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WWU's 87th annual commencement was held June 14. For story, see page 2.
By Lynne Masland
PIO Staff Writer

"That's my mom!" called a proud teenage lad from the bleachers of Carver Gym, as a black-gowned woman stepped up to receive her diploma and a handshake from Western's President G. Robert Ross. Laughter, cheers and applause punctuated his cry, which underscored the changing demographics of college graduates. A soaking rain and windy gray skies failed to chill the celebration spirit of Western's 87th graduation ceremonies, held Sat., June 14. However, weather did quicken the pace of the bagpipers who led more than 1,000 robed graduates, tassels swinging briskly from their mortarboards, as they filed from Red Square into the dry shelter of the gym.

Inside the graduates fanned out to cover the floor of the gym, while a shoulder-to-shoulder crowd of relatives and friends filled the tiers of bleachers to the ceiling. "It's not enough to think we've learned," said the English department's Outstanding Student, Kenneth P. Calandra, selected as the commencement student speaker. "We must have learned to think. Each of us is given a candle to bring light to the shadows," he continued. "But thinking by itself is not enough. We must have action. A philosophy is genuine only if it validates our determination to take risks if we desire a better world. We have a responsibility to be thinking individuals, actively aware and brutally critical of things around us. We must halt the acceptance of racism, sexism, poverty, hunger, pollution, social injustice and abuse of the young and the old," Calandra said. "We can't let our desire to be comfortable keep us from having the willingness to work for this."

John N. Terrey, 1986 distinguished alumnus and executive director of the state Board for Community College Education, issued a challenge to the class of '86. "Your generation carries a burden: the decision whether the United States will again have pre-eminence throughout the world or will slip to second rank. Although there will be no fireworks, no fanfare, we will have to win not only on the economic front, but we will have to be worthwhile to the world. We must provide a sense of stability and community for our citizens and the world."

The key to the struggle," said Terrey, "rests in developing our brain power to meet this challenge. Accepting the challenge that your educational opportunity provided to you will require an act of will."

Dr. Randall S. Babcock, associate professor of geology, and Dr. Sheila Fox, associate professor of educational curriculum and instruction, received the Excellence in Teaching awards. Dr. June R. P. Ross, professor of biology, was the fourth annual Olscamp faculty research award winner. Each received $1,000 and a certificate of recognition.

A roar of appreciation followed Dr. Ross' closing statement that due to the perseverance of the Associated Students, the Alumni Association and an understanding Board of Trustees, the diplomas will carry a drawing of Old Main rather than George Washington's profile. This reflected a recent controversy over the use of Western's seal. Both Huxley and Fairhaven colleges continued with smaller afternoon ceremonies honoring their students. Huxley's keynote speaker was Tony Angell, coordinator of environmental education for the Office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Guest speaker at Fairhaven's ceremony was Jeffrey Hammarlund, Fairhaven alum and currently a senior policy analyst for the Public Power Council of the Northwest. □
New alumni board members are elected

Election of new officers and board members for the recently adopted five-year plan highlighted the WWU Alumni Association’s spring board meeting, held May 17 in Main on campus.

Officers for 1986-87 are Dick Dixon ’59, Aberdeen, president; Steve Howe ’72, Mukilteo, president-elect; Ron Otto ’73, Bellingham, secretary-treasurer; Roxanne Michael ’75, Bellingham, executive-at-large #1; Mark Wolken ’79, Everett, executive-at-large #2; Marlene Dixon ’54, Aberdeen, executive-at-large #3; and Mike Bates ’75, Bellingham, past president.

New board members include Mel Blackman, Nanaimo, B.C.; Dick Smith, Silverdale; Martin Chorba, Olympia; Allan Darr, Everett; Jeff Larsen, Seattle; and Sandy Lucke, Bellingham.

Two new regional coordinators were also named — Chet Ullin, Olympic Peninsula area, and Gerry Hoban, San Francisco Bay area. They join Dean Wilson who continues as regional coordinator for the Southern California area.

