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Art and nature combine on campus to make summer a very special time. For adventures in the arts, in the sun, and in the classroom this summer, see page 1

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This summer: focus on Western

You all know about the beauty that surrounds the Western campus, and the wealth of recreational opportunities in the area. But the campus itself is the place to be this summer, whether for the arts, athletics, adventures for your children, or advancement in your own education. Throughout this issue, events that will make a summer visit to campus special, including the gala reopening of the classic Edens Hall (see page 3).

And there's much to enchant in the surrounding area: a Saturday Farmer's Market; a greatly expanded Whatcom Museum; a thriving gallery district and renovated Mount Baker Theatre; the Bellingham Mariners; the new Lummi and Nooksack casinos. Then, there is always the delight of Fairhaven, numerous parks and trails throughout the area, and sunset from the Performing Arts Plaza. Remember?

So, come spend a day, a weekend, a week, a summer — discovering the new and rediscovering your memories.

Deep respect for nature characterizes the work of sculptor Magdalena Abakanowicz, shown here in her Warsaw studio. Her Man, at the South entrance to campus, joined Western's Outdoor Sculpture Collection May 10. Audiophone tours of the collection are available weekdays throughout the summer from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Visitor Information Center. At Western Gallery, After Perestroika: Kitchemaid or Stateswomen, the only West Coast showing of Russian artists' depictions of the myth and reality of life for Soviet women, continues weekdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays noon-4 p.m. until June 11.

Video production is just one of the Adventures in Science and Arts Western offers those in grades 4-12 in week-long programs from June 27-July 25. Students can commute, or enjoy on-campus residence while exploring topics that excite and educate. For information, call University Extended Programs (206) 650-4820. Youngsters can also participate in week-long sports camps as commuters or residents (see page 7 story).

The Picasso Trio, all Western faculty members, appeared together and individually with the American Sinfonietta and Miami String Quartet during last year's inaugural Bellingham Festival of Music. Pictured above before a performance at the Whatcom Museum of History & Art are (l-r) pianist Jeffrey Gilliam, violinist/violist Peter Marsh, and clarinetist Eugene Zoro. The festival's second season will begin August 20 and conclude September 4 with many performances in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets go on sale in June. For information, call (206) 676-5997.

Last year, Summer Stock concluded its season with a visit to Austria in the early days of World War II (left) for the Sound of Music. This summer, Western's talented cast and crew recreates a territory about to become a "great new state." Oklahoma! is on stage August 9-13 and 15-17. Summer Stock also offers Once Upon a Mattress (July 11-16), Uncommon Women and Others (July 18-23 and August 1-6), and The Matchmaker (July 25-30). For ticket information call (206) 650-6146.
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So, keep us informed, perhaps a little more promptly than our divorced friend, With all these names, we do a pretty good job of trying to keep you all straight. That's just one of the interesting statistics that we who work in the alumni relations office kick around on an almost daily basis. So, we were thinking that

Of those on the mailing list, 49,566 reside in the state of Washington. By county, King County leads the pack with 14,983 followed by Whatcom at 11,879, Snohomish with 5,704, Pierce with 1,702, Skagit with 2,604, Thurston with 1,835 and on down the list to Garfield County which boasts a total of three. You should also note that Western's alumni list and, correspondingly, resumé circulation, grows quite quickly. We graduate nearly 2,500 new alumni each year. Two names of number of you do "lose" each year, but we add new graduates or find old ones faster than we lose you.

Because nearly every field of an Alumni or Friend record on the database is selectable, our trusty database/information systems manager, Donna LeBlonde, can provide us with increasingly detailed reports. All we have to do is ask her.

For instance, there are 7,791 education majors on the resumé mailing list, followed by 6,205 business majors. Next in line is that heart group called "Unknown," for whom we have a record but the major field is blank.

With all these names, we do a pretty good job of trying to keep you all straight. But you can use a little help. One fellow did call to inform us that he was sick and tired of having his ex-wife's name on his address label. We asked how long it had been this way. He responded that he'd been divorced for 10 years. We asked if he could tell us that he had gotten divorced. He said it, hadn't he, but his wife of the last five years had finally suggested that he let her have his name.

