and Found, Room 665 of the Viking Addition (directly adjacent to the VU Music Room) is open the following hours this quarter: Monday, 2:10 to 4:50; Tuesday, 9:10 to 9:50 and 12:10 to 1:50; Wednesday, 2:10 to 4:50; Thursday, 9:10 to 9:50 and 12:10 to 1:50; and Friday from 9:10 to 9:50 and 12:10 to 12:50.

Women host social

The Women of Western will have their quarterly cocktail party from 4 to 6:30 p.m. today at Canada House (the Faculty Club).

All administrators, faculty, staff and their spouses are invited. A no-host bar and hors d'oeuvres will be featured. All proceeds will go to the Women of Western Scholarship Fund.

Panel talks of drugs

The Drug Information Center will have a three-member panel discussion on drugs and coping in relationships with drug users. The discussion begins at noon, April 19 in the Wilson Library Presentation Room.

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FRONT LINE

AS election '83:
a fair new precedent

May 4 and 5 the Associated Students Elections will be the topic of the day yet again. The elections have a shadow that engulfs them from past years' cries of foul play. This shadow seems to envelop the AS, tragically enough, every spring, when candidates seek endorsements and competitors seek political mud.

Why do these connotations surround the elections, especially in a time of anxiety and trouble for the world around us?

Last year, one candidate cried that his posters had been ripped down. Within a week, an array of candidates had joined the call. Littered posters paved Red Square. Was it really vying opponents, or just the wind across campus at night?

The hostility and air of leashed violence that ran rampant among candidates of years past very well may rise again. Avoiding yet another threatened lawsuit or hostile confrontation (or both), the *Front* has a list of tips for those filing for legislative posts.

Don't promise sweeping tales like "peace" and "a stop to world prejudice" on the pure motive of reeling in votes. Not only is it misleading and dishonest, but it is not fooling anyone.

Don't point fingers at opponents and threaten them with physical harm when the ugly face of failure begins to rear its head. Not completely far-fetched, this happened last year and in years past. Candidates sometimes need to be reminded that this is not Chicago.

Don't expect an aggressive relationship with the school press. No one wishes for antagonistic relations and it is possible to prevent (i.e., AS President Mark Murphy).

Don't try to conjure up new ways to be liked, idolized and voted for. The tricks all have been tried before. The only personality that earns and receives applause on Western's campus is an honest one.

It is too bad that this student-press relationship exists within the AS. Last year's AS President Greg Sobel once said that it's a sad thing when the two strongest student voices on campus live in antagonism.

The only path to a good relationship on campus between student politicians and their constituents has been blocked by occasional dishonesty and inflated ego.

The bright lights among student government are many. Only at election time do all the fears and insecurities tend to breed a different student government.

The student governments on college campuses should learn to avoid the tendency to war. They must not act like children playing grown up, nor like adults being children in the political world. It is a difficult task to find the right way in leadership when one has little or no leadership to follow. But, whatever the AS can offer, it owes to the students. It will never be justified in offering petty squabbling, picky debating and rivaling gossip to us all.

As we advise everyone who votes, we now advise those in the AS who run for election. Take care in your maturity because the student voting population really does hold the cards.

This year, we at the *Front* declare a goal of making opposing candidates' camaraderie and fair play the norm, not the exception. This is possible. This year can be the first in the last of the "dirty" elections. If all goes well.

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Less for less

Grimm ratios nothing new

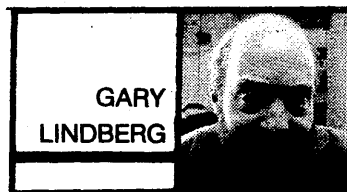
Right now Western and the state's other higher education institutions are waging the biannual budget war, worrying about how much money will be allotted to them by the state Legislature.

What Western and the other universities also may find at the end of the session is the latest version of the Legislature's safety-in-numbers obsession.

This time Rep. Dan Grimm (D-Puyallup) has proposed a student-teacher ratio for higher education, termed "quality over quantity." The proposal is tacked onto the House's budget and could have more impact than any gain or loss of funding.

Rep. Grimm has proposed that all lower-division classes should have a ratio of 28 students to one professor while upper-division classes have 11 students per professor and graduate students have a five-to-one ratio.

This would appear to be a good idea. The legislators can claim that they're concerned about the quality of higher education while any student who has sat in a lecture hall with 100 or more students already knows about the

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lack of individual attention in such a class.

However, the "quality for quantity" amendment is more like a disaster waiting to happen.

Instead of improving the quality of higher education, Grimm's amendment could cause more headaches and worries for administrators plus more disruptions for professors and students.

If it becomes law the amendment presents some interesting questions.

For instance, how will Western be able to pare down to a lower-division average of 28 with introductory classes that normally enroll 100, 200 or more students? What about some popular upper-division classes that have 90 students? And, will Western have to

decrease the number of students or increase the number of profes-

sors to obtain the proper ratios?

Western's overall ratios the past two years have come close to Grimm's proposal. Two years ago Western had a 20.3 student-to-professor ratio while last year the ratio was 19.2, according to figures from the registrar's office. Western does not keep separate lower, upper and graduate ratios. To do so would be just one of the possible expenses of the amendment.

Those supporting the amendment claim that the state will be able to prevent widespread enrollment drops by proper funding. But recent history says just the opposite. The Legislature has demonstrated it would rather spend less. The obvious result would be fewer students, rather than more class sections and professors to obtain the prescribed ratios.

If the student-to-teacher ratio requirement seems familiar, it should. The state used the same idea when it adopted the basic education law for public primary and secondary schools in 1977.

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DWIs are only part of problem

The entire nation currently is caught up in the latest chic issue: drunk driving. It's become one of the hottest debates in both social and political circles and has caused politicians to push out anything to satisfy legisla-

Washington also is caught up in the frenzy started by "MADD," Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, and a normally slow Legislature has gone into overdrive. With the Senate's ratification on Wednesday, the state is close to having the toughest drunk driving laws in the nation.

Not that any of this is bad. In fact, it's an idea someone should have thought of sooner. But the main problem with all this new legislation is that once we push the drunks off the road and back into their homes and the bars, then what do we do?

