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Yesterday
Today
Tomorrow

Western honors
its founders
February 24, 1993
and looks to
its future

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Editor's note: Last issue, we began a guest opinion column, Point of View, and invited your views on any topic of general interest. We have selected representative letters for this edition. Here is the beginning of a regular résumé feature. Our thanks to those who wrote: Keep those cards and letters coming in.

Let's live with nature

Regarding the conflict between environmentalists, loggers and property owners (Curt Smith, Point of View, Fall 1992): The process must start with production because this is "a competitive world market."

The second step in education is to "look and do." If it doesn't fit Nature, get out of the way.

The third attribute is to be honest, and don't lie to Nature or yourself.

The fourth need is to utilize the three forces of Nature to produce the four physiological needs of people.

In the Great Northwest, timber planting and growing contributes to all these needs. As Professor Emeritus at Western, I consider myself a health educator for I am growing timber in four counties in Washington and trees in one province in Canada. Let's Live with Nature.

Charles F. Lappenbusch, Sr.
Auburn, WA

Honesty times two

Curt Smith's Point of View was refreshing for its honesty in the midst of the 1992 political wars. With candidates promising to "grow the economy," ignoring overpopulation, denouncing Spotted Owls, and promoting greater affluence along with environmental protection, Smith has the nerve to say we can't have it all, that the world has changed, and we must change obsolete values.

Another Western graduate of the same era, William Dietrich ('73), has posed our dilemmas in his book, The Final Forest: The Battle for the Last Great Trees of the Pacific Northwest (Simon & Schuster, 1992, $21). To date, no other author has so clearly described, and made human, the conflicts that arise when people reach the limit of exploiting a natural resource, timber, once thought to be inexhaustible.

Dietrich establishes the biological, demographic, economic, and emotional framework for the Old Growth debate, then makes us enter the argument from the viewpoint of loggers, foresters, preservationists, biologists, mill owners, truck drivers, and corporations ... (He) treat(s) each viewpoint as legitimate, and let(s) the advocates speak for themselves as forcefully as possible.

College teaching has many intangible rewards. One is listening to successful graduates of the university speak with clear and confident public voices about the ethical issues of their era. We can be proud to work at an institution that has alumni like Curt Smith and Bill Dietrich.

Bob Keller
Professor, Fairhaven College

Ed. Note: As a member of the Seattle Times staff, Bill Dietrich won a 1990 Pulitzer Prize for his reporting on the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska.

Shame on names

I don't usually end up writing Letters to the Editor, although I often intend to, but I feel compelled to do so in regard to the new name contest for résumé.

I was shocked to read the names of Viking Voyager and The Helmsman as receiving special notice. Yes, there is the Viking tradition, but this is the '90s! The name Viking Voyager is no longer an inclusive one for an alumni organization serving a diverse multicultural community of graduates. And Helmsman? I'm sure that the alumni population reflects at least the general population with 51 percent women.

Given that Western used to be a teachers' college, I would expect that even a higher percentage of alumni are women.

I am always impressed with the articles written about the achievements of Western graduates in many different fields. When I read these, I am struck by the level of leadership provided by these alumni. Although I don't have a suggestion for the name, I would encourage your staff to look toward names that reflect the level of leadership, dedication and commitment which seems apparent in your stories on graduates' contributions to their communities. Good Luck!

Alisa Kathleen (Denny) River
'72, Fairhaven
Port Townsend, WA

Edens memories revisited

In June 1931, I became a member of the Edens Hall maintenance and Kitchen Krew ... The "depression era" was at its height (or, should I say, at its lowest?) ... There isn't a room, corridor, bathroom, attic, elevator, basement area -- and especially the third-floor Blue Room -- that has not felt the hammer or the mop or the vacuum cleaner in my hand.

Each year, the Edens Hall girls had a formal prom. My sweetheart (and dining room waitress), Betty Tod, who in 1937 became my wife ... invited me to be her partner (for the 1933 prom) ... My delightful partner, dressed beautifully in a light pink formal dress she had made herself, and I danced romantically into the night until the orchestra finished playing Good Night Sweetheart ... And now don't you know why Edens Hall is such a part of our lives?

The Rev. Henry F. Lowe
Elizabeth Tod Lowe
Duarte, CA

Homecoming III fantastic!

My wife and I attended Homecoming III and had a fantastic time! Everything was well organized and very enjoyable -- so somebody did a great deal of work very, very well. We did the Turkey Trot Fun Run on Thursday and had a great time (we think it's a nice addition to Homecoming, plus a good place to mix with students); we thought the sweatshirts were super; the Salmon BBQ was delicious; the Homecoming Football Game was terrific! (we especially like how you arranged the scoring; that's the best I've ever seen a Western football team do); and the weather was great for a full weekend in Bellingham to boot.

