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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.

COOPERATIVE LIBRARY PROJECT BENEFITS WESTERN

Users of Western's libraries will directly benefit from the Washington State Legislature's funding of the Cooperative Library Project. Western received funding from the Legislature's $5.2 million allocation to complete the first phase of the library project, which will electronically link the libraries of the state's six public, four-year institutions.

Future improvements include the creation of a central database of holdings of all six schools; enhanced interlibrary loan and document delivery utilizing scanners, fax machines and digitizing equipment; completion of electronic conversion of card catalog and indexes; cataloging of unique materials such as music scores and and recordings; and access enhancements for faster response time when searching local and shared library resources.

GEORGIA-PACIFIC DONATES $100,000 TO WESTERN

Georgia-Pacific West Inc. has donated $100,000 to Western for a series of marine environmental projects on Whatcom Waterway and Bellingham Bay. The money will be used by faculty and students of Huxley College of Environmental Studies for various research on the bay and waterway, which runs from the mouth of Whatcom Creek past the G-P mill and into the bay. Five graduate students, together with Huxley professors, will study marine life, sediment releases and pollutants in the waters. It is hoped that the information gathered will assist in a separate project, a G-P Department of Ecology study on cleanup of hazardous materials in the waterway.

WESTERN RANKED AMONG "BEST VALUE" SCHOOLS

"U.S. News & World Report," ranked Western third among West Coast colleges in its annual "Best Values" ratings in September.

Only universities in the top tier of quality rankings nationwide are considered for the rating. The magazine factored Western's "sticker price" (tuition, plus room, board and fees) and its "discounted price" (which includes the cost of personal expenses and the average financial aid package to students in need) into its formula. The ranking signifies a quality education at relatively reasonable cost.

NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MINOR ESTABLISHED

Responding to the need for global understanding in higher education today, the Center for International Studies and Programs began offering a new minor in international studies this fall.

It is designed to provide knowledge, perspective and skills basic to international competence. Students completing the minor will be amply prepared for a variety of professional opportunities in an increasingly internationalized economy. As a value-added curricular option, the minor builds largely on existing courses across the colleges.

Write to us! Got a compliment, suggestion or idea? We want to hear from you. Address your Letters to the Editor to: Window on Western, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-0045. You may contact the Alumni Office via e-mail at alumni@wwu.edu.
Western's Vehicle Research Institute entered its high-tech vehicles in May to compete against the University of Colorado Boulder's pedal-powered craft to fly 100 miles from Portland, Oregon to Washington D.C. Western's Viking 23 won a total of $5,750 in prizes after winning every field of competition— including best construction of a Dodge Neon to hybrid power (electricity and compressed natural gas), lowest emissions, use of materials, energy economy, vehicle range, consumer acceptance and engineering design.

A second entry, the Viking 23, took third overall in the Tour de Sol with a 75-pound, electric, solar, and hybrid vehicle. Professor Steve Dillman's engineering students entered its high-tech vehicles in May into the Small Business Administration to continue its work as a resource center for small business owners and managers. SBDC provides free one-on-one counseling, research services and technical assistance to business owners in Whatcom, Skagit, Island and San Juan counties.

The National Science Foundation (NSF), as part of its instrumentation and research equipment improvement (IER) program, sent an evaluation team to Western's Shammon Point Maritime Center— judged to be one of 27 "exemplary projects" in the United States. Since 1998, Western faculty have received 21 IER awards totaling $367,000. Evaluators were on hand to assess the impacts of the awards on Western's science programs and on the university's ability to obtain additional external funding.

Berth H. van Boer, 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. After a nationwide search, van Boer succeeds Linda Smeins, who was appointed dean for the 1995-96 academic year.

Dr. Bert Kovanen, who received his post as professor and area director of geology in June, found evidence about the Ice Age, which a student who begins a four-year college experience in a timely fashion.

