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## Life imitates art

When the Western Gallery exhibited the innovative work of Roger Shimomura this fall, Gallery Director Sarah Clark-Langager called on faculty from the anthropology and history departments, as well as art specialists on and off campus, to lead the Wednesday gallery tours.

"I rarely, rarely call upon art professors," Clark-Langager said. "Not that art professors have nothing to say." They certainly do.

It's just that "I wanted people to understand that art has a context," she said.

The popular exhibitions at the gallery are just one way Western Washington University integrates the arts and other cultural activities into campus life and throughout the community.

"What we try to do is have the art connect with other disciplines on campus," Clark-Langager said. "Art is not an isolated discipline, and art is not just something you put on your mantle for decorative purposes. Art interconnects with life."

Whether it's a student-produced musical or the hundreds of Western alumni making names for themselves as artists, performers and lecturers, Western has a rich tradition of providing intellectual and creative experiences.

Campus lectures often have standing-room-only crowds, and many of the theater and musical performances by faculty, students and international artists are sold out in advance.

The outdoor sculpture collection, nearly 40 years old, is nationally known and features major international, national and regional artists who actively engage their audience.

John Zylstra ('73 and '83), instructional technician for the art department, says the collection is a unique Western contribution to

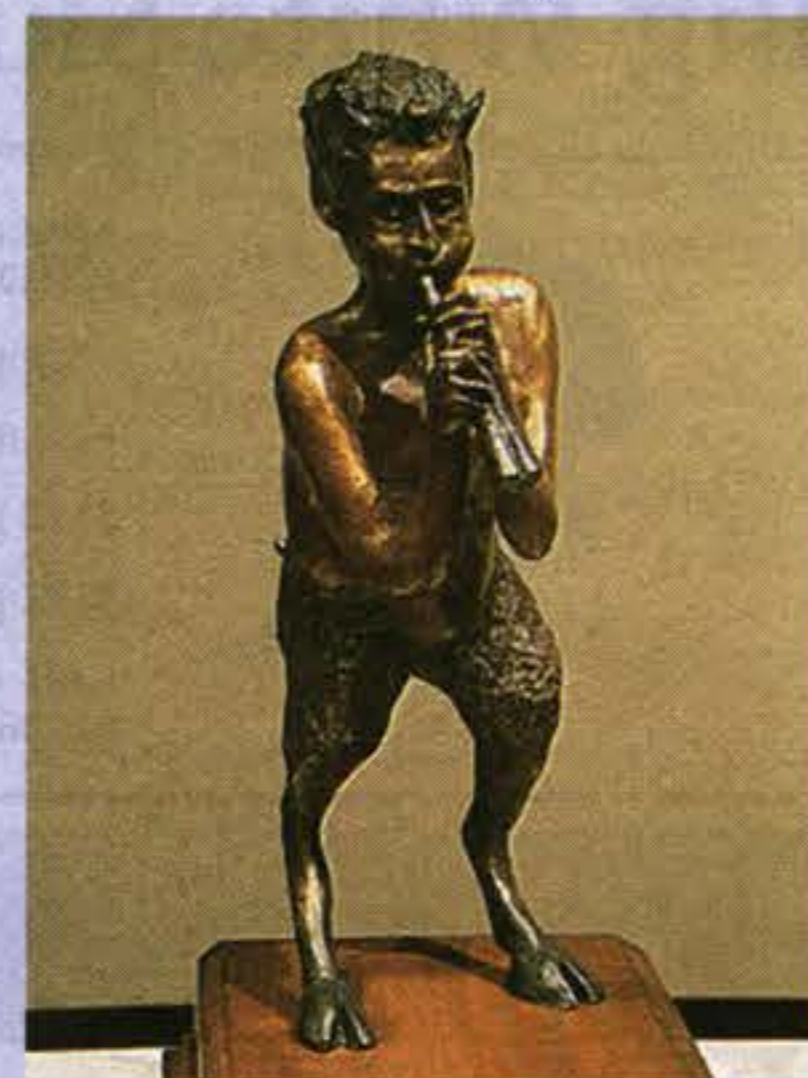
its students and the Bellingham community.

"You don't usually get to see work of this caliber out in the open," said Zylstra, whose own outdoor sculptures are currently on display outside the Puyallup Library and in Woodinville.

A list of successful alumni engaged in artistic endeavors could fill a book and is evidence of the quality programs Western offers.

Art exhibitions, musical and voice performances, cultural presentations and other offerings on campus are listed in every issue of *Window on Western*. They include:

- A Jan. 14 lecture by sports psychologist Ralph Vernacchia who will share his research and observations on winning Olympic athletes.



• The nationally known sculptures, paintings and drawings of artist Mel Chin in the Western Gallery Jan. 27 through Mar. 15.

• A Theatre Arts performance of "Arcadia," the Tony-nominated comedy of academic manners, in March.

• A Mar. 21 presentation by Mummenschanz, the magical mime-in-disguise trio from Switzerland who are on their farewell tour.

• Lectures in April by renowned wildlife researcher Jane Goodall and ethnobotanist Mark Plotkin.

During the fall quarter the university scheduled lectures by Corretta Scott King and Linda Wertheimer, a concert by the Mingus Big Band and performances of *Betrayal* and *Tartuffe*.

- Above left: In last spring's production of "The Marriage of Figaro," the cast included, from left to right, Joy Wiebusch as Marcellina; Ephraim Karszewski as Bartola; Elaine Tamaru as Susanna; and David T. Harsh as Figaro. (Photo by Ken Ostheimer)
- Above right: Art Professor Thomas Schlotterback exhibited his bronze "Satyre" in the 1995 faculty art show, held every other year.
- Far left: John Zylstra's "River of Knowledge" is on display outside the Puyallup Library through April.
- Left: Helen Miranda Wilson's "Ice on the River" will be one of more than 70 paintings in a Western Gallery exhibit of landscape artists.



## Campaign for Western applauds the essence of the human spirit

Strengthening Western's reputation as a leading center for the arts and cultural activities is a principal goal of the Campaign for Western. The campaign targets raising \$2 million in new private support — primarily in the form of endowments — to support arts-related programs.

As a hub for fine and performing arts exhibits and produc-

tions, distinguished lectures and a world-renown outdoor sculpture collection, Western fosters a stimulating and enriching environment that reaches beyond the classroom.

While nurturing the kind of creative expression essential to a progressive university, the Campaign for Western will provide much needed funding stability.

Gifts may be designated to support programs such as special exhibits at the Western Gallery, the Performing Arts Center Series, Summer Stock, the outdoor sculpture collection, campus lectures, faculty speakers series, and student productions on the college and departmental level.

The Campaign for Western has a goal of raising \$18 million for

five key initiatives by Dec. 31. In addition to the arts, the campaign supports teaching enrichment, scholarships, international programs and on-going annual support.

For information on the Campaign for Western and how you can support artistic and cultural programs at Western, call the Western Foundation at (360) 650-3027.

