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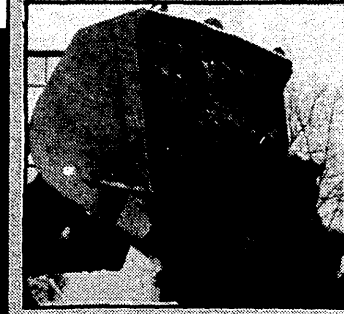
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Kids from the Fairhaven day care take part in a ballet-class recital for parents and other students on Wednesday in the Fairhaven auditorium.

AS to spend \$130 on balloons

By Tim Chovanak
staff reporter

Student leaders decided Wednesday they will spend \$130 to buy 1,000 printed balloons to advertise an open house next quarter.

Associated Students Director-at-large for Communications Paul Clark said the balloons are needed to "grab eyes" and attract people to attend the open house, planned for April 15. AS board members decided to allot a total of \$295 for the event.

Other costs include \$65 for helium, \$46 for 2,500 "Astro-bright spectrum posters" and \$54 for advertising and set-up costs.

"That seems a little bit extrava-

gant to me," said AS President Jeff Doyle, referring to the cost of balloon advertising. "I'm wondering if we're not getting to a (advertising) saturation point."

Defending the plan, Vice President for Activities Terry Echelbarger said, "I think this is a unique idea, and I think it's worth a try."

Clark estimated at least 20 AS clubs and organizations have indicated they will participate in the event, which is aimed at informing Western's faculty, staff and administration about AS activities.

The proposal passed unanimously.

Board members also were told

Housing and Dining Committee officials abandoned attempts to place \$85,000 in a repair and replacement reserve fund.

Director-at-large for University Residences Sheryl Mullen said the cost of living in dorms next year will not inflate as much as predicted because the reserve fund deposit was abandoned.

In other AS business:

Board members approved spending \$136 to send the AS secretary to an April 15 secretarial seminar in Seattle.

Clark told AS members of communications task force hopes eventually to buy a laser printer, at an expected cost of \$5,000.

Gifts to Western checked out first

Land donation had hidden costs

By Mary Barouh
staff reporter

The Western Foundation rarely ignores a gift horse, accepting \$1 million in donations last year. However, when a gift poses more of a liability than an asset, the stable door is shut.

Last summer, a parcel of recreation property the donor said was valued at \$25,000, was refused by the foundation. Jeane DeLille, executive director of development for the Western Foundation, said.

Before gifts of real estate are accepted, research is done to ensure liens against the property will not hamper a future sale, she said.

The parcel of land was undeveloped and is located by the Alderwood Country Club on the Olympic Peninsula. When the development company was contacted, it was discovered the donor had lease-hold rights and not the full ownership she thought she possessed. With water assessments, membership fees and taxes, "It would have cost \$150 a month to hold" the property until it sold, DeLille said.

A lease usually extends 99 years, and, while it was a marketable item, the development placed the value realistically at \$8,500. In addition, a depressed real estate market was a factor in no sales having been reported at the recreational development in two years.

"If we had to hold the lot five years, we would have lost all of

the equity," DeLille said.

As the foundation is in the business of drumming up gifts, it was a delicate matter returning something. "In this instance, the donor was very understanding, but the potential for it being cordial was very slim," she said.

To avoid pushing another gift horse out the barn door, a donation of 35 cabinets was not turned back.

Director of University Residences Keith Guy negotiated a donation of cabinets from a local contractor, DeLille explained. The cabinets arrived without covers and Guy was unable to use them. Before gifts of equipment are accepted, department heads are consulted. The education and technology departments were contacted and, with a little modification, the cabinets were put to use as storage modules.

For equipment donations the university is unable to use, a national bartering system offers exchanges between universities. This eliminates repeating an experience that occurred in the technology department. A huge piece of equipment couldn't be used because it was too costly to operate, and it became a dust-collecting obstruction in the workshop.

When gifts are given through the foundation, bartering and sale is possible, whatever will benefit the university most. If donations are given directly to the university or are state property, they have to be declared surplus before conversion.

Sometimes placing a monetary value on gifts can be difficult. The foundation recently accepted a set of rare books on the writings of Thomas Jefferson

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Autopsy reveals blood-alcohol level was .20

By J. Thomas Bauer
and David Wasson
staff reporters

Michael Samuel Kushins had a blood-alcohol content twice the level considered legally drunk when he fell to his death from a fourth-floor balcony.

An autopsy conducted on the visiting 20-year-old from Woodinville, revealed a blood-alcohol content of .20, said Dr. Robert Rood, the physician who performed the examination. Kushins died of injuries he received when he hit a brick patio below the balcony. Those injuries included a fractured skull, brain damage, a ruptured aorta and a ruptured liver, authorities said.

Kushins' body was discovered Saturday shortly after 7 a.m. by a Fairhaven resident leaving for work. Kushins apparently fell from a fourth-floor balcony early that

morning. He was last seen alive sleeping on the balcony at about 3 a.m.

Kushins, originally of Santa Rosa, Calif., had traveled to Western Friday night with three of his friends to visit their friend, Fairhaven resident Jeffrey Pedersen.

They had planned to spend the night in Bellingham and possibly travel to Canada later that weekend.

During an interview Wednesday night, Pedersen said Kushins and the three friends arrived at Fairhaven about 11 p.m. Kushins apparently had been drinking alcohol before reaching the apartment, Pedersen said.

Pedersen said his four Seattle-area friends, two of his roommates and he drank beer and mixed drinks in his apartment. A few other people from the dorm came to Pedersen's room, he said, but he stressed it could not have been

considered a "party." No more than about 10 people were in the room, he said.

Sometime after midnight Kushins walked onto the balcony because he wasn't "feeling well," Pedersen said.

Shortly after 2 a.m. everyone in the apartment started going to sleep, he said. At about 3 a.m., Pedersen said he walked into the living room and saw Kushins asleep on the balcony. Everybody in the living room was asleep, he said. He went out onto the balcony and tried waking Kushins. But Kushins indicated he wanted to stay on the balcony rather than go inside the apartment, Pedersen said.

It was warm outside that night, Pedersen remembered, and said he thought Kushins would just "sleep it off." Pedersen went back to his bedroom and went to sleep.

Sometime between then and 4 a.m. Kushins fell to his death.

A student walking through Fairhaven at 4 a.m. later told police he had seen a body on the ground, but he thought it was just someone "passed out."

Additionally, a female student living in a lower room reported she heard a muffled thud about that time but said she did not see Kushins' body.

No one knows how Kushins fell. But residents of the apartment Kushins was visiting speculated he may have been sitting on a railing and had fallen off. Kushins' body was found on a brick patio directly below the right side of the balcony. The railings of the balcony are about three feet high.

Pedersen said he and his roommates were unaware of the tragedy until police knocked on their door later that morning.

Pedersen and his roommates are criti-

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Rough draft tossed about

Latest housing budget draft proposes lower rate increase

By Jackie Soler
associate news editor

On-campus residents can be thankful for rough drafts.

The latest draft of the 1986-87 housing and dining budget now includes a possible 7.2 percent rate increase, reduced from the 8.7 percent increase presented two weeks ago.

Reallocation of revenue, fewer program enhancements and more exact figures of budget items caused the reduction. Director of University Residences Keith Guy told the Committee on Housing and Dining Tuesday.

"There's no change in direction from the first draft," Guy said. "We just did some fine tuning."

The largest budget revision was removing the \$85,000 deposit planned for the repair and replacement reserve fund. Extra summer revenue—about \$131,100-generated by the conference center because of Expo '86 in Vancouver, B.C. will go to the reserve fund, Guy said.

