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Homecoming returned to Western with fireworks, a pep band, a football win — and lots of fun. For snapshots, see pages 2 and 3.

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Rugman urges three-nation trade union

By Trask Tapperson
Of The Bellingham Herald

The three North American nations should form a partial political union along European lines in the next three to five years, according to Dr. Alan M. Rugman.

"It's in Canada's and Mexico's interests to get the United States to agree to a European community type of system for North America," said the Toronto-based scholar, who will begin an 18-month stint as Western's first Ross Distinguished Professor of Canada-U.S. Business and Economic Relations in the 1991-92 academic year.

"Some Canadians say Canada should eventually join the United States," he said. "I say the U.S. should join Mexico and Canada in a common market."

Common Parliament

He called such an action, and the European model for it, "a complex package, but the principles are quite simple."

While acknowledging that "this means the U.S. would have to give up some of its own sovereignty," he stressed that each nation should retain its own identity in an arrangement that stops short of total political unification.

He foresees creation of a common continental parliament — with teeth — having 50 members from the U.S. and 25 each from the two other partners.

"That would allow Canada and Mexico to make alliances against the United States where it's appropriate," he said. "It provides safeguards."

At the same time, Rugman wants each country to retain its own standards in vital areas such as those reserved by each under the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement: culture, education, social programs, health care and transportation.

That differs from the situation in Europe. For example, as of 1992, the continually pre-eminent German banks can conduct business by their own standards within Great Britain, where they are expected by many to eventually dominate some segments of the banking industry.

"That's not the case here," Rugman said. "A U.S. bank can't go to Canada and carry on as it would in the U.S. In Europe, the British are losing that; they're going for total political as well as economic integration.

Such reciprocity isn't desirable in North America, Rugman said, because U.S. standards would prevail.

The U.S. and Canada are in the second year of a decade-long process of erasing tariffs and some other economic barriers. Meanwhile, Canada is seeking observer status as the U.S. and Mexico try to negotiate a similar deal.

"We'll have to consider much more carefully the political relationship" of the three, Rugman said. Calling a North American common market a new idea that nobody has advocated yet, Rugman predicted it would be "highly unpopular." However he sees four circumstances in the near future reversing that view. They are:

• Canadian elections. "Canada will be ready for it after the next election" he said, predicting that the current Conservative government would be succeeded by a hung parliament, with four or five parties and no majority.

• Mexican politics. "It will be the same in Mexico. Instability will lead to a search" for fresh political alternatives, Rugman predicted.

• Trade impasse. Rugman predicted failure of the impending Uruguay Round of negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which are aimed at removing agricultural subsidies and protections in Europe. That will create trade problems that will force the three North American nations into new political as well as economic relationships, he said.

• The Triad. Rugman sees European economic union in 1992 compelling North America to be the third leg of a triad with Japan and Europe which, together, account for 80 percent of all world trade.

Economic relationships among the Pacific Northwest, British Columbia and Japan are likely to be Rugman's predominate focus when he assumes the Ross Professorship.

Underlying those relationships are the common Northwest-B.C. resource base and the intimacy of all three as members of the global village, Rugman said. However, he added, the issues affecting this region also have become national in the implications for the two North American nations.

Ross Memorial Post

Rugman said key features of his visiting professorship will be an ongoing seminar and a conference addressing political and economic issues.

The position is endowed by the governments of Canada and Washington state and was created in memory of Western President G. Robert Ross, who was killed with two University vice presidents and a pilot in a private airplane crash in 1987. Rugman holds joint appointments as professor of international business at the University of Toronto and as research director of the Ontario Centre for International Business. He was an adviser to his government during its negotiations with the United States that resulted two years ago in a bilateral trade treaty easing tariffs and other economic barriers by the end of the decade.

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Grist of Goldsmith

By Chris Goldsmith/Director of Alumni Relations

As can be noted from the photos on these pages, Homecoming 1990 was, by all accounts, a raving success. It had been 21 years since Western had a Homecoming celebration of any kind, thus the Homecoming Committee had little to go on as far as what kind of participation could be expected.

We were, of course, absolutely delighted to discover that, when all was said and done, more than 3,000 people — alumni, students, townsfolk and others — participated in parts or all of the Homecoming activities.

From the kick-off celebration to student competitions, from the Homecoming Barbecue (with Class of ’37 Chef Chet Utlin officiating) to the college receptions, the Homecoming Dance to the week-ending Alumni Brunch, attendance and support built and increased each day of the celebration.

Even the Viking Football team came through with a victory over Eastern Oregon.

And while the numbers were impressive, it was the things that might otherwise go unnoticed that made Homecoming 1990 such a success.

During the football alumni banquet, one former player was reunited with his college roommate, a person he hadn’t seen or heard from in nearly 30 years. Western now has an official pep band, which probably hasn’t been around since the last Homecoming in 1970.

The opportunity for alumni to visit with their former faculty members during the receptions was another special feeling.

The knowledge that students, alumni and staff could come together and plan such a successful event and make it work was worth every bit of the effort.