As student enrollment swells to more than 11,000 students this fall, more than 500 more than 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 "create an environment in which a student begins Western as a full-time freshman and follows appropriate academic advice can complete a baccalaureate degree in four years, except for those majoring in engineering technology and teacher education." (Those fields include additional requirements that can add between one to three quarters of study.)

De Lorme also said that full-time transfer students entering as juniors, who have completed all general course requirements (GURs) and prerequisites can, following 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

A n 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 Dr. Bert 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 revealed that boulders and moraines 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 climate 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.
Haskell Plaza
Named for couple
Who "Open Doors"

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 it significant to name the plaza after a couple which has given so much to enhance the lives of Western students," said President Karen W. Morse.

President Morse, with Betty and F. Murray "Red" Haskell.

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.

Earnings from the scholarship fund the couple established in 1990 have provided $123,000 for 58 scholarship awards. At an Aug. 8 private dedication ceremony on the plaza, 1994 Western Law and Diversity Program graduate Angelique Davis Robertson, now a second-year University of Washington Law School student, lauded the Haskells for their financial support and the faith in students' success that it represents.

The Haskells have also supported men's and women's crew activities.

WWU tech class creates communication tool
Providing a Voice

For seven Western students, development of an Augmented Speech Device means hands-on learning and professional experience. For people who cannot speak due to illness or disability, the device offers a voice.

"If they want to go to the mall or order a hamburger, they can have someone record up to four short messages," said fourth-year manufacturing technology student Ken Libke. "At the press of a button, they can communicate."

Designed and built by Professor Ken Gamble's robotics and automation class, the hand-held plastic device has five buttons — one for recording and four for relaying messages. It is intended for use by people who are nonverbal due to cerebral palsy, autism, brain damage from stroke or head injury, or other neurological diseases.

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 shell together, put the product on a conveyer belt, and positioned the device in a box. Only the circuitry proved too intricate for automation and required hand assembly. Some materials for the devices were provided by Comptec, Inc. in Custer and Conductive Rubber in Bothell.

"We took it right to the end of the [spring] quarter," said Gamble. "That's still pretty quick from an idea to a finished product."

Twenty-five devices were produced and donated to the community, including several to the Lummi Tribal School's special education program.

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 Kawana, 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 virtuosic 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 K un l e O j i k u t u, for­ merly 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 Northwest Athletic Conference (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.

With a large, experienced senior class returning, there’s reason to believe the Vikings can be there again. In fact, they’ve set their sights even higher.

“Every year, our seniors set a theme; this year it’s ‘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 College Division 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 Quincy) earned first-team honors. Offensive lineman Todd Walcker (a senior from Redmond) and wide receiver Chris Nicholl (a senior from Mercer Island) received honorable mention.

One major change occurred during the off-season at the league level. The CFA became strictly a public-school alignment made up of schools formerly in the MRL. The private schools, which had been in the CFA’s Mount Hood League, return to the Northwest Conference.

The Vikings’ schedule is tough, with road games at Pacific Lutheran University, Central Washington University and Western Oregon State College.

Women’s soccer squad comes home again

The Western Washington University women’s soccer team begins the 1996 season with a virtually clear slate.

Only five letter winners return from last year’s squad which was 10-51 overall, 7-2-1 in the Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference (PNWAC). Just two of those players were Vikings in 1994.

But the prospects aren’t all that bleak for coach Derek 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.

“Everyone coming in is very talented, maybe more than last year,” said Falor. “We have to develop an aggressive mentality, and understand the intensity of college athletics.”

One thing that may help is a string of non-league games prior to the beginning of PNWAC play. Western’s first six games are non-league contests.

“I’m confident that we can learn with that experience against quality competition,” Falor said.

The team may also get a lift from a change of scenery this season. The Vikings return to their cozy on-campus field after a four-year absence because of campus construction.

The two players with more than a year of experience are sweeper Wendy Rebar (a senior from Tacoma/Franklin Pierce) and central midfielder Sheri Balster (a senior from Oak Harbor).