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## Big White Ski Weekend

Join fellow alumni at Big White in Kelowna, B.C., Jan. 17-19. Package tour includes:



- Round-trip motorcoach transportation from Bellingham and daily mountain shuttle
  - 2 nights at the Holiday Inn; 2 breakfasts
  - 2 lift passes to Big White
- \$170 pp based on quad occupancy (two beds)  
\$197 pp based on double occupancy
- Call the Alumni House, (800) 676-6885 or (360) 650-3353, by Dec. 13

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## Briefly

### FRESHMAN CLASS IS LARGEST EVER

Western's student population has grown nearly 3 percent from 1995, with a record-setting freshman class of 2,082 and 1,076 undergraduate transfer students. Total enrollment for fall was 11,039.

The freshman class includes six National Merit finalists, nine Washington scholars and 14 recipients of the Washington Award for Vocational Excellence. Average high school GPA for the freshman students is 3.54.

### BELLINGHAM REVIEW SPONSORS WRITING AWARDS

The Bellingham Review, an English department publication, is seeking entries for its Annie Dillard Award for Nonfiction and the Tobias Wolff Award for Fiction.

Previously unpublished essays, stories and book chapters are eligible. First prize in each competition is \$500. Second prize is \$250, and third prize is \$100.

No entries will be accepted before Jan. 2 or after Mar. 1. For details, contact Robin Hemley, (360) 650-3236.

### HAGGARD HALL IS GUTTED

With the opening of the new Science, Math and Technology Education building this fall, work immediately began on renovating the old science building, Haggard Hall.

It will become part of Wilson Library. Already, a new library circulation desk has been constructed on the ground level.

The interior of Haggard Hall is being completely renovated, and the planetarium is closed.



Krista Bryant photo

### ARCO GIFT LAUNCHES VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM

A \$50,000 gift from the ARCO Foundation to the Campaign for Western will help launch a visiting scholar program at Western. After a national search, the ARCO Scholar is expected to come to the university for the 1997-98 academic year to concentrate on enhancing curriculum in science, math and technology education for K-12 teachers.

### TEACHER TRAINING GETS BOOST WITH ENDOWMENT

Bellingham civic leaders Herbert and Billee Ershig have donated \$100,000 to the Campaign for Western to endow a teacher training enrichment fund at Western Washington University's Woodring College of Education.

Herbert Ershig's mother received her teaching certification in 1920 from Western's predecessor institution, Bellingham Normal School. He attended the Campus School when it operated at Western, benefiting from the school's "quality and its innovative programs," he said.

Herbert Ershig is chairman of the Board of Ershigs, Inc., a plastics design and fabrication company which provides employment to Western students and has hired many of its engineering technology and business graduates.

### THREE ADDED TO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

An Olympics racewalker, the school's first four-year football letter winner and a soccer coach whose winning streak lasted more than two years are the newest members of Western's Athletic Hall of Fame.

They are Allen James ('87); Chet Ullin ('37) and former women's soccer coach Dominic Garguile ('61).

James, regarded as the nation's top race walker, placed 24th in the 50-kilometer race walk at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Ullin, who has also received the Alumni Association Board of Directors' Distinguished Service Award, started 28 of 29 football games from 1933 to 1936 as right guard.

Garguile, who coached women's soccer from 1981 to 1990, was named district Coach of the Year in 1984 and Northwest Collegiate Soccer Conference Coach of the Year in 1983.

### STUDENTS SET RECORD FOR VOLUNTEERISM

Nearly 5,000 Western students set a new record for community service during the last school year. Under the Volunteer Community Service Program, 4,974 students contributed 694,444 hours of service to the campus and local community.

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, 98225-9045. Or you may contact the Alumni Office via e-mail at alumni@wwu.edu

# Campus Connections

## A harmonic convergence with pianos

Maintaining dozens of aging pianos owned by the Music Department was a struggle until manufacturer Yamaha and local dealer Northwest Keyboards brought harmony, loaning the department 10 new instruments in the summer of 1994.

The gift, which has been renewed each year since, is one of several recent donations to the university to enhance and enrich the quality of offerings from the music, theatre and art departments.

This year, Yamaha and Northwest Keyboards agreed to loan Western at least 14 new pianos, including full grands, digital keyboards and a "silent piano" for use with headphones.

The loaned instruments will be sold in June, with the Music Department receiving a percentage of the sales price as a credit on the future purchase of pianos.

Northwest Keyboards co-owner Ken Swanson, who still has a few of the used pianos for sale, said he was "thrilled to do it."

Students and faculty were given the first opportunity to purchase the one-year-old instruments. Alumni and others are also eligible to purchase the instruments at "quite a bit below retail," Swanson said.

The program is on a year-to-year basis, Swanson said, because "the key to success, quite frankly, is our ability to sell the pianos at the end of the loan period. We were able to do that last year, and I have every confidence it will happen again."



Tina and Ken Swanson at their store in Bellingham.

Krista Bryant photo

The Western Foundation, the university's fund-raising arm, calculates the value of the loaned instruments at about \$100,000 a year. Music department chairman David Wallace believes the educational value of the program, which Yamaha sponsors throughout the United States, is beyond calculation.

"One example of what this has meant to our music students," Wallace said, "is a piano performance major who turned down a full scholarship to the Eastman School in Rochester to stay at Western."

Swanson is a Portland native who studied music in Chicago, moved to Longview, then to Bellingham in 1988 to purchase his business. "With Yamaha's support," he said, "I'm able to en-

hance what I quickly learned was an outstanding music program at Western."

Another recent gift that will benefit cultural activities and the arts came from former art education teacher and community leader J. Ruth Kelsey.

Kelsey gave \$50,000 earlier this year to expand funds she established in 1984 and 1990 to support art scholarships and to provide art materials.

Last year, at age 90, she was honored at the opening of a Viking Union exhibit of paintings she had done between 1939 and '41 of Nez Perce Indians. The works are now part of the Indian heritage collection on the Colville Reservation.

## Science building "unique"

Western is pioneering a "unique" way to teach America's students about science, math and technology, says former astronaut George D. "Pinky" Nelson.

Calling science and technology literacy "extremely important," for students at any age, Nelson helped unveil the new, \$15 million Science, Math and Technology Education building this fall.

The facility is outfitted with state-of-the-art computer, video and science tools and will be used primarily by science and education majors.

It is the university's most visible commitment to reforming the way elementary and high school students — and college students — learn science, math and technology.

"This building is an example of what should be going on all over the country," Nelson said during the Sept. 19 ceremony.

Teaching all kinds of science and technology subjects to students of all ages is "incredibly important" he told viewers in a KVO5-TV interview, "especially now, in a world that is getting more technological, more and more complicated."

"People have many different jobs in their lifetime, so it's just critical that our kids today gain a scientific literacy by the time they're through school."

Nelson is associate vice provost for research at the University of Washington and interned at Western as an American Council on Education fellow.



Jon Brunk photo

Ryan Wiggins dodges opponents from the University of Puget Sound.