And finally, you should know that on the database list, between 8,000 and 10,000 people are flagged as the database "Lost," meaning we don't have current addresses for them. You, of course, aren't in that category because you are reading this.

So, keep us informed, perhaps a little more promptly than our divorced friend, or the '71 grad from Surrey, B.C. who stopped in the other day, while showing off his alma mater to his 18-year-old daughter. He said he hadn't heard anything from us since he left campus more than 23 years ago. We looked him up on our trusty computer, but alas, he was nowhere to be found.

We said we'd create a record for him, gave him the current copy of resumé and noted that he'd only missed 86 earlier issues. He said he didn't mail to them, he'll try to catch up on his own.

Alumni Association Board of Directors

Officers: Bob Russell '82, Seattle; president; Ken Cox '85, Bellingham, president-elect; Ron Benard '73, Everett, secretary-treasurer; James Leverett '69, past-president; Marilyn Klose '63, Snohomish, executive-at-large; Carol Salamihy '72 & '81, Bellingham, executive-at-large; Gary Grin '81, La ...
Case of the missing cornerstone solved

Last summer's reunion for former Campus School students provided a lot of surprises and good times. But, just recently, we received a belated surprise stemming from that reunion.

Ned Button, who had attended the reunion, called to ask if we might be interested in the return of the original Campus School cornerstone. Since we didn't realize it was missing, we were highly intrigued.

True to his word, Button arrived that afternoon carrying the cornerstone, about 75 pounds worth.

During the late 1960s, it seems, the children of one of Button's neighbors had actually "liberated" the cornerstone during the construction project that turned the Campus School Building into Miller Hall.

The story goes that the kids (who must have been strapping youths) took this inscribed block home and presented it to him. He presented it to the reunion committee, and for the time being at least, the cornerstone resides in Alumni House.

...now, the case of the undelivered diplomas

We have 32 undelivered diplomas and their certificates, dating from 1915 to 1982. If you are listed below, or are a close relative of the person listed, please contact Alumni House.

Did you know that more than 2,000 people are carrying the Western Alumni Visa Card — a card designed exclusively for our graduates and friends? As an Alumni Visa Card holder, you'll be able to take advantage of the best privileges a credit card can offer:

- No Finance Charge if you Pay Your Balance in Full Each Month
- Two Skip Payment Coupons Each Year
- A competitive 15.9 annual percentage rate
- A handsome photo of Old Main so you can show your school pride every time you use your card.

To request an Alumni Visa Card application, simply call Alumni House (206) 650-3353 or fax us at (206) 650-6555. We'll send one out to you that very day.

Edens reopening crowns August 26/27 reunions

It's been a long wait, but Edens Hall is nearing completion, and so are plans for the grand celebration of its reopening, which is scheduled for August 26 and 27.

More than just a dormitory with desks and beds, Edens is home to a thousand memories of the women who lived there; the men who worked, took their meals, or visited there; and the entire campus for which Edens was a center of culture and the arts.

Now, after a decade-long sleep, this classic structure is completely restored and stands ready to nourish new generations. The Western Foundation is launching an endowment fund to create the Edens Hall Artist and Lecture Series to commemorate this Western landmark's resurrection, and enhance its reputation as a campus cultural center.

Edens Hall will soon house students eager to make their mark on the world. But, before that happens, it is time for memories and the magic of old friends meeting once more.

On Friday, August 26, the reunion committee has scheduled a slumber party in the on-campus concert to benefit the Pediatric Interim Care Center of Kent, WA, the only facility in the country for drug-affected infants. Proceeds also aided the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

And while we're talking about reunions, mark your calendars for the biggest one of the fall: Homecoming will be November 12.
Mary Pettus: an eye for advancing art

Mary Pettus had just graduated from Western as an art history major. It was 1970 and she was working in the Whatcom Museum store while husband Drew Pettus ('70) attended Northwestern School of Law.

A woman looked over the items for sale, then complained: "If you're going to carry children's books, you should at least carry decent ones." Some would have bristled or ignored the negative comment. Pettus listened instead, and learned.

"I told her," Pettus recalls, "that I didn't know much about children's books, so we started talking about them and, over time, she taught me quite a bit. Later on, she opened doors for me in New York where I met children's book illustrators and publishers. It's a field that continues to fascinate me."

