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Measles Case confirmed here by officials

*Severe strain is
 known killer*

By the Front staff

A severe strain of measles that killed two Illinois students in 1983 and hospitalized 13 students in Boston last year has been diagnosed on Western's campus, health officials have said.

Though just one case of "hard measles" has been confirmed here, several other students exhibiting symptoms have approached campus health officials. Health Services Director Jennifer Roy said it already is being "treated as a measles outbreak on campus."

The sometimes-deadly disease is considered highly contagious. It can be spread "just by breathing the same air" as someone in the same room who has the germs, said Whatcom County Health Officer Dr. Phillip Jones.

"You can get it by walking into a room 30 minutes after someone who has the measles left," Roy, a registered nurse, said Wednesday.

Hard measles are much more serious than the more common German measles, she said. Afflicted persons can carry and

spread the disease up to four days without exhibiting traditional measles symptoms, officials said.

Its medical name is Rubeola (not to be confused with Rubella). The strain generally afflicts college campuses because the most-likely targets of the disease are people 18 to 24 years old, Roy said.

Young adults often are likely victims, Jones said, because most were too young to develop immunities to the disease when they first were vaccinated in the 1960s.

Another reason the disease finds its way to campuses, Jones said, is because students tend to travel and mix with many people. It would explain, he said, how "hard measles" travel from state to state and across international borders. For example, few "hard measles" cases were reported in Whatcom County last year, Jones said. But British Columbia last year had "hundreds" of confirmed cases, he said.

"A confirmed case of hard measles on Western's campus does not mean it is an epidemic, Jones said. "It's no big deal. It's not unusual." He said his office expects a few cases to be diag-

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GRANT BOFFELCHER

Does Dick know about this?

The mobile advertising box for the "Dick Purnell Knows" series of lectures turned the heads of many passers-by in Red Square Wednesday.

Freshmen get first pick

By Elizabeth Parker
 staff reporter

Move over upper classmen. Incoming freshmen will get first choice of classes next fall.

Vice President for Student Affairs Joan Sherwood said freshmen will be allowed to register for all their fall quarter classes at a pre-registration orientation in August.

Sherwood said freshmen traditionally have a hard time adjusting to university life, and this is just one way to make it easier for them.

With all the concerns freshmen have, getting the classes they want will relieve some of the stress, she said. Freshmen then will decide to complete their education at Western, rather than decide to quit because of frustrating experiences.

Dean for Student Affairs Connie Copeland, who is working with other administrators and students to iron out potential problems, said the idea has been around for a few years, but budget crunches kept it from being implemented.

Western Registrar Eugene Omev said the university actually used the program some time ago.

Omev said about 44 percent of freshmen who begin at Western graduate from here.

Fall quarter will be the only quarter freshmen will be allowed to register before continuing students.

"We have a commitment to not have them register for high-demand classes," Copeland said.

Copeland said the planners working on the freshmen registration will look to see what

kinds of classes freshmen have registered for in the past so they can see where the greatest demand will be.

Omev said additional sections of English 101 and lower-level math courses will be added to next year's schedule.

Western is expecting 1,000 freshmen to pre-register in August, he said. Another 500 freshmen will register the first week of classes with the continuing students.

"It hasn't been decided whether they (the 500) will register before continuing students," Omev said.

Copeland said many details of the plan still have to be worked out, such as what specific classes freshmen may not be allowed to take.

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Woman assaulted, attacker escapes

A 22-year-old Western student reported she was attacked and pushed to the ground Tuesday night by a man in his early 20s, who fled after being struck by the woman, University Police said.

The attacker reportedly approached her from behind and began making "lewd suggestions" and asked the woman if she would "go to bed with him," University Police Lt. Chuck Page said in a report.

The suspect is described as 23 to 25 years old, between 5'9" and 5'11" in height and a slight build.

According to the report the assailant reached for the woman and put his hand on her shoulder. She then elbowed the man in the stomach and tried to hit him in the face with the back of her hand. The suspect then pushed the woman to the

ground, and she fell on her back just outside the entrance to Mathes Hall.

The report states the suspect straddled over her legs and started to lean toward her, at which point she kicked upward between the man's legs.

The suspect then doubled over and the woman struck the man in the face with her fist, Page said.

The woman jumped up and ran into Mathes.

Page said the woman did everything correct in response to the attack, except she did not scream or call out.

The man is further described as having dark hair, cut above the ears and long in back, wearing jeans, a thigh length coat and white tennis shoes.

Police would not disclose the woman's identity.

WashPIRG must wait

By David Wasson
 managing editor

A proposal that would have allowed the Washington Public Interest Research Group to collect student contributions during spring quarter registration, despite the group's recent fee-collecting contract failures, was tabled by Western's Board of Trustees Monday.

Trustee Craig Cole said he recommended postponement of the decision because the trustees were "bombarded" with a lot of last minute documents the group submitted as evidence.

Among those documents was a petition drive that the group originally had hoped would have demonstrated greater than 50 percent student support. Instead, the two-week drive netted signatures from 45 percent of Western students. WashPIRG Executive Director Gerald Pollet said he believed group members could secure the additional 5 percent in one more week.

WashPIRG has asked the trustees to delete a minimum-contribution clause in their fee-collecting contract. According to the clause, when fewer than 50 percent of registering students

contribute to the group for two consecutive quarters, the fee-collecting contract is void. About 44 percent of Western students contributed fall quarter, while 38 percent contributed winter.

Cole suggested the trustees schedule the contract renegotiation proposal for their March meeting and create a committee to decide whether WashPIRG should be allowed to collect fees for spring quarter.

Complete coverage of yesterday's meeting will appear in Tuesday's Front.

AS swings in favor of 'PIRG

By Tim Chovanak
staff reporter

On the eve of the Washington Public Interest Research Group (WashPIRG) meeting with the Western Board of Trustees, the Associated Students Board of Directors voted Wednesday to support WashPIRG's contract renegotiations.

The AS vote came after three weeks of discussion and motions for and against supporting the group, including a motion last week to declare a neutral stance. Several AS members said they became more supportive of the group after seeing the extent to which students support the environmental and consumer affairs group. WashPIRG chair Erin Hughes said she and other members collected more than

3,600 signatures from Western students in the past two weeks. She said 3,600 was almost 50 percent of the 8,000 full-time students she estimated now attend Western.

AS Secretary/Treasurer Ron Morris, who previously voted against supporting WashPIRG, said he changed his stance because he would "hate to see students lose this group because we (AS members) are a little wishy-washy" in not giving WashPIRG full support.

WashPIRG asked for AS support in its contract renegotiations with the trustees. WashPIRG members and the trustees met yesterday so WashPIRG could ask that a clause in its contract with the trustees be changed. The clause required 50 percent of Western students

donate to the student activist group through a negative check-off system during registration. If fewer than 50 percent donated for two consecutive quarters, the fee-collecting contract would be broken.

During the past two quarters—WashPIRG's first two on campus—only 45 and 37 percent of the students donated to the group.

In other AS business: Vice President for Internal Affairs George Sidles said the Facilities and Services Committee is looking for a new place to house a day care center.

Measles mark Western

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nosed in Whatcom County each year.

In 1983, though, two students at Principia College in Elmhurst, Ill., died of hard measles, Roy said. In 1985, 53 students at Boston College were diagnosed with hard measles, she said. Thirteen required hospitalization.

Immunizations are being given free of charge at Student Health Services.

Symptoms of measles include a rash, high fever, cough, runny nose and watery eyes that last for one to two weeks.

Those who should check with a doctor before being vaccinated include: anyone who is sick with something more serious than a cold, anyone who has had a serious reaction to eating eggs, anyone with a disease that lowers the body's resistance to infection, anyone taking a drug that lowers the body's resistance to infection (such as cortisone, prednisone or certain anti-cancer drugs); and women who are, or think they are, pregnant.