The Vikings 15-game winning streak was broken Oct. 26 when they lost to archrival Central Washington, 34-20. Before that, Western was undefeated for the season; victorious in 22 of 26 contests; and held the school record of 15 consecutive regular season wins.

## Basketball teams shoot to win

Normally, talking about three Cs in a college atmosphere is talking about being average, about getting by.

But men's basketball coach Brad Jackson (12th year, 218-127) says focusing on three Cs can be the foundation of success for the Vikings this season.

Those Cs aren't grades, of course. They're things Jackson wants his team to develop — concentration, confidence, and consistency.

"Those things are really important for us," said Jackson. "Our players need to concentrate on playing as a team and recognizing our abilities, the things we do well. If they do that, they'll gain confidence in each other

and in themselves."

Jackson is bringing that message home to a very different squad than a year ago. Only one starter returns from last year's 17-13 team that reached the semifinals of the Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference playoffs. However, four other players who saw significant time are also back.

The women's team, which was 26-7 last year and won the Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference championship, has a number of key players back, including seven returning letter winners from last year.

The Lady Vikings were ranked No. 5 in the preseason national poll.

Returnees include forwards Shannon Grandbois, an honorable mention all-American in 1994-95, and April Saunders; guards Kristy Eggen and K.C. Mattingly who hit a school-record 87 3-pointers.

Coach Carmen Dolfo, though, will be building a new identity for the team, especially with the loss of guard Heidi Van Brocklin to a knee injury.

"We learned what it takes to get there," Dolfo said of Western's first national appearance since 1989. "We've got a number of players back who were key in that process, yet it's very hard to repeat what you've done. We have to find our own identity."

# Investments in Excellence

## Alumna donates island property to Shannon Point Marine Center

As young girls, Patricia L. Swenson and her sister, Margaret Green Siegley, both Western graduates, shared "the special joy" of the water, tide pools and abundant marine life on their family retreat overlooking Mosquito Pass on San Juan Island.

Their father, Stephen H. Green, had purchased the land and a small log cabin, named *Chez Nous* by its French builder, in 1948.

As adults, they brought their husbands frequently to *Chez Nous*. The entire family thoroughly enjoyed the saltwater setting, long walks on the beach, trips in Green's skiff and the constant parade of marine traffic on the broad expanse of Haro Strait.

"Now I'm the only one of the family left," Swenson said. "I couldn't bear to sell to just anybody. I wanted *Chez Nous* to be treasured, treated with loving care, and preserved always for those who follow. This is what Western will do."

Swenson has donated the treasured family property to Western for use as a Shannon Point Marine Center study site. Under her agreement with the university, the natural ecology of the area, which includes 200 feet of beach and tidelands, is to be preserved.

Swenson earned advanced degrees, including her doctorate, at Columbia and New York uni-



versities. She made the gift to "her first university," Swenson said, because she "treasures the mind-enriching experiences" she had at Western.

Welcoming the property, appraised at \$550,000, Shannon Point Director Stephen Sulkin said: "This biological reserve is a very valuable contribution to our capacity to educate students in the marine sciences and to support research on the local marine environment."

He noted the site has different habitat types and greater oceanic influences than Shannon Point's own beachfront on the Guemes Channel near Anacortes. "It will become increasingly difficult to find undeveloped study sites for marine research and teaching," Sulkin said. "Maintaining this

site in its natural state will assure future generations of students and faculty of the opportunity to gain a better understanding of our valuable marine systems."

A Portland resident, Swenson managed KBPS AM and FM, radio stations licensed to the Portland public schools, and was a long-time member of the Board of Directors of National Public Radio. As public funding for public schools has declined in Oregon, she is securing grants and leading private fund-raising efforts to keep the stations operating.

Among her many programming achievements, she takes "special pride" in organizing community volunteers to read the Sunday "Oregonian" and



### Merci!

Pat Swenson is donating her beloved "Chez Nous" to the university for use as a marine study site. She is shown at left in front of the family cabin in 1995, and above, at a recent gala for KBPS in Portland.

other metropolitan newspapers on the air as a service to the visually impaired.

As an unofficial adviser to Western's FM station, KUGS, she provided staff and students with insights about the operation and licensing of school-related stations. Swenson has been an active volunteer for the Alumni Association for more than 20 years and is currently regional coordinator for the Portland/Vancouver area.

"My professional life has been in education and public service," Swenson said. "*Chez Nous* has been a family treasure. It is very satisfying that it will be preserved in a way that will serve education and the public good."

## Record-setting campaign concludes with alumni appeals

Dec. 31 marks a significant milestone in the history of Western Washington University — the completion of the Campaign for Western. By that date, Western's first-ever comprehensive fund-raising campaign will have generated a record level of private support for campus programs.

The campaign began July 1, 1993 with a goal of raising \$18 million for five key initiatives including teaching enrichment, scholarships, the arts, international programs and ongoing annual support. When completed, the campaign will have benefited virtually every area of campus.

More than 16,000 alumni and friends have contributed to the campaign thus far. Alumni and friends who have not yet made their campaign commitment have until Dec. 31 to do so.

All gifts and pledges made during the campaign time period will count toward the campaign goal.

The campaign's final phase is currently under way with a goal of expanding Western's base of annual support. Alumni and friends can support the campaign by responding to direct mail appeals or when contacted by student callers during the Annual Fund Phonathon.

Increasing alumni donor participation is a primary campaign goal because of its influence on Western's standing in rankings of colleges and universities. In *US News and World Report's* annual quality rankings, alumni donor participation is reflected as "alumni satisfaction" and weighs heavily in the overall rankings. Eleven percent of Western alumni contribute annually.

For donors with special tax considerations, Dec. 31 also presents the last date to make charitable contributions deductible in 1996. All gifts to Western should be postmarked no later than Dec. 31. Gifts arriving after Jan. 1 will be counted in 1996 if postmarked before the new year.

Donors who face significant capital gains taxes from the sale of appreciated assets are encouraged to consider the benefit of gifting appreciated property or assets to Western before Jan. 1. The Western Foundation regularly accepts gifts of stock, land and other appreciated property. Gifts of this nature can result in a substantial tax savings to donors.

For more information, call (360) 650-3027.

### THE CAMPAIGN FOR WESTERN

"Opening Doors to Tomorrow"

# Accent on Alumni

## “Think global, stay flexible”

### Keys to success for multinational executive

**M**ulticultural thinking is a family tradition with alumnus Horst-Otto Gerberding ('79), CEO and chairman of the Board of Dragoco Gerberding & Co. AG, the eighth largest fragrance and flavor manufacturer in the world.

Based in Holzminden, Germany, the firm — which posted sales of DM468 million for 1995 — was started in 1919 by his grandfather. In 1956, his father established a U.S. branch. Since Horst-Otto assumed leadership in 1981, the company has expanded into Asia, Latin America and India.

“Because we are a global company, it was important for me to spend some years in the United States,” says Gerberding of his decision to come to Western to study. “The United States is an important market (18 percent of Dragoco’s sales), so I wanted to know how Americans think and function.”

