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Spring has a Spanish accent with the exhibit of contemporary Mexican art, "Por El Camino de Ecos" (Through the Path of Echoes), at the Western Gallery until June and a month-long celebration of Hispanic culture which culminated with the Cinco de Mayo commemoration, May 4.

The evocative exhibition of painting, sculpture, photography and installation work by 15 Mexican artists opened at the Western Gallery April 8 and will remain through June 1. According to Gallery Director Sarah Clark-Langager, the works reflect themes that define the Mexican character:

- the importance and vitality of the nation's complex history to its contemporary culture;
- the uneasy relationship between indigenous Indian and western cultures;
- the quest for personal and national identity;
- and the role that religion plays in the lives of the people.

In conjunction with the exhibit and the Cinco De Mayo celebration, there were a series of lectures, films and a parade of Mexican costumes.

Inaugurating the program, farm labor leader Caesar Chavez, was on campus April 10 sponsored by MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanos de Aztlán). Noon Hour Gallery Discussions were scheduled on four Wednesdays — April 17 and 24 and May 8 and 15 — to explore contemporary Mexican life and its impact on artists. Wednesday, May 1, the gallery was the site for a pre-Columbian fashion show with commentary by Dr. Luz Maciel Villarroel, of the Multicultural Services Center.

A film festival exploring the social and artistic history of modern Mexico ran April 10 through May 2.

Cinco de Mayo, which marks the triumph of the hastily conscripted Mexican people over the French in the 1860s, was celebrated Saturday, May 4, beginning with a reception at the gallery from 4:00-5:00 p.m. and followed by a dinner with keynote speaker Seattle Superior Court Judge Richard Martinez and a Latin-style dance at the Viking Union. The evening was sponsored by MEChA, the Multicultural Services Center, the Whatcom Hispanic Organization and the new Ethnic Student Center.

Hours for the contemporary Mexican art exhibit are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, noon-4 p.m. It will be closed Memorial Day, May 27. For information about the exhibit, contact the Western Gallery, Fine Arts Complex, 676-3963.

The touring exhibit was organized and is being circulated by Independent Curators Incorporated, of New York. Founded in 1971, ICI is a non-profit organization supported by the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund and the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts.

The exhibition, tour, and catalogue are made possible in part, by grants from the Nathan Cummings Foundation, the Maidenform Arts Program of the Ida and William Rosenthal Foundation, Inc., the National Endowment for the Arts, the Consulate General of Mexico in New York and contributions from the ICI Exhibitions Patrons Circle.
Grist of Goldsmith by Chris Goldsmith, Director of Alumni Relations

The Western Washington University Alumni Association is on the move again and all indications show that the direction is definitely "up."

Beginning this past fall, a decision was made to change the Association's event focus from regional gatherings to one more oriented toward majors.

Alumni have responded to that change in numbers we haven't seen before.

History grads, some 65 strong, gathered at the Columbia Winery in Woodinville, (the day after the Gulf War began). More than 135 geography and regional planning alums showed up at their department alumni event at the Columbia Towers Club in Seattle. Upwards of 150 technology graduates also renewed acquaintances with each other and former faculty at the Columbia Towers Club.

English grads just had their first gathering in a number of years at the Columbia Winery. Communications graduates convened in April as did biology alums.

Perhaps corresponding to those efforts, membership in the WWU Alumni Club has doubled of last year's record pace. As of March 12, nearly 3,400 alumni have taken out Alumni Club memberships for the year, including 152 Life Members.

In support of a long-standing goal to increase the number of Alumni Scholars who attend Western each year, the WWU Alumni Board dedicated $5 of each WWU Alumni Club membership to the seven students who received Alumni Scholarships this academic year. That move is allowing the Scholarship Endowment to retain its earnings for the year, and will ultimately provide an even higher number of scholarships in coming years.

