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Western's gardeners, four of which are alumni, care for 154 acres of campus. The gardeners are (left to right): Gene Wright (supervisor), Jack Merrigan, Peter Clark, Linda Strickland, Mary Scott-Larsen, Marc Daugherty, Mitch Blanton and Joe Mackie.

Running, planting, weeding, watering, Western's six gardeners shape the beauty of campus, all 154 acres of it, with pride. They feel a special connection, they say, to each tree they plant and for the care of those planted by the generations of gardeners that came before them.

For four of Western's gardeners, that sense of ownership is intensified through caring for their alma mater. Alums Joe Mackie ('68, Art), Linda Strickland ('73, Sociology/Anthropology), Marc Daugherty ('73, English), and Peter Clark ('88, History) are part of the physical plant crew, or as they like to think of it, "team."

Gate Wright, who oversees the gardeners and the physical plant crew explained how everyone relies on one another. "We are all part of a team: the gardeners, grounds crew, sprinkler maintenance workers, machinery mechanics, utility worker crews, and office staff," he said. "Not one of us could do it without the others."

And, for all the team, it is a matter of inheritance, Wright said. "So much was here before we ever came. Somebody made a good decision years ago," he said of the placement of campus.

Lead gardener Joe Mackie is one of the gardeners who takes pride in caring for that legacy. He has seen many changes in the campus over the last 30 years. He attended Western in the mid '60s, started as a gardener in 1974 and became lead gardener in 1978.

"Personally, I'm interested in working in harmony with what is already here," Mackie said. "It's a tremendous campus. I would say it is easily the loveliest in the state," he added.

Standing just below the front entrance of Old Main, he described some of the trees he planted, including the Japanese flowering cherry tree, which stands near Wilson Library and in spring is a showcase of color.

"I've been here long enough to have a personal relationship with many of these plants and trees; I have a piece of myself invested here."

Peter Clark was thrilled when the opportunity to return to Western's campus came up in 1990. He was a gardener at Skagit Valley College in Mount Vernon before coming to Western.

He listed working outside, the versatility of the work and the people as top benefits of being a gardener. "There's a great deal of job satisfaction, Clark said. He cares for the areas around the Ridgeway residences complex.

"I've been here long enough to have a personal relationship with many of these plants and trees; I have a piece of myself invested here."

Public safety is of primary concern, Clark said. Bushes near walkways must be kept low enough so it would be difficult for people to hide behind them, trees must be watched for stability in case of freezing rain and any overgrowth that becomes an obstacle must be cleared away.

The gardeners receive ongoing training. They use insects to control pests such as aphids, mulching to control weeds and other organic techniques are emphasized.

Despite the variety of their academic interests, all the gardeners have a strong knowledge of horticulture and natural pest control methods, as well as the safe use of chemical deterrents.

For some like Linda Strickland, the job came through her home hobby of gardening. Before becoming a gardener she worked as a library technician at Wilson Library.

"I loved the idea of getting outside and working outdoors," she said as explanation for her career change. Strickland cares for the areas around Fairhaven College and Buchanan Towers. Highlights each year include stocking the Fairhaven pond with oriental gold fish and taking them out late each fall. "I've become quite an expert on gold fish," she said, laughing. The fish are stored in a large aquarium in the campus physical plant.

The variety of backgrounds leads to some interesting break time discussions spanning history, politics, sociology, the arts and biology.

There is a lot of time to think, while one gardens. Perhaps it is the perfect combination: intellect and environment.
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Briefly

SHANNON POINT RECEIVES $125,000 NSF GRANT
Western's Shannon Point Marine Center in Anacortes has received a three-year $125,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to continue its summer Research Experiences for Undergraduates program through 1997. Operated at Shannon Point since 1990, the program focuses on marine science research. The grant provides each of eight students selected to participate a travel allowance, housing at Shannon Point dormitory, and $275 per week salary. It also provides research supplies and equipment as well as funds for student travel to regional and national scientific meetings. The program received 156 applicants from students from 90 colleges in 35 states for the 1995 session.

WESTERN'S PRESIDENTS CLUB REACHES 500 MEMBERS
Topping off the celebration of its 10th anniversary, the Presidents Club at Western has reached an all-time record of 500 members. The Presidents Club was founded in 1985 with an initial 61 participants. It has raised more than $250 million to support university programs during its first decade.

"Western depends on support from private donors to enhance quality programs and provide scholarship assistance," said Presidents Club campaign chairman Frank "Moose" Zudine. "Reaching 500 members is a monumental milestone. It proves that many people share a common tie with Western."

For more information on the Presidents Club, call the Western Foundation at (360) 600-3027.

OUTSTANDING FACULTY AND STUDENT AWARDS GIVEN
Awards for outstanding contributions to Western were presented at Commencement exercises June 10. Recipients of the 1994-95 Excellence in Teaching Awards were geology Professor David Engerbretson and James Lottz of the theatre arts department. They each received $1,000 from the Western Foundation.

Professor Richard Gardner of the mathematics department won the Paul J. Olson Outstanding Research Award with a $1,000 stipend.

Nearly 60 students who lead the 17 organizations of Western's Ethnic Student Center (ESC) received the Diversity Achievement Award and $1,000 in cash from the Western Foundation's campus enrichment fund. The money will help support the ESC annual retreat for freshman and returning students.

CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT RECEIVES RESEARCH GRANT
A $72,000 grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust of Vancouver, Wash., is enabling Western's chemistry department to offer outstanding undergraduates new opportunities for intensive laboratory research. The program was offered for the first time this past summer and will be offered again in 1996.

Six undergraduates worked with three faculty members during the 10-week program this year. Western's state-of-the-art chemistry building, which opened in fall 1993, was the site for the research activities.

"Offering such an extensive research program for its most talented undergraduates is something every school strives to do," said Chemistry Department Chair Mark Wicholas.

NATIONAL MAGAZINE GIVES VIKINGS HIGH RATING
Western's football team has earned another high ranking from a national magazine. College Sports magazine selected the Vikings for No. 4 in its pre-season National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II rankings in the September 1995 issue. Western shares the No. 4 spot with Columbia Football Association rival Linfield. The Vikings earlier were ranked No. 4 by Bob Griese's College Football Yearbook.

The conference has realigned into public and private divisions. Western will be in the Mount Rainier League with Central Washington, Simon Fraser, Eastern Oregon, Southern Oregon and Western Oregon. The Mount Hood League features Lewis & Clark, Linfield, Pacific Lutheran, UPS, Whitworth and Willamette.

PUGET POWER DONATES ELECTRIC CAR TO WESTERN
Puget Power & Light Company has donated its electric car, a converted 1986 Ford Escort, to Western's Vehicle Research Institute (VRI). The electric car, which is valued at $17,685, was converted by Solar Electric of Santa Rosa, Calif. It has a range of 50 miles between recharges and a top speed of 65 mph. The car is powered by a 23 horsepower electric motor using 18 volt batteries plus a 13 volt DC battery for the accessories. The car costs 2.25 cents per mile to operate and has no tailpipe emissions.

"This donation will give us an opportunity to study a commercially available electric car and compare it with what we've been doing here," said VRI Director Michael Seal.