Thank you to the Alumni Association/Alumni Relations and all the organizers, volunteers and alumni that made Homecoming III such an enjoyable success. We look forward to next year.

Fred & Sonny Jaminson ('47)
Kennewick, WA
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Homecoming 1992 was best yet of our renewed tradition. Above left, Midnight Madness drew a happy throng to launch basketball season. Above right, Student Nicole Drinkwine delivered some of the three tons of food for the needy collected on campus Homecoming Week to Elaine Hanson, of Womencare Shelter. Below, joy reigns as Western beats Central and makes the NAIA finals for the first time.

Alumni Association

Homecoming ’92

Cheers all around from the court, from the field and to those who helped the needy.

—Photos by Tom Wittenberg, Carole Wiedmeyer andJeff Wolff

By Chris Goldsmith, Director of Alumni Relations

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—Photos by Tom Witenberg, Carole Wiedmeyer and Jeff Wolff
Northwest, a natural food store chain in Portland... Jenkins Middle School in Chewelah will have a new principal this year, Doug Ashjarnsen. He is married and has three children. Ron Powers is the new sales-marketing director for McCormick Woods residential development, Port Orchard.

78 - New vice president and manager of the Mortgage Financial Services at Whidbey State Bank is Jim Logghe who has 26 years of banking experience. Port Angeles resident Shelley Burgett is the district treasurer-controller for the Public Utilities District. She is married and has two children.

79 - Semiahmoo Park Hall Gallery hosted a show for Birch Bay photographer Steve Baker.

80 - Dr. Mark Woodham has joined Gould Chiropractic Center in Olympia. He has an extensive background in sports conditioning and has worked with bodybuilders and Olympic athletes.

81 - Julie Hopper Knight is teaching third grade in Stanwood. She married Scott in 1990 and their first child, Kate, was born May 12.

82 - The seventh annual recipient of the Fellowship in Aerospace History, a program supported by NASA, is Suzanne Kolm. She has been a fellow at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum and at the Center for the Advancement of College Teaching at Brown University, and is a doctoral candidate there. Frank Atkinson is a new North Whidbey Middle School principal and lives in Oak Harbor with wife Paula and two children. Kirk Woolsey has joined the Richmond office of Piper Jaffray Inc. as an investment executive. Darce Weisner is head boys basketball coach at Shadle Park High School, Spokane. Diana Houtt, project designer of the University Inn Hotel, is with Potter-Stewart in Bellevue.

1992-93 Alumni Scholarship winners are (1-t) manufacturing technology major Cuong Truong, environmental sciences major Julain Sromberg, freshman musician Charlene Watson, biology/anthropology major Julie Krell and freshman Lisa Mohr, who plans to major in biology. Anita Whaler (environmental education) and Gabrielle Edwards (intersciplinary child development) were not available for the photo. Scholarship winners were chosen from more than 400 applicants. Alumni donations to the fund increased by nearly $22,000 last year.

Reunions abound: Portland, Seattle are sites; Fairhaven marks its 25th year

Numerous alumni gatherings have been scheduled for the coming months; some by geographic areas and some by academic major. Mark your calendars for the following:

February 20 - Alumni living in the Portland/Vancouver region will gather at the Oregon Historical Center in Portland.

February 24 - Founders Day Celebration in Bellingham.

February 2 - Founders Day Celebration/Dinner in Seattle at The Four Seasons Hotel, Spanish Ballroom.

April 1 - Psychology alumni will get together at the Columbia Winery in Woodinville.

April 16 - Alumni from Speech Pathology plan to gather in Bellingham.

April 17 - Geography and Regional Planning alumni will gather at Seattle’s Columbia Towers Club from 3 to 6 p.m.

April 21 - Alumni who participated in debate will meet for a dinner and program at Seattle’s Stouffer-Madison Hotel. In each case, alumni will be receiving more information and invitations. Any questions? Call the Alumni Office at 650-3353.

Kenneth P. Mortimer, Western’s president since 1988, has been named president of the University of Hawaii effective no later than April 1. At its December meeting, Western’s Board of Trustees authorized a search committee to seek a successor and named Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs Roland L. De Lorne acting president, effective March 1.

De Lorne, 55, became provost in March 1991 following a national search. He came to Western in 1960 as an assistant professor of history and has twice chaired that department. He has also been associate provost (1989-91) and assistant to the vice president for academic affairs (1988-89).

Board of Trustees member, Craig Cole, will chair the presidential search committee with the assistance of board member Warren J. (“Bud”) Gilbert, Jr., board chair Mary Kay Becker, and a panel representing faculty, students, staff and the community.

