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Art knows no boundaries, and neither does Modern Dog. When Michael Strassburger and Robynne Raye met on Western's campus almost 11 years ago, little did they know that their lives would be intertwined over a decade later as soul friends and principal partners of Modern Dog, a highly profitable, Seattle-based graphic design firm. Nationally recognized in design circles, they have a piece in the Smithsonian's permanent archives, and several of their works are part of a 15-year graphic design retrospective at the Cooper-Hewitt Museum in New York City. The show opens in March.

In 1987, after the fledgling designers started dating, they left Western (she with a degree, he with a little bit of an attitude) and formed their business in Seattle. Though originally called Raye Strassburger, they had always signed their postcards as "Modern Dog," inspired by a mutt they liked on a dog groomer's sign. Soon they acquired the name legally.

"The only reason we started Modern Dog was that we couldn't get hired by another studio," Raye said. "We just took the giant leap and learned the hard way."

The early days were lean, even bone dry. At one point the instructions of trying to pay the bills and rent on their 5x8 ft. office space, led Raye to "just go sit by Green Lake and cry." Designing posters for $60 apiece for a concert promoter wasn't enough.

In 1988, after saving some money, the business partners/companions packed up their belongings and became world travelers. Six months and 24 countries later they returned as friends and business partners — but no longer romantically involved. At that point they revived Modern Dog with fellow Western alum Christopher Baldwin, chipping in $250 each.

"The company was the most important thing at the time," Raye said.

"We just learned to work together," Strassburger added.

Soon enough their first big break, K2 Snowboards, arrived. Their designs caught on with the snowboarding crowd, and Modern Dog continues to produce brochures and buyer graphics for the company.

Still, in 1991 they weren't where they wanted to be. As a result, Raye, Strassburger and Victorio Costarella, who had just joined the firm, made a list of dream clients and started their "fur box" promotions. "We had nothing to lose," Raye noted.

The infamous "fur box," complete with dog collar, engraved name tag and full of samples of their work, landed them several lucrative clients including Showtime, NIKE and Warner Brothers Records.

They have a reputation for cranking out high-voltage designs with sharp craftsmanship. It's not unusual for them to "pull all-nighters" producing a bevy of designs. The designer's work that is chosen, becomes the contact. Last year the firm invoiced just under one-half million dollars, and Raye and Strassburger each made a goodly sum.

"I never thought I would make that much money," Raye said. Only three years ago they were grossing about $15,000 each.

But Strassburger adds, "We would never do work just to make the money."

"We've turned down a lot of jobs that weren't the type of work we want to do," Raye said. "We're interested in doing good work and staying small."

In late 1994, they refused a high-paying commission from a major greeting card company because it involved giving up the copyright to Modern Dog's work. Consequently, the designs could have been altered in any way, without the designer's approval, and mark a loss of artistry as well.

"We want to keep the integrity of our work," Raye emphasized.

Maintaining the firm's small size is one way to avoid a cookie-cutter approach, they agreed. Costarella and George Estrada, who joined the business in April 1994, round out the creative team. Christopher Baldwin, their former partner, still shares the office space.
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SHAKESPEARE-AT-STRATFORD CLASS AVAILABLE

Teachers, students, and the general public can participate in Western Washington University’s 16th annual “Shakespeare-at-Stratford” class next summer through the Department of Theatre Arts. The four-credit course will be based at Stratford-upon-Avon in Warwickshire, England, and taught by faculty members of the Shakespeare Institute of the University of Birmingham. Western professor Douglas VanderMeer will lead the tour which runs from July 1 through July 16, 1995. For more information contact: Shakespeare-at-Stratford, Department of Theatre Arts, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225, or call (360) 650-3876.

PULITZER PRIZE WINNING AUTHOR SCHEDULED TO SPEAK

Edward Albee, three-time Pulitzer Prize winning playwright and author of “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” will speak from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. May 19 in the Performing Arts Center Concert Hall at Western. For more information call Cultural Affairs at (360) 650-2829.

FOOTBALL TEAM HAS RECORD-SETTING 1994 SEASON

The 1994 football season was probably the best in Western’s history. The Vikings accomplishments included:
- Achieving an 8-3 record, with eight victories tying a school record set in 1951.
- Posting the first NAIA Division II national playoff victory in the school’s history, that on the road over the country’s No.1 rated team.
- Ranking No. 9 in the final national poll and being rated as high as No. 5 during the regular season, both school bests.
- Leading the nation in scoring defense, the first time Western has topped the NAIA in any team statistical category.
- Having a player named first-team NAIA All-American for only the third time in school history, with 22 players selected to the Columbia Football Association all-star team and nine picked to the Little All-Northwest squad, both school-record highs.

MARRIOTT CELEBRATES 35 YEARS AT WESTERN

Marriott Management Services celebrated 35 years of food service at Western Washington University recently with a $35,000 gift to establish a student leadership development fund. According to Housing & Dining Director Kay Rich, the endowment income will be used to support and enhance student leadership training programs on campus.

EXCHANGE PROGRAM HONORED FOR PARTICIPATION

At its 15th anniversary conference, the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) honored Western as one of the top five U.S. member universities participating in international exchange. This was the third consecutive time ISEP noted Western’s outstanding level of participation, which averages 22 to 25 outgoing and a similar number of incoming students each year. ISEP is a network of 200 institutions that facilitates student exchange programs in 37 countries.

