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Let's go river-rafting!

(See page one for details.)
Ross plugs for equity

Barley after getting to know his new home address, Western President G. Robert Ross found himself in Olympia testifying before the House Ways and Means Committee on the University's budget needs for the coming 1983-85 biennium.

His testimony before that body, and later before the Senate Ways and Means Committee, carried one recurring theme—that a serious inequity exists in state funding of the University's regional universities.

"Western's funding level, on a dollars per FTE (full-time equivalent) student basis, is at least $1,000 per student lower than the funding level of the next lowest funded regional university," Dr. Ross told lawmakers.

While stating that Western "generally supports" the funding level proposed by Governor John Spellman, Ross said that Western "deserves special attention from this session of the Legislature to remedy this funding inequity.

In the Governor's proposed budget, Western is funded at approximately $1,100 less per student, in terms of general fund appropriations, than Eastern Washington University and $1,300 less than Central Washington University.

"If we were funded at the proposed level [in the Governor's budget] of the other regional universities, Western should be receiving about $10 million more than is called for in the Governor's budget proposal for the next biennium," Ross said.

Ross said that given the current revenue problems facing the state, Western is not asking the Legislature for the entire $10 million during the next biennium. He told lawmakers that Western is requesting only half that difference, or about $5 million, for the next budget period.

Western's president added that he "would support special attention for whichever university was on the bottom in per-student funding, now and in the future.

The increased or "parity" funding would be used primarily to improve science and technology programs and computer capabilities.

Rafting: challenge for adventure-seekers

It's a sport for those who are ready for a little challenge. It's a sport for people who have a sense of adventure. It's a sport that cuts across all age barriers. The sport is rafting, and the Western Alumni Association will sponsor a rafting adventure with Orion Expeditions, Inc. on Sunday, July 10.

James Moore, owner of Orion, and Charlie McCabe, director of marketing and sales, are both graduates of Western. The company began as a class project for Moore and four other students in the recreation and parks management program at Western.

"When we started Orion, we were the only third rafting excursion enterprise in Washington. Now there are over 30 similar companies. Getting in on the ground floor was exciting from a business perspective," explained McCabe.

Both men are in their late twenties. They have dreams of one day expanding the Seattle-based Orion to the point where there is a strong land base, including an outdoor center. Orion is just starting to sponsor kayak tours, and in the future will include cross-country skiing and hiking tours.

The growing company now offers kayaking and white-water kayaking opportunities on Washington waters including the Skykomish, Wenatchee, Methow, Sauk, Skagit Flats and Ross Lake among others.

But rafting excursions fill the majority of Moore and McCabe's time now. "The best part of the job for us is working with people—you can have the sense of adventure it takes to go rafting at any age. We work with senior citizens and children. It really is a sport for everyone. Rafting is a good way to bring people together in an exciting manner, but the sport isn't harrowing or dangerous by any means," explained McCabe.

Western alumni will have the chance to decide that for themselves on Sunday, July 10, when they raft down the Wenatchee River. Registrations and payment for the trip are due by June 10. For more information, call the Alumni Office, (206) 576-3353.

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Daycare Center: WWU has one of the best

To many people, the thought of a daycare facility conjures up images of rows of cribs and large numbers of toddlers on rugs being chased by a small number of underpaid staff. Daycare is seen by many as a failure—the last resort for the working woman or family that has no other alternatives.

Imagine then the average person’s surprise upon entering the Associated Students Cooperative Daycare Center at Western. There is lots of space, with walls and dividers of colorful books and toys arranged in small carpeted areas.

In one corner of the room, a child’s parent reads to her daughter and another three-year-old girl. A staff person at the other end of the room is digging into playdough with two little boys. Another aide counts ants in an ant farm with a four-year-old girl.

Western’s daycare facility is recognized as one of the best in the state. The staff, caring for 30 children, includes ten students, four childcare specialists and a cook. Parents whose children use the center are required to work a specified number of hours per week. The staff, some of whom are early childhood education majors, prides itself on the personal attention paid to each child and the recognition of the varied needs of the youngsters.

“People need to be careful about the daycare program they choose,” explained Larry Macmillan, childcare coordinator of the center. “There is no question that many programs are understaffed. Struggles to make a profit can undermine the commitment to quality in many daycare centers.”

Quality at low cost!

Because Western’s center is not profit-making, but cooperative, the facility is able to provide quality care at a low cost. Parents play an active part in deciding activities and goals for the center, as well as working with their children as they spend their day at the facility.

Parents develop a strong sense of community through working together. Many potluck suppers and splitting of weekend babysitting responsibilities are off-shoots of the program.