The WWU Alumni Association Board adopted a new five-year plan to take the organization from 1986 to 1991. Some highlights of that plan are to set up regional units throughout the state and continent, beginning with the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue region in year one; increase Alumni Club membership by 400 members—year—in effect doubling membership from its present 2,000 to 4,000 members by 1991.

Nearing completion of its goal of a $50,000 endowed scholarship fund, the board set a goal of an additional $25,000 in the Alumni Scholarship Fund of $125,000 by 1991, an amount that would enable the Alumni Association to provide up to 10 tuition and fee scholarships to Western students each year.

Board members will launch into an aggressive campaign to provide new benefits for Alumni Club members beginning with the 1986-87 membership year. Fundraising, specifically for the scholarship fund, will be a focus of the board during the next year and four years to follow.

Following the formal business section of the meeting, outgoing Alumni Association president Mike Bates passed the gavel to new president Dick Dixon. Bates was presented with a plaque and jacket in appreciation of his year of service as president.

Grist of Goldsmith

BY CHRIS GOLDSMITH / Director of Alumni Relations

Five years! A notable unit of time, used in recent years to measure accomplishments or a lack of them by organizations, departments, or individuals.

Five years! It was that long ago, in August of 1981, that a group of dedicated Western alumni met at Rosario and hammered out a five-year plan that called for establishing a scholarship reserve fund of $50,000 by 1986. Guess what? They did it!

Five years! Within that time frame, then Alumni Association President Dick Walsh conceived and nurtured a sub-organization called the WWU Alumni Club. Today that club has more than 2,050 dues-paying members. It was also during that time that another Alumni association president, Mike Kimmich, came up with the notion of Alumni Enterprises. That notion today provides the majority of revenue for the Alumni Association’s budget and activities.

Five years! Within the next five years, your Alumni Association will have established the scholarship fund with $72,500 and will offer Western students up to 10 tuition-and-fees scholarships each year. The WWU Alumni Club will have grown from its current 2,050 members to more than 4,000 members. The Alumni Association will have active, operating chapters all over Washington state and several other regions throughout the United States. Each of these regions will benefit from up to three events held specifically for members living in those areas.

Within five years, and more likely by next year, Western Washington University alumni will be a force to be reckoned with by the State Legislature. When we talk, lawmakers will listen.

Five years from now I have no doubt that each and every one of the goals outlined in the recently adopted five-year plan of the Western Alumni Association will have been accomplished.

I base this prediction not on wishful thinking or fear of what will happen if those goals are not met. I base this prediction on the loyalty and dedication of WWU graduates. You have shown in the last five years that you truly care about Western and will work for its betterment.

Within that time frame, then Alumni Association President Mike Bates said of Terrey: “No one individual has ever been more widely recognized and respected for his contributions to education in the state of Washington. This honor is bestowed on John Terrey in recognition of his life-long dedication to education in general and to community college education in the state of Washington in particular.”

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For information and reservations, call the speech/broadcast department at (206) 676-3870.

John Terrey named distinguished alumnus

By Chris Goldsmith / Director of Alumni Relations

Dr. John N. Terrey, executive director of the Washington State Board for Community College Education, received the 1986 WWU Distinguished Alumni Award.

Terrey graduated from WWU’s psychology institution, Western Washington State College, with Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Arts in Education degrees in 1949 and a Master’s of Education degree in 1960.

Outgoing WWU Alumni Association President Mike Bates (left) presents 1986 Distinguished Alumni Award to Dr. John Terrey.

He was presented with the award at a banquet held the evening of Friday, June 13, on campus. Terrey and his family also attended Western’s commencement ceremonies, at which he addressed the graduating class.

In making the announcement, WWU Alumni Association President Mike Bates said of Terrey: “No one individual has ever been more widely recognized and respected for his contributions to education in the state of Washington. This honor is bestowed on John Terrey in recognition of his life-long dedication to education in general and to community college education in the state of Washington in particular.”

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Scholarship winners

The WWU Alumni Association has awarded full tuition and fees scholarships to three Western students for the 1986-87 academic year.

