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International study and exchange programs have always been a hit with students majoring in French, German and Spanish. Now the focus has broadened to include our entire global community. From a new minor in international studies to the growing Canadian-American Studies Program, Western Washington University prepares its students for a multi-cultural world.

International programs and exchanges are in for "an incredible year," according to Dr. Arthur Kimmel, the retiring director of International Programs & Exchanges.

A record 165 Western students will be studying abroad each quarter this year or participating in exchange programs all over the United States, he said.

In addition about 60 to 70 foreign and American exchange students will be learning American business methods, environmental studies and a host of other subjects at the Bellingham campus.

Interest in international and multi-cultural programs has grown over the last few years as Bellingham and other cities in Washington become global trading partners with their Pacific rim neighbors.

A growing demand for foreign specialists, plus the normal allure of international travel, has led Western to create a new minor in international studies at Western and new alliances with universities in Chile, Mexico, the United Kingdom and Australia.

Western's foreign study programs are built on their own successes, fed primarily through the recommendations of participating students and faculty who return with exotic and enriching tales of their travels.

Gerald Good ('91), a Kent native, had never traveled far from home when he inexplicably found himself in Kimmel's fifth-floor office in Old Main one day.

"I kinda stumbled into his office," said the College of Business and Economics graduate who spent his junior year as an exchange student at Plymouth Polytechnic, now Plymouth University, in England.

The international bug bit Good in a big way. When he returned to Western, Good went to work at International Programs and began thinking about graduate school — in Asia.

Although Western has no affiliation with Bangkok University, Good used his foreign ex-

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Briefly

Western Honors Outstanding Contributors

Awards for outstanding contributions to Western were presented at Commencement on June 15. Recipients of the 1995-96 Excellence in Teaching awards were English Professor Laura Laffrado and Roger Briggs of the music department, who each received certificates and $1,000 from the Western Foundation. Professor and Psychology Department Chair Ronald Kleinknecht earned the Paul J. Olscamp Outstanding Research Award, which includes a $1,000 stipend, funded by former Western President Olscamp. The students and faculty of the Fairhaven College Law and Diversity Program received the Diversity Achievement Award and $1,000 in cash from the Western Foundation’s campus enrichment fund.

Western Professor Consults Olympians

Sports psychologist and Western professor Ralph Vernacchia traveled to the 1996 Summer Olympics trials in Atlanta to serve as a consultant and speaker. In March, he spoke to athletes and coaches on “Mental Preparation for the Olympic Marathon Race” and in June, he was a consultant at the track and field trials. Vernacchia has a long history of Olympic research, writing and speaking about the mental skills that propel Olympians to victory. He was one of five U.S. representatives chosen to attend an Olympic problem-solving seminar in Greece in 1977. A member of Western’s physical education, health and recreation faculty since 1973, Vernacchia was a men’s cross-country and track coach from 1973 to 1987 and was inducted into the university’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993.

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Western Highlights

Western's Vehicle Research Institute entered its high-tech vehicles in May and June, competing in the Tour de Sol, a five-day race across the United States. In June, Western's 23-vehicle team won a total of $57,500 in prizes after winning every field of competition, including the best conversion of a Dodge Neon to hybrid power (electricity and compressed natural gas), lowest emissions, use of material, engineering design, consumer acceptance, and engineering design.

A second entry, the Viking 25, took third overall in the Tour de Sol Chrysler Hybrid class. In June, Viking 27, a Chrysler minivan converted to propane, took fifth place and a $1,000 prize in the first annual Propane Vehicle Challenge in Edmonton, Ontario.

The National Science Foundation (NSF), as part of its instrumentation and research program, is conducting an experiment involving 42 students, a number of whom have received 22.111 awards totaling $367,000. Evaluators were on hand to oversee the impacts of the awards on Western's science programs and on the university's ability to obtain additional external funding.

Bernt H. van Boe, a musicologist and musical director of Opera Kansas, is the new Dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts at Western. He came to campus in September from his post as professor and area director of musicology and composition at Wichita State University.

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Undergraduate volunteers are helping to build a unique alternative they hope will set new world records for human-powered flight. The Raven Project brings together 11 Puget Sound schools to build a 75-pound, pod-enclosed craft to fly 100 miles from Boundary Bay, near Vancouver, B.C., to Seattle.

Prof. Steve Dillman of engineering and construction management says he is encouraged by the progress of students who have been working on Western's new University librarian after a nationwide search, van Boe selected Linda Symonds, who was acting dean for the 1995-96 academic year, to teach the new general studies programs and on the university's ability to obtain additional external funding.

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Access to public education will be aided by the new measures.

To graduate in four years

Western Washington University is taking steps to curb students' propensity for dragging out a four-year college experience to five and six years.

As student enrollment swells to more than 11,000 students this year, 500 more than the last year, university officials announced several measures to encourage students to graduate in a timely fashion.

Among these: a requirement for earlier declaration of a major, limits on repeating courses and establishment of a new general studies degree program.

"I am firmly committed to helping resolve the state's problem of access to public higher education. These steps will help students progress more efficiently toward their degree goals while maintaining and enhancing our goal of a quality Western education," said University President Karen W. Morse.

The changes, according to Provost Roland L. De Lorme, will encourage students to graduate in four years, except for those majoring in engineering technology and teacher education. "(Those fields include additional requirements that can add between one to two years, De Lorme said.)

De Lorme also said that full-time transfer students entering as juniors, who have completed all general course requirements (GURs) and prerequisites can, with the appropriate academic advice, complete the baccalaureate degree in two years, with the exception of engineering technology and teacher education.

Under the new measures, students will be required to declare their majors earlier, with admissions to very popular majors regulated strictly in order to improve access to courses. A new policy will limit students from repeating courses in which they received a passing grade, unless a higher grade is required for entrance to a major or for graduation.

A number of students are expected to choose the new general studies major which will provide "a solid liberal arts education to prepare students for rapidly changing career opportunities in many different fields," De Lorme added.