Gerberding came to Western in 1975 and lived in the Fairhaven residence hall complex where he found students “very laid back.” Living in the Pacific Northwest gave him a new perspective. “People have a different approach from Easterners,” he says. “They are more concerned about nature and natural beauty. There’s a relaxed atmosphere.”

A business administration major, Gerberding met Bellingham businessman George Knowles through Rotary International. “It was the beginning of a lifelong friendship,” says Knowles.

The two families visit each other every year or so, and Knowles was best man when Gerberding married. The Gerberdings now have two daughters and a son who range in age from 15 to 9.

He also maintains a friendship with economist Peter Harder, a professor in the College of Business and Economics.

Gerberding regards his time at Western as valuable, personally and professionally.

“If you’re interested in business, it is a big advantage to spend time in the States to study. The teaching is more practical,” he says, adding that understanding the American mentality is very important for the global business person. “America is the number one driving force in



Tore Ofteness photo

Horst-Otto Gerberding

business,” he notes. “If you know the way of life and thinking, it helps in dealing with American customers.”

He believes study abroad helps American students understand how complicated the world outside of the United States can be. “The United States is a unique closed market ... with one currency. Business is becoming global so you have to deal with other nations’ cultures,” he says.

“The experience of living in another country is a big advantage, not only for doing business but also because you become more tolerant.”

Awareness of cultural preferences in tastes, fragrances and cosmetics is critical to Dragoco’s product development and marketing on a global scale.

“As one of the world’s leading producers of fragrance compositions, flavors and cosmetic raw materials ... we belong to an industry which, like few others, is shaped by individual and cultural preferences. We respond to the cultural diversity of our target groups and the distinctive characteristics of our markets by maintaining regional centers throughout the world,” he notes.

In the development of new fragrance creations, Dragoco uses a team of 10 fine fragrance artists working together between the company’s creative centers in Paris and New Jersey.

Food flavorings are carefully developed and tested to appeal to different cultural palates. Being on top of trends is essential.

So is agility. “We are in a unique position ... [with] all the facilities and resources of the industry leaders, but because of our size and private ownership we can react very quickly and we are very flexible in our approach,” Gerberding says.

Taking Dragoco public while maintaining family control has been Gerberding’s recent challenge. The company issued preferred stock in 1993. Plans call for listing on the German stock exchange by 1997, with the family of owners expected to retain the majority.

“With this system,” he explains, “we are able to raise additional cash for future investments without losing control.”



Tore Ofteness photos



Some 116 runners took part in the Homecoming 5-K fun, including Alumni Association President Ray Foster ('84) and Kelly Guise ('91), above. At Canada House, alumni socialized with Emeritus President Dr. Charles “Jerry” Flora and Dr. Robert Monahan, former director of Canadian-American Studies. Above left, Monahan shares a laugh with the Stark brothers and their wives, left to right: Dick ('60) and Ardith ('64) Stark and Judy ('61) and Jack ('59) Stark.

## HOMECOMING 1996



Lyle ('70) and Vicki Morse served salmon to about 350 alumni and family who watched the Vikings defeat Linfield 32-14.



More than 500 alums, students and others watched the fireworks and bonfire across from Fairhaven College. Above, on left, Jim DeWilde ('86) with his son Liam and Bart Griffith ('81), right, with sons Dylan and Charley.



# Class Notes

**1958** - Peter J. Hallson is president of Diversy, a significant supplier of water treatment products and services.

**1960** - Gary Cleasby retired from the White River School District. He taught music at White River High School, White River Middle School, Elk Ridge Elementary and acted as the district's music coordinator for a number of years. He had been with the district since 1967.

**1962** - Dick Nicholl is the head football coach at Mercer Island College. His son, Chris, is a wide receiver for the Vikings.

**1965** - Bunny Cummins started a new job in tourism development with the Seattle-King County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

**1966** - Arden Negley was honored as "Teacher of the Year" by the Mt. Vernon students and the Rotary. He teaches five classes of American History and is the assistant golf coach at Mt. Vernon High School. He has been at Mt. Vernon High for 30 years.

**1967** - James H. Dumont (and '69) has taught history and political science at the College of New Caledonia in Prince George, B.C. In a career change, he has put the economics he learned from Dr. Mischaikow to work in his new career with RE/MAX.

**1968** - Gary Patterson has left retirement to accept a one-year contract as interim superintendent of the Cle Elum/Roslyn School District. ... Richard Hunt has been named interim principal of Rogers High School in Puyallup. ... Rich Tucker was named associate dean for student-funded programs at Spokane Falls Community College.

**1969** - Howard Chermack received the 1996 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from Edmonds Community College.

**1971** - David R. Grein was elected to vice president of real estate investments by the

board of directors of Fisher Properties Inc. He joined the company in 1992 as director of development. ... Jeff Allan Sawyer retired with 25 years of service from the Vancouver State Patrol traffic detachment.

**1972** - Sean O'Meara has been working as a park ranger for 3 1/2 years in Pioneer Square at the Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park. He has been a national park ranger for 6 years. ... Lynne M. Galligan has joined the GE Research and Development Center as a technical director in Niskayuna, N.Y.

**1973** - Michael J. Dobb has worked for the Pierce County Parks and Recreation Department for 10 years. ... Christine Kerlin has been named director of registration and admissions at Everett Community College.

**1975** - Kathleen Sayce has been selected by the Willapa Alliance as science

director. Sayce is active in several professional organizations, including the Ecological Society of America, the Oregon and Washington Native Plant Societies and the Physiological Society of America.

**1976** - Mary Brown-Mason has been named program manager of the Washington State Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Support Services. She will manage two programs which provide technical assistance to disadvantaged businesses and contractors specializing in heavy highway construction.

**1977** - Wayne R. Hale is chairman of the Primary Aluminum Producer Association in the United Kingdom and is on the board of directors of Antor Menai, a governmental body that provides monetary grants and other assistance to small businesses. ... Dr. Charlene Berquist has been selected associate dean of the Graduate College at Southwest Missouri State University. ... Rick Jones

has been the superintendent at Ocosta schools for four years.

**1978** - Gary Benson, a corporate/editorial photographer, has had an image, "The Yellow House," chosen for a full-page national ad by Tony Stone Images, a stock picture agency in Seattle. The ad was in *Creativity Magazine* and *Communication Arts Photography Annual* (37).

**1979** - Jennifer McLerran is a doctoral candidate in art at the University of Washington.

**1980** - William Huebner retired from the White River School District. He had been the assistant principal at White River High School since coming to the district in 1981. ... Richard V. Rice has been promoted with the Kellogg Co. to director of American stores sales. He joined the company in 1982.

**1981** - The Rev. Mark Galbraith has accepted a position as Lutheran campus pastor at Wisconsin State University. ... Tom Raley has joined the insurance firm of Bell-Anderson in Bellevue.