“Many of the single parents, in particular, enjoy talking and working with others in the same situation. They learn that they aren’t alone,” said Macmillan. Parents and staff work together to provide a large variety of activities. The children swim, exercise in the gym, work on cooking projects, dance and have reading exercises.

A favorite of many of the youngsters is “circle time”—a special afternoon time of music, dance and stories when a large number of the children are together at once.

Activities are geared to the seasons of the year. This year the staff found that an early spring had brought ants and flies to campus by the end of February. To capitalize on the children’s fascination with ants and creatures, they had “Bug Week”—a week with many outside observation activities and logging of the number of ants in an ant farm to develop math skills.

The children are divided by age throughout the day. There is no set regimen for all the children in the center.

“Some of the children have lots of energy after their afternoon naps. Others need quiet activities—they’re very relaxed for an hour or more after waking. Still others don’t need naps at all. We really know the children and their needs after a while,” said Macmillan.

Tenth anniversary

The facility will celebrate its tenth anniversary during the first week of May. It faces more cutbacks in funding, and the future of the

It is obvious that the center does many things right, but it has still had to contend with drastic reductions in enrollment in the past few years. Macmillan attributes this largely to funding decreases from outside sources for single parents, for both daycare and educational costs.

“These single parents, mostly working women, are being forced out of higher education. They have no alternative but to remain in low-paying cashier, clerical and waitressing positions. The saddest thing about the situation is that these women still need daycare. They are forced to pay a large part of their wages to babysitters,” explained Macmillan.

Proud of quality

Rallies like the 10th anniversary march in Red Square will serve to publicize the needs of the center and of single parents. Macmillan has pride in the quality of the service the center provides, and he and the volunteers are working hard to preserve that quality.

From careful control of nutrition in snacks, to making sure individual activities meet each child’s needs, the highly trained and consistent staff is confident that they are helping keep students’ children happy and healthy. They know their facility isn’t a last-ditch alternative for parents who have no place else to send their children. Cooperative daycare at Western is an ever-changing community of parents, staff and children who work and learn together.

MARY GILMAN, work-study student, helps Bethany Fiala work with clay.

summer program is uncertain. The tenth anniversary will include a rally on campus and a reunion party for past daycare users. One of the women who will be attending the reunion called Macmillan from Seattle after a recent relocation there.

“She told me she had gone to every daycare center in Seattle. She was sure she could find one to meet her daughter’s needs in a city that size. While she liked the philosophies of some of the centers, she found none could compare to ours in practice. We must be doing something right,” said Macmillan.

STUDENTS Mary Gillman (left) and Kathy Shaw supervise Bethany Fiala and Birney Smith.

BIRNEY SMITH enjoys Daycare Center.
How often does a man know exactly whom he will marry, where he will get a degree and what he will do for a living before he is old enough to vote? At least once, because 1976 Western graduate Scott Johnson knew just that.

Looking back now, Johnson sees that everything was "fitting my plans," that is until he met then Second Congressional District hopeful Al Swift and, in a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity, accompanied him to Washington, D.C.

Johnson went to high school in Seattle's Ballard area with Laurie Higgins, now his wife. She also attended Western from 1975 to 1977 and studied biology. After they had married and moved to Washington, D.C., she worked on the Democratic Study Group, the main source of bill information for legislators on particular committees.

Johnson, 31, first met Swift in a Western classroom, when Swift arrived in Johnson's planned career of broadcasting. Swift was then news and public affairs director at KVOS-TV in Bellingham and taught the television class at Western, along with Al Smith and Alden Smith.

Swift would critique

"Al Swift would critique our programs for us. That was back in the first year of the designed broadcast degree," Johnson said, with a "way-back-when" smile. "When I was at Western we were just organizing the radio station. It was in a room the size of a closet," he added.

The broadcast graduate (journalism minor) helped "put together" KUGS-FM, Western's student-operated radio station, and worked on the student magazine Ktipsun, the Western Front and what is now the television show Western View.

"I had always planned to get a job at a Seattle broadcast station with my degree, and I may still do that some day," he said. These are not tall dreams coming from the man who became Congressman Swift's press secretary more than a year ago.

"I originally took the job with Al because it was something to do between jobs," he explained.

Johnson was working at KAGT-Radio in Anacortes when Swift ran for Congress in 1978. Swift remembered the radio journalist and asked him if he would help on his campaign. "Al hired a very competent staff that he knew very well," Johnson said. "I was basically the low man on the totem pole."

After the victory, Johnson left the Northwest to start work with Swift, a decision that he says was very "difficult."

