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Gardeners cultivate Western's tradition of beauty.

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-Larson, 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."

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.

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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 goldfish 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 lead 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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Chemistry Department Chair Mark Wicholas.

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 next summer.

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 tied for No. 4 in its preseason 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, Willamette and Pacific Lutheran.

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 six-volt batteries plus a 12-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're doing here," said VRI Director Michael Seal.

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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 pro-

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 158 applications 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 increased to more than 200 in 1986 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" Zundiefe. "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) 699-3077.

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 Engebretson and James Lorz of the theatre arts department. Each received certificates and $1,000 from the Western Foundation. Professor Richard Gardner of the mathematics department earned 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 each in cash from the Western Foundation's Campus enrichment fund. The money will help support the ESC annual retreat for freshmen and returning students.

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**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 $60,000 Henry 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 technology, was appointed a visiting scholar in residence at Masland University for her sabbatical, winter quarter 1995.

Amanda Eurchik 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.

Previous productions: (listed from top left to bottom left clockwise) "Music Man," "The Sneeze," "Comedy of Errors," "The King and I," and "Our Town"
Viking vehicles triumph nationally

Western Engineering Technology students were honored with top finishes in two separate competitions created by the Society of Automotive Engineers.

For the second year in a row, Viking 26, a SAE formula racing car, brought home the prize for best racing performance in the SAE competition at the Silver Dome in Pontiac, Michigan. The vehicle is a one-seat miniature version of an Indianapolis 500 racer, powered by a 600 cc motorcycle engine.

The 12-student team beat out 87 cars from 82 universities in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico to come in first in the Goodyear Racing Best Performance event.

Viking 26, a product of Western's acclaimed Vehicle Research Institute, also came in second in the "value engineering" (cost efficiency) category, surpassed only by University of Michigan's team. Western received a fourth-place overall ranking in the competition, in which students design an SAE formula racer from the ground up without faculty assistance.

Western's Viking 25, a Dodge Neon converted to run on electric power and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), placed third in a competition among 11 university teams at the Hybrid Electric Vehicle Challenge at the Chrysler Technology Center in Michigan. The event, first held in 1993, was created by the Society of Automotive Engineers together with the U.S. Department of Energy.

The leader of that event after the week-long series of trials was the University of Tennessee, followed by Texas Tech University. Prize money for Western's achievements in the competition, coupled with private donations, will be used to upgrade the Neon for next year's competition.

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 graduates were placed overseas this past summer, bringing to 21 the number who have joined this year. Western ranks among the top 50 universities nationally 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 Excellence in Teaching Award and co-organized a noted project and traveling exhibition on Washington women's heritage.

The Sister to Sister Program's award honored its creation of innovative programs to enhance Western's retention of African American women students. This peer support program matches African American female students who are new to Western with mentors, who act as role models and assist in the transition and adjustment to university life.

Student's high-flying invention considered for Academy Award

Eric Dustrude shows off his Cine-Hover Cam, a radio-controlled helicopter that carries a camera. On page 9 is a picture of the new science complex courtyard at Western, which was taken using a 35mm camera mounted to the bottom of the helicopter.

Dustrude, a computer science student at Western, is the designer and builder of the Cine-Hover Cam "Pegasus," a radio-controlled helicopter that carries a 16mm or 35mm movie camera with a video-assist camera. The invention was recommended for a Scientific and Technical 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 filed 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 dollies 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 "downdraft." 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 victory 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 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 bath—but it is a great chance to get some friends together and re-live your college days. Official information and registration forms will be mailed in early September, so mark your calendar and watch your mailbox.

Fairhaven alum returns to teach and question

When Jonathon Appels studied art at Fairhaven College in the early '7os, 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 Edward Comon, 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."
“Got Me 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 Rehm, former chair of the department.

Dr. Ramsland, 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.

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"Always Part of the Western Community"

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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 prudent 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 one-time $500 lifetime dues than to pay the annual renewal of $25. Over 30 years time, 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 Hulley 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, 500-3353 or 1-800-676-6885.

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George W. Walk
Joseph Taylor Wallace
Dick and Anne Youngberg
**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 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 Shilvock ('76) from Seattle, David G. Moore ('83) from Mount Vernon, and Reed Zulauf ('83) from Puylup.

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, Catherine 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 alums to participate in next year's festivities. Phone the Alumni House at 1-800-676-6883 or 650-3353 and ask for Kristie Lundstrom.

**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 departmental and Western 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 Super-sonic's 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.

**Political science grads meet with Ralph Munro in Olympia**

Secretary of State Ralph Munro (Class of '66) hosted a reception for about 30 political science graduates from Pierce and Thurston counties in May. (Left to right) Judy McNickel ('66), Angie Wirkalla ('92), Dr. Kenneth Hoover (chair of Western's Political Science Department), and Secretary of State Ralph Munro caught up on state politics and departmental news.

**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.
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 stories, others of the everyday variety, but quite notably 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 shouts for recognition as well. An Oriental Plane tree—believed to have originated from a cutting from the original Hippocrates Tree on Kō in the Aegean Sea, where the first physician lecturer 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 one of many for its cooling moments of shade in the summer and its sculpture-like branches in winter.