To reduce problems of class access, Morse and De Lorme have allocated funds to hire approximately 20 new faculty for fall quarter. Improved classroom scheduling will ensure more efficient use of classroom space, they said.

To further help students, university officials plan to emphasize close contact with community college faculty to ease students' transition difficulties; expand university student advising programs; and increase counseling in residence halls.

Geology graduate makes Ice Age discovery

About glaciers in Nooksack Valley area

An exciting scientific discovery, one that challenges previous theories about the Ice Age, was made recently by a Western student studying geology.

Scientists have determined that alpine glaciers readvanced in various parts of the world following the retreat of Ice Age glaciers 11,000 to 12,000 years ago. But no evidence of this had ever been found in the Cascade Mountains until last year, when Western's Dori Kovanen, who received her master's degree in geology in June, found evidence of an extensive system of alpine glaciers in Washington's Nooksack Valley.

Kovanen said her findings reveal that boulders and till along the three principal forks of the Nooksack River came from local glaciers, Mt. Baker, Mt. Shuksan, and the Twin Sisters, which had started to melt but readvanced, perhaps only in a few decades. They did not, she contends, come from Canada and the continental ice cap, as previously believed.

Kovanen's subsequent work, aided by Western geology professor Donald Easterbrook, calls into question the prevailing theory that Ice Ages are caused by solar variations in the earth's orbit — a relatively slow process. This new discovery shows, Kovanen believes, that climatic changes associated with the spread of the alpine glacier system "would have been abrupt, and definitely global in nature."

Understanding such a dramatic climatic shift is vital, she says, "to understanding what is happening climatically now — global warming, for example..." and also to prepare for the future, in case such extreme cooling happens again.

Satellite image of the Nooksack River drainage in the North Cascades where new evidence points to a geologic find.
To honor their generous support for Western Washington University, the school has named its south plaza for Bellingham businessman and civic leader F. Murray "Red" Haskell and his wife, Betty.

"Western's Board of Trustees considered its size meant it had to name that plaza — which symbolizes the link between our region's natural beauty and the university's state-of-the-art academic facilities — be named for a couple which has given so much to enhance the lives of Western students," said President Karen Morse.

Haskell Plaza won a Seattle American Institute of Architects (AIA) award for its design which echoes the landscape of the San Juan Islands. Fronting the plaza are Western's new three-building science complex, the environmental studies building, Parks Hall, Ross Engineering Technology and Arntzen Hall. These house Huxley College of Environmental Studies, the College of Business & Economics and several College of Arts and Sciences departments.

"Betty and I envision generations of students enjoying this beautiful plaza as they go to their classes and labs," Haskell said. "We are deeply gratified that our names will be a part of their lives as they prepare for bright futures."

Red Haskell chairs the "Campaign for Western" which is raising $18 million in private funds for the university by Dec. 31. He and Betty Haskell have pledged $250,000 to the campaign, bringing their total contributions to Western — primarily for scholarships — to more than $815,000.

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After choosing a design, the students built a continuous system of robots and machinery to put the device together. Machines drilled holes for the built-in microphone, snapped the shelf together, put the product on a conveyer belt, and positioned the device in a box. Only the circuitry proved too intricate for the students to build themselves. Some materials for the devices were provided by Comptec, Inc. in Custer and Conductive Rubber in Bothell.

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4 from Western win Mayor's arts prizes

Four members of the Western family, including Alton Grimes ('74) and Drue Robinson Hagan ('89), were honored in the annual Mayor's Arts Awards this year for their unique contributions to Bellingham's rich cultural life. Other winners included a newly retired faculty member and a campus radio DJ.

Grimes was cited for his work both on stage and behind the scenes at the Bellingham Theater Guild. An actor, designer and director, Grimes was serving as technical director for "Amadeus" when the award was presented in April.

Hagan was honored for her contributions to the performing arts community as well. She has offered drama classes for young people and established the Bellingham Children's Theatre.

Cliff Kawan, KUGS-FM disc jockey, was recognized for bringing Hawaii's cultural heritage, in the form of Hawaiian music, to Whatcom county radio listeners for more than a decade. His show, "Melee O Hawaii," is a favorite on Saturday mornings.

Another winner was Ford Hill, a virtuoso pianist who taught at Western from 1975 until his retirement in June. Now a professor emeritus, he is an active performer and adjudicator throughout the Northwest.

Appointment at Student Affairs

Western's new Assistant Vice- President for Student Affairs is Kuni Ojikutu, formerly assis- tant vice-chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of Nebraska/ Lincoln.

He will have direct supervision and evaluation of the Career Services Center and Counseling, Health and Wellness Services, as well as providing leadership for selected major projects within the student affairs division.
Spotlight on Sports

Coach says large, experienced senior class Will take football team to ‘another level’

Having a team with a wealth of experience is nice. It’s even better when that experience has a proven track record of success.

Coming off the best season in school history, the 1996 Western Washington University football team, led by one of its biggest senior classes ever, figures to be a favorite not just in the Columbia Football Association (CFA), but also a contender for the NAIA National Championship.

Matching 1995 would be pretty impressive. The Vikings went 9-1, won the CFA’s Mount Rainier League (MRL) championship, had their first undefeated regular season since 1938, and were ranked No. 1 in the NAIA Division II National Poll for five weeks, including the final rating.

Will take football team to ‘another level’ said Western head coach Rob Smith (7 years, 45-21-1), who was named CFA-MRL and American Football Coaches Association Region V Coach of the Year. “That’s very appropriate. When you accomplish what we have, it becomes more difficult to keep moving forward. Every player has to do more than he has in the past.”

That senior class has 17 players, 16 of whom enter fall camp as first-stringers. Twelve of them started a year ago, heading a list of 18 returning starters.

“We know that if we play to the level we’re capable of, we can accomplish whatever goal we’ve set for ourselves,” said Smith. “We’re the barometer we measure ourselves by.”

Three NAIA All-Americans return. Placekicker Wade Gebers (a senior from Mercer Island) received honorable mention.