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Johnson paused on Capitol steps.

Follows advice

Because of this intensity, Johnson has followed the advice of his employer—"finding non-political friends"—and also scuba dives and practices photography.

The Western alum said he gained much of the experience needed for his current job from his activities on campus.

"As the first station manager of KUGS, I gained so much knowledge for dealing with people. From the first time we sat in the Viking Union and planned how to get a radio license, to working with Federal Communication Commission bureaucrats, to learning budgets and firing and hiring, I learned most of what I need today on the campus but outside of the classroom," he said.

No matter what the future holds, Johnson will not follow the footsteps of Congressman Swift. "You couldn't pay me enough to do it. It's a killer. Al spent one-half of his time in Washington State and the other half in D.C. or in the air between the two. It's too tough to commute back and forth. If you leave D.C., they think you're on vacation. Meanwhile, your constituents are wondering why you aren't in the local office. Also, it's a terrible thing to be quoted on every little thing you say," he said.

Ahead of Johnson is the possibility of law school and a career as a communications lawyer, and his present job is preparing him for that in a wonderful way.

Why shouldn't it? It all fits into the plan.

SEYMOUR HERSH, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, spoke on the topic of investigative reporting February 15 in Arntzen Hall (right). Hersh is famous for his coverage of the My Lai Massacre and Cambodian bombings in the early 1970s. At left he is interviewed by Denise Kovacevic, formerly of KVOS-TV in Bellingham.
Speech & Hearing Clinic: the last word

A n aged veteran sits in a reclining chair while a technician moves forms back and forth on a screen in front of the man, testing his inner ear imbalance. A child sits at a table filled with multicolored toys and calls out sounds as a graduate student holds up lettered cards to her. The child’s parents observe the scene from behind a two-way mirror. A man in a lab coat sits at his desk, sifting through stacks of graphs and cataloging minute differences among them. He is doing groundbreaking research in measuring auditory discriminations the brain makes. His work will be published in a major journal and discussed nationwide.

What do all these scenes have in common? They are all facets of the Speech Pathology and Audiology Department at Western, a program with a combination of staff, students and equipment that compares favorably with any facility in the world.

The department is now housed in the ground floor of Parks Hall on the Western campus and, like the building itself, took more than two years to design and construct. Walking through the offices and testing rooms is like stepping into the 21st century. Soundproof booths are suspended from concrete. Walls of sophisticated electronic equipment beep and flash colored lights. Officially known as Western’s Speech-Language-Hearing Center, the facility provides evaluation services to northwest Washington residents.

“Our facility is definitely state-of-the-art,” explained Dr. Loren Webb, head of the audiology clinic. “Our staff is also highly respected, having five members with doctorates,” he added.

During the past five years, virtually 100 percent of Western’s speech pathology and audiology graduates have found employment in their field—a statistic that reflects the recognition of the quality of the training they receive.

Care and instruction

The clinic integrates care and instruction throughout the program. For example, as a graduate student tests the hearing of an older woman, another staff member observes with an undergraduate student through a two-way mirror and points out different aspects of the testing going on. Still another staff member is able to monitor the proceedings from his office through the use of a camera and video equipment.

Even though the sophisticated equipment and quality staff allows fine research and teaching to take place at the clinic, a primary focus of the facility will always be service to the community.

Charges for patients only cover material costs, if that. Senior citizens receive care and testing at no charge. The clinic also sends staff and equipment to veterans’ hospitals and outside community centers on a regular basis.

“We treat approximately 90 auditory patients a month and 80 speech patients,” explained Webb. “Since most of the speech patients are children, a lot of our time is spent with parents, instructing them on how to work with their children,” he added.

All 140 graduate and undergraduate students in the speech pathology and audiology program at Western are required to spend a great deal of time at the clinic. Graduate students must amass at least 350 hours of supervised clinic time.

The program is a careful blend of hands-on experience working with parents, children and senior citizens, and evaluation and practice sessions with students testing one another. A good deal of the research the students will be studying in their textbooks in the future may come from Western’s own staff.

“Dr. Sam Polen is researching the path sounds make through the brain. His work is revolutionary. No one else has discovered a way to measure and describe the path. He already has had research published on it,” explained Webb.

Hidden in the basement of Parks Hall, the Speech Pathology and Audiology Department may be the best-kept secret for anyone in the Northwest without a hearing or speech difficulty. But hearing and speech researchers and teachers throughout the country are very familiar with the clinic’s work. And community service organizations throughout the Northwest are grateful for the quality and inexpensive care and testing the facility provides.
Kristy Dees

eight years ago it was tough enough for 12-year-old tomboy Kristy Dees to be put in a back brace for treatment of scoliosis. But when she heard a family friend tell her mother that it was the perfect time for Kristy to learn how to ski, the youngster got determined. She was still going to participate in sports, back brace or not.