The greatest of nature finds can be discovered just behind campus. TheScheme 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 splinters of sunlight, a visitor is struck by the awe of nature. The park is made up of thousands of towering Douglas firs and western hemlocks; maples, red alders, 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, kinnikinnik 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 curving 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. The school did not open until three years later, however, 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 Whatcom Field in this campus photo from the 1950s (above). 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.
Investments in Excellence

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 volunteer trustees appointed for a three-year term. The board meets on a quarterly basis, and is responsible for 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 Bell and Macy's investment 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.

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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.

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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.”

“Through The Campaign for Western, we are determined to 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 sorts, faced with the challenge of accepting the status quo or forging ahead by seeking private investments. We choose to forge ahead,” he said.

Five broad initiatives, each with a specific dollar goal, have been identified as campaign priorities. Within each initiative, numerous special projects have been designed in an attempt to represent the collective goals of the entire campus community. Campaign initiatives include:

- $7 million for Teaching and Research Enrichment, to create the classrooms of the future.
- $5 million for Scholarships and Fellowships, as investments in the best and brightest.
- $2 million for the Arts, to applaud the essence of the human spirit.
- $1.5 million for International Initiatives, to prepare for the century of the Pacific Rim.
- $2.5 million in on-going annual support and other special projects.

“The Campaign for Western will focus on creating permanent endowments to provide critical support across all areas of campus. It will include all gifts, big and small, and provide an opportunity for everyone who cares about this university to make a difference,” said Haskell. “It will provide a special opportunity for alumni to make a difference like never before.”

The Western Washington University Board of Trustees has officially endorsed the campaign. 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.

“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.”

For more information regarding The Campaign for Western or to sign up as a campaign volunteer, please call the Western Foundation at (360) 650-3027.

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.

I n 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."
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 University's Population 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.

Government

Juarez King County Superior Court Judge

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 court" and a "real success story" after announcing the appointment.

Juarez, who grew up on the Puget Sound reservation, is a graduate of the University of Puget Sound Law School and a Blackfeet Nation citizen. She has worked for the past five years as 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 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 November race, is one of two announced candidates who will challenge two-term Superintendent Judith Billings. The other is Olympia real estate developer Ron Tabor.

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, as well as Seattle's "poetry on Wednesdays," Pacific notes. He is booking Bumbershoot's "Rock Music Theater" and he manages several bands, as well as produces Northwest shows of national acts.

Source: Pacific Magazine

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 Athletes All-American honors by placing among the top six at the national championships.

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. Hurdler Petey Myers (Sr., Yakima/ West Valley) finished second in the women's 3,000 meters (10:08.27). He also placed fourth and fifth at nationals, respectively, in men's and men's tennis at the NAIA Pacific Northwest Region Championships.

The Vikings placed third and fifth at nationals in scoring defense (12.5 avg.), is Western's male Athlete of the Year. Gina Sampson (Jr., Kirkland/ North Kitsap) was sixth in the women's 3000 meters (10:08.27).

The duo helped the women's team to a 21-8 record and later earned his master's degree at the University of South Carolina. After announcing the appointment, he is Western graduate

Three named basketball All-Americans

Three Western Washington University basketball players received NAIA All-American honors.

Women's center Gina Sampson (Jr., Kirkland/ Redmond) was a third-team choice and forward Shannon Anderson (Sr., Woodinville) received honorable mention. Also receiving honorable mention recognition was men's forward Harold Doyal (Sr., Bellevue/Interlake).

Sampson averaged 16.6 points per game and ranked No. 19 nationally in rebounding with an 11.0 average. Anderson scored at a 15.9 clip.

Doyal led the 16-12 men's squad with a 17.8 scoring average.

The Vikings placed third and fourth, respectively, in women's and men's tennis at the NAIA Pacific Northwest Region Championships. The women's softball team also won the PNWAC championship.

Football and basketball standouts named 1994-95 athletes of the year

A football player who got down and dirty and a basketball player who cleaned the boards are The Marina Restaurant & Bayside Cafe/Western Washington University 1994-95 male and female Athletes of the Year and will have their names added to the G. Robert Ross Memorial Trophy.

Rover Bill Christiansen (Sr., Everett/Cascade), who helped the Viking football team lead the nation in scoring defense (12.5 avg.), is Western's Male Athlete of the Year. Gina Sampson (Jr., Kirkland/Redmond), who ranked among the national leaders in rebounding, is the Vikings' female Athlete of the Year.

The Viking men's golf team placed 15th at the NAIA National Championships after earning its first national trip since 1986 by winning the NAIA West Region Championship. Todd Waatmate (Sr., Snohomish), who tied for 30th individually at nationals, received region and league all-star honors as did Kale Dyer (Jr., Enumclaw) and Mark Leibold (Jt., Everett/Cascade).

Western also won the PNWAC title with Steve Card being named Coach of the Year.