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But the prospects aren’t all that bleak for coach Dereck Falor (second year, 10-5-1). Western had just four returning starters last year, but was ranked 16th nationally in the NAIA during the final week of the regular season, and reached the PNWAC semifinals.

Add a solid group of recruits that includes two NCAA Division I transfers and the Washington community college tournament MVP, and while the Vikings might slip a little, it won’t be much if at all.

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Photo by Jon Brunk

Defensive end Coley Beeman (49) and corner John Wambough (13) are back.

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Investments in Excellence
Microsoft does it again!

Already the largest single Campaign for Western contributor, Microsoft Corp. recently announced an additional software gift valued at $679,000. The company's latest gift includes software and licenses that will provide Windows '95, Windows '95 Plus and Office Professional '95 to student computer labs and faculty/staff offices across campus.

Since the campaign began on July 1, 1993, Western has received a total of $3,603,716 in cash and products from Microsoft and individual alumni who work for the software giant. Of the total, alumni have contributed $1,433,344. The remaining $2,170,372 has come directly from Microsoft in the form of outright contributions and additional gifts that "match" the contributions of its employees.

"Through the leadership and involvement of Western alumni, the University has developed an incredibly productive partnership with Microsoft," said President Karen Morse. "During the past three years, this partnership has enabled a comprehensive upgrade of Western's personal computing resources. As a result, Western can provide its students with a technologically and education environment of the highest quality," Morse added.

More than 200 Western alumni or spouses of alumni work at Microsoft. Since the Western Foundation initiated the software donation program in 1994, 81 different alumni have contributed. The total represents a 37 percent donor participation rate, which is more than double the regular alumni donor participation rate.

Through the software donation program, Western faculty and staff are surveyed each year to determine specialty software needs. In addition, campuswide software needs also are determined. Once the "wish list" is complete, it is submitted via the Internet to WWU alumni at Microsoft. This year, a special home page was designed on the Worldwide Web to promote the program.

The site is located at: http://www.wwu.edu/~foundatn/wishlist

New music endowment brings instruments, Support for visiting classroom lecturers

Marguerite Agnew has spent most of her 92 years providing others with the opportunity to enjoy and learn musical skills. Her childhood interest in music and singing blossomed into a career as a teacher and a lifetime of musical performances and associations.

Now her support of music education returns to her alma mater, Western Washington University, with a new endowment to aid teacher education for music students.

Agnew's $25,000 gift will support visiting classroom lecturers in music education. The "Marguerite Agnew Classroom Music Endowment Fund" began this fall.

Working with the Western Foundation and Dr. David Wallace, chair of the Music Department, Agnew has pledged an additional $25,000 for programs in 1997.

Agnew's generous gift to music education will add considerable support to students in the classroom. The funding has provided new instruments and guest lecturers for music education students.

"Personally, I'm very grateful for her assistance in a program which is fundamental to our mission in this university," Wallace said.

As a young child growing up in Bellingham, Agnew studied piano and voice, and was soon organizing and teaching other children in her neighborhood. In high school, she was popular as a singer as well as a musician, and singing became the love of her life.

She attended the Bellingham Normal School, as Western was then known, and in 1934 received a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

While studying voice at Washington State University, her professors encouraged her to pursue a career in radio performance. She prided herself on her practicality, however, and preferred to devote herself to teaching music, a choice she has never regretted.

Agnew began teaching music to elementary school children in Olympia in 1929. She met and married Clifford Agnew, while singing in a choir. He was a tenor and she a soprano. After her marriage she was a homemaker for 18 years, eventually returning to teaching and administration.

Through the years Agnew has organized and participated in many musical groups. She has been honored numerous times for her service to the citizens of Olympia, including being named the Distinguished Citizen of Olympia in 1979.

"All of my life, it has been singing ... It was so easy to stand up and sing!" she said.

In 1994, the Masterworks Choral Ensemble in Olympia presented a "Salute to the Arts" as a tribute to Marguerite Agnew and her work.

Agnew has been the choir director at Gloria Dei Lutheran, United and the First United Methodist churches in Olympia.
Alumna gift will assist international study

Retired educator and Western alum Helen Hostetter ('38), at 80 years young, is enthusiastic and outspoken on subjects ranging from Ken Griffey Jr. to civic improvement projects to politics. But her eyes light up the most when she recounts the travel adventures she experienced as a young Bellingham teacher on summer break.

Traveling on her own in 1952, Hostetter visited college friends living in the Philippines and then went on to Hong Kong, Thailand, and Burma, at a time when virtually no Westerners were there, much less single women. It was an eye-opening experience.

"In my travels, I was fortunate to spend time with the people — not just sightseeing as a tourist," she explained. "I didn't go there to be judgmental. I truly enjoyed seeing traditions," she said.

Over the years, her other excursions included a wartime train trip around the U.S. in 1942; a visit to Europe and the 1968 World's Fair in Brussels; a 1987 cruise through the South Pacific, with visits to Australia and New Zealand; and a 1991 voyage to Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, and through the Panama Canal to Mexico.

Hostetter's openness to different cultures, commitment to education, and belief in the importance of diversity were key factors in her decision to endow Western scholarships for foreign study.

Her $25,000 international studies endowment, the first of its kind at Western, will assist students who wish to study abroad — so that they may gain cultural understanding and prepare for the global community in which they will live and work after graduation. Such international initiatives are a priority in the Campaign for Western, the university's $18 million fund-raising drive which concludes Dec. 31.

Born in Bellingham, Helen Hostetter was stricken with polio at age 5 and subsequently concentrated her energies on public speaking and writing skills. She forged strong ties during her student days at Western, working as a reporter on the school paper all four years, as the editor and later the business manager of the Klipsun yearbook, and serving on the student council.

"I even won the contest to name the Lakewood property [on Lake Whatcom] when Western purchased it," she recalled. "My prize was a horned toad and $7.50."

She received her bachelor's degree in education in 1938. In 1947, she earned a master's from Stanford University before returning to Bellingham, where she taught for 17 years. Recruited by Bellevue School District in 1959, Hostetter served as a junior high school teacher and counselor there until retiring after nearly 40 years in education.