CANADIAN STUDIES PROGRAM AT WESTERN THRIVING

The Canadian Studies Center at Western recently received three grants totalling $94,460 that provide for new and continuing programs that facilitates student exchange programs in 37 countries.

WESTERN PRESENTS “TURNING POINTS” SPEAKER SERIES

Dr. Bill Huffman, a member of Western’s English Department faculty, will speak on “Friendly Aliens & Deadly Slashers” from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. March 14 in the Old Main Theatre as part of the new “Turning Points” speaker series presented by Cultural Affairs. Smith’s multimedia lecture, one of three informal presentations, explores the cultural significance of space aliens and bloody slashers in popular films.

In January, Dr. Robert Spich of the College of Business and Economics spoke about living in another generation’s shoes. The third presentation features Dr. Phillip Montague, a professor of philosophy and chair of Western’s Philosophy Department. He will speak April 18 on “The Myth of Parental Rights, the Reality of Parental Responsibilities.”

For more information on the series call the Office of Cultural Affairs at (360) 650-2829.
Western wins $3 million Defense Department award

Western has received a three-year, nearly $3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Defense to develop a prototype portable "Midnight Sun" generator for both military and civilian uses. Principal researcher U.S. Department of Defense to develop a prototype portable "Midnight Sun" generator for both military and civilian uses. Principal researcher Lewis A. Fraas, originated the current thermophotovoltaic concepts.

"What the Army wants developed," Seal said, "is a thermophotovoltaic (TPV) generator that one person can transport on a small handcart. It must be able to provide the heat, electricity and communications for a far large structure such as a military command center or a field hospital. They want the generator to be quiet and virtually emission free." Under the terms of the grant, however, university research must also have civilian applications.

The TPV generator being developed at Western uses "solar" energy cells to collect power from burning Compressed Natural Gas (methane) rather than the sun. Each TPV frame is quite small: 11 inches high and seven inches in diameter. They can be grouped together to increase their capacity.

Seal said the Defense Department is also interested in a unit that would fit into a backpack.

Funding for such research is possible through a two-year extension of the grant, would bring Western's grant total to $5 million. Others receiving awards included large research universities such as MIT, Princeton, UCLA, Stanford, Carnegie Mellon, the University of Michigan and Georgia Tech.

Western Highlights

- Shawna Collet and Ron Spicer, both seniors majoring in business administration with concentrations in production and operations management, are the first-place winners in their division of the American Production and Inventory Control Society International Student Paper Competition. They presented the paper at the APICS International Conference in San Diego and received a $1,500 prize.
- Tim Allen, associate professor of communication and journalism, was elected by other Northwest directors of forensics to the steering committee of the Northwest Forensic Conference.
- George Cvetkovich, professor of psychology, has been appointed to the American Psychological Association's Science Leaders Network.
- Recent graduate Kathryn Bravard received the highest grades in the state on the uniform CPA examination given in May 1994. The Washington exam was attempted by 1,073 candidates, with only 102 successfully passing the entire exam in one sitting.
- William Demmert, professor of education, has been named to the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future. The Rockefeller Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York contributed $1.2 million and $400,000 respectively, to underwrite the commission's work.
- Western's Forensic Team took first place in championship division debates at the Pioneer Invitational at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore., and at the Logger Invitational at the University of Puget Sound.
- Linda Kimball, associate professor of anthropology, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of Great Britain.
- Bradley Smith, Dean of Huxley College of Environmental Studies, has been named to a task force of the President's Council on Sustainable Development.
- Norman E. Lindquist, associate professor of mathematics, has been included in the 1994 edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."
- A research paper by political science graduate student Heather Smith has been selected as the best paper submitted in the graduate category by the Western Social Science Association Student Paper Committee. Smith's paper is titled "Environmentalism in the U.S. Partisanship, Politics and Participation."
- Joseph E. Trimble, professor of psychology and educational administration and foundations, was honored for "distinguished lifetime achievement" in "research, teaching and demonstrated leadership on behalf of ethnic concerns in psychology" at a recent convention of the American Psychological Association.
- Margaret Willson, a faculty member of the anthropology department, was awarded $12,000 for research on "Race, Class and Gender Among Capeostra Players in Salvador, Brazil" by the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research.
- Donald W. Whisenhunt, professor of history and former history department chair, has been awarded a Fulbright grant to lecture at Nankai University in Tianjin, China from January to June 1995. Fulbright grants are administered by the United States Information Agency and awarded by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship on the basis of a national competition.

Theatre students invited to regional festival

The cast of "Falsettos," (from top left) Amy Gordon, Caroline Blakenship, Daniel Elkahyan (bottom), Chad Jennings, Amy Hicks and John Takvaise Jr., were invited to perform during the recent Region VII Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival in Eugene, Ore. Judges selected "Falsettos," directed by Western assistant professor James Lortz, as one of the best productions from the region, which includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska and Wyoming.

Seven other student actors and one student playwright from Western also have been invited to the festival. They include Marna Herrington, Alton Grimes, Wendy Herlich, Jacob Sidney and Justin Neal. In addition, Fatti Jackson and Simon Pentress will recreate their roles in "Dying Light," which has already won new playwright Jason Martin a $1,000 award for the most promising play written by a student.

Legislative Update

U.S. News and Money magazines, among others, recognize Western as a national leader in providing quality education at reasonable cost. This was achieved while Western's budget was reduced 7.5 percent between 1991 and 1995. Further reductions are proposed for the 1995-97 biennium.

