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Alumni Association, WWU
Flowers rivalled showers at Western's 91st Commencement and the sunshine of smiles won out. See stories on pages 6-8.

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Homecoming expands to full week
Viking XX solar car second in national race

By Carole Wiedmeyer

Through blazing heat and torrential thundershowers, past factories, peanut fields and peaceful pastures of Kentucky bluegrass, Western's Viking XX solar car took on the competition of 31 other schools and triumphed with a solid second-place finish in July's GM Sunrayce.

When the 11-day, 1,650-mile race was over, the Vikings were behind the University of Michigan by only an hour and 20 minutes — having closed a nearly three-hour gap earlier in the race — with third-place University of Maryland trailing by six hours.

Now, it's on to Australia in November for the World Solar Challenge. But before taking on the solar-car world, Western's team can reflect on the trip from Orlando to the GM Technical Center in Warren, Michigan, outside Detroit.

The risk of driving slow, space-shape shaped cars in regular traffic proved to be minimal. The race's one mishap occurred when a passing pickup truck collided with the University of Waterloo's car, which went briefly airborne and landed in a ditch.

Fortunately, there were no injuries and the car was repairable. Western Michigan University's vehicle was pulled over in Indianapolis by a police officer, who had not been informed about the race, simply for being unusual.

The Vikings faced nothing worse than flat tires and gusty winds. They became adept at changing the former — their record was two minutes — and learning to live with the latter.

Western's team actually had more trouble with support vehicles than with the Viking XX. One rented motor home broke down twice. The second time, team members temporarily replaced its bad battery with a spare for the solar car, much to the chagrin of Michael Seal, head of Western's Vehicle Research Institute (VRI) and the team's faculty advisor.

Like Viking XX, each futuristic car was accompanied by a gas-guzzling entourage that included a lead van and a chase van, as well as several support vehicles of varying sizes. Leader Michigan's caravan cast a large shadow with a complete workshop aboard a customized tractor trailer. The Viking team brought along spare parts and repair equipment in a U-Haul trailer and rented truck.

The team's biggest pre-race fear — failure of its lightweight silver-zinc battery — fortunately never materialized. The replacement lead-acid batteries would have added significant weight to the car, cutting its speed.

Of course, in solar car racing, speed is a relative term.

The Viking XX's optimum speed in the near-constant rain during the first days of the Sunrayce was a less-than-mercenary 17 mph. Average speeds overall were about 25 mph. It clocked its top speed for the race — 52 mph — in the sunny, windless conditions on the home stretch through the Michigan countryside.

Western did, however, set a track record for a solar-powered car at the Indianapolis Speedway — 46.15 mph.

The combination of a slow race and high stakes made for a tense emotional climate as the days wore on and the competition heated up. Temperatures in the high 90s through much of the race tested tempers and the ability to stay constantly alert.

But the heat and humidity didn't dampen spectators' enthusiasm for the project one bit. Thousands of well-wishers lined country roads in lawn chairs, waving flags, with cameras and video cassette recorders ready to capture the spectacle on film. Near Shelbyville, Indiana, an unidentified woman held up a sign that said: "I am a WWU alum."

"The race was an especially big hit with the very young and the old," said Dr. Robert Lingenfelter, one senior citizen: "This is the biggest spectacle on film. Near Shelbyville, an unidentified woman held up a sign that said: "I am a WWU alum.""

In addition to their donation; other sources of enthusiasm for Viking XX included contributions. John Watt, 57, of Bellingham, got a motor-oil shower while servicing a malfunctioning mower at home. Ron Miller, 23, Randy Weaver, 24, and Paul Dickerson, 22, worked long hours and skipped dinner the night before the race began to help Arizona State University bring its car to qualifying standards.

Western was cited many times during the event for upholding the "spirit of the race" and lending a hand to other teams. By the last day — with clean laundry at a premium and support mounting for underdog Western — WWU solar car T-shirts were on the backs of rival teams everywhere.

One source of enthusiasm for Viking XX among its competitors was its radical design: It was one of only three two-person vehicles in the race and departed from the many vehicles patterned on the GM Sunraycer which won the World Solar Challenge in Australia three years ago. "It's so risky to take the untraveled path in racing," VRI Director Seal says. "Usually it doesn't profit. Placing second shows that our unique design was correct."

And the risky path now leads to an international race Down Under.

Me Wiedmeyer, a WWU public information specialist, traveled with the Viking XX team throughout the GM Sunraycer.

Viking XX needs your push

Western's solar car, Viking XX, needs the help of alumni and friends to be competitive in Australia this November during the World Solar Challenge. By placing second in the GM Sunraycer, Western received from the motor giant sufficient funds to transport the vehicle by sea and provide some accommodations for seven team members and one faculty adviser, Dr. Michael Seal, Vehicle Research Institute director.

An additional $100,000 in private support will put WWU on the competitive edge. In addition to his original $70,000 in support, Viking XX benefactor J. Ward Phillips has offered a $50,000 challenge grant to rally Western's alumni, friends and corporate backers around the cause. He will match your gifts and others until the $100,000 goal is reached.