This summer, a letter will be going out to alumni who indicated an interest in updating their addresses, we are continuing our efforts to find out what Western alumni are doing for a living. Many of you have let us know where you work at various alumni events. But for the most part, we don't have that information on the majority of our graduates. Sometime this summer, we plan to send out the definitive alumni questionnaire to everyone on our database in an effort to develop a better profile on just who you are and what you do. Watch for it. Until then, we certainly hope to see you at an alumni event or at this fall's Homecoming celebration.

Ford family of six joins the Alumni Association

By Mike Thomsen

James Ford, President of Skagit Valley College, and his entire family — six people altogether — recently joined the Western Washington University Alumni Association. It is, so far, Alumni Director Chris Goldsmith knows, the most family members to join the group at one time.

In the span of 40 years, Ford, his wife, Fran, and their four children Doug, Jean, Stuart and Greg, all graduated from Western with four bachelor's and two master's degrees among them.

Skagit Valley President

Jim Ford, 63, graduated from Western with a bachelor's degree in biology and elementary education in 1951. From there, he went on to Oregon State University to get his master's and PhD. He became dean of instruction at Skagit Valley College in 1965 and president in 1977.

Ford says it was Western's outstanding reputation that convinced him and his family to attend: "I really believe that it was more than anything..."

And his wife transferred to Western from Lower Columbia Community College and Central Washington University, respectively.

It was here that they met and fell in love. In addition to the university's reputation, Jim also came here to play football, and then coach.

"Lappy" Lappenbusch. Ultimately though, Ford insists the main reason was "that we all knew Western was good."

Chemistry and art

Fran got her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Western in 1950. She taught second grade at Bellevue Elementary and kindergarden in Corvallis, Oregon. Currently, she is doing volunteer work with elderly and disabled people.

Eldest son, Douglas Ford, 36, attended Western for his chemistry program. "He went there because he heard they had a good program," Ford says. Douglas, who graduated in 1977, is now the owner of a very successful chemical equipment manufacturing firm in Portland, Oregon, called Optimize Technology.

Stuart Ford, 30, got his bachelor's degree in art from Western in 1985. He is now practicing his art, doing commercial fishing work, and building a house. He is also pondering getting his master's in art from Western, according to his father.

Daughter, Jean, 34, took her bachelor's degree from Whitman College and then got his master's degree in political science in 1990. He is currently teaching two classes at Skagit Valley College and is continuing to work toward his PhD.

Jim Ford continues to credit Western with helping him and his family make their choices. "In all cases, it was because we knew of good programs there," he says.

'Please to support'

Ford grew up in the Longview area of Washington and his wife, Fran, was reared in Everett. After graduating from Western, he took a job at Bellevue High School and she got one at Bellevue Elementary. In 1954, they moved to Mount Vernon after the then Skagit Valley Junior College offered Ford a job.

In between the Bellevue and Skagit Valley jobs, he went to Oregon State for his master's degree. After spending some time at Skagit Valley, he returned to OSU for his PhD.

Despite loyalty to other institutions they have attended — and Ford's financial support for the college he now heads — the family has made its strong dedication to, and appreciation of, its joint alma mater tangible and official by joining the Alumni Association all at once. "It's a pleasure to support your fine university,"Ford wrote President Kenneth P. Mortimer when he mailed the membership applications.

Alumni Director Goldsmith, beaming, is looking toward the next Ford generation, probably the only way to top the record of the first two.
New Visa card available from U.S. Bank for alumni

The new WWU Alumni Affinity Visa card program through U.S. Bank has proven to be extremely popular with Western alumni, according to Chris Goldsmith, Director of Alumni Relations.

Since the new program’s initial mailing in November, 1990, more than 1,300 Western graduates have obtained the WWU Alumni Visa Card.

“We are very pleased with the response to this program,” Goldsmith said. “I think it’s providing a win-win situation for both the individual card holders and the WWU Alumni Association,” he added. Goldsmith said several factors have figured in the program’s popularity, including the card’s low annual interest rate of 14.8 percent, the first year waiver of the normal $18 card fee, and the solid reputation of U.S. Bank in the Pacific Northwest.