Write to us! Got a compliment, complaint, suggestion or idea? We want to hear from you. Address your Letters To The Editor to: Window on Western, Western Washington University, Bellingham WA, 98225 - 9045
Western President Karen W. Morse will serve as the 1995-96 chair of the Council of Presidents, a voluntary association of Washington's six public baccalaureate institutions. The council works closely with such state agencies as the Higher Education Coordinating Board. Represented in the group, in addition to Western, are the University of Washington, Washington State University, Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University and The Evergreen State College.

Larry J. Estrada, vice provost for diversity/director of American Cultural Studies, is helping shape statewide educational policy as a member of the Washington Goals 2000 Coordinating Council. Estrada also is starting his second three-year term on the state's Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

Students from Fairhaven College won an Odyssey of the Mind state title in the creative problem-solving competition in late April.

The state's Substance Abuse College Task Force has honored Western's program as "Outstanding Wellness Program of the Year." Special recognition was given to the Wellness Center's Lifestyle Advisors who assist fellow students in embracing healthy life choices.

Mark Bussell, associate professor, is one of five chemistry faculty in the nation to receive $60,000Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Awards for 1995. He will use the grant to continue his research on developing new catalytic materials for the removal of sulfur impurities from fossil fuels. Bussell joined Western's faculty in 1990 after post-doctoral research at the University of Paris VI and the University of Washington.

Midori Takagi, a first-year Fairhaven College professor, has received the $29,000 Andrew W. Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship. She will teach at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania, while she develops her dissertation, "Urban Slavery in Richmond, Virginia, 1782-1865," into a book.

Rosalie Rosso King, a faculty member in art and engineering, was appointed a visiting scholar in residence at Masland University for her sabbatical, winter quarter 1995.

Amanda Earich of the history department and Carol Janson of the art department both received $3,500 seminar fellowships and were in residence at Duke University for six weeks during the summer.

Wilson Library 'logs on'

The long rows of wooden card catalog drawers are gone. In their place stand computer terminals ready at the click of the mouse to give complete listings of all the collections in Wilson Library.

After nearly five years of planning, testing and inputting, Wilson Library is on-line and ready for the 21st century.

One of the most popular features of the new software is a tool that allows users to virtually scan the books on the shelf next to a selected book. Titles of books on either side can be pulled up by the click of the mouse or a stroke on the keyboard.

The system also gives information on the number of copies available. When the system is fully operational, 40 terminals will be available.

The library software was designed by Innovative Interfaces, one of the nation's leading software makers.

The system is graphically based and uses Microsoft Windows. Other universities such as the University of Puget Sound have been using similar systems.

With the installation of the new system comes new library cards known as the Campus All-Card, which now becomes the official identification card for Western students. The All-Card has a magnetic strip and a photo. It also functions as a meal card and copy card.
**Viking vehicles triumph nationally**

*Photo by Lori McGriff Boroughs*

This team of Engineering Technology students led the Viking 25 — a Dodge Neon converted to run on electric power and Compressed Natural Gas — to third place in the Hybrid Electric Vehicle Challenge. It was one of two recent competitive victories for Western's Vehicle Research Institute.

**KUGS radio goes on-line**

Western's campus radio station, KUGS (89.3 FM), is one of only two radio stations in the country to broadcast live on the Internet. KUGS general manager Ted Askew confirmed that since going on-line earlier this year, more than 30,000 Internet users worldwide have visited KUGS' home page, clicking on a box to download the station's signal.

By creating a contest inviting users to e-mail the station with their location, KUGS received responses from Europe, Australia, Tasmania, Canada, and more than 20 states in the United States. KUGS even received an e-mail from the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) in London, congratulating the station on their on-line achievement.

The only other U.S. radio station to broadcast on-line is the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. (KUGS' World Wide Web Site address is http://www.kugs.org)

**Peace Corps honors WWU**

The Peace Corps has honored Western for its consistent success in providing graduates as volunteers for overseas service. Western alumnus Howard Anderson ('71, '77), a former Peace Corps volunteer who is now director of its Office of Training and Program Support, presented the award to the Western Career Services Center.

According to the Peace Corps office in Seattle, 112 Western graduates have served in 55 countries over the last decade. An additional 16 grads were placed overseas this past summer, bringing to 21 the number who have joined this year. Western ranks among the top 50 universities nationwide in Peace Corps recruitment.

**Women's Commission presents service awards**

Western's Women's Commission presented Distinguished Service Awards to Fairhaven College Professor Kathryn Anderson and to the Sister to Sister Program, begun under the auspices of Western's Multicultural Services Center.

Anderson, who has served as director of the Women's Studies Program since 1978, received her award for furthering women's studies and the empowerment of women at Western. Anderson is a 1985 recipient of an Achievement Award from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences this year.

Together with his partners, Jim Pearson and Walt Ferar of California, Dustrude has filmed for television commercials, music videos and feature films. He can also take still photographs with his 35-pound helicopter, which has a rotor span of 80 inches and a top speed of 65 mph.

The innovative helicopter is able to fly under, around, and over areas that full-sized helicopters or camera dolly systems can't reach. It is lightweight enough to fly near objects without blowing them away or kicking up dust which obscures the picture, a problem in the industry known as "downwash." The camera is mounted on three axes which allows the operator to pan, tilt or roll the camera.

In addition to his TV and film work, Dustrude operates a local aerial photography business, Aerial Visions.
Accent on Alumni

Homecoming '95: Western's doors are opening

Let Homecoming '95 be your gateway to Western for a weekend of fun on October 20 and 21. The weekend lineup includes faculty presentations, a fun run/walk, an old fashioned bonfire, and of course, . . . the Homecoming Salmon Barbecue. You can also cheer the Vikes to the "Shut-Out" Central at the football game.

Alumni are always welcome to revisit Western's campus. Western's doors are opening for Homecoming but if you haven't been back to campus within the last two years, you won't believe how our "doors" have multiplied. See the new science building, the new biology building, the new archives building, and the newly remodeled Edens Hall.

The doors of Higginson Hall are also open to alumni this homecoming. For the first time, Western can offer overnight accommodations to alumni and their families in Higginson Hall. Of course, accommodations are in dorms—twin beds with a shared bathroom—but it is a great chance to get some friends together and relive your college days. Official information and registration forms will be mailed in early September, so mark your calendar and watch your mail box.

Fairhaven alum returns to teach and question

When Jonathan Appels studied art at Fairhaven College in the early '70s, he created a sculpture that still stands in the courtyard.

In many ways, he left a permanent impression on the campus. This last spring, he returned to Fairhaven to teach and to continue sharing his sculptural beginnings through teaching physical movement and phenomenological philosophy classes.

Describing his return as "like a ride on H.G. Wells' time machine," Appels reminisced about the early days of Fairhaven.

"I always knew I would be back. For me, it was only a question of when," he said, while sitting a few feet from the "he, she" sculpture he created in his youth to question sexual identity.

Appels continues to question. In the '90s, he has been exploring body movement and its connections to the mind and art.

He founded his own contemporary dance company in New York City in 1979 and brought the eight-person troupe to Western this spring. The company also appeared in Vancouver and Victoria, B.C., at the Seattle Art Museum and at the Hult Center in Eugene, Ore.