The solar car wish list includes the following categories:

□ A friend of the solar car (gifts under $100);
□ Sponsor of a solar cell ($100) — donors will receive a mounted solar cell for their donation;
□ Sponsor of a silver zinc battery cell ($300) — donors will receive a mounted solar cell and a Viking XX memento book;
□ Sponsor of a satellite communications system component ($1,000) — sponsorship entitles donors to membership in the University's President's Club.

Contributions are tax deductible and may be sent to the Western Foundation (with Solar Car or Viking XX clearly marked on the check), WWU, Bellingham, WA 98225-9014. For more information about how you might help, contact the Vehicle Research Institute, (206) 676-3045.
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20 — Anna Burch Hixson, who currently lives in Longview, visited campus recently. Accompanied by her granddaughter-in-law, the spunky nonagenarian reminisced about her days at Whatcom Normal School and her uncle John Kasup ('17), influenced her to come to the Normal School. "I lived in the old Eden Hall, which was a house just beside Old Main," she recalled. "Then I moved to Enger Hall."

She remembers Mabel Zoe Wilson, the librarian after whose Wilson Library is named, and noted that her Life Diploma, which she received in 1921 after successful teaching '17/28, Bellingham; she signed by then-president Dr. George Nash. Mrs. Hixson, who will be 95 in November, met her husband, Harry, while teaching in a one-room school at Little Kalamia, WA. She taught in the Klahanie district until her son was born. Later she was bookkeeper for her husband's two stage companies in Bellingham, WA, and Vermontia. OR. In 1929, they moved to southern Oregon to homestead 160 acres. Her daughter was born on the ranch in 1933. After her husband's death, she moved to Longview in 1946 and kept books for Longview Auto Supply and Friedlander's Jewelry until retirement. Mrs. Hixson, who still lives alone and mowed her own lawn until four years ago, is proud of the dahlias, beans, peas and carrots she planted this year in her garden. Her family now includes 16 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

66 — Michael D. Ratson has changed his name to R. D. Michaels. He is a vocational rehabilitation consultant and certified vocational evaluator in private practice in Victoria, B.C. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Vocational Experts and is on that board's Certification Committee.

Grist of Goldsmith
By Chris Goldsmith / Director of Alumni Relations

As is noted elsewhere in this issue of Resume, Homecoming will make its long-awaited return to the Western campus October 15-21.

The Homecoming celebration has been absent from this campus since 1969, a victim of a fall from tradition indicative of those turbulent years of the '60s. Returning to a traditional Homecoming celebration.

Support for this return to tradition was overwhelming. Most of those we talked with became excited with anticipation.

And, while alumni seemed more than ready, it was interest from another constituency that really sealed the decision: support from today's students on the Western campus.

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WWU Alumni Association Board of Directors

Officers: Martin Chorba ’66, Olympia, president; Charles LeWarne ’55, Edmonds, president-elect; Mark Vandegrift ’85, Seattle, secretary-treasurer; Mark Wolken ’79, Everett, past-president; Allan Daff ’85, Everett, executive-at-large; Paul Gillie ’52, Olympia, executive-at-large; Ron Herdswik ’84, Woodinville, executive-at-large; Board Members: Gary Anderson ’65, Renton; Alivo Arkula ’87, Marysville; Mike Bates ’75, Bellingham; Mel Blackman ’74, Nanaimo, B.C.; Ruth Clark ’86, Seattle; Dick Dixon ’69, Aberdeen; Gary Grim ’81, Everett; Richard Helke ’86, Bellingham; Brad Hultman ’71, Bellingham; Mike Keenam ’78, Bellingham; Mike Kimmich ’70, Bellingham; Marilyn Kloos ’63, Snohomish; Sandy Ladbeul ’77, Bellingham; James Leverett ’69, Bellingham; Sandie Lucce ’85, Bellingham; Roxanne Michael ’75, Bellingham; Mark Murphy ’84, Seattle; Ron Renard ’73, Everett; Robert Riley ’82, Seattle; Robin Russell ’82, Seattle; Charlie Ryan ’78, Seattle; Carol Salisbury ’72, Bellingham; Joyce Taylor ’34, Seattle.

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New home for Alumni Affairs
Letters to the editor and inquiries should be directed to the new Alumni Office address: Old Main 345, Bellingham, WA 98225-9019. The telephone number remains the same — (206) 676-3353.

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Class of 1940 celebrates 50-year reunion

More than 100 Western graduates from the class of 1940 or earlier returned to campus May 18 and 19 for the 50-year reunion.

Events began with a luncheon in the Viking Union lounge. During lunch, the reunion planning committee — Ester Holberg Belgium, Yvonne Konnerup Lahti, Phillips McNames Doherty, Gertrude Schweingruber Knittl, Jean Vilvock Allen and Wayne Weber — were introduced. Western's President Kenneth P. Mortimer welcomed all those in attendance on behalf of the University, and Larry Marx, dean of the Woodring College of Education, spoke to the graduates about education in the '90s.

Following lunch, reunion goers revisited their favorite campus haunts during a campus tour. A popular stop during a campus tour, class members attended a performance of The Three Sisters in the Performing Arts Center.

Following the banquet, many of the class members attended a performance of The Three Sisters in the Performing Arts Center. Many of those who attended the reunion took the opportunity to take pictures and say goodbye at the Saturday morning brunch served in the Viking Union overlooking Bellingham Bay.