Health information is available at Health Services in High Street Hall.

Frosh pre-register

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Sherwood said freshmen students really are not in competition for junior- and senior-level classes.

Omev said most freshmen aren't interested in classes such as computer science that are in high demand from upper classmen, so this shouldn't affect seniors and juniors who need certain classes to graduate on time.

"(A senior) shouldn't have waited so long to take a needed GUR (General University Requirement). If they do, they usually don't graduate," he said.

Omev said the senior usually has quite a few options anyway,

as far as GURs go.

Copeland said the first year will have an impact on continuing students, but in following years the problems will have been ironed out.

Copeland said once freshmen have registered for a class, they have that class and cannot be kicked out in favor of an upper-classman who needs it.

"We want to make sure freshmen don't have three huge lecture classes their first quarter. Instead, we want to get them into at least one smaller class so they will have more of a one-on-one experience with the teacher," she said.

Campus Cops

An antique bicycle, dating from the 1950s, was reported stolen from outside Arntzen Hall at 8:26 a.m., Jan. 30. Loss was estimated at \$200.

Unknown persons reportedly jumped on top of a '79 Toyota, caving in the roof. The incident was reported at 12:30 p.m., Jan. 31. Damage was estimated at \$200.

Unknown persons reportedly set something afire on top of a doorknob on a Highland Hall door, blistering the paint. The malicious mischief was reported at 10:20 p.m., Jan. 31. Damage totaled \$25.

A parking permit was reported stolen from a car in lot 21-P at 1:50 p.m., Jan. 31. Loss came to \$32.

Vandalism to a sculpture was

reported at 2:14 a.m., Feb. 1. The ceramic swan sculpture located between the Delta turn-around and the Ridgeway dining hall was damaged. Expense of the damage had not been estimated.

Ralph B. Jones, 21, 142 Ridgeway Gamma was arrested on suspicion of malicious mischief, at 1:26 a.m., Feb. 1. Jones allegedly put his fist through an Old Main window. Jones was cited and released. Damage was estimated at \$50.

A moped was reported stolen from the 28M parking lot 3:38 p.m., Feb. 1. The moped was recovered, but a lock mechanism had been broken.

A bicycle was reported stolen at 9:25 a.m., Feb. 3 from outside Fairhaven Hall, stack 11. Loss was estimated at \$180.

A wallet and checkbook were reported stolen from a room in the Environmental Studies Building at 1:25 p.m., Feb. 4. A bank card in the wallet was used off campus. Loss was estimated at more than \$150.

A parking permit was stolen from a car in 16G at 11:30 a.m., Feb. 4. Loss was estimated at \$29.

An obscene phone call was reported at 8 a.m., Feb. 5 to an Edens Hall phone.

An obscene phone call was reported at 8:15 a.m., Feb. 5 to a Ridgeway Sigma phone.

A camera was reported stolen at 7:20 p.m., Feb. 5 from a backpack left in the Industrial Arts Building. Loss was estimated at \$170.

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Deadline for announcements in this space is noon Monday for the Tuesday edition and noon Thursday for the Friday edition of *Western Front*. Announcements should be limited to 50 words, typewritten or legibly printed, and sent through campus mail or brought in person to the Publications Office, Commissary 108. Do not address announcements directly to the *Western Front*. Phoned announcements will not be accepted. All announcements should be signed by originator.

MILLER ANALOGIES TEST will be given at 3 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 13, in OM120. Registration is required in OM120, 676-3080. Fee of \$23 (U.S. funds) payable at time of test. Allow 1½ hours for test.

MATH PLACEMENT TESTS (intermediate algebra, precalculus, basic algebra) will be given at 3 p.m. Mon., Feb. 10, in OM120. Fee of \$7 payable at time of test. Students must pre-register in OM120. Bring picture ID.

LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW WITH HALF REFUND is Fri., Feb. 7. Procedure is completed in Registrar's Office.

PEER ADVISERS ARE BEING HIRED by the Academic Advising Center for 1986-87. Applicants must be available for training 5-6 hours/week during spring quarter. Qualifications include minimum 2.5 cumulative gpa, full-time student status, experience working with people and strong communication skills. Applications are available in OM275 and are due by Feb. 18.

APPLICATIONS FOR TUTORIAL CENTER STUDENT JOBS are being accepted for fall quarter, 1986, until 4 p.m. Feb. 18. Contact OM380, 676-3855.

INDUSTRIAL TECH MAJORS & FACULTY are welcome to attend a presentation by Dave Pfifer, employment recruiter for General Telephone of the Northwest, at 3 p.m. Tues., Feb. 18, in the WL Presentation Room. Pfifer will discuss opportunities available at General Telephone in Everett.

DEADLINE FOR FOREIGN STUDY: Spring quarter applications are due Feb. 15 for students wishing to study in Greece and Mexico. Contact the Foreign Study Office, OM400, 676-3298. ISEP deadline is Feb. 20.

VALENTINES DAY is a week away. Plan to celebrate Fri., Feb. 14, at the Sex Info Center, VU214, 676-3460 X/29 — Eat cookies, drink coffee, and get a balloon and a coupon for 3 free condoms.

WINERY TOUR: The Financial Management Assoc. will tour the Mt. Baker Winery on Sat., Feb. 22. All interested persons are welcome to sign up with a club officer or in PH230 during posted office hours.

STUDENTS FOR A LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY meets weekly at noon Tues. in VU219. For further information, call 676-3460.

WOMEN'S CENTER is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in VU211.

STRATA is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in VU216. Stop by for coffee. • **Brown-bag lunches** meet weekly from noon to 1 p.m. Wed. and 1-2 p.m. Thurs. in VA460.

BOOK OF THE QUARTER is *Weapons and Hope* by Freeman Dyson. Second panel discussion, "Nuclear War Today, Nuclear War Tomorrow, Nuclear War Forever—Technology of Death and the Business of Life," will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. Wed., Feb. 19, in the WL Presentation Room.

Career Planning & Placement Center Recruiting Schedule

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

- Carnation, Mon. Feb. 10. All majors. Sign up in OM280.
- Georgia-Pacific Corp., Tues., Feb. 11. Accounting majors. Sign up in OM280.
- Lamonta, Tues., Feb. 11. Internships. Sign up in OM280.
- Lamonta, Tues., Feb. 11. Business-related majors. Sign up in OM280.
- K-Mart Corp. & K-Mart Apparel, Wed., Feb. 12. Business-related majors. Sign up in OM280.
- American Camping Association, Thurs., Feb. 13. Various camps represented. Summer only. Sign up in OM280.
- Defense Contract Audit Agency, Wed., Feb. 19. Accounting majors. Sign up in OM280.
- Boeing, Thurs.-Fri., Feb. 20-21. Tech/computer science/business majors. Sign up in OM280.
- Washington Air National Guard, Thurs., Feb. 20. All majors. Sign up in OM280.
- Puyallup School District, Thurs., Feb. 20. Education majors. Sign up in OM280 beginning Feb. 13.
- Sea-First Bank, Mon., Feb. 24. Business/computer science majors. Resumes due in OM280 by Feb. 10.
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC), Mon., Feb. 24. Business/finance/accounting/economics majors. Sign up in OM280 beginning Feb. 10.
- Fund for Public Interest Research, Tues., Feb. 25. All majors. Resumes due in OM280 by Feb. 11.
- U.S. Marines, Wed.-Fri., Feb. 26-28. All majors. Sign up in OM280 beginning Feb. 12.
- Keller Supply Co., Wed., Feb. 26. Business-related majors. Sign up in OM280 beginning Feb. 12.

