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A gala evening

Top: Western Foundation president F. Murray "Red" Haskell marked the conclusion of the campaign and the gala banquet April 5 by presenting university president Karen Morse with an oversized check for $23,614,928.68.

Center, clockwise: Others at the gala included Helen Hostetter ('38); David Cole ('84 and '86), Microsoft vice president; master of ceremonies and trustee Robert Helsell, community volunteer of the year; and Russ Wilson ('79) alumni volunteer of the year.

Bottom, left to right: Craig Cole ('74); Charlotte Chalker, chair of the board of trustees; Morse; Leslie Keller, Associated Students president; and Matthew Martin, a junior majoring in sociology, enjoyed the reception in a huge, white tent outside Carver Gym.

Campaign tops goal, alumni and friends donate $23.6 million

S cholarships for students have doubled. Access to technological resources by students and faculty has dramatically improved. And more than 500 established and new campus programs have received added financial support.

That's just part of the story behind the largest fund-raising campaign in the history of Western Washington University.

With the three-year private fund-raising effort officially concluded, the Western Foundation and the campus community in April celebrated the receipt of gifts, pledges and deferred commitments of $23.6 million to the Campaign for Western. That's $5.6 million more than the original $18 million goal.

"Thanks to the outpouring of support and leadership shown by campaign donors, virtually every aspect of campus life has been strengthened," said campaign chair F. Murray "Red" Haskell. "Donors can take great pride in knowing their investments have truly made a difference in the overall quality of programs available for Western students."

In total, nearly 19,000 alumni, parents, friends, faculty and staff, corporations, foundations and organizations contributed.

The campaign, launched on July 1, 1993, targeted five key initiatives: scholarships, the arts, international programs, teaching and research enrichment and annual support.

Among numerous new programs funded during the campaign are a mathematics education laboratory, journalism computer laboratory, international economics lecture series, programs in economics education and women's studies, and an endowment from Western parents for the "Mapping a Road to Success" service that focuses on selection of majors, career choices, and internship and job searches.

Under Haskell's leadership, more than 200 alumni and campus volunteers gave their time, energy and ideas to the campaign.

"We are grateful to those who have led this campaign, and to the thousands who have joined with us in opening doors to tomorrow for our students," said Western President Karen W. Morse. "Their generous support will help provide excellence in education well into the 21st century and, in many instances, make a Western education available to students, who otherwise, would be unable to receive it."

Haskell also thanked the large group of donors.

"It is impossible to list all the ways in which these contributions have made, and will continue to make, a difference in the quality of education available to Western students," he said. "From the smallest to the largest contributor, campaign donors have provided tangible evidence of their belief in Western and the future of its students."

Campaign brings scholarships, speakers, artists and technology improvements to WWU campus

Campaign highlights include:

- More than $6 million for new scholarships, primarily in the form of permanent endowments. The total more than doubles the number of awards available at the start of the campaign.
- An infusion of new technology and other support for academics and research, with gifts totaling $11 million. Notable among the gifts were software throughout the campus provided by Microsoft and 80 Western alumni employees; 21st-century electronics engineering instrumentation; underwriting for marine biology and water quality research; and curriculum development support for the new pace-setting Science, Mathematics and Technology Education facility.
- An expansion — by $2.3 million — of artistic and cultural endeavors. Support is increased for the highly successful Western Foundation and Edens Hall Distinguished Lecture Series, which have brought such noted personalities as Coretta Scott King, Neil Postman, Jane Goodall, Noam Chomsky, Shirley Chisholm, Mark Plotkin and Linda Wertheimer to campus.
- Nearly $4 million in annual gifts, many of which came from alumni donors to the Western Annual Fund, Viking Athletic Association donors, and members of Western's Presidents Club.
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An on-line discussion group for WWU alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends is an easy and fun way to keep up with colleagues and fellow alumni. Recent discussion topics have included everything from football to campus legends to the new turf and lights on the athletic field behind Carver Gym.

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Briefly

"All American" Wade Gebers kicks off at the Dec. 21 championship game in Savannah, Tenn. Also shown are first-year student Ryan Seiden (43) and sophomore Tony Carr (48).

FOOTBALL PLAYERS MAKE "ALL AMERICAN" TEAM

Last season was one of unquestioned success for Western's football team. The Vikings posted an 11-2 record, setting a school standard for most victories in a season. They won three playoff games, reaching the championship game of the NAIA Division II National Playoffs. They won the Columbia Football Association (CFA) championship, claiming back-to-back league titles for the first time since 1924. And they had a school-first eight players named NAIA All-Americans.