Students awarded scholarships for the coming year include Ambre L. Brockbank, a senior from Bellingham majoring in nutritional biochemistry; Heather Parker, a nursing major originally from Snohomish; and Mien (Julia) Tai, an accounting and business administration major from Bellingham.

Brockbank, who also received the WWU Alumni Association scholarship in 1984-85, intends to enter medical school after completing her studies at WWU. She is active in the Bellingham chapter of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. This past year Brockbank has worked in a research position under Dr. Gerry Prody in the chemistry department studying the reactivity of the virus and its associated satellite RNA. Her ultimate goal is to become a family health practitioner.

Parker is a graduate of Snohomish High School and is enrolled in the psychology major at Everett Community College. She has attended Western since 1984. She currently works part-time in the pediatrics unit of St. Joseph's Hospital in downtown Everett and concentrates on the education of parents and children in disease prevention practices. Before moving to Bellingham she was a volunteer for the Alaska Diabetic Association and the Alaska Diabetes Association and was active with the Alaska Nurses Association.

Tai receives the scholarship for the second year in a row. She is a 1985 graduate of Bellingham's Sehome High School, graduating fifth in a class of 281 students. She speaks English as her second language, managed to graduate from Sehome High School and achieve a 3.9 grade point average.

At Western, she is a member of the Accounting Society, the Pacific Northwest Personnel Management Association and works as a student assistant in the documents division of Wilson Library.

Her ultimate plans are to work as a CPA and financial consultant.

The Western Washington University Alumni Association scholarships are made possible by Western alumni who contribute to the WWU Alumni Scholarship Fund. Earnings from that fund provide money for these awards.

At the close of the fiscal year ending July 1, 1986, the Alumni Scholarship Reserve Fund totaled nearly $50,000 — meeting a goal established five years ago by the board. A new five-year plan, adopted by the board at its May, 1986, meeting, calls for increasing that fund to $100,000 by 1991 and possibly funding up to 10 tuition- and fees scholarships.

In memoriam

'31 C. Jarrell Yarbrough, Jr., died Feb. 5, 1986, in Washington, where he was a professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay. He was 51.

Unclassified Bertha D. Brown died May 13, 1986, in Sedro-Woolley. She was 87.

Elwood Craig Davis died Oct. 3, 1985. Born in 1906, his career spanned over 60 years, beginning as a high school director of physical education in Washington state. He served as a professor at the University of Southern California from 1947 to his retirement in 1964.

Alumni Profile

Photographer Creates Portraits of “Peeps”

By Elisa A. Claassen

PIO Student Intern

Her mom thought she would be a beach. She thought she would work in fashion. That sounded exciting.

She did neither.

In early December Cathy Pearson, a 1975 Western Washington University graduate of the Visual Communications Education program (VICOED), celebrated her eighth year as the owner and operator of a photography studio — Peeps Photography in Mount Vernon, Wash.

As part of the fashion program at Everett Community College in the early 70s, Pearson was required to take a photography course. Quiet by nature and the only female in the class, she gained some attention and became more outgoing. She also liked photography better than fashion and changed majors. At Western she entered the VICOED program, impressed by its variety and well-rounded scope. It was a practical way to apply her photography, she said. "You can go in just about any direction with VICOED, including advertising," she said.

Holding in hand the drive to explore, Pearson gathered her belongings, packed her camera and spent 45 days criss-crossing the country in 1976, photographing Bicentennial celebrations. Once back in Washington, she wanted to continue photographing, specializing in people. She opened her first studio in her home.

That was 1977.

Several months later, the studio moved for a brief time into the now-defunct Holt's Appliance Store of Sedro-Woolley, before coming to rest in its present downtown Mount Vernon location.

The name, Peeps, came from her restaurant waitressing days, when customers at her tables were referred to as "peeps" for people. Since people were her favorite subjects, "Peeps" seemed appropriate, she said.