**1982** - Dave Wilson recently joined Cable Plus Management Company of Bellevue, a privately-owned and operated telecommunications company as controller. He worked in public accounting for four years, and then for McCaw Cellular before joining Cable Plus. ... Nancy Walbeck, arts editor and staff writer for *The Anacortes American*, won first place from the Washington Press Association and a third-place national award for a series of stories on the death of Burl Ives. ... Margaret Metzgar working with Hospice in Hermiston, Ore., offers instruction to help those in a position to help grieving children. ... Darcie Nielsen has been a senior planner for long-range planning since 1991 with San Juan County.

**1983** - Sharon G. Card is a professor of nursing at Okanagan University College in Kelowna, BC.

**1984** - Steve Rupp has been appointed sports editor at *The Bellingham Herald*.

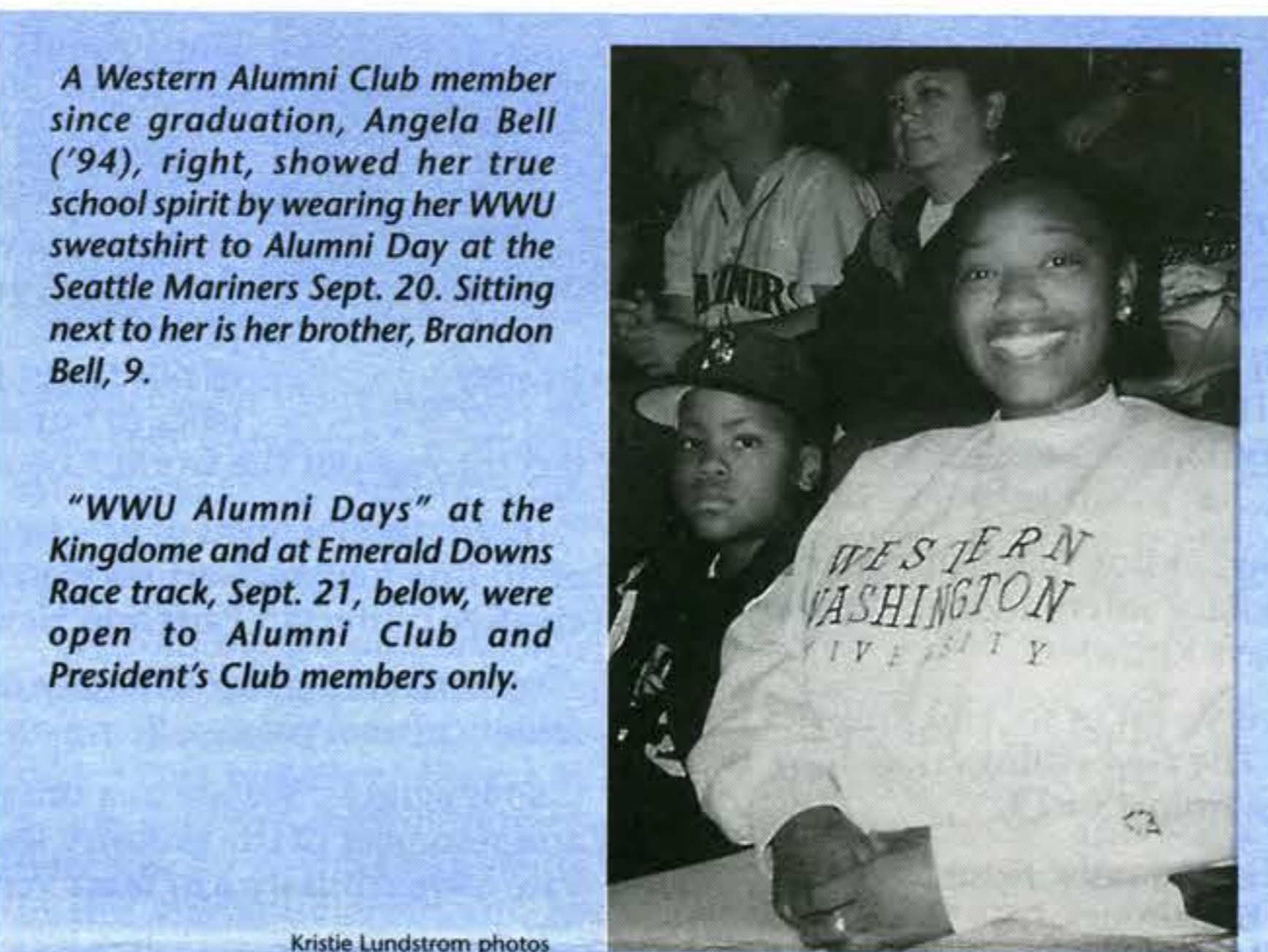
**1985** - Karna Monaghan has been with Dania Home Furnishings as a sales associate for 10 years. ... Diane Blake was honored as the "Teacher of the Year" by students and the Burlington Rotary. She teaches English and Home Economics, is the English Department chairwoman, Burlington School District writing coach, activities director, Student Body adviser, Senior Class adviser, and Skagit Valley Interhigh adviser.

**1986** - Kenneth Monaghan has been with Molen Co. of Seattle, providing technical sales of plastic material supplies to manufacturers, for the past two years.

**1987** - Jon E. Einarsen has been awarded a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Calgary. He lives in Bellingham where he is affiliated with W.D. Purnell & Associates. ... John Eminger has purchased 49 Degrees North Ski Area in Chewelah. ... Mary Beth Sternberg has been directing community and fringe theater in the Seattle area for the past five years. She is currently directing "Mrs. California" and "Twilight of the Gods" for the Burien Little Theater. In May she will direct "How the Other Half Loves" at the Driftwood Players in Edmonds. ... Heidi Grant Murphy performed at the Bellingham Festival of Music. ... Charles Curtis Clarke received his master of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia.

**1988** - The Rev. Jerry Walters returned to Bellingham to preach at the 20-year reunion of Central Lutheran Church's pastoral interns. His home church is Zion Lutheran Church in Roundup, Mont. ... The Rev. Jerry L. Chandler has accepted the position of associate pastor at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, Ore. ... Jeff Arntzen is an associate attorney with the law office of Roger L. Ellingson in Blaine. He also teaches part time in the paralegal department at Skagit Valley College. ... Michael Perry has joined the Everett office of Piper Jaffray Inc. as an investment executive.

**1990** - Tricia (O'Donovan) Johnson is



A Western Alumni Club member since graduation, Angela Bell ('94), right, showed her true school spirit by wearing her WWU sweatshirt to Alumni Day at the Seattle Mariners Sept. 20. Sitting next to her is her brother, Brandon Bell, 9.

"WWU Alumni Days" at the Kingdome and at Emerald Downs Race track, Sept. 21, below, were open to Alumni Club and President's Club members only.

Kristie Lundstrom photos



## Tee tourney a benefit for scholarships

Some 107 golfers took to the links at Shuksan Golf Club in August for the second annual WWU Alumni Golf Classic.

Using a scramble format, the 27 foursomes fanned the fairways, bunkers and greens to produce a splendid day of golf while showing loyalty to Western and raising money for the alumni scholarship program.