Pettus, who returned to Bellingham in January as new director of the Whatcom Museum of History and Art, uses that story to illustrate her central philosophy of management, and living: listen and learn, even from what appear to be negative experiences.

At 46, she has worked in some of the nation's most prestigious galleries and, for the last 16 years, headed her own Washington, D.C., public relations firm. Working with leaders in international business, politics and the arts, she learned "as much from watching poor managers as good ones," she says, adding: "I didn't want to duplicate their mistakes."

As museum director, she's putting all her art knowledge and management skills into an ambitious agenda: increasing the museum's private endowment; mounting more traveling exhibitions; and directing greater attention to the Pacific Rim, including the former Soviet Union.

She proudly observes that the Whatcom Museum already has the second-highest attendance in the state, with the Seattle Art Museum in first place. But Pettus wants to draw even more public participation through programs that combine the museum's varied elements — history, natural history and fine art — into programs that provide visitors, especially families, an opportunity to "learn about a subject from many aspects."

She also wants museum-goers to interact with exhibits, not just stand back and look at them.

Such an ambitious agenda doesn't faze Pettus or, she says, her 12 full-time and 18 part-time employees. Nor does it daunt her that, after being her own boss for 16 years, she will now answer to a private board of directors; the City of Bellingham, which provides 69 percent of the museum's budget; and, ultimately, the general public.

"What is a new experience," Pettus says, "is being out front. For so long, I worked behind the scenes to keep the spotlight on my clients. It takes some getting used to — being interviewed, making speeches — but I'm enjoying it." After so long away from her hometown, she's also enjoying reconnecting with her roots; meeting new players on the arts scene, which was expanded markedly in her years away; and preparing for a late summer reunion with her husband, who is winding down his commitments as a Washington lobbyist.

— Jo Collinge

Catharine Herbold: an ear for music

When Catharine Herbold graduated from Western in 1975 with an elementary education degree, she couldn't have foreseen that she would, one day, be an impresario with the formidable task of nurturing a nine-year-old music festival into an event to rival Tanglewood in the East and Ashland in the West.

Herbold became the executive director of the Bellingham Festival of Music in early March after spending 15 years as a management consultant for public and private organizations, probably not what she envisioned two decades ago, either.

Born in New Halem, she has spent much of her career in the Portland area. She and husband Paul Herbold Jr. ('72) moved to Bellingham with their two daughters, 10 and 14, two years ago and, for the past year, Herbold has been project coordinator for the renovation of the Mount Baker Theatre.

Of her work on the classic movie palace, a member of the committee that selected to run the festival, Andrew Moquin, said: "She's a dynamo person, a very strong person. She moves boards, she moves people, she moves politicians." Of her first tasks, literally, was moving — into new headquarters in downtown Bellingham.

"Basically, I go into an organization and help structure it and develop personnel and management philosophies," she says of her management background. "My role here is to help develop the festival from many aspects. We're starting out as something only a year old, and there's a lot to do."

This year, the festival is new, but its inaugural season was an artistic success. National Public Radio ran virtually every concert on its popular Performance Today, more than NPR has repeated from any other U.S. festival.

Herbold sees Bellingham as "absolutely a perfect place" for a world-class music festival. "It's just an incredibly beautiful place," she says. "It has that natural ability to draw people. It's why I came back here."
Building the festival into an internationally known event is the goal of its founders, including Dean of the College of Fine & Performing Arts, Robert Sylvester, who is festival president. But Herbold says she'll take that ultimate goal one step at a time.

She should be encouraged that the founder of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival at Ashland, Angus L. Brown, was also a Western graduate.

Michael Sullivan: a heart for history

Michael Sullivan (BA '75, MA '80), who received his training in historic preservation at Western, became the first director of the City of Tacoma's Cultural Resources Division in 1990.

Dale Chihuly has prompted the artist to create major works for the Tacoma Dome and the newly reopened Union Station, which Sullivan was instrumental in saving and restoring. Among many tasks, Sullivan also oversees the Broadway Theatre District and is involved in construction of the state history museum and a University of Washington branch campus.

An extensive profile by Douglas McMellen, excerpted with permission of the U.S. after teaching for two years in Vietnam, has been published in the Tacoma News Tribune, outlined Sullivan's central role in his community, leading McLennan to say: "If the city's history gives him a soft spot for its people, he has a big heart for the people."