The women's softball team reached post-season play for the first-time in its three-year history. First baseman Tawnya Miller (So., Olympia/North Thurston), outfielder Jackie VanDerVorst (Sr., Bremerton) and shortstop Patti Wales (Sr., Kent/Kent Meridian) were all unanimous first-team all-league picks.

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Point of View

Roll on Columbia

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The Columbia River boasted the greatest Chinook salmon and steelhead trout runs in the world. For thousands of years the region's native inhabitants had used the fish as a primary source of food and the foundation of their wealth and culture. Pacific salmon, which died as they spawned, also fed a complex ecosystem with nutrients and energy imported from the ocean. Creatures ranging from bears to bugs depended on the annual cycle.

Today, those runs have declined an estimated 85 percent, despite the production of more than 170 million young fish each year by artificial hatcheries. Half of the original salmon and steelhead habitat in the basin is gone. A third of all stream miles in the basin have been blocked by dams with no means of fish passage. Scores of individual salmon runs are extinct. As the fish runs approach collapse, so do the cultures built around them, from tribal reservation economies to Scandinavian gillnetters at the river's mouth. Ephraim's gain in vegetables is Astoria's loss in fish.

This is not a book to either glorify or condemn what has happened to the Columbia River. Each generation that approached the river was a product of its time, necessarily captive to the assumptions and necessities of that moment. Yet examination of the Columbia's past and troubled present is instructive. Serious thought about what we've done provides perspective for future management decisions. It can allow us to question our own assumptions and look at the river through different eyes. No major river has been transformed quite so grandly, quickly, and completely as the Columbia. In microcosm it 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 Bombers. 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.

In 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. It is the river of the turbine, the dynamo, the reactor and the airplane. In the first three decades after World War II, major dams were completed in the Columbia Basin at a pace faster than one per year. It is a river so transformed as seemingly invented. If you want to see how America dreamed at the height of the American Century, come to the Columbia.

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OFF THE SHELF

Western's faculty and alumni continue to produce a bevy 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.


Western alumna Sheena Ashdown, a 1977 English graduate, together with her husband Dale Hamilton, has released "101 Ways to Improve Your Self-Esteem: A Fast and Easy Guide for Very Busy People." Written by Ashdown, this guide to a more fulfilling life is published by the couple's company, Gibson's Publishing.

Noted dancer, choreographer, and Western theatre arts faculty member Nolan Dennon has published his first novel, "A Place of Shelter." Nominated for three book awards, Dennon calls his work "part truth, part myth, and part history." Publishers Weekly says: "The coming-of-age tale gains power as it intertwines two primary plot threads: the drama of a young gay teenager coming out in rural Idaho and the saga of a broken-hearted wandering peddler who masters local Native American spiritual and medical practices."

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Award-winning author and associate professor of English Omar Castafiore continues to gain praise for his work through his latest novel, "Imagining Isabel." The book delves deeply into human aspirations and the political climate of Castafiore's native Guatemala. Publisher's Weekly notes, "this rewarding, multifaceted story will inform, teach and entertain."

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Artists Robert Maki (left) derivates off the mirror that is part of his sculpture "Mento/Maid", one of the works of the University of Washington's Technical Garden. Maki, who was recently featured in The Seattle Times, has numerous pieces on display throughout the Northwest, including his sculpture pictured below entitled "Carve/Diagonal", a gift from the Virginia Wright Fund to Western's Outdoor Sculpture Collection.

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Photo by Tom Breen/The Seattle Times

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1962 - Dave Page is owner and cobbler of a small Fremont boot shop that is known around the globe as The Place for repairs, refitting 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. Wool has retired. He is 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. Wool accepted a 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 American African Studies program at the Carson campus.

1971 - Dynamic Systems Inc., in Bothell has named Bruce Henderson operations manager, which will include liaison, information systems, customer service, shipping and receiving... William K. Johnston is the new administrative officer for the Newspaper Group, 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 KPLU in Tacoma... Wallace Sigmar has been named by Peninsula College as his 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 the Performing Arts, which will present the Northwest premiere of "Carrie/Diagonal", a new musical by Robert Maki. The Institute of Certified Management Accounts in Monrvaile, NJ, announced that Ed Bankley is now a Certified Management Accountant... Leon Long is the Adams County Auditor and lives in Ottelbo with his wife and children.

1976 - Imperial Helix 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 Gachet, 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 Eggerling 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."

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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, Sara. Siskiyou Valley native Kim Phipps has recently hired by the Sedro Woolley School Board as the district's new business manager... Lane, Powell, Spears, Luberger welcomes new attorney, Brad A. Ambarian... Shelly Weisberg is the head of the Greenways Citizens Advisory Committee in Bellingham... Mark Flege received his doctorate in history from the University of Utah and is an assistant professor at Colorado State University, teaching Western U.S. and environmental history.

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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 Lutheren 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 Barello teaches metal-smithing at New Mexico State University in a ten-week track position... Thomas E. LaGrandeur received his doctorate in Cellular/Molecular Biology from Indiana University and is conducting a three-year post-doctoral research project in Tucson, AZ.
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.

20  The Performing Arts Center Series presents the Guarneri 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 Schloteback'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.

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.