Overall winner of the tournament, as well as in the Open Division, was the team composed of Blair Murray, Jon Sitkin, Craig Allen and Scott Rorvig — with a score of 59.

Second place in the Open Division went to David Moore, Lance Calloway, Kurt Harvill and Paul Rautio with a 61. Third place, also with a 61, was the team of Ken Miller, Greg Forrest, Erin Sundean and Perry Griggs.

First place in the Women's Division went to the team of Beth Cooley, WWU President Karen Morse, Robin Russell and Charmon Odle with a 76. Second place went to Becci Camp, Marci Hanson, Bellen Saturay and Shelly Hymer with an 82.

In the Coed Division, the team of Carmen Dolfo, Joe McArthur, Dan McPhee and Tim Nicholas took first with a score of 62. In 2nd place was Bob Gundred, Fred Mabbott, Jean Rahn and William LeBow. Third place in the Coed Division went to Lynda Goodrich, Steve Brummell, Rob Smith and Steve Card.

The Alumni Association thanks all of this year's participants, as well as the numerous local businesses who served as tee sponsors and others who donated prizes for the event.

Plans are already under way for the third annual tournament, set for August 1997.

## WEDDINGS

- 1971 Paul Madison married Geraldine Forsberg Aug. 24.
- 1973 Randy Zielinski married Lisa Dresker July 13.
- 1989 Dortha Hustoft-Hamman was married to Amson Hammon in Nigeria. Jacqueline Marie James married Scott Thomas Reed Aug. 3.
- 1991 Keli Melin Rodside married William Robert Niegemann Aug. 3. Stephanie Kay Davis married Eric Scott Aplin Aug. 3 in Las Vegas.
- 1992 Melinda Seibel and Eric Jacobson were married May 18 in Yakima. Amy Suzanne Gray and Jonathan Robert Wall were married Aug. 17.
- 1993 Jennifer Lyn Cole married Benjamin F. Colson June 22.
- 1994 John William McKinney married Laurie Anne Swanson July 28. Cynthia Anne Heim married Timothy Patrick Hall July 20. Daniel Zapatka and Jennifer Messer ('96) were married Aug. 3. Jason Fredrick Lind married Cara Ann Larsen ('95) June 22.
- 1995 Dan Oliva married Stefany Crabree June 29 at Hillcrest Chapel. Shannon R. Hupp and Mark P. Escandon were married June 29. Kari Kristine Chandler and J. Michael Schwark were married Aug. 3.
- 1996 Christine Kennedy and Michael Swartwood were married Aug. 10. Allison Kay Schiro married Troy Bruschetto Aug. 3.

# Tributes

working for Telepress, Inc. in Issaquah in customer support. She and **David Johnson** (91) became parents to Jordan on Dec. 6, 1995. ... **Jenene Gibbs** joined Whatcom Community College as director of community education. She is responsible for coordinating WCC's non-credit and continuing education programs, including customized training, seminars, workshops and teleconference offerings.

**1991** - **Heidi Sackerson** has been involved with the Bellingham Theater Guild for about 10 years. The guild will hold a benefit performance of "Angry Housewives" to raise money to help cover her tuition to the California Institute of the Arts in Valencia where Sackerson will undertake a three-year master of fine arts program. ... **David Johnson** is working for the city of Tukwila as recreation coordinator.

**1992** - **Kimberly Ann Garcia** received the American Association of Women Dentists' award and a Indian Chicano Clinic certificate for her involvement in helping the underprivileged. She also was recognized for helping people of the Dominican Republic. ... Radio newsman **Art Hughes** joined the news staff at KPLU, covering education and children's issues.

**1993** - **Mark Jones** was named to the ranks of Black Achievers at a banquet June 19 at the Washington Convention and Trade Center. The YMCA Black Achievers program provides an opportunity for corporations to recognize outstanding African-American employees. Selection is based upon the achievers exhibiting exemplary skills and achievement in their field and the desire to be a role model for young people. ... **Lori Corso** has joined Lewis & Clark College as assistant director of public relations. Corso, an award-winning reporter, came to Lewis & Clark from *The Federal Way News* where she was the city reporter. ... **Lt. Douglas A. Zielinski** recently volunteered for the Starbase-Atlantis program while serving with the chief of Naval Education and Training in Pensacola, Fla. The program focuses on the thousands of fourth- through sixth-grade students in the Milton, Fla., area who have lost interest in school. ... **Cathy Sanford** was hired as Issaquah Community Center's youth coordinator. She will help provide fun and safe activities for middle and high school students to attend after school and during the summer. ... **Marc Knepper** has received a Spooner Student Research Grant for a project entitled "Regulation of Larval Cuticle Protein LCP-14.6 by juvenile Hormone in the Tobacco Hornworm." ... **Beth Stickley** joined a bicycling tour from Kalispell, Mont., to Calgary, Alberta, sponsored by the American Lung Association. The eight-day, 600-mile trip has participants traversing, by mountain bike, the Continental Divide three times. ... **Gretchen Landin** and **Valerie Pallasch** have been selected to serve on the Opportunity Council as Americorps Volunteers in Service to America. Landin will spend the next year organizing a free program to increase quality, accessibility and affordability of child care in Island County. Pallasch will conduct a community-wide needs as-

essment of low-income residents in Whatcom County. ... **Sandra Heinke** performed in the inaugural season of the Music at the Manor series at Lairmont Manor.

**1994** - **Deborah Wilbur** is now the owner and teacher of Kiddie Kampus Preschool in Pullman, Wash. She spent the preceding two years substitute teaching in Whitman County and counseling during the summer at primary camps. ... **Jason Vogel** has opened Antonio's Formal Wear, a tuxedo store, in Tacoma. ... **Kelli Polyak** was recently promoted to director of programs at the Campus Boulevard Corp. in Philadelphia. Her responsibilities with the nonprofit economic development consortium are to help develop a program and raise \$1 million for a Small Business Incubator and Enterprise Center, to foster a diverse business mix in the Philadelphia region. ... **Eileen "Missy" Beierman** will join the middle school in Ephrata as a math and social studies teacher. ... **Ted Shepardson** has joined the Center for Counseling & Health Resources, Inc. ... **Sheila Bricker** pedaled 6,000 miles through Europe earlier this year. ... **Carole Teshima Morris**, librarian for *The Bellingham Herald*, joined the newspaper's Editorial Board.

**1995** - **Brandon Miles** joined Moss Adams as a staff accountant in the auditing department. ... **Erika D. Nelson** recently completed the Marine Corps' adjutant course. The adjutant is the commander's staff officer, responsible for personnel and legal administration. ... **Eron Berg** was appointed to the La Conner Planning Commission. He is the youngest person serving as a planning commissioner there. He also owns an ice cream and espresso shop in La Conner. ... **Ellen Hartstirn** joined a 600-mile bicycling tour from Kalispell, Mont., to Calgary, Alberta, sponsored by the American Lung Association. Participants traversed the Continental Divide three times over eight days. ... **Ron Mahan** will be the assistant principal at Liberty High School. ... **Aaron Ross** is a first year teacher who will fill a social studies and history position at Ephrata Middle School. ... **Gale Van Nortwick** was at the Olympic Games on a mission for the Salvation Army. ... **Tricia Stephenson** will be teaching a new class, "All About Life," to elementary students in the Spokane area. This is a 20-lesson, life-skills curriculum developed by the King County Department of Public Health to help young people learn how to care about themselves, their families and their community.