There are some things we can do to make Homecoming 1991 even better, and the wrap-up committee meeting for this year was really the first meeting for Homecoming 1991. We’re already setting the stage for next year. And we welcome your suggestions as we begin our planning.

Our thanks to all of you who attended and helped make the return of Homecoming such a success. We hope you’ll also come back for our next and future celebrations!
Baby Boomer Admissions Alert

Many alumni, who are products of the baby boom, have children nearing college age. Admissions Director Karen Copetas notes and alerts you to Western’s application deadlines:

- **March 1** for Fall freshman applicants
- **April 1** for all Summer/Fall applicants and Fall transfers
- **October 15** for all Winter applicants
- **January 15** for all Spring applicants

She urges parents to request an application or additional information from the Admissions Office, 200 Old Main, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225, (206) 676-3440.

"76 Nancy Aust married Stephen Maltott July 21 on Orcas Island. Aust is an announcer at KCMS radio in Seattle. Brad Howard, formerly of the University of Washington, is now a new teacher at Mary M. Knight High School in Matlock, WA. He teaches music in grades K-12 and middle-school language arts as well as advising sixth and seventh grades ... Lori Lindscher Michalski was recently appointed director of human resources at Heights Psychiatric Hospital in Albuquerque, NM.

"79 Valerie J. Vance is assistant professor of communications at Oregon Institute of Technology.

She taught English courses, including technical writing, for two years at New Mexico State University. Recently, she has served as technical publications manager for Applied Voice Technology in Kirkland, WA. Calvin Bratt is pursuing a second degree at Regent College in Vancouver, BC, in the Christian Studies Program. Bratt was previously an editor for the Lynden Tribune.

"80 Susan Galletti, principal of Islander Middle School, has been appointed to a three-year term on the National Association of Secondary School Principals Committee on Middle Level Education. The seven-person committee works on improving learning opportunities for students and professional growth activities of middle and junior high schools. Matt Gochnour has been named the new head football coach at Tenino High School after six years as head coach at Pe Ell High School.

"81 Ken Bergly has been named assistant vice president in the control group at NCNB Texas, a subsidiary of North Carolina National Bank based in Charlotte, NC. John Greely is the new editor of the Highlander Newspaper in

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**What’s new at the zoo? Western alumni gathering**

Numerous Western alumni gatherings have been held in the past several months and several more are on tap for the next few months. Events that have taken place recently include:

- More than 60 Western graduates took in the Woodland Park Zoo in September. Following a come-by-and-get-acquainted coffee, hot chocolate and donut hour in the morning, alumni returned to the Alumni tent in the north zoo area to hear Dr. Kurt Webber of Huxley College deliver a talk on the importance of zoos to the preservation of the world’s species.
- Nearly 30 Snohomish County alumni gathered at Everett's Bacchus By The Bay in September for a tasting of Washington wines and some delectable food prepared by Bacchus owner Al Fredrickson.
- Former men's and women's soccer players returned to campus in September to take on today's varsity players. Following each game, alumni and varsity players gathered in Canada House for pizza and refreshments to recount the days of glory.
- The Alumni Association hosted a special lunch for graduates who also happened to be parents of current Western students in October. The lunch, attended by more than 50, was part of parents' open house, an annual fall-quarter event.
- November was a busy month for Western alumni. Eight graduates in Port Angeles and 16 in Bremerton dined with Vice President for External Affairs Al Froderberg. Alumni had an opportunity to catch up on Western today and to recall their student days.
- Math graduates held their annual alumni gathering in Marysville with more than 60 attending on November 16.
- Another 60 alumni and varsity players attended the post-game gathering at Chicago's Pizza on Queen Anne, following the Seattle Pacific University vs. Western men's basketball game on November 29.
- More than 300 WWU Alumni Club members attended the annual Christmas Concert by the Western Concert Choir in Bellingham. Nearly 100 attended a holiday reception at the Bellingham YWCA following the concert.
- Parks and Recreation alumni held their annual banquet on the WWU campus on December 1, with more than 85 in attendance for the evening.

**Upcoming alumni events**

- Western history graduates will gather in Woodinville on January 17 at the Columbia Winery for an event with a Russian flavor. All history graduates will receive information soon on this event.
- Technology graduates will be hearing soon about an alumni event set for Seattle's Columbia Towers Club on February 20.
- A special event for WWU Alumni Club Life Members is now in the planning stages and is tentatively set for February 23 at Seattle's Columbia Towers Club.
- Several smaller dinner gatherings are also on tap for the first part of 1991 with Vice President for External Affairs Al Froderberg and other members of the University's External Affairs staff. Watch your mail.

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**Produce For Your Future And Western's**

A life income gift to The Western Foundation can help the University fund scholarships, expand library resources, sponsor distinguished lecturers and support specific academic fields, according to Foundation director Jean Rahn.

In addition, a donor may be able to:

- increase his or her annual cash flow;
- eliminate or reduce capital gains tax;
- receive an immediate income tax reduction.

To learn more about life income options, contact Ms Rahn at the Foundation, Bellingham, WA 98225-9034, (206) 676-3027.

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Four ‘turn, turn’ to California careers

By Star Rush

"Turn, turn, turn..." go the lyrics of a popular 1960s song echoing the message of change.