That was the beginning of a remarkable career for the Western athlete who placed second in the high jump at last year's national NAIA track meet in Charleston, West Virginia, and was named NAIA All-American.

“I started to run in the brace to prove to people I wasn’t handicapped. I hadn’t had to compete in it since my sophomore year in high school, but it’s only this past year that I’ve been able to rid myself of it completely,” Dees explained as she sat comfortably in a chair.

After hearing some of Dees’s life story, you would expect the junior VICOED major from Puylup to seem stoic. Instead, Dees is animated and self-effacing. She laughs a lot. In talking about trying to ski with a back brace, she jumps out of her chair with a comical pantomime of a person getting up after a fall with the cumbersome brace on.

Favorite moment
Her commitment to athletics is evident when asked about her favorite moment in competition. During her senior year in high school, Dees sustained a knee injury that forced her to stop competing in her three best events — quarter-mile run, long jump and mile relay — two meets before the end of the season. She decided to compete in the high jump for the last two meets.

“I told the coach, ‘I’ll just be taking three little steps, three teeny tiny steps if I do the high jump;’ and he gave in and let me compete,” Dees explained.

High point
“I’ll never forget the moment I came off the track after placing second in the state meet. Only the winner and myself had been on the track. I saw my father at the end of the track and he was crying, he was so proud of me. Of course, I started crying, too, when I saw him. Being at the nationals last year meant a lot to me, but I think that moment with my father will always be the high point of participation in athletics for me,” Dees said.

Working as part of a team is important to Dees. She spoke of the different colleges that recruited her, and why she chose Western.

“Here the men’s and women’s track teams work together. There isn’t the segregation you seem to find almost everywhere else. The coaches really respect the team members. They trust you to set up your own schedules and push yourself,” she explained.

That coaching philosophy has clearly paid off for Western’s women’s team. They were sixth in the nation for NAIA schools last year, and Dees feels this year’s team is even more talented. Dees was already off to a hot start in March, setting a school record 5’7” high jump at the University of Puget Sound Invitational Track Meet.

After her days at Western are over, Dees looks forward to starting a track club and coaching children. She wants to continue to compete.

“You know, I always want to be out there doing something,” she says with a smile. With a straight back and plenty of enthusiasm, there’s no doubt the immediate future will find Kristy Dees doing plenty to help the Western track team have another successful season.

Joyce Ordos

Joyce Ordos is a very modest woman. At first she can’t understand why she is being interviewed at all.

“But I’m really not an athlete,” she protests with a smile as she sits back in her chair in the purchasing department at Western. Her figure is trim in her black suit. Only her gray hair gives away her 64 years. You get the sense she would much rather talk about her eight young grandchildren than her athletic accomplishments.

“Tere isn’t much to my story. Four years ago I lost 23 pounds in a weight-reduction program. I wanted to maintain my new weight and exercising just seemed logical. So I enrolled in a class here on campus. It included a little running. That was winter quarter. Spring quarter, three other women from the class and I decided to keep jogging. Running in the spring Norm Bright race was our goal. We all made it!”

“I’ve been jogging ever since, two to three miles a day, five days a week. I’ve also stayed in exercise classes,” Ordos says. It is clear that good diet and regular exercise are integrated into her life.

But there have been some special added benefits for her. The gym bag she carries her clothes in has “First Place” written in bold letters across it. “I won that in the Chuckanut Road Race. I was thrilled to be able to even finish the seven miles. There were hardly any women in my division,” she adds quickly. “I’ve been afraid to run in a road race since—they spoiled me so much giving me this bag in the last one!” she laughs.

Her advice to women her age interested in getting involved in a fitness program? “Find a sport you like—try as many as you need to. Don’t stop and start, or burn yourself out. Eat lots of vegetables and little sugar,” she says as she begins to gather her things together to leave.

She has just enough time to go home and have a quick meal with her family before leaving for class.

Ordos is studying political science this quarter. “I try to study new things all the time,” she says as we leave the office. Keeping her mind alert is as important to Ordos as keeping her body energized and trim. But Joyce Ordos isn’t the type of woman to tell you about it—she simply lives it. This grandmother is definitely a woman with the endurance to stay in motion for some time to come.