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Technology building in the works

By Juli Bergstrom
staff reporter

Construction of Western's long-awaited technology building is scheduled to begin later this month, four years after administrators first asked the legislature for funding, university officials said.

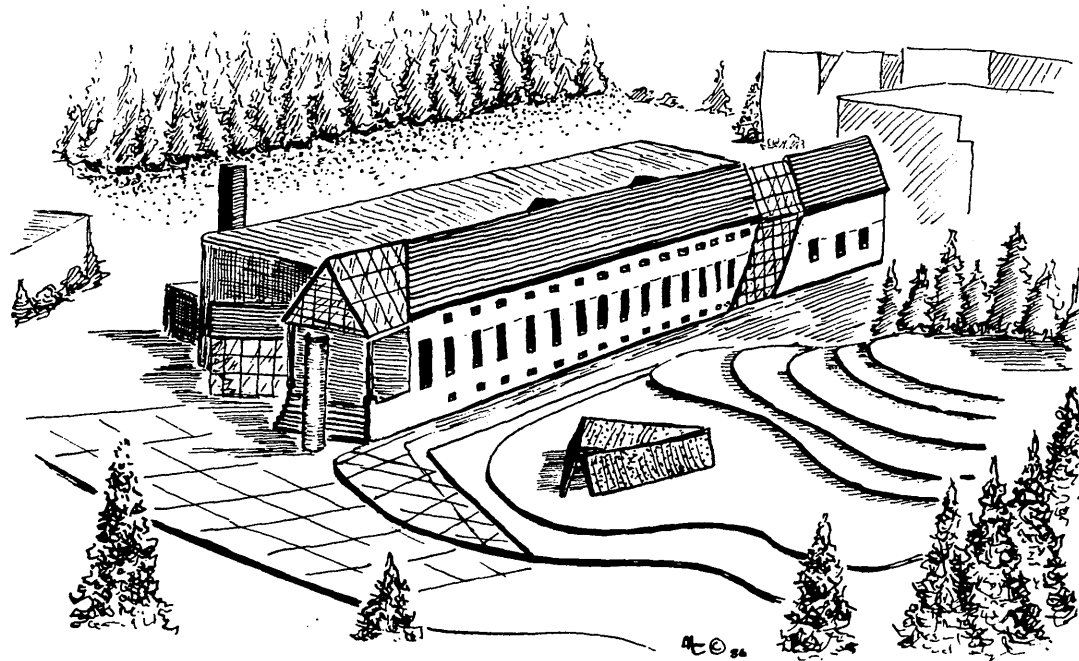
The three-story, \$6.5 million structure is expected to be completed for fall 1987 classes, University Architect Eric Nasburg said.

The 7,000 square-foot building will house Western's "rapidly growing" technology program. The program already has 500 to 550 declared majors, Technology Department Chair Paul Rainey said.

"We're spread out in many areas. We've basically been occupying space that's been given to us," he said.

Classes currently are located in Miller Hall, Bond Hall and the Art/Tech and Environmental Studies buildings.

The new building will house all technology classes except photography, which will remain in its recently remodeled site in the Art/Tech Building. Technology's new home will be built between Arntzen Hall and the Art/Tech building on what now is parking lot 16G. The parking spaces lost to construction have



Artist's conception of the new technology building to be located east of Arntzen Hall.

been replaced, Nasburg said, by the new parking lot behind Carver Gym.

Originally, Western had hoped for a four-story, \$9.9 million building. But after the first request, legislators allotted at that time just enough for architectural fees, about \$500,000.

When Western asked for the remainder of the money two

years ago, legislators instead approved the current scaled-down figure.

Because the approved amount was less than expected, the plans had to be modified. Those modifications included axing the fourth floor and eliminating main cosmetic features.

Officials still hope to complete construction of the fourth floor

and the remodeling of the Art/Tech building by requesting the extra \$3 million next budget year.

The new building won't look "terribly different" from other campus buildings, Nasburg said. "The concept of the design was to tie together all surrounding buildings."

Concrete will be the main

material used. But the west end of the building, which parallels the existing walkway, will have bricks and ceramic tile.

Part of the building will be a three-story construction and the remainder, two-story. The two-story section will house classrooms, labs and work areas.

The middle floor of the three-story section that will parallel the existing path through campus will be a covered walkway. The first and third floors will be used for faculty offices.

The second floor of the building will be a covered walkway, located at the west end. This is the only three-floor part of the building. Behind this area will be two floors, but the same height of the three floors, about one level lower than Arntzen Hall. Behind the building, a fenced-in service yard will secure the "miscellaneous garbage" from the technology programs, Nasburg said.

What he termed miscellaneous garbage is material students work on that "doesn't look real good but needs to be secured." Currently the work is housed inside the classes' work areas.

"We're concerned about the looks of that," he said. "Sometimes fences aren't that beautiful either, and we're hoping ivy will grow over it in a few years."

Conference participants to look at curriculum

By Mary Barouh
staff reporter

Student representatives will join faculty and nationally known experts on undergraduate education in an examination of Western's curriculum at a conference Monday and Tuesday.

Classes will take place as scheduled unless individual professors suspend their own classes, said Vice President for Academic Affairs Paul Ford.

"Faculty are authorized to suspend classes if they or their students want to attend the conference," Ford said.

The decision rests with faculty. Students should check with their professors for clarification if doubt exists, Ford said.

The two student representatives are Calyx Hoag, senior music major, and Jan Vickery, Associated Students vice-president for academic affairs. Hoag was selected to give a

student perspective because he has given much thought to undergraduate education, is able to articulate his ideas and has read the report, Bruce Pullan, music department chair, said. Pullan will moderate a discussion scheduled for the conference.

"I'm a strong advocate of required general university courses," Hoag said. However, he said, he would like to see more concentration and incorporation of related areas. An example might be taking a history class over two or three quarters with part of the study covering English or music and their place in history. The discrepancies between graduation requirements among the various majors is a concern of his, Hoag said.

As part of her job in student government, Vickery provides information and support to university committees, acts as a

resource to the AS Board of Directors and organizes special events such as parents' weekend and new student orientation.

Vickery considers Western's undergraduate program to be strong because of the diversity of General University Requirement offerings. Additional assets include the opportunity to learn through experience in internships, work study, clubs and by being a volunteer.

Through her contacts with new students she said she has noted some differences in expectations.

"Freshmen and transfers have different interests," she said. "Transfers talk more about what they want to learn than about what they want to do. Problems sometimes arise if students are not willing to make a commitment and become involved."

"Students are the best judge of their education," she said.

Firecracker ban may prevent lion from awakening

By Judy A. Averill
staff reporter

Waking the lion to dance and chase spirits is a traditional part of the Vietnamese New Year's celebration, but the lion in tomorrow night's Year of the Tiger celebration in the Viking Union Sasquatch Room may have trouble waking up.

Lighting firecrackers and beating drums and gongs is the traditional way to wake the lion who, according to myth, is assigned to earth as a protector of the people, said Tan Tran, president of the Vietnamese Student Association, which coordinated the event. No firecrackers will be used in this celebration.

Jim Schuster, associate director of VU facilities/services, said the decision not to allow the use of firecrackers in the Sasquatch Room was made carefully after

considering the number of people attending the event, the room size and possible damages to the room's drapes and wood floor.

The Vietnamese Year of the Tiger celebration, including a lion dance, martial arts and magic demonstrations followed by a potluck dinner and dance, begins at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.

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Frontline

Will somebody tell us if we have any classes next week?

Have you heard about the undergraduate education conference scheduled for Monday and Tuesday?

No, well have you heard where it's going to take place?

No, well have you heard that you might get those two days off?

No, you probably haven't heard of any of this before. Chances are this is the very first time you've heard about the conference.

What is so disturbing about this is the fact that Western is the location for the conference. Surprise.