With his background in the visual arts, Appels often refers to his choreography as "sculptural." Dance Magazine lauded its "pictorial elements." In 1993, Appels was the first recipient of a fellowship in the name of the late Dance Magazine editor-in-chief, Bill Como. In making the award, the New York Foundation for the Arts called Appels "a pioneer in connecting dance to other art forms."

Company Appels has performed in Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Croatia and Holland. Appels also spent 1991 and '92 in Belgium on a Fulbright Fellowship, studying the principles of the phenomenologist philosopher Edmund Husserl.

Of his choreography, Appels has said, "I love to question the laws of physics because I try to utilize the body to express a transcendence. My dance is more metaphysical than physical."

Twenty-one years after leaving, the need to make an impression is still strong. "I was here once and I blinked, and I am here teaching a class," Appels said.

At other places, "people can get a B.A. and never find their own voice," he said. "The powerful thing about Fairhaven is the student's search for identity. It's very exciting, when you remove grades, all the questions change," Appels said. "The kind of questions we raise are important to living a life."
"Gone But Not Forgotten" was a theme throughout the weekend, and was part of the inspiration for the unusual centerpiece which graced the luncheon tables: hats previously worn by former home economics faculty. All the hats were collected by Dr. Dorothy Rasmussen, former chair of the department.

Dr. Rasmussen, the driving force behind the reunion, was pleased with both the number of alumni who came back to Western, and the hundreds of alumni who responded to a work experience survey that was mailed out in advance.

Activities included a reception in the Solarium (the location of the former department), an Alumni Market Place on Eden's second floor patio, a luncheon and program in the Viking Union Lounge, a sculpture walk, and an overnight in Eden's Hall.

The University's Chair Collection, which originated in the home economics department and is now under curatorship of the Western Gallery, was displayed. The collection includes more than 60 chairs, many of which were created by internationally acclaimed designers.

Home economics alumni are working to raise enough money to get the Chair Collection out of storage. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Jennifer Rick of the Western Foundation at (360) 650-3616.

The theme of the event was "Always Part of the Western Community," and the message delivered by a committee of former faculty and graduates, was designed to reconnect the alumni with the university, and to reaffirm that they will always remain an important part of Western.

Life Members Club Update

By Kristie Lundstrom
Alumni Association's Life Member Coordinator

The annual WWU Alumni Club Life Member Dinner and Cruise took place on April 28 at the Seattle Yacht Club. With 10 dedicated Western alumni friends in attendance, it was the most successful Life Member event to date.

What a splendid night the distinguished group had dining on a sumptuous Italian buffet prepared by the chefs at the Seattle Yacht Club. Then at eight, they cruised Lake Union on the "Sightseer" with a spectacular view of Seattle at night. Once returned to shore, our alumni were treated to a sundae bar with fresh strawberries and homemade ice cream.

WWU President Karen Morse was on hand to give an overview of the latest happenings on campus and in the legislature. Chris Goldsmith, alumni director, gave updates on current alumni events and club statistics.

During the cruise, Life Member Jeff Franklin ('90) was asked, "What made him join as a Life Member?" Being a president Western graduate, Jeff responded, "I found there to be many benefits that motivated me to join, such as having my name engraved on the perpetual plaque in the Alumni House, receiving a brass-on-smoked-glass replica of my diploma and an invitation to this annual function. Of course, it makes more sense to pay the annual renewal of $25. Over 30 years, it makes more sense to pay the one-time $500 lifetime dues than to pay the annual renewal of $25. Over 30 years, that's quite a savings." Thanks, Jeff!

Door prizes were given out to add to the festivities and big congratulations went to Robin Russell, William Brown, Randy Hillow and Tony Larson who each received a set of WWU glassware. Lyle Morse was the big winner with a sunny yellow alumni squall jacket.

With hugs and warm wishes the group departed, looking forward to next year's event which has already been scheduled for April 20, 1996. After five years, the Life Member Club has set a precedent for all future get togethers.

Are you interested in becoming a WWU Alumni Club Life Member? We'll gladly send you a membership form and answer any questions. Please call Kristie Lundstrom at Alumni House, 650-3353 or 1-800-676-6885.

NEW ALUMNI CLUB LIFE MEMBERS

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Mark R. Anderson
Robert S. Angel
Loretta Smith Backatoni
Ralph W. Bacon
Bert Bieler
Charles M. Barr
Marguerite C. Berg
Van and Susan Branch
Beverly A. Bley
Rodney and Adria Blume
Richard K. Boice
Lance R. Callaway
Selma G. Chen
Stephanie M. Chinn
Maureen A. Christman
Karen C. Christopher
Beth Cooksey
Tony and Pat Cabellis
Ronald and Bunny Committee
Judith M. Daniels
Julietta Davis
Frank and Barbara DeFreitas
Dick and Marlene Dixon
Michael and Leslie Dobias
Gregory A. Dolen
Paul E. Erazo
Jeremy W. Dunn
Wayne H. Elders
Janet M. Espenshade
K. Mike Fankhauser
Joel and Leslie Ferrell
Jeffrey M. Franklin
John Beason Gargett
Dr. Jim Gibson
Rick Giese
Chris Goldsmith
Scott L. Gobel
Tama Guiseche
Mark A. Haddell, III
Philip Hatchfield
Larry W. Hayes
Gordon Heinbucher
Kenneth and Diane Henderson
Tami Hendrickson
Conita K. Hoag
Kim Holcomb Williams
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John L. Kerndt
Hans Kisch
Paul and Leigh Rae Teens Kittinger
Sherry Rose Kien
Barry and Sherry Kleemann
Martyn Klose
Clayton and Gertrude Knittel
Wayne Kolstosn
Gretchen Leon Lake
Jan F. Landberg
Charles and Pauline LeVorien
Brian Lewis
Richard "Cy" and B. Lyn Lindberg
Kittie Linde and Brian Moon
Todd J. Lindsey
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Theo J. Roody
Lois M. Rorden
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Adrian C. Shields
Ivan Stodol
Cecil C. Thomas
Jane Harden Thomas
Maureen O'm Taineer
Patrick A. Tuttle
Jeffrey Vanfleck
W.H. Voelcker
Xolovig Vinje
George W. Walk
Joe and Taylor Wallace
Dick and Arnie Youngberg

50 Year-Gold Seal Reunion

Picture taken at a reception on Alumni Day held in honor of the 50th anniversary of the founding of WWU. The event was held in honor of alumni who have graduated more than 50 years ago. One alumni, trigger Bkee, was from the class of 1928.

Always Part of the Western Community"
Alumni News

Distinguished Alumnus Award nomination forms available

Nominations are due by December 31, 1995, for the 1996 WWU Distinguished Alumnus Award.

As one of Western's top honors, the Distinguished Alumnus Award goes annually to a Western graduate in recognition of a "lifetime" of achievement in a particular career or field.

Nominees must have actually graduated from Western or one of its predecessor institutions.

Nominating packets should include a letter of nomination, a current resume or vita, a letter of support for the nomination and any other supporting material such as magazine or newspaper articles.

This past year's recipient was Dr. James Ford, former president of Skagit Valley College, who was cited for his lifelong dedication to higher education in this state and elsewhere.