WOMEN IN MOTION

The Western Foundation is working to raise $25,000 for the women’s intercollegiate athletics program. The title for the campaign is “Women In Motion.” The Foundation is not concerned merely about getting enough basketballs for the women’s team, or making sure there are enough goggles in the pool area for female swimmers. Equipment and personnel are important—you can’t run a program without them.

But what also is important are the changes that women’s athletic programs are going through. Many of these changes stem from changes in attitudes about athletics that women themselves are experiencing.

The stereotype of gawky, mannish types being the only women found in the gym has almost been eradicated. Athletics were once considered “unfeminine,” and muscles were for men. Now all you have to do is step into the Western weight room or gym to see that all kinds of women are getting involved in all kinds of sports.

There are women in hot pink terrycloth running suits jogging delicately around the perimeters of Sehome Hill. There are sweaty women chalking their hands and pumping more iron than some of the men in the weight room.

Women’s attitudes about themselves and sports are changing. They are feeling better about their bodies and their lives through athletics.

But financial support for women’s athletics has lagged far behind the burgeoning growth of female participation in sports. Even though federal
Stories by Brenda Miller

laws require that government subsidies be divided equally between men’s and women’s teams, private support is much greater for men’s athletics.

Western’s women’s basketball team went to the district championship this year, yet their home attendance record was a fraction of the men’s.

We haven’t yet reached the point where the differences between men’s and women’s athletics are appreciated. Women do play basketball, run track, swim and perform gymnastics in a style different from men, a style uniquely their own. The Western Foundation is working to show the benefits and worth of the women’s programs. We want to establish a pattern of giving from both male and female Western graduates that will ensure the continued growth of the women’s athletic program.

Our female children may one day attend Western. It would be good if they don’t have to raise their own money for basketballs and crew oars. It would be even better if current programs continue to grow and community awareness and acceptance of the programs becomes more widespread.

Following are some women, chosen randomly, who participate in athletics, intramurals or personal workouts on campus. One is a nationally known athlete. The others may be just like the friends and neighbors you see jogging early every morning. But they all have one thing in common — they are women in motion who benefit from campus facilities and the Western experience.

Sarah Blundell

A year-and-a-half ago Sarah Blundell was a hotel and restaurant management (HRM) major at Seattle University. She smoked a pack of cigarettes a day. Today, she is in the pre-physical therapy program at Western, quitting smoking a year ago, and jogs up to 12 miles a day.

Blundell is one of a growing number of American women who have developed a strong interest in health and fitness. Blundell’s career plans changed as she learned more about her body and nutrition.

"I think I’ve always had a keen interest in how the body works," explained Blundell. That interest, like many women’s, was heightened to some extent by increased societal and media attention to fitness.

Her roommate in Seattle knew a lot about fitness and nutrition. Blundell began to run, blocks at first, and then miles. She started reading articles about food composition and muscle development. Gradually, she found her workouts and readings held more interest for her than the business courses in her HRM major. She began to consider physical therapy as a career.

"Ultimately, as a physical therapist I’d like to teach people preventive medicine. I think it would be great to work with people and give them the confidence to try new things, to stretch their bodies beyond the limits they’ve set," explained Blundell.

Blundell is in the process of stretching her own limits in preparing for her first marathon. Training for a 26.2-mile race has found her juggling her schedules for the long workouts.

Yet Blundell isn’t driven or obsessed with health. She enjoys the interaction available in the small pre-physical therapy program at Western and is working with others to start a pre-physical therapy club.

"At Western, the professors are very accessible, and classes are small. You have the ability to really know the people in your program. The program isn’t perfect by any means, but you could never get lost in the shuffle," she said.

To Blundell, becoming healthy is a process of exchanging habits—jogging for smoking, weight training for ice cream binges. Ultimately, Blundell wants to know enough to really help others to be healthy.

Bess Copeland

Bess Copeland doesn’t have the time or patience to talk the afternoon she is approached for an interview by the Western pool. She becomes so overwhelmed with shyness that she jumps right into the water.

Bess begins to enjoy her favorite sport—swimming. And unlike most members of the Western community who are using the facilities, she doesn’t have to worry about upcoming final exams or the financial squeeze of getting tuition money together. Bess is five years old.

Connie Copeland, Bess’ mother who works on the WWU staff in the Office of Student Life, is left at poolside to talk about Bess and her swimming.

"It's something that's very good for both of us. Bess comes home sometimes from kindergarten pretty wired, and I come home from work after a long day, and it's something we can do together that relaxes both of us," she explained.

Family swims are available to Western faculty, students and staff. The hours vary from term to term.

Copeland enjoys watching her daughter learn to swim. She taught swimming for a number of years, and likes being involved with instruction in a small way.