Society always could forget about them and pretend they simply don't exist. The drunks are off the roads and out of sight, so let them continue on their

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own. It's easy enough and society has a long record of taking the path of least resistance. But closing our eyes to the problem won't solve it.

It's time to accept the truth. The proposed laws aren't bad, but they're not going to be the ultimate solution. All they'll do is make it riskier for the drunken driver to venture out on the road. And in an intoxicated state, laws and punishments are often forgotten by most people.

All we'll have to show for our tough stance is that maybe the drunks will stay off the roads. But it won't solve the growing rate of alcoholism in this country, it'll just push it out of sight.

We've got to realize that more legislation won't solve the problem, because its real cause is

rooted deep within us, in our acceptance of misusing a potentially dangerous drug.

It's time to wake up, people. Our society is being coaxed into a love affair with the bottle and like fools, we just keep taking it in. We let the romantic, fun-loving image of alcohol be spoon fed to us and keep screaming for more.

It's easy to see how this occurred simply by watching commercials during a sporting event. We're assaulted by waves of smiling, rugged he-men and executives all buying beer by the careful in preparation for the weekend, or the evening... or anything the beer companies can think of.

And what's worse is that those people don't even get drunk. And ever notice how friendly these people get when someone pulls out a six-pack? With beer around, no one seems to have a bad time. If we sent a case of beer to every world leader, the commercials

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LETTERS

'Dubber' replies

Western Front:

In response to the letter by G. Robert Ross, printed April 8:

I think students would appear even more eager and excited about being at "Dub Dub U" if they were eating rock oysters and crab cakes like the president of Dub Dub U.

As for fishing and tennis, that's for parks and recreation majors. Only President Ronny gets to vacation every week; you keep working on securing an adequate level of funding for the next two years.

What friends and relatives wouldn't visit a man who dines on crab cakes (and have the golden opportunity to tour Georgia-Pacific)?

The coming months should prove both challenging and exciting as I discover I have classes from faculty members who believe themselves to be less competent than they are.

What provoked such a comment? Herds of professors mumbling, "I'm so incompetent?"

C. MacPhearson

Reed talks small

Western Front:

Response to Lauri Ann Reed's "Greeble" article:

I'm just curious to know what your "not only a genius but incredibly cynical, sarcastic and disgusted with middle America" high school friend is doing today. A business major in college maybe? Hmmm...? (Your word).

To bring up a rather picayune and greeblish point, Greeble talk already has an amazingly accurate name: small talk. For small ideas, minds, etc. Try to stomach that light idea and see if we really need a new word to describe what has "invaded" Western ... (and cocktail parties, bus stops, etc.)

But if you are still starving for some intellectual chat, I'll be happy to meet you in Red Square and we can discuss the symbolic nature of "Three's Company" or something.

Or did I miss the point of your article?

C. MacPhearson

Royal shame

Western Front:

Malcolm Lawrence wrote about public subsidies made to the British royal family on the editorial pages of (the Tuesday, April 12 issue) the *Front*. His essay raised several questions in my mind.

First, I would like to know why he quoted the exchange rate for New Zealand dollars rather than

U.S. dollars. If he intended to exaggerate the cost of the monarchy for polemic reasons, he could have used the Taiwanese dollar, which exchanges at about sixty to the pound sterling, but if he intended to convey accurate information to a primarily American readership, then he should have used U.S. dollars, which exchanges at about one and a half to the pound, not two and a half to the pound.

Second, I wonder why Mr. Lawrence never engaged in some simple arithmetic. Using Mr. Lawrence's statistics, the royal family is subsidized to the sum of about \$6.5 million U.S. annually. That works out to about a dollar per Briton per year, which amount is probably much less than the amount of psychic satisfaction received from vicariously sharing the lives of the royal family.

Third, I want to know why Mr. Lawrence does not mention that the presence of a titular figurehead is necessary in a Westminster parliamentary government. Moreover, he neglected to discuss the very real costs of transforming the British government into a republican government, or what the cost of changing money, stamps and stationery might be in Canada alone if the monarchy were to end in Britain.

Fourth, Mr. Lawrence implied that James Watt is right, that national monuments should become parking lots. Otherwise,

what is to become of the various palaces and castles in which the royal family resides? If the exchequer does not pay for them, who shall?

In summary, I cannot see why the British people should be robbed of their history, for that history hardly seems to be standing in the way of some mystical progress. Perhaps Mr. Lawrence supports Irish nationalism or its ilk, but the support of one nationalism does not necessarily require the extermination of another, and to take away tradition for a dollar a year seems to me to be the height of crassness.

I conclude, therefore, that Mr. Lawrence had a deadline to meet rather than anything serious to say. While this would explain the numerous sentence fragments, the misspelled words, and the unnecessary colloquialisms in his essay, it is not flattering to the *Front*. But as a reader of an award-winning newspaper, should I not perhaps expect quality work?

Joseph R. Svinth

Rep. offers less

■ REP, from page 4

The intent of the law was to improve the overall quality of the state's public school systems. One of the methods used was the

requirement of one teacher for every 23 students.

But the ratio requirement had unanticipated consequences that could happen again with higher education.

For students in the state's smaller school districts, a decline in educational quality occurred. In the lower grades the number of students actually increased to more than 30 to compensate for the college preparatory classes that attracted fewer than 20 students.

Another result was less diversity of class choices at the high school level. Electives such as history, English and social science classes that attracted less than the prescribed ratio were eliminated.

Certainly the state's universities have more control of their enrollment than public school districts do. Still it would seem that the same problems could arise, especially if each department is required to maintain the prescribed ratios.

Perhaps Western and the other schools would be able to perform some numerical magic to avoid turning away students. Perhaps the Legislature might even be able to maintain a stable level of funding.

Nevertheless, this is not an issue of "quality over quantity" but one of dollars and numbers. If the Legislature allots less for higher education, then fewer

students will be able to attend — regardless of how qualified they are or how much they're willing to pay.

DWIs only end

■ DWI, from page 4

would have us believe that it race with all those happy people.

But beer is only one example, and the most visible one, of our acceptance of alcohol abuse. Other advertising campaigns for wine and hard liquors use the same ideas of fun and friendship, as well as branching out to sexuality, prestige and sociability.

More subtle examples exist in movies, television, and on posters and T-shirts. "I don't have a drinking problem," a popular poster says. "I drink, I get drunk, I fall down ... No problem!"