Our thanks to the reunion committee for all their diligent work and research and to everyone from the Class of 1940 who donated in excess of $1,000 to the Alumni Scholarship Fund.
WWU stages year-long Mozart fete featuring noted artists

By Kurt McNett

Beginning this fall, Western will undertake a year-long examination of the life and times of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and how the events and ideas of the Enlightenment relate to our era.

The ambitious program, tied to the 200th anniversary of Mozart's death, will include a lecture series and limited-enrollment course, internationally renowned performers in the Artist and Lecture series, presentation of Sheridan's play, "The Magic Flute," and his "Requiem Mass.

Artist and Lecture Series

The Artist and Lecture Series has nine scheduled events in store for the celebration. Many of the artists will perform selected Mozart pieces in honor of the man and his era. All events will be in the Performing Arts Center.

Starting off the celebration at 4 p.m., October 21, is the Eugene Ballet Company. The Company will present the classic fairy tale ballet "Coppelia." Set to the music of Lortzing's exuberant ballet "Coppelia" is the story of a doll that comes to life. Followed as one of the best collections of wind players anywhere, the Los Angeles Chamber Winds with Jane Coop began performing aptly titled "The Magic Flute," and his "Requiem Mass.

Joseph Haydn, Giacchino Rossini, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and Adolphe Salieri: Silhouettes by Hieronymus Lichtenhald, 1785.

The Requiem is the last Mozart work and requires a full orchestra and choir. The festivity is also accompanied by a divertissement featuring wine and pastry in an 18th Century environment. Performances are scheduled to start at 8:45 p.m. and the final performance beginning at 9:30 p.m. All performances will be held in the Old Main Theatre and the divertissement will be held in the Old Main Registration Center adjacent to it.

Mozart Lecture Series

The University Lecture Series examines the ideas from the period of the Enlightenment which have an impact on today's society. Approximately 20 papers will be presented by WWU professors and guest speakers at 3 p.m. starting December 6 in Room 47 of the PAC. From mathematics and physical sciences to the social sciences and humanities, the series concludes with papers that strongly suggest ties between the 18th and 20th centuries.

Reunion planned for 1963-65 grads

Western graduates from 1963-65 will return to Bellingham and the WWU campus in September for their 25-year reunion. Planning is now underway for the event, said to be the largest reunion in WWU history.

Letters have gone out to all known graduates of 1963-65 and responses have been pouring in. The reunion planning committee will be meeting this summer to put the finishing touches on the event.

If you are a graduate or last attended in 1963-65 and have not yet received an announcement of this event, write or call the Alumni Office, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9019, or call (206) 676-3353. If you know of another individual who falls into this group, but didn't receive a letter about the reunion, give us that person's name and address so we can inform him or her.

production and collaboration of WWU's faculty, emerging student artists and nationally recognized guest soloists. The opera is scheduled for performance at 8 p.m. May 4, 2:30 p.m. May 5, 8 p.m. May 10-11 and 2:30 p.m. May 12. The Requiem is scheduled for 8 p.m. December 5.

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The Alumni Board held annual meeting

The WWU Alumni Association Board of Directors held its spring and annual meeting in Bellingham on Saturday, May 13.

During the meeting, outgoing Alumni Association President Mark Wolken of Everett passed the gavel to 1990-91 President Martin Cherba (left) of Olympia. One new officer elected during the meeting include: president-elect Charles LeWarne of Edmonds, secretary-treasurer Mark Vandergrift of Seattle, and three executives-at-large: Allan Darr of Everett, Don Hardwick of Woodinville and Paul Gillis of Olympia. Wolken will now serve as past-president of the organization.

Peace Corps offers new horizons

By Nicole Bader

WWU had more Peace Corps applications per student this year than any other school in the state, and for the past seven years the number has consistently gone up. "I think that says a lot about Western and the Bellingham community," said Lisbeth Anderson, coordinator of WWU’s Peace Corps office until her departure for Peru in July.

"Last year about 25 WWU students became volunteers, but even more were eligible and didn’t apply," Lisbeth added. About one-third of all WWU Peace Corps applications are accepted.

Husband, Mark, entered the Peace Corps after receiving his bachelor’s in geology. He was sent to Liberia, in West Africa, to teach high school math and sciences. "I mainly did it for the opportunity to live with people in a completely different culture," Mark said. "It totally changed my life. I wasn’t planning on teaching when I graduated. But I was able to teach in Africa." Lisbeth and Mark, who met in Liberia, each received master’s degrees in June: she specializing in exceptional children; he in secondary education.

Because of their experience in the Peace Corps, Mark and Lisbeth were recently hired by the International School in Lima, Peru, on a two-year contract. "Mark will be teaching earth sciences and I will be teaching special education," Lisbeth said. "We thought we would be tied down now because of our 8-month-old daughter, but she can come with us and we can still get around." To qualify for the Peace Corps, one must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, in good health, and agree to serve for two years. There is no upper age limit and married couples are welcome if both can work and are qualified.