"Bess loves all kinds of exercise. At home, she likes to do my aerobics with me. I know she’ll become more involved with classes in the community and on campus as she gets older," said Copeland.

Bess first took lessons on the Western campus when she was three years old. It’s a bonus for both the students and Western’s faculty and staff to interact through the sharing of the sports facilities. Students have the opportunity to work out beside people of Bess’ age, as well as faculty nearing retirement.

Bess swims near an older man even as her mother talks about her swimming experiences. A student strokes smoothly past her and manipulates to turn against the wall. If Bess stays a part of the Western community, she may one day swim as smoothly as that student. She may even still be swimming at the age of the oldest faculty members.

The Western Foundation can’t exert control over funding for athletics at WWU. That authority rests with the Legislature and the priorities of the University allocation committees. But it remains a commitment of the Foundation to work to keep athletic opportunities available for people of all ages on the Western campus. Through private contributions in the next few months, women’s intercollegiate athletics in particular will benefit from this commitment.

If you are interested in volunteering any support for the Western Foundation Women in Motion fundraising campaign, please write to: The Western Foundation, Old Main 445, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225, or phone (206) 676-3027.
Spring sports: teams show winning way

Even though there aren't many similarities between putting an ear in water during a crew regatta, running a sprint in a track meet or putting for a birdie during golf competition, all of the varsity spring sports teams at Western continue to have one important element in common. The teams are proven winners, dominating their respective divisions for over a decade. The 1983 season, though not yet completed, has shown Western establishing their winning ways again. Here is a brief summary of the characteristics of the different teams.

Track and Field — The men's track team has won two straight NAIA District I titles. "The last two years we relied on the field events," explained Coach Ralph Vernacchia. "But most of those people graduated, so now we're counting on the running events which are much improved. We're a better team overall."

The Western women's cinder team enjoyed tremendous success last year—placing sixth at the NAIA national meet, having six athletes earn All-America honors and winning the AIAW (Division III) Region 9 meet.

This spring has found the team performing even better. "We're improved talent-wise over last year," said Coach Tony Bartlett. "We have good people everywhere with the possible exception of the sprints and being a little thin in the distance runs. We're especially strong in the field events and middle distance runs."

Golf — Bill Westphal is in his first year as the Vikings' links coach. He replaced Jim Lounsberry, who retired last August after 22 years at WWU.

Four lettermen return from last season's squad which narrowly missed out on the NAIA District 1 title and subsequent national tournament appearance. The team was tied for the lead after regulation play, but lost on the first hole of a sudden death playoff.

Heading the fell-winners is two-time all-district performer Bryan Bloom, who also tied for medalist honors as a freshman at the 1980 district meet and placed fourth last spring.

Western's hockey club takes regional crown

It's not often that you can pick up the sports section of your daily paper and read: "Western Vikings Trounce USC" or "WWU Outshoots Arizona State Sun Devils 81 to 46 to Claim Championship."

But those were just the things being said when Western's hockey team successfully defended its Western United States Collegiate Club Hockey Championship title in March.

"One of the great things about coming down here [Arizona] is the big crowds, the chance to give your kids a taste of what major college hockey is all about," Utendale said following the victory. "I hope that by next year, when the tournament comes to Bellingham, we can generate that same kind of feeling."

"Well, if past successes are any inspiration, establishing that feeling should be a piece of cake."
Alumni Vacation Week: make WWU campus your headquarters

Have you considered spending your summer vacation on Puget Sound? This year the Alumni Association is planning a Vacation Week from July 31 to August 4 that will be as unique and varied as the individuals who participate in it.

The Alumni Association has planned a variety of activities for the week, from excursions to Vancouver to an old-fashioned salmon barbecue. Yet all of these scheduled activities are optional — you can participate in all of them, or take off with family and friends and plan your own Northwest adventures at Mount Baker, Victoria, Vancouver or in Bellingham.

The home base for all alumni who come for the week will be the Ridgeway Residence Hall in Bellingham. Western Washington University was more than just a college for you. The Alumni Vacation will be more than just a series of seminars and excursions for you and your spouse or family.

It may be a time of returning to the past, a time of turning back the clock as you stroll down the memory walk in front of Old Main or stop for an ice cream at Rawls' on the way to downtown shopping in Bellingham. You'll be able to kick off your shoes and show your family the prettiest summertime bloom.

Scheduled activities will include preview lectures or guided tours by Western faculty. Daycare is available for children age 2 to 5 in Western's Associated Students Daycare Center, recognized as one of the finest in the state. Older children (age 5 to 12) will be eligible to participate in the YMCA field trip program with other youngsters their own age.