Room and board rates will increase between 4.1 and 7.2 percent for next year. With a 7.2 percent increase, a double room, 21-meal per week annual housing contract would cost \$2,507. The current cost is \$2,339.

"I would like (the room and board rates) to be under \$2,500," Guy said.

Further clarification and drafts of the budget will continue

primarily in two areas, he said.

First are the expected salary increases from comparable worth legislation and a 2.5- to 3-percent raise for all state employees in September.

Secondly, Guy said he will get residents' opinions about the anticipated extra staff for weekend cleaning. Depending on the response, the proposed six custodial positions may be added on a phase-in basis, he said.

Services and Activities fees also were discussed by the housing and dining committee.

Bond resolutions and Viking Union operating expenses are paid with housing and dining's portion of the S & A fees collected from student tuition.

Guy said he didn't plan to ask for more S & A money this year because no area of the budget would be affected directly. But, he told committee members, "it's not too late" for requests.

Members said they will gather recommendations, requests and comments from their constituents for next week's meeting.

If the Viking Union is remodeled, Guy said, "that would be the time to ask" for additional S & A funds.



Senate hopeful Brock Adams said he'd rather spend \$600 for a student's education, rather than a Pentagon toilet seat, during an informal meeting with about 40 Western students Wednesday. Adams said he will officially announce his candidacy for Slade Gorton's Senate seat, which is up for election in November.

Event catches administrator's attention

By David Cuillier
staff reporter

A campus fund-raiser called "Party for a Good Cause" tapped the attention of at least one Western administrator earlier this week who was concerned the party would become uncontrollable.

Vice President for Student Affairs Joan Sherwood said headlines appearing above a page 12 *Front* article last week led her to believe Thursday night's event would be a "beer brawl."

Earlier this week, Sherwood threatened to revoke the fundraiser's liquor permit, force organizers to hire security police or set a drink limit. But after meeting with the fiesta's organizers Tuesday, Sherwood said she concluded the event would be conducted responsibly.

"Chugging for Chapultepec University" and the phrase "beer blast" were used in the headlines of last Friday's *Front* article. The story announced a fund-raising event that planned to serve beer and nachos to students while they listened to a guest speaker. Profits from the event would be used to buy computer floppy disks for earthquake-crumbled Chapultepec University in Mexico City.

The event was sponsored by students in an organizational development class here. Other groups plan to send a computer package to the university.

Last Friday, organizers said students could get all the beer they could drink for \$3. "We'll start with two kegs and see how it goes from there," one of the organizers said last week. But after Tuesday's meeting with Sherwood, the students agreed

to tap no more than two beer kegs.

Organizer Frank Corey said during an interview Tuesday he was told by other campus activity organizers that without a good speaker and beer, student support would be minimal.

The intent of the title, "Party for a Good Cause," was to gain the attention of students, not to promote a kegger, Corey said. "We just wanted to get people interested, listen to a good speaker and have a relaxing evening," he said.

Corey and Maria Starovasnick, event organizers, told Sherwood the social would be controlled by three students, one who has experience as a bouncer. Starovasnick also assured Sherwood only two kegs would be used.

The students explained the campus police didn't have extra

men to watch the party and the Bellingham police charge about \$20 an hour. Hiring a police officer for four hours would damage their profit, Starovasnick said.

Although Sherwood said using liquor to help gain student participation is a fallacy, she said she was satisfied the group had good intentions.

"This is a responsible group," Sherwood said. "I had received the guarantees that I needed," she said. Sherwood didn't impose restrictions on the fund-raising event.

Corey said he was relieved at the decision. "We learned a lot about organizational development and the problems that occur," he said. "We had good intentions but the press can really damage someone with little effort at all."

Western staffer wins Jefferson Award

By Elizabeth Parker
staff reporter

Mary Robinson, associate vice president for Human Resources at Western, has won a Jefferson Award from the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* and the American Institute of Public Services.

Her credibility in the Bellingham community and strong leadership helped the Whatcom County United Way through a troubled period last year, Jack

Doughty, retired executive editor of the *P-I* and one of the six judges, said.

Robinson and six other Washington state residents received the award for their outstanding volunteer community service work. The winners were among 189 people nominated from 54 cities and towns from around the state, according to the *P-I*. *P-I* readers made the nominations.

Robinson came to Western in

1969 as the dean of women. She has since been involved in the YWCA and many other volunteer organizations in Bellingham.

Robinson said while the award was as surprise, the honor reflects on the United Way volunteers as well. She commented students have helped in the United Way, and she said she feels volunteering in programs like the United Way is good training for students.

Robinson was nominated by United Way communications chair Ellen Vaughn and current president John Daughters.

"(Mary) probably put in hundreds and hundreds of hours. It was well beyond the call of duty. The community has long benefited from her," Vaughn said.

Robinson was honored Wednesday at Seattle's Four Seasons Hotel where she received a medallion.

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Frontline

Basketball team deserves the cheer

We, the editorial board, are well-known for our criticisms of a variety of issues. But that doesn't mean we don't recognize when congratulations are due. The Western women's basketball team deserves congratulations.

In a season marked by highs and lows the team has earned our respect.

January brought coach Lynda Goodrich her 300th career victory in 15 seasons at Western when the Vikings defeated the Gonzaga University Bulldogs. The victory was sweetened the following night when Western took the lead in the NAIA District I standings.

Two weeks later the Vikings' 39-home-game winning streak was snapped by Simon Fraser University. The winning streak was the longest of any team in the league. Ironically, SFU ended its seven-year losing streak against Western that night.

February 16 Goodrich was named Sports Personality of the Year. She credited her players for her success, but her players were winning honors of their own.

Seniors Carmen Dolfo, Kris Keltner and Anne Cooper were named to the Coaches All-District Team. Dolfo was chosen Co-Player of the Year and is second in the league in scoring. Keltner leads the league in free throws. Cooper has the second highest number of blocked shots and senior guard Shelly Bruns ranks second in steals.

We applaud the efforts of Goodrich and her team. In the past we have been criticized for not giving enough attention to the Vikings in their pursuit of the district championship and the national title, but we must admit our pride in what they have accomplished this season.

Congratulations.

Take us out to the drugs—uh ballpark

With the heavy, and just, fines that baseball commissioner Peter Ueberoth has levied on seven baseball players for their drug use, and the calls for widespread drug testing of ballplayers, it is obvious baseball is no longer the old-fashioned, all-American sport it once was.

It's a big business supporting habits for both the players and the owners. And we're not talking about chewing tobacco.

So, to throw out the first spitball of the season, here is an updated version of that seventh-inning stretch favorite.

Take me out to the pharmacy,
Take me out to the street,
Sell me some cocaine and XTC,
I don't care if I'm ever set free,
We can toot,
toot,
toot,
With the whole team,
They can't suspend us all,
So it's one,
two,
three tokes from Jane,
and a good speedball.

Beats the lousy beer they sell at the Kingdome.

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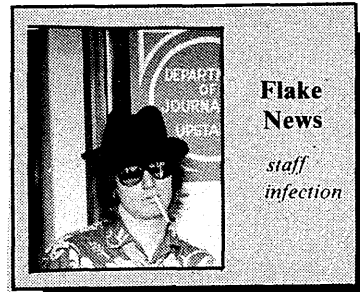
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The News Brothers

God bless you, John Belushi



Flake
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On March 5, 1982, shocking news came over the wire: John Belushi, comedian-extrordinaire, was dead. Reflecting back it seemed so untrue, like a bad joke. Not Belushi. "But nooooooo!"