Nominations should be addressed to Distinguished Alumnus Award Committee, Alumni House, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9199.

Alumni Board members named

Mark Hardie ('53) took possession of the WWU Alumni Association gavel in May as Kenneth Cox ('85) completed his year as association president.

In other action during the WWU Alumni Board's spring meeting, Ray Foster ('84) was named president-elect and Tony Larson ('88) was named treasurer for the coming year.

New members of the board's executive committee were also elected. They include: Kelly Guise ('91), Allan Darr ('73), Karen Hulford ('69), Jon Sitkin ('84), and Robin Russell ('82).

Four board members ended six-year terms on the board: Gary Grim ('81), Marilyn Klose ('63), Alvin Arkills ('87) and Chuck LeWarne ('55). LeWarne, who is also a past president of the WWU Alumni Association, had served more than 15 years with the association.

Three new board members were also elected to initial three-year terms. They are: Bart Shilvcov ('76) from Seattle, David G. Moore ('85) from Mount Vernon, and Reed Zulauf ('83) from Puyallup.

Our congratulations to all of these fine volunteers!

Alumni Association tacos win Ski to Sea accolades

The Alumni Association participated in Bellingham's Ski-to-Sea Festival for the very first time this year, and what a fabulous team they were. The only racing they did during the day, however, was preparing the fastest taco.

The "Ya Sure, You Betcha They're Good" Viking Taco booth performed with all the grace and stamina of a first-rate athletic team. Executive Director Chris Goldsmith ('74) was taco grillmaster, along with the rest of the Alumni Office staff, Catherin Ward ('90), Jennifer Huber ('94) and Kristie Lundstrom. Working in perfect synchronization while taking orders and preparing the tacos were Robin Russell ('82), Kelly Guise ('91), Elizabeth D'Alessandro ('92), Larry Lundstrom ('76) and Traci Lynch ('95). Good going, team! Look for the booth next year, they'll be happy to sell you a delicious Viking Taco.

Are you interested in participating in the actual race? We are looking for alumni to participate in next year's festivities. Phone the Alumni House at 1-800-676-6883 or 650-3353 and ask for Kristie Lundstrom.

e-mail addresses wanted

Western alumni are asked to send in their e-mail addresses to the Alumni Office. An alumni network is in the works. Alums can contact Western via e-mail as well at alumni@wwu.edu.

Grist of Goldsmith

By Chris Goldsmith/Alumni Director

Our hearty thanks to those Western grads who've been turning out in rewarding numbers for a recent string of alumni events held around the region.

About 30 political science graduates from Pierce and Thurston counties joined political science faculty and several student interns in Olympia for a reception and department update at Secretary of State Ralph Munro's (Class of '66) office. Dr. Kenneth Hoover, department chair, introduced the students and faculty and brought the alumni up to date on state politics and departmental happenings.

More than 175 alumni from Skagit County joined forces in March for a sneak preview of the new Skagit River Brewing Company's microbrewery in Mount Vernon. Interest was so intense for that event that we had to turn away another 75 Skagit Valley alums, with a promise that we'd do another one soon.

And on two different dates, large groups of Western alumni took to the Tacoma Dome to represent WWU in our own section, as the Seattle Supersonics played the Minnesota Timberwolves.

College of Business and Economics Dean Dennis Murphy got in the last word to more than 100 CBE graduates at Giggles Comedy Club in Seattle's University District in April. Attendees enjoyed some great comedy, as well as several Alumni Association-hosted munchies during the evening.

As noted elsewhere in this issue, more than 100 of our WWU Alumni Club Life Members took the opportunity to join us at the Seattle Yacht Club in April for a dinner/reception and a cruise of the Lake Washington Ship Canal and Lake Union.

We also enjoyed celebrating two reunions: Home economics alumni returned in June, and a 50-year reunion for the classes of 1945 & 1946 in July.

And don't forget Homecoming this fall, which is set for Friday and Saturday, October 20 & 21. Events will include the traditional fireworks display on Friday evening and the now-famous homecoming salmon barbecue prior to the Western vs. Central football game at Civic Field. Numerous student sponsored events also are on tap, so mark your calendars and watch for an upcoming mailing.

Finally, thanks for all the letters and calls of support for our redesign of the alumni publication. And yes, Window on Western does replace resume. Keep the communication coming. We would appreciate your ideas for alumni features.
In search of the great Gingko tree

What horticultural delights are hidden amidst the greenery of Western’s campus? While searching for the rumored great Gingko tree, we discovered many other plant specimens, some emblazoned with folklore and unsubstantiated roots, others of the everyday variety, but quite notably only found in the Northwest.

Yes, Western is blessed with a Gingko tree, a dinosaur of trees, ancient and proud. It can be found to the left of Old Main, near Edwards Hall. Its fan-shaped leaves and rough bark help identify it.

Another tree that shouls be recognized as well is an Oriental Plane tree—believed to have originated from a cutting from the original Hippocrates Tree on Kos in the Aegean Sea, where the first physician lectured to his students—was planted by former Western president Charles J. Flora. As Flora notes in his book, “Normal College Knowledge,” he was given two cuttings from the tree in appreciation for speaking to a meeting of British Columbia physicians. He planted one cutting at his home, the other just to the right as one enters the Fairhaven College underpass heading south.

The Empress of China tree stands in elegant broad-leaved splendor between Haggard Hall and Wilson Library. This tree is notable for its coloring moments of shade in the summer and its sculpturesque branches in winter.

The greatest of nature finds can be discovered just behind campus. The Sehome Hill Arboretum stands where there was once only barren land littered by logging debris. Today its tree and plant life are managed and protected for future generations.

The creation of the arboretum was the result of concern in the late 1950s by Glenn Jordan, a long-time head gardener at Western. As Flora notes in his colorful account, Jordan requested that this land be set aside and that a planting plan be put in place for the entire campus. The dialogue went something like this notation in “Normal College Knowledge.”

“Sometimes I get really tired. I plant something and then we tear it out to put in a new building. I don’t feel like I get anywhere. There is no permanence in anything I do,” Jordan reportedly told Flora, then the university president.

Flora responded positively, setting a committee in place to create such an arboretum. As he noted in his book, “Life was tough for a gardener, especially one who cherished living monuments.”

The arboretum officially came into existence in 1974, a living monument with specimens of the Northwest. The Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with the university, manages 165 acres of this offshoot of the Chuckanut Mountains. Thirty-five acres are college-owned. The arboretum serves as a natural outdoor laboratory for biology, geology and environmental students.

In autumn, with the colors of the leaves reflecting sparks of sunlight, a visitor is struck by the awes of nature. The park is made up of thousands of towering Douglas firs and western hemlocks; maples, red alder, black cottonwoods, western red cedars, yews, wild plums and cherry trees. Sword ferns, snowberry bushes, thimbleberries, Oregon grape, flowering honeysuckle vines, salal, red elderberry, ocean spray, kinnikinik and lady ferns nestle beneath the trees.

Wild bleeding heart, tiger lily, lady slipper, pink star flower, buttercup varieties, yellow yarrow and fireweed create a canvas of color in their seasons. Numerous fungi, including the rare coral root orchid, can be spotted alongside the steep craggy trails of the park.