"My teachers at Western were people like Arntzen, Bond and Miller — laughing modestly about an emcee referring to her as "the Mother Theresa of Bellevue." It's just the way she lives her life: working to toward causes she believes in, and helping any way she can.

When asked what she hopes her Western endowment will accomplish, Hostetter thought a moment. Before responding, she glanced around at the family antiques and Asian artifacts in her home — Japanese ceremonial paddles, Philippine carved busts, intricately carved chests and nesting tables, Mandarin squares — that reflect her international interests.

"I would hope that whatever discipline [the recipients] chose, education, business, a professional career in diplomacy, medicine, ... that the foreign study would help them learn how to meet, work with and appreciate a diverse population in the U.S. or in the world."

By making an investment toward Western and its future students, and by contributing to the international initiatives so important to the university's ongoing goals, Hostetter has taken steps to guarantee just that.
An "incredible" year in store

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change contacts and his own ingenuity to enter Thailand and Bangkok's MBA program after graduating from Western.

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 Porter of agricultural products for Vanguard Trading in Issaquah. He was married earlier this year to Yaowalak Ungtrakul, a classmate at Bangkok University.

Good said he heartily recom-
mends Western's international exchange program or a custom-
made learning experience such as the one he devised for him-
self in Thailand.

"It... helps you understand the challenges that are confronting the people living among us," he said. Popular destination

Other students learn about the international opportunities Western has to offer by simply sharing a class or a latte with the growing number of foreign students who come to Western's campus.

"We have students here from other places and they meet stu-
dents and tell them all about their homeland, their homeland and how they've en-
riched their lives through travel," Kimmel said.

"We're a popular destination," he said. "We have a reputation for being a good, friendly place. We have excellent programs."

The visiting students bring cul-
tural diversity to Western's cam-
pus, enriching the learning ex-
periences of their American classmates — and their profes-
sors.

"They come extremely well
prepared with a different outlook on things, and it really helps dis-
cussion in class," Kimmel said.

Professor Joseph Garcia ('75) at the College of Business and Economics, is a believer.

He regularly hosts interna-
tional students in his manage-
ment classes; assigns business students to serve as "conversation partners" for foreign stu-
dents; and taught at Western's Morelia, Mexico, "campus" in 1975.

In one class exercise for his "Managing Cultural Diversity" course, Garcia pairs English and international students on oppo-
site sides of a wall.

Each pair of students must ar-
range a set of blocks in a specific pattern. One student has the

blocks but not the drawing of the designated pattern; the other stu-
dent has the drawing but not the blocks. The two must assemble

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something about business and they develop teamwork skills." Language plus

Language majors who study abroad or participate in an inter-
national exchange hone their French, German, Japanese, Chi-
inese, Russian and Spanish while living in a foreign country.
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3 win awards
For research
And training

Students Marisol Ayala, Cheri Moy and Alexandra Rufh were selected as Minority International Research (MIRT) trainees for summer 1996.

Ayala, a physical anthropology major, participated in collaborative public health research in Ecuador, while Moy, who plans a human bi-

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AS MORE CAMPUS TEACHERS

agriculture and Western Canadian social history. The author of "Hired Hands: Labour and the De-

"Overall, it was the best ex-

Bulund, who is now the pro-

Then she began meeting real
French citizens who showed her the
ground where battles were
fought during World War II. She
met a woman who refused to
visit a popular tourist attraction, 
telling Bulund it was the site of
a wartime prison where her
brother suffered at the hands of
his captors.

"It all starts to matter," Bulund said. "Things started to
make a lot more sense. I also
became more sure of myself. I
wasn't so shy when I went over
there, and when I came back, I
wasn't."
Accent on Alumni

Grist of Goldsmith

By Chris Goldsmith, Alumni Director

So there you are, living in one of the mostly sunny environments on the outskirts of Los Angeles. Every so often, as the temperature soars into another one of those 90-plus degree days, your thoughts return to the not-so-infrequent 60-degree days with a puffy white cloud cover that you enjoyed so much back in your college days up on Sehome Hill.

That brings back thoughts of your goofy roommate and that neat prof you both had for history. And, just for a moment, you ask yourself: "Gee, I wonder if the campus has changed much since I was there?" or: "I wonder if there are any other Western grads living around here?"

"Probably not," you say.

Wrong!

Western graduates are absolutely everywhere. And, if you live there, you can almost count on there being others — sometimes only a few doors down the street.

Then one day, you go to the mailbox and see an invitation from Western and the Alumni Association for a gathering of Western alumni and friends right near where you live.

"This sounds kind of neat," you confide to your significant other. "I wonder if I'd have a good time or if I'd know anyone?"

Yes! Usually on both counts!

That's what Western alumni found out in locations all over the west coast, Arizona and Alaska this past spring. Alumni gatherings took place in Portland, Ore.; San Francisco, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Spokane, Yakima, Anchorage, Juneau and Kirkland. Some sociologists and demographer types even gathered in New Orleans during a break in their national conference.

University President Karen Morse and Vice President for External Affairs Al Froderberg attended each of these events along with myself and Alumni Events Coordinator Kristie Lundstrom.

We had a great time meeting and talking with all the Western grads who attended these gatherings. And more than a couple of people, who had been a little apprehensive about attending, told us they had a great time and couldn't wait for the next one.

So, if one of those invitations arrives in your mailbox, you don't even need to wonder if you'd have fun. You will. Count on it!

And don't forget Homecoming, Oct. 11 & 12. Fireworks, bonfire, workshops, fun run, salmon barbecue, football and a postgame reception back on campus.

Be there!

New board members Will lead alumni

Ray Foster, Jr., '84, of Bellingham took over as president of the WWU Alumni Association in May, following the Alumni Board's spring meeting. Foster is a manufacturing engineer with Hexel Corp. and has served on the board for the past five years.

Mark Hardie, '53, of Puyallup, completing his year as association president, now moves to the post of immediate past president. He is joined on the board's executive committee by Lyle Morse, '70, Olympia, president-elect; and Tony Larson '88, Bellingham, treasurer.