Sullivan is responsible for the city's arts and heritage policy. The division has undertaken a staggering number of cultural initiatives on a budget of just over $550,000.

In recent years many public arts agencies have become moribund, tangled in process and red tape bureaucracy. But Sullivan's office has steered local public arts policy so effectively that he and the Cultural Resources Division are probably the most dynamic force on the Tacoma arts scene today.

Sullivan came to Tacoma in 1985 to be the city's historic preservation officer. "I arrived here at the low point for preservation," he says. Union Station was "just a husk," and a downtown historic museum was trying to rip out a block of downtown for a parking garage. (The garage was built, but Union Station was saved, a restoration project Sullivan says was key to Tacoma's beginnings of a cultural renaissance.

"We discovered a pride in what we have here rather than ripping it down to make new. It's the recycling mentality, and it was a pretty dramatic turnaround."

"...His is a community-based arts aesthetic that wants to reflect the experience of everyone who lives and works here. His understanding of the city's history gives him a soft spot for projects that tie into the city's heritage."

"We aren't Seattle, and we shouldn't want to be," he says. "There's a certain condescending tone about the people and industries that have made Tacoma a butt collar, military, the public, manufacturing industry. And the city has been home to an ethnically diverse population — Italians, Scandinavians, Chinese, African Americans, Asians Cultural activity is lively in these ethnic pockets. We need to find ways for these communities to get together, influence and share with one another."

Sullivan is an unabashed advocate for children's arts programs. "I think children are the key, the key growth area," he says. "I think there's a wonderful opportunity for the arts..." He is a Western "produced more undergraduates who became national leaders in the field of environmental studies, and more professors have joined the College of Business and Economics. Steven Globerman has begun a two-year term as the first Kaiser Professor of International Business. The chair was established through private gifts from Markel and Nicholas Kaiser, and Fred Kaiser (no relation)."

LEADING IN SOCIOLOGY DOCTORATES: According to a 1993 American Sociological Association study, Western "produced more undergraduates who ultimately earned their doctorates (in the field) than did any other college or university in the United States."

SAVORING SUMMER STUDIES: Summer session offers regular academic courses and a number of short workshops. Topics range from computer mastery to nutrition in Spanish. Six-week courses run through July 29 and nine-week courses through August 19. Students can register up to the day classes begin, June 21. A bulletin listing courses and costs is available form the Summer Session office, Old Main 215 (206) 650-3757.

Western educators take national honors

Two Western education graduates have earned national honors: Roberta Cartwright ('82 English), a teacher at Valley High School in Las Vegas, and Cheryl Ann Cooper ('78 Education), an elementary science teacher at Fort Greely School, Delta Junction, Alaska.

Cooper received the $25,000 Milken Educator Award from the Milken Family Foundation. She was one of 150 educators nationwide to receive the award this year at a ceremony held in Los Angeles in April. Cartwright was also an educator to receive the 1993 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching. In March, the recipient was flown to Washington D.C. where an awards ceremony was held and each recipient was presented a check from President Clinton. Each teacher also received a National Science Foundation grant of $7,300 and an array of gifts from the private sector.
FROM THE FOUNDATION

Microsoft alumni donate record $471,000 in computer software

Since October, alumni at Microsoft have donated $471,000 in computer software to Western. Alumna Kelly Guise (’91) has coordinated the effort.

The generosity of Western alumni, coupled with the firm’s one-for-one gift matching program, has made Western the leading university recipient of employee-donated Microsoft software in the nation.

It is a Western Foundation priority to help the university acquire the computer technology essential to the curricula of the 21st Century.

The Western Foundation is proud to have received software that would otherwise have been discarded. The software will be catalogued, but for the most part, it will be usable as-is.

Gallery receives major arts gifts

Niels Laerensen, a New York physician, has donated 14 rare Alexander Calder tapestries to The Western Gallery.

Valued at $280,000, they were woven by Guatemalan Indians during the 1970s under Calder’s direction.

Earlier this fall, the Gallery also received several prized works from the collection of Western alumna Hugh G. Merriman, a Las Vegas physicist. The works are valued at more than $20,000 and include two etchings by Dalí.