It was true, and the media immediately sunk their fangs into Belushi's corpse and tore it to shreds. The media vultures had their feast and fun—especially big-bucks, journalism guru Bob Woodward. Woodward, who a decade earlier was gaining fame for his efforts of unraveling Watergate, had succumbed to write a trashy book

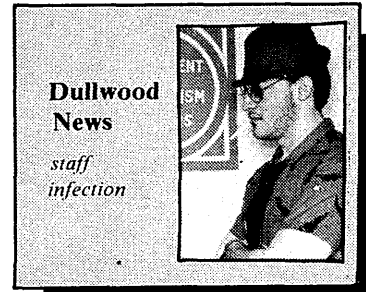
called "Wired."

The book was supposedly about the fast and furious times of John Belushi. We say it's fiction. Dan Aykroyd said the book was bullshit, too.

This saddens us. Everytime a famous personality perishes, the media dredges down in the sewers to dig up some swill to print. This excrement is used to paint a disgusting picture of the former personality. When Marilyn Monroe died all the media said was she died in the nude. When Elvis Presley died, he was revealed later as a pill-popping maniac. And so on.

A major point is missing. These people, regardless of their personal quirks and flaws, offered and donated their talents to the public. As far as we're concerned, what they did in their spare time was their own business—even if it is good reading. What should be remembered is the warm moments they have brought into our lives.

John Belushi was such a per-



Dullwood
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son. We love him for the laughter he gave us. We love him because he was human. Yes, humans do have flaws. We're not saying Belushi was a saint; he was far from being one. He was gifted, and he shared his gift.

And this is how we remember Belushi. The media says he died of an overdose of heroin and cocaine. Technically true. But what really happened was Belushi was murdered by the media. They created him, building a huge image, making his life unreal, and then they destroyed him. It was their needle and poison that killed Belushi.

Aware or not

Rape does affect everybody

Nine of the female friends I've known through the years have been victims of incest, molestation, attempted rape or rape.

Only one reported it.

That friend, a 16-year-old incest victim, had the courage to incriminate her own father in front of family, friends and the courts. She was removed from her home, placed temporarily in a Crisis Residential Center and then a group home.

Other victims I know could not bring themselves to report the crime. Some were too young at the time. Some were related to or dependent on the rapist. Most knew the rapist, who generally was known as a "nice" guy or man.

All felt degraded, dehumanized and dirty. Many thought it was in some way their fault.

In the Wednesday, Feb. 19, issue of *The Front* an editorial headlined "Rape victims should report crime to campus cops," rape victims were encouraged to



Monica
White
features
editor

contact university police.

But rape is a personal trauma that affects everyone differently. The course of action rape victims take is their decision alone. Although I believe reporting rape is the best thing to do, I think it's wrong to say rape victims SHOULD do anything.

Rape victims have been dehumanized and made to feel like "bad" people. They should not be made to feel worse by implying that they are even more "bad" for not reporting the crime.

Rape victims don't report rape for many reasons. They often feel ashamed, violated, like they asked for it, or worse yet, deserved it.

Others fear reliving the experience in a courtroom and then watching their assailant walk free, and in cases of acquaintance rape or incest, possibly alienating friends or destroying a family. Others simply fear they won't be believed.

Only after they get over those fears and feelings of guilt will they find the courage to report the crime.

I may know more rape victims than most people, and I probably know more than I am aware of.

One of four women are sexually assaulted before age 18, and one out of two or three women will be the victim of rape or attempted rape in their lifetime, according to Whatcom County Rape Relief statistics.

Men cannot escape rape. One out of seven men are sexually assaulted before age 18.

Rape could happen to your mother, your girlfriend, your little brother or yourself.

Think about it.

Letters

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Rothwell flexes his macho rights

Western Front

At Last! Someone has finally exhibited the courage to denounce this "stupid" concern only "insecure, paranoid" women have regarding sexist language references. Shawn Connor, you are to be congratulated for striking a blow for linguistic purity and upholding arbitrary conventions of language usage that have served men so well for centuries.

I, for one, am sick of hearing a bunch of whining, man-hating women's libbers challenge my right as a true macho man to refer to both sexes as man, he, him, his and the like. I wish these silly women would learn their proper place and quit pestering people about trifles such as language references that semantically stigmatize women and make the weaker sex linguistically invisible.

So what if women receive letters addressed "Dear Sir" or "Gentle men." Shouldn't we assume those who occupy positions of power are male unless otherwise proven? Big deal if speakers and writers nearly always use he/him/his to denote gender even when the audience is mostly female. Don't be so picky. What woman, for crying out loud, needs to have his sex identified for accurate, unambiguous communication to take place? Any woman of intelligence knows who he is and doesn't need to be reminded.

You wouldn't hear Shawn sniveling about being referred to as "she" or "her" or "chairwoman" or "Dear Madam." Why should she care? It's no threat to her manhood. It's just that the language conventions happen to be of men, by men, and for men. So when a sociolinguist named William Labov makes reference in one of his books to "members of the social order and their wives." We all know women are included in the social order somewhere or other.

We don't need to nit-pick about replacing "manhole" with "personhole." Sure, we could substitute a less trivializing reference such as "sewer lid," but who cares except some neurotic, paranoid females.

So congratulations, Shawn. You've demonstrated that no one need search for the dozens of studies linking sexist language references to negative social consequences for women. Why should we try to diminish our ignorance on such a trivial subject? By the way, Shawn, you socially aware, sensitive guy. How much money did your Sci-Fi club make on "Flesh Gordon?"

J. Dan Rothwell

Campus police should be armed

Western Front:

I would like to comment on Jim Estep's position on armed University Police. I am in agreement with the statement that university policemen should be

armed while on patrol. If the situation were to occur where a university policeman needed a handgun, I feel he should have the opportunity to protect himself and the person he is trying to serve. My reasoning for this is that the university policemen have been trained in the proper and controlled use of handguns. I hope the students support Mr. Estep's position in his campaign by sharing their support with their signatures in the upcoming petition.

Roger Coffman

It's not paranoia; it's just empathy

Western Front

After having read Mr. Connor's comments on "Flesh Gordon" of the Feb. 25 issue of the *Front*, and his letter to the editor in the same paper concerning Alison Major's column. I feel he could benefit from an education on the use of words. I could say to him, "Mr. Connor, I find your analysis of Ms. Major's column to be incorrect." Or I could say to him, "You low-down, offal-brained, misbegotten throwback to an evolved ape, pull your head out of the dung heap it is stuck in; you're wrong!"

Both of these statements would bring forth the feeling, I think, that he is in error. However, they also carry very different connotations. One of them is insulting and one a civilized, polite statement. Words carry great power. For example, if people were asked to attach a pronoun to the word "doctor," most would pick "he." If they were asked to attach a pronoun to the word "nurse," most would choose "she." It is a subtle way of stereotyping the proper job to the proper sex.

The terms he, his and man, generally imply more impor-

tance, more power, and more dominance than the terms she, her and woman. The reason that Mr. Connor has trouble reading text with the terms s/he or he/she is that he is unfamiliar with them. Just as in his childhood he was unfamiliar with dressing himself, feeding himself, reading and writing. Through constant exposure to these processes, he hopefully learned to carry them out. Through constant exposure to texts containing he/she, Mr. Connor will find that they will read smoothly and easily. It isn't paranoia on Ms. Major's part. I would suggest that it is lack of education and empathy on Mr. Connor's part.

John Lee

The anatomy of a tough decision

Western Front:

I am a nineteen year old college student. The doctor just confirmed the news I so fervently hoped wasn't true: I am pregnant.