**1996** - **Trinity Parker** has joined Rowley Enterprises of Issaquah. ... **Helen Buller** was a summer intern at *The Skagit Valley Herald*, covering Sedro Woolley and general assignment stories. ... **Derek Heinz** will be a part-time English and physical education instructor at Eastmont Junior High School in East Wenatchee. ... **Doug Le Mahieu** will teach history at Sunnyside Christian High School in Sunnyside, Wash. ... **Athabaskan Dian Million** wrote the introduction to a traveling exhibit of native North American and Hawaiian art earlier this year.

## Norm Bright, 86, master runner

Norman Bright ('31), a tenacious runner who raced in marathons and other road races throughout his life, even after losing his eyesight in the 1960s, died Aug. 29 in Seattle. He was 86 and lived in Seattle.



A member of Western's Athletic Hall of Fame, Bright set the American record in the two-mile run (9:12.2) in 1935 and established numerous other age-group records.

At the time of his death, the retired school teacher still held the over-60 record for the 800 meters. He participated in the 1936 Olympic trials and placed 11th at the Boston Marathon in 1944.

In the late 1970s, the Alumni Association and track & field teams established the Norm Bright Road Run, which continued until 1989. Bright, in

spite of being nearly totally blind, ran in every race with the aid of running partners, or guides.

Bright was also an avid mountain climber, and climbed all the major peaks in the United States as well as the Matterhorn in Italy.

Bright received a B.A. degree in education at Western where he was a member of the Amateur Athletic Union. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in English from Stanford University in 1934 and a master's in counseling from Miami University in Ohio in 1960.

He taught school in Washington, California, Ohio and Alaska, and he served as a survival specialist during World War II.

Surviving are a daughter, two sisters and two grandsons.

## Alumni

1920: Leila Airth Webster died July 22. She was 100.

1926/30: Ida C. Anderson died Sept. 22, at the age of 91.

1928: Mary J. Snow died Aug. 4. Vanny Davenport died July 29 in the Anchorage Pioneers' Home.

1947: Harold E. Loop died July 6.

1960: Rudy W. Schmidt died July 15.

1969: Kenneth Ferguson Fayer died Sept. 18.

1971: Robert Henry died in Vallejo, Calif., July 30.

1974: John James Joseph Attwood died Sept. 18 in Hansville, Wash.

1981: Rebecca Ann Ambrose died in Bellingham Sept. 18.

1986: Ron Sloan died June 30.

1991: Christine Gray Walker died in Bremerton Aug. 6.

1993: Robin Stonelake died in April.

## Coach Charles Lappenbusch, 88

Charles F. Lappenbusch, the "winningest" football coach in Western Washington University history, and the coach for four other sports, died Sept. 28 in Enumclaw after a short illness. He was 88.

Lappenbusch coached football for 20 years at Western, posting an 81-62-15 record and leading the Vikings to their only undefeated, untied season in school history in 1938.

He came to Western in 1933 and remained on the faculty in the physical education department until 1975. He served as athletic director from 1933 to 1962.

"Lappy" was perhaps best known as an innovator. His "straight line philosophy" for football and basketball influenced a wide variety of coaches. And he was ahead of his time in the use of vitamins and the development of protective equipment for football.

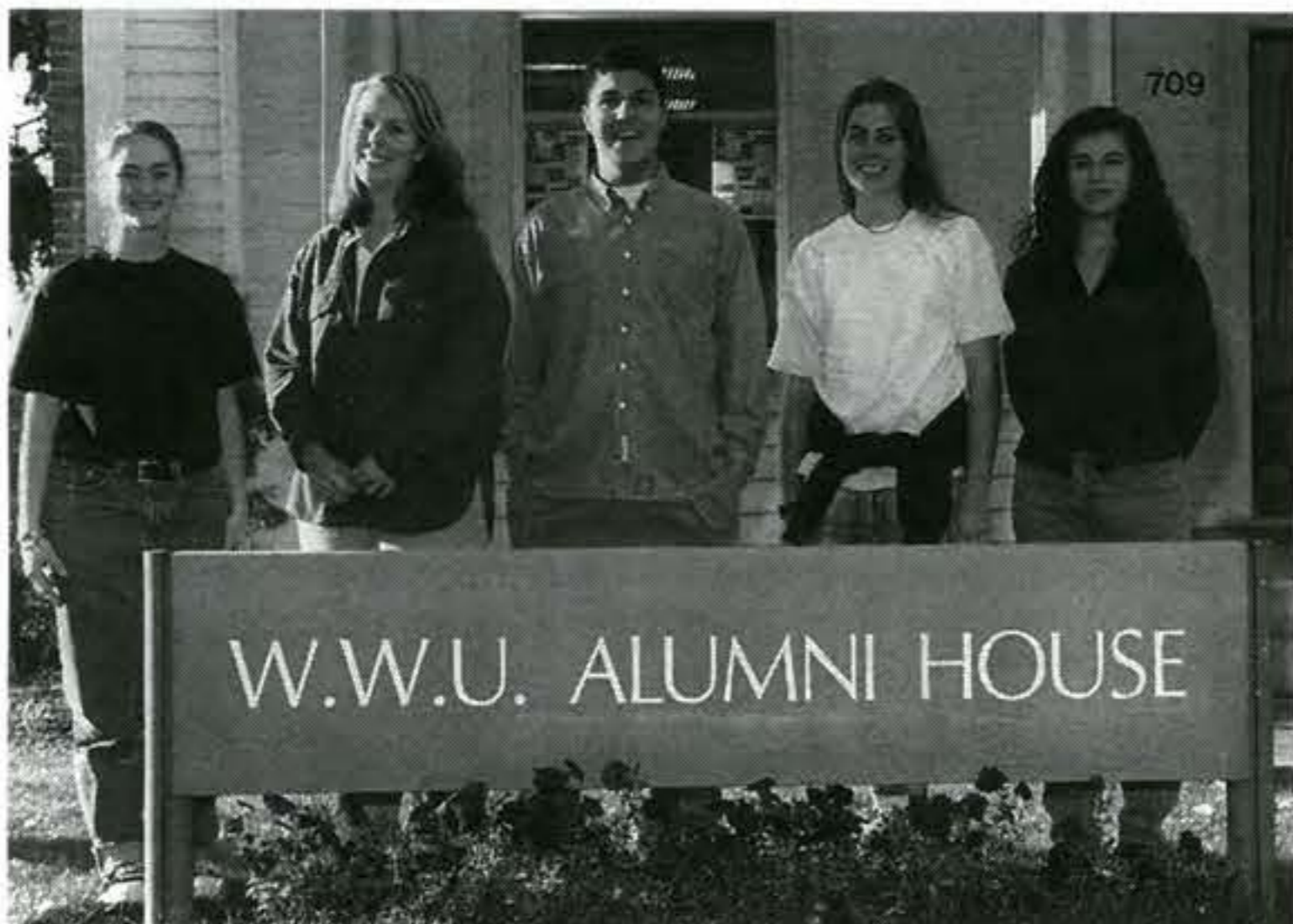
Lappenbusch was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1961 and was one of seven charter members of the Western Athletic Hall of Fame. He published a number of books, including *Football-Straight Line Philosophy (Kill the "T")*; *Football-Straight Line Philosophy-Offense*; and *Basketball-Straight Line Defense*.