The conference is an examination of Western's curriculum. The examination will be conducted by members of Western's faculty and experts from across the nation.

The purpose of the conference is to review the undergraduate program at Western, much the same way elementary and high school education programs have been studied recently.

All of this re-evaluation has been in response to a series of reports critical of the U. S. educational system in the past few years.

School will be open during the two-day conference. Faculty members, however, have been authorized to cancel classes. Check with each individual professor to see if your classes are suspended for those days.

You may be wondering what all the secrecy surrounding the conference is about. We don't know; we just heard about the conference ourselves.

Parole board plays helter-skelter with con's travel plans

Prisoners could learn from Charles Manson—they could learn how not to act at a parole hearing.

In Wednesday's *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, UPI reported that Manson had failed in his bid to be released from San Quentin, Calif., where he's been serving time after being convicted for the cult murders of seven people.

Manson's first mistake was to appear at his parole hearing with a swastika painted on his forehead. Then he really muffed it when the board asked what was on Manson's social register if released. Manson has wonderful travel plans. Not only would he visit Libya and go to see the Ayatollah, but he also wants to see France "because there's someone there I'm upset with."

All right, Chuck!

Maybe it would have been a good idea to give Manson parole so he could go to Libya. He and Kaddafi (sic) would get along real swell. Maybe we could have killed two psychos with one parole.



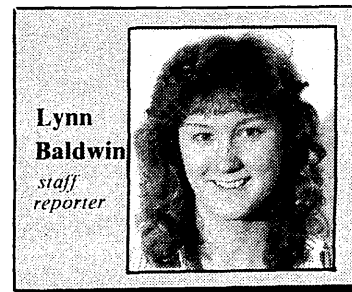
Speaking of hormonal changes

Professors ruining education

I failed astronomy in college" the astronomy professor announced the first day of class. Great, I smirked. A qualified professor, who with his many years of diligent study, will "broaden and intensify" my understanding of "cultural heritage." At least that's what the Western catalog claims his GUR class will do. This man also will develop my powers of "aesthetic enjoyment and creativity," stimulate the formulation of "personal philosophies" and a few other lofty ideals.

I once had a professor who talked as much about his latest hormonal changes (or lack thereof) as the class subject. The same man subjected 20 students to freezing night air creeping in the window so his cigarette smoke could creep out. At least something could.

Then there was the professor I had for two quarters in a row. The first quarter he lectured



Lynn Baldwin
staff reporter

extensively on inept professors who were either too lazy or too stupid to give essay exams. He, of course, gave essay exams. The next quarter he banished essays because "no one in this university knows how to write, and besides, if you've gotten this far, it's too late to help you now."

If his statement is true—I that students can't write—I would hope the amount of time and money we invest would provide him the incentive to go beyond such selfishness. And I must conclude, by his own standard, that he is either lazy or stupid.

Perhaps it's unfair to point to a few professors, but they typify an attitude of mediocrity in universities. We all know profs whose class syllabus arrives two weeks into the quarter, or those who are consistently late and then lecture past class time.

As college students, we are "America's future," the "up and coming." We will someday control this country's political, economical and social destiny. Yet some professors fail to educate us in a way that ensures America a successful future. Experts are concerned that Johnny can't read; though certainly no expert, I am concerned that universities are awarding degrees to ill-prepared graduates and then expecting them to function in and improve society. Granted, professors comprise only half of the learning process—students comprise the other half. But to those who don't fulfill their duties to us as students, let's put the pressure on. We need them.

The News Brothers

Dick has no love for sale



Flake News
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There are 8,300 stories on Western's campus. One of them belonged to the News Brothers and Dick Purnell Wednesday night.

That night Dick knew and he was telling. The Brothers aren't sure what he knew, but he sure was telling it like he knew.

Dick said relationships fall down on low self-image, unrealistic dreams of what a partner should be and a lack of communication.

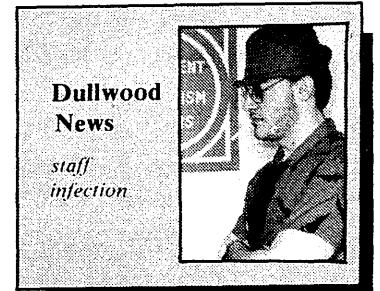
Dick's biggest, most brilliant statement was: "Men and women are different." And he wasn't just talking about genitalia.

Dick was there Wednesday talking about building successful relationships. Knowing that men and women are different is the foundation for a solid relationship. Somebody forgot to tell Jim Nabors that.

The Brothers have their own theory about relationships: The hell with them. Relationships take commitment, dedication and cash. We have none of the above.

Dick asked the audience how it is when you make out with someone one night, and you don't want to see them in the morning? Normally Dick, it's because your partner, male or female, looks more like Richard Nixon than Richard Gere when he gets up, or she looks more like Bo Schembechler than Bo Derek.

Since Dick wrote his own book, we decided to write our own. His is laced with positive self-image and ours with our own cryptic insights. For example, we believe a couple, in order to have



Dullwood News
staff infection

a successful date, should get tanked and then get naked, of course the naked part is optional. But it's just a thought. Or if getting naked and tanked is not to your liking, we suggest going to the zoo and watching the polar bears mate.

The underlying message of all this relationship business is cash. Dick was selling his book and cassette tapes for a nominal fee.

What Dick should have asked his audience is, in his best Mister (Fred) Rogers voice, "Can you say cash?" We can. Save your money; he couldn't tell you anything you didn't already know.

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Here's the other side of the coin

Western Front:

In this day of endless controversy with just as many opinions to supplant them, I usually find myself, if not respecting, at least tolerating opinions of those speaking out for what they believe in.

I am responding with, I suppose, a counter-opinion to Andy Perdue's commentary in the *Front* Jan. 31.

In his opinion our nation's leaders have turned America (more specifically you and me) in to spineless limp-wristed wussies. Although very hard to swallow, again, I find myself sorrowfully tolerating his attitude and others like him.

Instead of systematically dissecting every paragraph, I would instead like to address a few main points that concern me.

Mr. Perdue believes during the five years of President Reagan's "reign," he (the president) has been able to give this country the feeling of being what it once was, a great and powerful nation. I feel there is a peculiar truth to what Andy claims, in the context of egoism.

Not only do we, as a nation, feel we are great, but we are going to make sure every other country has a chance to believe the way we do. My apologies to those who this generalization does not fit.

More disturbing, and closely related to the above ethical doctrine, egoism that says self-interest is the proper motive for all human conduct, is your final paragraph. You stated: "Unless we quit pointing fingers, quit accusing and begin acting militarily, the fight may come to our doorsteps, and we will lose our freedom."

I sense frustration and paranoia in your war-monger perception of how we should handle terrorists.

First of all, investigations into these mindless slayings seem to never come up with the full knowledge of who was involved. Sure, we might know who did the shooting or bombing, but to trace it back to the exact, without-a-doubt source is a rarity, if not an impossibility. So,

shall we declare war, or how you gingerly stated, "begin acting militarily," on the whole of Libya, Iran or Lebanon, or just politely ask all Libyans, Iranians or Lebanese to step forward if they had any involvement with terrorism.

Is a complex problem such as terrorism so easy to cure by ignorantly saying "unless we... we will lose our freedoms.?"

Perhaps your creativity level is lacking to the point that you think you have but two options, kill or be killed. Perhaps your imagination is overactive due to Rambo and Commando mentality; a mentality, in my opinion, that is sweeping the United States. Whatever the case, it's dreadful.

Remember Andy, and the like, man's most primitive reaction to frustration is aggression. I pray that our educational system would create and reveal options other than simply exterminating life when it starts to bother our comfortable ideologies.