Under the program, the WWU Alumni Association receives a percentage of each charge made on WWU Alumni Visa cards, each time a card is used.

With a normal, standard Visa card, that percentage would simply go to the financial institution issuing the card,” Goldsmith noted. “U.S. Bank, as part of our agreement, has offered to give that back to the Alumni Association.”

Earnings from the program will be used to expand Alumni Association programming and to help increase the number of scholarships the Association offers each year, among other projects.

The WWU Alumni Association launched its initial Affinity Visa card program nearly four years ago. However, the program’s first financial institution decided to get out of the affinity card business at the end of the three-year contract.

The Association and U.S. Bank then entered into a long-term agreement last spring and began offering the WWU Alumni Card this past fall.

Those who are interested in obtaining a WWU Alumni Visa Card can do so by requesting an application form from the Alumni Office, Old Main 345, WWU, Bellingham, WA 98225 or by calling (206) 676-3353.

Annual meeting held May 4

The annual and spring meeting of the WWU Alumni Association Board of Directors was held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4, 1991, in Room 340 of Old Main on the Western campus. Election of officers and new board members were among the agenda items.

Name this publication, win a valuable prize

Be creative! Win a valuable prize!

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We invite all those who currently receive the publication to submit suggestions for a new name, or tell us why you like the present title.

Complete the form below and give the reason for your choice in 50 words or less and you could win a handsome, elegant WWU sweatshirt. One will be awarded to the person proposing the most apt new name and one will also be awarded to the person penning the most inspiring reasons for retaining the name, résumé.

For no reward whatsoever, we are also seeking your views on how the alumni publication should look (tabloid or magazine?) and what topics you most — and least — would like to see covered in it. You can use the form below if you like. We hope it is much too short to accommodate all your suggestions. Or give us a call at (206) 676-3353. We truly would appreciate your comments as we attempt to design a publication that will be an asset to the alumni and friends of Western Washington University.

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My proposed name is

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Life Member fee to rise October 1

At its May meeting, the WWU Alumni Association Board of Directors voted to increase Life Membership fees in the Alumni Club to $500 for a single and $650 for a joint membership.

Since its inception a little less than two years ago, fees for a Life Membership have been $400 for a single and $500 for a joint membership.

Those wishing to become Life Members may join at the present rate until October 1 when the new rates go into effect, according to Chris Goldsmith, Director of Alumni Relations and Executive Director of the Association.

Those who are currently on the optional five-year payment plan will continue to fall under the original pricing structure, he adds. “For those thinking of becoming Life Members,” he notes, “it would be advantageous to act between now and October 1.”

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Winds of Gulf War sweep across Western

By Mike Thomsen

As Operation Desert Storm raged over the Persian Gulf, its impact swept across Western’s campus.

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Kenneth P. Mortimer

For most, the peace march boiled on signs above the crowd of up to 2,000 protesters. The relentless chanting of “No blood for oil” and “Hell no, we won’t go, we won’t die for Texas!” accompanied marchers as the rally wound through the campus.

Supporters of U.S. policy also voiced their views. “We need to support collective security, the rule of law, human rights, and innocent civilians in Kuwait,” said senior James Bailey. “The entire economy of the world is at stake, as are the human rights of Kuwaitis.”

For most, the peace March concluded the afternoon of January 15. But for some, it was just beginning.

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The message we got from the administration was they respected us,” said Anne Martin, a participant in the sit-in. “They respected what we did. They respected our consensus system.”

There was an increase in church attendance. “Our worship service, our mass, has been full to the seams every Sunday,” said Shalom Center director Shirley Osterholm before the ground war began in late February.