Lappenbusch held bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Washington where he earned All-American honors in football as an offensive guard in 1932. He also attended the University of Puget Sound after graduating from Buckley High School in Auburn.

## Faculty and Staff

Gene E. Vike, retired chair of the department of art and a professor of studio, art, painting and drawing from 1962 through 1993, died Sept. 10 in Bellingham. He was 68. Memorials may be made to the Western Gallery.

Former Viking Union custodian Mildred Johnson died Sept. 19 in Bellingham. She was 76.



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This year's Alumni scholarship recipients, from left to right: Shannen Loucks, Jessica Larson, Gabriel Galanda, Brooke Budnick and Veronica Cortes. Not pictured: Jennifer Kay, Tram Pham and Colleen Craddock.



# Calendar

## December

- 3 8 p.m., the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet at the PAC Concert Hall. (360) 650-6146
- 7 Recreation Alumni banquet. Also, football quarterfinals
- 14 Football semifinals
- 21 Football finals

## January

- 9 San Diego Alumni dinner
- 10 Phoenix Alumni dinner
- 11 Sun City Alumni dinner
- 17 "Big White" ski weekend, Kelowna, B.C. Call (800) 676-6885 by Dec. 13 for information and reservations.
- 27 Opening of Mel Chin's "Inescapable Histories" exhibit at the Western Gallery. Through Mar. 15
- 31 Olympia Alumni at Fishtail Ale Brewery. Also, 8 p.m., the St. Petersburg String Quartet plays at the PAC Concert Hall on campus, (360) 650-6146

## FEBRUARY

- 1 Portland Alumni gathering, 5-7 p.m. at "Rock Bottom"
- 9 3 p.m. Montreal Danse takes center stage at the Mainstage, (360) 650-6146
- 21 8 p.m. New England's Vellinger String Quartet performs in the PAC Concert Hall, (360) 650-6146
- 22 Vancouver, B.C., Alumni dinner

## March

- 1 8 p.m. Chorovaya Akademia fills the PAC Concert Hall with a cappella music, (360) 650-6146
- 5 7:30 p.m. Tony Stoppard's comedy of academic manners, "Arcadia," presented by the Department of Theatre Arts. The Mainstage through Mar. 9. (360) 650-6146
- 13 San Francisco Alumni dinner
- 14 Los Angeles Alumni dinner
- 15 Santa Barbara Alumni dinner
- 21 8 p.m. The Mummenschanz dance troupe on their farewell tour on the PAC Mainstage. (360) 650-6146

## April

- 16 Mark Plotkin, noted ethnobotanist, 5:30 p.m., PAC Mainstage. Also the traveling exhibit, "Rediscovering the Landscape of Americas," opens in the Western Gallery. Through June 7
- 18 College of Business and Economics Alumni reception. Also, at 8 p.m., the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center performs works for piano, winds and soprano in the PAC Concert Hall, (360) 650-6146
- 19 Life member dinner cruise on Lake Washington
- 28 Wildlife researcher and educator Jane Goodall speaks at 5:30 p.m. on campus. Free tickets available at (360) 650-2829 after Jan. 6.

## May

- 2 8 p.m. Peruvian guitarist Jorge Caballero makes his West Coast debut in the Concert Hall, (360) 650-6146
- 2-3 40-year and 50-year reunions for the classes of '47 and '57, on campus
- 14 The Department of Theatre Arts presents Chekov's "The Cherry Orchard" on the PAC Mainstage. Through May 18
- 16 Distinguished Alumni dinner on campus.

## The Distinguished Lecture Series

The Distinguished Lecture Series brings two respected environmental researchers to campus in April. The series is titled, "Visions That Shape Our World."

**Dr. Jane Goodall**, the legendary primatologist who has studied chimpanzees in the wild for 35 years, is the author of six major books, countless articles and the recipient of numerous awards. She will speak at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 28 in Carver Gym.

**Dr. Mark Plotkin**, an ethnobotanist whose research on the medical knowledge of indigenous peoples of the Amazon rain forest has been featured in numerous television specials, will speak at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 16 at the Performing Arts Center.

The lecture events are free, but tickets are required. Two tickets per person, per event will be available Jan. 6 at the Plaza Cashier or through the Cultural Affairs office.

Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Cultural Affairs, Mail Stop 9041, Western Washington University, Bellingham, Wash., 98225.

## Turning Points Lecture Series

**"WINNING ATTITUDES OF OLYMPIC ATHLETES"**  
Tuesday, Jan. 14

Sports psychologist and US Olympics consultant Ralph Vernacchia shares his research and observations on the key mental attributes that enable elite athletes to excel in national and international competitions.

**"THE 2.5 PERCENT SOLUTION"**

Tuesday, Feb. 11

Violet M. Malone, a motivational speaker and faculty member of the Woodring College of Education, talks about the small percentage of people who adapt to and adopt innovations well before their time.

**"WHEN FEAR TAKES OVER: THE NATURE, CONSEQUENCES AND TREATMENT OF MEDICALLY-RELATED PHOBIAS"**

Tuesday, April 8

Internationally acclaimed researcher and Psychology Professor Ronald Kleinknecht discusses phobias that prevent people from seeking medical diagnostic and treatment procedures such as injections and blood draws.

**"VISUALS, VOCALS & VERBALS:**

**THE 3Vs FOR MORE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION"**

Tuesday, May 6

Robert Keiper, originator and instructor of the "Teacher as Actor" class at Western gives a multimedia presentation, focusing on the verbal and nonverbal communication skills and techniques applicable to many activities and professions.

All lectures are free and will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Old Main Theatre. Parking is available in lots 17G and 31G, behind the Ross Engineering Technology building on East College Way.



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Alice Aycock's fountain at the new science complex was inspired by tantric drawings.

California, Arizona and British Columbia alumni: you will receive a special invitation, with times and location, for the alumni events in your area. We look forward to bringing a small piece of Western and Bellingham to you. For other locations and events, call for details: (800) 676-6885.

Western Gallery hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.

Audiophone tours available for Outdoor Sculpture Collection. Call (360) 650-3963.

For performing arts tickets, call (360) 650-6146.

For athletic events, call (360) 650-3109.



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Dean Takko ('72) and wife Debra took advantage of his Alumni Club membership at Alumni Day at the Seattle Mariners. Dean has been a member four years. Thanks, Dean!



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