

# Campus Community Coalition

## Summary of Activities

### March – April 2007

#### **Neighborhoods Engaging with Students (NEST) Project**

**Increasing student integration in and accountability to the neighborhoods in which they live.**

#### **Off-Campus WWU: A Student Road Map to Neighborhood Living**

**A website for students moving into Bellingham's neighborhoods, including information on renting, laws and ordinances related to neighborhood living, hosting safe and legal parties, and being a good neighbor.**

The Off-Campus WWU website is being heavily promoted during spring quarter and the number of visits to the site increased by almost 90% from March to April. Promotional strategies include student-led demonstrations in the Viking Union, direct email invitations to students moving out of the residence halls, posters on campus, bus posters, ads in the *Western Front*, New Student Services' e-newsletter, and links from relevant websites.

Check out the website at [www.OffCampusWWU.com](http://www.OffCampusWWU.com).

#### **Neighborhood Service-Learning Projects**

**An initiative to increase student involvement in neighborhoods through WWU courses, neighborhood association projects, and other campus and community activities.**

About 160 students participated in WWU's annual Earth Day Neighborhood Service Project (April 21), doing park and trail restoration work in the Happy Valley, York, South Hill, Sunnyland, Lettered Streets, and Puget neighborhoods. The event was co-organized by WWU's New Student Services/Family Outreach, Residence Life, Center for Service Learning, and Ethnic Student Center; Bellingham Parks and Recreation; and the Campus Community Coalition.

#### **Let's Talk Forum – “Living Together in Bellingham: Student Parties, Enforcement Practices, and Neighborly Relations”**

About 50 people—students, community members, and law enforcement personnel—attended the spring forum on May 2. WWU students from the Communications Department facilitate the small group discussions in this quarterly opportunity to discuss the issues facing students and long-term residents living together in Bellingham's neighborhoods.

#### **Neighborhood Community Service Alternative**

**A project in which the City Attorney's Office requires people who are charged with Minor in Possession of alcohol (MIP) to complete 2 hours of neighborhood service as part of their community service requirement.**

The Sehome Neighborhood Association began participating in the Neighborhood Service Alternative in January. The program is now operating in Bellingham's three neighborhoods with the most WWU student residents: York, Sehome, and Happy Valley.

## **Enforcement**

### **Increasing enforcement of underage drinking laws and publicity of enforcement.**

The Bellingham Police Department, University Police Department, and Liquor Control Board will work together to ensure several weekends of Party Patrol during Spring quarter, with the Coalition funding some of these overtime hours.

Personnel from the Bellingham Police Department, University Police Department, the Liquor Control Board, and City Attorney's Office have all also consistently participated in the "Living Together in Bellingham" Let's Talk Forum, which has contributed greatly to the forum's success.

The Enforcement Work Group met in March to discuss plans for enforcement and enforcement education in 2007-2008. The group discussed working with additional law enforcement agencies to ensure personnel for Party Patrol, expanding publicity regarding the enforcement that is happening, and ways to provide education regarding campus and community expectations before students arrive. There was also discussion regarding extending WWU's code of conduct as a possible approach to addressing off-campus incidents involving students.

## **LateNight@WWU**

### **Increasing availability of and student participation in late night activities on campus.**

Spring quarter late night events supported by the Coalition include a Cinco de Mayo event at the Student Recreation Center, organized by the SHADO [Sigma, Highland, Alpha, Delta, and Omega residence halls of the Ridgeway complex] Community Council. Associated Students Pop Music is also hosting a late night concert in the Performing Arts Center with the Bouncing Souls.

The Late Night @WWU work group met in March to reflect on the development of late night programming on campus, discuss the resources needed to sustain it, and make initial plans for fall 2007. Campus partners continue to be committed to providing late night programming, and Residence Life, Associated Students, and the Student Recreation Center have all included late night events in their budgets for 2007-2008.

### **Funding Update**

The Coalition's current grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) will be over in August, 2007, though some unspent funds may be used beyond that date.

WWU Prevention and Wellness Services submitted a grant proposal on behalf of the Coalition to the Department of Education in February, 2007.

The funding award notification is expected to be in June, 2007.  
If awarded, the funding amount would be \$140,000-\$150,000 per year through June, 2009.