The center also hosted meetings for a group hoping to curb any discrimination against people of Middle Eastern descent, a position supported by the Faculty Senate in a resolution adopted after the ground war had concluded. And University Extended Services program ran a well-attended series of forums on Middle Eastern issues which extended to mid-April.

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Seattle Center Offers Degree Programs

Alumni have the opportunity to continue their Western education at the Seattle Urban Center. Three degree programs are offered:

- A bachelor of arts in human services
- A post-baccalaureate secondary teacher credential/M.Ed. program
- School Administration Master’s and post-Master’s principal credentials

These programs are offered on an evening, part-time basis, and students can take all classes at the center, Seattle Central Community College, 108 Broadway. For more information, call 464-6103.

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Air Force 1st Lt. Darren T. Hansen, and regional planning program from
He donated $200 to the geography
with the 1st Armored Division.
deployed to Saudi Arabia in December
attended Western for two years, was
degree. Specialist Todd Peckham, who
up just four months after graduating
of the Air National Guard, was called
of a helicopter squadron aboard the
A peace rally on the eve of war drew about 2,000 participants to Red Square.
USS Ranger. Staff Sgt. Brian Presson,
WWU's Public Information Office.
One alumnus serving in the Gulf,
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Veronica Tomaszewski Taylor

which he graduated.
Many more alumni were, undoubtedly,
serving in Operation Desert Storm.
“We know that résumé goes to a lot
of APO and FPO addresses,” said
Alumni Director Chris Goldsmith, “but
we don’t know how many of our active-
duty or reservist alumni are actually as-
signed in the Gulf.”
Support for the troops in the Gulf fre-
quently was expressed through letter-
writing campaigns with, in the case of
one alumna, surprising results.
Marla Meyer, a Western graduate
and dental technician, participated
when her office put together care pack-
ages last October to send to the troops.
Meyer, 23, included a personal note of
support.
Aviation mechanic Brain Avery, 30,
was on the receiving end of the pack-
age. He wrote back and since then, the
two have been exchanging multiple let-
ters and photographs and have had at
least two 90-minute phone conversa-
tions. “He’s talking about coming out
here after it’s over,” Meyer said in a
Bellingham Herald interview.
Far sooner than many expected, the
100-hour ground war ended bringing
relief to the campus community and
joy as U.S. troops began arriving home
in the early days of March.
Michael D. Hamann wed Janeen E.
Gottschalk in Seattle where they
will make their home.

Wilders Endow Teaching Excellence
Bellingham residents Chuck and Betty Ann Wilder have donated property valued
at more than $300,000 to The Western Foundation. Western’s new Strength and Fit-
ness Center (see page 10) will receive $35,000 to complete funding for that project.
The remainder will establish an endowment to encourage teaching excellence, par-
ticularly in business and economics, the sciences, computer science, technology
and mathematics.
“I care deeply about Western and share President (Kenneth F.) Motimer’s com-
mittment to quality undergraduate teaching,” Wilder says. “I especially want to en-
courage excellence in the academic areas that have heavily influenced my life.”
Wilder, who was owner and president of a construction company bearing his name
until the company’s sale in 1990, has served as a member of the Foundation’s
Board of Directors.
DeLorme Named Permanent Provost
Roland L. DeLorme, who came to Western in 1966 as an assistant professor of
history, was named Provost/Vice President Of Academic Affairs March 22. He had
been acting in that capacity since the death of Dr. Les A. Karlovitz in April, 1990.
A native of Aberdeen, Washington, DeLorme holds a doctorate in American his-
tory from the University of Colorado (1965), a master’s in American civilization
from the University of Pennsylvania (1960) and a bachelor’s in philosophy and
political history from the University of Puget Sound.

Greek Tour Deadline: June 15
WWU’s Retirement Association is offering a 20-day tour of Greece departing
for Athens September 4. Thomas Schlotterback, artist and art history professor,
and Nina Schlotterback, professor of liberal studies, travel the group. The $1,700
program fee includes bus, ferry, hotels (double occupancy), some meals and group
travel fees in Greece but not airfare (about $900). Registration deadline is June 15.
For additional information, contact Chappelle Arnett (206) 734-8374.

