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### **Drive-In to the Future**

BELLINGHAM, Wash. -- Students in Western Washington University's Vehicle Research Institute are working to create a prototype car that will get 100mpg, which will be entered into the Progressive Insurance Automotive XPRIZE competition. The students are one of more than 100 contestants from 28 states and 17 countries competing for a \$10 million prize.

In an effort to get Western students and faculty involved, Western Washington University will hold "Drive-in to the Future" on Saturday, Nov. 22. The event includes a drive-in movie hosted in the university's parking lot, where the film *Back to the Future* will be shown. All tickets sales will go to help out the VRI.

"This should be a really enjoyable event," said VRI spokesperson Megan Anderson. "It's a way to bring awareness to what we're doing, while bringing together students and having some good old-fashioned fun."

The parking lot will open at 6 p.m., with the movie beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the university box office and are \$10 student car or \$12 for a non-student car. Free popcorn will be provided.

The Vehicle Research Institute at Western was founded in 1972. Over the past 36 years, it has created more than 30 different vehicles, many of which have won in competition.

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The Progressive Insurance Automotive XPRIZE is a 2-year international competition with the goal of “finding a solution that will make filling up that gas tank much less painful on the wallet in the coming years.”

For more information on the Progressive Insurance Automotive XPRIZE, visit [www.progressiveautoxprize.org/](http://www.progressiveautoxprize.org/). For more information on the Vehicle Research Institute, please call (360) 650-3045 or visit their website at <http://vri.etec.wvu.edu>.

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