Sharing the past on Founders Day

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A Founders Day Celebration Album

Celebration of Western's 1893 founding began February 23 with a glimpse into the future: Underwritten by Puget Power, best-selling author of the Megatrends series, Patricia Aburdene, gave the keynote lecture.

Festivities ended with a February 26 Seattle gala at which Gov. Mike Lowry, whose daughter attends Western, was guest speaker with Seattle School Superintendent Bill Kendrick ('57) as M.C.

On the 100th anniversary date, February 24, bells rang out from Miller Hall at noon to announce opening ceremonies on the steps of Old Main. Alumni and former faculty members, like 1970s faculty senate president Thaddeus Spratlen (shown with wife Lois), returned to join today's campus community for the day, including lunch with five of Western's former presidents (see page 7).

A photographic retrospective in the Viking Gallery recalled a century of Western's history, and the evening concluded with a dinner and concert featuring Metropolitan opera veterans Kaaren Erickson ('74) and Dana Talley ('72) as well as stars of the future such as seniors Stuart Lutzenhiser and Heather Urschel who performed scenes from Western's April production of La Bohème.
Grist of Goldsmith
By Chris Goldsmith, Director of Alumni Relations

Looks like we can label 1993 as the year of reunions here at Western—in all sorts of shapes, sizes and configurations; but reunions just the same.

First of all, we’ve just completed the very successful Founders’ Celebration featured elsewhere in this publication. This was definitely a rousing start for the year in which nostalgia will be a theme.

Five class year reunions were set for May 14 & 15 on campus.
The decades of 1943 & 1953 gather on Friday, May 14th for their 50th and 40th anniversary festivities. Of course, all graduates prior to 1943 were invited and encouraged to attend this event, which also doubles as our annual “Gold Seal Society” meeting.

Also on the schedule were reunions for the classes of 1958, 1963 and 1968 to celebrate their 35th, 30th and 25th years respectively on Saturday, May 15th.

Mailings have already gone out on the five reunions noted above and a full day’s activity planned for each.

Fairhaven College students will celebrate the 25th anniversary of their college on Saturday, May 29th. Call 650-3680 for information.

All former residents of the original Edens Hall Residence will be invited back to campus to celebrate the beginning of the renovation of this historic building. Activities are set for Saturday, August 14th. Many of Edens’ former residents have already written in and shared their memories with us. For those former Edens residents who have not done so, there is a form elsewhere in this issue (page 3) that we ask that you fill out and mail back to us, so that we can invite you to the August festivities.

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Reunions Abound:
Fairhaven Silver Anniversary is May 28 - 30

Fairhaven College celebrates its Silver Anniversary with a Memorial Day weekend reunion, centering on Saturday, May 29.

"Like any good Fairhaven ritual, it will be student- and alumni-centered," according to coordinating committee member Georgia Garr. It will begin with registration Friday evening; Patricia Karberg, assistant to the Fairhaven dean for 20 years, will be there to greet everyone, including formal grads, community associates, Bridgers, current students, faculty and friends. There will also be conversation at lunch and dinner as well as a dance.

Woyzeck, a Friends of Fairhaven play, will be performed each evening of the reunion. Faculty member David Mason selected the 1836 German work because it is the “first known play featuring society as a character, a society which hounds the protagonist to murder.” It influenced naturalism in theater and expressionism in art. (The play will also be performed the weekend of May 21-23.)

Rounding out the weekend, there will be a Sunday brunch provided by a number of alumni who are now in the restaurant, bakery or catering business. In Fairhaven fashion, numerous alumni living in Bellingham have offered their homes to returning alumni. A "crash pad" list of their telephone numbers is available through the Fairhaven office (206) 650-3680.

"This celebration is open to everyone, including formal grads, community associates, Bridgers, current students, faculty and friends," says Garr. "This is for anyone to whom Fairhaven has meant something of importance."

Although organizers have tried to get an approximation of how many to expect, Garr adds that last-minute participants are welcome. It would be helpful if those who have not yet responded would let the planning committee know, says Garr. "If you're a Fairhaven alum, we're cooking and baking—who know will be attending."