In a letter to the campus community, Mortimer said: “Although it will be hard to leave Western and our many friends and colleagues here, Lorrie and I have deep roots in Hawaii. Our family lives there, and I have been an observer and analyst at the University of Hawaii for nearly 25 years. Thus, the Hawaii situation is unique to us for family reasons.”

Mortimer also cited the challenge of heading a 10-campus system with over 45,000 students.

“Lorrie and I came to Western because it was a very good regional university in a beautiful setting,” Mortimer continued. “Had the opportunity in Hawaii not arisen, we would have been very happy to continue at Western.”

Since Mortimer, 55, became Western’s 11th president, the assets of

President Mortimer Hawaii-bound De Lorne will be acting president

Kenneth P. Mortimer

Roland L. De Lorne

The Western Foundation have doubled and annual gift income has more than tripled; implementation of a competitive admissions plan has led to increasingly well-qualified freshman class; and the number of ethnic minority students has more than doubled. Under his leadership, the University has adopted a strategic plan and is completing a master plan for the physical development of the campus.

He is founding chair of the Washington State Campus Compact which encourages students to engage in community service and internships as part of their educational experience.

In 1990, Mortimer received the Leadership Award from the Association for the Study of Higher Education. He is on the board of the American Association of Colleges and the executive committee of the national Campus Compact organization. He is president of the Board of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems and past president of the Association for the Study of Higher Education.
Former Red Wings player, now professor, goes FAR

His name is rarely mentioned in the sports pages, but without him, Western can’t even get a team on the field. He is the Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) who does the final certification of athletic eligibility.

On the national level, it is he and his counterparts at more than 400 NAIA schools who initiate and implement policy regulating academic standards for student athletes.

For Western, and nationally, that key position belongs to John Utendale, professor of education, Western’s FAR since 1985. Utendale is currently completing a two-year term as chairman of the NAIA Council of Faculty Athletic Representatives.

A FAR cannot be a member of the athletic department. But for Utendale, being involved in athletics is natural.

Before he chose to be an educator, he played five years of minor league hockey affiliated with the Detroit Red Wings organization. Then he returned to his birthplace to earn a bachelor’s degree at the University of Alberta. His master’s in education is from Eastern and his doctorate from Western State. After coming to Western in 1972, he coached club hockey on campus for nine years.

As Western’s FAR, Utendale is President Mortimer’s liaison with athletics. As chair of the national FAR council, he is an ex-officio member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Council of Faculty Athletic Representatives.

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Another issue before the school presidents is the new divisional structure of the NAIA which is based on a number of factors, including school size and talent availability. The NAIA has had two divisions in football since the 1970s, but introduced basketball divisions last season and is considering them for volleyball.

"Western is one of the 101 largest schools in the NAIA," Utendale says. "We also have small schools with just a few hundred students. Introduction of divisions creates a whole new set of problems, but it also creates greater opportunities for national competition."

The organization is also beginning to tackle issues of equality, such as the move toward gender equality already underway in Washington schools. One of Utendale’s personal goals is to build a "people of color caucus" that would take stands on issues of importance to ethnic minorities.

-Sony Kame

What a sweet, sweet season!

Civic Field was in thick fog, but players and fans were all sunshine as Western welcomed Central (37-7) at the November 14 Homecoming game, finishing the season with a 7-2 record. Defeat by Linfield a week later failed to dim the joy of the Vikings’ first-ever national playoff appearance. In addition, Viking football received national attention when student Rick Medved, eyeing a sports video career, caught the腿s catch seen coast-to-coast on numerous Play of the Year telecasts.

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THE OFFICIAL HOMECOMING ‘KILLER’ BROWNIE

Makes two dozen.

4 oz unsweetened chocolate
3/4 C butter
2 C sugar
3 eggs
1/2 C seedless raspberry jam
2 T raspberry vinegar
1 t vanilla
1 C flour
1/2 t salt
1 C lightly toasted almonds, coarsely chopped

SPREAD
1/2 C seedless raspberry jam
1 T raspberry vinegar

FROSTING
8 oz semi-sweet chocolate
1/4 C seedless raspberry jam
1 T raspberry vinegar

Melt 4 oz unsweetened chocolate and butter over low heat, stirring constantly until smooth. Remove from heat. Add sugar and one egg at a time. Add jam, vinegar and vanilla, stir well. Stir in flour, salt and toasted almonds.

Spread in 9 x 13 pan that has been lined with waxed paper or a brown paper bag and sprayed with vegetable spray for easy removal. Bake for about 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool for about 15 minutes. Using a cookie sheet over the pan, reverse so that the paper may be removed. Reverse again on another cookie sheet. Spread with jam mixture and let cool.