Lisbeth said almost all recruits need either a four-year degree or four years of working experience. The Peace Corps also looks for volunteer experience, leadership and organizational skills. They accept people with diverse degrees, although a is easier to place someone with a specific skill like teaching, mathematics, science or environmental studies. Those with liberal arts degree are harder to place because of more competition, but getting placed is a matter of waiting out the application process. Lisbeth cautioned that this process can sometimes take a year.

Most WWU students apply in their senior year and, if accepted, can usually defer their student loans. Applicants can indicate where they would like to serve. To be sent to a particular country, however, a volunteer must have a skill being requested by that country. More than 67 countries utilize Peace Corps volunteers including Hungary and Poland, the first two eastern-bloc countries to be added to the list.

Volunteers may get more out of the Peace Corps than the host countries, Lisbeth commented. In Liberia she taught children English. "The children would walk five miles to get to school and they couldn’t even understand us. They were so happy just to come to class," Lisbeth recalled. "They were very attentive because they wanted to be there.

"It’s a great personal experience and an opportunity for a new world view."
For university relations at Bowling Green State University, he will be responsible for the development, alumni and public relations offices as well as WGBU-TV, the university’s educational television station. ... Kenneth L. Dean and Laurie A. (Crisp) Dean (’85) announced the birth of their second daughter, Laurie is a senior records specialist for the Weyerhaeuser Company at their corporate head- quarters in Federal Way, Kenneth is a sales service representative for Boise Cascade Office Products in Kent.

84 — Donna Wolford is information officer for the Management Services Division of the Department of Information Services in Olympia ... Navy Lt. Mike Harkness was given Navy’s William E. Misses Leadership Award in ceremonies at Sacramento, Calif. ... He received the “Wings of Gold” as a radar navigator assigned to the P-3 Orion aircraft, an anti-submarine patrol aircraft. He will be assigned to the P-3 squadron at Barbers Point, Hawaii, beginning in November. ... David Dillard from Coupeville recently had a video of his son shown on America’s Funniest Home Videos ... Sherri YATES, who sometimes uses the stage name Shauna Lea, made her debut on the Bellingham Theatre Guild stage as Clairee Belcher in Steel Magnolias ... Robert B. Pierce has been appointed assistant sales planning manager at the corporate office of Oscar Mayer Foods in Madison, Wisconsin ... Julie Hanson performed the leading role in the New England premiere of Coriolanus Argentio’s one-act opera Miss Havisham’s Wedding Night at the Boston University School of Music ... Jody Rae Mason and Clifford Mull (’83) were married in January and make their home in Issaquah.

Changing faces: hail and farewell

resources, replacing Mary Robinson, who retired last December. Shene, who has 16 years experience in his field, came to WWU in 1986. He was selected from a nationwide pool of more than 50 applicants. He holds his bachelor’s and a doctor of laws degrees from Gonzaga University. Shortly after assuming his new position, Shene announced the appointment of Charles W. McInnis as the new human resources training coordinator. An “enthusiastic career trainer,” according to Shene, McInnis comes to Western with an extensive background in managing training programs from entry-level fundamentals to graduate-level education. He has a business administration degree from William Carey College and an M.S. in logistics management from Florida Institute of Technology.

Acting Director of Admissions Cal Mathews has retired. Having been Western’s Coordinator of College Relations since 1964, he is well known to educators throughout the region.

Mathews holds bachelor’s and master of arts degrees in psychology. He is instrumental in developing the first associate degree agreement between Western and the state’s community colleges, strongly influenced the development of the Intercollegiate Relations Commission, and has been influential in helping WWU develop its transfer student policies.

New Director of Annual Giving for the Western Foundation is Sandra Kennedy. Among her responsibilities will be the annual Phonathon, among other things.

A native of Brunswick, Georgia, Kennedy came to WWU from Western Montana College at Dillon, a branch of the University of Montana. She holds a B.S. in business there in 1988. She was also all-time development program coordinator from 1983.

Faculty members with a collective total of 216 years teaching experience at Western retired effective July 1.

Alumni membership hath its privileges, pleasures

Alumni Association President Mark Wolfson reached deep into the box in April to select the winners in the WWU Alumni Association’s Hawaii Get-Away Raffle. Proceeds from the raffle benefitted the WWU Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. The lucky winners were:

- 1st Prize: Round-trip airfare for two to Maui, Hawaii, and a seven night stay in a deluxe condominium in Kiholo, Maui, David PETERS of Seattle.
- 2nd Prize: RCA 21-inch color television, Dan Haynes of Bellingham.
- 3rd Prize: Two nights’ stay at the Inn at Semiahmoo, Elizabeth Shulte of Mercer Island.
- 4th Prize: $100 in cash, Vicke Spear of Seattle.

The WWU Alumni Association would like to acknowledge the following Alumni Club life members who have enrolled since spring:

Al and Mary Frodeberg, John Botezoff, Paul and Diane Berg, Roy Gamble, Reed and Tamara Zulauf, Michael Gamble, Reed and Tamara Zulauf.

Life members in the WWU Alumni Club pay $400 (single) or $500 (joint) or five annual installments. In return they receive: the gold life membership card, a brass replica of their diploma, the year’s membership pocket and pen and their names engraved on the life membership perpetual plaque which hangs in the Alumni Office in Old Main.