Please contact any member of the planning committee for additional information and to confirm attendance, if you haven't already done so: David Mason (206) 650-4917, Connie Faulkner 650-4909, Don McLeod 650-4911 or Georgia Garr 650-3680.
**Bells ring out for Campus School...**

Bells will ring from Miller Hall August 20-21 when those who attended, or taught at, Western's Campus School will gather for their first reunion.

In many universities, the sound of chimes would not be unusual. But Miller Hall—opened in 1942 with a bell tower as its central architectural feature—never had bells, at least not until just before the February 24 centennial ceremony marking the signing of legislation in 1893, creating what is now Western.

The bells that never were, because of wartime shortages, actually aren’t.

Rather than real bells in the Miller tower, there is a compact disc recording which triggers a series of chimes in a wall cabinet the size and appearance of a large fuse box. This sound is then amplified to Resurrection Peak.
Steve McClain restores a glorious dream

"For half a Century," wrote Pacific magazine, "Skamokawa has lingered at the edge of being gone. But somehow, from a source no one can quite explain, the community found reasons to come alive again."

Helping to midwife the rebirth of his small hometown 30 miles down the Columbia River from Longview is Steve McClain ('75). The parks and recreation graduate presides over Skamokawa Vista Park, built on 80 acres of sand dredged from the river, and is first-ever manager of Wahkiakum County Port District No. 2 (i.e., the park).

Called "Little Venice" after its 1869 founding, the village (pronounced Skah-MOCK-away) based its life on the water: children rowed boats to school; the port and fishing were its economic base. But a highway cut the town in two in 1933. Then the last salmon cannery closed; the last lumber ship sailed; the famous creamery shut down.

About five years ago, McClain and others in the community decided to rescue the village's dominating feature from decay. Volunteers provided materials and elbow grease (5,000 hours of work in one year) and the community foraged for over $60,000 in donations to restore landmark Redden Hall (1894) to gleaming glory.

That began a small renaissance: creation of the riverfront park; restoration of other buildings; an annual fundraising-raising musical review; the July 1992 opening of the River Life Interpretive Center, a complement to the wildlife preserves that surround Skamokawa. McClain and his neighbors want to keep the revival rolling with park improvements and more restorations, but don't want the character of the village destroyed.

"Our objective is to continue the historical re-development, and share what we have with visitors," he says. "But we still want to remain a working community, not just a tourist attraction."

Jo Collinge

Parks and Rec alumna Steve McClain presides over restoration of his Columbia River hometown, Skamokawa. photo by alumna Rick Nelson, editor of the weekly Wahkiakum County Eagle.

Alumni ride high

When a Bellingham-based manufacturer of sports and electronic equipment set out to introduce a new concept in bicycle seat suspension design, it turned for advice to a neighbor: Western's technology department.

Allop Inc. had learned to rely on Western graduates: Bob Dyer ('86), of the firm's plastic processing unit, worked on the bicycle design from its beginning, four years ago. He suggested his company approach fellow 1986 graduate, professor John Kutz, for advice on production solutions. (John Kutz was killed in a January 24 automobile accident and Dyer has since returned to Western as a faculty member, teaching some of Kutz' classes.)

With Kutz as consultant and under­graduates Dave Carlson and Tom Wittenberg as interns, the system was automated of an Allsop assembly line. The Softride suspension, attached above the bicycle frame, has been a major success with not-so­average consumers—competition racers, average consumers—competition racers, winning races across the world.

"The premise of Softride," says Carlson, "is to make the act of riding a bike more comfortable and affordable for the average consumer." It has, he notes, been a major success with not-so­average consumers—competition racers, winning races across the world.

Harvard helps save

Educatinog students about the environ­mental consequences of their behavior is the goal of Ecoleumics, a competition among Western's four north campus residence halls: Mathes, Nash, Edens and Higginson.