No, I am not a slut. I had gone out with the same man for two years, and we had plans to marry. However, the differences between us became too irreconcilable, and after months of concentrated effort, we had to stop seeing each other two weeks ago we were doing nothing but tearing each other apart.

No, I wasn't risking sex without birth control. My birth control method was prescribed by a gynecologist—but whether I was using it incorrectly, or I am one of the 5 percent who become pregnant, my birth control method failed.

At any rate, I am pregnant, and I am scared. I have thought for weeks about the decision I am now forced to make.

I am struggling on my part-time job trying to make enough money for food, rent, electricity, etc. Lots of rice, pasta, and lots of sweaters when it gets cold. I am not complaining—I am simply doing what I have to do to be able to go to college. I want an education. I want a career. That to me is more important than a first-run movie or a steak dinner. Don't make me out to be something I'm not—I blow money here and there. But I have to give something up for that month to do so.

Do I want children? I want nothing more. My roommates know it, my parents know it—I am willing to lay out the time, energy, and money needed to raise a child, and will do my best to raise him or her correctly, which will take a lot more of all three than raising a child incorrectly. I am not here to get my "Mrs." degree. I have, however, chosen a career partially on my ability to work part-time after the children are born, while they are in school, and not have to leave them for business trips and the like. My family comes first.

What could I do now? Quit school, work full-time. That would be no hardship to me, for a sacrifice is needed, and I shall make it. But for how long could I work full-time?—five months, six at the most. I have been working through the nausea, and will continue to do so, But how long can I continue to waitress? My walk would slow, my balance would fail, and who would want to be served by me?

Who would I go to for help? My ex-fiance, for a short while. Although we love each other dearly, we have tried as hard as we could to work it out—and we couldn't, and a baby would only

add ammunition to our fights. I could go to my parents, they love me, and I love them. They would help me in any way they could. They are in their 60's and living on a fixed income. They couldn't afford to finance my visits to the obstetrician, the birthing fees, and the baby's needs.

I am not financially, emotionally, or physically stable enough to take care of a baby the best way I could. So, what about adoption? There are so many children waiting for adoption, older children, those with handicaps, as well as those from broken homes and abusive parents. Why should I supply another child to this already large amount? What if my child was born with a deformity? It is not uncommon from a hypoglycemic mother with untreated high blood pressure. How could I leave my child, mentally retarded or physically handicapped to the state for care?

I have thought about this decision long and hard. I wish to have an abortion. Not because I don't want to be inconvenienced by a child disrupting my life, but because I don't feel there are any other feasible alternatives for the child or me. If I thought there was, maybe I'd take it.

I am scared. Not of the pain of the abortion, not the cost—I can borrow. I have thought about the baby, and decided that this is the best decision—I am not scared of the decision. I am scared of other people. I am scared of having my house picketed, of being called "murderer" and "baby killer." I am scared of people throwing rocks through my windows and burning crosses on my lawn. I am scared of people bombing the clinic while I am there. My decision has been made, and I am satisfied with it. It is an understandable decision for someone in my position. But they don't know that—and they don't care.

They have their views, and I have mine. America was founded on separate beliefs, or so I thought. I was not callous or unfeeling when I was making my decision, and now I will stick by it. I know there are risks involved, but I am not scared of the medical risks. I am scared of the risks to my physical and mental well-being created by the picketers, the bombers, and the rest. Not all people who are against abortion do these things, and I realize that. That is fine—different opinions are needed. That is what America is all about.

I have heard that "Pro-Choicers" are the silent majority. Referendum votes have proved this. But right now, I feel terribly alone.

Why can we not put this through the governmental processes and leave it there? If people want abortion to become illegal, it will be voted illegal.

If abortion was illegal, would that stop me? Probably not. It would cost more, and I might be rendered unable to have children. I might even die. But my conviction about what is right and wrong seldom has anything to do with what is legal.

I understand how strongly they believe in their cause, but it's no stronger than I believe in mine. Why can't we live with our differences and leave judgment to God? We are so inherently human, so imperfect, how can we see anything without flaws in our logic? Why must we play God with our beliefs, when we are so inherently human?

I am scared. Not of God, but because humans aren't very godlike.

Shelly

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Elves aren't responsible for grounds

By Lynn Hersman
staff reporter

In the childhood fairy tale, "The Elves And The Shoemaker," a poor shoemaker secretly was helped by elves who would sneak into his shop at night and finish his work, leaving it completed for him the next morning.

On Western's campus, students seldom notice the people who keep the lawns mowed, the flowerbeds weeded and the walkways clear of debris. But just as those secret elves were seldom seen, members of the garden crew of the grounds division are at work, maintaining 150 acres of ground.

Stu Hurdle, head of the grounds department, said his crews concentrate most on certain high intensity areas, such as Old Main, making sure the lawns and gardens in the area look nice.

The second priority is keeping the five-to-six acres of athletic fields in shape.

"Strips of lawn around the parking lots are considered low intensity. We just mow those," he said.

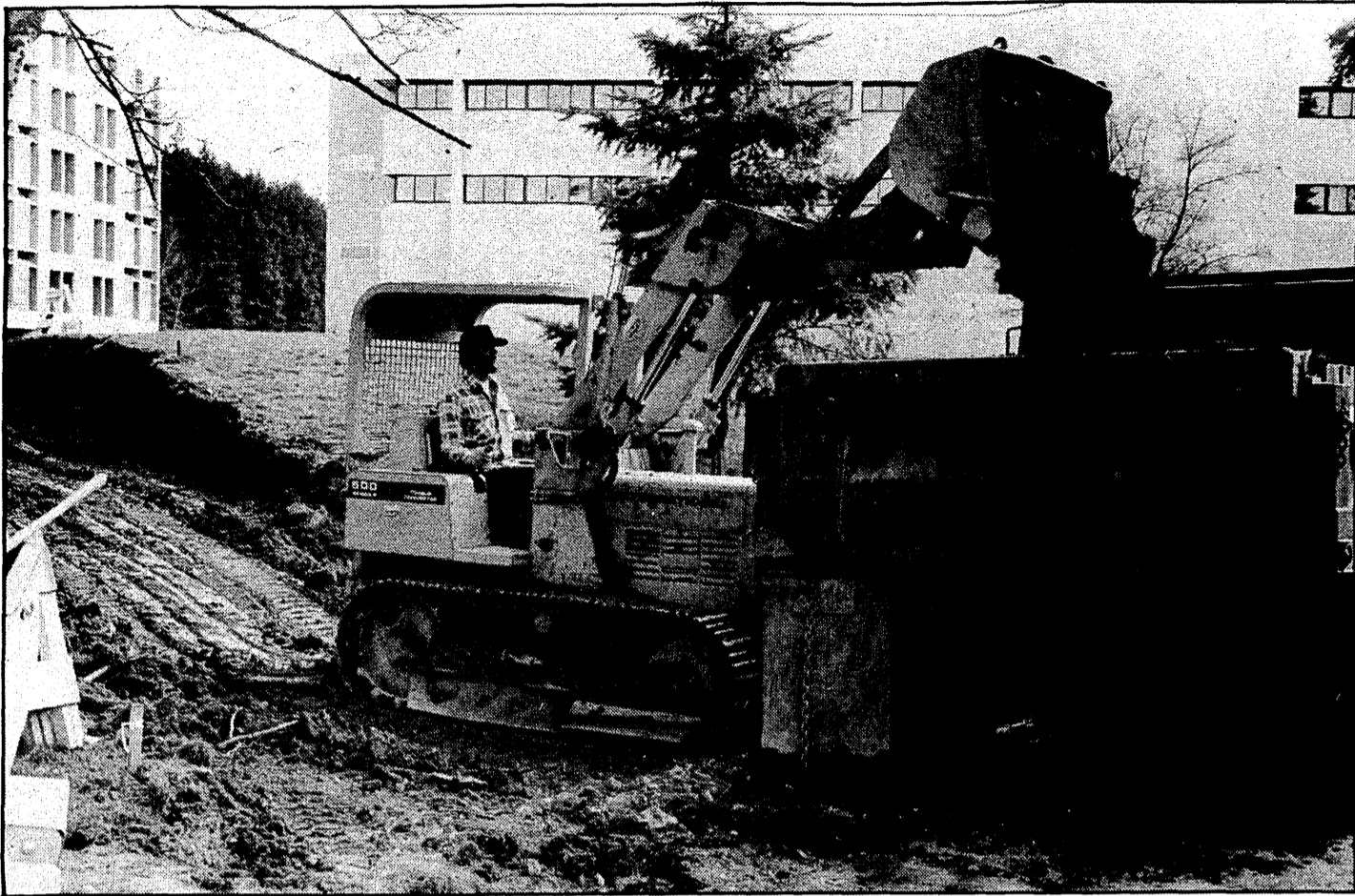
The grounds department is divided into two crews, Hurdle explained. The garden crew is in charge of grounds maintenance. The utility crew is in charge of grounds construction. It operates the large equipment, such as the mowers used to cut the grass in the athletic fields.