A photographer at heart and a businesswoman second, Pearson used her VICOED training not only to take photographs, but to design the advertisements and business brochures which have earned her attention. With an eye for the unusual and creative, she works to create portraits her "peeps" will treasure as art objects.

"People are used to the 'big' 8x10s, so I make them interesting enough to really make them big," she said, grinning and pointing to several large portraits on her gallery walls.

To encourage new customers, she has offered special free sittings for various groups of people or pets, including single women, pet owners with their pets and young children. She also enjoys going to the beach, barn or setting of the sitter's choice to get a new look and a relaxed model, who may be more comfortable in his or her own environment.

Last year, the "Photo Safari" and "Junior Sitter" were introduced. Not only could the individual go to the setting of his or her choice, but a make-up and hair stylist and prop technician could make all the details perfect so the models look their best.

The boudoir pictures give the sitter, a woman, a chance to feel sensual and beautiful in making a special gift for a loved one. Each several-hour session, done in a home or the studio, is exciting, she said. "You are concentrating so hard to create an image that's beautiful — it's exhilarating for both the photographer and the subject," she said.

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Huxley starts alumni organization

Huxley College alumni met in April to start the wheels rolling on the formation of the Huxley College Alumni organization.

Leading the meeting, held at the Viking Union, were Huxley Dean John Miles; Roxanne Michael, executive-at-large for the WWU Alumni Association Board; and Director of Alumni Relations Chris Goldsmith.

A Huxley alumni newsletter is now being distributed periodically to graduates. If you haven’t received a copy yet and you are a Huxley grad, call Diane Merrill at (206) 676-3521.

A Huxley reunion and get-together-on-the-right-foot event for current students is planned for this fall shortly after school begins.

Huxley grads will receive information on that event prior to fall.
June Ross receives Olscamp award

Dr. June R. P. Ross, professor of biology at Western, was presented with the Paul and Ruth Olscamp Outstanding Research Award for 1985-86 during WWU’s 87th commencement ceremonies on June 14.

Ross, who holds a Ph.D. and a Doctor of Science degree from the University of Sydney, Australia, has been with Western since 1985. Her work encompasses both biology and paleontology, and she is internationally known for her specialty in fossil and living animals of the phylum Bryozoa.

Ross was named “Outstanding Educator of America” in 1973 in recognition of her professional and civic achievements. The breadth of her scholarship is indicated by her work in biogeography, which is extensively cited in discussions of evolutionary treatment. She has authored a text on entomology, as well as a Benchmark in Geology book on the geology of coal.

This summer Ross will serve as conference host for the seventh International Bryozoology Conference to be held at Western in early August. The conference will involve discussions and presentations by more than 90 scientists from throughout the world.

“We are pleased to honor Dr. Ross with the Olscamp Research Award,” said WWU President G. Robert Ross. “Our University’s reputation for excellence is due to its fine faculty.”

The research award, which includes a $1,000 check and a certificate of recognition, is made possible through a donation by former WWU president Paul Olscamp and his wife Ruth, matched by funds from The Western Foundation, Inc. Nominations for the award are solicited from faculty, students and alumni.

When the artist remains a daughter . . .

“I’ve always been a daughter’s book story, you can never eat and never have a happy ending,” says Barbara Mossberg, author of Emily Dickinson: When A Writer Is A Daughter.

Dr. Mossberg is associate professor of English, associate dean of the Graduate School, and American Studies Program co-director at the University of Oregon.

She was on campus this spring to discuss the ideas in her new book, The Daughter Construct, an interdisciplinary study of writers and visual artists whose works manifest the daughter sensibility.

“One can see the daughter construct in all historical, religious and socioeconomic contexts,” said Mossberg.

These are women who maintain their primary identity as a daughter throughout their lives, no matter what their age. They’ve excluded other identities such as lovers, wives, mothers. The daughter identity never leaves these women, even as grandmothers.

Using Emily Dickinson and Sylvia Plath as examples, Mossberg described their struggles to escape the confines of their parents’ roles.