It's all very funny, especially when the kid who buys that poster vomits all over the Bacardi T-shirt he's wearing during a party that night.

When will it all end? When our society finally stops relying on legislators and laws to solve America's alcohol problem. They simply aren't the only answer, as the 18th Amendment shows us. Instead, what our society needs is to grow up and take a serious look at how we view alcohol and the image we project to others. Once you start taking a close look at the problem, you'll be surprised and, I hope, very mad.

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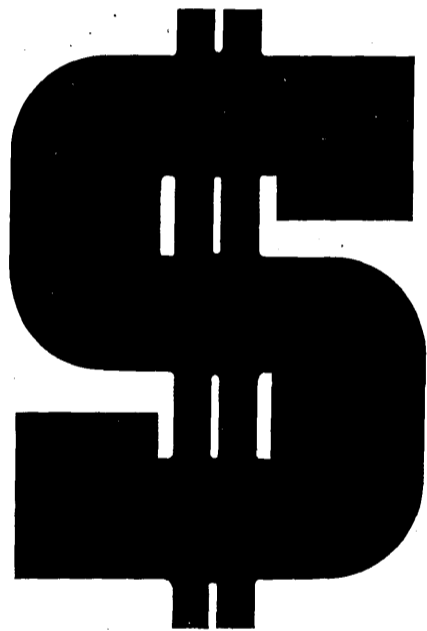
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Western students sweep media awards

By LAURI ANN REED

Western student journalists won 37 awards last weekend in the Society of Professional Journalists, Washington Press Association and Women in Communications conventions.

Klipsun Magazine, three-time national winner, won best all-around magazine in the region (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska) at the SPJ convention in Spokane. Jenny L. Blecha (winter, 1982), John L. Smith (spring, 1982) and Donna Biscay (fall, 1982) were the editors.

Casey Madison took first place in feature photography.

Mark Murphy took two top awards for radio spot news and radio non-deadline news stories on last summer's Peace Arch demonstration in Blaine.

Megan Chance, KUGS-FM Public Affairs Director, placed first in the radio documentary category.

Don Jenkins, *Front* news editor, placed second for his spot news story last fall on Eldridge Cleaver.

Dave Mason, last quarter's *Front* editor, took second for his editorials against closed meetings on campus.

Kathie Hebbeln Anderson placed second in the in-depth reporting category. Dave Jack was second in the news photography category.

Dale Folkerts, now with the Bellingham Herald, placed third with his story on flood damage in the spot news category. David Groff placed third in the radio documentary category and Masaru Fujimoto took third in the editorial cartoon category.

Scott Fisk's story on the "Blackberry Press" and Kirk Ericson's piece on last fall's Who concert in Seattle, tied for third-place awards in non-fiction magazine writing.

Madison also won an honorable mention for his news photo of last year's labor rally in Olympia and Barbara Scabarozzi was awarded honorable mention for television non-deadline reporting.

In the Washington Press Association awards in Everett, Western earned 13 honors. Top awards were given to Albert Fields in portrait photography and Mitch Evich in sports writing.

Winning second-place awards were Jeff Kramer, editorials; Kathie Hebbeln Anderson, investigative reporting; Masaru Fujimoto, general features; Donna Rieper, creative writing; Dave Jack, news photography; and Blair Kooistra, sports photography.

Scott Fisk took third place for sports writing, as did Kooistra for feature photography.

Earning honorable mentions were Gordon Weeks, investigative reporting; Madison, general



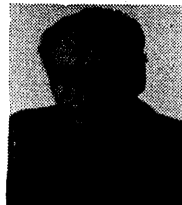
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Scabarozzi



Shirouzu



Weeks

features; and Nori Shirouzu, creative writing.

At the Women in Communications banquet in Olympia, Western earned five awards.

Sarah Lee received second place in the radio category, while

Scabarozzi took second place in the television category.

Mason took second place in feature writing and third in news writing. Kathy Mathisen won third place in the features category.

Whale adopted

By BECKY WEBLEY

A whale may be a funny thing to have as a mascot, but Nash Hall has decided to adopt one and call it theirs.

A resident received some information through the mail, saying that he could adopt a whale for any amount he wanted to. The money would go to the International Fund for Animal Welfare to aid in research for the protection of marine animals.

For \$30, Nash will get a picture of their whale and its birth certificate, which they will display in the Nash lobby.

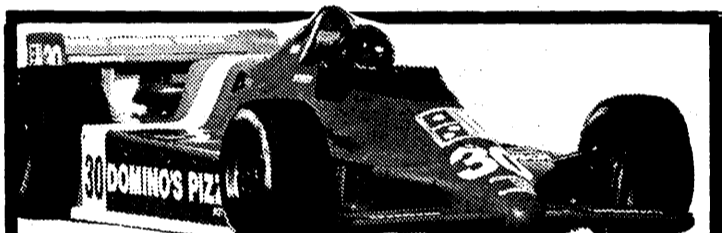
They have not decided on the whale they will adopt, but a decision will be made sometime this weekend.

Inter-Hall Council has voted the whale's adoption as Project of the Month. It also will be sent to Eastern Washington University to compete against other schools around the nation for National Project of the Month.

Nash President Randy Hurlow said, "We were really surprised at the reaction. We didn't think it would be so positive."

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She won't forget

Holocaust survivor speaks of sadness and hope

By LAURI ANN REED

When Vera Slyomovics showed me the A-19659 stamped on her arm, I felt embarrassed, shocked, compassionate. She sensed I was uncomfortable and looked into my face, smiling. She remembers the Holocaust well and has made it her mission in life to tell us all of the horror.

Slyomovics, currently a Canadian resident, relates her experiences. "The only thing I ask is that you do not treat me as a sacred cow."

Slyomovics, born in Czechoslovakia in 1926, emigrated to Hungary where she was caught by the Nazis in 1944 when Budapest fell.

"I gave myself up (to try) to save my family," she said.

"I was 16 or 17 and, like people that age, was very cocky. You are thrown into the cattle cars and separated, as my mother and I were from my father. I went with my mother. She never would have made it without me; I gave her moral strength," she said.

Slyomovics' father was a linguist before the war. He had become sick and was fired from his job. Within four weeks of internment in Mattheusen, Austria, he was dead.