The grounds are divided into various sections, Hurdle said. "The central campus areas are maintained most heavily."

Unlike the shoemaker who did what work he could before he retired for the evening, the students create more work for the garden crew.

"In 1985 we spent 1,000 hours on litter control," Hurdle said. "That's equivalent to one person working full time, two and one-half days a week just on garbage."

"That's not the litter we empty out of trash cans, that's the litter



Students may have noticed the utility crew at work on the new pathway next to Arntzen Hall.

BRIAN BEAN

we have to pick up off the ground," he emphasized.

Hurdle mentioned the Viking Union as a high-litter area, but in other areas litter is connected with vandalism.

"I call it vandalism," Hurdle said, "when students are throwing beer bottles, pizza boxes and emptying trash cans out the windows."

Hurdle said he has found this behavior most common in the Ridgeway complex.

"Birnam Wood and Ridgeway are the worst dorms for litter problems," Hurdle said. "The rest are a close second."

Hurdle said Mondays and three-day weekends are consistently the worst for discarded

beer bottles and pizza boxes.

"On the three-day weekends when Saga closes, students live on pizza," he said. "I wish there could be a way they could eat the boxes."

Apart from keeping the buildings from disappearing behind the grass and keeping Western from becoming the Bellingham land-fill, workers spend a lot of time maintaining student pathways. Grounds maintenance repairs the brick surfaces to reduce the chances of tripping on the bricks.

"The land at Western is shifty," Hurdle said. "It settles rapidly, developing tripping hazards."

Grounds crews remove the

bricks from their bed of sand, adding more sand to level the surface before replacing the bricks.

Hurdle said bricks are the best surface for pathways at Western because they are so easy to repair when the ground settles.

"When the ground settles concrete would break," he explained.

The crew also sweeps the bricks, especially during breaks.

"Leaves that pile up on the bricks begin to get slippery and cause problems," Hurdle said, noting it's especially important to sweep the bricks after the snow.

During the November cold spell, the crew applied two full-

size dump-truck loads of sand, at a cost of approximately \$1,000, to give traction to students trying to navigate the campus.

When the snow disappears, the sand must be washed away. Urea nitrogen fertilizer also was applied to stairs to keep the icy water from refreezing during the day. The cost of the fertilizer is less than the traditional Ice Melt chemical, and it's good for the lawns, Hurdle said.

Tomorrow, like every day, the unseen groundskeepers will be on the job maintaining Western's grounds.

But, unlike the elves in the childhood fairy tale, the grounds crew is unlikely to disappear, never to be heard from again.

Mary's garden grows garbage, dead leaves

By Lynn Hersman
staff reporter

Mary Scott, 26, like many women, loves nature and the outdoors. Unlike many women, Scott is a woman working in a male-dominated field.

She is one of only two women groundskeepers employed on Western's campus. She is also the youngest.

"Nature never quits," Scott said. "There's always something to work on. I like working in rain, wind, snow. I love the outdoors."

After graduating from Bellingham High School in 1978, Scott completed a course in horticulture at Bellingham Vocational Technical Institute. Scott worked seven years for the city parks department before coming to Western as a full-time groundskeeper in July 1985.

Now Scott plies her trade in the section of campus from Canada House to Oak Street, the section of campus she's assigned to maintain. Scott said. She spends her time emptying garbage cans, cleaning walkways, picking up litter, weeding, pruning, raking leaves or whatever the weather



LAURA TOWEY

or season require.

When the snowy weather hit Western's campus in November, Scott received a call at 5 a.m. to come to work at 6 a.m. With the conditions so slick, her first priority was to clear the walkways.

"I cleared the snow off the stairs and then the sidewalks," she said, confessing she wore six layers on top and three on the bottom that day to keep warm.

So far Scott said she hasn't run into any difficulties being a woman in a male-dominated field.

"Everybody's accepted me and I've accepted them," she said. "I can probably do as much work as some of the men can."

But she admits it has been difficult learning to work with the amount of people present on Western's campus.

"Litter control is the worst," she said. "I have a lot of trouble with litter around the dorms."

"A lot of stuff comes out the windows," she continued. "Beer bottles are the hardest to pick up—they break."

Scott spends one and one-half hours per day picking up litter. Of the students, Scott said,

"They're adults. You'd think they'd know better."

While she's working, Scott doesn't interact much with the students.

"Once a week someone will say something to me. I don't know what to say to them, and they don't know what to say to me."

Down there once, she gestures past the Viking Union. "I was working when a girl came by and said, 'You're the hardest working groundskeeper down here.' That kind of made me feel good," she said, smiling.

Scott said two of the goals she has are to get to know her job better and to talk to people about what's going on at Western.

"I should get more involved with Western. I'd like to go to the games, like basketball," she said. "And I'd like to get involved in the Outdoor Program."

During her off-work hours Scott is involved in sports and plays volleyball and softball for Roberto's Pizza.

One of the advantages of being employed with Western's grounds maintenance department, she said, is you can always count on your evenings and weekends off.

Double life revealed in letters

Hello mother

Dear Mom & Dad,

Life here in the dorms is really enjoyable, and I'm glad to be living here my first year at Western. Something intellectually stimulating is going on constantly.

The people here are very friendly, and I feel quite at home with them. I think they feel quite at home with me as well. I get along especially well with Angela, my roommate--she's so quiet that most of the time I can't even tell she's there.

I know you were a little nervous about me living in a co-ed dorm, but you don't need to worry about the boys here. I feel that I have a brother-sister sort of relationship with the guys on my floor.

I do have a slight problem with the guys on the floor above us--they have a stereo that they frequently turn up very loud, but they are usually considerate about turning it down when asked.

Usually studying keeps me up rather late, but I manage to get enough sleep. Really, everyone seems to go to bed late at college.

There is a lot to see in this area, and the other day some friends and I drove up to Vancouver and had a picnic in Stanley Park. Vancouver is a lovely city, and the Canadian police take a real interest in visitors from "the States" (which is how they refer to us).