Viking XI On Drawing Boards
A commuter car that uses the advantages of both solar power and natural gas is
in the planning stages at the Vehicle Research Institute. Reassembling a two-seater
sports car, it could be driven short distances at relatively slow speeds under solar
power and longer distances at up to 70 mph using natural gas.
Viking XI will be the successor to the solar-powered vehicle which claimed
fifth place in a field of 39 entries in the World Solar Challenge last November in
Australia and earlier finished second in the Sunrayce U.S.A. from Florida to
California.
VRI Director Michael Seal says the search for an alternative-energy prototype
vehicle may take two years.

Multimedia Encyclopedia Debuts
Try looking up “tiger” using a new computer program developed jointly by
WWU’s WEST Center, IBM and The National Geographic Society and you’ll not
only find the facts that would be in an encyclopedia, you’ll hear the tiger roar and
see movies of it dozing, stretching and charging.
WEST Center, IBM and The National Geographic have jointly developed “Mam-
mals: A Multimedia Encyclopedia,” the first computer program to combine color
photographs, slow-motion movies, text and sound on a CD-ROM disk. The original
target audience for the program was school libraries and classrooms, but it is sell-
ing well for the home market, according to WEST Center director George Gerhold.
With assistance of eight undergraduate art students, Gerhold and art professor
Bob Urso handled overall visual and technical design and production. A museum
version is currently on display at the National Geographic Society in Washington,
D.C. and will appear soon at the San Diego Zoo and other locations.
On tap is a WWU-IBM-NGS collaboration on the American presidency.
Huxley Roll Call

Name: Paul Schissler
Graduated: 1982, B.S. in environmental planning and design.
Occupation: Program Director for Community Services for The Opportunity Council, a non-profit community service organization in Bellingham.

Huxley’s most memorable quality: “The idealism and enthusiasm shared by the faculty and students was impressive,” he says, and “was directed into practical, applicable academic work.”

Name: Bill McCourt
Graduated: 1972, B.S. with a concentration in environmental control.

Occupation: Superintendent of Operations of the wastewater and water treatment plants in Bellingham.

Professional preparation: He credits Huxley for letting him bridge the gap between the engineering and biological approaches to science.

Name: Tom Kunesh
Graduated: 1987, B.S. with a concentration in environmental health.

Occupation: Health specialist for Whatcom County Health Department.

Professional preparation: “The very nature of environmental sciences has to do with knowing a lot about a lot of different subjects. In order to tackle a solid state issue, you have to know about chemistry, biology, a little bit about geology and hydrology, and a little bit about public relations,” he says.

Name: Wendy Scherrer
Graduated: 1976, B.S. with a concentration in environmental health.

Occupation: Environmental Educator.

Graduating class: recently received master’s degree in environmental education.

Huxley’s most memorable quality: “On Thursdays, they didn’t have classes,” she says, “and so they (the faculty) really emphasized that you got out there and got practical field experiences, internships experiences, and real world encounters in the community.”

Name: Gary Davis
Graduated: 1974, B.S. in environmental control with a concentration in marine resources; recently received master’s degree from WWU in environmental science.

Occupation: Biologist with the Washington State Department of Fisheries; Working with the management and regulation of marine species.

Huxley’s most memorable quality: “The small class size and the interaction between students and faculty members,” he says.

Name: Sue Blake
Graduated: 1982, B.S. with a con-
Reflections on two decades of environmental education

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Huxley College of Environmental Studies, and Huxley Dean John Miles remembers it all. Miles has served on the Huxley faculty since the college's inception in 1970, becoming dean in 1985.

Talk a bit about Huxley's beginnings.