Melt frosting ingredients — except vinegar — over low heat, stirring constantly. Add vinegar. Four ounces brownies and spread. Top will remain glossy. Place in refrigerator until set and then cut into pieces.

For a classy restaurant effect, try baking brownies in a round pan, cutting in pie-shaped wedges and placing on cream with a raspberry sauce swirl.

-Created by Kristie Lundstrom, Alumni Office

Faculty Athletic Representative John Utendale

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On February 24, 1893, Gov. John H. McGraw signed legislation which created New Whatcom Normal School. His action culminated years of efforts to secure a state-supported school in Whatcom County and established what is now Western Washington University.

Seven years earlier, in November 1886, the 'Whatcom Reveille' newspaper proposed that the privately operated Northwest Normal School of Lynden receive an appropriation from the Territorial Legislature, a suggestion warmly endorsed by Whatcom County citizens. By 1893, the Lynden school had closed, and the communities located around Bellingham Bay were vigorously competing to be the site for Washington's third teacher-training institution. In 1893, Whatcom County Representatives Charles I. Roth and Michael Anderson sponsored House Bill 66, which Gov. McGraw signed, allotting $5,000 for the school and leaving the choice of site to a three-member commission appointed by the governor. In August 1893, Gov. McGraw and his two other committee members met at the Fairhaven Hotel and chose a 10-acre tract below Sehome Hill, offered by leading New Whatcom citizens.

Opponents argued that the young state, having already established a university, a college and two normal schools, could hardly afford to support another normal school. Although political give-and-take pushed Gov. McGraw into signing the enacting legislation, he vetoed needed operating money, thus authorizing a state school but not the means to bring it to reality.

In 1895, the legislature appropriated funds for New Whatcom Normal School to construct a single structure, now the central portion of Old Main, which was begun in 1896. It remained empty and unfinished for three years, awaiting state operating funds. Finally, in 1899, the legislature voted $33,500 to equip and operate the school. On September 6, 1899, Principal Edward T. Mathes welcomed the first class of 88 students, a number which doubled by week's end and rose to over 200 within a month.


Condensed from 'Western At 75' (1974) by Dr. Arthur C. Hicks, professor emeritus.
Western’s history is most visible in its buildings; growth and change in physical form. Often these structures bear names unknown to many who teach and learn in them. In honoring those names, we hope to convey a glimpse of Western’s human history and the tradition of service that has been its proudest monument. Above, the 1902 faculty gathers: Librarian Mabel Zoe Wilson and “Principal” Edward T. Mathes stand together at the center of the first row.

Dr. Edward T. Mathes, for whom the residence hall was named in 1966, was the first principal of New Whatcom State Normal School, a title later changed to president. Born in Michigan and educated in Ohio, Mathes came to Washington from the faculty of the state normal school at Lewiston, Idaho, and took up his duties on May 1, 1899. On September 6, he welcomed the first class: 88 students. By the end of the year, there were 160 and, within a month, 220.

Mathes faced, according to the 75th anniversary history of Western, “a lack of space, furniture books and other facilities for instruction — a lack of everything but zeal for learning and teaching in students and the faculty.” Mathes retired in 1914 and died in 1937 at the age of 71.

Mathes’ daughter-in-law, Miriam, was on Western’s faculty from 1934-1971 and recently established a scholarship fund to honor the first president.

Serving from 1914-22, Dr. George W. Nash was the second Normal School president. He had previously been president of South Dakota Normal and Industrial School (Aberdeen) and Idaho superintendent of public instruction for two terms. Nash began to expand the campus, overseeing construction of a road up Sehome Hill and purchase of 34 acres of land. Nash residence, built in 1967, honors him.

Mabel Zoe Wilson was the first librarian at Whatcom State Normal School where she arrived in 1902 to discover the “library” was a hall housing a few reference books, a pile of magazines, and some volumes in no particular order. She presided over organization and expansion of the library in Old Main and construction of the Romanesque building opened in 1928. She served Western until her retirement in 1945.

Wilson Library was named in her honor April 15, 1964, just six weeks before her June 1 death. The library was expanded in 1963 and, again, 10 years later.

Col. J.J. Edens

Edens Hall was home to hundreds of women from its opening at Christmas, 1921, to its last days as a residence in 1970. Closed since 1978 after a stint as administrative space, it is being restored as a residence and scheduled to reopen in Fall 1994. In its early days, Edens was a focus of campus and community culture, especially its Blue Room, often transformed into a theater or recital hall.