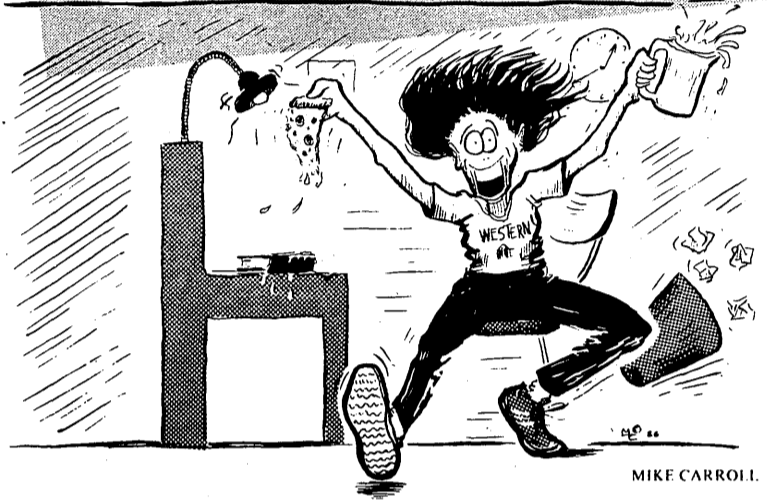
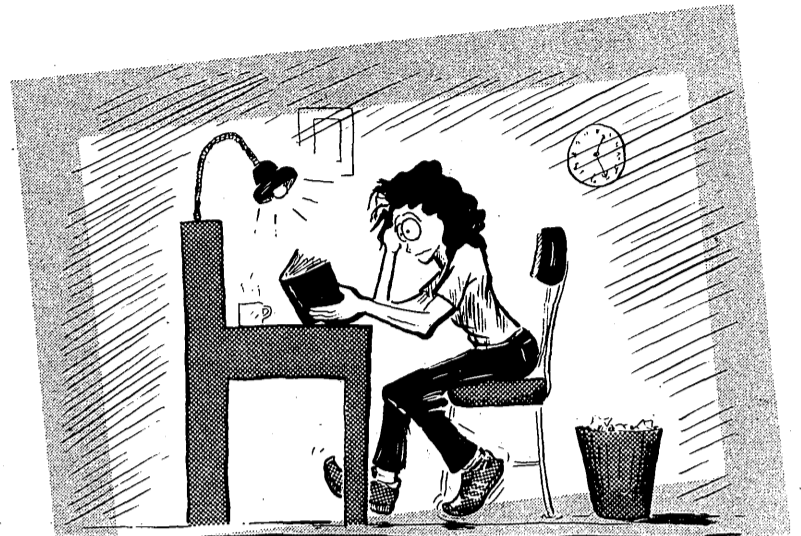
That night I attended a little get-together on the fourth floor of my building and met some interesting people. We had a lot of fun, but the next day I was very tired and slept until noon.

Well, I really must end this letter now--some of the people I met last night are coming over for a chemistry and biology study session, and I want to review my notes before they get here. Oh, by the way, my books this quarter seem to be costing more than I anticipated. Could you possibly send me a little more money for them? I would really appreciate it.

See you soon.

Love,

Julie



MIKE CARROLL

Hello sister

Dear sis,

Dorm life is an absolute blast! There is always a party going on somewhere.

The people in my dorm are really friendly, especially the guys. I think they feel at home with me already because yesterday one of them was brushing his teeth in the hall wearing nothing but his Fruit-of-the-Looms and toothpaste foam that made him look kind of rabid. It didn't embarrass him at all. He just said "hi" and sprayed toothpaste on my shoes. I was kind of embarrassed, but he did have nice legs.

The guys on the floor above me have a really loud stereo, and it gets annoying that my little clunker doesn't have enough power to beat them. They'll usually turn it down if you send up somebody really big, carrying a large blunt instrument.

I get along fine with my roommate, mostly because she's at her boyfriend's place all the time. She keeps her clothes and stuff here in case her parents come up to visit.

I'm up really late all the time, and so is everyone else. Sometimes the people on my floor will get together and order a pizza at midnight and not go to bed until we've watched David Letterman and run through a couple of six-packs. About the only time I get any sleep is my classes, but I get plenty there.

A couple of days ago some of my friends gave a kegger in Stanley Park (that's in Vancouver), which was great until we got busted. The police wouldn't believe I was 19, even when I showed them my fake ID that says I'm 21. We got a very long lecture about obnoxious foreigners, a warning to do all our partying in "the States" and a fine.

That night there was a party on the fourth floor--it was really packed, and there were some bizarre people there. Someone started throwing semi-rotten fruit smuggled from the cafeteria at the other buildings, which escalated into a shaving-cream fight. The whole dorm was a mess.

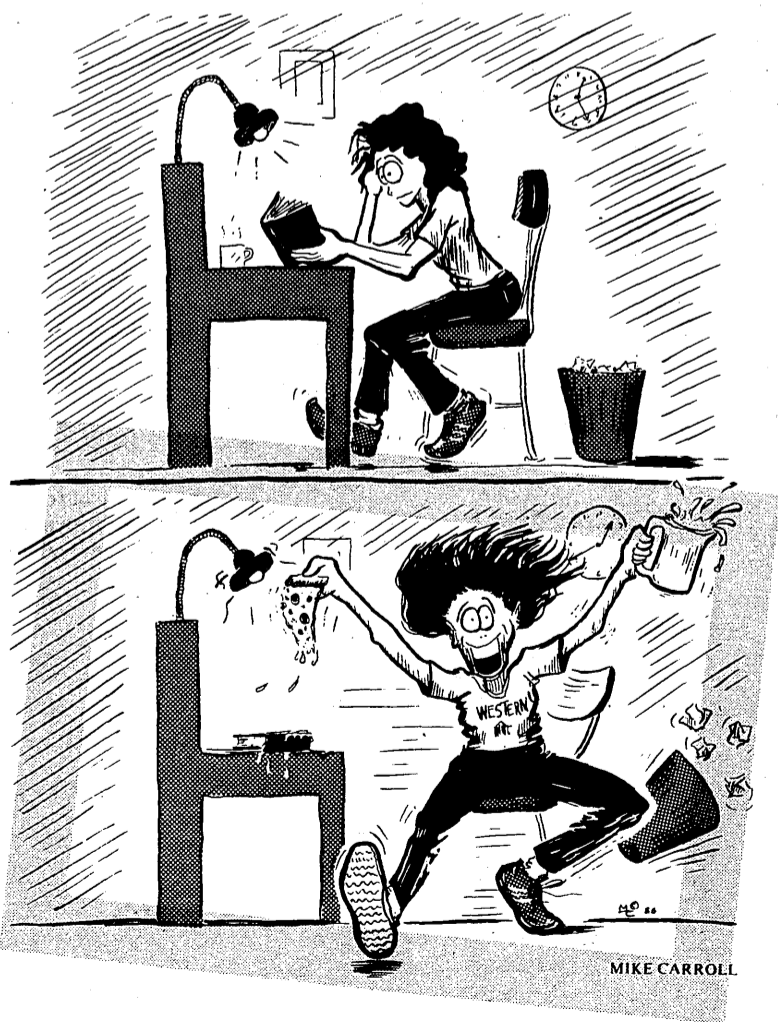
I didn't stumble back to my room until about 5 a.m. Then I slept until noon. That's another great thing about dorm life--nobody knows when you come home, and nobody cares when you get up.

Well, I really have to stop writing because some people I met last night are coming over with a couple of six-packs and a couple of great (so they promise) looking guys.

I know you're gonna love it here next year, but under no circumstances let Mom & Dad buy you a typewriter for graduation--make them buy you a super stereo system instead.