When the train arrived at the internment camp with Slyomovics and her mother, a group was performing classical music. She remembers the culture as being such a contrast to the concentration camps next door. "The Nazis had a great love for their dogs, but they treated us worse than that. To this day, when I see a German Shepard, I freak out."

Slyomovics was in Auschwitz twice and Krachau once during the war. When she arrived at Auschwitz, she was with 10,000 other Jews; only 500 made it out.

"Krachau was worse than Auschwitz," she said. "It was a small camp and totally dictatorial. We were at the mercy of the commander."

She remembers how she and four other girls saved their bread for the train ride to Auschwitz. One girl who had lost a lot of weight hid the bread in her shirt. Before the train left, the girl was ordered to go to the chambers.

"She ran to me on her way to the chambers and said, 'I won't need it anymore. You keep it.' This was the height of heroism," she said.

Though the victim of the Holocaust remembers feeling that "nobody cared" about the plight of the Jews, she does not feel hate.

"I do not have hate. I love Canada. We have German people living there. I have successful children, and I have hope. There is a saying, 'Let us remember the heroes. They fought alone, suffered alone, lived alone. Let them not die alone, for something in all of us died with them,'" she said.

Slyomovics said that although her mother survived the camps, she dropped to 80 pounds.

"No one remembers what happened when they released us. The Nazi discipline was unbelievable. They were busy transporting us to the end. They were rounding up all the camps and deciding to march them. It was on April 13 that I escaped," she said.

Slyomovics said the Gestapo dressed the prisoners as soldiers and mingled among them when the Americans attacked.

"My mother and I hid behind a fence during the march," she said. "We had walked 15 miles. If you couldn't keep up the pace, you were shot and left behind. We went back to our camp. We couldn't hide because of our tattoos so we thought

it would be the last place they looked.

"Two days later the allied forces came. All we wanted was bread. The Americans were weeping when they saw us. They expected 5,000 people there and they found only 15," she said.

Slyomovics said the Jews were dehumanized and demoralized. "The greatest pain was thirst. We would stand for hours with no water. You lose pounds and can't think of anything but food. We jumped into a garbage pit once to get food; we were animals. One girl was covered in blood with her skull caved in, mingling among the rotten cabbage," she said.

"The thing that hurt the most was the people who didn't care what happened to us," she said. "In 1938, the world turned its back on European Jews."

President Roosevelt and other leaders attended a conference to discuss the Jewish internment in 1939. Later, someone who had been at the conference described what had happened.

"He said they gambled at night, took mineral baths, played golf and attended some meetings. He said it was difficult to listen to meetings when all the pleasure is outside," she said.

Slyomovics said that if it happened in one nation, it could happen in another, although she believes it won't happen in the United States.

"I want to believe the U.S. is nothing like Poland was. When you have problems, you look for scapegoats. I want to believe the U.S. will never look for scapegoats," she said.

Slyomovics' husband was in Britain fighting during the war. The couple crossed the border to Austria when she was seven months pregnant. When their son was three months old they were given passage to Canada. Her mother, who had married for a second time and gone to Cuba, now is married for a third time and living in Israel. Slyomovics and her husband live in Vancouver, British Columbia.

"People ask me how I can still go on and how I haven't lost faith. I just do. I cannot hate something that swept Europe. Another famous quote about the Holocaust goes, 'When the nightmare lifted there was no hate in the hearts of those who survived, only sadness and hope. Shame would be banned forever . . .' I still believe that. Question everything. Neutrality helps the aggressor, not the victim," she said.

"Silence is not the answer. Opposite of love is not hate, but indifference."

"We were drugged in Auschwitz. We walked around like zombies, medicated. We all were praying for God," she said.

Now Slyomovics works for Amnesty International and the Human Rights Coalition: anything that will prevent ignorance in young people, because then "the dark forces take over."

She said she is amazed at how people take their countries for granted, and how the Bible is misconstrued.

"I make a vow to God to be righteous and I may break it, but I am forgiven. With God, you can do this. If you care for the planet 'you live on, don't ever be silent.'"

"It's not such a bad thing to die for a cause."

It's impossible to imagine in her manner that she was part of a terror we cannot understand. But then she puts her glasses over red eyes and says, "We have to remember."

Vera Slyomovics' memories of her three years in Nazi concentration camps are not merely etched into her mind—they're tattooed on her arm in the form of prisoner identification numbers from Auschwitz.



Slammers stifle Mitts in opener

By STEVE RUPP

Spring quarter at Western is probably the most anticipated time of the year. Student attitudes and outlooks on life seem to improve with the temperature. During spring, people's hedonistic tendencies also tend to grow. Just about any patch of grass or concrete not otherwise used has a tanning body stretched out on it.

Unfortunately for the Mathes Hall Mitts, spring quarter also brings out another phenomenon, intramural co-ed softball.

The Mitts took to the field Tuesday afternoon not only in search of fun, but harboring also a tiny hope of victory. Sporting no particular uniform as well as a multitude of untanned legs, the Mitts strolled out onto the diamond firmly believing that they couldn't be that bad.

Their opponents that fine afternoon, The Slammers, arrived ten minutes late, which brought the umpire's scorn. They arrived with most of the team decked out in blue and white baseball jerseys and cleats, a sign of preparedness that should have worried the Mitts.

Another sign that The Slammers meant business were the four runs they scored in the first inning on a three-run homer and a one-run blast. This was not to be the Mitts' day.

The Mitts began to realize this in the third inning when a weak-hitting Mitt attempted to reach base on a weak pop-fly to left field. Amidst calls of "Don't be there" from the Mitt bench, the Slammer fielder camped under the ball and snuffed out the brief flicker of hope.

"I think we should go for the bunt," Mitt captain Natalie Fenton said in the fourth inning as her team desperately looked for an offensive gimmick.