The fact that they've saved several thousand dollars in utility bills so far in the face of increasing rates doesn't hurt. Based on a successful resource conservation program started at Harvard in 1990, the year-long pilot project encourages students to conserve natural gas and electricity, and to reduce their
Transcripts cost $4

The fee for transcripts is now $4, an increase to help defray processing costs. To order, mail your check to: Registrar, Western Washington University, Bellingham 98225-9008. Provide your full name, any former names, your current address and the transcript recipient. For additional information: (206) 650-3355.

In Memoriam

Author of Washington's state song, Helen Davis, died December 31 at 87. She wrote Washington, My Home in 1950 and also composed numerous other musical works including Eliza and the Lumberjack, an operaetta widely performed in amateur productions around the Northwest. A South Bend community activist, she led the drive to get Pacific County's first X-ray machine and helped start the county health department. She moved to South Bend in 1953 with her late husband, Chauncey (72), Pacific County School superintend-ent.

Merry Christmas Day Thompson, 98, of Friday Harbor died October 14. She graduated from Bellingham Normal School in 1916 and taught school in Bellingham for two years. She married Leonard Thompson in 1917; he preceded her in death in 1970. She was a member of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church and active in the St. Ann's Guild. Lifelong Lynden resident, Hilda J. Korthuis, died November 14. She received her teaching certificate from the Normal School and taught at Ebenezer Christian and Lynden Christian schools for 40 years.

1929 Normal School graduate Mabel Irene (McNair) Muscutt passed away February 15 in Bellingham. A lifetime resident of Whatcom County, she taught school at Marietta, Roeder and Carl Coulier schools. On July 2, 1931, she married Leslie R. Muscutt in Seattle. They shared 62 years of marriage.

Jack Greaves (31), who retired in 1973 as an assistant superintendent in the Seattle Schools district, died in November at the age of 82. Respected nationally for his work in secondary education, Greaves instigated changes such as flexible scheduling, team-teaching, and using computers to keep grades and schedule classes. Besides his educational work, Greaves was involved in the Seattle-Kobe sister city program, teaching the first student teacher exchange there in 1959.

Margaret Elizabeth Relay, 73, who received her bachelor's degree from Western in 1941 and a master's from New York University, passed away September 15 in Bellingham. She taught in Enumclaw and New York. She was married to Arnold Relay for 48 years, six spent traveling the United States in a motor home.

Lela G. Eaton, 93, died November 10. She married Glen Eaton in 1940 and

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Point of View

Smith viewpoint displays "real attitude" of bureaucrats

Department of Wildlife Director Curt Smith (Point of View, Fall 1992) openly displays the real attitude and agenda of career bureaucrats like himself toward our economy, our environment, and our property rights. By choosing the "fight of the century with the environmentalists in one corner of the room and the short-term economic interests in the other," he exposes his contempt for our free enterprise system and our property rights by characterizing them as "short-term interests." They most certainly are not. While we're saving nature for our children's children, we'd also better be thinking how to protect the environment for our children, and for all kids.

Mr. Smith is correct that both the users and appreciators of natural resources "...have more in common than they have differences. They all need a healthy environment." Whatファラ and the left wing of the environmental movement don't get is that most people understand the need for balance, and know that the true battle is between those who favor effective environmental protection based upon property rights and the market mechanism, and those who want to surrender more power to regulate our lives to people like Mr. Smith, despite their increasing failure to deliver the environmental protection that we need.

C.H. "Skip" Richards (70)

Whatcom Coalition for Land Use Education

I very clearly remember that cover photo

The spring 1991 Point of View came in the mail and, right away, the front page photo caught my eye. I took the original sometime between 1954 and '57. At that time, one of my jobs was doing photo work for the many publications at Western (Washington College of Agriculture). ...

I very clearly remember making this photo: It was up, the posed, the couple walking by one chance. The skirt the lady was wearing was made by the Lummi, and (those skirts) were very popular then.