The Greek Revival structure was actually the second residence named for Col. J.J. Edens of New Whatcom, one of the first members of the board of trustees who was its chairman from 1904 until his death in 1913. The original Edens, dedicated in 1908, was a wooden structure built to house 28 women; soon home to 45.

Higginson Hall, a residence finished in 1961, is named for Russell Carden Higginson, a member of the first board of trustees, and his wife, Ella Rhoads Higginson, Washington’s poet laureate. The couple came to Bellingham in 1888 and eventually moved into a home on High Street.

Higginson died in 1909, but his widow remained a neighbor and friend to the school until her death in 1940. Words from her poem, The Normal by the Sea, written at the request of the school’s second president, George Nash, are carved above the entry to Edens Hall: “Here is the home of color and of light.”

Miller Hall combines the former Campus School, completed in 1940, with two wings now in 1969. Named after Irving Edgar Miller, who was chairman of the departments of education and psychology (1917-42), it is home to Woodring College of Education, the only division of the University to bear the name of a faculty member. Paul Woodring, now professor emeritus, came to Western in 1939. The College of Education was named for the internationally known scholar and author during his 50th anniversary year. In 1983, Woodring and his wife, Jeannette, now deceased, began a substantial scholarship fund which has supported more than 60 prospective teachers.

Dr. Irving E. Miller

Edward J. Arntzen was a history professor and head of the social studies department, teaching at Western from 1933 until his retirement in 1960. His namesake structure won an award for excellence in the use of concrete from the Washington Aggregate and Concrete Association when built in 1974.

Sam J. Buchanan

Completed in 1971, Buchanan Towers was named for S.J. Buchanan who served the college in positions ranging from financial secretary to controller (1928-67). In his book, Normal College Knowledge, former Western President Jerry Flora recounts his telephone conversation over the naming of the residence:

“Sam, I assume it’s O.K. to name the new dorm after you. I need to know your preference, Buchanan Hall or Buchanan Towers?”

“Wow, that is really flattering. I guess Hall, that seems standard.”

In a few hours, Flora recalls, the phone rang and it was Buchanan.

“Jerry, is it too late to change the name of the dorm? Well, I’ve been thinking. Towers sounds a lot sexier.”

Home of the physics, math and computer science departments, Bond Hall was named for Dr. Elias Austin Bond who was nationally recognized in the field of mathematics. He taught at Western from 1907-1947.

Special thanks to Carole Wiedmeyer, of the Public Information Office, for compiling these biographies and to Virginia Beck of Wilson Library’s Special Collections, for her historic and photographic research which appears throughout.
and changed ...

"The Father of Western athletics" Sanford E. (Sam) Carver coached every sport and turned out many championship teams from 1913 until 1955. Seven years later, the then-new gymnasium was dedicated in his name. Among the earliest graduates of Bellingham State Normal School, Carver was a star athlete (1912/13) who began coaching here shortly after graduation. He was Athletic Director for 18 years and a member of the NAIA Hall of Fame (1957). He died in 1965 at the age of 77.

Central to Red Square (named for bricks, not politics) is the fountain honoring Charles H. Fisher, president from 1923-39 and the person responsible for the most ambitious building program the campus had seen since its founding.

Dr. Charles H. Fisher

He was also the subject of controversy about academic freedom that drew national attention: Although the trustees in 1935 rebuffed citizens' committee charges that Fisher fostered "subversive" and "athletic" activities on campus, Governor Clarence D. Martin ordered the trustees to fire Fisher at the end of the 1938 academic year.

Red Square was completed and Fisher Fountain dedicated in 1968, four years after the fifth president's death.

Dr. William W. Haggard

Named after Dr. William Haggard, president from 1939-59, the current home for chemistry, biology and botany was built in 1960. A new science complex is now under construction and its first phase, a state-of-the-art chemistry building, is due to open in Fall 1993.

Described by a successor as "a man of steel control," Haggard held the office longer than any president. "Such a fuss was generated during the (prolonged controversy over Charles H. Fisher and his eventual firing)," writes former president Jerry Flora, "only a very special, very tough successor could have survived even one year."

According to the 75th anniversary history of the University, Haggard "was the last (Western president) whose training and experience were chiefly in elementary and secondary education and the education of teachers at those levels."

Western's 13th president, G. Robert Ross, was killed in a plane crash, which also took the lives of vice presidents Donald H. Cole and Jeannene C. DeLille. The University rededicated the Ross Engineering Technology Building in his honor in 1988. It had originally been dedicated in October 1987, just a month before his death.