Love,

Julie



MIKE CARROLL

By Julie McGalliard

Women defeat Gonzaga for title

By Ric Selene
staff reporter

Victory can be deafening, especially when it comes suddenly. Nearly 600 screaming fans rose to their feet simultaneously when Lynda Dart hit an 18-foot jump shot with five seconds to go in the final game of the NAIA District I championship series.

Dart's shot gave Western a 70-69 victory over Gonzaga University, ending two years of frustration at the hands of the Bulldogs in district championship play. The victory also gave the Vikings, 23-7, spot in the bi-district championship last night.

After losing the first game in Spokane Saturday, 83-70, Western evened the series Monday night at home. It was Carmen Dolfo taking the blows in the face, usually from Carla Curfman, but it was Gonzaga taking the beating as Western won an aggressive game in front of an equally aggressive crowd, 74-53.

The Vikings started the game playing tough defense, out-rebounding Gonzaga and forcing Bulldog turnovers. Western was cold on offense, however, and was held scoreless for four minutes and 10 seconds before Dart hit a 20-foot jump shot to give Western a 2-1 lead.

Western led Gonzaga through most of the first half but never by more than four points. Both teams shot poorly from the field in the first half, and the Vikings led at halftime, 29-26.

Western was as hot from the field in the second half as it was cold in the first half. Shooting 65 percent, the Vikings outscored the Bulldogs 15-3 in the first five minutes of the second half to take control of the game. Gonzaga could come no closer than 11 points the rest of the way. The final score represents the largest gap.

"It was a battle out there tonight," Western coach Lynda Goodrich said. "It was a good game for the fans to watch. When you know the fans are behind you it gives you the added

adrenaline to push you through," she added.

"It was the most physical game I've been associated with," Gonzaga's first-year coach Mike Petersen said. "We didn't expect to come over here and beat them as easily as we did back in Gonzaga."

"I think we played a little flat over there," Goodrich said. "We didn't play our normal game."

Dolfo and Kelli Kuiken led the Viking scorers with 16 points each. Gonzaga's Tammy Tibbles scored a game-high 21 points. The Vikings held Lisa Vestal, Gonzaga's second leading scorer, to six points. Though the Vikings were out-rebounded, 42-34, they forced 25 Gonzaga turnovers.

Not everything always goes according to plan. With just 10 seconds to go in the final game of the series, Western found itself desperate, with few options.

With Western trailing 69-68 and a jump ball pitting Dolfo against Curfman in Western's offensive end, Goodrich's plan was simple—call time if the Vikings received the tip and foul if they didn't.

Curfman got the tip, but Keltner grabbed the ball in front of the Viking bench, shuffled it to Anya Aardahl, who found Dart wide open on the left side of the key. Dart launched the title-winner with little hesitation.

"I was open, so I shot," Dart said. At first she was afraid the shot would fall short. "I didn't think it was going in," she said. "It took me totally by surprise."

"I went up for the shot, and when I came down my legs were just shaking. I couldn't do anything after that," she said.

"She is a smart enough player to take the shot," Goodrich said. "She was wide open, and we probably would not get a shot like that again."

The lead fluctuated throughout the first half as both teams shot more than 50 percent from the field. At halftime the Vikings had a 40-39 edge after Tibbles hit a 20-foot jump shot at the buzzer.

Western ran off 11 straight points in the first four minutes of the second half, with Shelly Bruns contributing six, as the game looked as if it might take on the complexion of the previous win. But the Vikings could not contain Vestal who led her team on a 17-6 surge to tie the game at 67 with 2:15 remaining.

Gonzaga obtained the lead less than a minute later on a turnaround jump shot from 10 feet out by Kerri McIntosh.

Aardahl then hit one of two shots from the free-throw line with 1:07 remaining, to cut Gonzaga's lead to 69-68 and set up Dart's winning shot.

Amy Simpson's three-quarter court shot with four seconds to go bounced off the top of Western's backboard.

"I knew we would win," said Kuiken, who finished the game with nine points. "We just had to keep our composure."

"I don't think we could do it without the crowd," she added.

Keltner, Dolfo and Burns led Western scorers with 13 points each. Vestal led all scorers with 30 points.

"(This game) was harder because it ends the season," Peterson said. "We worked very hard. We kept our composure. I thought they (Western) played well."

"I feel sorry for our seniors," he added.

"I think the crowd really helped us a lot," Goodrich said. "We went two years losing to Gonzaga. Our team deserved it. They played tough defense all year, and they deserved to win."

Bench vital to Vikings

By Butch Kamena
staff reporter

Like many coaches, Western women's basketball coach Lynda Goodrich has her own philosophy about the game. "You can't be a championship team and win playoff games without a strong bench," she said.



Western's fans cheer the victory that gave the women's basketball team the district title.

With five seconds left in Western's championship final with Gonzaga University, Lynda Dart hit a jump shot that gave the Vikings the NAIA District title.

The fact that it was Dart who hit the shot again proved something the Vikings have shown this season. A good basketball team must have a good bench.

Dart, Kelli Kuiken, Allison Giles, Donna Monette and Donnie Wada aren't game starters, but as reserves they each have distinct roles to play. All five were starters before coming to Western, and have had to adapt to their new status.

"They have to understand their role on the team, and they do," Goodrich said. "They've put the team on above themselves, as have the starters."

Of the five reserves, Dart, a senior, has seen the most action.

Dart is the "sixth player," the first person off the bench.

"I think if you look at any level of competition, the good teams always have that great sixth player who can come in and immediately make an impact," Goodrich said.

"It's hard to adjust, and it takes a while," Dart said. "But it has become a challenge. I want to go in and change the pace of the game."

Inside players Kuiken and Giles also have played key roles for the Vikings.

Kuiken led Western in scoring in the three-game championship series against Gonzaga, tossing in 14 points a game. The junior center has played particularly well the last month of the season.

"I just decided that I was going

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Reserves key to strong team

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to start playing better, be more aggressive," Kuiken said.

Giles, a freshman, had been a starter at Hoquaim High School last year.

"It has been an adjustment, but basketball is a team sport, and you do what's best for the team," she said. "When you do get in, you play your rear end off."

While freshmen guard Monette has seen action in all but two games this year, her biggest contribution doesn't show up in game statistics.

In most games, Monette spends as much time on her feet shouting encouragement and support as she does sitting on the bench.

"(Monette) is the spirit of the team," Goodrich said. "She has so much enthusiasm, not just in games, but in practice, too. She works hard on the bench."

"Even in high school, that's always been my role," Monette explained. "You play better when you're fired up, especially in big games."

Possibly the biggest adjust-

ment has come for freshman guard Wada. After being an all-state selection as a prep player in Alaska, Wada now finds herself as the last player on the Viking

rich), and she points out things, and we work on them in practice."

The bench played a key role in the Gonzaga series. The final two games were played in as many nights. While Goodrich substituted freely, Gonzaga stuck with its starters, going to the bench only because of foul trouble.

In the closing minutes of the final game, the Vikings looked much fresher than the Bulldogs.

"I was able to go to the bench, and they (Gonzaga) weren't," Goodrich said. "If Gonzaga had the little extra rest, maybe they would have won."

"Basketball is truly a team game. Unless everybody is contributing, you can't be successful."

In this case, "everybody" certainly includes all five members of the Viking bench.

UPDATE

Next stop, Kansas City.

The women's basketball team put another one away last night, beating the University of Portland, 84-55.

The victory gives them a shot at the national title in Kansas City, March 14, 15, 17 and 18. Details will appear in Tuesday's *Front*.

bench, attempting to make the transition to college ball.