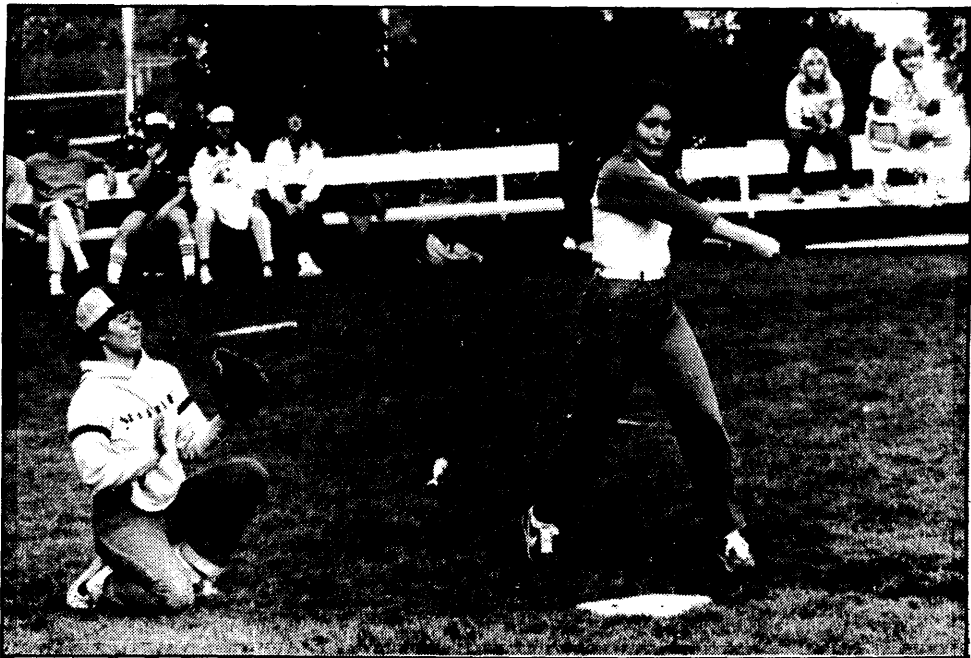


Photo by James Woods

The Slammers swung into intramural softball action Tuesday as they pounded the hapless Mathes Mitts 12-1.

Slammer captain and clean-up hitter Garry Carlson denied that his team was out for blood. "We're just out to have a good time," he said.

A good time is exactly what they had, ending the thrashing after five innings ahead 12-1.

"We're just out to have a good time," is practically the co-ed league motto.

Obviously when a team is ahead by 10 or 11 runs it's easier to have a good time than when it is behind by 10 or 11 runs. But an unidentified Mitt player summed up his

team's feelings the best, "Just think of it as a practice game," he said as his team headed for the showers. "By the end of the year, we'll be used to losing like that."

Crew gets flashy shell

By PAM HELBERG

An impressive addition to Western's crew team was unveiled Tuesday evening. Members of the men's and women's teams attended what they thought was a routine group meeting when coaches Ron Okura and Fil Leanderson introduced them to their newest and most expensive team member.

Sporting a flashing white paint job and gold pinstripes, the \$9,000 addition measures 16-feet and has a capacity of eight persons. It joins Western's existing fleet of four eight-person shells, two four-person shells and one wherry (a one-person work boat) in the Lake Samish shell shed.

The shell is manufactured by Pocock and is made up of various fibers. The fibers "make it a sturdy boat and very strong," Leanderson said, adding that the sturdiness will not detract from the boat's swiftness.

Funding for the boat came from the Student Affairs budget and from money raised by people in the crew program.

Leanderson noted that although the program is still lacking in equipment, the latest addition will enable them to expand the number of crew participants.

A christening ceremony is scheduled next week. Time and place have yet to be determined.

The boat will debut tomorrow in Spokane at the Liberty Lake Regatta.

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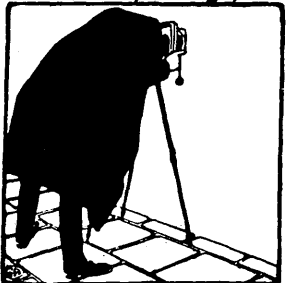
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Golfers bogey out of UW invitational

The Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Georgia is probably the most prestigious tournament in the world. It is usually completed by Sunday afternoon, in time to provide non-tournament golfers around the country with inspiration and a picture of what "good golf" is supposed to look like.

But this year, the tourney's final round didn't finish until Monday afternoon, making it impossible for the Viking golf team to get their annual lesson and pep-talk.

Only one Viking, Brien Flannigan, managed to break 80 during three rounds of golf at the University of Washington Invitational. His 74 on Tuesday brought his tournament total to 225; it was good enough to earn him seventh place, the highest placing a Western golfer earned.

"I hit the ball really good," Flannigan said of his effort. "A few bad holes wiped it out."

Oregon State took the team title, scoring ahead of the other six teams with 898. The host UW "A" squad placed second (900). UW "B" (908); University of Portland, (910); Portland State University (935); and Western, (946) rounded out the field.

PSU's Scott Nash took individual medalist honors with a two-under-par 214. Five strokes behind was Portland's Carl Johnson, with a 219. Stan Lenning, from the UW, and OSU's Scott Larsen tied for third with 221.

GAME PLAN

Track
The thinclads will be at Civic Stadium for the Western Washington University Invitational at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

Golf
Today the men are at the Peace Portal Golf Course in White Rock, British Columbia teeing off against Simon Fraser University.

Crew
The Vikings will row in the Liberty Lake Regatta tomorrow in Spokane.

Lacrosse
The Vikings host the University of Washington at Civic Field tonite at 7:30, and will take on UPS on the varsity field Sunday at noon.

Women's Rugby
Saturday and Sunday the women are in Redmond at 60 Acres for the Breaker's tournament.



Head and leg room are of utmost importance in recruiting vehicles. Men's athletic director Boyde Long tried this one on for size.

Donated Oldsmobiles aid budget-torn athletic dept.

By PAM HELBERG

In a time of reduced budgets and tightened belts the possibility of Western's athletic department purchasing two 1983 cars for recruiting purposes was pretty slim. So Boyde Long, men's athletic director, pounded the pavement in an effort to secure Western at least one such vehicle.

He hit pay dirt at Dewey Griffin, Inc. Griffin's president Don Griffin agreed to donate one Firenza to the department.

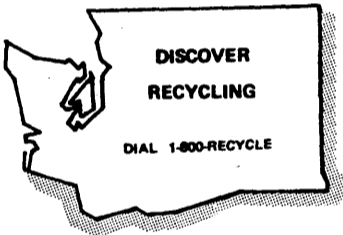
"With the cutbacks in the athletic budget Boyde wanted some assistance in recruiting,"

Griffin said. "He came along cold turkey and I had respect for his judgment."