For the wanderer or those in search of solitude, the natural beauty of Western’s campus invites discovery. Much like the great Gingko tree, living monuments continue to stand despite the test of time.

Sehome Hill Arboretum maps and brochures are available at Western’s Visitor Center.
The main building at New Whatcom State Normal School was completed in 1896. However, the school did not open until three years later, since operating funds had not been provided by the state legislature. By the time the first students arrived, the land surrounding the school had been partially cleared, but fallen logs and stumps remained (top left).

Music professor Don Walter leads the Western marching band on Walden Field in this campus photo from the 1950s (top left). The field is the present site of Red Square and Haggard Hall. Campus School is in the background. The house at its right was the college health center.

The aerial photo (above right) shows the Environmental Studies building under construction in the early 70s and the campus today (right). Since the earlier photo, additions to campus include: Amtzen Hall, Parks Hall, the Chemistry Building, Biology Building and the Ross Engineering Technology Building.
Kaiser named foundation president

Bellingham investment executive Markell Kaiser has been elected president of the Western Foundation Board of Directors for 1995-96. Kaiser is chief operating officer of Saturna Capital Corporation and has served in a variety of volunteer leadership roles for the foundation.

Together with husband Nick, the Kaisers fund an annual professorship in the College of Business and Economics specializing in international business. In addition, the Kaisers are active members of the Presidents Club and have co-chaired the WWU Parents Fund Campaign. Their daughter Jane is a third-year student at Western.

As foundation president, Kaiser will oversee a board of 24 volunteers, including professional advisors, for a five-year term. The board meets on a quarterly basis, and is responsible for monitoring and maintaining the foundation’s fiscal stability and helping to initiate a wide range of fund-raising programs.

During 1994-95, the foundation board made unrestricted grants to the university totaling more than $200,000. In addition, the board ensured the appropriate deposit and use of approximately $2.5 million in annual gifts designated for specific purposes by donors.

Also joining Kaiser as new foundation officers for 1995-96 are: vice president — Dick Pedersen, investment executive with the Bellevue, Wash., office of Dain Bosworth; secretary — Moose Zurline (WWU Class of ’50), Bellingham marketing and sales specialist; treasurer — James Doud, Jr., president of Mathew G. Norton Company of Seattle.

Elected as members-at-large to serve on the foundation’s executive committee are: Barbara French Duzan (WWU Class of ’84) from Friday Harbor and Seattle resident Robert Helsell, president of Wilder Construction in Bellingham. Immediate past president of the board is F. Murray “Red” Haskell. Alumni President and Puyallup resident Mark A. Hardie (WWU Classes of ’53 and ’60) also will join the board as an ex-officio member for the coming year.

Washington newspapers support journalism computer lab

Journalism students at Western will write and edit stories in the region’s most advanced journalism laboratory, beginning fall quarter.

The 20-station lab will feature Macintosh computers and advanced software used to edit and design newspapers, magazines and other publications. The lab will have full hookups to the Internet, and will receive national newswires. Classes in newswriting, copy editing and design, and reporting will move into the new facility, located in College Hall.

Newspapers in Washington contributed more than $56,000, which was matched by the university. Contributions came from daily newspapers representing roughly 90 percent of the state’s circulation, and a large share of weekly newspapers as well.

“We are delighted not only at the contributions received but at the response of so many publishers,” said Journalism Chair Floyd McKay. “Essentially, when we ask for a contribution, we are ‘selling’ our graduates who have gone into the profession. The fact that so many publishers supported the lab is the best possible endorsement of the journalism program at Western.”

The project was designed by Professor Carolyn Dale, chair of the department from 1990-94, in consultation with the department’s Professional Advisory Committee. McKay, as the new chair beginning Spring of 1994, took up the fund-raising task.

Western’s journalism program is particularly noted in the region for producing reporters and editors for both weekly and daily newspapers.

Investments in Excellence

The following is a brief reporting of $5,000 or larger gifts received since December 1994 to support programs at Western Washington University.

- $10,000 in endowed scholarship support from Miriam Snow Mattes...$5,000 in support for the Western Design Center from Zelco Industries...$59,700 from the Estate of James L. Goldman in support of the National Environmental Policy Institute to institute a scholarship in honor of Al Swift...a sailboat worth $7,500 for the sailing club from Dexter McCallum...$60,000 in endowed scholarship support from Charles and June Ross...$8,000 to fund annual scholarships and build a permanent endowment from Tempers, Inc...$5,000 to support CBE activities from Bellingham Sash & Door...$5,000 in unrestricted support from the Estate of Miriam Crellin...$15,000 from the Mark and Blanchie Harrington Foundation to support CBE activities...$5,000 in scholarship support from Marriott Food Services to celebrate the company’s 35th Anniversary with Western...$50,000 from Wilder Construction to initiate a distinguished professorship benefiting Husky College and CBE...$69,000 in property from Floyd Sandell...$5,000 to fund a Journalism computer lab from The News Tribune...$5,000 to support the Vehicle Research Institute’s Neon project from the Chrysler Corporation...$14,000 to support the Center for Economic Education from Econometrics America Washington...$10,000 from Clifford and Theresa Schmierer to establish a scholarship in memory of Kurt Schmierer...$5,000 to support the Journalism computer lab from Peter Horvitz...$5,000 in unrestricted support from Barney and Joyce Yorkston...$5,000 from Key Bank to sponsor the Company Appel project...$7,000 from Boeing to study development of a high school computer center in coordination with the university curriculum in Engineering Technology...$50,000 in endowed scholarship support from the late Thomas Horn...$12,786 from the Bellingham Central Lions Club for Speech Pathology and Audiology equipment...$5,000 from the Estate of Frank C. Brooks to establish scholarships for the College of Business and Economics...$10,000 from Marriott Food Services to provide annual scholarships...$10,000 in unrestricted annual support from Microsoft...$22,517 from the Estate of Miriam Crellin...$5,000 from Robert Keller and Pat Kiefer to support the Keller-Kiefer Scholarship...$5,000 to support the Vet Memorial Scholarship from Jim and Candace Doud...$10,337 from Jean Towne to fund a gift annuity...$5,314 from the Lion’s Hearing Foundation to support the Speech Pathology and Audiology Dept...$5,000 from Charles and June Ross to support the Ross Scholarship Endowment...$5,000 to support the Vehicle Research Institute from Wilder Construction...$5,000 in equipment to support the Technology Dept. and flatbed truck valued at $23,000 for the Vehicle Research Institute (VRI) from The Boeing Co...$100,000 from Gordon and Alice Fraser to fund a unitrust...$5,000 from the Estate of Frank C. Brooks to establish scholarships for the College of Business and Economics...$10,000 from People’s State Bank to fund an endowed scholarship...$5,000 to support the Chemistry Dept. program from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust...$7,200 in cash and equipment for the English Dept. from the Signpost Press...five laser printers for the Engineering Technology Dept. valued at $6,975 from Tektronix...$5,000 to fund minority scholarships from Seafirst Bank...$131,471 from the Estate of Paul Woodring to fund scholarships...$10,000 from US Bank to fund minority scholarships...$10,000 for the Kaiser Professorship from Alpha Technologies and Fred Kaiser...$51,000 from Red and Betty Haskell to supplement the Haskell Scholarship Endowment and to fund the Vigenovic Civic program...a electric food facer from Poguet Sound Power and Light Co. valued at $17,685 for the VRI...$10,000 to support the Viking Golf Tournament from Haggen Foods...scientific journals from SPIE valued at $18,854 for the VRI...$5,000 from the American Association of University Women...$15,000 from Ernst Gysden to fund the Husky College Lecture Series...$10,000 from Bent Faber to create the Bunce Faber Endowment...$10,000 from Margaret Lauer and $10,000 from Frances Frazier to fund the Double Eagle Scholarship Endowment.
Western Washington University will publicly announce the most ambitious fund-raising campaign in its history at a gala kickoff celebration scheduled for the evening of Saturday, October 7, in Carver Gymnasium. The Campaign for Western pursues a goal of raising $18 million by December 31, 1996, under the theme “Opening Doors to Tomorrow.”