Gift annuities fund university programs and scholarships

Our sincere thanks go to several donors who created Gift Annuities for Western in 1993:

• Retired faculty member, Margaret Aitken, for a scholarship fund;
• Retired faculty member, Chappelle Arnett, for scholarships;
• F. Harrison and Maryann Clark, for the Unrestricted Fund;
• George Keagle, for the Rhoda C. Keagle Scholarship Fund;
• Jean Towne, for the Unrestricted Fund

Special thanks to the 5,000 plus Western Alumni and Friends who have pledged or donated gifts totaling more than $206,000 in the annual phonathon.

Students of Bellingham and Whatcom County thank 100-year-old Thomas Horn of Bellingham who donated $50,000 to start the Martina Thomas Horn Scholarship Fund.

The first $2,500 scholarship will be awarded this spring, to a Whatcom County student.

President Club membership reaches all-time high

Thanks to an influx of 144 new members, total membership in The Presidents Club has reached an all-time high of 468 in a campaign involving more than 30 volunteers led by Frank "Moise" Zurline. The club’s annual dinner, May 21, provided special recognition to members reaching Lifetime and Benefactor status during 1993-94.

Old Main Society provides over $3 million

The Western Foundation’s Old Main Society is growing rapidly. Established to honor friends and alumni who have included Western in their estate plans, the society now has over 80 members. Collectively, the group has named the university in bequests, trusts, annuities, and life insurance programs totaling over $3,000,000.

So that we can recognize donors during their lifetimes, the university encourages friends and alumni wishing additional information concerning Presidential Merit Endowment. In addition, scholarship endowments in memory of former Western student James Haskell and from the estate of Seattle nurse Kathryn Branken will also support the program.

Endowments will exist in perpetuity within The Western Foundation and may be named in honor of donors, their family members, friends or business associates. Western friends and alumni wishing additional information concerning Presidential Merit Endowment are encouraged to contact Jean Rahn at The Western Foundation (206) 650-3027.

President launches merit scholarship endowment

Karen W. Morse has created a Presidential Merit Scholarship program, offering $2,500 annually for four years to students of exceptional ability who might otherwise be denied a Western education because of financial need. Funding for these awards will come from scholarship endowments beginning at $50,000.

Through Morse’s efforts, Western has recently received a $125,000 gift to create a named Presidential Merit Endowment. In addition, scholarship endowments in memory of former Western student James Haskell and from the estate of Seattle nurse Kathryn Branken will also support the program.

With an average grade point of 3.5, Western’s 1,500-member freshman class is one of the strongest of any university on the West Coast, Morse said. Despite the quality of students offered places in the freshman class, a significant number with exceptional merit combined with need were denied scholarship assistance, prompting her to make the scholarship endowment a priority. "If a student shows extraordinary academic ability and we fail to provide the scholarship aid necessary to enable that individual to attend Western," she said, "both the university and State of Washington are losing tremendous leadership potential."

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**SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS**

**DICK VITALE SPEAKS:** Western's fifth annual Night of Champions auction, Thursday, September 15, will feature ESPN's basketball analyst, Dick Vitale, as the speaker. Vitale will introduce sports-related items. Vitale will sign autographs at 7 p.m. in Carver Gym at 5 p.m. Proceeds support athletic scholarships. Contact Steve Brummel (206) 650-3109.

**ALL-WORLD CLASS:** Sportspsychology major Andrea Jackson, a goal defender on the Canadian National Netball team, was named to the All-World netball team, one of two Canadians and 21 players worldwide selected for the honor. Jackson was on the Western women's basketball team for two years (1990-92) and served as an assistant coach last year. She will travel with the international netball team to Australia and New Zealand in mid-July and will rejoin the Canadian national squad for a trip to her home, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, to compete in the Tournament of the Americas in August. A top finish would qualify the Canadians for the 2000 Summer Olympic Games.

**CREW VICTORY:** The women's varsity eight won the Visitors Cup and the Cal Visitors Cup Challenge April 10 in the prestigious San Diego Crew Classic.

**NEW DEFENSIVE COACH:** Robin Ross, a top assistant at Iowa State for seven years, is the new defensive coordinator and linebacker coach. A Washington State graduate, he was also a coach with the University of Cincinnati and Long Beach State.