The university will do its best to maintain its reputation during these difficult times, President Karen Morse has affirmed, adding that "all university personnel are to be praised for assuming such heavy workloads over the past four years."

Tuition is in the news lately as Gov. Lowry and the legislature decide whether or not to delegate rate-setting authority to local boards of trustees.

President Morse and Western's trustees have stated that the important issue is how tuition monies are used. They believe tuition funds should be dedicated to university programs and financial aid for those students least prepared to pay more tuition. Because they believe that local control makes this more likely, they support tuition rates being set by the individual institutions.

"We want the greatest possible flexibility in using tuition and other funds wisely," President Morse noted.
Wanted: Scientists to collaborate with educators

Western Washington University is seeking people "who use principles of science and engineering in their everyday work environment" to collaborate with 10 teachers in a three-year effort to enhance public school science teaching. Operation Physics Outreach, recipient of a three-year $966,000 National Science Foundation grant, expands training and support for elementary and middle school teachers. The aim of the program is to create master teachers who can spread science teaching throughout their school systems.

Most of the 40 teachers who began the project last summer with four weeks of intensive training on the Western campus plan to receive master's degrees in science education in 1996. Project director and Western physics professor James Stewart hopes these teachers will be the first of many more master science teachers. Participating teachers are from school districts in Lynden, Sequim and Marysville.

With the campus phase of the program launched, Stewart is seeking scientists, engineers and technicians to form partnerships with teachers. At the outset, he said, Operation Physics Outreach "needs volunteers who can spend one day a month working with teachers to help bring science alive for their students. In turn, volunteers can learn the art of teaching."

"Involvement could include facilitating field trips, presenting interesting and age-appropriate programs in the classroom, helping both students and teachers learn more science as they experience it, in their everyday working lives," Stewart said.

He also is seeking professionals who would welcome an Operation Physics teacher into the workplace for two weeks during the summer of 1996. For more information on Operation Physics Outreach contact James Stewart at (360) 650-3840.

Upcoming Events

March 29
WWU night to watch the Sonics at the Tacoma Dome against the Minnesota Wolves. Deadline is March 14. Richards Ticket Price, $27.

April 1
Joseph Holmes Chicago Dance Theater at 8 p.m., Performing Arts Center. Tickets: (360) 650-6416.

April 21
College of Business and Economics Alumni, Comedy Night at Giggles.

April 23
Atlantic Brass Quintet, 3 p.m., Convent Hall. Tickets: (360) 650-6416.

April 28
Life Member Reception WWU Alumni Club Life Members' Annual event will take place at the Seattle Yacht Club. The evening includes dinner at the club and a cruise on Lake Washington.

May 5
Distinguished Alumni Banquet, Bellingham.

May 10-14
Theatre Arts: Merchant of Venice Tickets: (360) 650-6416.

May 12-14
Western Showtime Family Weekend, featuring a carnival, chalk art contest, scenic boat tours and arts & crafts vendors.

June 23 & 24
Home Economics Reunion. All Home Economics Department alumni are invited back to Western's campus for this special event. Watch for more information in late March.

July
50-Year Reunion, Bellingham. If you are from the class of 1945 or 46, mark your calendar. More info to be mailed soon.

For more information regarding any of the events listed, call the Alumni Relations Office at (360) 650-3433 or 1-800-676-6885.

Newsmakers

New plant discovered

Kate Beck, a 1982 graduate of Huxley College of Environmental Studies, and Florence Caplow, a botany major who attended Western, discovered a new plant species near the Hanford nuclear reservation last summer.

Beck, 35, and Caplow, 30, noticed bladder pods blooming in July and August. Bladder pods usually bloom in May. A sample was sent to Harvard University for analysis. In November, they learned they had discovered a new species. The plant, part of the mustard genus, is 3 to 8 inches tall with silver hairs and yellow flowers.

The Energy Department and Nature Conservancy recently announced the women's discovery. In March, the conservancy hired the pair, who run a consulting business, to survey the nuclear reservation for rare plants. Their work will continue for two more years.

Western grad goes North

Steve May, a 41-year-old geophysicist, helped make history as part of the scientific team aboard the U.S. Coast Guard vessel Polar Sea that reached the icebound North Pole last August.

The icebreaker and a Canadian ship were the first surface vessels ever from their respective countries to reach the North Pole.

Robert E. Feary is generally credited with being the first to arrive at the North Pole, by dog sled in 1909, although his claim has been disputed. While a number of submarines visited the North Pole, the first surface vessel to reach it was a Soviet nuclear-powered icebreaker in 1977.

May, who works part-time for the U.S. Geological Survey and teaches part-time at Walla Walla Community College, completed a physics degree at Western in 1975 and a master's degree in geophysics at Stanford University in 1976.

Designers market game

About half a dozen students in a Western physical education class on games three years ago hit on the idea of a "test your knowledge" game.

The game is similar to the 1980s hit Pictionary, which was invented by former Western student Robert Angel. The new game is available for $16.99 at Target stores. "Educated Guess" consists of "type of" cards. If a player draws a card for cake, other players have to figure out the kind of cake through clues from the drawer.

Murphy is in top 30

Heidi Grant Murphy, a rising Metropolitan Opera star who earned her music degree from Western in 1987, was named by New York Times critics as one of 30 artists under 30 "most likely to change the culture for the next 30 years."

In a Nov. 20, 1994, cover story for the Times Magazine, the 28-year-old soprano was cited for "steady excellence among young artists "so good that we may still be watching or reading or dancing to them 30 years from now."