Four former Western students have found that message apt.

Sudden turns in their lives have led Steve Michel, Paul Schlichting and Martha Benedict to change careers.

And love of the outdoors and a WWU science outing, Michel impressed an editor.

Michel's most recent publication, "War of the Roses," a film he wrote, is now in production.

His work on "War of the Roses," a project requiring 400 workdays, convinced the then-chemistry major to geology and the founding of a successful business.

Michel was working for a publishing firm when his latent interest in computers prompted him to move to Berkeley, California, to accept a position in a computer store.

Paul Schlichting ('78), whose film credits include second director on the hit comedy, "War of the Roses," offered to help carry a piece of audio visual equipment one day in his senior year. En route, he looked in on a film class and an idea took root.

Schlichting says that, though pay was minimal, the on-the-job training gave him a chance to meet people and further his two goals: to write screenplays with an environmental theme and direct them. He's already written about 20 screenplays with an environmental theme and has founded his own company.

Randolph Sweet needed just one course at Western — the only one he ever took at WWU — to turn his head from laboratory work as a chemistry major to geology and the founding of his own company.

Although Sweet earned his geology degree from the University of Oregon, it was the WWU geology course that convinced the then-chemistry major that he "didn't want to wear a white coat and stay inside." Work with the Peace Corps and on a United Nations-sponsored water project in India confirmed his view.

He traveled to Iran, Afghanistan and Europe before returning to the United States to earn his master's in geology.

Sweet was working for the Oregon State Water Resources Department in Salem in 1974 when he was asked to do some private consulting work. From this contact, with no formal business training, the idea of a consulting firm of his own was born.

Sweet-Edwards/EMCON, which the erstwhile chemist formed, today employs 140 people in Bothell, Tacoma, Portland and Kelso. The environmental testing firm had 1989 revenues of $12 million.

Earlier this year, Sweet — like Michel and Schlichting before him — was California-bound. He was named executive vice president and chief operations officer of San Jose-based EMCON, his parent firm.

It was a sadder turning point that brought Martha Benedict ('59) back to a first love, music, and brought her into musical theater and cabaret.

Benedict has been singing all her life, starting formal voice lessons in ninth grade and performing in all the musicals at Bellingham High School.

At Western, she studied music while obtaining her education degree.

She had a varied professional life after graduation: teaching in British Columbia, selling real estate in Bellingham, even singing in hotel/restaurant/lounge she and her then-husband owned in Hyder, Alaska.

Then came, first, divorce after 20 years of marriage, and, five years later, the sudden death of her fiancé.

Benedict doused the grief and confusion consuming her with a renewed passion for her music and turned a hobby into a profession.

She performed locally in several musicals and WWU Summer Stock productions, began taking acting lessons and was soon auditioning for her first professional company.

Before long, she was in Los Angeles performing in "Three Penny Opera," and other musicals.

In July, she debuted her cabaret act "Love Knows Hidden Paths" at the Allied Arts Gallery in Bellingham.

Photos of Martha Benedict and Paul Schlichting courtesy of the Bellingham Herald
Bellingham couple provides $500,000 for scholarships

A major endowment in excess of $500,000 will fund four-year tuition and books scholarships for as many as 20 students.

F. Murray and Betty Haskell, of Bellingham, provided the funds in memory of their son, James Michael, who died in 1989. The Haskell Scholarships will be among the most prestigious awarded by the University and will be based on both financial need and exceptional academic merit.

The endowment was announced at the December Board of Trustees meeting by Elizabeth Balas, president of The Western Foundation.

According to Haskell, a member of the Foundation board of directors, the gift was made to Western because "James attended Western Washington University and the University of Washington. His desire was to give others an opportunity to obtain higher education. Therefore, we have given this scholarship in his memory."

Haskell is chairman of the board of the Haskell Corporation, a 100-year-old Bellingham contracting firm. The Haskells are lifelong Bellingham residents.

In accepting the donation, President Kenneth P. Mortimer called it "a true leadership gift for the University. It demonstrates the commitment of a long-time Bellingham family to supporting student scholarships, one of the University's key priorities."

Also in December, the Department of English announced establishment of a scholarship endowment in memory of R.D. Brown, Professor of English, who died this fall. (See obituary on page 8.) The fund will award scholarships to outstanding juniors or transfer English majors concentrating in creative writing: fiction, poetry or non-fiction.

Contributions from alumni and friends are encouraged and should be made to The Western Foundation with a notation that the gift is to be directed to the R.D. Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund. A certificate of donation will be provided for tax records.

Private donations matched by state funds have created the Donald H. Cole Graduate Fellowship in business administration. To date, $35,000 in private contributions have been donated to the memorial fund established following the 1987 air crash that took the life of the then-vice president for business and financial affairs. State matching grants have raised the total endowment to $60,000.

This will provide one or more one-year stipends in the Master of Business Administration program at Western's College of Business and Economics.

Phonathon is a two-way success

By Julie Schilter

The second annual Western Fund Phonathon raised $125,300 for vital Western projects this Fall. And a winter phonathon is scheduled for January 27-February 28 with the goal of raising an additional $55,000.