Individuals interested in life membership should write or phone the Alumni Office.

Western’s Department of Music is now selling College of Fine and Performing Arts sweatshirts ($18), T-shirts ($11) and tank tops ($11).

For ordering instructions or more information, call the Department of Music, (206) 676-3130.

WWU alumni residing in Whatcom county are now eligible to belong to the Whatcom Educational Credit Union (1976-78).

WECU offers a full slate of membership benefits including checking (with free check savings), a large variety of loan services and a number of other benefits.

To find out more about the Whatcom Educational Credit Union services available to WWU alumni, call (206) 676-1186.
Roll Call
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Employment. Carol is a vocational rehab counselor for a private consulting firm in Everett and also serves on the board of the Washington State Independent Living Council... D. J. Ottott, Jr., has accepted the position of assistant director of extended learning programs at Oregon State University. He served in the Office of Continuing Professional Education at the University of Missouri/Columbia during the past 16 months while pursuing doctoral study in higher education. He will continue work on his doctoral degree at Oregon State University... Lynn Trzynka recently joined Skagit Valley College's Small Business Resource Center as an instructor for a year-round management course... M. Jacobson and Kip Allen McCor- mick were married February 1 in Ansbach, West Germany. They are both with the U.S. Army and are making their home in Sachsen, West Germany. '87 — Lori D. Rowe wed Steven Stiehofer in April. She is employed by Emerald Technology, and the couple resides in Redmond... Cindy L. Emery and David J. Utter were married April 7. Cindy is an accountant with PACCAR International in Kirkland and David is an industrial designer with PRECOR, USA in Bothell. They live in Bellevue... Jeffery H. Bull married Patricia Thurston in a March ceremony and is employed by Boeing. The couple resides in Sumner... Marla J. McNeill and Paul Gun were married in March and are living in Puyallup. Marla is employed by Sumner School District and Paul is employed by Print NW... Laura Impero and Patrick Framback were married in March. Following a cruise to Mexico, the couple are residing in Loma Linda, CA... Kathy Law and Brian Breenen were married in East Wenatchee and make their home in Twomla... Jennifer A. McClure married Kevin M. Kurtz (36) April 21 in Bellingham where they also live. Jennifer is a speech pathologist at WWU and Kevin is a title officer at Chicago Title Insurance Co. ... Fred C. Burrow has recently been named manager of front desk operations at the Best Western Executive Inn in downtown Seattle... Robert J. Houston Jr., recently married Toni D. Spencer in Honolulu. He is currently teaching history and speech at Weatherwa High School and also is a coach... Teresa M. Fry married Joseph W. Caldwell (33) in Bellingham. Teresa is a personnel assistant with The Boeing Company in Everett and Joseph is a radio broadcaster with KPGU in Bellingham. '88 — Karen Smith and Jack Egbert were married in February and make their home in Bellingham. Karen is the assistant marketing director for the Everett Mall and Jack works at the Arco Refinery at Cherry Point... Lisa Rene Sandvik and Hari Shamba were married in January. Lisa teaches

Woodring alumni meet with Mortimer

It began three years ago as an extension of the Woodring College of Education and much of its focus is on teaching or educational administration. However, it also offers an undergraduate degree in human services aimed at those who have completed an Associate of Arts program and work or plan to work in the social services field. More than 110 Seattle-area residents enroll annually in the two-year evening program and Center Director Robert Pinney is exploring the feasibility of starting a masters program in human services. Among the services the center offers in the education field are:

• New in the fall quarter, a teaching credential program for those with baccalaureate degrees in state-approved majors who want to teach at the secondary level. The two-year part-time evening program will admit 30 students.

• A two-year part-time program for public school teachers interested in becoming principals or administrators which can include gaining the prerequisite master's degree. Enrollment averages 75 students a year and an internship is required in the second year.

• Placement each quarter of 40-70 Woodring graduates in teaching internships in Seattle-area classrooms.

For more information about programs in education or human services offered at the Seattle Urban Center, write the Center at 1801 Broadway, Seattle 98122 or call 464-6103.

Seattle Urban Center Director Pinney (left) and Woodring Dean Murr (right).

Alumni of the Woodring College of Education gathered in Seattle May 3 at Seattle Central Community College where WWU's Seattle Urban Center is located for the first of what is hoped will be periodic meetings. President Kenneth Mortimer and Education Dean Larry Murr brought graduates up to date on Western's teacher education programs.

The Seattle Urban Center expands the university's services into the metropolitan area.

Centennial Atlas draws praise

A 362-map representation of Washington's cultural, economic, political and social progress since 1889 is available. Washington: A Centennial Atlas came off the presses this spring. Reviewing the publication for the June 26 Seattle Post-Intelligencer, reporter Don Tewkesbury called it "one of the most impressive teaching and useful books to come out of the state's centennial observance" and added: "It transforms the casual reader into an instant expert on a variety of subjects..."

Author James W. Scott is director of the Center of Pacific Northwest Studies, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225. For more information about the publication, contact the center at (206) 677-4776.

Flowers rival showers for graduates

They carried roses and mylar balloons. There were broad smiles on their faces along with the occasional smudge of lipstick from a relative's congratulatory kiss. Members of Western's 91st graduating class were marching along Memory Walk, diplomas in hand and best wishes for a bright future all around.