“Their art became the strategy by which they could rebel,” she said. Seeing their fathers as menacing tyrants yet weak, their mothers as childlike, non-nourishing, devalued by the family and society, the daughter says “no” by refusing to grow up and assume a mother role. The artist begins to nurture herself with her art. Hungry, she feeds herself with her own creation. And through her creation, she rebels; she can acquire her own voice and say what she wants.

Thus, images of food, hunger, starvation abound in these artists’ works. Dickinson creates different levels of food, saying “spiritual food is better.”

For Plath, the struggle was with her mother, whom she wanted to please yet from whom she needed to free herself. “The cathexis between mother and daughter is the great unwritten story which we’re just beginning to understand,” said Mossberg.

Mossberg’s lecture was sponsored by Western’s English department, American Culture Program and Women Studies.

Pulitzer Prize-winning composer conducts on campus

Karel Husa, the Pulitzer prize-winning Czech-American composer, was on campus in early May for a three-day residency. His visit was sponsored by the Western Wind Ensemble, the music department, and the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

During the residency, Husa visited classes in conducting, composition, music history and theory, working extensively with student and faculty musicians to prepare two major concerts.

The first concert, the Chamber and Ensemble Music of Karel Husa, featured “Three Dance Sketches for Percussion Ensemble,” “Concerto for Saxophone and Piano,” “Landscapes,” and “Divertimento.”

For the second public concert, Husa conducted several of his most important works. These included “Divertimento” for brass and percussion, “Al Fresco,” “Smetana Fanfare,” and his world famous “Music For Prague, 1968,” a protest of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, Husa’s homeland.

The work has had over 5,000 performances since its commission.

Husa received diplomas from the Paris National Conservatory and Ecole Normale de Musique in Paris. Nadia Boulanger, Arthur Honnegger, Jaroslav Ridky and conductor Andre Cluytens were among his teachers.

He has served on the music faculty of Cornell University since 1954.

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Pow Wow nets $2,500 for scholarship fund

Dressed in feathered, beaded traditional costumes, nearly 100 Indian dancers dipped and swayed to the rolling beat of the Eagle Star drum, watched by almost 1,000 on-lookers and American Indians from tribes throughout the Pacific Northwest. The occasion was the first annual Pow Wow, held May 1, 1985 at Western’s Carver Gym.

The word "pow wow" is derived from the Algonquin word "payaw," meaning "curing ceremony," and is a large gathering of many tribes in celebration of a proud heritage. The gathering at Western featured costumed dance competitions; a crafts fair with jewelry, woodcarvings, beadwork, blankets and baskets; and traditional food such as fried bread.

Future looks good says Intalco speaker

"When gas goes up, take your profits," advised Donald Ratajczak, director of the Economic Forecasting Center at Georgia State University. Predicting a generally rosy economic year, Ratajczak spoke at Western recently as part of the Intalco Distinguished Lecture series. Ratajczak said with inflation at zero or negative rates, interest rates falling, and the drop in oil prices something you're so proud of," said Harris. "We hope we've planted the awareness that, as Americans, our knowledge and interest in others is not limited by borders."

A four-day meeting on Canada-U.S. relations, sponsored by the Columbia University-based American Assembly and hosted by WWU was held recently at the Sudden Valley conference center near Bellingham. The meeting preceded sessions to be held at Michigan State University and the University of Vermont. It drew some 65 academicians, government officials and business people from both sides of the border. Three keynote speakers were on the program: Kenneth Taylor, former Canadian ambassador to Iran; who gained prominence in this country for aiding U.S. diplomats during the Iranian hostage crisis; Robert Wenman, Canada's parliamentary secretary for national defense; and Charles Doran, director of Canadian studies of the School for Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

Background material for the meeting was a book written by Doran titled Canada and the United States—Enduring Friendship and Persistent Stress. The Assembly met in small groups and will submit a report on their findings and recommendations.