The Fall segment of the phonathon began October 14 with volunteer faculty members on the phones for one week asking former students for donations. First staged in 1989, the phonathon continues to encourage Western alumni and friends to support the University by donating to projects they find most meaningful.

But the phonathon does more than raise needed funds for 100 projects that receive little or no state support. It creates a bridge of communication between professors, alumni, and students, according to Sandra Kennedy, Director of Annual Giving.

"It's always interesting to find out where they (graduates) are and what they're doing," David Frewings, finance/marketing professor and phonathon volunteer, says. Frewings spent five evenings calling donors with his efforts garnering $7,480 in pledges.

"David had a fun time, all the volunteers were enthusiastic," Kennedy says.

News magazine names WWU 'best buy'

U.S. News and World Report has named Western the "best buy" of colleges and universities in the West and ranked it among the top 15 comprehensive universities in the region.

In its October 15 issue, the national news magazine cited Western as one of four public institutions in its region to earn top honors. WWU tied for 14th place with California State University at Fresno, Trinity University of San Antonio was top-rated comprehensive university in the West following a survey of 1,374 four-year schools.

Western was the only public institution included in the top 15 outside the state of California.

The "best buy" designation came in a book, "U.S. News and World Report's 1991 America's Best Colleges." For public institutions, the news magazine calculated costs based on out-of-state tuition, making a WWU education an even better buy for Washington residents. In 1989, U.S. News named WWU among the most promising "up and coming" universities in the nation.

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Viking XX car: true grit conquers Australian Outback

By Judy McNickle

ADELAIDE, Australia — Dirt. Pounds and pounds of dirt. Not the kind of tabloids — so popular in the land of "Down Under" — report. The red, gritty, all-pervasive stuff that blankets most of the Australian Outback.

Western’s Viking XX solar car team has what one might call an intimate, even in-depth, knowledge of it. They earned it the hard way — competing in the 1990 World Solar Challenge across 1,900 miles of the Australian Outback November 11-17.

They finished fifth in the race, but first in grit. As in True Grit, in every sense of the term.

After placing second behind the University of Michigan in the General Motors-sponsored Sunrayce USA, a 1,640-mile run from Florida to Michigan in July, Vehicle Research Institute Director Michael Seal and his predominantly student crew worked long hours from August to mid-October to perfect their entry.

Race day dawns

After three more weeks of preparation in a Northern Territory University workshop at Darwin, the Viking XX and 38 other entries from nine countries were ready. Or so they thought.

First, they had to undergo "scrutineering," a thorough checking of each car by race officials, followed by a three-part road test: Car and crew passed each test successfully, gaining an eighth-place starting position with an average speed of 49.1 mph.

Finally, Race Day dawned. Poured over. The tropical seaport capital of Australia was ready. Not just for the race, its location.

At 5 p.m., Viking XX was surrounded by brush, bugs and dirt. The unacclimated crew carved tent sites out of the underbrush with one hand while they swatted flying critters with the other and perspired drippingly in 105-degree heat with humidity readings above 85 percent. Quarters were less than luxurious (no running water; no restroom facilities).

But competition wasn’t the biggest worry for most of the race. Unseasonable weather and rough road surfaces dominated team strategies. Heavy cloud cover reduced solar efficiency by

Although it finished fifth overall in the World Solar Challenge through the rugged Australian Outback, the Viking XX solar car took the first-place trophy in the two-seater vehicle category and a second trophy for "best solar array."

Off to a dazzling start despite clouds and rain, Viking XX soared past seven competitors and glided into the lead by the first of seven mandatory 10-minute press stops in the town of Katherine, 194 miles south of Darwin. But Western’s lead was short-lived.

By day’s end (required to be at 5 p.m., no matter where the car was), Western had slipped to third behind the car that was to dominate the entire challenge, "The Spirit of Biel" from Switzerland, and its old Sunrayce rival the "SunRunner" from the University of Michigan.

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Seattle Actor Returns To WWU

Actor G. Valmont Thomas returned to campus in November after a 10-year absence to star in Othello, Shakespeare’s passionate exploration of jealousy and revenge which opened Western Theatre’s fall season.

Professor Dennis Catrell staged the production in an American Civil War setting to bridge the gap between the classic text and today’s audiences.

Thomas, who attended Western from 1977-80, has received critical acclaim for his performances in Seattle: Empty Space Theatre’s smash hit, The Rocky Horror Show, the Rep’s Cherry Orchard, and the title role in the Bathhouse’s Macbeth. He also played Othello in a Bathhouse production.

Recently featured on the cover of Pacific magazine, Thomas is also a singer and dancer.

G. Valmont Thomas

Sunrayce USA rival University of Michigan and Viking XX chasing each other as seen through the window of Western’s strategy van. U of M finished fourth, Western fifth.
Viking XX crosses the end-of-race line at an Adelaide intersection in fifth place, concluding its run in the World Solar Challenge.

worry for most of the race. Unseasonable weather and rough road surfaces dominated team strategies. Heavy cloud cover reduced solar efficiency by as much as 50 percent at times; rain sprinkled the parade of sun devotees three days out of seven; and winds blasted forcefully and unpredictably.