Christopher Stirling

Learn and live together in world

Western Front:

I would like to express my appreciation to Tim Chovanak ("Deities and Dogmas Clash," commentary in the Jan. 28 issue of the *Front*) not only for his well argued observations, but also for providing me a forum to address an issue too often overlooked on this campus and in our society—the diversity of voices within the Christian community.

In his remarks about the tolerance of various Christian groups—Baptists, Campus Christian Fellowship Members,

and Mormons are specifically mentioned—I believe he is essentially correct. What Mr. Chovanak seems to be tragically unaware of, however, is a trip to your local Congregational, Methodist, Lutheran or even Catholic church, or to Campus Christian Ministry, may challenge that intolerant picture of Christianity. The fact of the matter is Jerry Falwell and Edwin Meese and their ilk do not speak for me or for the preponderance of views held by traditions I represent as campus minister at Western.

When we lay claim to exclusive knowledge of the truth and presume to judge others according to that standard, we run contrary to the whole thrust of the gospel by appropriating for ourselves that which belongs to God. As I read the scriptures, Jesus leveled his condemnation only on the Pharisees—those who claimed to have all the answers and therefore the right to condemn others. It is clear the teachings of Jesus do present a God-centered way of life, and I identify myself as a Christian without shame or apology or recantation of the Buddhist for being Buddhist, the Moslem for being Moslem or the Jew for being Jewish. We all have something valuable to learn from one another regarding the nature of God and how to live together in the world. The history of Christian anti-semitism culminating in the holocaust stands as a tragic indictment of where religious intolerance and exclusiveness can lead.

The fact these differences among Christian groups are not better known is, I admit, something of a mystery to me. Undoubtedly, however, part of the answer lies in the fact we do not believe in pushing our beliefs on others and are therefore not as highly visible as those groups that use such tactics.

There probably are times when we at CCM also are guilty of indulging in gossip about the latest scandal involving CCF or

others on the religious right; still, our primary objection to them is their intolerance, triumphalism and exclusivism. If you are a Christian to whom this approach to religion does not appeal, or if you are a seeker after God of whatever label who has not found on campus a place in which to fruitfully and honestly pursue those questions, come give us a try at CCM—you might find something here that speaks to you. We are not all the same.

Bob Harrison
CCM Campus Minister

Pesky petitioners should take hint

Western Front:

Once again the campus is being infiltrated by pesky, little signature-hungry, zombie-eyed, WashPIRGers. It appears that no place is sacred from this small band of signature-crazed people, not the coffee shops during lunch or while walking from class to class. Take a hint WashPIRG and come to the realization that roughly 63 percent of the students at Western consciously don't want to support your organization with their funds.

If you still insist on continuing with your work, why not become a student club like so many other organizations. If the student body truly wants to donate money to your cause, then they can do so by sending it directly to your club, or better yet, you can ask for the money while gathering support with your petitions.

Besides the recent survey completed on check clearing by banks, nothing substantial has been made apparent to the Western students about your research. It is perhaps this lack of student-related research that has swayed the majority of students not to support you. Do not feel bad WashPIRG, your chapter is not the only one to hit hard times on Washington campuses, the University of Washington chapter is also lacking support. (See the U.W. *Daily* Jan. 28, 1986.)

Ron Larson
Douglas Milnor
Julie Rouleau

Put the ball in the right hoop

Western Front:

Once again we see basic misogyny at work in the *Front*.

I would expect so much more from a female sports editor. Why is it, Karin Stanton, that a less than successful men's basketball team rates more coverage, better coverage and a feature article when the women's team consistently beats opponents by margins of 20 points or more. Have we seen a feature on Kris Keltner or Shelly Bruns? Well, let's give credit where credit is due; you did manage to get an article on coach Lynda Goodrich's 300th career victory; congratulations on that achievement.

The women's basketball team is having an incredible season, and in what was expected to be a "rebuilding" year. Face it—the women are pulling in the crowds this season while the men are barely showing up for their games. I would like to think that a successful team merits consideration in the pages of the campus newspaper.

Pam Helberg

Not all gays are Republican

Western Front:

I am surprised that Andy Perdue would show such little regard for a minority group as he did in his commentary on Jan. 31. Perhaps he thought it would be an insult to Ronald Reagan to compare him to "Spineless limp-wristed wussies."

First of all "spineless limp-wristed wussies" is an insult often used to describe homosexuals. Not all homosexuals are limp-wristed; in fact, most are quite average looking. Secondly not all homosexuals are Republican; surprised?

I would hope in a university-educated environment people would be more careful about showing prejudice.

Terri Echelbarger

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Blumbo the Clown shows off his new clown van that he drives to his charity performances and around town.



An audience member wants to ask a serious question.

Former student

Story by Paul Swartz
staff writer

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photo editor

The kids scream ecstatically with laughter as the plump clown with the white face and green-checked pants runs toward them from across the gym floor.

"It's Blumbo!" one yells. "Blumbo!"

Although the scene sounds reminiscent of the '50s series "Howdy Doody," actually it took place in the gym of the Seventh Day Adventist School in Bellingham.

Blumbo the Clown is the alter-ego of former Fairhaven student Lyle Balcom and has been a regular sight at charity events around Bellingham since June 1983.

He was named the March of Dimes "Volunteer of the Year" in 1984 and again in 1985 along with his sponsor, Dewey Griffin auto dealership in Bellingham.

Balcom said his relationship with the auto dealership began when he decided he needed a business car to promote his craft. Little did he know that not only would he receive his clown car but also an eventual full-time sponsor.

"I went up to one of the younger, more aggressive-looking salesmen and offered to trade 18 (promotional) performances for a used car," Balcom said. "He went upstairs and talked to his boss who upped the number to 24 in two years. 'Where do I sign?' I asked him."

In December 1984, Balcom told the

owner, Don Griffin, he wished to spend more time doing charity work instead of business promotions and birthday parties. After Balcom wrote a proposal, Griffin decided he would sponsor Balcom's charity work, and by January 1985 he was on the payroll.

That was a surprise to Balcom. He said he never expected to make a living as a clown, a hobby of his since childhood.

He began clowning in the eighth grade when he joined a group called the Merry-maker Clowns who performed in rest homes, parades and charity events in the Seattle area. They also sold buttons to raise money for Seattle's Children's Orthopedic Hospital.

When they weren't performing, professional clowns taught the Merry-makers clowning skills. How to make balloon animals was one skill Balcom learned and has expanded for Blumbo.

When he first started making balloon animals, Balcom only could make about 12. He since has learned more than 40 different animals.

At the Seventh Day Adventist School performance, the children pleaded with him to make every one of their favorite animals.

"Can you make a cow?" one little girl in the audience asked.

"I've been trying, but I've had a lot of trouble with the faucets," Blumbo told her.

One by one, Blumbo pulled the teachers from the audience and made jokes at their expense. The children just howled.

"I've found when you play at a school,



Children at the Seventh Day Adventist School just howl as Blumbo performs his routine in their gym.



A balloon artist, Blumbo can make 40 different animals.

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SkaDizzle! . . . It's the magic of making yourself
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—Blumbo the Clown

spreads magic

it's easier to pick on the teachers who are there and give them the balloons," he said. "That way the kids aren't arguing among themselves, and I don't have to make so many balloons."

Today a balloon artist, Balcom transferred to Western from Highline Community College with an associate's degree emphasizing art. After one year at Western, he decided to major in alternative technology, a self-designed major focusing on alternative power sources, though Fairhaven.

While at Western, he continued to practice clowning. "I went to a lot of rest homes and performed and did some birthday parties, but I never considered doing it as a career," he remembered.

Then in spring 1983, Balcom changed his mind.

While dressed as the Easter Bunny for an egg hunt in Blaine, he was approached by a businessman who wanted him to do some promotional work for his company.