Western began using the first car in early February and in mid-March gained the use of a second. The heaviest users of the vehicles will be football and men's and women's basketball.

Long said that the cars will be kept for ten months or 10,000 miles and then traded in for newer models.

Griffin was enthusiastic about the continuation of the car loans. "As long as business is good we'll continue," he said. "This is our way of helping upgrade the image of the college."



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Spring v'ball begins

By BOB DIECKMANN

Spring co-recreational volleyball started this week with 12 teams in a recreational league and 11 in a competitive league.

The fall volleyball league had 71 teams, but with so many other things to do outside in spring, "there's just that many die-hard teams that like to play," Judy Bass, Intramural Coordinator, said.

Bass said the league is set up so

anyone wishing to play both volleyball and softball can do so.

The bumping, setting and smashing action takes place at 6 and 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in Carver Gym with two divisions in each league and all teams playing five best-two-out-of-three games.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS are available to international students, including Canadian students, for fall quarter, 1983. Deadline for submitting applications is May 1. Applications may be picked up in the Office of Student Life, OM380, or call 676-3843 for further information.

WILLIAM WADE HAGGARD SCHOLARSHIP AWARD applications are now available from the Math/C.S. Dept., BH202. This \$350 award—to be given in the beginning of the last quarter of the senior year—requires that the recipient must want to pursue math in teaching and should have one of the highest GPAs in the Math/C.S. Dept. Completed applications must be returned to BH202, accompanied by transcript and two character references, by Fri., Apr. 22. Announcement of award will be made by May 1.

LOST-&FOUND HOURS for spring quarter are 2:10-4:50 p.m. Mon.; 9:10-9:50 a.m. & 12:10-1:50 p.m. Tues.; 2:10-4:50 p.m. Wed.; 9:10-9:50 a.m. & 12:10-1:50 p.m. Thurs.; 9:10-9:50 & 12:10-12:50 p.m. Fri. Quarterly lost-&-found sale will be 10 a.m. to noon Tues., KApr. 26, in VU408.

CANADIAN STUDIES LECTURE: Prof. John Courtney (political science, University of Saskatchewan) will present a public lecture on "Canadian Party Leadership: the Process and the Selection" and comment on the Progressive Conservative leadership race now under way, at 3 p.m. Mon., Apr. 18 in the WL Presentation Room.

BOOK OF THE QUARTER for spring is *The Paideia Proposal: An Educational Manifesto* by Mortimer Adler.

Planning & Placement Center Recruiting Schedule
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EDUCATION SENIOR MEETINGS are held at 4 p.m. each Wed. in OM280. Interested seniors should sign up in OM280 or by phone, 676-3240. Anyone who cannot attend on one of the appointed days may phone for an individual appointment.

J.C. Penney Co., Wed., Apr. 13. Business majors. Sign up in OM280.

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Puyallup School District, Fri., Apr. 22 (group meetings 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.). All education majors. Sign up in OM280.

Jay Jacobs, Thurs., Apr. 28. All majors. Sign up in OM280.

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Yakima Camp Fire, Thurs., Apr. 28. Summer only. Sign up in OM280.

University Place School District, Thurs., Apr. 28. Elementary education majors. Sign up in OM280 beginning Apr. 22.

Travelers Insurance, Mon., May 2. Business, other majors. Sign up in OM280 beginning Apr. 18.

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JAZZ

Western band probes possibilities of music

By NORI SHIROUZU

SOUTH OF CAMPUS — a late 19th century Victorian house's used-to-be bedroom is the studio for Western's jazz band, Riff Raff.

"I know it's not easy to play up there," the pianist yells at two horn players who are assailing a high register tune.

"Let's try again."

"Two, three, four, five . . ."

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"Shall we add this to the selection?" the drummer suggested when the song was finished. What selection? The selection of tunes the band will play at the Pacific Coast Collegiate Jazz Festival at the University of California, Berkeley, on April 22 and 23.

The seven-month-old, all-student jazz band, which consists of brothers Larry and Dave Price, brass and woodwinds; Jeff Leonard, bass; Kevin McNeel, piano; and John Guilfoil, drums, will leave Bellingham Monday to tour south to the contest, which gathers more than 150 combo and stage bands from Washington, Oregon and California.

Riff Raff will compete against "about 35 combo bands," Leonard said. Among all bands participating in the contest, 80 percent of them are California bands.

The school-sponsored tour also includes several appearances at Washington and Oregon colleges and shopping malls for the purpose of "public relations" of Western's jazz studies program, Larry Price said.

They aren't really going to the contest to win, the band agreed. "We are going there to see what other people are doing and how we as a band stand compared to

other people," McNeel said, seeking the other members' agreement.

But "we are prepared," Larry Price said. Should the band's material (80 percent of which are originals) matches what the judges would like to hear, he said, it has a good chance to win.

"Western is the Northwest's only school where you can obtain a degree in jazz studies," Larry Price said, adding the department holds the nation's top-rated instructors.

Larry Price pointed out, however, "the rumor that the department has been hurting because of the severe budget cuts is out there." The band is doing this public relations tour to let people know the rumor is false and Western's jazz program is "alive and well and things are definitely happening," the band insisted.

The band has been active inside and outside school. Since last September when it was originally formed for a combo class, Riff Raff has been professionally performing at the Leopold Hotel's lounge in Bellingham every Sunday and Monday.

The band also participates in concerts with other school jazz bands several times a quarter.

The name Riff Raff, Leonard said, was derived from jazz drummer Jack DeJonett's song, "Riff Raff," two months after the band had formed. They didn't name the band at first because all their suggestions were "too obscene to use" until one night when members were listening to DeJonett's song and found the song fit the way they felt about music.

Riff Raff is a class, from which



Photos by Shaun McClurken



Above: John Guilfoil marks time for a Riff Raff rehearsal.

Left: Larry and Dave Price blow their own horns.

Below: Bassist Jeff Leonard makes a point in a discussion on the band's material. Pianist Kevin McNeely occupies the background photographically, but not musically.

each member receives two credits a quarter, and performs almost all-original material, from straight jazz to contemporary jazz. Most tunes are written by Leonard and Larry Price.