And, although the Stuart Highway is paved all the way to Adelaide, its rough, sharp-edged surface shredded tires and destroyed wheels.

For Viking XX, the impact of road wear was nearly devastating.

Destructive spin

On Day Three, a tire on the battery pod blew and thrust the car into a 180-degree spin that destroyed a drive wheel and scared everyone within viewing or retelling distance—everyone except drivers Nathan Rodriguez of Auburn and H. J. Disworth of Renton. They continued to drive three more hours.

Day Five saw a repeat—amplified. The day dawned with bright clear skies and a quick, gratifying pass of Michigan, then declined rapidly with a seized drive-wheel bearing and another blown tire. This one caused Viking XX to swerve into an embankment, crashing at least two dozen solar cells, destroying two more tires and disconnecting pedals and turn signals.

After more than 40 minutes of frantic roadside repairs, the car resumed the race, only to endure two more flat tires before creeping to a stop.

The team worked long into the night repairing damage and double checking every inch of the sleek, albeit dusty and somewhat rumpled racer. Even after driver Stan Miller fell and gashed his knee, few seriously considered quitting and none spoke of it.

Day Six greeted Viking campers at 4 a.m. with a wind storm that threatened to knock over the newly repaired car. Although Viking XX averaged only 27 mph that day, it tenaciously held on to fifth place, still eying another run on Michigan.

Day Seven, the last racing day for Viking XX, was almost anticlimactic. The weather was—finally—perfect. The tires all held. And the car ran flawlessly through its last 260 miles, and—4:10 p.m., November 17—whispered under the checkered flag at a winery 30 miles south of Adelaide.

Official reports a 58-hour, 49-minute fifth-place finish.

observers (especially a rapidly aging alumni reporter) unofficially awarded a first place to the team for spirit, determination and tenacity. Undeterred by tight budgets, corporate competitors, often horrid weather and starkly unforgiving terrain, the Viking XX and its crew delivered an Olympic-caliber performance.

And they did it all—from Darwin to Adelaide—without a shower. That's true!

McNickle, a '66 political science graduate and WWU administrator, covered the World Solar Challenge for Western's public information office and The Bellingham Herald.

President Kenneth Mortimer receives national leadership award

The Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE) presented President Kenneth P. Mortimer with its prestigious Leadership Award and a standing ovation at the 15th annual meeting in Portland in early November.

This award, which is not given every year, is presented to a national leader in higher education, according to Ernest Pascarella, professor of educational psychology at the University of Illinois, Chicago and a past president of ASHE. We only give this award "from time to time when the right person comes along," he said.

Among former recipients is Chancellor of the California State university system Clark Kerr.

Citing Dr. Mortimer as an individual who exemplified "the best tradition of the scholar-administrator," the Association commended his work for always providing practical insight on critical policy topics such as university governance, collective bargaining, accountability, and resource allocation. The award was made on the basis of his scholarly work on governance; his leadership of the Penn State Center for the Study of Higher Education; his chairmanship of the National Institute for Education (NIE) Study Group;

which produced the influential report "Involvement In Learning"; and his presidency at WWU.

"Mortimer has an impressive, balanced and cumulative career of leadership," said Pascarella. "His whole career has been about leadership in higher education. There are not a lot of presidents who have his kind of record."

A former ASHE president, Mortimer was attending the conference as a keynote speaker.

Attention: 1941 reunion approaches

Planning has begun on the 50-Year Reunion celebration for the Class of 1941. As it past years, all graduates of years prior to 1941 are also invited to return for this special day.

On tap are receptions, campus tours, a lunch and dinner, special presentations and an opportunity to reunite with your alma mater and your fellow classmates from so many years ago.

Several alumni office staffers have already been working on locating members of the Class of 1941. If you have not yet been contacted, or if you know of Class members who have not been contacted, drop us a line at: The Alumni Office, Old Main 345, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225 or call us at (206) 676-3353.

Each of the past five years, we've had over 100 people attend this fun and informative gathering. It won't be the same without you, so make your plans to attend today!
In Memoriam
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Mabel Holmes McCoy
Mabel Holmes McCoy ('25) died August 16 in Poulsbo, WA.

Douglas V. Thompson
Douglas Vinger Thompson ('48/55) died September 2 in Bellingham. He taught social studies and coached football at Concrete High School and later at Bellingham High School, retiring in 1979.

M. Esther Kellogg
M. Esther Kellogg ('27) died October 31. She retired as comptroller in 1969 after 42 years with the Vance Corp.

Joseph "Jack" Carpentier
Joseph "Jack" Carpentier, ('79) of Port Townsend and Tukwila, died in a traffic accident in Colorado August 28. He worked for the Boeing Aerospace Corporation the past 10 years. His chief interests were traveling and studying old roads, seeing all of America, and trivia of all kinds. He had driven highways and byways in much of the continental U.S., including Alaska, all of the Canadian provinces, and northern Mexico.

Ulrich Mammitzsch
Liberal studies professor Ulrich Mammitzsch, 54, died November 19 after suffering an apparent heart attack on campus. He was well known among academics for his mastery of European and American cultures and was a specialist in Asian studies, especially Chinese and Japanese history and literature.