In 1988, just one year after graduation, Murphy was one of 11 national winners winnowed from about 3,000 in a series of Metropolitan Opera auditions and the only one offered a position in the Met's Young Artists Development Program. Early on, critics hailed her as a rising star. She is noted for her easy temperament by those who work with her.

She was last in the Northwest to appear at the Bellingham Festival of Music, Aug. 24-28, on the campus of her alma mater. Husband Kevin Murphy was her piano accompanist. Murphy is a Bellingham native.

- Source New York Times Magazine
Point of View
A new look and a new perspective
Looking through the Window on Western

By Lori McGriff Boroughs

Change can be exhilarating. And, when it is a team effort, bringing together many people’s ideas and talents, it is energizing. Window on Western represents just such a change. As this publication has evolved through meetings, design sessions and hours of production, the momentum of new ideas and the strength of long-standing Western credos have been blended into this new alumni publication.

For nearly 30 years alumni kept track of Western’s programs and other alumni through résumé, a sometimes monthly, sometimes quarterly publication that was originally sent to about 7,000 people. Today, 57,000 alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of Western, are on the mailing list.

For years a new name for résumé was discussed. In 1992 a contest was even initiated to find a new name. Nothing seemed to fit. Enter 1995, the year of the new name, new look and new perspective.

Window on Western is new, but the basic content is the same as that of this publication’s predecessor. Academic excellence is the thread that ties each feature, news item and alumni profile together.

Western has a warmth not always found at some larger institutions. Personal connections and personal stories will be a focal point in each issue. As anyone who has attended Western can affirm, lifetime friendships are made during the Western experience. A walk across the greenway in front of Old Main can bring a rush of nostalgia even to the most reserved alums.

We hope that through this new window readers will be able to get a peek at the Western of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Welcome to the Window on Western. Remember, one can look in or out. And, if the light is just right, sometimes you can even see your own reflection in the Window.

Lori McGriff Boroughs, a 1983 Western journalism graduate, is the new editor of Window on Western. Before returning to Western last year to work toward a teaching certificate and master’s in Education, she was a newspaper reporter, public relations specialist, and photo researcher for Time and Life magazines. She is the recipient of numerous state, regional and national awards. In College, former résumé editor, is now media coordinator in Western’s Public Information Office.
Western’s Graphic Design program, in the Art Department, continues to draw on a variety of disciplines when preparing students for the real world of design. But no longer are a drawing board and a few finely sharpened pencils and colored art pens all the tools needed.

Students today fine tune their illustration skills, study art history and through the wonders of technology leap into computer design, using new high-end tools of the trade. The four examples of student work on these pages reflect the various styles and technologies that are currently available to Western students today.

“Technology has vastly changed every level of the design process at a dizzying speed. Computers have totally changed the profession, therefore the profession’s needs are reflected in the curriculum,” noted Madge Gleeson, a graphics design professor in the Art Department.

“Technology is very critical to the entire way the design area does business,” she added. Faculty and students in the ‘90s have to keep up with an ever-changing array of software. “You need to understand the technology well enough to use it intuitively,” Gleeson said. This requires a balance of the traditional ways with the new innovations. “We still need exacto knives, but the field has opened up to a great deal of experimentation and new directions,” she said.

About 60 students graduate each year from the program, with an emphasis in either illustration, design production or graphic design. Five faculty, including Gleeson, Kent Smith, Bob Urso, Elsi Vassdal-Ellis and Mike Reed teach in the program.

“We try to stay as current as possible, and we depend on information from alumni to keep us informed,” Gleeson said.
Each spring a professional practices class is offered in which many alumni visit and share their design and business experiences. Students leave this class with a professional portfolio, a must in today's highly competitive market.

"Former students have been very generous with their time," Gleeson said. "It's delightful to follow people's career paths and to see how many different directions people are able to go from basically the same educational environment."

Graphic design alumni who would like to be guest speakers or mentors are encouraged to contact the Art Department at (360) 650-3660, or by e-mail: mgleeson@henson.cc.wwu.edu.

A new breed of Graphic Design

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Meetings are held around a 1950s Formica table, which is surrounded by samples of their work. Theater posters, snowboards, stickers, magazine covers, and glossy national advertisements are displayed in a "wall collage" and guarded by a sign that warns "Paws off the samples." To date they have designed more than 200 posters for theater groups alone.

What qualities paved their way to success?

Raye, who admitted to being quite vocal in her classes at Western, said that characteristic helped her to persevere.

"I was obnoxious. I was always challenging my instructors," she said laughing.

One of those instructors, Bob Urso, remembers Raye as having a "go-after-it" attitude. "She was absolutely not afraid to tackle anything," he recalled.

Strassburger, who classified himself as an "invisible student," is remembered for his illustration work. "I was not an excellent illustrator," he claimed. "The one thing I had was a sense of humor."

Raye nodded agreement. But she also recounted that one of his works strongly affected her when he shared it in class.

"You weren't invisible," she said emphatically, a bit shocked to hear his self-description.

Madge Gleeson, another graphics arts instructor in Western's Art Department, credits their ability to not be pigeonholed by what they have done before. "I think they have been remarkable in their abilities to establish a highly successful design firm in a relatively short period of time in their own unique style and way," Gleeson said. "They continue to creatively explore new territory in design and illustration."

What does the future hold for the dogs? They have no plans to restrain their creativity in favor of the "formula look."

"Mediocrity is a really scary place to go," Raye said.