We came on the scene at a time when environmental education first appeared. The National Environmental Policy Act had been passed in 1969, and Earth Day 1970 was the first big public environmental celebration. So the people who first conceived of this college were in the forefront of people thinking about the role of environmental studies in higher education.

What do you consider some of Huxley's most significant accomplishments?

One is having made it through 20 years. Environmental Studies became a big thing in the '70s, and a lot of schools jumped on the bandwagon. But then a lot of schools faded from the scene because they did not have the degree of institutional commitment that Western has. We've had the time to develop our curriculum to what I am confident is one of the best environmental studies curriculums anywhere. The Institute for Watershed Studies has developed over the years, as has the Institute for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry. We also played a role in the formation of the Shannon Point Marine Center. It's also little known that Huxley students began the first recycling program in Bellingham. It grew so much we had to turn it over to the Associated Students.

How does Huxley's program of study relate to career opportunities?

It's more and more a professional degree, in the sense that students can go right out of here into an entry-level position in the environmental professions. When we started, there was no clear definition of what environmental professions were.

How does Huxley fit into the University as a whole? Do students from other programs take classes here?

We've very systematically built connections with other parts of the university over the past five years. Throughout the history of the college, there has been a connection with the biology department. But that was virtually it. Now we have cooperative programs with economics, biology, chemistry, journalism and political science. In 1983 we began a master's program in environmental science. It's unusual, and we get applicants from all over the country.

Do you see a difference between the current wave of environmentalism and the one in the early '70s that gave rise to the formation of Huxley?

Definitely. Environmentalism is much more mature as a social movement now than it was in 1970. In the 1970s, it came along on the wave of social activism that started to surge with the civil rights movement of the '60s and had crested with anti-war activism. I think this environmental wave is moving on its own momentum simply because of events that are occurring in the world: Environmental disasters, rapid development of population — and the recognition that we are down to the point where we simply cannot ignore a lot of these environmental difficulties.

And this particular movement is much more towards what people are thinking of as creating a sustainable society on the base of a sustainable environment.
25th is Golden Year for dynamic Western Foundation

While silver was the anniversary which The Western Foundation recently celebrated, golden may better characterize its recent history and outlook for the future.

During the previous fiscal year, the Foundation experienced unprecedented private support. The number of contributors more than doubled (from 1,820 to a record 5,065) while the level of giving jumped from $658,000 the previous year to $1.3 million to fund scholarships, equipment, academic needs and faculty enrichment. This contrasts sharply with the earliest annual phonathon.

The couple will live in Seattle. '86 — Navy Lt. Michael A. Swan was promoted to his present rank while serving with Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron-114. He joined the Navy in July 1986 ... Chuck Cross recently joined Security First Mortgage, Inc. as its vice president of operations manager ... Tom Pearce was appointed by publishers Don and Carol Glocner as editor of the Ballard News-View Ridge and Grayson B. Bourland wed Josephine L. Ware August 25 in Marysville ... Marcel J. Olson and Rone A. Brewer ('88) were married July 14. Marcela obtained a Master of Education degree from Georgia State University and is a school psychologist in the Meridian School District and Rome, who received his Masters of Environmental Studies from Western, is a research assistant at the Institute of Wildlife and Environmental Toxicology in Anacortes ... Tammy Tuttle married David Clarke in a November ceremony in Redmond ... Kristi L. Levaque and Dale Howard were married in September. She is a dental hygienist for Drs. John and Jennifer Fischer, of La Conner, and Dr. Lawrence Pirkle, of Mt. Vernon.

Anchoring Western's Woodring College of Education and University Extended Programs have received a $500,000 state grant to improve the quality of vocational teacher education statewide. The grant will establish the Washington Center for Vocational Educator Preparation, four regional consortia of vocational educators from public institutions as well as the private sector and non-profit organizations. The project will pay special attention to increasing involvement of business and labor in vocational education and training.