"What made the season so rewarding was that our accomplishments were made despite having more injuries than in any other year," said Western head coach Rob Smith (8 years, 56-23-1), who was named both the CFA and American Football Coaches Association College Division Region V Coach of the Year for the second straight time. Nine of the 22 opening-day starters missed at least three games.

Selected NAIA first-team All-Americans were wide receiver Chris Nicholi and place-kicker Wade Gebers, both seniors. Offensive guard Todd Waldner (Sr.) and linebacker Mark Spencer (Jr.) were named to the second team. Center Matt Cross (Sr.), running back Ryan Wiggins (Jr.), defensive end Coley Beamam (Sr.) and defensive end Chad Ronauba (Jr.) earned Honorable mention.

PROJECT WE CAN IS A "PROMISING PRACTICE"

Western's "Project WE CAN" continues to serve as a model for alcohol abuse prevention programs. The U.S. Department of Education cited WE CAN as an "exemplary" program last year. Now WE CAN is one of 12 comprehensive programs appearing in the "Promising Practices: Campus Alcohol Strategies Sourcebook" as a model for colleges across the nation.

Last fall, 633 students, or 20 percent of those living in university housing, signed contracts saying they won't possess, use or be under the influence of tobacco, alcohol or drugs on their floor or other substance-free floors in campus residence halls.

The university program, which also trains student "lifestyle advisors," was featured on ABC TV's Good Morning America, Sunday on Mar. 16.

PRESIDENT MORSE WINS CHEMISTRY AWARD

University President Karen W. Morse received the Francis P. Garvan-John M. Oliphant Award, one of the American Chemical Society's highest awards, recognizing distinguished service to chemistry by American women chemists.

The award committee cited Morse as "a wonderful role model for all chemists" and commended her research on the chemistry of boron. She established a unique bonding mode between copper and tetrahydroborate, a commonly used industrial compound.

Morse has been awarded three patents for compounds showing potential for alleviating arthritis pain, lowering cholesterol and fighting cancer.

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Passionate about success?

To be the best you put your mind to it. Ralph Vernacchia says you must have a strong concentration and a strong commitment to succeed. "Expect the Best," he says. There's no such thing as failure. When you make a mistake, don't beat up on yourself, he advises. "Mistakes are the building blocks to success," he says. "If you are not willing to risk a lot, to fail positive self-talk: Practice the techniques over and over. "I think there are everyday people, right in front of you, doing great things that we don't recognize," he says.

Great basketball players, for instance, play all year round, every day simply "because they like to," he says. "The personal commitment to that activity is quite obvious." Here are five areas Western's basketball team concentrated on this year. See if they apply to your life:

Develop a positive team atmosphere: Simply put: getting along with those around you is a key factor that will help you throughout life.

Set specific goals and priorities: Your true priorities are reflected in how you spend your time. Jackson says. Learning how to manage your time well is critical for following through with your goals.

Create a "Highlights" film in your mind: Visualization is practiced by athletes, performers, lawyers and all kinds of successful people. Jackson says he's been visualizing his successes all through his career. "I remember as a player, oftentimes shot, 'Hey, I have been here before. I feel as I went up for a jump shot, 'Hey, I have been here before. I'm going to make it," he says. Anticipate and Prepare for Adversity: Realize the road to success isn't always smooth. "Almost everyone.. . . . goes through some form of adversity (in life). The question is, how are we going to deal with it?"

Or are you a "2.5 Percent"?

Not all successful people do it by the book. Woodring College of Education Professor Violet Malone talks about the traits of innovators, who make up only 2.5 percent of the population. See page 4.

Legislature and governor tackle education budget

Education at all levels, including that of public baccalaureate institutions, has commanded the attention of the 1997 Legislature whose major task is crafting a two-year operating budget. As I write this in mid-March, there's no way I can predict the outcome of the effort.

However, I can tell you that after campaigning as an education candidate, Gov. Gary Locke restated his commitment with his first gubernatorial fiscal plan, declaring "education would be my priority in word, deed and budget." He proposed spending $2.9 billion for higher education, including the best budget for Western we've seen in more than a decade.