"You have to be totally honest with yourself." Where exactly their honesty will lead them, they're not sure. But one thing is for sure: Modern Dogs know no boundaries and neither does their art.
Investing in Excellence

Scholarship giving ... the gift of education

As the cost of obtaining a college education increases, the Western Foundation is working to increase scholarship awards.

Last year, nearly $900,000 in scholarships was awarded to assist Western students.

Of that amount, 313 privately funded scholarships worth nearly $280,000 were awarded to Western students during 1993-94. This represents a 34 percent increase over awards made during the previous year.

Scholarship officer Sonja Chorba said the increase can be attributed to the growing number of donors taking an active interest in Western. "More people are realizing the tremendous impact their gifts can make in students' lives," she said.

Chorba added that 218 scholarships — valued at more than $202,000 — were "annual" awards for which donors provide a specific sum each year, ranging up to $5,000. Another 95 — valued at $78,000 — were endowed scholarships.

"The distinguished professor will allow Western to accomplish important academic goals, such as holding specialized conferences, inviting key speakers to campus, funding master's degree projects in labor relations and conducting research," he said.

In addition, the Western Foundation has requested a $250,000 matching grant from the Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The Parks have established a piano scholarship in honor of her father who died in 1988. "When I set up the scholarship, I did it for him. I never expected to receive so much in return," she said. "When you give to others, you are rewarded. It's a blessing that benefits everybody."

For additional information about providing scholarship funds or other private giving opportunities, contact the Western Foundation at (360) 650-3027.

Parks’ estate plan to fund labor relations professorship

Maynard and Mammie Parks have bequeathed $250,000 to the Western Foundation through a charitable remainder unitrust, which will eventually fund the Maynard and Mammie Parks Distinguished Professorship of Labor Relations.

"Thanks to the Parks' generosity, business students and faculty will benefit from a strongly supported professorship in labor relations," said Al Froderberg, Vice President for External Affairs.

"For additional information about providing scholarship funds or other private giving opportunities, contact the Western Foundation at (360) 650-3027."
Where are they now?

Retired faculty share their leisure, academic interests

Just as many students work their way through Western, some of their former faculty members are "working their way through retirement." Others are traveling the globe.

Roberta Bouverat travels, "When I can get away." A member of Western's faculty in educational curriculum and instruction from 1971-93, Bouverat admits she hasn't really retired. Her book on the history of the Child Development System, published in August 1994, was not part of D-Day, but was published last June with her wife, Carol, who was there teaching on a Fulbright Fellowship. Founded and past president of KZAZ public radio, Davis received the Mayor's Arts Award last June for his work in bringing public radio to Bellingham.

Dorothy Ramsland, chair of the home economics department from 1959-86, says her knee replacement last year is not keeping her home. Last year, she attended an Elderhostel on art and architecture at the University of Minnesota and one on Southern cooking at Charleston, S.C. She is hard at work helping to plan a reunion of home economics graduates and faculty on campus next summer. For information, contact Alumni House, (360) 650-3353.

Travel is an important feature of life in retirement for many faculty, something Western Retirement Association treasurer, Margaret Aitken, well knows. Chair of the physical education department from 1963-84, she regularly participates in association activities, whether it's weekly hikes, monthly local travel programs or the lure of far-away places.

Western alumna and founding member of the chemistry department, Fred W. Knappman enjoys traveling and, like Ramsland, is involved with Elderhostel programs. He, too, keeps in touch with his department, and with his wife created a scholarship for chemistry students on his 80th birthday in 1988. "One of our greatest pleasures is meeting these students," Knappman says.

This group of "retired" faculty and administrators are, of course, only a handful of people who have given Western so many memories. From time to time, we want to catch readers up on what's happening with some of their favorites, "professors. If you have wondered "Where are they now?" drop us a line at the Public Information Office, Western Washington University, 98225-9045, and we'll try to find out.

from 1971-93, Bouverat admits she hasn't really retired. Her book on the history of the Child Development System, which evaluates the competency of those working in the child care field, was published in August 1994.

Faculty member and administrator from 1963-84, F. Richard (Dick) Ferring is reading manuscripts of a German scholar and writing about the essays for an Eastern publishing company.

August Radke, in the history department from 1953-89, traveled last June with his wife, Carol, to Paris, London and Normandy in what Radke called a "D-Day remembrance operation." Radke was not part of D-Day, but thought its anniversary would be a good time to visit Europe.

A member of the history faculty from 1946-77, professor emeritus Keith Murray's activities also belie the title "retired." In August 1993, the new regional state archives building was named jointly for Murray and former Western planning director H.A. "Barney" Cratz. In June, Murray received the Rotary Club Service Award for his more than 30 years of dedication. In August, he made the principal speech at the opening of the restored Edens Hall.

Sam Kelly retired officially in 1989 after 23 years as a Western administrator, but remained involved with community relations for Western until 1993 and was executive secretary for the search committee that found president Karen W. Morse. Like Murray, he is active with Bellingham Rotary. "I'm going to try to get away," a member of the biology of reefs.

Retired from Fairhaven College last June after 26 years of teaching, Bob Kellef "relaxed" at first with a 16-day kayak trip in British Columbia. But then, it was back to teaching — although his course on the history of the Olympic Peninsula did include a 10-day field trip there last August.

The Western Retirement Association's Panama Canal cruise drew Bouverat, former chemistry professor Lowell Eddy and former administrator Mary Robinson. Robinson also visited the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Bahrain in 1994, meeting with some of her students from American University in Beirut where she was dean of women before coming to Western.