Balcom, then a burned-out second-year senior, had only two quarters left and decided to take a break from school and try clowning during the spring and summer.

"My mom about shot me when I told her I was quitting school. She's from the era where a degree means you are going to be a success," he remembered. "I have some friends, though, who have their diplomas but are working in fields other than their majors."

He began to perfect a solid image for his character and had a new, more professional costume made for himself.

Then he commenced selling himself to businesses in Bellingham.

"Blumbo was born on June 2, 1983—the day I was first paid as a professional clown," he said.

Since the day Blumbo was born, Balcom has been promoting and making plans for his alter-ego. He's had Blumbo T-shirts, teddy bears and coloring books manufactured.

Someday he hopes to open a chain of Blumbo ice-cream parlors. Recently he was approached by a representative from a group of Seattle investors who wants to invest in such an operation.

Balcom is making a proposal for them and has high hopes for the parlors' futures.

Balcom recently started working part time with Steve Cochran, who won a regional mime competition sponsored nationwide by Yoplait Yogurt. The two have put together a stage show, complete with elaborate sets and rehearsed gags, which they performed successfully at the Lynden Fair last year.

Whenever Balcom performs as Blumbo, he tries to teach his audience a little of the philosophy he said he believes got him where he is today.

"I like to think the things you do in your life will come back to you," he said. "It's what the Hindus call karma."

"It meshes with my philosophy what you do directly causes what happens to you."

"SkaDizzle! That's my magic word. I made up the word so I can make up the definition," he said. "It's the magic of making yourself and others smile."

"And it's very strong magic."



Blumbo's alter-ego is former Western student Lyle Balcom.

Winning streak snapped by SFU

By Ric Selene
staff reporter.

It's over: Western's 39-home game winning streak against district opponents came to an end Tuesday night when it lost to Simon Fraser University, 62-52.

The winning streak possibly could not have been ended by a more unlikely team. The Vikings embarrassed the seventh-ranked Clan last week at SFU, 75-52.

"Sometimes it's hard to believe that you can beat a team one weekend and have them come back and win the next," Western coach Lynda Goodrich said.

The Clan dominated the game defensively, making Western's inside game almost impossible. As a result, the Vikings only managed 34 percent from the field in the first half, compared to 43 percent for SFU. Nevertheless, Western was able to keep the game close and trailed at halftime, 30-29.

Anne Cooper hit a field goal and a free throw, and Kris Keltner added another field goal to give Western its final lead early in the second half, 34-32.

The lead didn't last long. Viking fouls and turnovers led to nine unanswered points by the Clan to give them a lead they would maintain for the rest of the game.

Western managed to pull within four at 51-47 with 4:38 remaining in the game, but Viking fouls led to six straight Clan points to seal the SFU victory.

The Clan out-rebounded the Vikes 40-33 and caused 24 Viking turnovers.

"We've played better," Good-

rich said. "Simon Fraser played well and were well prepared to play us. We weren't prepared to play them. That's what happens."

"It's kind of nice to have that monkey off our back," she said of the winning streak. "It's just too bad it had to end in a loss."

"I thought we played a heck of an aggressive game," Clan coach Bev Bland said. A key to her team's win, she said, was not letting Cooper handle the ball.

"We wanted to front Cooper and key on the tall players because of the lob," Bland said.

Cooper, hampered by the Clan's tenacious defense and an injured foot she suffered in Saturday's victory over Seattle University, largely was kept ineffective at four points.

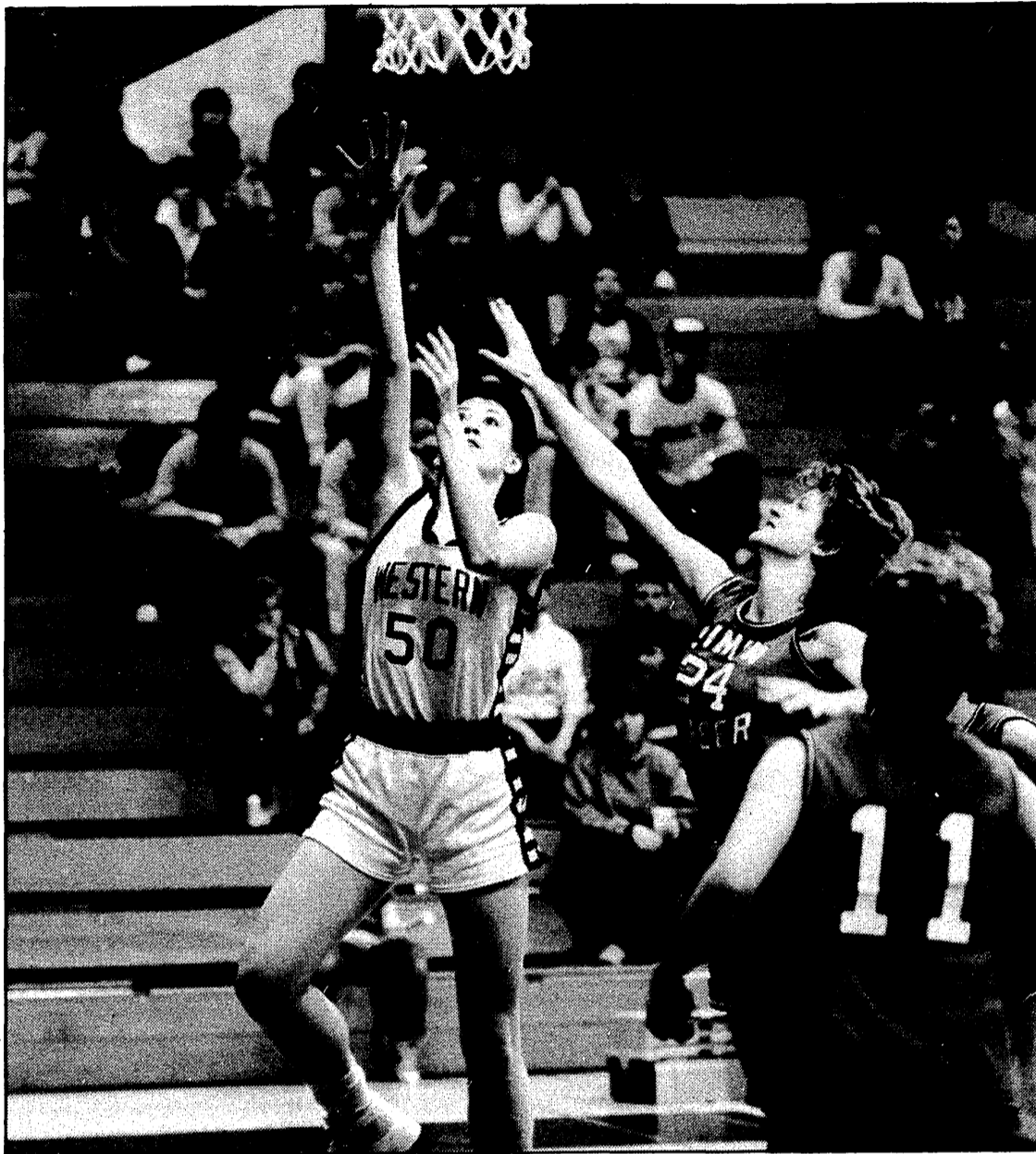
Carmen Dolfo, Western's season scoring leader, had 15 points in the loss, and Keltner added 14.

The Clan's Nancy Innes led all scorers with 18 points, closely followed by teammate Susan Ewanick with 16.

SFU ended its 14-game, seven-year losing streak with Western and ended Western's seven-game winning streak. Western's record now is 14-5 overall, 10-2 district. The Clan raised their record to 7-12 overall, 6-6 district.

Western has a one-game lead over the University of Puget Sound and Gonzaga University in the NAIA District I standings.