Serving as executives-at-large are: Allan Darr, '85, Everett; Karen Hultford, '69, Bellingham; Beth Cooley, '67, Samish Island; Jon Sitkin, '84, Bellingham; and Solveig Vinje, '65, Everett.

Three new board members also began three-year terms on the

Reunion News

50-Year Reunion: Graduates from 1946 and before, along with emeritus faculty, gathered May 18 on Western's campus for the annual meeting of the Gold Seal Society.

Juneau Reunion: Alan Davis was the lone male among a group of Juneau alumni who came together earlier this year. From left to right are: Jennifer Moller (1991); Kristin Haushild Wright (1979); Lisa Pusich (1986); Davis (1972); Laura Crook (1993); Kelly Follis (1972); and Mary Gore (1982).
Get set for Homecoming on Oct. 11-12

Homecoming 1996 is set for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11-12, with the official kickoff at noon Friday in Red Square with hot dogs and beverages. Those brave enough will take part in the pseudo-sumo wrestling.

Friday evening, have a treat and a cup of coffee or hot chocolate and watch the fireworks, followed by a warm and glowing bonfire. It’s great family fun, and it all begins at 7 p.m. in Field “B” across from Fairhaven College.

For something completely different, take advantage of the Underground Coffee House at 8:30 p.m. with entertainment by the Austin Lounge Lizards.

Saturday morning begins early with the “Dollars for Scholars” S-K Fun Run and Walk. Prizes galore, T-shirts, and “End of Run” Celebration can all be yours. Have fun and benefit the Alumni Scholarship fund at the same time. Registration begins at 8 a.m. in front of the Viking Union.

The newly dedicated Haskell Plaza will be the center of attention surrounded by the new Chemistry and Biology buildings, Parks Hall and Amtzen Hall. Returning alumni and friends will find morning coffee and pastry, a lecture series, Viking Cars and the Western Art Gallery.

Beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Civic Field a delicious lunch of alder-smoked salmon, baked beans, coleslaw, garlic bread and the Homecoming Raspberry Brownie will be waiting for you. Then watch the Vikings tame Linfield College at 1:30 p.m., always a great game.

The fun’s not over as we turn Canada House into a Blue and White Bistro with a sampling of local brew pubs and appetizers while you converse with such campus luminaries as University President Karen Morse, Dr. Jerry Flora and Dr. Bob Monahan.

Other campus activities will include Men’s Basketball Alumni Game with a reception after, Physical Education/Exercise Science Alumni Reunion, and the Homecoming Dance in the Viking Union.

The official Homecoming Brochure with complete details and reservation form will be coming to your door separately.

Nominations are sought For Distinguished Alumnus

Nominations will be accepted through Dec. 31, 1996 for the 1997 Distinguished Alumnus Award for Western Washington University.

Nominees must have graduated from WWU or one of its predecessor institutions (Western Washington State College, Bellingham Normal, etc.).

Typical nominees will have distinguished themselves and the University through a lifetime of accomplishments in a particular field or career or through efforts that have benefited humanity in general.

Dr. Michael Seal, founder and director of Western’s Vehicle Research Institute, was named the 1996 Distinguished Alumnus.

Eight undergrads win Alumni Board scholarships

Eight Western Washington University undergraduates have each earned $1,900 Alumni Board Scholarships for the 1996-97 academic year. They were selected from 220 applicants for their strong desire to succeed, history of school and community service, and high academic and career goals.

The winners are:

- Tram Pham, a freshman from Bellingham who aims for a master’s degree in business.
- Gabriel Galanda, a junior English major from Peninsula College in Port Angeles who plans a law career.
- Brooke Budnick, a freshman from East Sound who wants to major in environmental studies at Huxley College.
- Jennifer Key, a freshman from Shoreline who seeks an elementary education degree.
- Colleen Craddock, a sophomore from Bellevue Community College who plans to get a post-secondary education degree to work with special needs students.
- Jessica Larson, a junior biology major from Tukwila who hopes to become a doctor.
- Veronica Cortes, a junior elementary education major from Anacortes who also has an interest in law enforcement.
- Shannen Loucks, a freshman from Glenoma who wants to become a high school music teacher.

He earned his master’s of education degree from Western in 1965 and is well-known for designing and building award-winning experimental vehicles.

Nominations for the 1997 award should include a current resume or vita, letters of support from three or more individuals and as much background material as possible, including newspaper clippings, articles and other information speaking to the nominee’s achievements.

All nominations should be mailed to arrive no later than Tuesday, Dec. 31. Mail nominations to: Distinguished Alumnus Award, Alumni House, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9199.
Newsmakers

John Schutt and his fellow meteorite hunters must feel they're sitting on top of the world.

Schutt, who graduated from Western Washington University in 1971 with a geology degree, was among a team of six researchers who found a crystalized piece of Mars in an ice field in Antarctica in 1984.

Scientists in August declared the greenish-gray rock may hold evidence that life once existed on the red planet.

The possibility that a primitive form of microscopic life could have existed on Mars more than 3 billion years ago is "mind boggling," Schutt says.

The Ferndale alumnus has been combing the ice fields of East Antarctica for meteorites since 1980 as part of a National Science Foundation program led by University of Pittsburgh researchers. The team collected several hundred on the 1984 trip and sent them to the Johnson Space Center in Houston for testing.

"The spring issue, including works by award-winning Northwest poets and authors, was unveiled at a launch party and reading at Fairhaven's Village Books in June.

"The journal administers three annual awards: the Annie Dillard Award for nonfiction, the Tobias Wolff Award for fiction, and the 49th Parallel Poetry award.

Editors are all Western English faculty, including its editor, Associate Professor Robin Hemley, who recently won first prize in the prestigious Nelson Algren Fiction competition sponsored by The Chicago Tribune.

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Walt Mulvey, a 1968 business graduate and former chief operating officer of Smith's Home Furnishings, wrote the upbeat, "Winning at Work: How To Be a Great Employee."