He was a noted expert on the iconology of East Asian Buddhism and he had served as director of the East Asian Studies Program.

Born in the Harz Mountains of Germany, he twice escaped from the Communists—as a boy at the battle of World War II and again in 1956 as a student accused of disloyalty to the East German regime. Dr. Mammitzsch held degrees from the University of Hamburg, Southern Illinois University, and the University of Hawaii.

Noted for his sense of humor, he was a skilled poker and racquetball player.

R. D. Brown
English professor Robert D. (R.D.) Brown, 66, died at his home October 11.

He came to Western in 1965 as chair of the English department. In the early '70s, he began writing fiction, publishing short stories and several novels. During World War II, Brown served with the 82nd Airborne in Europe and with the War Crimes Group as an investigator during the Nuremberg trials.

"Like many others, I knew and worked with R.D. over a long period of time," said Provost/Vice President of Technology, came to Western from Washington, D.C., where he was deputy director of the National Endowment for the Humanities' Division of Fellowships and Seminars and also lectured at Georgetown University... Suzanne Krogh, since 1984 an associate professor of early childhood instruction and curriculum at the University of Florida, is chair of the department of educational curriculum and instruction at Woodring College of Education.

Kleinbeech, who has been at WWU since 1970, now chairs the psychology department... Carl H. Simpson, is now the chair of the sociology department where he has taught for 24 years.

The new chair of the English department, Richard K. Emmerson, comes to Western from Washington, D.C., where he was deputy director of the National Endowment for the Humanities'... Montague, who specializes in moral philosophy, heads the philosophy department where he has taught for 24 years.

West Coast announcements minority career program
Supported by a $154,000 National Science Foundation grant, the Shannon Point Marine Center has begun an innovative undergraduate program designed to attract minorities into academic and professional careers in the marine sciences.

SPMC Director Stephen Sulkis says the project addresses a national concern about the retention of minority students annually from colleges and universities around the nation to come to SPMC for winter and spring quarters. The science foundation grant will pay their tuition, round-trip travel, and provide housing in Anacortes where the marine facility is located.

Eligible for the program are African-Americans, Hispanics, American Indians, Native Alaskans and Native Pacific Islanders.

Kleinbeech, who has been at WWU since 1970, now chairs the psychology department... Carl H. Simpson, is now the chair of the sociology department where he has taught for 24 years.

The new chair of the English department, Richard K. Emmerson, comes to Western from Washington, D.C., where he was deputy director of the National Endowment for the Humanities'... Montague, who specializes in moral philosophy, heads the philosophy department where he has taught for 24 years.

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"He contributed a great deal to this University's development. He was a gifted teacher, as well, and many alumni, students and faculty will miss him."

Joseph E. Black
Retired associate professor of technology Joseph E. Black, 72, died October 20 at his Bellingham home. A metallurgical engineer, he taught at Western from 1967 to his 1984 retirement. Prior to his arrival at WWU, he served in the U.S. Army for 27 years.

Jane Kindred
An active force in the WWU and Bellingham theater community for two decades, Jane Kindred died November 28 at the age of 60 after a long battle with emphysema. She was an actress, director, reviewer and teacher active with the Bellingham Theater Guild and, prior to that, with the Bremerton Community Theater. She worked for several years with Seattle actor David Dwall in his American Revue Theatre in Fairhaven.

Ruth Platt
"She had an intense curiosity about life and a wonderful sense of humor," says her niece Judith Anderson of Santa Barbara, California. "These personality characteristics and her dedication to Western Washington University's biology department will be missed."

Law and Minorities project announced
Fairhaven College has designed a pilot program to promote admission of minority students to law school. Beginning in the fall of 1991, it will annually admit 15-20 students who have completed two years of college. For the next two years, the group will participate in an interdisciplinary curriculum, will have practicing attorneys as mentors, and have opportunities to observe the legal system closely. The program was created to help redress underrepresentation of minorities in the legal profession.

Its advisory committee includes Peggy Lam, president of the Washington State Asian Bar Association; Richard A. Jones, of the U.S. Attorney's office; Deborah Juarez, of Evergreen Legal Services; Sandra Madrid, assistant dean of Admissions at UW Law School; King County Judge Ricardo Martinez; Judge Mary Linda Pearson, of the Northwest Interstate Court System; and State Supreme Court Justice Charles Smith.

"Although admission to law school can't be guaranteed," Fairhaven Dean Marie Eaton says, "conversations with law school officials, practicing lawyers and judges convince us that this program will significantly assist those who wish to go to law school, enhancing the probability of admission and success.

Linda Lawrence Noson attempts to prevent damage like this at a Stanford University library after the 1989 earthquake.

Alumna aids earthquake preparedness
By Jo Collinge
Earthquakes are Linda Lawrence Noson's business. One of WWU's early master's graduates in geology (1973), she was Washington State seismologist (1981-88) and for 11 years was seismologist at the University of Washington.

Now with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a hazards specialist, part of her job is to create understanding of the effects of earthquakes and to get institutions and individuals to prepare for them.