Rebar, a three-year letter winner and the anchor of a defense that allowed just 19 goals last season, had a goal and an assist in 1995 and five goals in 1994.

“We count on her leadership in the back,” Falor said of Rebar. “She’ll have to stand out, we’re counting on big things from her.”

Returning as one of the outside defenders is Bryn Davidson of Shelton, an honorable mention all-PNWAC selection last season as a freshman.

“She went from being cut one year to being all-league the next,” said Falor. “She’s easy to forget about, because she isn’t flashy, but she always lines up against the other team’s best attacking player.”

Mandy Lapsley (a sophomore from Vancouver/Prairie), who spent some time in the midfield last year, figures to be the stopper. She had two assists last year, and at 5-foot-10, provides needed height in the backfield.

Volleyball players Hungry for success

The women’s volleyball team is hungry. And that hunger is one that can’t be satisfied in the regular season.

“They’re hungry for post-season success,” explained new head coach Michael DiMarco, “and for respect as one of the top teams in the region.”

The Vikings were 20-12 overall, 5-5 in the Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference, last season, winning eight of their last 10 matches, but narrowly missed out on an at-large berth to the NAIA Pacific Northwest Regional Tournament. In 1994, Western reached regionals, but was quickly eliminated.

Five starters return, and four of them have started at least two years. With six seniors on the squad, there’s a desire to make this season last longer than the last two.

“It showed in the off-season,” said DiMarco, who was an assistant for Dean Snider the last three seasons. “Their work ethic and desire was up a notch.”
Miaosoft alumni were joined by President Karen Morse and other Western visitors at the July 11 alumni barbecue held on the company's Redmond campus.

Microsoft alumni were also provided with the opportunity to enjoy software donated by the company's Redmond campus.

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

As a young child in Olympia, Agnew has been the choir director of the Masterworks Choral Ensemble in Olympia. 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 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 of Gloria Dei Lutheran, 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.

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Dr. Arthur Kimmel, director of Western's International Programs & Exchanges, said Hostetter's endowment is a significant contribution.

"For the first time since I founded this office in 1972, we will be able to offer grants that could make the difference in a student's ability to participate," Kimmel said. "It has been my experience that a few hundred dollars can make a real difference for many students."

Of course, the chance to live and study abroad is priceless. Kimmel noted that students often consider foreign study the most significant aspect of their education, giving them a better world view and preparing them for international opportunities ahead.

Hostetter, an active civic leader in Bellevue, still keeps a busy schedule. She works on city improvement projects and political campaigns that promote ethnic and cultural diversity in local government, since she believes that worldwide diversity begins with each community.

A founding member of the Human Services Commission and a tireless proponent of the new Bellevue Downtown Park, she was recently honored with the Washington State Retired Teachers Association's Community Service Award and the Best of Bellevue's Volunteer Award— laughing modestly about an emcee referring to her as "the Mother Theresa of Bellevue." It's just the way she lives her life: working 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.

"I think I was the first American to graduate from that college," said Good, who didn't even speak Thai when he applied to the school. Language was no barrier. Bangkok University employs several European, American and Australians on its faculty who teach business courses in English, Good said.

After earning his MBA there in 1993, Good now works as an exporter 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 recommends Western's international exchange program or a custom-made learning experience such as the one he devised for himself 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 students and tell them all about their homeland and how they've enriched 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 cultural diversity to Western's campus, enriching the learning experiences of their American classmates — and their professors.

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

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

He regularly hosts international students in his management classes; assigns business students to serve as "conversation partners" for foreign students; 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 opposite sides of a wall.

Each pair of students must arrange a set of blocks in a specific pattern. One student has the blocks but not the drawing of the designated pattern; the other student has the drawing but not the blocks. The two must assemble the blocks through verbal communication only, across the wall.

"The objective is to teach students to become aware or perhaps better skilled at multi-cultural interaction," he said. "They both learn about each other in terms of culture. They both learn something about business and they develop teamwork skills."