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The Price brothers' hand-

made, sound-proofed studio, still unfinished with blindingly bare light bulbs sticking out of the walls, has been the band's regular practice site for the past two months.

It is past 10 o'clock.

The band has tried out a new

composition by McNeel.

"I know it's not easy to play up there," McNeel yells at the Price brothers, who wrestle the tune's high notes.

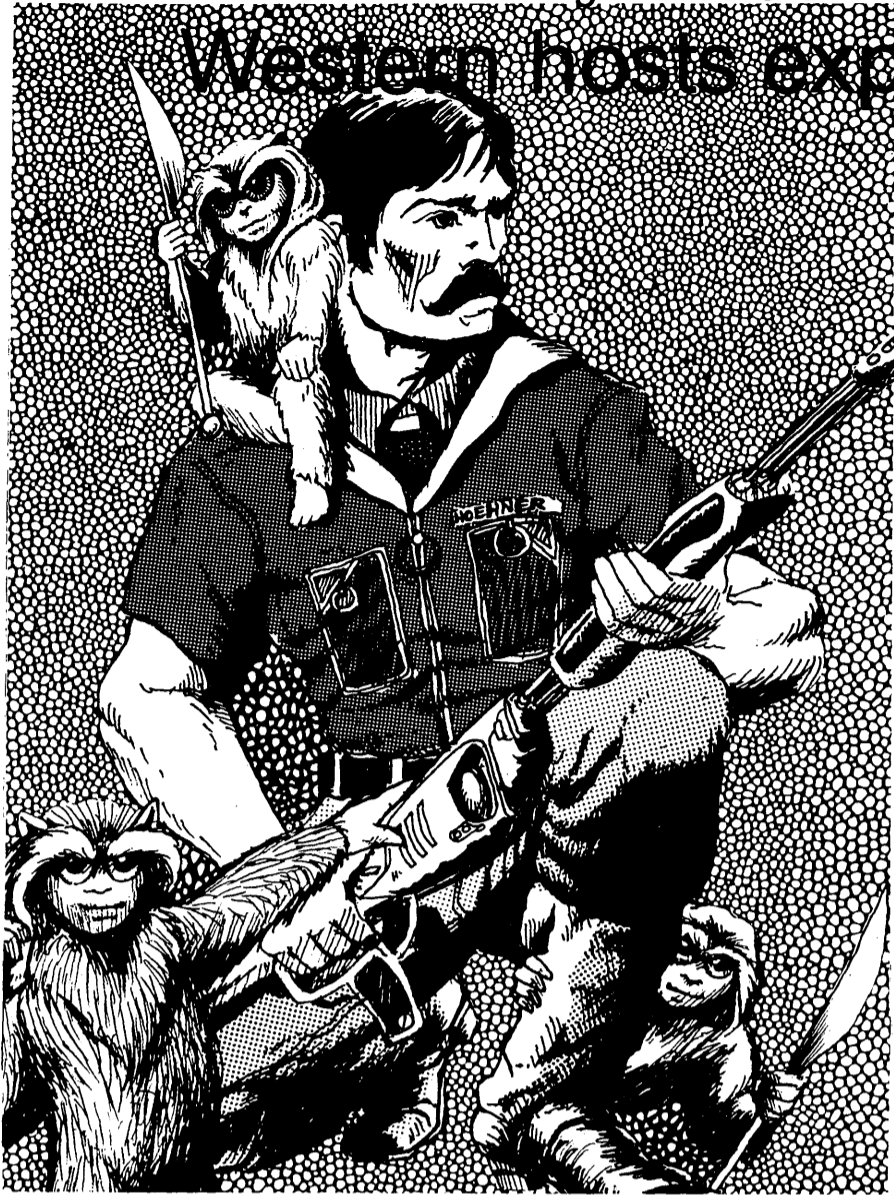
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"Two, three, four, five . . ."



Where no man has gone before

Western hosts explorers of time and space



Graphic by Tim Hoelmer

By CHRIS McMILLAN

Western will host science fiction and fantasy fans from around the Northwest as they gather for Viking Con Four. The convention (called a "con" by its participants) will feature speakers, science fiction games and other eccentric activities and will run today until Sunday in the Viking Union.

The con is the work of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Club and is co-sponsored by the Society for Creative Anachronism and the Associated Students Activities Council.

"This one's a lot bigger (than past Viking cons) so there's a lot more work to be done," SFFC member Mark Cecil said. "But we've got more people involved, too."

"We sent 800 letters to authors in the area," Cecil said. "Mostly we got letters back from people saying 'Sorry, we're broke, we can't make it, we don't have the time, we're busy.' But we got a form letter (computer-generated yet) from Larry Niven (author of the Ringworld books). I thought rejection for sure, but all it said was, 'Great. I'll be there.' I almost passed out."

This year's guest of honor is award-winning author Theodore Sturgeon. Sturgeon is noted for both his short stories and novels such as *More Than Human* and *The Dreaming Jewels*. His wife Jayne, who writes under the name "Jayne Tanaehill," will appear also.

The art guest of honor is Wendy Pini, a nationally-known illustrator. Her works have appeared on the covers of *Galaxy* and *If* magazines. She and her husband Richard have contributed also to comics lore. The two are best known for their work on the popular comic series *Elfquest*.

Returning to the con for a second year is Stan Kent, the president of Delta Vee, an

organization promoting non-military space activities. Kent will give a presentation today on the social implications of space exploration.

Another con activity will be role-playing games. Unlike board games, role-playing games allow players to take on the characteristics of an adventurer in eras ranging from the distant past to the far future.

The Society for Creative Anachronism, an Associated Students club and con co-sponsor, will have a fighting tournament noon Saturday on the field by the Security Building. The society, in which members act out the days of the Middle Ages, has invited fighters from along the West Coast to participate. Contestants wear mock armor and swing mock swords in an attempt to deliver a blow that, were it real, would kill the other fighter. Although this may sound easy, the mock armor is made of heavy cloth and metal and the mock swords are large wooden poles.

A masquerade dance will be Saturday night. A best-costume prize will be awarded.

Other events include a hucksters room, where Northwest merchants will offer a variety of paraphernalia for sale, a general art exhibit open to any artist with a desire to display and possibly sell works, and a series of panels and workshops on topics ranging from writing and drawing to designing a costume for the dance. Some of the panels will be hosted by the guests and thus will allow fans to discuss ideas and questions with professionals.