Fairhaven graduate Fred Moody (73) takes readers inside Microsoft with "I Sing the Body Electronic: A Year with Microsoft on the Multimedia Frontier."

Bank board

Western President Karen W. Morse was elected July 24 to the 10-member Whatcom State Bank Board of Directors.

"This is one more way to enhance the university-community partnership that has been of such mutual value," said Morse.

Morse is also on the executive committee of the Bellingham Whatcom Economic Development Council and the boards of Whatcom Community Bank and the Bellingham Festival of Music.

She is an advisory board member for KCTS (channel 9) public television and the organizing committee seeking to bring the 2008 Summer Olympic Games to the Seattle region.

Off the Shelf

Western's faculty and alumni continue to produce books and scholarly papers. The bookshelf includes the following new releases:

The "Bellingham Review," a semiannual literary magazine founded in 1977 by internationally-known poet and Western professor Knute Skinner, is now revamped and published under the auspices of the Western English Department.

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1941 - Mitchell D. Evich continues to substitute teach for the Bellingham Public Schools. During the summer and fall salmon seasons he operates a commercial fishing boat, the "Independence."

1950 - Betty Jane Evich retired from teaching in 1990 and is active in two art guilds.

1952 - Roger N. Dews retired May 24 after teaching history for 39 years at Allan Hancock Community College in Santa Maria, Calif. He is currently working on a book entitled, "39 Years in America, In Teaching and in Trouble!"

1954 - Dr. Harris Kluskald has retired as consulting scientist for petroleum refining process and catalyst research studies after 36 years with Chevron Research & Technology Company in Richmond, Calif.

1956 - Dr. Gene Curtis, member of the Board of Directors for Twin County Credit Union in Olympia, has been recognized by the National Credit Union Institute as a Charter Member of the Dean's List with Highest Honors. This certificate recognizes outstanding commitment to career-long professional development. Curtis and his wife, Marjorie, reside in Chehalis. Pat D'Amico's rhyming observations about the struggles of living in the '90s appear in The Wall Street Journal and in her new book, "Reflections and Ironies Packaged in Rhyme."

1958 - Grace Tweten, principal at Scootney Spring Elementary School (Othello, Wash.) retired at the close of the 1995-96 school year.

1967 - After volunteering at Harrison Memorial Hospital for 25 years, Kathi Smith was recognized for her work with a nomination for Community Volunteer of the Year by the Puget Sound Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. John Richardson, principal of Sunnyslope Elementary School for the past 18 years, was named the state's National Distinguished Principal of the Year. He will receive his award in October from the U.S. Secretary of Education. Mike and Sally Haley have joined North Sound Bank's Mortgage Department as loan representatives working out of the Poulsbo and Silverdale offices, respectively. Dennis Matson, executive director of the Thurston County Economic Development Council, was featured in a recent article in The Olympian. Matson regularly deals with companies from around the world in his efforts to broaden the county's job base.

1968 - Linda Gold is teaching at Beach Elementary School on Lummi Island.

1969 - Steve Mayo is captain of the Western Gulf, an oil skimmer vessel used to clean oil spills in Bellingham.

1975 - Stanley Holmes' article about Boeing moving jobs to Mexico made front-page news in The Seattle Times. Sue Pace has been selected as Seattle University's first Distinguished Writer-in-Residence. She will be teaching an upper-division class titled, "Writing for Children and Young Adults."

1976 - Ranger Kidwell-Ross is a partner in Media Synergy Inc., "a full-service marketing and media support company" that specializes in web site development. Kathleen Miller is teaching at Harrison Middle School and is currently working on administration credentials at Heritage College.

1977 - Tami Gorman serves as president of both the Fairhaven Village Association and the Old Fairhaven Association. She is co-owner of the Colephon Cafe and received an award for the 1995 Whatcom County Business Person of the Year. Vickie Crane has been recognized by the Superintendent of Public Instruction as a finalist in the Washington State Teacher of the Year (TOT) program. She has taught fourth grade in the Lynden School District since 1977 and is currently working on her master's degree at WWU. James M. Cannon IV is currently a nuclear engineer with the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy, in Washington, D.C. He is the headquarters' program manager responsible for the operation of the research reactor at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tenn. He is a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve and executive minister for the Episcopal Church.

1978 - Christina Chow has been elected college board member at Langara College in Vancouver, B.C. Dr. Lisa Devin Bjork has been appointed the new superintendent of schools for the South Whidbey School District in Langley, Wash. She received her Ed.D in school administration from Harvard University in 1991, was an English and reading teacher at Bellingham High School, and was a principal at Sehome High School before moving to South Whidbey in 1992. She served as the South Whidbey district curriculum director ('92-'94) and assistant superintendent ('94-'95).
as Whatcom County account manager. ... Chris Spens is senior environmental land use planner for the City of Bellingham. ... W. Scott Clement has advanced to shareholder with the Seattle law firm of Lee, Smart, Cook. ... Bellingham High School teacher Alan Doud traveled to Washington, D.C., with students in his class for the National Engineering Design Challenge to demonstrate a pill dispenser. ... Manca Valum, development coordinator for WomenCare Shelter, recently provided a forum for the people of Ferndale in the wake of a recent domestic murder. ... Kris Ferguson has been named fitness director at Riverside Health Club in Mount Vernon.

1984 - Price Waterhouse announced that Jon W. Gacek has been admitted into the partnership of the firm. A certified public accountant, Gacek will work closely with fast growing technology-based companies. ... Lon Mikkelsen, co-owner of Inter-Fluve Inc., has reclaimed more than 350 miles of stream channels and many acres of lakes and wetlands through aquatic resource recovery. ... Martha Leche is one of the two area systems coordinators for the Social Security Administration's South Coast Area responsible for computers and computer training for the San Diego, Orange County, South L.A., and Hawaii areas. ... Mitchell D. Evich, Jr. is presently employed as a graduate teaching assistant at Boston University in Boston. He also writes occasional columns for the Boston Globe. ... Jim Koral has been promoted to the new position of lipo/weight reduction coordinator at the Bellingham Georgia-Pacific plant. ... Lee Ann Paschich is trying her hand at small business ownership. She owns Mocha Motion Espresso To Go in Enumclaw.