Drippy skies on June 16 didn't dampen their joy as WWU, for the first time, held two commencement ceremonies for 1346 degree recipients: an afternoon program for the College of Arts and Sciences and a morning commencement for graduates of Fairhaven, Huxley and the Colleges of Business, Economics, and Fine and Performing Arts.

Some graduates attached messages to their caps for friends and relatives in the bleachers of Carver Gym... Jennifer is a speech pathologist at Cherry Point, and Paul is a radio broadcaster...

At the morning event, Outstanding Graduate Theresa Bartholomew exhorted her peers to be role models throughout their lives while Outstanding Graduate Craig Jackson urged the afternoon audience not to forget the Chinese students of Tiananmen Square "who tried to change their world and were repulsed."

— Photos © by Phil Schofield
Emeritus Paul Woodring was the first Woodring College of Education Distinguished Alumnus selected Western's Port from Kendrick in establishing system from all aspects of education proving communication between people. Philosophy selected Western's Alumnus. Repp came to Bellingham, WWU was then named, in 1921. Alumnus. By Carole Wiedmeyer Internationally renowned operatic performer, voice coach and teacher Ellen Repp was recognized as Western's 1989-90 Distinguished Alumnus. Born in Stanwood, Washington, of Norwegian parents, Repp came to Bellingham State Normal School, as WWU was then named, in 1921. Repp performed with the Klondiâke Contralto" returned each year by popular demand to sing the works of the masters to enthusiastic audiences of miners, fisherwomans, and Indians, including performances on Mt. McKay. Her rising success led her to launch her performance career. She went to the East Coast, did some "busk league stuff," and eventually was starring in presentations of the San Francisco and Chicago opera companies. Before the outbreak of World War II, this "poser of a rich, true contralto voice of phenomenal three-octave range" had performed throughout Europe and the United States. She also enjoyed a distinguished career on Broadway, starring in Kurt Weill's "Street Scene" and "Sleepy Hollow." She gave many benefit concerts for Norway during World War II for which the King of Norway conferred upon her the Medal of Saint Olav, one of Norway's highest honors. On her wartime trips to Norway, it was her "special stuff," and eventually was starring in plays, musicals, and films. In 1947, after the war, she returned to the United States and began her career as a voice coach and teacher. She has taught thousands of students in the United States, Canada, and Europe. She has also traveled extensively, giving master classes and clinics in Japan, where she will be teaching this summer. She has received many awards and honors, including the Crystal Award from the National Association of Music Teachers, the Ford Foundation Award, and the American Guild of Organists Award. In 1990, she was inducted into the Norwegian Hall of Fame. She continues to travel to Munich each summer from her home in New York City to teach vocal technique. Though a skilled teacher, she has not cut her credit for the achievements of others, but prioritizes the growth and dignity for development. Opera star Ellen Repp with President Kenneth P. Mortimer at award ceremony. Photo by Boyle Johnson

In the News

Bill Dietrich, a 1973 Fairhaven College graduate with a degree in journalism, won a 1990 Pulitzer Prize. A Seattle Times reporter, he and three other colleagues won for their team coverage of the Exxon Valdez oil spill and its aftermath. Dietrich, 38, has covered environmental issues since returning from a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard in 1988. He worked as a reporter on The Bellingham Herald in the early '70s. Stephen Sulkin, director of Shannon Point Marine Center, has been named principal U.S. editor of the international marine science journal Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science. Sulkin will be one of three principals editors. The other two will be located at marine laboratories in Great Britain. He said a key factor in his decision to accept the leadership was the journal's focus on the near-shore coastal environmental, which is the thrust of Shannon Point's academic programs and research. He (Continued on page 8.)

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Woodring College honors Kendrick plus 29 in state for education excellence

Seattle Superintendent of Public Schools William Kendrick ('77) became the third person to receive the Woodring College of Education Distinguished Educator Award. Kendrick was selected for his focus on increasing student achievement, encouraging involvement of staff and parents in educational decision making, providing a friendly, clean, safe school environment, improving communication between people involved in all aspects of education, and continually working with the Legislature to increase salaries for school employees.

Woodring College and Seattle-area community colleges have received support from Kendrick in establishing systems to recruit minority students for education programs and in preparing teacher education students to better serve the minority student population. The Seattle superintendent has worked as a curriculum consultant for

William Kendrick more than 30 school districts in the United States. He came to the Seattle school district from Salem, Oregon, five years ago.

Sharing the spotlight, Southern Heights Elementary School in the Highline School District received a professional excellence award for its "holistic approach to education."

Twenty-eight individuals also were honored with professional excellence awards, which were established in 1985:

Glenwood School District Superintendent James Clayton Sykes and Charlene Glin- lin, the district's head cook, Dianne Brown, a social worker at Spanaway Elementary School; Seattle School Board Member Michael Preston ('73); Ann Kashiwa, a Mukilteo high school teacher, and Sandra Irwin-Westra, a Mill Creek Elementary teacher.