Dr. G. Robert Ross

Parks Hall, home to the College of Business and Economics, was completed in 1983 and named for railroad and labor negotiator Maynard Parks and the late M. Patricia Parks. The Board of Trustees honored the couple after they donated their Lake Samish home and land to the University. A railroader for more than four decades, Maynard Parks kept the Allied armies on track from Algeria to Germany during World War II as an officer with the 704th Railway Grand Division. In the mid-'70s, he concluded his career overseeing the merger of seven bankrupt railroads into the federally subsidized Conrail system, then retired to manage his real estate investments.

while planning for tomorrow
Building the future

Since its founding in 1893 to train teachers for a growing new state — and the arrival of its first class in 1899 — Western has proudly produced five generations of educators.

For four decades, it has emphasized the breadth and quality of its liberal arts curriculum, the essence of the Western experience.

As Western evolved into an outstanding regional comprehensive university, our students have prepared to compete in, and contribute to, a multicultural global society which demands technical and scientific innovation rooted in fundamental knowledge. The University is leading the state in making community service a component of the educational experience.

Looking to the 21st Century, Western has completed a strategic plan to shape academic decisions. A comprehensive master plan to guide future campus growth is nearing completion.

Soon to open is the chemistry building, first of three which will comprise a state-of-the-art science complex. Finding value in the past, Western is restoring Edens Hall, home to thousands of women for more than 50 years, while planning new on-campus housing to maintain its residential atmosphere.

While Western has evolved over the past century, the University continues to cherish its traditions: care for the individual student, commitment to academic excellence, and dedication to community service.

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Western Washington University Founders Celebration 1893-1993

**Tuesday, February 23**

**FOUNDERS CELEBRATION**

**DISTINGUISHED LECTURER, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

**PATRICIA ABURDENE, co-author and collaborator of Megatrends, Megatrends 2000, and Megatrends for Women, presents a dynamic discussion of a "major megatrend" for the '90s: collaborative relationships in business, the community, and within institutions. Introductions: J.C. Hickman, Publisher, The Bellingham Herald.**

**Performing Arts Center Mainstage, Free**

**Wednesday, February 24**

**FOUNDERS OPENING CEREMONY**

**BELLS, 11:30 a.m. – Noon**

**OPENING CEREMONY, 12:30 p.m.**

Bells will echo from the Miller Hall bellower throughout campus as dignitaries arrive in a horse-drawn carriage in front of Old Main, heralding the Founders Celebration opening ceremony. Join friends, alumni and the campus community at the Old Main steps for a re-enactment of the signing of the 1893 legislative bill. Host: Dr. Roland De Lorme, Provost Old Main, Front Steps

**RECEPTION, 12:45 - 2:00 p.m.**

Past Western Presidents Jarrett, Bunke, Flora and Olscamp join current and retired faculty and staff at a light luncheon buffet, sponsored by The Western Foundation, following the Founders Opening Ceremony. Viking Union Lounge

**WESTERN MEMORIES: A Photographic Retrospective**

Absorbing photos chronicle Western’s history and people. Viking Union Gallery, Noon – 5 p.m.

“Celebrate Western!” GALA, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

A gala evening with memories, music and dinner with Western friends, special guests, and past presidents. Dr. Sam Kelly, former Provost and Graduate School Dean, is Master of Ceremonies. Required reservations include special seating at the Founders Celebration Concert. (See reservation form on back cover.)

**RECEPTION, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

**DINNER, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Viking Union Lounge**

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**Thursday, February 25**

**FOUNDERS CELEBRATION CONCERT, 8:15 p.m.**

The festivities continue in the Performing Arts Center with a sumptuous musical feast, including special guest appearances by Western alumni, now Metropolitan Opera stars, Ms. Kaaren Erickson and Mr. Dana Talley. Also featured are selections by Western’s Chorus, Jazz Choir, and Symphony Orchestra; arias from the upcoming university production of La Bohème; and selections from Sondheim’s classic, A Little Night Music. Performing Arts Center Mainstage, Free

**Friday, February 26**

**LOOK AT US NOW!**

Academic and student-sponsored activities at various campus locations. Schedules will be available at the Viking Union Information Desk.

**WESTERN MEMORIES: A Photographic Retrospective**

**Viking Union Gallery, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**VISITING DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER, 7:30 p.m.**

**RUDOLPH ANAYA, writer and professor of English at the University of New Mexico, discusses “The Voices of America: Multiplicity Without Dissonance.” This talk is part of the Quincentennial series, “Rediscovery and Discovery: Indians and Europeans in the Americas,” a year-long series of programs sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and Western Washington University.**

Mount Baker Theatre,

106 North Commercial Bellingham, Free

**LOOK AT US NOW! GALA DINNER IN SEATTLE**

**RECEPTION, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.**

**DINNER, 6:45 p.m.**

**SPEAKER: GOVERNOR MIKE LOWRY**

Dr. William Kendrick, Superintendent of the Seattle School District and 1987 WWU Distinguished Alumnus, is Master of Ceremonies. The program features encore performances from the Founders Celebration Concert, including Jazz Choir; selections from La Bohème and A Little Night Music. Reservations required (see form on back cover).