A three-day membership for students is available for \$11 in the VU Lounge through today. Admission is \$5 per day at the door. All events, with the exception of the hucksters room and Stan Kent's presentation, are open to con members only.

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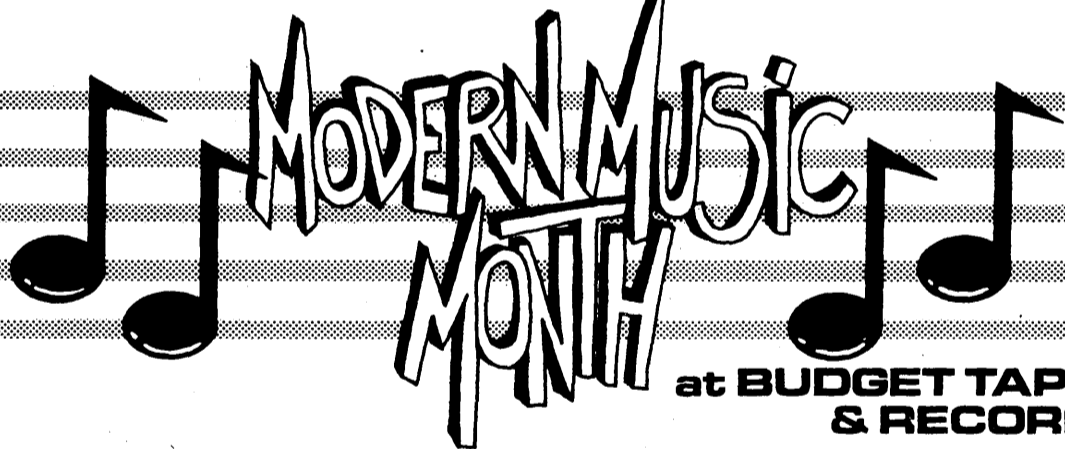
Besides the campus films, campus diversions this weekend include folk guitarist Chris Proctor at Mama Sunday's at 8 tonight in the VU Lounge (free); "Sticks and Bones," 7:30 Friday and Saturday in PAC 199 (\$1); and faculty trombonist Philip Brink in a recital at 3 p.m. Sunday in the PAC Concert Hall (free).

Go out and do your worst.

SHORT STORY CONTEST

For WWU Students Only. Sponsored by City Hall's Newsletter, "City Limits." **Award:** The prize is \$100 for the best entry of a short story. **Judges:** All entries will be judged by a panel of competent writers. **Categories:** Any short story on any topic. No more than 10 typewritten pages. **Rules:** Entries must be received by June 1, 1983. **THEY CAN NOT BE RETURNED.** Short stories become the property of "City Limits." The winner of the contest will be announced in *Western Front* by June 20. Winner will be notified by phone or mail. All entries should be accompanied by name, address and telephone number of author. Entries should be mailed to "City Limits," 210 Lottie Street, Bellingham, WA 98225.

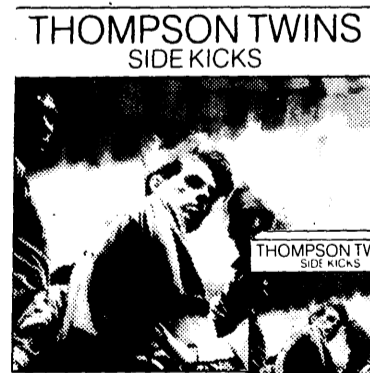
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'Atomic Cafe' leaves a bad taste

By GORDON WEEKS

Most films leave a vague blur in the memory of the movie-goer. "The Atomic Cafe," which plays Sunday night in the Performing Arts Center, is one of those productions that manages to burn a few vignettes into the viewer's brain.

Image #1 - American Soldiers advance on a huge atomic cloud after a test explosion in the Nevada desert. A black soldier tells a reporter the government has gone to great lengths to check the safety of such military endeavors as he proudly points to a radiation-measuring device pinned to his fatigues.

Image #2 - An All-American family, circa 1955, demonstrates the do's and don'ts of atomic defense. After the bomb is dropped, they rush to the basement of their home. "Let's wait a minute, and then go up and take a look around," Pop cautions the kids.

Image #3 - Through an interpreter, a young Vice President Nixon tells Soviet Premier Khrushchev he doesn't know everything. "If I don't know everything, then you know nothing," is the reply.

Image #4 - 48 - The Pentagon officials of the Army and National Guard and the President tell us not to worry about things as complicated as atomic warfare—we're in good hands.

"The Atomic Cafe" should stun all viewers brought up on "America the Beautiful" and "My country, right or wrong." The film is

black comedy in the darkest sense, a grotesque reflection both incredibly easy and terribly difficult to laugh at. It hurts to laugh at ignorance and the unquestion-

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Some might argue it's impossible for today's young folk to grasp the background of such rhetoric. After all, father-figure Ike just was trying to save everyone from panic by pacifying and misleading the American people, right? He probably prevented middle America from acquiring high blood pressure ten years early.

Perhaps the most appropriate appearance is by James Gregory in his pre-"Barney Miller" days. Five nights a week we get a chance to laugh at crusty Inspector Luger, the nostalgic old codger everyone must be patient with. In a scene from "The Atomic Cafe," he is pushing atomic power "crush-the-Commies" philosophy for real.

Another face you'll recognize belongs to the late Hugh Beaumont. The stoic form of Ward Cleaver in military attire should be a reassuring image for those weaned during the '50s. One can almost picture his pro-atomic stance spilling over into a "Leave it to Beaver" episode:

"But Ward, I'm worried about the bomb...."

"Now, June. Why, I remember in my day back in the Great War...."

For those of you sporting an "America: Love it or leave it" attitude, an enlightening experience awaits Sunday.

The Program Commission presents "The Atomic Cafe" 6:30 and 9 p.m. Sunday in the PAC Main Auditorium. Admission is \$1.50.

ing gullibility of a confused society.

The movie has the effect of a slap in the face, with the sting lasting long enough to make you want to locate the source of pain. And the source is disillusionment, the shattering of the American Dream and the misled John Wayne mentality imbedded in the myth of the Watchdog for Democracy.

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