Language plus

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

Students Marisol Ayala, Cherif Mory and Alexandra Ruth 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 Mory, who plans a human biology major, and Ruth, a psychology and anthropology major, went to Zimbabwe.

The MIRT program, funded through the National Institutes of Health (NIH), is designed to encourage students to pursue careers in health-related research. Western, in collaboration with the University of Washington and Dillard University in Louisiana, began the program last year.

"What we are doing is forming a pool of potential candidates from groups under-represented in health professions," said James Loucky, MIRT coordinator and professor in Western's anthropology department.

"It's quite a prestigious award," said Loucky. "You end up having full support - a 10-week research experience in a foreign country. NIH covers travel and living expenses and provides a monthly stipend and health insurance.

To qualify, students must be African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans or Pacific Islanders interested in pursuing a health related career. A science background is necessary, but the program has no specific academic requirements.

"The main thing is having the commitment," said Loucky.

"The fact that they are working right at the side of health professionals in another country, rather than just observing, is so much more valuable," he added.

Opportunities abound

Western offers programs and exchanges in dozens of countries and throughout the United States through its membership in the Council on International Educational Exchange, the International Student Exchange Program, the National Student Exchange, the Northwest Council on Study Abroad and others.

Among the destinations for international programs and exchanges: Brazil, Taiwan, Costa Rica, Hungary, Korea, Japan, Poland, Russia, Sweden, France, London and Greece.

Faculty increase
Learning, too

Joseph Garcia devised his newest course, "Cross-cultural Management, U.S.-Mexico Comparison," after spending spring quarter, 1995, teaching management courses to Western students studying in Morelia, Mexico. Garcia is one of dozens of Western's faculty who spend a quarter or more each year teaching in France, Mexico, Germany, China, Greece, Italy, England and elsewhere as part of the study abroad program.

Living and working in Mexico for three months gave Garcia a different perspective on Mexican business life.

"I understand the Mexican economy and management systems in ways I never was able to," before, he said.

A Brooklyn, N.Y., native whose Puerto-Rican-born parents forbade him to speak Spanish in America, Garcia said there was an added bonus to his stint in Morelia: he can now speak what he calls "immigrant Spanish."

Although he taught in English, Garcia spent four hours every day as a student in a Spanish class.

"Much of my family lives in Puerto Rico. They tell me I sound like a Mexican hillbilly with a Brooklyn accent," he said.

Being in the heart of Mexico also enabled him to introduce important people and concepts to his students.
Soo 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!

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By Chris Goldsmith, Alumni Director

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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 Hultfors, '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
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 Arntzen Hall. Returning alumni and friends will find morning coffee and pastry, a lecture series, Viking Cars and the Western Art Gallery.

The Anchorage alumni dinner.

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 Peninsular 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.
- Veronica Cortes, a junior elementary education major from Anacortes who also has an interest in law enforcement.
- 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.
- Shannen Loucks, a freshman from Glenoma who wants to become a high school music teacher.

Homecoming would not be Homecoming without the salmon barbecue and football.

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.

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 vitae, letters of support from three or more other 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.

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Western’s Alumni Association Board of Directors provides the awards through investment earnings of the Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund made possible by gifts from alumni and friends. The fund, which now totals $325,000, was established in 1982.

"Hey, don't I know you?" Crystal Nygard (1990), Anchorage regional coordinator for the Alumni Association, enjoys a conversation with Scott Erdmann (1985) at the Anchorage alumni dinner.

220 vied for the annual prize; Winners receive $1,900 award

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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 crystallized 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.

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Bank board Picks Morse

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 College 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.

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.

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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 Kluskedahl 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."


1967. After volunteering at Harrison Memorial Hospital for 25 years, Kathi Smith was recognized for her work with a nomination for Community Woman of the Year by the Pugent Sound Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. John Richardson, principal of Sunnyside Elementary School for the past 18 years, was named the state's National Distinctive 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.