Ken Bale (57) Raymond, WA

Highlights from the hill

Commemorating Western's founding in 1893 and looking toward the 1999 Centennial of its first class, the Center for Pacific Northwest Studies is conducting interviews of the oral history of the university. Center director Jim Scott is seeking emeritus faculty, retired staff, former trustees and others to share memories. To volunteer or suggest interview subjects, write the Center for PNS Studies, 230 Amtzen Hall, or phone (206) 650-4770.

Viking 21, Western's experimental solar/electric/compressed natural gas vehicle, will compete May 23-29 in the American Tour de Sol in New England. An unfinished version of Viking 21 won the Pikes Peak Solar/Electric Challenge last October 8. Puget Power has donated a total of $35,000 to the project, including $10,000 to help send Viking 21 racing to the May race. Other major funding comes from the Bonneville Power Administration and the Washington State Energy Office.

If you enjoyed your time on campus, invite your youngsters to share the adventure. Western is accepting applications through May 31 for its hands-on summer learning program with sessions geared to the interests and abilities of grades 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Tuition for each week is $195 with campus housing, for those who want a residence hall experience, an additional $189. Some scholarship assistance is available. For information and registration: Adventures in Science & Arts, University Extended Programs, Bellingham, WA 98225-9042 or (206) 650-6820.
moved to Bellingham where she earned her teaching degree from Western in 1951. Mrs. Eaton taught in Sedro-Woolley and Enumclaw for 15 years, retiring in 1962.

World War II Army veteran Norman J. Braune ('54) passed away November 15 in Sedro-Woolley at 67. An avid sportsman, from fishing and hunting, and was active in 4-H groups and the Skagit County Fair.

Former WWSC assistant professor of physical education and baseball coach, Conrad "Connie" Hamilton ('58) died November 3 in Enumclaw. He loved baseball. While working in California, he acted as a scout for the Houston Astros. In 1971, he and his wife, Jean, moved their family to Enumclaw, where he spent 10 years as vice principal and 10 as principal of Enumclaw High School. He passed away December 3. He played football for WSU and U.W., playing in the 1944 Rose Bowl for the Huskies, and professionally in the National Football League for the Detroit Lions and the Washington Redskins. Ward served as a corporal in the Marine Corps during WWII. He was 71.

Leah Leigh Cook, 37, a 1978 education graduate, was lost at sea in Alaska. She taught school in Skagit and Snohomish counties before moving to Las Vegas where she taught for five years. In 1988, Cook moved to Alaska where she led a varied life of teaching school, fishing, earning for gold and flying with bush pilots.

James D. Verheyden, 27, a doctoral student at WSU died November 29 in Spokane. He received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Western in 1988 and immediately began graduate school at WSU in organic chemistry. He had qualified for a master's degree, which he was to receive in December, and was one year away from a doctoral degree. He was married in 1990 to Dawn Emerson.

1918 graduate, Wilhelmine Anne (Petersen) Olson, died March 4 in Woodburn, OR, at 95. She taught in Omak, Hoquiam and Aberdeen. She is survived by her husband, Harold, to whom she was married 69 years.

Memorials for retired professor Sara George "Hank" George, 73, a professor of educational psychology, died February 22 in Bellingham. He was the author of several books and papers and was an expert on the history of education and the development of technology in education. He was a member of the National Science Foundation and contributed to many educational projects. He was a professor at Western for 20 years, retiring in 1995. His wife, Evelyn, was employed in the Student Health Services office, a position she held for nearly 20 years. Originally from Wisconsin, the Schulers now make their home in Lynden.

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Recent gifts to Western—one from a surprise source—will enhance educational opportunities for students throughout the university.

Gifts from faculty members and friends, together with a significant gift from the donors themselves, have brought the Carl and Evelyn Schuler Scholarship for history majors to the fully endowed level of $10,000. Dr. Schuler is a retired history professor who taught at Western from 1959 until 1985. His wife, Evelyn, was employed in the Student Health Services office, a position she held for nearly 20 years. Originally from Wisconsin, the Schulers now make their home in Lynden.