The Vikings will take on district rivals Central Washington University at 7:30 tonight and Lewis-Clark State College at 5:15 p.m. tomorrow in Carver Gym. Central handed Western its only other district loss.



MIKE GWYNN

Western's Anne Cooper (50) fights off three Simon Fraser players as she pushes for two. Western fell, 62-52, in the contest.

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Icemen still undefeated with second win

By Brian Bean
staff reporter

Dominating control in the first period and three assists by freshman Bruce Nash helped the Western Hockey Team to its second victory in as many tries as the Vikings slipped by the University of Washington, 3-2, Saturday night at Sno-King Arena in Lynnwood.

In November, Western defeated the Huskies, 3-1, to account for their other win.

Penalties and home arena had no effect on the game or the achievements of the players, although they should have.

Western was called for 14 penalties and a total of 28 minutes in the penalty box compared to the 11 penalties and 25 minutes belonging to Washington. At one point in the second period, the Huskies outmanned the Vikes on the ice, 2 to 1, as four Western icemen sat in the box. Washington failed to capitalize on the situation.

Approximately 40 people were in attendance to cheer the two teams on. Only about six were Western fans. Still, the Vikings took advantage of all opportunities in the first period.

With only 47 ticks of the clock expired, Western's Chris Wagner accepted a feed from Bruce Nash and Alan Perry to put the first mark in the book. Western lead, 1-0.



DAN TYLER

Two Western hockey players eye the puck as a UW skater approaches. Western won the battle, 3-2.

Six minutes later, with 8:22 left in the first period, freshman Kirk Dowd scored, again for Western. Chalk up another assist for Nash. Western lead, 2-0.

Washington finally got on the board

with 3:01 left in the first period. David Tom scooted the puck down the ice unassisted and shot it by the Western goalie to make the score, 2-1, Western.

The second period began slow. Neither

team could get anything going until Ron Ford broke the silence and scored for Western to make the score, 3-1.

"We could have played a lot better," Kirk Dowd said.

Five minutes later, Bill Brabant answered for Washington with their second and final goal of the evening.

There were no goals scores in the third period. It was, however, played intensely as the body checks became more fierce and Washington began to catch up in penalty minutes.

Hough said of the team's performance, "On the whole, we didn't play real well. The first period went well. The goalies were good. The talent's there-it just needs to be brought to the surface. We were lucky to win."

He added that it is hard on the players to have to practice in White Rock (B.C.) at midnight and get home at 2:30 in the morning, especially for the one's with eight o'clock classes.

With two wins, the hockey team has more confidence in their ability and they think they have a good chance at the upcoming Wenatchee Tournament.

"We should be able to win the tourney with a bit of conditioning," Hough said.

The Wenatchee Tournament is scheduled for Feb. 17-19. On Feb. 22 the icemen take on the Seattle Barron Indians at 5:45 p.m. and again the next day at 10:45 a.m. in Lynnwood's Sno-King Arena.

SPORT SHORTS

Join the women's basketball team for a game against Central Washington University at 7:30 p.m. tonight and again at 5:15 p.m. Saturday, when it takes on Lewis-Clark-State-College. The two games are instrumental in the Vikings' quest for a play-off berth and a chance at nationals.

After the women's contest tomorrow, the men match themselves against Pacific Lutheran University, 7:30 p.m.

All three games are District I contests and will be played in Carver Gym.

Viking exchanges sports for business

By Craig Daly
staff reporter

At one time sports were his whole life, especially basketball. But for Tim Nicholas, of the men's basketball team, pursuing a business career and remaining close to his family in Bellevue, also were important reasons for choosing Western instead of other colleges.

"I was the kind of kid who used to run around and play Nerf-football on the streets, pingpong, (or) when I couldn't go outside, we'd play Nerf-baseball in the basement," Nicholas explained.

Nicholas, a senior, has started every game for the Vikings this season, leading the team in scoring (17.8), assists (3.7), steals (1.8) and is second to center Shane Nickel in rebounding (5.8).

A 1982 graduate of Newport High School in Bellevue, Nicholas started all three seasons for the team, leading it to the state play-offs his last two years. While playing center and big forward for the Knights, he was a second-team, All-Kingco Conference choice his junior year and a first-team selection his senior year. He averaged 19.8 points and nine rebounds a game.

After graduating from Newport, he enrolled at Bellevue Community College and played with former Viking teammate John DeFranco. A second-team, All-Region pick in 1983-84, Nicholas averaged 15.1 points per game and led the Helmsmen to a 17-10 record, as well as a spot in the play-offs.

Nicholas was not heavily recruited out of BCC, since he was regarded as too slow and too small at six-foot four-inches.

Western showed some interest in him, though. Since Western only is a short distance from Bellevue, and his brother lives in Bellingham, the choice was not difficult.

Nicholas made Western's starting lineup and rejoined DeFranco for the 1984-85 season. Nicholas led the team in scoring with a 15.9 average, shooting 5 percent from the field.

Basketball is not the only sport at which he excels. Nicholas has played team golf for Newport and Western. His average scores usually are in the mid-to-high 70s.

At the end of this season, Nicholas will end a basketball career and start a new one when he graduates with a degree in business administration with a marketing concentration.

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New playwrights present creations

By Lynn Baldwin
staff reporter

The worlds of gun slingers, loners and "Meet the Press" will be explored by a trio of plays showing at 7:30, Feb. 9 and 10 by the New Playwright's Theater. Plays by students Michael Shreeve, Theresa Largusa and a play by collaborators Mark Finely and Pat Lucey were chosen.

Shreeve, a graduate student working for his master's degree in theater, created "Dime Novel Kid." Though he wrote it in seven or eight hours, much thought already had shaped the play in his mind. Set in the late 1800s, the play tells the tale of a girl so enthralled with Western novels she fantasizes about being a gunfighter. Shreeve takes the audience through her adventures and misadventures until she becomes her fantasy. Greg Penoyer is the director of "Dime Novel Kid."

"Sports Next, Confessions at 10," is written by Theresa Largusa and portrays one black and one white woman who struggle to understand the other's race. A game of "Meet the Press" in a dorm room is the setting for this play.

The play is an expository (not having an action plot), Director Annalisa Houk said, so it's a challenge to keep it from becoming static. But it works, she added.

Mark Finely and Pat Lucey, students at Western last summer, wrote "What To Do With It." This play is a collage of stereotypes—the cheerleader, the jock, the party girl, the gay and the central character, the loner. Finely and Lucey explore the mind of Roy, the loner nobody knows or wants to know. "The play is a stab against society and violence—mental violence." Director Ed Queair said. The three winning plays were chosen from seven submit-



ted to Jim Bindi, program supervisor. All plays are firsts for the students, he said.

Usually, a playwright has little influence beyond writing the play. But to "foster community effort," these playwrights are

encouraged to closely work with the directors and actors, who also are students, Bindi said.

"Only on Broadway do you work with the playwrights," he said.

Playwrights are encouraged to

rewrite their plays continuously, making rehearsal difficult for actors but producing superior plays, he said.

The plays will be presented in the Old Main Theater. Admission is free.

Abstract art elicits motion

By David Cuillier
staff reporter

The tension of combining three-dimensional and flat space makes the painted aluminum sculpture "Garapata" an exciting and expressive piece, John Keppelman, creator of the work, said. The white, almost bird-like sculpture is the newest addition to Western's Outdoor Sculpture Museum.

"Garapata," located on the pathway between Parks Hall and Carver Gym, was given to Western by Annie Dillard, writer-in-residence at Western in 1981 and 1982. Dillard is a Pulitzer-Prize winner, the author of "Pilgrim At Tinker Creek" and "Holy the Firm."

Dillard kept the Keppelman piece on Lummi Island before moving to Connecticut last year, according to Richard Francis, chairman of the art acquisition committee. She donated the piece to Western, having no place to put the sculpture.