Howard Chermak has been selected to receive Edmonds Community College Distinguished Alumni for 1996 in the category of professional achievement/community service. Mike Kimmich and his wife, Mary, celebrated the second anniversary of their business, Pacific Marine Exchange and Gallery, in Bellingham.

1970. Bob Brim received the 1995 Whatcom County Business Person of the Year Award. He is president of Dealer Information System Corp.

1972. Rep. Suzette Cooke worked on a conference committee for welfare reform. Don Moak was recently named vice-president/administration for Water Development Hanford Inc. He has worked on projects in the Ukraine dealing with cleanup in the Chernobyl area. Judge Neal Q. Ribly is Spokane County's newest superior court judge. Tim Tubbs will retire as the track coach of Enumclaw High School at the close of this season. He has been the head boys and girls track coach since 1982.

1973. The Seattle Weekly published an article by Fred Moody titled "Davy Days" and "Steadily Upward - How Hispanics quietly enact the American Dream." The partners of Foster Pepper & Sheehan have elected Jack Cullen the law firms' managing partner. In June, Charles Curtis Clarke received his Master of Divinity Degree from the Union Theological Seminary in Virginia.

1974. Kathleen Syace has written an article on "Salmon, Slugs & Symptoms" that was printed on 12/26/95 in the Chinook Observer. She is a botanist living north of Nahcotta on the Clallam Reservation. On Feb. 22, 1974, the Seattle Times published an article on John Wolfe, written about an attorney's struggles to balance the job's demands with family. Alton Grimes' presentation with the Mayor's Art Award for his work on and offstage to support the Bellingham Theater Guild. Joe Cooper is principal at Sunnyside Elementary School in Marysville.

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 Northwest Writer-in-Residence. She will be teaching an upper-division class titled, "Writing for Children and Young Adults."

Thomas Moak was selected as Kennecott's Man of the Year for 1995. Moak was recognized for his outstanding volunteer leadership roles. Marilyn Howell has been appointed program director of Trinity College of Vermont's new Master of Science in Administration of Justice program. She is an associate professor of sociology/criminal justice at Trinity and directs the undergraduate sociology/criminal justice program as well.

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 now a member of the Coalition and has 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 for Washington Teacher of the Year. She is currently working on 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 now the head of the headquarters' program management office 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. Navy Reserve and executive editor for the Episcopal Church.

1978. Christina Chou has been elected college board member at Langara College in Vancouver, B.C.

Dr. Lisa Devlin Bjork was 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, an English and reading teacher at Bellingham High School, and 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).

1979. Terry Glick has joined the Bumgardner Architects as controller. Peter Callero, a member of the Western Oregon State College faculty since 1986, has been selected as the recipient of this year's Faculty Honors Award.

1980. Tom Zimmerman displayed pottery creations at the Edmonds Arts Festival Museum in February. Matthew Russel Evich is teaching third grade in Everett.

Danny Marshall continues his Steilacoom heritage by participating in many community as well as tribal events. He is the chairman of the Steilacoom Indian Tribe and a charter member and president of the Steilacoom Tribal Museum Association. Marshall is contributing to the history pageant as an advisor to the director.

1982. Allan Coles, who joined Georgia Pacific in 1993, has been promoted to storekeeper. He holds a B.S. in industrial technology and previously worked for an aircraft manufacturer.

1983. Now a King County Superior Court Judge, Debora Juarez was selected by Gov. Mike Lowry to replace a retiring judge and will run for election this fall to complete the balance of the term. Howard Furst of Inforcap has built a business that combines secret storage of files with a technological push of automation to reduce the need for paper. Paul Meehan is the new coach for the Orcas minor-league soccer team. He was a member of the WWU soccer team for three years.

Dale Nakatani recently joined the SSI MicroAge staff.
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 been published in numerous publications.