"I've learned a lot by watching," Wada said. "We go over videotapes with Coach (Good-

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Some faculty dabbles with paint 'The Gods' are crazy and hungry

By Erin Earles
staff reporter

Upon entering the Faculty Exhibition at the Western Gallery the viewer's attention immediately is riveted to tall mirrored columns reflecting the 17 other sculptures and paintings created by 12 of Western's faculty members.

On the far wall, an iridescent acrylic-covered canvas plays with the light and changes as the viewer walks. "It's one year of built-up paint on stretched canvas," Thomas Johnston said about the painting, entitled "Sweetheart."

"Everything's on purpose but is also random and chance at the same time," Johnston said, commenting on the geometric shapes that dot the canvas.

About the progression of his career and the works of art he creates, Johnston said, "Every new piece is part of another.



'Earth Assemblage #3,' by R. Allen Jensen, caught the attention of a viewer at the Faculty Exhibition.

Every painting gets better and more difficult."

An organized jumble of scarves, a toy tractor, a dinosaur, a baseball glove, sunglasses and various other items crowd the eye upon viewing Fred Sodt's oil painting "Objects Awaiting Meaning."

"When I selected the objects I thought they had meaning. Some objects have obvious meaning," Sodt said.

Sodt explained the selection of the objects in the painting saying, "I've chosen the objects for two reasons, one is the association people make with them and the other is because they are good to look at and could be a part of another painting, with shapes, colors and formal possibilities."

The Faculty Exhibition runs through March 21 in the Western Gallery. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

'The Gods' are crazy and hungry



By Julie McGalliard
staff reporter

Western students will have the chance to enjoy a good-natured comedy and help the Bellingham Food Bank at the same time when Associated Students Productions shows "The Gods Must be Crazy" this Sunday.

The film was written, produced and directed by Jamie Uys on apparently what was a very low budget. Although the technical weaknesses that accompany a low budget are evident, the movie has an unpretentious charm that makes up for what it lacks in polish.

It begins like a National Geographic documentary, with a disinterested narrator telling us about the African bushmen and their near-idyllic life in the Kalahari desert.

The bushmen are peaceful, cooperative, have no sense of private ownership and believe the gods put only good and useful things on the earth. That is, until the gods toss them an empty cola bottle from a passing airplane.

The cola bottle is the strangest and most useful thing the bushmen have ever seen, but only one exists. Desire for the bottle breeds anger, jealousy and vio-

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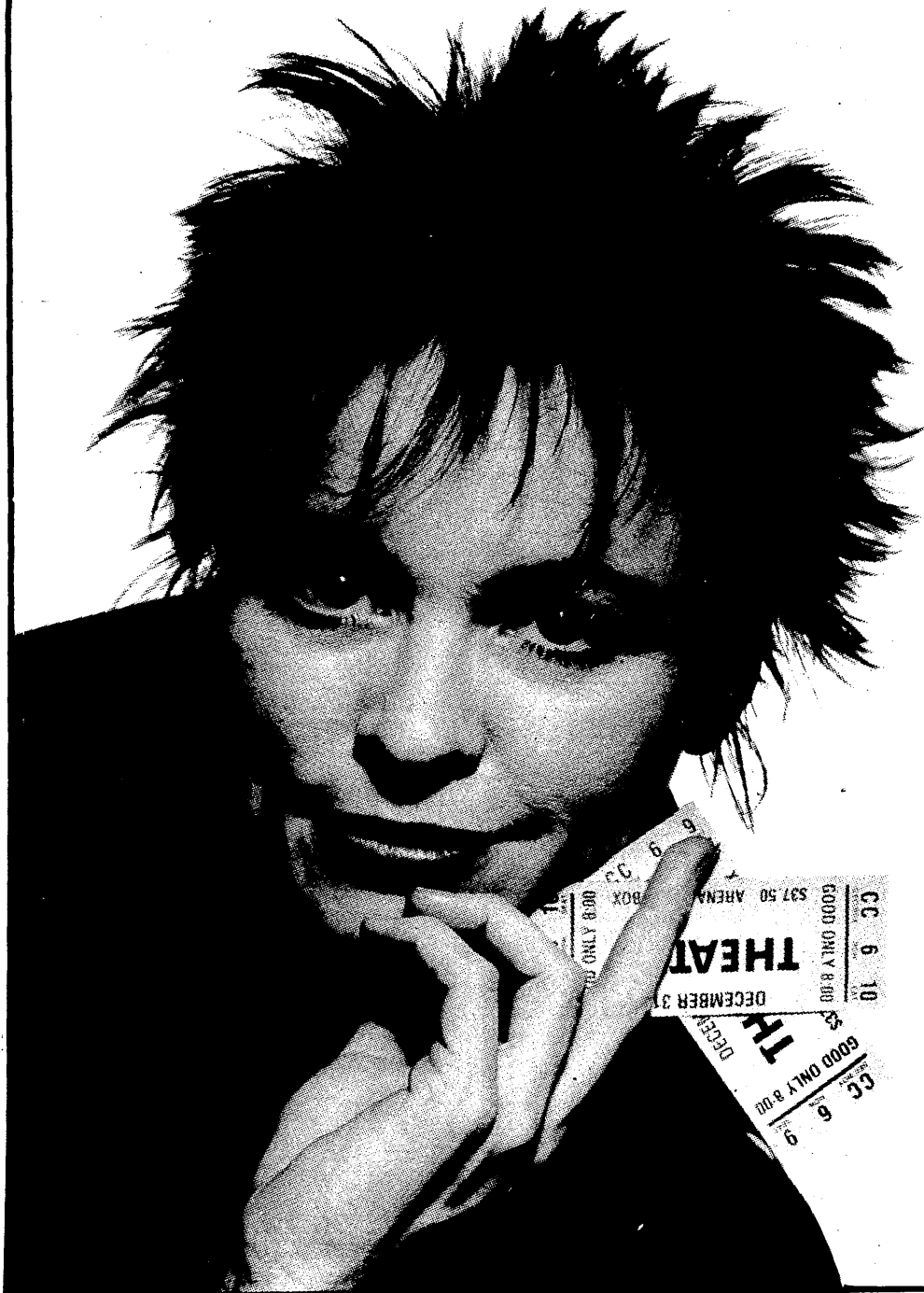


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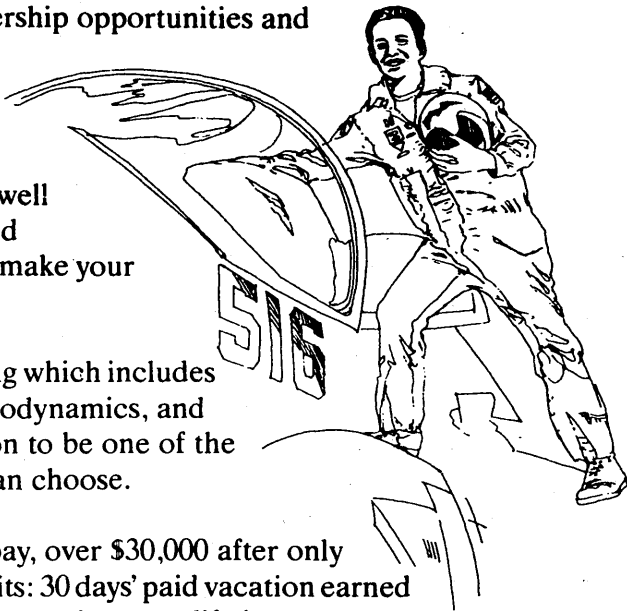
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