The Evening of Saturday, October 7, will feature a 6 p.m. celebration in Carver Gymnasium. The Campaign for Western was formally endorsed last week by the University Board of Trustees. In addition, the Trustees have provided a broad range of “naming” opportunities to recognize campaign donors who provide a significant investment in the future of the university.

Naming opportunities begin at the $5,000 level and continue upwards of $5 million to name a university college.

“Through The Campaign for Western, we are determined to provide the types of programs and resources that our students deserve,” said President Karen W. Morse. “The campaign will provide the margin of excellence necessary to make Western a pacesetter among universities of its type,” she added.

Western Foundation past-president and Bellingham civic leader F. Murray “Red” Haskell has agreed to chair the volunteer-driven campaign and lead its coordinating committee. Haskell is chairman of the board of the Haskell Corporation, located in Bellingham.

“This campaign comes at a critical time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell. “Institutions like Western find themselves at a crossroads of major time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell. “Institutions like Western find themselves at a crossroads of major time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell. “Institutions like Western find themselves at a crossroads of major time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell. “Institutions like Western find themselves at a crossroads of major time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell. “Institutions like Western find themselves at a crossroads of major time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell. “Institutions like Western find themselves at a crossroads of major time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell. “Institutions like Western find themselves at a crossroads of major time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell. “Institutions like Western find themselves at a crossroads of major time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell. “Institutions like Western find themselves at a crossroads of major time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell. “Institutions like Western find themselves at a crossroads of major time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell. “Institutions like Western find themselves at a crossroads of major time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell. “Institutions like Western find themselves at a crossroads of major time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell. “Institutions like Western find themselves at a crossroads of major time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell. “Institutions like Western find themselves at a crossroads of major time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell. “Institutions like Western find themselves at a crossroads of major time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell. “Institutions like Western find themselves at a crossroads of major time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell. “Institutions like Western find themselves at a crossroads of major time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell. “Institutions like Western find themselves at a crossroads of major time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell. “Institutions like Western find themselves at a crossroads of major time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell. “Institutions like Western find themselves at a crossroads of major time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell. “Institutions like Western find themselves at a crossroads of major time for higher education in the state and in the nation,” said Haskell.

“This campaign will take Western to the next level of academic achievement,” said Morse. “It will help us to build on our existing strengths and ensure a unique educational experience for today’s students and for those yet to come.”

Fraser Hall honors Western benefactors

Western benefactors Alice and Gordon “Bus” Fraser flank President Karen Morse outside the newly renamed Fraser Hall. The complex was renamed in their honor on June 8.

In honor of Western’s single largest donors, the Lecture Halls complex has been renamed The Gordon H. and Alice C. Fraser Hall. The renaming took place at a special ceremony following the June 8 meeting of the WWU Board of Trustees.

Fraser Hall, as it will be known to students, will permanently honor the Bellingham couple’s generosity to and support of university programs. Since joining the Presidents Club in 1985, the Frasers have provided more than $2 million to enrich and support a variety of programs.

Both Frasers attended Western. Alice Fraser graduated from Western when it was still Bellingham Normal School, and “Bus” Fraser attended Western before transferring to the University of Washington. Bus Fraser is a long-time business and civic leader, and owned Fraser Chevrolet among other interests. Through two unitrusts, the couple’s generosity will benefit the College of Business and Economics, the music department, the biology department, student scholarships, science equipment and lecturers.

“The Frasers’ interest in a broad range of university programs makes naming the Lecture Halls building an ideal way to honor their tremendous loyalty and support,” said President Karen Morse. “They are very special people, and we are very gratified to be able to show our respect and gratitude in this way.”
**Headliners**

Western graduate named president of demographers association

Douglas S. Massey ('74) is the new president of the Population Association of America, a professional organization for demographers.

Massey graduated with a bachelor of science degree from Western and later earned his master's and Ph.D. from Princeton. While at Western from 1970-74, Massey completed three majors: sociology/anthropology, psychology and Spanish.

He is currently the University of Pennsylvania's Dorothy Swaine Thomas Professor, which is the most senior faculty position at the Populations Study Center. Before going to the University of Pennsylvania, he was the director of Latin American Studies at the University of Chicago.

Massey is also co-author of "American Apartheid: Segregation and the Making of the Underclass," a sociological analysis of black residential integration in 20th century America (Harvard, 1993). He has a new release this year entitled, "Miracles on the Border," which is a look at Mexican folk art paintings and their connections to Mexican migration to the United States.

**Spotlight on Sports**

Western ends athletic year on high note

All-American performances, a trip to nationals and three league championships highlighted Western's spring sports season.

Four Viking track & field athletes earned National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All-American honors by placing among the top six at the national championships.

Dec Balderson (Sr., Kennewick)

Easley also placed fourth and Balderson fifth at nationals in 1994.

Western's track team won the Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference men's title and tied for the women's crown. Hurler Peter Myers (Sr., Yakima/West Valley) had earned All-American honors by placing among the top six at the national championships.

Three named basketball All-Americans

Three Western Washington University basketball players have earned All-American honors.

- Shannon Anderson (Sr., Woodinville) received honors for the women's 3,000 meters (10:08.27).
- Maggie McDonald (Fr., Seattle/Shorecrest), who helped lead Western to its first national championship in basketball since 1995, will have their names added to the Viking football team lead the G. Robert Ross Memorial Trophy.
- Deborah Juarez, a 1983 Fairhaven College graduate and advisor for Western's law and Diversity Program, has been named to the King County Superior Court bench by Gov. Lowry.

The Governor described Juarez as a "positive role model in the public eye" and "a real success story" after announcing the appointment.

Juarez, who grew up on the Puyallup reservation, is a graduate of the University of Puget Sound Law School and a Blackfeet Nation lawyer.

She has worked for the past five years as a staff attorney for the Native American Project of Evergreen Legal Services, representing tribes on treaty rights, protection of natural and cultural resources, and child welfare. She is only the third Native American to serve in the state court system.

Juarez was previously a King County public defender until 1990, when she began working with Evergreen Legal Services. She is an experienced trial lawyer and has been a Superior Court judge pro tem for two years.

**Source:** The Seattle Times

Vance to run for State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Metropolitan King County Councilman and Western alumnus Chris Vance, a 1984 graduate in political science, is running for Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1996.