The Alumni Association has worked hard to keep costs low and still provide the maximum amount of variety and quality in the Alumni vacation program. We haven't put together a rigid package of structured activities. We want this week to be special for each and every alumnus. Decide what you would enjoy the most in the Puget Sound area in August and discover how economically your family can have those adventures.

Plan now to get in touch with your old friends from Western and rendezvous for alumni vacation. Isn't it about time you showed your family the campus you called home for four years? This is your chance to come home to the place that once held a whole world of new friends and ideas for you. Reserve a spot for you and your family now.

Alumni vacation activities noted

The following are the optional activities that have been planned for Alumni Vacation Week:

Monday: Diablo Lake—Seattle Light Boat Trip.
Tuesday: Vancouver—Stanley Park, Gas Town, China Town.
Wednesday: Hike to Schreibers Meadows (beautiful North Cascades meadowlands). Learn while you go with Western faculty members as guides.
Thursday: Lakewood—running, canoeing, sailing, boat-handling demonstrations, salmon barbecue. Evenings will include summer stock theatre, a lecture and a seminar.
People on campus for Vacation Week can choose to participate in as many of these activities as they like.

Costs
Registration fee..................................$5.
Lodging (five nights):
Adults........................................$53 each (for single occupancy add $10)
First child in adjoining room.............................$53
Each additional child..................................$26
Meals (14 meals starting Friday breakfast, Aug. 5)
Adults...........................................$47
Children 11 years and older..........................$47
Children 3-10 years.................................$24
Children 2 and under..................................no charge
The meal package is optional; participants can provide their own meals.

Please reserve a spot for myself and my family for the Alumni Vacation Week July 31 through August 5. Enclosed is my check or money order (made payable to Western Washington University Alumni Association) for:

☐ $50 (this reserves a place for an individual).
  number of adults in family.
  number of children in family, and their ages:
☐ $25 (this reserves a place for an individual).
☐ I don't wish to reserve a place yet, but I would appreciate having some more information forwarded to me from the Western Alumni Office.
Families or individuals who reserve a place will automatically have more information forwarded to them.

Deposits need to be received by July 8. The balance of payment will be due upon arrival at Western for Alumni Vacation Week. (The above deposit will be subtracted from your balance due.) Please mail to "Alumni Vacation," Alumni Office, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225. For more information, call (206) 676-3353.
Ralph Sorstokke

The new assistant director of Georgia-Pacific Corporation's Bellingham Division product development laboratory is 1972 Western grad Ralph Sorstokke. Sorstokke, who graduated from Western with a B.S. degree in chemistry, will be responsible for patent and trademark activity and expanding customer service for lignin products.

Edward L. Tetrick

Commander Edward L. Tetrick (1965) recently became commanding officer of Attack Squadron 94 at the Naval Air Station in Lemoore, Calif. Commissioned in 1967, Tetrick has made several cruises aboard the USS Constellation and USS Enterprise. In 1972 he became an instructor pilot, and in 1980 he became an air wing operations officer. Tetrick and his wife Sandra live in Lemoore. They have one child and are expecting another.

Linford C. Smith

Mount Vernon Mayor Ruth Gilrland recently appointed 1974 grad Linford Smith to the post of Mount Vernon city attorney. Smith, who went on to graduate from the University of Washington Law School, formerly worked as a part-time prosecutor of Asotin County and had a private law practice in Clarkston.

David Cutbirth

Broadcast communications graduate David Cutbirth (1977) recently joined the news staff of KPG-KNWR Radio in Bellingham. Cutbirth previously worked at KLYN in Lynden and KBRC in Mount Vernon.

Neil Clement

The Bellingham Herald informs us that 1974 grad Neil Clement has been promoted to news director of KGMI Radio in Bellingham. Clement is a founding member of the Washington State Associated Press Broadcasters board of directors.

Bernard W. Regier

Western Professor Emeritus of Music Bernard Regier decided to let us know what he's been up to since his retirement from WWU in 1974. Regier now directs the Salem County Chorus in his hometown of Salem, Oregon. He currently serves as bass soloist for the First Presbyterian Church and is a member of a men's quartet named the Musicians which performs for clubs, churches, retirement homes and conventions. Those interested in corresponding should write him at 571 Bayonne Ct. S.E., Salem, OR 97301.

John Olbrantz

Art history graduate John Olbrantz (1972) is director of the Bellevue Art Museum, which recently opened its new facility in Bellevue.