When she returned to her alma mater to meet with WWU's Earthquake Preparedness Committee, she noted that keeping up interest about preparation is difficult.

Inspecting the effects of the Loma Prieta earthquake which hit the Bay area of California October 17, 1989, provided Noson with graphic evidence of the impact on a public institution.

Stanford University, where no lives were lost, took $150 million in damage: Parts of a library will be closed for several years, 250 students were homeless, 145 classes had to be relocated, parts of the museum and the business school had to be closed, records were destroyed.

West Geology Professor David Engebretson, a Stanford graduate, began forming the Earthquake Preparedness Committee in January, 1989, months before the massive jolt struck his alma mater. "I was in a large lecture hall and wondered what I would tell my students if they asked what to do in an earthquake," he recalls. "So I set about to find out."

Noson says that is the first step on a long road. "First," she told the committee, "you have to recognize the risk and then move to take prudent action."

She notes that Western is the only public institution of higher learning in Washington that has created a preparedness group. Pacific Lutheran University, a private school, also has.

Second, she adds, is "adequate training to know what to do" when an earthquake strikes. Under the committee's guidance, the office of

More costly and time-consuming is tightening down equipment, such as computers and generators, and anchoring furniture, such as bookshelves and file cabinets. She notes, however, "modest investment in nonstructural earthquake hazard reduction will yield significant life safety and property protection."

Even more costly long-range preparation includes evaluation of soils and structures to determine earthquake resistance of present campus buildings and possible future upgrades, as funding permits, to minimize loss in the event of earthquake.

She told the committee that public institutions can find the more expensive long-term preparations overwhelming: "But the thing to do is take action in manageable increments." She particularly urges that public institutions emphasize ongoing training, especially of security force personnel and others responsible for the safety of students and staff.

"A bolt is a bolt," she says. "Once it's in place, that's that. But people keep changing."

Photo courtesy of Stanford University
Amadeus Mozart with a Chamber

Mozart commemoration continues with mime and 'magic'

The College of Fine and Performing Arts continues its year-long celebration of the life and times of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart with a Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center concert at 8 p.m. January 31.

This is the fourth of nine Artist and Lecture Series events scheduled for the commemoration. It will be followed on February 10 at 3 p.m. by the Quink Vocal Ensemble from Holland performing Mozart Canons a capella. At 8 p.m. February 16, the English Concert — Great Britain's leading period-instrument chamber orchestra — will play 17th- and 18th-Century airs.

Mummenschanz, the Swiss mask-mime group, will bring its journey into the imagination to campus at 4 p.m. March 10 and the Ridge String Quartet is scheduled to perform at 8 p.m. April 9. The Tchaikovsky Chamber Orchestra (formerly the Soviet Emigre Orchestra) offers its tribute to Mozart at 8 p.m. April 24 preceded by a full-length documentary about the founding of the group shown at 3 p.m. April 21.

In addition to the Artist and Lecture Series, the Department of Theatre/Dance will present four twice-nightly performances of Richard Brinsley Sheridan's comedy, Saint Patrick's Day or the Scheming Lieutenant. In addition to the farce, there will be a prelude of period music and as well as a divertissement featuring wine and pastry in an 18th-Century environment.

Performances are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. April 10-14 with the divertissement starting at 8:45 p.m. and the second performance slated for 9:30 p.m. Concluding the year-long fest will be five performances of The Magic Flute, Mozart's operatic masterpiece featuring emerging student artists and nationally recognized guest soloists. The opera is scheduled for performances at 8 p.m. May 4, 2:30 p.m. May 5, 8 p.m. May 10 and 11, and 2:30 p.m. May 12.

Ticket information is available at (206) 676-3866.

Coach's research reveals athletes outstudy peers

By Kevin Jackson

The term "student-athlete" usually evokes images of a young person who excels on the playing field and struggles in the classroom. But a study by Western assistant basketball coach Kevin Bryant as part of his master's degree program gives "student-athlete" new meaning.

Bryant found that Viking athletes are earning diplomas at a rate superior to the general student population and at a pace that far exceeds the national average.

He learned that student-athletes posted a 61 percent graduation rate, topping the general Western rate of 55 percent and exceeding the national average of 35-40 percent. His study also showed that Viking athletes achieved an overall grade-point average of 2.71, slightly better than the 2.64 mark of the general student population at WWU.

Bryant's study involved 576 student-athletes and 499 general students, examining their records from 1980-83 and following their progress until 1986.

The assistant coach wasn't too surprised at what he found.

"I work with student-athletes every day and they generally have positive attitudes toward academics," he says. "This really refutes the 'dumb jock' myth."

Head football coach Rob Smith adds: "Time management and fatigue make it very difficult to be a student-athlete. But we've found that our players do better in the classroom during football season than they do in the off-season. And that's because of the time management and the self-discipline required of them during the season."

Smith points to required study tables, tutorial services and academic advising as some of the keys to helping students manage classroom and sportswork together with three-four hours a day in daily practice plus time on game days.

Basketball coach Brad Jackson says coaches have the responsibility for helping student-athletes cope, adding that he and his coaches hold weekly meetings with players to discuss their academic progress and help them plan for rough periods when tests and papers are due.