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Western's Technology Department recently received a major boost from the Boeing Company. It applied for a grant from the National Science Foundation to increase its supply of computer numerically controlled machinery equipment (CNC). Grants such as these require that the recipient find matching funds or the request is denied. Boeing generously agreed to match this grant by contributing $97,340 to the Technology Department. "Boeing's gift will allow us to get the CNC equipment on board and bring our curriculum to even higher levels of excellence and make our graduates more valuable to the technology industry," says Technology Chair F. David Harris.

A surprise bequest will provide substantial resources to the university's unrestricted fund. Miriam Taylor Crelfin, of Newtown Square, PA, named Western the beneficiary of her estate which is estimated at $360,000. According to the Western Foundation, the donor was a member of the class of 1926 when Western was primarily a school of education. Since 1966, she had given small gifts on a regular basis earmarked for the unrestricted fund, but her generous bequest came as a surprise to the Foundation staff.

The Pennsylvania resident is the second "surprise" benefactor to the university in the last two years. In 1991, retired public health nurse Katherine Brunken, of Seattle, left her entire estate of $435,000 to Western's scholarship program. Although she had not attended the university and had no close ties to it.

The Western Foundation's Annual Fund Phonathon recently completed a record breaking "calling campaign." More than $162,000 was pledged by 3,712 alumni and friends who were contacted via telephone by current Western students. The pledge total represents a 15% increase over last year's fund drive results. Attracting first-time donors to the University is a primary goal of the phonathon program. During 1992-93, the number of new Western donors acquired through the phonathon has increased more than 80%. Special thanks to alumni and friends whose pledges helped make the phonathon a success. Your support of Western is truly appreciated!
Five gather for Founders Day

Five who have served as Western's president gathered February 24 to mark the centennial of its founding: (l-r) Dr. Paul J. Osburn ('75-'82), Dr. James L. Jarrett ('59-'64), Dr. Harvey C. Banks ('65-'75), Dr. Charles J. "Jerry" Flora ('75-'77) and Dr. Kenneth P. Mortimer, who served from 1988 until he left.


SPORTS spotlight

Teamwork times 20: Twenty years of being Number One has Scheme gymnastics coach Nola Ayres ('68) cheering—her team. "This one is sweet," she says of her squad's 20th state championship in 21 years. I'm really proud of these kids because they reached their potential," Ayres, often called the winnigest high school coach in the state, was inducted into Western's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991.

"Catch" of the Year: Western receiver Chris Moore was honored—and surprised—when he watched cable network ESPN's annual awards March 4 and discovered ESPN viewers selected his convoluted catch in Western's October, 1992, win over UPS as College Football Play of the Year. Seen repeatedly on network television, the play has been dubbed, simply, The Catch. It was captured on video by student Rick Medved and first appeared on KOMO-TV before gaining national fame. Says Medved, who plans a sports video career, "It was kind of exciting watching it go from Play of the Night, to Play of the Week, to Play of the Month and now to Play of the Year.

Sudden Valley Golf Course June 3 and 4. Special guest will be ESPN headliner Roy Firestone who inaugurated the event in 1990. The season proceeds going to athletic scholarships. For information, tickets, or donations for the auction: (206) 650-3109.
Cruise to Alaska

... for adventure you will not soon forget.

Join your fellow alumni September 18 - 26, 1993 for a seven-day cruise to Alaska on the Crown Princess. Sail out of Vancouver B.C., under the Lion’s Gate Bridge and into an Alaskan adventure. See the famed Inside Passage, Juneau, Skagway, Ketchikan and the awesome Glacier Bay. On board, enjoy nightly shows, dancing, gambling and more, plus endless amounts of fabulous cuisine - all included in the price of the cruise. On shore, take advantage of the many excursion options available like sport fishing, “flight seeing” and canoeing. Prices start at $1249 plus a $74 per person port fee (based on double occupancy).

A $150 per person deposit is required and final payment is due by July 1st. For general information about the trip, call Catherine Ward, Alumni Travel Coordinator, at 1-800-676-6885.

For specific price and category information, call Diane or Darlene at Bellingham Travel 1-800-869-7605.