Spanish Ballroom, Four Seasons Olympic Hotel, 5th and University, Seattle
In memoriam

Hilda M. Freeman Johnson, '98, a Bellingham Normal School graduate, passed away September 14 in Bellevue. She was the last surviving member of the first graduating class of Ferndale High School. Johnson taught in the Highline School District for 34 years and was a member of Mount View Presbyterian Church for 62 years. Former teacher and life resident of Lynnden, Albert F. Booman ('18), died September 14 at the age of 95. He taught science and woodshop for 35 years and, as a debate team coach, led a team to the state Debate Championship. During WWII, he was Lynden Air Raid Warden.

Kenneth E. Selby ('30), former assistant superintendent of Seattle schools during the 1940s, passed away in Everett July 21. During his 92-year life, tree farming was just one of his many hobbies. He was instrumental in developing the 120-acre Cleveland Memorial Forest near Issaquah which is owned by Seattle Public Schools. Selby was a lifetime member of the Alumni Club.

Normal School graduate ('24), Randolph E. (Randy) Dawson, born to a pioneer Bellingham family in 1903, died August 7. He worked for Dawson Plumbing and did most of the plumbing for Children's Hospital and Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle. He spent his retirement years in Clearview. 1927 graduate, Mamie Zelpha Kellogg, died at 90 June 20 in Montesano. She spent four years as deputy county superintendent of schools in Grays Harbor, then went on to be the executive assistant for the State Superintendent of Schools in Olympia. In 1940 she married Harold Kellogg and joined him at the Watson-Kellogg Co. home furnishings store as office manager. Former Ferndale High School music director, Alvin W. Carr ('41), died September 10. He helped build an award-winning music program and particularly enjoyed directing the High School Choir. He retired after 32 years teaching, in Arizona and Neah Bay.

Reta A. Hubler, 80, of Portmouth, OH passed away August 20 while attending a conference of American Association of University Women at Stanford University. A 1945 Normal School graduate, she went on to earn her master's degree from Columbia University and retired from the Brookline, MA schools.

Olof S. "Olle" Swanson ('53), born November 27, 1920 in Padstav, Alberta, Canada, died April 10 in Redmond. Former Mission San Jose CA High School coach, Allo Andress ('56), passed away following an 11-year battle with kidney failure on June 2. He went to MSU High in 1965 as a boys varsity basketball coach, compiling a win-loss record of 135-51, stressing scholarship.

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From the Foundation

Presidents Club: making a profound difference

by Jean C. Rahn
Executive Director
of The Western Foundation

The Presidents Club Campaign Committee, chaired by F. Murray "Red" Haskell, has been instrumental in recruiting new members for Western's Presidents Club. This premier annual giving club represents a depth of commitment that is truly exceptional.

In 1991/92, more than 300 members of The Presidents Club made a profound difference in the quality and diversity of Western's programs. Gifts from club members helped provide unique learning opportunities for all Western students. During the past year, Presidents Club gifts helped support a wide variety of projects, among them:

• 200 scholarships including funding for National Merit Finalists attending Western; 175 grants to send faculty to conferences throughout the nation; The Viking 21, Western's experimental electric/natural gas car; the University's sell-out production of A Chorus Line
• Acquisitions for the Mabel Zoe Wilson Library and the Music Library
• The SMART Program, a project that brings disadvantaged teens to campus for a summer of intensified learning and work experience
• Distinguished Teaching and Research Awards honoring outstanding faculty achievement; Fairhaven College's Law and Diversity Program, designed to prepare minority students for success in law school
• Viking Athletic Programs including scholarships, equipment and completion of the Parberry Fitness Center
• Distinguished Teaching Chairs in Canadian Culture and International Business; The College of Business and Economics' Center for Economic Education, which promotes the teaching of economics in elementary and secondary schools
• Huxley College's Environmental Journalism program
• A new math center designed to strengthen the teaching of mathematics; equipment to test the hearing of newborn babies benefitting both the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology and the local medical community; equipment to enhance teaching and research in biotechnology
• Expansion of computer laboratories in the Woodring College of Education
• A program enabling technology majors to design specialized electronic equipment for the physically disabled
• Visiting lectures series bringing distinguished speakers to campus to address both students and the regional community
• The creative force and leadership of The Presidents Club moves Western toward its full potential. From quality teaching and student development to scholarships, equipment and material needs, Presidents Club gifts go to work immediately.