"We know that only through development of a highly skilled work force will Washington be able to remain a bellwether state," project director and Woodring Dean Larry Marrs comments. "We have made a major commitment to changing the status quo toward the improvement of the state's economic and educational development."

The State Board for Vocational Education awarded the grant after an independent-12-member team representing business, labor, education and the community evaluated proposals from a number of institutions. The panel deemed Western's plan to be "exceptionally creative."

Curriculum will include topics such as cultural diversity, school-to-work transition, non-traditional employment and upgrading of technical competencies. Superintendent of Public Instruction Judith Billings says: "I am really impressed with the indications of support from other institutions and with the way Western is going to include a multi-cultural activity/sensitivity module, which is extremely important."
Economic expert Solomon sees no quick end to recession

By Carole Wiedmeyer

Quick recovery from the national economic recession may not come as soon as many would like or as the Bush Administration has predicted. So ventures Ezra Solomon, Stanford University, a Dean Witter professor emeritus of finance, who spoke on the nation’s economic outlook in February as part of the 1991 Intalco Distinguished Lecture Series. A consulting economist and former member of the President’s Council of Economic Advisers, Solomon attributes his prediction of sustained slowdown to inability of the banking system to stimulate the economy.

“Financial fragility,” owing to demands by zealous regulators on undercapitalized banks, will keep the money being pumped into the system by the Federal Reserve from having its intended effect, he adds. Wary bankers are now less likely to make loans with increased bank reserves, making it difficult for the Fed’s loose money supply policy to “prime the pump” of the economy.

In the 1980s, by “taking away the punch bowl” when inflation began to peak and bringing it back out during slowdowns, the Fed brought about the longest peacetime period of expansion without significant inflation. Solomon had faith in the central bank’s ability to fine-tune the economy throughout this period, and failed to join his colleagues who continually forecast the end of the party.

But Solomon now finds himself joining the Cassandras, despite the fact that the administration and the usually pessimistic Congressional Budget Office disagree with him. He agrees with their reasoning to a point. The factors that brought about the current slump — three major, unpredicted events — have since abated: the Gulf War of winter of 1989 in the Eastern U.S., German unification, and the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

As crops froze and fuel oil prices skyrocketed, inflation picked up, thwarting the Fed’s easy money policy. Investment capital fled the U.S. as Germany raised interest rates in an effort to stave off inflation that could result from the mingling of the two current-cities, again making it difficult for the Fed to keep domestic rates low. And the trade embargo of Iraqi oil eliminated 4.5 million barrels of oil a day from the system, doubling prices per barrel.

These shocks slowed the economies of Germany and Japan to roughly a 3.5 percent growth rate, while the U.S. economy, already teetering near no-growth, moved into recession.

Those who disagree with Solomon, including Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, say the recession will end fairly shortly. Inflationary conditions have subsided in the foreign capital markets, the oil markets, and at home. The stock market, regarded as a leading economic indicator, is strong. And the Fed is pumping liquidity into the system using all the tricks it knows.

Solomon sees the turnaround taking place at year’s end — or even later. Improvement will suffer until Congress can get the regulators to ease some bank capital requirements that frustrate the Fed’s attempts to get the economy “party” going again.

“Regulators are in a quandary,” he says. While working in the best interest of the taxpayer, he claims, they may be crippling the mechanism that worked to keep the economy afloat during the last decade. Instead of premature government bank takeovers, Solomon suggests co-insurance for deposits, which shifts some of the responsibility for managing risk to the depositor. The idea, however, may be too late.

“We haven’t seen the worst of the big bank failures,” he predicts.

Solomon predicts a much more conservative decade ahead. The cautious national mood, combined with an increasingly older population that consumes less and saves more, will combine to make the U.S. economy slower to expand but less dependent on foreign capital.

Government policy remains teeth-grindingly slow; tax cuts in 1986, and outbacks in government spending could take advantage of the conservative mood.

In the meantime, more belt tightening is ahead, Solomon says. Western states may not get the worst of it, but will not be immune.