Also honored were: Mary Koons, chairperson of the language arts department at Auburn Senior High School; Bill Flint ('53), a Sedro-Woolley High School chemistry and physics teacher; Sheila Reilly, a registered nurse and health care investigator at Clover Park Vocational Techni- cal Institute (Tacom), and Lyndal Mullin, a parent volunteer at Mountain Way Elementary School in Granite Falls.

Whatcom County professionals received 18 of the 29 excellence awards: Maple Falls Elementary School Secretary Eileen Anderson, Blaine Middle and Elementary School Principal Warren Aller ('74 & '81), Sehome High School Librarian Eileen Anderson, Bellingham School Board Member Hal Aronson Jr., Pat Bland ('66 & '71), a kindergarten and second-grade teacher at Carl Cozier Elementary School, and Blythe Cole, a third-grade teacher at Lowell Elementary (both in Bellingham).

Jack Crandall ('73) and Paul Sadler ('63) were honored as a team for improving the science education program at Sehome High School. Their Principal, Larry Young ('59, '62, '87), was also an excellence award winner.

Other recipients were: Whatcom County Pediatrician Kenneth B. Gass; Whatcom Middle School teacher Greg Hart; LI. Daz- comb Jamison of the Bellingham Police Department; Whatcom Community College Dean for Educational Services Susan Man- cus ('73); Bellingham High School counselor John Riensland ('61); Isom Intermediate School (Lynden) teacher Carolyn Smith, and Bellingham Vocational Technical Institute instructor Lois Well.

Janet Kloos is director of the Holy Tenant Support program which advocates personal growth and dignity for developmentally delayed adults and Marie Little ('65) works with two federal programs, Chapter One and English as Second Language (ESL).

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Remembering the Tiananmen students who were repulsed

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Three faculty honored for teaching, research at 1990 commencement

Three faculty members were honored at commencement ceremonies for their outstanding abilities in research and teaching.

Receiving the Paul and Ruth Olscamp Outstanding Research Award was Stephen Sulkkin, director of the Shannon Point Marine Center. President Kenneth F. Mortimer also presented Excellence in Teaching Awards to David E. Merrifield, director of the Center for Economic and Business Research, and Ronald D. Riggins, chairman of the physical education department.

Riggins, who was honored at the afternoon commencement for the College of Arts and Sciences, came to Western in 1977. Prior to being named department chair in 1988, he spent five years as coordinator of the humanities concentration.

Dean Peter Elich says of Riggins: "His practice of relating the theory and content of his discipline to his own personal and professional life, as well as that of his students, contributes to his exceptional effectiveness. "His courses are seen as exciting and highly related to the real life experiences that the students will face," Elich says.

Riggins holds master's and doctoral degrees in recreation from the University of Idaho and a bachelor's in sociology from La Verne College in California. Since 1963, he has taught at five universities on three continents.

David E. Merrifield, who received his award at the morning commencement, holds a Ph.D. in sociology from Claremont Graduate School in California. He came to WWU in 1988 from the University of Maryland.

Under his direction, the Shannon Point Marine Center, located in Anacortes, has repeatedly received awards from the National Science Foundation.

Sulkkin has recently been named principal U.S. editor of the international marine science journal, Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science, and his work has been acknowledged in science publications throughout the world.

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In Memoriam

Vivian Lappenbusch

A buyer for WWU's purchasing department from 1966-76, Vivian Lappenbusch died of a heart attack in Enumclaw on May 1. She was 78. She is survived by her husband, Charles F. Lappenbusch Sr., who coached football at Western from 1933-75. Memorials may be made to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle.

Jess A. Mann

Manager of the Northwest Seafoods dock at Neah Bay, Jess A. Mann, 55, died at work May 23. He had worked for the La Conner-based company since 1981 and lived in Skagit County until 1988. He is survived by his wife, Gale; Fiege Mann (81) and two children, Emilie-Jo, 5, and Jesse Eugene, 2, as well as his parents, two brothers and two sisters. Mann was born in Eldora, Iowa, and burial was in the family plot there. He was a 1981 political science graduate of Western and also attended college in Cedarville, Ohio.

James Lounsberry

Inducted into the WWU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984, James Lounsberry was a professor in the physical education department from 1960 until his retirement in 1982. He coached the golf team for 18 years, taking golfers to 11 titles and six national tournament appearances.

He was football coach from 1960-65 and coached track and field for two years. Lounsberry died June 4 at the age of 72 in Mesa, Arizona.

Upcoming season is reason

"We started last year hot and ended it hot, and that should carry over to this year," says Margaret Goodrich. This is the 1990-91 season assessment of Western's Athletic Director Goodrich who adds: "You can't ask for more than that."

Since taking her post of athletic director in 1987, Goodrich has developed four long-term goals for Western athletics: to win a national championship, to promote gender equity, to enhance scholastic achievement, and to increase and improve athletic facilities. She believes progress is being made in all four areas.

- Two Viking teams, men's soccer and men's cross-country, reached the NAIA nationals last season. Western was nationally ranked in football, women's basketball and men's basketball. Women's tennis and volleyball teams had winning records.

- Goodrich is pleased that state legislation makes over $100,000 in tuition waivers available to women athletes beginning in 1991. A legislatively mandated self-study of gender equity is due in September. "Then the University will determine what weaknesses there are and what changes need to be made."