By allowing the University to take advantage of new ideas or respond to existing and future needs, Presidents Club members enjoy the benefit of knowing their gifts make a profound difference at Western.

Clip Coupon for more facts about mutual annuity program benefits

The Foundation has received numerous inquiries from alumni regarding Charitable Gift Annuities and Deferred Charitable Gift Annuities. What is a gift annuity? Is it true that I can make a contribution to Western that will pay me a regular income at substantial tax savings? What are the other benefits?

Briefly, annuities allow the donor actually to receive income from the gift. Life income gifts also include annuity trusts and unitrusts.

In a Charitable Gift Annuity, the donor transfers assets to The Western Foundation. In return, we agree to make regular, fixed payments for the lifetime of the donor. This exchange is both a purchase of an annuity and a charitable contribution. Among benefits are guaranteed, specified, regular income, part of which may be tax-free; an immediate income tax deduction; possible estate tax benefit; and, if appreciated property is given, favorable tax treatment on the gain.

A Deferred Charitable Gift Annuity is similar. It can be an excellent means of making a gift while providing retirement income at the same time. It allows an immediate income tax deduction, yet defers the receipt of income for a term of years. The donor determines the date the annuity payments start. This plan can have the advantages of a tax shelter: the deduction occurs in a high-income year and income is deferred until the donor is in a lower tax bracket.

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He was 60 when he passed away and spent many years as principal and his teaching career in Fall City and September 21 in Bellingham. Laurance Gallaher ('59), began teacher work and continuous involvement with staff and school board members, particularly regarding busing and school closures. Anesthesiology assistant and volunteer Firmaas Leo Verbon ('72), passed away July 16 at his home in Fall City. He is survived by his wife, Mary; his daughter Emily, and a son, Nicholas.

Laurie J. Bromberg, 42, of Sedro-Woolley, died July 29. She is survived by husband Jerold Bromberger; daughters Ali, Kristen and Erin Mears, and Anna Bromberger.

Instrumental in developing Western's internationally acclaimed Outdoor Sculpture Collection, Art Professor Lawrence Hanson died of lung cancer September 15 at 56. Memorials may be made to the Lawrence Hanson Memorial Sculpture Scholarship or to the Western Gallery, both in care of The Western Foundation. Hanson was campus curator of art, a member of the Art Acquisitions Committee, and a force behind creation of the Washington Art Consortium. A widely known sculptor, he received a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship in 1980 and the Bellingham Mayor's Arts Award in 1985. Hanson held bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Minnesota where he was an instructor before joining the Western faculty in 1965. He was married to Karen Gallaher, and a son, Nicholas.

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Newer traditions

Some Western traditions have started a bit more recently. Gary Leyriz, graduated in '66, has two daughters who are relative newcomers to the alumnae ranks: Kelly (81) is an interior designer with the Seattle firm of Design Perspectives. Tracy (88) married Ron Bundy (89), a Xerox marketing representative. She is a Boeing systems analyst.

Setting records

Still record-holders for most members of one family in the Alumni Association is the family of Skagit Valley College President James Ford all of whom joined the association together in 1990.

Politics makes strange bedfellows they say, and one need look no further than the current debate over freer trade between Canada, Mexico and the United States (the North America Free Trade Agreement) to see confirmation of that claim. Antagonism from certain business and labor interests may be expected, but they have been joined by an odd combination of environmentalists, child welfare advocates, and even the National Council of Churches.

How can we explain the seeming popularity of impediments to trade in the face of evidence that, in general, free trade brings the greatest good to the largest number? The fact is that trade restrictions may be highly beneficial to a small, easily defined group of people who press their interests via the political process. The harmful effects of restrictive policies are well recognized. Trade restrictions benefit a few people a great deal — and harm everyone a little. The many that are hurt a little do not have sufficient incentive nor an effective voice to counter the intensive lobbying by those that are helped a great deal.

The fight against the freer trade proposed by the NAFTA is a symptom of something much larger. It is part self-serving, part xenophobia, and part old-fashioned ignorance. We can choose to be part of a dynamic new trade agreement, or we can stick our heads in the sand. If we do the latter, we may well see the twin specters of isolationism and protectionism rise competitive rounds of beggar-thy-neighbor policies once again diminish our economic prospects.

Editor's note: This column is a regular résumé feature. We invite alumni to comment on the point of view expressed and to offer their opinions on topics of general interest. We request you limit your contribution to no more than 500 words and your comment on "Point of View" columns to less than 200 words.

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