1985 - Ken Cox was recently hired to open a new Bellingham office for Piper Jaffray, Inc. Cox is a past-president of the WWU Alumni Association. ... Michael R. Thomas has joined Gulf States Paper Corporation asdirector of business information. He is located at the company's national headquarters in Tuscaloosa, Ala. ... Greg Akin is a regular contributor to The Seattle Stencil and has written a cookbook. ... Lori Fox has joined Community Transit of Snohomish County as controller. ... Gary A. Byre was named vice president and senior credit officer recently at Valley Bank in Helena, Mont. ... Joyce (McGuane) Weinand joined the already "Westernized" staff at Technigraphic Systems, Inc., a visual communications firm in Edmonds. Weinand, an Internet account executive, will be following fellow alums: TSI President Nick Prebecz, '74; Director of Sales and Marketing Peggy (Brison) Barnett, '84; Art Director Erica Gast, '85; Account Executive Gayle (Insteel) Guthrie ('85); Film Assembler Jane (Seffernick) Wynne, '83; Account Executive Debbie (Ritter) Picard, '90; and Graphic Designer Tanya Sharp, '95.

1986 - Don Olcott, Jr. has been appointed manager for institutional services, Western Cooperative for Educational Telecommunications with the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education in Boulder, Colo. ... Kirk Crawford completed the investment studies program of Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. in New York and has joined the firm's Bellingham branch as an account executive in investments. ... Angie Partolan has joined the design and production staff of How It Works of Anacortes. In addition to her design, illustration and production work, Partolan's paintings and drawings have appeared in numerous publications.

1987 - Gregg Olsen's book "Mockingbird" was released by Warner Books. ... The spotlight on Munchausen Syndrome ... Jan Perry, the new principal at McGilvra Elementary School in Seattle, brings 22 years of teaching experience to her first job as principal. ... Poet Samuel Green read from his collected works at Peninsula College during winter quarter for the Foot hills Writers Series. He and his wife operate the Broodling Heron Press. ... Ellen F. Sinco of Bellevue was named a senior tax manager at Deloitte & Touche LLP. She has been with the company for 10 years, most recently at its Los Angeles office. ... Kitap Bank recently announced the promotion of Jill Rice to vice president in charge of loan administration. ... Allen James won the men's 5 kilo meter race walk in Atlanta, Ga., with a time of 20:02.59, earning his second straight national indoor championship and third in four years. He then went on to the Olympics. ... Linda Brockings was selected as Mount Vernon's City Employee of the Year for 1995. As recreation coordinator, she provides recreation opportunities for both children and adults. ... Barb Dingé welcomed a grand son.

1989 - Martin Snel is a city planner for the City of Camas. ... Becky Love of Mount Vernon has received her certification through the National Board of Certified Counselors and is now a Washington State Certified Mental Health Counselor. ... Mary Hanson has been selected to receive the Distinguished Alumi from 1996 from Edmonds Community College in the category of professional achievement. ... Jeff Scott was unanimously elected mayor by the Snohomish City Council. ... Jani Lund is a legislative assistant to State Representative Cathy McCormick. ... Eric L. Anderson has joined with two other professionals to form the accounting firm of Temple Lewis Anderson & Co., P.S., in Everett. ... Drue Robinson Hagan recently received a Bellingham Mayor's Arts award for her contributions to the Bellingham performing arts community. Hagan has offered drama classes for young people, written and produced plays, and three years ago, established the Bellingham Children's Theatre.

1990 - Tina LePlant is one of six art educators at Mercer Island's Youth Theatre Northwest.

1991 - James Marx has joined the ranks of Whatcom County's Combined Treatment Services as substance abuse prevention coordinator. ... Lauri Nicholas was promoted to assistant account executive at Richmond Public Relations. ... Becky Rawlings, who works for the Nooksack Valley School District, will coach the Orcas women's basketball squad. ... David Squires has been named personal trainer at River- side Health Club in Mount Vernon. He is certified by the American Council on Exercise and has 10 years' of experience as a personal trainer. ... Rebekah Near is teaching dance to 7- to 9-year olds in Anacortes. With the assistance of other dance teachers, she put together a Dance Extravaganza featuring everything from ballroom to belly dancing. ... Navy Ensign Reynaldo Alfaro was recently commissioned to his present rank while serving at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

1992 - Brett Lovins has recorded "La Verkin Thunder" on compact disc. He is an acoustic singer-songwriter. ... Vicki Bates, assistant principal from the Kent School District, was named as the new principal of Olympic High School. ... Rachel Grossman, Executive Director of the Whatcom County chapter of the American Red Cross, has accepted a position in Seattle as executive director of Doctors Ought To Care, an agency active in developing tobacco education and control policies and encouraging governments among health organizations. ... Terre Lynn Midgarden was awarded the 1995 Presidential Award for Excellence
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in Science and Mathematics Teaching in the White House Rose Garden. ... Brent Conklin will spend May through September as a tour dispatcher for Gray Line of Alaska in Juneau. During the legislative session he is a tour guide in Olympia.

1993 - Douglas A. Zieliinski recently volunteered for the Starbase-Atlantis program while serving with the Chief of Naval Education and Training in Pensacola, Fla. ... Cathy Sanford has been hired as Isaak's first youth coordinator. She will oversee the finishing work on the youth center in the new community center.

1994 - Pam Cooper is the studio operations manager at TCI. She is co-producer of "No More Secrets," a video documentary about domestic abuse. ... Josh Barnhill, the editor of The Record-Journal of Ferndale, was presented with the 1995 Business of the Year Award by the Ferndale Chamber of Commerce. ... Russell Kasselman has accepted a job with the Blaine Banner as a news reporter. ... Lena McLaughlin is in her first year of teaching at the Longview High School.