**Central is November 12 Homecoming game**

Four home games, including a November 12 Homecoming encounter versus archrival Central, highlight the 1994 Viking football schedule. A loss to Central last season kept Western from a second straight national playoff appearance. For the home opener (and Hall of Fame game) on October 1, Western hosts Linfield which has the longest string of winning seasons of any college in the country. 38 Home games (ALL CAPS) are at Bellingham Civic Stadium. All games are at 1:30 p.m.

- **September 17**
  - Western Oregon State
  - Monmouth, Oregon
- **September 24**
  - Willamette University
  - Salem, Oregon
- **October 1**
  - LINFIELD COLLEGE (Hall of Fame Game)
  - BELLINGHAM
- **October 8**
  - SOUTHERN OREGON
  - BELLINGHAM
- **October 15**
  - Whitworth College
  - Spokane
- **October 22**
  - UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND (Fall Family Open House)
  - BELLINGHAM
- **October 29**
  - Simon Fraser Burnaby, B.C.
- **November 5**
  - Pacific Lutheran
  - PayUall
- **November 12**
  - CENTRAL WASHINGTON
  - BELLINGHAM

**Cheers!**

A win over Lewis-Clark State College in the regional final sent the men's basketball team to the NAIA National Tournament. Despite a heart-breaking loss in overtime of its first-round game, coach Brad Jackson, region Coach of the Year, called the team one of Western's best ever. The Vikings finished 24-7 and ranked No. 17 in the final national poll. Showing the spirit that the team exhibited throughout the season, guard Owen Kirkles (#22), Pacific Northwest Region I Player of the Year, demonstrates his skill during the L-C State game as does teammate Jeff Dick (number 20) while the enthusiastic crowd cheers them on.

**NIX COMPETES FOR MR. USA:** Bodybuilder Kim Nix ('87) is scheduled to compete in the Mr. USA contest in mid-July and will rejoin the Canadian netball team, one of two

**FIVACE TO FALL:** Designers Marah Kate Nakamoto ('85 - Nancy Ryan to Kevin Hendricks; Alan Solowoy to Timothy Baker ('86); Jeff King to Tami De Leon; '88 - Jill Linnahker to Robert Westland...Kimberly Barker to Jeffrey McQuade...Kevin Bright to Kelley Benson... Stanford Mosier to Shelli Kneopulski...Larry Moffet to Heidi Smith. **ALL-WORLD CLASS:** Sportspsychology major Andrea Jackson, a goal defender on the Canadian National Netball team, was named to the All-World netball team, one of two Canadians and 21 players worldwide selected for the honor. Jackson was on the Western women's basketball team for two years (1990-92) and served as an assistant coach last year. She will travel with the international netball team to Australia and New Zealand in mid-July and will rejoin the Canadian national squad for a trip to her home, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, to compete in the Tournament of the Americas in August. A top finish would qualify the Canadians for the 2000 Summer Olympic Games. **CREW VICTORY:** The women's varsity eight won the Visitors Cup and the Cal Visitors Cup Challenge April 10 in the prestigious San Diego Crew Classic. **NEW DEFENSIVE COACH:** Robin Ross, a top assistant at Iowa State for seven years, is the new defensive coordinator and linebacker coach. A Washington State graduate, he was also a coach with the University of Cincinnati and Long Beach State.
Western alumni now have access to temporary emergency medical coverage

For the past two years, the Western Washington University Alumni Association has been making temporary major medical insurance available to new graduates who are no longer eligible for student insurance; have become ineligible for their parents’ policies; are not working; or don’t yet have access to group insurance programs through their employers.

Now, this same temporary major medical insurance is available to older Western alumni.

This kind of coverage is not designed to replace your basic everyday health insurance that covers doctor’s visits and prescriptions. It is, as its name would imply, major medical insurance.

Temporary Major Medical Insurance is there in case of a medical emergency when you do not have any other type of coverage available to you.

So, if you are between jobs or happen to work for an employer who hasn’t yet provided insurance for employees, or you just started and haven’t qualified for that group program yet; this may be an insurance program for you.

Coverage is available in terms of one to six months and can be renewed for additional time periods.

To find out more, write to: Major Medical Coverage
Alumni House
Western Washington University
Bellingham, WA 98225-9199.