- Goodrich adds, "There has been an academic advising intern for the past year and Goodrich hopes to create a full-time position: 'We're really dedicated to our students getting the most out of Western. We want to be accountable for our student-athletes' education and we'll continue to expand on that.'"

- Over the summer, Goodrich plans to triple the size of the training room and places high priority on a new weight room.

- To kick off the season, there will be a September 11 banquet, a first for WWU. Goodrich says the event, designed to enhance community support for all Viking sports, is "a fundraiser indirectly, but primarily it's a friendraiser."

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Volleyball: Everyone returns from a team that was 22-15 and reached the NAIA District 1 playoffs for the fifth straight time. The key player is outside hitter Lorrie Post, a senior and Western 1989-90 Female Athlete of the Year.

Men’s Soccer: Coming off the most successful season in its history, eight of 11 starters return, including forward Peter LaBarge who shared 1989-90 NAIA All American honors with senior football player Scott Lohr.

Women’s Soccer: Last year’s top three scorers return. Coach Dominic Garduño, with 98 wins during his 10-year tenure, is eyeing his 100th victory.

Cross-Country: All district performer Todd Baerwyn returns on the men’s team, which finished second in the district and 11th at the NAIA national meet. Top women’s performer Lisa Waltenburg, who earned all-district honors and was 29th at the national meet, heads the women’s team.

Men’s Basketball: Western was 25-10 last season, its fourth straight 20-win season. The top seven scorers are gone, but six letter winners are back.

Women’s Basketball: Three starters return from last year’s 26-4 team on a ranked sixth in the final NAIA national poll and reached the district finals for the seventh time in eight years. Carmen DeFilo, an assistant last four seasons, takes over as interim head coach, replacing NAIA Hall of Famer Goodrich (19 years, 411-125).

Track & Field: Of the 13 athletes who competed in the 1990 NAIA national meet, 10 return including NAIA All-Americans John Deremiah (10,000 meters) and Lisa Waltenburg (5,000 meters) as well as NAIA Scholar-Athlete Arlene Prather (5,000 and 10,000).

Tennis: The bulk of both the men’s and women’s squads return. The women were 11-8 last season with the doubles team of sisters Carin & Chris Clow earning all-district honors.

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Western head football coach Rob Smith (left) converses with mentor Don James during the third annual Viking Rainier Celebrity Golf Tournament. The event, held June 12 and 13 at the Resort Semiahmoo, raised $20,000 for athletic scholarships. Smith played for James at the University of Washington and is the first James-coached Husky to be a head coach at the collegiate level.

Full week of homecoming activities scheduled for fall

A full week of activities and competitions is planned for October 15-21 on the WWU campus as Western celebrates its first Homecoming in 20 years.

"Get Back To Where You Still Belong" is the week-long theme. Students, faculty, staff and administrators will gather in the Performing Arts Center Plaza on Monday, October 15, for a Homecoming Kick-Off Celebration. The first of a number of all-campus relay races is set for 4 p.m. Monday, followed by the introduction of the 1990 WWU football team in Carver Gym at 8 p.m.

Student competitions continue throughout the week, including residence hall decorating and judging, tugs of war, trike races, relays and more. A number of concerts and other cultural events also are scheduled.

Saturday’s activities begin with a salmon barbecue at Civic Field from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. when the Vikings take on Eastern Oregon in a Columbia Football League contest. Half-time will feature the finals of the Tug of War competition and a special presentation to Western lettermen.

Following the game, various colleges will host receptions throughout campus for their alumni. An alumni banquet for all former football players is set for the Viking Union Coffee Shop, and an alumni/all-campus dance gets underway at 9 p.m. in the Viking Union Lounge.

For those in a tamer frame of mind, a performance by the Eugene Ballet is set for the Viking Union Coffee Shop, and an alumni/all-campus dance gets underway at 9 p.m. in the Viking Union Lounge.

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BELLINGHAM 1:30 p.m.
Monmouth, OR 1:30 p.m.
Ellensburg 1:30 p.m.
Bellingham 7:00 p.m.
Salem, OR 1:30 p.m.
BELLINGHAM 1:30 p.m.
Tacoma 1:30 p.m.

All home games (all caps) are at Civic Stadium.

* Denotes Columbia Football Association-Mount Rainier League contest.

Times are tentative.
The WWU Alumni Association Presents:
A Garden Tour Of Japan
November 19-29
$2,195 per person, double occupancy (add $361 for a single)

Package includes:

- Roundtrip shuttle service from Bellingham to Sea-Tac.
- Roundtrip air to Japan via Japan Airlines. Departs Seattle.
- 5 nights in Kyoto.
- 4 nights in Tokyo.
- 7-day rail pass, including the bullet train.
- City tours of Kyoto and Tokyo.
- Sayonara Party.
- Optional day trips to Nara and Hakoni.
- Breakfast each day.

For further information and a full itinerary, contact the WWU Alumni Office, Old Main 345, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9019 or call (206) 676-3353 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To reserve your spot on the WWU Alumni Japan Garden Tour, send a deposit of $250 to the above address now. Full payment must reach the Alumni Office not later than October 1, 1990.

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Address correction requested.