Vance, who is making speeches around the state in anticipation of the nonpartisan race, is one of two announced candidates who will challenge two-term Superintendent Judith Billings. The other is Olympian real estate developer Ron Taber.

Vance describes himself as a conservative who will push for a return to basic academics and discipline in schools. He believes that his lack of a professional education background is a plus, setting him apart from the education establishment. Vance, elected to the County Council in 1993, previously served three years in the state House of Representatives.

**Source:** Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Meinert named a person of influence

David Meinert ('90) was a double major (philosophy and economics) at Western when the worst thing happened: He graduated. To make a short story shorter, he inadvertently became one of the hottest music and nightclub promoters in the state.

**Pacific Magazine,** in recognition of his off-beat and highly successful booking business, named him one of the "100 People of Influence" in the state.

"With an eye for unusual poster art and a knack for getting 2,000 flyers around town in a flash, he now books live music three nights a week, and puts Seattle's poetry on Wednesdays," Pacific notes. He is booking Bumbershoot, a rock music festival, and he manages several bands, as well as produces Northwest shows of national acts.

**Source:** Pacific Magazine
Point of View

Roll on Columbia

Excerpted from "Northwest Passage: The Great Columbia River" by William Scott, Published by Stone and Swords, New York, copyright 1995. Scott is a graduate of Fountainhead College and is a Pacific Northwest reporter with The Seattle Times. Mixed with precision, tells the story of American civilization itself, our proudest achievements and most dubious legacies.

It is a river that elicits emotion, that tells us stories about ourselves. It is the most beautiful big American river in the grandeur and variety of its landscape, the most daring in its engineering, and the most disturbing in its capture. Its final glorious gorge is a National Scenic Area where the surface of the Columbia is scoured by wind-surfer sails as colorful as a convention of butterflies. But the same river winds through the industrial valley of Trail, B.C., which was so polluted earlier in this century that its champion hockey team is called the Smoke Eaters. It flows past the nation's biggest collection of radioactive waste, a former nuclear weapons complex where one of the high school football teams is called the Bammers. In its scenery and modification, the Columbia is a river of jarring contrast, like some kind of object lesson laid down by God and man.

And the Mississippi, I suspect, will always remain in the American imagination a 19th-century river. It will forever be the place of Tom and Huck, of sternwheeler and flatboat, of the siege of Vicksburg and the Battle of New Orleans. The Columbia is our 20th-century river. Its dams represent the optimistic faith in technology of the century's beginning, and the restless misgivings about large-scale engineering at the century's end.

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OFF THE SHELF

Western's faculty and alumni continue to produce a heavy crop of books. From nationally-used college texts to inspired novels and collections of poetry, Western's bookshelf includes the following new releases:


Eileen Coughlin, vice president for student affairs/dean of academic support services, recently edited "Successful Drug and Alcohol Prevention Programs" for Jossey-Bass Publishers. Additionally, she authored two of its chapters. The book is part of the publisher's "New Directions for Student Services" series.

1962 - Dave Page is owner and cobbler of a small front-end boot shop that is known around the globe as The Place for repairs, relining or resoling of hiking, skiing and climbing boots. He has been in business for 25 years.

1965 - After 24 years of service in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Robert B. Wade has retired. He was responsible for direction of all overseas espionage investigations and was awarded the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal by the Director of Central Intelligence for his career service. Wade accepted his new position as senior vice president with the Parvus Group, an international investigative, intelligence and security consulting firm in Silver Spring, MD.

1970 - Officials at California State University, Dominguez Hills have announced the selection of Dr. William Littie as the new director for the African American Studies program at the Carson campus.

1971 - Dynamic Systems Inc., in Bothell has named Bruce Henderson operations manager, which will include finance, Information systems, customer service, shipping and receiving... William A. Johnston is the new administrative officer for The Newspaper Guild, Local 82. The Guild represents reporters and other employees at The Seattle Times, the P-I and The Journal American in Bellevue. He also received the 1993 first-place award from the Society of Professional Journalists for his National Public Radio commentary heard on KPVL in Tacoma... Wallace Sigmar has been named by Peninsula College as the new president. He served as interim president for the past two years.

1972 - Clayton Finkbonner is supervising a $12.5M project that will replace the current Lummi Casino with a larger casino, hotel and bingo hall.

1974 - Oak Harbor native Mark Haddock is the new curriculum and instruction director for the University Place School District. Previously, he was the principal at Garfield Elementary School in Olympia.

1975 - Catharine Herbold is the executive director of the Bellingham Festival of Music... Navy Lt. Kerry L. Kaino received a Meritorious Mast, an official recognition from the commanding officer for superior individual performance, while assigned to the Naval Station Puget Sound, Seattle... The Institute of Certified Management Accounts in Montvale, NJ, announced that Ed Barkley is now a Certified Management Accountant... Leon Long is the Adams County Auditor and lives in Othello with his wife and children.

1976 - Imperial Holly Corporation announced that Kathryn Hoban joined the company as a regional sales manager, at its sugar beet processing factory in Tracy, CA.

1977 - Michelle Aguilar is the co-owner of The Indian Way, a gallery specializing in artwork by native peoples. For the past eight years, Aguilar had been the executive director of the Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs... Richard Rigby is the coordinator for Gallery Gordius, a unique gallery and studio space for artists who are consumers of mental health services and/or survivors of abuse.

1978 - SAFECO of Seattle has named Leslie Jaggering its new assistant vice president. She lives in Bothell with her husband and three sons.

1979 - Anne Gordon is owner and trainer of Anne’s Animal Actors of Bothell. Her animal action have appeared in movies such as “A River Runs Through It,” “Surviving the Game” and “The Yearling,” as well as the TV show “Northern Exposure.”

1980 - Steve Muller has been named manager of the Everett branch of The Prudential Preferred Properties... Thomas E. Smithing at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces received his doctorate in Chemical Engineering.

1981 - William Crawford and his wife, Lori, own and operate Harbor Pictures, a video production company specializing in business and educational productions. They reside in Indianapolis, IN, with their four-year-old daughter, Sarah. Skagit Valley native Kim Pliasson has been hired by the Sedro-Woolley School Board as the district’s new business manager... Lane, Powell, Spears, Luberly welcomes new attorney, Brad E. Ambarian... Shelly Weisberg is the head of the Greenways Citizens Advisory Committee in Bellingham... Mark Biegel received his doctoral in history from the University of Utah and is an assistant professor at Colorado State University, teaching Western U.S. and environmental history.

1982 - Robin C. Russell, vice president and trust officer for the Bank of California in Seattle has been promoted to the position of personal trust senior sales representative... Russell has been with the bank for 10 years... Robert Riley has become a partner of the Seattle law firm Reller Rohrbach... Scott J. Schumacher is manager of the Lewis office of Washington Federal Savings... Sandi Hain has been named branch manager for Horizon Bank in Edmonds... The Trust for Public Land, a national, nonprofit land conservation organization... has hired by the Sedro-Woolley School Board as the district’s new business manager... Lane, Powell, Spears, Luberly welcomes new attorney, Brad E. Ambarian... Shelly Weisberg is the head of the Greenways Citizens Advisory Committee in Bellingham... Mark Biegel received his doctoral in history from the University of Utah and is an assistant professor at Colorado State University, teaching Western U.S. and environmental history.