At home, Eddy and his wife work together in creative endeavors. Caroline, a Western art graduate, designs their oriental garden while Eddy does the landscaping. He also makes jewelry and is a silversmith, using Caroline's designs.

Davis likes to play golf. However, he was back in the classroom again at the University of New England in Lismore, New South Wales, Australia while visiting his wife, Nanette, who was there teaching on a Fulbright Fellowship. Founded and past president of KZAZ public radio, Davis received the Mayor's Arts Award last June for his work in bringing public radio to Bellingham.

Dorothy Ramsland, chair of the home economics department from 1959-86, says her knee replacement last year is not keeping her home. Last year, she attended an Elderhostel on art and architecture at the University of Minnesota and one on Southern cooking at Charleston, S.C. She is hard at work helping to plan a reunion of home economics graduates and faculty on campus next summer. For information, contact Alumni House, (360) 650-3353.

Travel is an important feature of life in retirement for many faculty, something Western Retirement Association treasurer, Margaret Aitken, well knows. Chair of the physical education department from 1963-84, she regularly participates in association activities, whether it's weekly hikes, monthly local travel programs or the lure of far-away places.

Western alumna and founding member of the chemistry department, Fred W. Knappman enjoys traveling and, like Ramsland, is involved with Elderhostel programs. He, too, keeps in touch with his department, and with his wife created a scholarship for chemistry students on his 80th birthday in 1988. "One of our greatest pleasures is meeting these students," Knappman says.

Bearnice Skeen, an Education College faculty member from 1947-72, is another faculty donor. In 1991, she created a fund to purchase educational materials for early childhood and elementary school teachers. Skeen, who celebrated her 90th birthday in January, says she isn't doing much these days, but she keeps busy reading, watching the television news, and observing the world from her window on State Street.

Former dean of the graduate school, J. Alan Ross, has also mastered the quieter life at The Willows retirement community in Bellingham. He enjoys spending time with his two sons, their wives and children, all of whom live on Lake Whatcom. He especially enjoys holidays like the Fourth of July when "barbecues and beaches" are the feature.

Edith Larrabee, a member of the home economics department from 1957-82, also is taking it easy, spending time with her son, daughter-in-law and their children, who live in Bellingham. "My schedule is as full as I want it," she says. "Being retired, I am able to do what I want to do, when I want to do it," she adds, echoing what many of her retired colleagues find appealing, no matter how busy and hectic their schedules.

By Hilary Parker

This group of "retired" faculty and administrators are, of course, only a handful of people who have given Western so many memories. From time to time, we want to catch readers up on what's happening with some of their favorites, "professors. If you have wondered "Where are they now?" drop us a line at the Public Information Office, Western Washington University, 98225-9045, and we'll try to find out.
as the deputy chief of staff and as the fleet intelligence officer on the staff of the Com- mander-in-Chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe... Wallace H. Sigman has been appointed in - terim President of Peninsula College... Seafair Vice President Walter Worley was named National Volunteer of the Year by Business Volunteers of the Arts through his efforts at the Puppet Theatre in Seattle. She received her award in New York at the 40th anniversary of such luminaries as Lena Horne, Beverly Sills and Kitty Carlisle... Kim Peterson is a Thematic Field Officer and was recently elected House Majority Leader... Alan Anderkogel was recently awarded a two-weeksines Wiser's Monophonic Mathematics Chair at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK. He recently returned from Padua, Italy where he was lec- turing... Scott Burkhardt returned to cam- paign in November to make a presentation on the National Ignition Facility (NIF), a revolu- tionary energy-generating laser system. At Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

1978 - Hyundai Motor Finance Company in Fountain Valley, CA has selected Mitchell L. Huggins as Vice President, Fi-nance... SAFECO Corporation's Board of Di­ rectors has announced that Leslie Egelger, manager of retirement market­ ing for SAFECO Asset Management Company in Seattle, has been named assistant vice president... Christina Cove of Vancouver­ mian Regional Medical Center has been named assistant student Services in the Counselling Department. She has worked at the college for 14 years.

1980 - Leslie Nix was awarded a juris­ doctor degree at Western State University College of Law in Pullman. Darrell Clark and Atwood-Castillo is Director of Development at Edgewood Children's Center in San Fran­ cisco. She will oversee all phases of fund rais­ ing for the institution.

1981 - Lindsey A. Dodson recently completed her law degree at Hamline Uni­ versity School of Law in St. Paul and moved to Washington, D.C., in August. Assistant professor in the Department of Curriculum: Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Jadin

Ford announces retirement

Dr. James M. Ford, President of Skagit Valley College in Mount Vernon since 1977, has announced his plans to retire at the end of this school year. A Washington native who grew up in the small logging community of Ryderwood, Ford received his bachelor's degree from Western in 1951 and his master's in science de­ gree and Ph.D in zoology from Oregon State University. He and his wife Fran and their children, Greg, Jean, Stuart and Doug, are all members of the Alumni Association.

Ebenzoner, recently received a certificate of teaching excellence from the University of Manitoba... Dean Meek is owner of Bud's Lumber South Bend and is president of his business from 3,500 sq. ft to 6,800 sq. ft... Western Washington University trustee Craig Cole has been named Governor of Western Washington State to the Washington State Human Rights Com- mission. Cole returns to the commission, where he held a seat for the 1970s. President of the Ferndale Chosen Brown & Cole Stores, Cole also served as a former trustee for the Bellingham YMCA and chairman of the Whatcom County Transportation Authority.