Athletic Director Lynda Goodrich, who coached women's basketball for 19 years, says she has seen the hoop program inspire students. "I've known athletes who were really unsure about where they were going academically and if it wasn't for basketball, I think they wouldn't have stuck with it," she recalls. "But because of their involvement in athletics, they stayed here and eventually graduated. Sports can really act as a support group for students."

Western coaches also point to the school's stringent entrance requirements as a key to academic success.

"With the entrance requirements the way they are," says Smith, "it forces coaches to recruit good athletes who are good students as well. Our academic program is something we try to highlight when we recruit."

Kevin Bryant is student assistant in WWU's sports information office.
**Recreation and Parks Alumni Banquet**

A record turnout of nearly 100 gathered December 1 for the third annual Recreation and Parks Alumni recognition banquet on campus. The event, supported in part by The Alumni Association, was organized by the WWU Recreation Alumni Committee. The Outstanding Alumnus Award was presented to James Moore, one of the founders of the Orion River Rafting Company. Receiving the Outstanding Senior Award for Fall 1990 graduates was Nanette Meecker and for Spring 1991 graduates, Suellen Hertzke. Special recognition went to Randy Smith, Dave Gilbertson and Tom Ostrom for their work in creating the Willis Ball Memorial Scholarship fund for minority students majoring in Western's department of physical education, health and recreation.

**Sports Shorts**

The second annual Willis L. Ball Memorial Scholarship co-recreational volleyball tournament was held Sunday, January 6. Honoring the first Black WWU graduate, the event supports a scholarship for minority students majoring in physical education, health and recreation.

**Women's volleyball sets WWU record**

It was easily the best season Western women's volleyball has ever had and, possibly, the best any team in school history has achieved. The Viking women, who were 34-10 overall, placed third at the NAIA National Tournament in Laie, Hawaii, marking the best national finish a WWU team has had to date in any sport. The team came within two points of playing in the championship. "We were definitely the surprise team of the tournament," said coach Chris Hartmann, noting that the team was never nationally ranked.

Hartmann became the first volleyball coach in school history to reach 100 career victories while outside hitter Lori Rice Post — district Player of the Year for the second consecutive season — became the first Western player to exceed 500 kills in a season (530). Another all-district pick, setter Kim Kolody, racked up 1,500 assists this year, another Western record.

Meanwhile, Western's cross country teams completed a highly successful season with solid performances at the NAIA National Championships in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The women placed 10th and the men took 11th.

**Some disappointments**

Hopes of a second consecutive trip to the NAIA National Tournament were dashed when the men's soccer team lost the Area 1 Championship to Warner Pacific College, 2-1, in overtime. The Viking men ended the season with a 14-6-0 record, a mark topped only by last year 16-6-1 campaign. Along the way, they won a second straight NAIA District 1 championship and scored a school-record 57 goals.

The word for next year's women's soccer team is "conditioning," says coach Dominic Garguile, after an up-and-down season ending with a 6-0 loss to two-time defending NAIA National Champion Pacific Lutheran University in the District 1 semifinal match. The Viking women ended the season with a 8-8-1 record.

Admitting disappointment with the Viking football team's 3-6 season, coach Rob Smith is eyeing next year. Plagued by mistakes at crucial times and a lack of offense, the gridiron season was one of near-misses.

The root of Western's difficulties was inexperience, Smith believes. Key personnel from the 1989 team — which had a 7-2 season — graduated and a number of players expected to contribute were lost over the summer due to injuries and eligibility problems.

**Hoop season starts**

The men's basketball team, which initiated the hoop season with a tipoff tournament in Ashland, Oregon, has a new look this year. The top seven scorers from last season's 25-10 squad are gone, and the 1990-91 team has almost an entirely new starting lineup.

For Western's hoop team has three returning starters from the 26-4 team which, last year, reached the NAIA District 1 finals for the seventh time in eight years. Returning are junior forward Lori Tarasewich, senior center Cim Hanson, an honorable-mention NAIA All-American last season, and Erica Porter, senior guard and the team's floor leader. Former assistant coach Carmen Dolo took the helm this season, replacing Lynda Goodrich, who is taking a sabbatical to concentrate on her duties as Athletic Director after nothing 411 wins since 1971.

Two of those duties — and pleasant ones — were inducting two athletes and two contributors into the Athletic Hall of Fame and hosting the first annual "Viking Night" starring ESPN commentator and stand-up comedian Roy Firestone.

Newest inductees to the 59-member Hall of Fame are Jo Metzger Levin ('81), who earned first-team All-America honors during her last two seasons on the Viking basketball team; baseball star Les Galley, athletic director at Bellingham High School who was an honorable mention NAIA All-Americans in 1965; Ken Graham, a founder of the Viking/Rainier Celebrity Golf Classic; and Frank ("Moose") Zufline, who — together with his wife, Vi — endowed a yearly scholarship for Western athletes in 1988.
Alumni Association welcomes new life members

The WWU Alumni Association Board of Directors would like to acknowledge the following new life members in the WWU Alumni Club. These individuals have taken out life memberships since the last issue of résumé was published. We thank them for this generous effort:

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