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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 Coretta Scott King and Linda Wertheimer, a concert by the Mingus Big Band and performances of Betrayal and Tartuffe.

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 productions, 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, scholarship, 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.
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.
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."

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 enhance 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.

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 Grandillo, 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 bring 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 replace what we've done. We have to find our own identity."

Campus Connections

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 KVOS-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 president for research at the University of Washington and interned at Western as an American Council on Education fellow.
**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 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 to visit the island," 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 universities. 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 longtime 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 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.”

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**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 Phoronathon.

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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 KUPS in Portland.

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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.
Multicultural 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 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.”
**Class Notes**

1958 - Peter J. Hallson is president of Division as a significant supplier of water treat
ment 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 - Benny Cummins started a new job in tourism development with the Seattle-King County Convention Bureau.

1966 - Arden Negrey was honored as “Teacher of the Year” by the Mt. Vernon stu
dents 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 Col
gress of New Caledonia in Prince George, B.C. In a career change, he has put the econom
cs he learned from Dr. Michalakow to work in his new career with RE/MAX.

1968 - Gary Patterson has left retirement to accept a one-year contract as interim su
perintendent for the Cimbrum/Rio School District. ... Richard Hunt has been named interi
principal of Roger High School in Payette. Rich Tucker was named associ
dean for student-funded programs at Spokane Falls Community College.

1969 - Howard Shearman received the 1956 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from Edmonds Community College.

1971 - David B. Green 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 direc
tor of development. ... Jeff Allan Sawyer retired with 25 years of service from the Vancouver State Patrol transit detachment.

1972 - Sean O’Meara has been working as a park ranger for 4 1/2 years in Pio
near Square at the Klondike Gold Rush Na

1973 - Michael J. Bobb has worked for the Pierce County Parks and Recreation Department for 10 years. ... Christine Kerlin has been named director of regis
tration and admissions at Everett Communi

1975 - Kathleen Sayce has been se
nt to the Wilgus Alliance as science ad

**Tee tourney a benefit for scholarships**

Some 107 golfers took to the links at Shuksan Golf Club Aug. 27 for the second annual WWU Alumni Golf Classic.

Using a scramble format, the 24 foursomes fanned the fairways, bunkers and greens to provide a spade of fun while draw
ning 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 com
posed of Blair Morgan, Jon Stikits, Craig Allen and Scott Renovig — with a score of 59.

Second place in the Open Division went to David Moore, Lance Calloway, Kurt Harvill and Paul Mark P. Escandon 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 Forrest, Erin Sundean and Perry Griggs.

In the Coed Division, the team of Carmen Dolto, Joe McArthur, Dan McPhee and Tim Nicklan took the first place with a 62. In 2nd place was Bob Courind, Fred Mabbott, John Rahn and William Lefo. Third place in the Coed Division went to Lynda Goodrich, Steve Brummbell, Rob Smith and Steve Card.

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

Plans are already underway for the third annual tournament, set for August 1997.
working for Teleplex, Inc. in Issaquah in customer support. She and David Johnson (97) became parents to Jordan on Dec. 6, 1999. — Jennifer Kibbie joined Whitcomb 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 teleconferencing offerings.

1991 - Heidi Sackerson has been involved with the Bellingham Theater Guild for about 10 years, the Guild with a belief that performing "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 Tulalip as recreation coordinator.

1992 - Kimberly Ann Garcia received the American Association of Women Dentists’ award and a indian Chicanos 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 1 at the Washington Center.

TheVuCA Black Achievers program provides an opportunity for corporations to recognize outstanding African-American employees. Selection is based upon the achievements exhibiting exemplary skills and achievement in their field and the desire to be a role model for young people. — Leil Corso has joined Lewis & Clark College as assistant director of public relations, Corso, an award-winning journalist, is the son of Be- nita & 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 chef of Naval Education and Training in Pensacola, Fl. The program focuses on the thousands of fourths- through senior-grade students who attend school and during their summer. — Marc Knepper has received a Spousal Student Research Grant for a project entitled “Regulation of Luteal Cells and the LH-Related Hormone in the Tobacco Hornworm.” — Beth Stiekler joined a bicycling tour from Kalispell, Mont., to Calgary, Alberta, sponsored by the American Lung Association. The eight-day, 600-mile trip has participants traveling by mountain bike like the Continental Divide three times over.

— Gretchen Landin and Valerie Pallasio have been selected to serve on the Point Arena Regional Council as American 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 Mendocino County. Pallasio will conduct a community-wide needs assessment of low-income residents in What- com County. — Sandra Heinke performed in the inaugural season of the Music at the Mansioneries at Laumont Manor.

1994 - Deborah Willmar is now the owner and teacher of Kiddie Kamp 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 Antoine’s Formal Wear, a tuxedo store in Tacoma. — Kelli Polisky 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. — Elleen "Missy" Osterman will join the middle school in Ithaca 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 Boss 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. — Eren 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 Hartston 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 Horne was at the Olympic Games’ commission for the Salvation Army. — Telea 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 Bowling Green Women’s Basketball-Straight Line Defense. — Helen Bullen was a summer intern at The Saggy Willow-Herald, covering Sedro Woolley and general assig­nments. — Kathy Kelma will be a part-time English and physical education instruc­ tor at Eastmont High School in East Wenatchee. — Doug De Mahieu will teach History at Sunnydale Christian High School in Sunnydale, Wash. — Althebacon & Clark from Ant­onien Million wrote the introduction to a travel­ ing 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 a 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 1940.

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

1939: Leilah Arth Webster died July 22. She was 100.

1942: Ada C. Anderson died Sept. 22, at the age of 91.


1960: Rudy W. Schmidt died July 15.

1969: Kenneth Ferguson Fayer died Sept. 18.


1986: Ron Sloan died June 30.


1993: Robin Stolnake 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 Emsouclaw 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-Americans 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.

Tributes
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 ethnomedicinalist 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 ATHLETE" Tuesday, Jan. 14

Sports psychologist and US Olympics consultant Ralph Vernaccia 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 Kleinnecht discusses phobias that prevent people from seeking medical diagnosis and treatment procedures such as injections and blood draw.

"VOCALS, VOCALS & VERBALISM: 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.

 Became a member four years. Thanks, Dean!

Dean Takah (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!