1982 - Russell White is President of Latin American Consulting Inc., a consulting and export management firm for companies doing business in the Americas... Navy Lt. Guy R. Sanchez recently reported for duty with Naval Air Force, Pacific Fleet, Naval Sta­tion Seattle, and has been selected to receive a Ph.D from the Committee on Human Development, Psychology, University of Chicago.

1983 - Richard E. Dale recently was pro­ moted to Vice President and Divisional General Manager at RRC Public Sector Inc. in Lake Oswego. Thomas M. Cattagni an­ nounced the opening of his new law office in Des Moines, WA... Bellingham native, Dr. Phyllis Riddle, has joined the Same Vignoc Community College in a leadership position of sociology... Banbridge Island author Megan Chance has won a Romance Writers of America RITA award for the first historical romance, A Candle in the Dark, (Dell, Sep­ tember 1993). The novel was honored as the Best First Book of 1993.

1984 - Sequim native, Stuart Marg, will return to his high school as an English teacher. He is married and has two daugh­ ters... Bryan Lane has relocated his law practice to Bellingham, and is now associated with the law firm of Simonson, Visser, Zender & Thurston, P.S... Patrick Gardner and Katherine (Maddux) Garner ("Bert") wel­comed a new little daughter into their fam­ ily on August 2, in Annapolis, MD. Anna Clare, born her big sister, Sarah Paige to write. Of course Jean Gardner ("Bill")...

1985 - The new Stanwood High School basketball coach is Gary Carhorn who also teaches mathematics at the school... Laura Espars is the new Associate Athletic Director of the school... The Ferndale School District has hired Bill Sargent as its new foot­ ball coach. He also teaches seventh grade social studies, English as a Second Language, 10th grade language arts and a weight and conditioning class... Erin O'Donovan joined Mertcal, Hodges & Co. in Bellingham as an audior... Director of Communications at Annie Wright School in Tacoma is Marianne Picha. Previously, she was head of Commu­ nity Relations at the Seattle Water Depart­ ment... Caroline S. (Haskins) Kyfield received her Ph.D from the University of Iowa in Scien­ ce Education and is now employed by the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN, as an Assistant Professor of Education, teaching math and science methods to elemen­ tary teachers.

1986 - Attorney Deanna D. Nebert has joined the Portland firm of Lane Powell Spears Luskey where she concentrates on tax law... Tom Hieger is a counselor at the middle school in Forks, WA

1988 - Navy Chief Petty officer Kirk P. Hansen recently participated in two weeks of active duty in the Desert Storm... South Bend resident, Leslie Curtis, has been hired as the high school math teacher.

1989 - Bev Motte is the Ferndale win­ ner of the Golden Apple Award for excel­ lence in teaching in the Ferndale and Blaine school districts.

1990 - Deming Elementary prin­ cipal Alwin Powell is the new principal of North Bellingham Elementary School... Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Tina R. Eberland, was selected Junior Sailor of the Quarter at Naval Air Station, Sigonella, Italy, and re­ ceived a Letter of Commendation... Steven Gals, an attorney and judge who gave up his legal career to become an educator,
Several of Western's faculty members, men and women who influenced thousands of students over lengthy teaching careers, died recently, leaving legacies in education, music, environmental science, business, language and literature through their service to their students, their university and their community.

**Tributes**

**Paul Woodring**

1907 - 1994

"In a society of free men, the proper aim of education is to prepare an individual to make wise decisions. All else is but contributory."

Paul Woodring, for whom Western's College of Education was named in 1989 to mark his Golden Anniversary of service to the university, was a nationally noted educator. Commenting on his death Nov. 12 at age 87, the New York Times noted his influential books on American education, his six years in New York as an adviser to The Ford Foundation's Fund for the Advancement of Education while also Saturday Review education editor, and his four years as a columnist for the magazine after his return to Western in 1962.

At the campus memorial service for Woodring on Nov. 22, his colleagues, former students and friends recalled other qualities as well. "Paul will be remembered," the memorial program read, "as an academic of distinction, a poet, and a humanist." And, as those closest to him related, a more than fair poker player.

He and his wife, Jeanette, who died in 1989, also will be remembered fondly by hundreds of students who never met them. In 1983, the two established the Woodring Scholarship to recruit the "best and brightest" to teaching. To date, 83 students have received the scholarship which is funded in perpetuity through the Woodring estate.

Woodring summed up his view of education this way: "In a society of free men, the proper aim of education is to prepare an individual to make wise decisions," he wrote. "All else is but contributory."

Dying of a rare form of anemia, Woodring pondered in an essay — sent to Hilary Clinton and government officials concerning health care reform — whether he should spend thousands of dollars for a bone marrow transplant. He decided instead to let the money be used for teachers yet to be born. He bequeathed $50,000 to the Paul and Jeanette Woodring Scholarship fund, the gift will added to the approximately $200,000 already given by Dr. Woodring through a charitable annuity.

In addition to support for his existing scholarship fund, Dr. Woodring also bequeathed the residual of his estate to establish scholarships benefiting Arts and Sciences majors and Fairhaven College students.

"Paul left us," said his longtime friend and former faculty member Henry Adams, "with a model of how to live and how to die."

**David Clarke**

David Clarke set a vigorous pace in the classroom and on his various hikes. Illness forced him from teaching just three weeks before his death Oct. 28 at 74.