1983 - Shell Mar is marketing director for Coquitlam Centre in British Columbia. Under Mar’s art direction, the Coquitlam Centre was the recipient of three first-place awards and two merit awards in the Newspaper Advertising Best of Year competition - 1994.

Political science graduate wins Cambridge fellowship

John Charles Schencking (’92), presently at the University of Hawaii, has received a three-year all-expenses-paid fellowship to study Japanese history at Cambridge University in England.

This prestigious fellowship, funded by the Japanese firm of Yasuda Trust & Banking, was awarded based on Schencking’s dissertation proposal. His doctoral dissertation topic is the rivalry of Japan’s army and navy and the influence on domestic and international politics from 1910 to 1920.

Schencking said that Western built a strong foundation for his studies at the University of Hawaii and now for his move to Cambridge in September.

“l really appreciated the support of Western’s history and foreign language departments and the reference department of Wilson Library, as well as Professor David Ziegler of the political science department,” Schencking said by phone from Hawaii. “Western was a great institution for me. I would like to go back and teach there one day. I guess you can take the person out of Western, but not Western out of the person,” he said.

1984 - The Siefkes Group, a public relations firm in Kirkland, has hired Dan Ramsay as an account executive... Dean Driskell, associate director of publications design, has been honored by Pacific Lutheran University as one of four outstanding employees... April Weed, a public accountant with the Bellingham accounting firm Moss Adams, recently was promoted to audit department supervisor.

1985 - Julia Barcelo teaches metalsmithing at New Mexico State University in a ten-week track position... Thomas E. LaGrande received his doctorate in Cellular/Molecular Biology from Indiana University and is conducting a three-year post-doctoral research project in Tucson, AZ. 

1993 - Sheri Schumaker is marketing director for Coquitlam Centre in British Columbia. Under Mar's art direction, the Coquitlam Centre was the recipient of three first-place awards and two merit awards in the Newspaper Advertising Best of Year competition - 1994.
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**Tributes**

**Thomas Billings**  
*Honomas*, a retired professor of educational foundations in Woodin College of Education, died at the age of 66 on May 27 at his Everson farm.

A native of Oregon, Billings received his Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Oregon and taught at Sacramento State before coming to Western in 1964. While at Western, he was director of Project Overcome, a Bellingham community action project through the Office of Economic Opportunity (1965-67). He moved to Washington, D.C., to become national director of the Upward Bound program (1967-68), then returned to the Western faculty where he served until August 1993.

In 1971, graduating seniors selected him outstanding teacher in the education department.

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**Eunice Faber**  
Professor Emeritus of Foreign Languages and French, Eunice Faber died June 3 in Bellingham. She was 81.

Born in Washington, D.C., Faber received her A.B. in 1934 from Howard University. Her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees were from Catholic University in 1944 and 1967 respectively. She joined Western's faculty in 1959, teaching Spanish and French until her 1982 retirement, although she returned to teach part-time two quarters in 1984.

She is survived by her husband, Bent Faber, a staff member in administrative computing. A memorial scholarship has been established in her name through the Western Foundation.

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**Jiri "Joe" Veit**  
Jiri "Joe" Veit, professor of physics, died March 17 at his Bellingham home. He was 60.

Born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, he fled to England as a teenager. He received his Ph.D. from the University of London and worked at the University of British Columbia before coming to Western in 1963.

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**Alumni**

**Francis Biery Fegley**  
Bellingham banker Francis Biery Fegley ('32) passed away March 13 at the age of 83. He lived his entire life in Whatcom County and retired as assistant manager of the Bellingham branch of Seafirst Bank in 1973. He was married to his wife, Ethel, for 56 years, and both were active in many choirs, including the St. James Presbyterian Church choir.

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**Alice D. Molenkamp**  
Alice D. Molenkamp ('40), retired insurance officer, died May 27 at her daughter's home in Bellingham. She was 81.

Born in Montana, she graduated from WWCE in 1951 and taught in South Dakota, Alaska, Texas and Washington. She traveled extensively in the U.S. and abroad. She is survived by her four children.

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**Carol Virginia Batdorf**  
Former YMCA program coordinator Carol Virginia Batdorf ('54, '62) passed away February 7 in Bellingham at the age of 75. During WWII, Batdorf served in U.S. Naval Intelligence. She taught for Western's continuing education department, but her passion was Northwest Indian art. Some of her artistic efforts are displayed at Lake Tappan Park in Ferndale and in the Intalco Aluminum Corp. totem logo.

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**Eugene Hugh Friese**  
Eugene Hugh Friese ('55), "The Grand Teddy," died March 10 after a long battle with cancer. He began his career as a language arts teacher at Sylvester Junior High and later held positions at Riverton, Sunset and Seaburst in the Highline School District. In 1974, he became director of instructional resources, retiring in 1985. Upon his retirement, Friese created a storytelling business called The Teddy Bear Club, where he'd bring a toy teddy bear and tell stories at local schools and libraries.

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**James W. Addicott**  
James W. Addicott ('60), of Salinas, CA, died of cancer January 8. He was a lecturer, author and business consultant, as well as founder and president of a pension administration corporation. He was involved with employee benefits programs for more than 20 years. Addicott's books included "Securing Your Future," "Retirement Systems in the United States" and "You and the Financial Arena." He is survived by his wife, Jan, and son, Leslie.

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**Camille Ray**  
Camille Ray ('90) died at age 27 on January 17 as the result of an auto accident in Portland, OR. After she graduated from WWU, she lived in Hawaii for the past one and a half years. She enjoyed riding horses, surfing, snowboarding and was an avid traveler.
Calendar

September
8 First annual WWU Alumni Association Golf Tournament at Shuksan Golf Course, one of Whatcom County's newest and most challenging courses. For information: 1-800-676-6885.
21 "Celebrating Learning At Western": a series of faculty presentations about innovations in teaching and learning. Free. Call: (360) 650-3483.
28 WWU Extended Programs sponsors a Jennifer James presentation, "Thinking in the Future Tense" at the Bellingham Best Western Lakeway Inn. Information: (360) 650-6854.

October
2 Technical Writing/Communications Certificate Program begins, through WWU Extended Programs. Information: (360) 650-6854.
7 The Performing Arts Center Series presents the Guarnieri String Quartet, 8 p.m., Performing Arts Center. Call: (360) 650-6146.
20-21 Homecoming '95, Game, Salmon barbecue. Call: 1-800-676-6885.

November
7 The Performing Arts Center Series presents the Baltimore Consort, 8 p.m., Performing Arts Center. Information: (360) 650-6146.
11 Fall Family Open House.
14 Turning Points-Faculty Speaker Series presents Dr. Thomas Schlotterback's talk on "The Once and Eternal Virgin Goddess Athena Parthenos (or Big Mama's Back and She's Bad)" at 5:30 p.m., Old Main Theatre. Free. Information: (360) 650-2829.

December
2 The Performing Arts Center Series presents the Spectrum Dance Theatre, 8 p.m., Performing Arts Center. Call: (360) 650-6146.

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Western Gallery hours:
Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Audiophone tours available for Outdoor Sculpture Collection. Call (360) 650-3963.