1995 - Brandon Miles joins Moss Adams as a staff accountant in the audit department in their Bellingham branch. ... Janet Adams will join the greater YMCA of Seattle to be the year-round outdoor environmental education program director, based at Camp Orkila on Orcas Island. ... Renee Leask joined the news department of the Okanogan County Chronicle in Omak, Wash. ... Paul Peterman is coaching basketball at St. Mark in Seattle. ... Arthur B. Green III has launched a career with New York Life as an insurance and securities agent. ... Riverside Health Club in Mount Vernon recently named Kris Ferguson as fitness director. ... Marine 2nd Lt. Erika D. Nelson recently graduated from The Basic School. ... Alison Allen is a substitute teacher at Mt. Baker Junior High and ran in the 100th anniversary of the Boston Marathon. ... David Miller is an intern at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. ... Michael Sniezak is working for the Post-Record in Camas, Wash. ... Gina Estep has been named coach of Shoreline Community College's women's basketball team.

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Educator Katherine Casanova

Katherine Casanova, 95, who taught and supervised student teachers at Western's Campus School for nearly 36 years, died Jan. 22 in Rio Dell, Calif.

Miss Casanova retired from the Education Department in 1968, a year after the innovative school, once housed in Old Main, was closed.

During the years she spent teaching first graders and student teachers, many forward-looking programs were established. For instance, since young children learn linguistic skills rapidly, she introduced the study of French in the kindergarten and continued through the elementary grades. The program was carried out in cooperation with Western's foreign languages department.

She was active in community projects in Ferndale, Calif., and travelled extensively throughout her life.

A California native, she attended San Jose Normal School for two years and received her elementary teaching certificate in 1921. She taught at schools in Grizzly Bluff, Lodi and Stockton, Calif., before moving to New York to attend Teachers College of Columbia University where she received her bachelor of science and master's degrees. While attending Columbia University, she taught in the experimental school at the university. She was also affiliated with Kappa Delta Pi and Pi Lambda Theta, honor societies.

Before accepting a teaching position at Western, she taught for one year at the New Mexico Teachers College in Silver City, N.M.

Miss Casanova's interests spanned Biblical and Persian manuscript prints to Indian pottery to football.

A scholarship in her name is being established at Western. For more information, write to the Western Foundation, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, 98225-9034, or call (360) 650-3027.

1994, died April 11 in Bellingham.

The Rev. William "Bill" Sodt Sr., longtime chaplain for Campus Christian ministries, died Aug. 8 in Bellingham.

1995 - Robert Aggergaard (66), a former Port Angeles resident, died on April 6 in Olympia.

Pauline C. Barbo (72) of Bellingham, died June 8.

James R. Bookee (65) died in Burien on Mar. 9.

Virginia Mae Borgford (32) died on April 2. Ms. Borgford had retired in Oregon.

John E. Brearley (49) of Yakima, died on May 20.

Edith Fox (28), a resident of Spokane, died on April 10 at the age of 101.

Robert L. Hartley (36) died June 3, 1996 at his home in Olympia.

Thomas A. Hewitson (42) formerly of Bellingham, died April 5 in Placentia, Calif.

Edwin F. Hunicutt (30) died in January in Seattle. He had entered Bellingham Normal School in 1928.

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Performing Arts Center
1996-97 Series Calendar

Oct. 26: The Repertory Dance Theatre
Nov. 15: The Mingus Big Band
Dec. 3: Los Angeles Guitar Quartet
Jan. 24: St. Petersburg String Quartet
Feb. 9: Montreal Danse
Feb. 21: The Vellinger String Quartet
Mar. 1: Chorovaya Akademia
Mar. 21: Mummenschanz
April 18: Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center
May 2: Jorge Caballero

For ticketing information and performance times, call: (360)650-6146.

A scarf dance performed by the Repertory Dance Theatre of Salt Lake City

'96 Football Schedule

Oct. 5: Vikings vs Whitworth College, 1:30 p.m., in Spokane.
Oct. 12: Homecoming Game against Linfield College, 1:30 p.m., Civic Stadium in Bellingham.
Oct. 19: Vikings vs Southern Oregon State College, 1:30 p.m. in Ashland, Ore.
Oct. 26: Vikings vs Central Washington University, 1:30 p.m. in Ellensburg.
Nov. 2: Vikings vs Eastern Oregon State College, 1:30 p.m., Civic Stadium.
Nov. 9: Vikings vs Simon Fraser University in the Columbia Football Association Contest, 1:30 p.m. at Civic Stadium.
Nov. 16: Vikings vs Western Oregon State College, 1:30 p.m. in Monmouth, Ore.
Nov. 23: First Round NAIA National Playoffs.
Dec. 7: Quarterfinals - National Playoffs.

Accounting Department Reunion in Bellingham. Call (360) 650-3353 for more details.

Mingus Big Band, 8 p.m. in the PAC Concert Hall.

3: Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, 8 p.m. in the PAC Concert Hall.

Calendar Highlights

October
1-Nov. 27: Works by Japanese-American artist Roger Shimomura on exhibit at the Western Gallery.
7: Higher Education Day
10: Alumni Fellows Dinner. Information: (360) 650-3353.
12: Homecoming Game and salmon barbeque, Vikings vs Linfield College, 1:30 p.m., Civic Stadium in Bellingham.
16: Multimedia and dance presentations, "Points North," to introduce Distinguished Visiting Professor of Canadian Culture Valerie Alia, 5:30 p.m. Information: Canadian-American Studies, (360) 650-3728.
26: The Performing Arts Center series opens with the Repertory Dance Theatre, 8 p.m., on the PAC Mainstage.

November
9-10: Fall Family Open House.
12: Turning Points Lecture Series. Dr. James Davis on "An Election Aftermath: Closing a Century of Presidents," 5:30 p.m. in Old Main Theatre.
14: Distinguished Lecture Series. Linda Wertheimer on "Listen to America: Election in Review," 5:30 p.m. Information and tickets: (360) 650-2829.
15: Accounting Department Reunion in Bellingham. Call (360) 650-3353 for more details.
15: Mingus Big Band, 8 p.m. in the PAC Concert Hall.

December
3: Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, 8 p.m. in the PAC Concert Hall.