1987 - Gregg Olsen's book "Mockingbird" was released by Warner Books. Olsen, the new principal at McGilvra Elementary School in Bellingham, brings 22 years of teaching experience to his first job as principal. Poet Samual Green read from his collected works at Peninsula College during winter quarter for the Foot Hills Writers Series. He and his wife operate the Brooding 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. Jill Rice was named vice president of Columbia Bank 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 been published in numerous publications.

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1989 - Martin Snell 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 Alumnus for 1996 from Edmonds Community College in the category of professional achievement. Jeff Smith was unanimously elected mayor by the Snohomish City Council. Jami 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 LaPlant is one of six art-est educators at Mercer Island 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 worked for the Nooksack Valley School District, will coach the Orcas women's basketball squad. David Squires has been named personal trainer at Rainier Park and Sunnyside. Connie Colette was named a senior credit officer recently at Valley Bank in Edmonds. The Seattle Times has advanced to shareholder with the Seattle law firm of Lee, Smart, Cook.

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. Angie Partolan 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 been published in numerous publications.

1993 - Kristin Orth was recently hired by the administration and print production division of Bellingham Performing Arts. She owns Mocha Motion Espresso To Go in Enumclaw. Lollie Thompson was named a senior credit officer recently at Valley Bank in Edmonds. "What's Happening" has won the Bellingham Herald's "Best in Bellingham" award for the second consecutive year. Patrik Bank recently announced the promotion of Jill Rice to vice president in charge of loan administration. Jill Rice was named vice president of Columbia Bank 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 been published in numerous publications.

1994 - 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. Ron 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. The South Coast Area is responsible for computers and computer training for the San Diego County Social Security Administration and the Hawaii area.

1995 - Ken Cox was recently hired to open a new Bellingham office for Piper Jaffray. Cox is a past-president of the WWU Alumni Association. Michael R. Thomas has joined Gulf States Paper Corporation as director of information. He is located at the company's national headquarters in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Greg Atkinson is a regular contributor to "The Seattle Post-Dispatch" and has written a cookbook. Lori Fox has joined Community Transit of Snohomish County as controller. Cary A. Bye 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 joining fellow alums: TSI President Nick Prebezac, '74; Director of Sales and Marketing Peggy Brison Barnett, '84; Art Director Erica Gast, '85; Account Executive Gayle Ingle (Inselee) Guthrie ('85); Film Assembler Jane (Sefarmed) Wynne, '85; Account Executive Debbie (Ritter) Picard, '90; and Graphic Designer Tanya Sharp, '95.

1996 - 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.
Tributes

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 kindergarden 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 traveled 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, Lodl 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 honorary 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.

Faculty

Edwin LaBounty, associate professor emeritus in Western’s music department, died Mar. 30.

William Robert Lawyer, a member of the English Department faculty and director of Wilson Library from 1968 until 1984, died April 11 in Bellingham.

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

Alumni

Joel Aggergaard (’66), a former Port Angeles resident, died April 6 in Olympia.

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

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

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

John E. Breareley (’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. Hewittson (’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.

Theresa Ann Jensen (’90) died Jan. 27 in Oklahoma.

Arne Johnsen (’39) of Shelton, Wash., died April 2.

Jon Crispin Kaino, Jr. (’67) died on April 11. Born in Renton, Keller was a lifelong resident of Washington state.

Edna Strom Kelly (’56) died on May 17, 1996.

Dorothy M. Knutson (’58) of Bellingham died Friday, June 14, 1996.

Ursula Legbandit (’53), longtime resident of Bellingham, died Jan. 24 at the age of 83.

Elizabeth Todd Lowe (’35) died Jan. 19 in Duarte, Calif.

Carmen Olson (’39), died April 16 in Issaquah.

Daisy R. Plank (’67) of Bellingham died April 21 at St. Francis Extended Health Care.

If you have news or obituary information about alumni or friends of Western, send it to: Alumni House Western Washington University Bellingham, WA. 98225-9199. Or e-mail to alumni@wwu.edu.
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.

'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 Columbian 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.

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 barbecue, 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 Allia, 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.