American Assembly meets to discuss Canada-U.S. relations

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To help answer some of these questions and break down barriers of knowledge and understanding between Americans and Canadians, a group of students at Western's journalism department have created Borderlands, a special 24-page tabloid. The project, headed by Prof. Lyle E. Harris, was funded by grants totaling $7,400 from the Institutional Research Board, and $5,000 from the Student Assistance Center and Native American Student Union.

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**Newsmakers**

**Robert W. Saxvik**
Robert W. Saxvik, a 1959 WWU grad, is chairman of the Northwest Power Planning Council. He was appointed to the council in 1981 by Idaho Governor John Evans.

Prior to his appointment to the council, Saxvik served as the governor's chief of staff and legislative liaison, as an Idaho state senator, and as a general manager of KBRadio in Burley, Idaho. He and his wife, Marilyn, have two children.

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**Alumni events held in Seattle**

**John Rabourn**
John "Jack" Rabourn, class of 90, was recently honored as the 1985 Thurston County Citizen of the Year in ceremonies held in Olympia.

Rabourn, managing partner of the Vance Tree Motor Inn, was recently named general manager of the newly remodeled Camlin Hotel in that city.

**Larry Freshley**
Larry Freshley, a 1960 Western graduate and teacher in the Olympia School District, was recently named Special Educator of the Year by the Washington Association of School Administrators, according to a report carried in the Olympia New...
Western gets its name known at Annapolis
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During the Kennedy Cup Sailing Regatta at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, April 19 and 20, the Easterners had a problem getting Western's name straight.

First, they tried Western State, then University of Western. But in the winner's circle, the Western Washington University Sailing Club made sure they got the name right as Western swept past many of the distinguished sailing schools to claim the third place spot.

The University of Rhode Island and the University of Southern California took the top two honors.

Western's team consisted of Scott Lindberg, John Holland, Andy Schwenk, Dave Yurina, Erik Haug, Ken Monaghan, Dave Lutz and Paul Dorst. Bellingham orthodontist Tom White and former Western sailer May Ennis accompanied the team as coaches.

The Kennedy Cup is ranked in the top regatta competition for college big boat sailors. "Our team should be really proud of what they've done," White said. "I think the Western kids surprised them. They probably expected Princeton and Yale to win, not someone they've never heard of."

Western's club had three additional chances to face national competition: Women's Nationals, Dinghy Nationals and Team Sailing Nationals. Western sent no entries to the women's district eliminations and was beaten out by the University of Washington for the Northwest Yacht Racing Association (NWYRA) berth at Cranston, Rhode Island.

On May 17, Western took three of the four races against Seattle University to represent the NWYRA district in Team Racing Nationals June 7 through 10 at Tufts University at Medford, Massachusetts.

Alumni team places fourth in Ski to Sea

They skied, they ran, they pedaled, they biked and they sailed. They were the WWU Alumni team entry in the annual Ski to Sea Race from the slopes of Mount Baker to the shores of the Fairhaven District.

Captained by 1973 grad and Alumni Association board member Mike "Mostest" Coon, the eight-member team turned in a best-ever performance for WWU alumni, taking fourth in Whatcom County entries and 17th overall in the race.

Team members included cross-country skier Brent Harris, down-hill skier Curt Scherer; runner Terry Lingbolt; bike rider Ken Rasmussen; canoist Dave Scherrer and David Ryberg; and sailors Mike Coon and Ted Gacek.

Each of the WWU alumni team members received plaques for their sensational effort.

Road run attracts 88 runners

Eighty-eight runners turned out for the ninth Norman Bright Road Run, sponsored by the WWU Alumni Association on Sunday, May 4. The 5.5-mile run is named in honor of one of Western's most distinguished athletes.

Norm Bright, now 76 and legally blind, finished in the middle of the pack. He sparked the crowd of runners, representing four generations, prior to the event with one of his many stories of perseverance.

Just prior to the run, Alumni Relations Director Chris Goldsmith presented Bright with a plaque, noting his participation in all nine of the Norm Bright runs.

Overall winner of the run was Dan Pike, known previously to Western students and alumni as the winner of the Jalapeno Pepper-Eating Contest during the Maker Baker Chili Eruption and Cook-off.