Piyush Swami

First place in the 1983 National Science Teachers Association's Gustav Ohaus Awards Program for Innovations in College Science Teaching has been presented to Dr. Piyush Swami, a 1972 Western grad. Swami is now an assistant professor of education with the College of Education, University of Cincinnati, in Ohio.

WWU Alumni in Snohomish and Northern King Counties

Ron Renard, an Alumni Board member from Everett, is planning a trip to a Mariners' game. The trip would include group rates at the game, a bus to the Kingdome and perhaps a meal. If you are interested, please mail in the form below and Ron will get in touch with you.

Mail to: WWU Alumni Association, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225.

Yes, I am interested in a trip to a Mariners' game!

Name____________________ Telephone____________________

Address____________________

City____________________ State____________________ Zip____________________

John Beck, International Society of Automotive Engineers president, toured Western's Vehicle Research Institute facilities and addressed the student chapter of the SAE in February. In his role as international president, Beck travels all over the world meeting with and addressing society chapters. His stop at Western was one of the few times he met with a student chapter, however.
Founders Club to meet June 9

The annual Founders Club luncheon will be held on Thursday, June 9, in the Viking Commons. The program will pay special honor to the class of 1933, celebrating its 50th anniversary. This is also a special year since it marks the first year in which bachelor's degrees in education were awarded at Western.

The program begins at 11 a.m. in the lounge of the Viking Union with a reception. All classes from 1933 and earlier are invited, as are those from more recent classes who would like to attend. Guests are always welcome too.

This year's featured speaker will be Western's new president, Dr. Robert Ross, along with some special entertainment.

Letters with detailed information will be sent to all Founders. If you do not arrive at a reception please call the Alumni Office at (206) 676-3535. This will be an event that you won't want to miss.

IN MEMORIAM

**happenings**

**May**

7  Women in Motion Shape Up for Summer Fitness Day.
7  Music Dept. presents Tubefest, 10 a.m., Performing Arts Center 16 & 47.
10  Northwest Concert Association presents Pacific Northwest Ballet, 8 p.m., Main Auditorium. Admission by subscription.
11  Music Dept. presents Western Wind Ensemble concert, Wayne Gorder conducting, 8 p.m., Concert Hall. Admission free.
13  Music Dept. presents faculty recital by Marianne Weltmann, voice, 8 p.m., Concert Hall. Admission free.
15  Music Dept. presents duo piano recital by Lucille Oster and Nancy Bussard, 3 p.m., Concert Hall. Admission free.
15  Norm Bright Road Run, 1 p.m., Western Track.
18 & 20  Music Dept. presents Collegium Musicum concert, Mary Terey-Smith directing, 8 p.m., Concert Hall. Admission free.
19  Music Dept. presents New Music at Western concert, 8 p.m., Concert Hall. Admission free.
20-21  Theatre/Dance Dept. presents Spring Dance Concert, 7:30 p.m., Main Auditorium. Admission: $3 general, $1.50 student.
26  Theatre/Dance Dept. presents P.S. Your Cat Is Dead by James Kirkwood, 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center 199. Admission $1.
27  WWU Concert Choir, WWU University Choir, New Whatcom Choral Society and Whatcom Community Orchestra, Robert Scandrett and Nicholas Bussard conducting, present Brahms' Requiem, 3 & 8 p.m., Concert Hall. Admission free.
28  Music Dept. presents jazz concert, Syd Potter conducting, 7 p.m., Main Auditorium.
29  Music Dept. presents double reed recital, 8 p.m., Concert Hall. Admission free.
30  Music Dept. presents Symphony Band concert, Nicholas Bussard conducting, 8 p.m., Concert Hall. Admission free.

**June**

1  Music Dept. presents Choral Ensembles concert, Robert Scandrett directing, 8 p.m., Concert Hall. Admission free.
1  Music Dept. presents jazz concert, Syd Potter conducting, 7 p.m., Main Auditorium. Admission free.
2  Music Dept. presents Western Wind Ensemble concert, Wayne Gorder conducting, 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center Plaza. Admission free.
3-5  Theatre/Dance Dept. presents Summer and Smoke by Tennessee Williams, 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center 199. Admission $1.
9  Founders Day luncheon, 10:30 a.m., VU Lounge.
10  Commencement, 10 a.m., Carver Gymnasium.
20  Summer Session begins. Six-week session runs through July 29; nine-week session through August 19.

**July**

10  Alumni rafting trip. All day.
11-29  Adventures in Science and Arts Youth Program.
31 to Aug. 4  Alumni Vacation Week.

**August**

13  Alumni hike, Excelser Ridge.