John Miles, who taught 20 years with Clarke at Huxley College, recalled the hikes: "Off he would go — many of the group (of students) 40 or 50 years his junior. His energy and enthusiasm were infectious and inspired his exhausted followers to keep up and to exceed their expectations — not only on the trail, but in the classroom as well.

In a Western Front tribute, environmental education major Katrina Rabdau said, "He was life. I felt that he really opened my mind to a different way of thinking." Added Clarke's student, Lisa Blush, "He tied all aspects of life together."

Clarke, who began his career as a civil engineer and town planner, studied philosophy in his native England after service in World War II. At Western, he began as a political science professor, chairing the department for three years. In 1976, he blended philosophy, political science and love of nature into his environmental studies classes — with an emphasis on environmental ethics.

A memorial fund, the David Clarke Graduate Fellowship, has been established in his honor in the political science department.

**Arthur C. Hicks**

Professor of English, official Western historian, avid theater arts participant, committed political activist and noted pianist Arthur C. Hicks died Oct. 28 at 92. His legacy was expressed in a Bellingham Herald letter from former student Fred Lund ('72): "During my years at Western, (he) served as a highly visible exemplar of academic excellence. Later, his writings, music and church work continued to impact me."

Hicks was affectionately known as the "walking reader," often strolling across campus intent on a book. Former colleague and retired English professor James O'Brien remembered: "He went along (reading) without missing a curb. Somehow he knew where it was."

His convictions were as firm as his footing, according to English professor Knute Skinner: "He saw things wrong with the world, and while most people never get around to writing about them, he took the time to do that" as a frequent contributor to the campus and community press. Although his opinions were strong, Lund noted, his manner was not. "During the turbulent late '60s," Lund recalled, "at a Western Front reporter inquired of Hicks, 'What is your personal solution for the world's ills?' (His response): 'a return to common decency.'"
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Alumni

Florence Mae Passig Smith Orrall ('29), a life-long Vashon Island resident, died Oct. 15 at the age of 84. Her life on the island was marked by hard work and dedication to her community. During WWII she served as an aircraft observer. She was best known as an elementary school teacher, and for each year providing a special formal tea party at her home for her second-graders.


Helene Mooers ('41, '51), a longtime Davenport school teacher, died Sept. 6 in Davenport. Over her teaching career, Mrs. Mooers taught in the states of South Dakota, Alaska, Texas and Washington. A volunteer with the American Cancer Society, she also traveled extensively in the U.S. and abroad.

Mary Marguerite Moon Graham, a Normal School graduate, died Nov. 4 in Bellingham. She was a 50-year member of the First Congregational Church and a life member of the Alumnae Club, Bellingham Yacht Club, the Sehome chapter of Order of the Eastern Star and Bellingham Golf and Country Club.

Gail Teresa Aarstol died Oct. 27 from complications of lung cancer. She was 56. A Whatcom county resident since 1957, she married Vernon Aarstol in 1958. Mrs. Aarstol received her bachelor's ('67) and master's ('69) from Western and was involved in the Bellingham Schools for 27 years serving in the capacity of teacher and administrator. She was an instructor at Alderwood and Happy Valley elementary schools, a vice-principal for 3 1/2 years and principal for the past 6 1/2 years at Fairhaven Middle School.

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Faculty

Paul H. Stoner

Violinist and conductor Paul H. Stoner died Christmas day at 76. He taught music and music theory for 22 years, retiring in 1983. Fellow music faculty member Eugene Zoro praised Stoner as the “essence of collegiality,” saying— unlike many specialists—he “worked best in groups.”

Although often appeared as a solo violinist, Stoner also performed with faculty chamber music groups, was conductor of the Skagit Valley Symphony, minister of music at Bellingham’s Garden Street United Methodist Church and president of the American String Teachers Association.

A native of Idaho, he received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Kansas, his master’s from the University of California and his doctoral degree from the University of Colorado.

Douglas V. Campbell, ('84), passed away Oct. 24 of a heart attack in Tacoma where he worked for the U.S. Postal Service.

Cindy Joy Brower, 37, a resident of Issaquah, WA, died Oct. 3. She received a bachelor’s in botany from WWU in 1982, and avoided injury to patients and the environment. She found great pleasure in outdoor activities and was an ardent climber, sea kayaker, and gardener. Brower was considered a local authority on the use of native plants.

Karen A. Rapoza, who died Oct. 18 at 69, was a certified public accountant. She was married to Joseph D. “Dave” Aarstol in 1954. They had four daughters and a son. Memorials may be made to the Leschi Memorial Lions Club.

Lynne E. Tilden, 37, was killed Dec. 5 when he slipped into a crevasse in a Himalayan peak, after high winds forced his four-man climbing team to abandon its attempt to scale Mount Dhaulagiri. He had been a music and English teacher at North Park High School in Oak Harbor, retiring in 1981, he was an instructor for 25 years.

Lori Smith, 28, attended Western in 1982 as director of special education. She was named most valuable player for the All-Alaska Women’s Basketball Team in 1978. Her Homer High School volleyball team won the state championship in 1990, and she was named volleyball coach of the year in 1991-92. She met her husband during a Homer-to-Mexico hike trip in 1984 and they were married in 1987.

Ferndale resident, Justin L. Wilks (’76), passed away on July 2. He taught seventh grade at Vissa Middle School for 21 years. He loved to sing and was an active member of his church. He leaves behind his wife, Jan, and six children, ages 11 to 23.

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