"I think it's one of my strongest sculptures because of the location," said Keppelman. His work is found in numerous public and private collections, mostly located in offices such as Safeco, Allstate and Honeywell. "Garapata" was placed in an area that allows public viewing.

Like much of Keppelman's current work, the abstract piece is a folded construction of painted aluminum that stands on a post, like a sign. Keppelman said "Garapata" evokes images of vertical and horizontal motion. It is painted a neutral color to mirror the dramatic light changes of the Pacific Northwest.

"I am interested in opening up form so it doesn't settle down," said Keppelman. "I try to work with abstract forms, which are basically unstable or inconclusive in the sense of having structures the mind doesn't easily grasp."

Francis compares the scul-

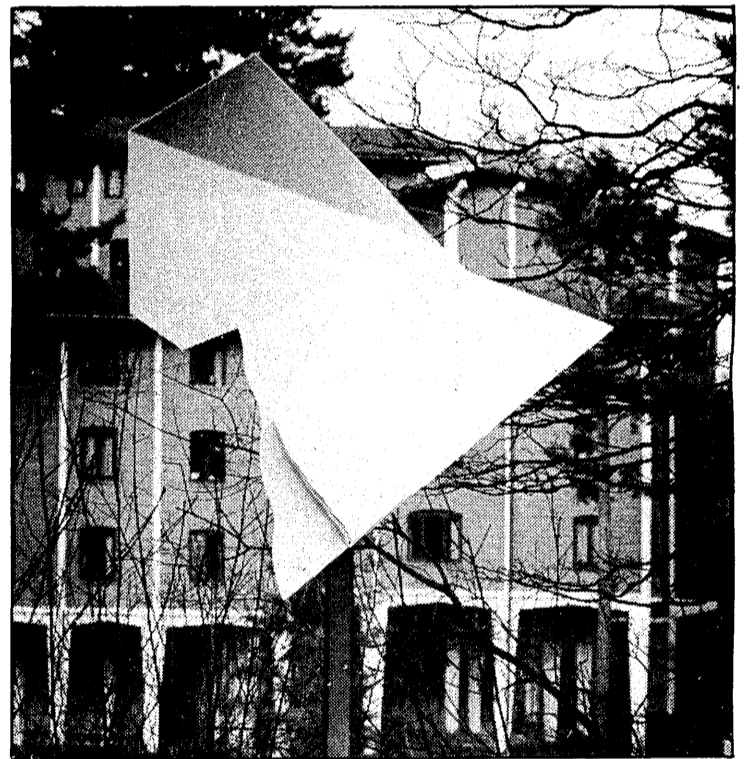
ture to a bird in flight. For that reason, "Garapata" was moved off-center in the clearing for the illusion of movement.

Western houses the largest collection of contemporary outdoor sculpture on the West Coast, said Keppelman. Its rate of growth probably will diminish, though.

"There is a feeling that we have reached a plateau in outdoor art," said Francis. Several reasons account for this feeling, he said.

Art work is budgeted out of one-half of 1 percent of the cost of each newly constructed building. Francis explained buildings are not being built as often as they have been. This limits the amount of money to be spent on art.


Francis also predicted an "art junkyard" if too many pieces are put around campus. The campus is large, he said, but Western is running out of places to put the sculptures. "We are getting more selective," he said.



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"Garapata," made of painted aluminum, evokes images of vertical and horizontal movement.

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Dreams inspire images

Ehle's pieces illustrate a deeper meaning

By Margaret Phelps
staff reporter

Classical literature, history and mythology play a part in Michael Ehle's contemporary art work, now showing from Feb. 3 through 28 at the Viking Union Gallery.

GALLERIES

Ehle's pieces are made of dramatic or pictorial images illustrating a deeper meaning. A self-taught painter with no formal training, Ehle pulls his ideas from past experience, classical literature and sometimes dreams.

A variety of art history, including Byzantine and Coptic painting styles, influenced Ehle's style but not extensively. "I taught myself to paint and have been actively painting since 1978," Ehle said.

Ehle commonly uses historical references in his works. A painting titled "Quire #7" includes Sigmund Freud, Ben Franklin, the mythical god Zeus, the devil and other figures.

"Quire #7" is an ongoing series, an exercise of inventing characters," Ehle said.

Ehle said some of his works are "records of dreams," such as the piece titled "Just Another Dream." Ehle paints with opaque water colors on inexpensive rice paper.

Ehle paints subjects that "I've always wanted to do. I have a log of ideas backed up, and when the opportunity arrives and the materials are appropriate, I paint," Ehle said.

While literary pieces are the most exciting and enjoyable for

Ehle to paint, he also does commissioned portraits. The majority of the pieces at the Viking Union Gallery are from private collections and were done in the past two to three years.

Ehle, who studied comparative religion for two years, said "part of why I didn't produce art for a long time was that it was considered a sin. Guilt was associated with art."

Ehle now lives and paints in Seattle. Exhibitions of Ehle's art have been shown in Seattle galleries, such as the Greg Kucera Gallery, Jackson Street Gallery and the former Rosco Louie Gallery.

In addition, Ehle has shown his work at the Center on Contemporary Art in Seattle and has had exhibitions in Portland and Tacoma.

More of Ehle's art work is being shown in a group exhibition of Northwest contemporary artists from Jan. 19 to March 9 at the Whatcom Museum of History and Art.



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Michael Ehle, above, uses literature, past experience and dreams for inspiration when he paints.

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Kendra and Barry
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VU Coffeeshop
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Celebrate Valentine's Day with Mama Sundays. Kendra and Barry are an acoustic duo from Seattle. French songs, folk, jazz and their own tunes will be featured in this concert.

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8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9
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4.00 admission

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Day-care task force passes unanimously

By Jackie Soler
associate news editor

The day-care location dilemma is closer to a solution.

Tuesday, the Committee on Housing and Dining unanimously approved a bilateral task force proposal to find a location for the Associated Students Co-op Day Care.

The proposal was written by the AS Services and Facilities Council. The task force would include three housing and dining committee members and two Facilities and Services Council members.

"It's not a matter of if we should have a day care, but where it should be located," Director of University Residences Keith Guy said.

The task force will examine the location question and other concerns about the day care.

"The group's work may involve looking at other programs that include children," Guy said. He cited Western's Early Learning Center, developmental education laboratories and other academic programs as examples.

Task force recommendations will be taken to Western Presi-

dent G. Robert Ross for further action.

Decision making was not as easy in other business as the committee again tabled a decision on the proposed pet-policy change.

On Jan. 14, Sheryl Mullen, AS Director-at-Large for University Residences, proposed that pets be allowed in Birnam Wood apartments.

Tuesday, Birnam Wood Assistant Manager Randy Hurlow presented the committee with an opinion survey he plans to distribute to Birnam Wood residents.

"No one has asked residents how they feel about housing pets," Hurlow said. Results of the confidential survey will be brought to the committee in two weeks.

Mullen researched pet policies at other four-year institutions in the region and found the majority have a "fish only" policy.

Western's current housing policy prohibits keeping pets, except underwater animals such as fish.

"I have very strong feelings against allowing pets in the residences, even fish," Terry Meredith, ex-officio committee

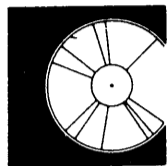
member, said. "With the density of people here . . . it's foolish."

Hurlow said pets are being kept by residents illegally, but with a revised policy "at least we'll know where (the pets) are."

Under Mullen's proposal, pets would have to be state licensed and registered with the Birnam Wood apartment manager.

"If anything, the pet policy needs to be made more specific," Mullen said. Current rules do not list penalties for illegally keeping a pet.

The committee will address the pet policy again in two weeks.



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