Pike turned the course in 29 minutes and 56 seconds.

Donna Emmons, running in the 30-39 age bracket, took over-all women's honors with a time of 36 minutes and 12 seconds.

Norm Bright turned the course in 47 minutes and 54 seconds, beating one-third of the field.

At the conclusion of the race, the first five finishers in each division were presented with ribbons and a well-deserved handshake from Bright.

Letter from Bright

The following letter was received in the Alumni Office following the running of the Ninth Norman Bright Road Run, held May 4 in Bellingham.

To WWU Friends:

Greetings and thank you for a wonderful day on May 4 when my beloved friends Frank and Becky Holman got me to the starting line via a visit to the First Baptist Church on Flora Street, which I joined on April 6, 1928, as a lad of 18. I was introduced to that church by a classmate, Julia Brand, a distinguished lady teacher of secondary school.

Randy Jay Landon

A 1965 WWU graduate, who was last year's campus literary literary magazine editor, has recently published his first book of poetry under the title Amy.

According to former Western writer-in-residence Annie Dillard, Randy Jay Landon's book is "pure poetry and often bare, with as much intellectual content as artfully as one could wish."

Landon graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1960, served as an army medic and has worked as a health aid in "Bush Alaska," a storekeeper, a bartender and a commercial fisherman.

At Western he majored in English, edited Jeopardy, and in 1965 won the Leslie Hunt Memorial Poetry Award.

Copies of Amy may be purchased in local bookstores or by writing to the Signpost Press, Inc., 412 N. State St., Bellingham, WA 98225.

Viking Athletic Associates Report

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Western Theatre's Summer Stock '86
The best brings out the best

The Threepenny Opera by Bertolt Brecht — 7:30 p.m. July 23-26, Performing Arts Center. An exciting, funny adaptation of The Beggars Opera, a musical classic set in 1837 London, portraying man's inhumanity to man through duplicity and humor. The most popular and well-known of Brecht's plays.

Hamlet by William Shakespeare — 7:30 p.m. July 23-26, Performing Arts Center. "To be or not to be . . . that is the question!" Murder, revenge, and procrastination as young Hamlet, the Danish prince, sets out to make peace with his father's ghost. The Bard's most quotable tragedy.

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead by Tom Stoppard — 7:30 p.m. July 30 to August 2, Performing Arts Center. Hamlet, mirrored in the twentieth century with a reversal of roles. Funny and provocative, a story of lost identities and humorous confusion. The "Best of the Bard" goes contemporary.

Top Girls by Caryl Churchill — 7:30 p.m. August 6-9, Old Main Theatre. A contemporary drama of success and denial; the age-old question of what it takes to be a "Top Girl." A creative anachronism spanning the century. Acclaimed the best new playwright in England today.

Step on a Crack by Susan Zeder — 7:30 p.m. August 13-16, Old Main Theatre. Imagination runs rampant in a comic, yet serious, look into a young girl's feelings as she discovers and accepts her new mother. Children's theatre at its best.

Scenes from American Life by A. R. Gurney, Jr. — 7:30 p.m. August 10-12, Performing Arts Center 199. Light-hearted, sensitive . . . a portrayal of family life in the USA . . . since 1930 the dates may have changed . . . but have we? The best of memories.

She Stoops to Conquer by Oliver Goldsmith — 7:30 p.m. August 20-23, Performing Arts Center. A farcical case of mistaken identity: a young blood, man-about-town, gets his come-uppance when he trilles with a "maid." Comedy . . . the best from the eighteenth century.

Season Tickets: General—$25 (eight admissions) and $15 (four admissions); students and seniors—$17.50 (eight admissions) and $10 (four admissions).

Single Tickets: General—$5.50; students and seniors—$4.50. Step On A Crack admission: general—$3.50; students and seniors—$2.50.

For information and tickets, contact Western Washington University, College of Fine and Performing Arts, Department of Theatre/Dance, Bellingham, WA 98225, telephone (206) 676-3873 or 676-3866.