“I’ve never known of a recession that left large sectors of the country untouched,” he says.
**In memoriam**

Dr. Herbert C. Taylor, one of the most popular lecturers in the history of the University, died on January 28 in Hawaii where he and his wife, Dr. Carol J. Diers, were visiting on an extended trip.

Taylor came to Western in 1951 and retired in 1986. It is estimated that more than 18,000 students had enrolled in his classes. He helped establish the social studies department in 1953 and was instrumental in creating the sociology/anthropology department in 1960, serving as chair for the next five years.

He also served as director of the Bureau for Faculty Research from 1961-65 and as associate dean and dean for research and grants.

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**New NAIA division setup offers post-season possibilities**

Western will compete in Division I of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) new division setup for men's and women's basketball. The new structure splits the NAIA competition into two District I divisions based on enrollment and the amount of athletic scholarship money available.

Other District I/Division I teams are Central, Lewis-Clark State College, University of Puget Sound, St. Martin's College, Seattle University, Sheldon Jackson College and Simon Fraser University.

The new division structure will permit eight at-large berths in men's national tournaments and 10 for the women. Previously, the tournaments were limited to district champions. Men's coach Brad Jackson says this should help the Viking hoopsters "if our district is as strong as it has been.

For this season, the women's team posted a 21-7 record under first-year coach Carmen Dolfo, winning 20 games for the fourth consecutive time and reaching post-season play for the 12th straight year, the 19th post-season action in the last 20 years. Dolfo became the first basketball coach in Western's history to win 20 games in a debut season.

The men's team had a disappointing 1990-91 campaign, finishing with a 12-17 record, the first losing season in five years. But coach Brad Jackson says Western may have laid the foundation for the future, with three freshmen seeing extensive playing time, including point guard Jeff Dick (Redmond), who was the team's only NAIA District I all-star.

In other news, Coach Jackson has been named an assistant coach for the West team in this summer's U.S. Olympic Sports Festival slated for UCLA's Pauley Pavilion in Los Angeles July 13-16. Head coach for the West is Reggie Minton of the Air Force Academy.

In his sixth season at Western, Jackson has compiled a 124-68 record and was named District Coach of the Year each of the last three seasons. A WSU graduate, he came to Western last September.

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**Rugby Club assists burn victim**

An April 6 concert sponsored by the Rugby Club benefited Peter C. Albert, a club member badly injured in a January 2 fire. Albert, 23, received third-degree burns over 50 percent of his body when he and roommate, Kim Marie Owner, boarded an elevator at the Mount Baker Apartments in downtown Bellingham, unaware that a Christmas tree had set the lobby ablaze.

Owner, also a Western student, died of cardiac arrest at the scene.

Funds raised by the concert will go toward medical expenses and to replace personal articles lost in the fire.

At press time, Albert was in stable condition at Harborview Medical Center, Seattle, recovering from a series of skin graft operations in early March. He was unconscious for five weeks. According to his father, John Albert, insurance will cover $300,000 of the little-used wrestling and gymnastics area — formerly a little-used wrestling and gymnastics area — was done with state monies. Goodrich praised a committee, chaired by Bellingham businessman Ken Graham, for its "tireless work" to raise private funds to equip the facility.

We welcome items for Roll Call and In Memoriam. Please address them to: The Alumni Office, 345 Old Main, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225.
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Viola Edna Hilfiker (49) died October 26 in Friday Harbor. She was 69 years old. She graduated from Dickinson State Teaching College in North Dakota, and finished her education at Western State College, teaching in Bellingham for 15 years. Mrs. Hilfiker and her family then moved to Lodi, California, where she taught high school for 13 years. In 1978, she and her husband retired to Friday Harbor.

Lucille Strom (68) of Kingston died December 3. She graduated from Western Washington University then taught at Oak Harbor Elementary School from 1968 until her retirement in 1984.

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