His proposal included money for increased enrollments (333 more students for WWU in 1997-98); improved salaries for faculty and staff (proposed raises of at least 2.5 percent per year for all state employees, and additional raises for faculty); increased levels of financial aid ($25 million more for the State Need Grant program and $5 million more for the State Work Study program); and moderate tuition increases for resident undergraduates of 4 percent next year and 4.3 percent the second year.

He shared his proposal with an enthusiastic crowd of more than 700 at a town meeting held during his campus visit Feb. 27. His proposal was also warmly received by lawmakers in both chambers. The ensuing debate over important educational issues may make 1997 a banner year for public education.
Campus Connections

Gov. Gary Locke, left, revealed key features of his higher education budget during a visit to campus Feb. 27. University President Karen Morse, right, presented him with a baby jogging suit for Emily Nicole Locke, born 10 days later. The University also offered Baby Locke a conditional letter of admission to the university beginning fall quarter, 2015. "In order to accept this offer of admission," the letter said, "you must love and respect your parents, and be a happy person. We also hope you experience life to the fullest." The letter went on to invite Baby Locke to tour the campus when she is able. "While our student-coordinated STAR program will gladly assist you in making arrangements, they are unable to change diapers on the tour," it said. Locke also toured the new science facility and held a town meeting with students, faculty and staff.

U.S. Sen. Patty Murray toured the Woodring College of Education computer laboratory Feb. 21 before introducing her bill, the Teacher Technology Training Act. The bill supports increased computer literacy for teachers like the future ones she chatted with here. Murray called Woodring, a "leading institution in the Northwest" for teacher technology education.

Success: starring "2.5 percenters"

Guidelines for success, like those used by physical education, health and recreation professor Ralph Vernacchia and basketball coach Brad Jackson (see page 3), may help most people in their endeavors.

Then there is the 2.5 percent of the population whose successes, ideas and innovations defy logic and scientific method. They are the people Violet Malone describes as irritating, unpredictable, creative loners—who are critically needed if a community is to grow and survive in our rapidly changing world.

The Woodring College of Education professor and Turning Points lecturer says communities need to be aware of this small but important group of innovators.

Although they are often pegged as unreasonable and difficult people, research has shown that the "2.5 Percenters," with their venturesome spirit, curiosity and creativity often provide the "2.5 percent solution" to a problem, according to Malone.

They are the risk-takers, usually unconventional people in early to middle adulthood, with a high tolerance for change, Malone says.

They are the ones who have the latest computer technology, who often interrupt meetings with questions like, "But why can't we...?" Or they may be ministers who exasperate their congregations because they won't give direct answers. "They always give you possibilities, and how are you going to get to heaven on a possibility?" she asks.

Gift sparks memories by former fifth-grade teacher

Mary Alexander Beselin ('20) doesn't remember many of the fifth graders she taught at Garfield Grade School in Everett in the 1920s. But something about young Maynard Parks, stood out.

A few years ago, Beselin read a story about Parks, a retired railroad executive and decorated Army veteran, in Western's alumni newsletter. He had donated his home on Lake Samish to Western.

"I said, 'I taught that boy,'" Beselin recalled. "He stood out in my mind. He was always coming up to the desk and asking intelligent questions. I just thought, there's a boy who's going to go places."

Later, she learned the university named a $6.1 million campus building for Parks and his late wife, Patricia. Beselin decided to write Parks a thank-you note for being so generous to her alma mater.

Beselin, 98, and now living in Saratoga, Calif., was surprised to get a phone call one day from the student she taught in 1923 and 1924.

The two kept in touch and finally reunited at a luncheon Parks and his wife, Mamie, hosted in Bellingham last August.

"She came out to our house and we had lunch and reminisced," said Parks.

"It was a wonderful experience," added Beselin, who taught in Mukilteo and Everett for 22 years.

While visiting Bellingham last summer, she also toured the campus she hadn't seen in many years.

"It's wonderful how things have changed," she said.

One of Beselin's sons, Richard Beselin ('65), an Edmonds contractor who specializes in building hotels, is also a Western graduate.

Parks' business degree is from the University of Washington.

Mary Beselin, left, with former student Maynard Parks, and Parks' wife, Mamie.
Investments in Excellence
Fluke Corporation gift provides equipment for high tech engineering testing laboratory

Fluke Corporation, a leader in the electronic design and testing instrument industry, has given more than $277,000 in sophisticated testing equipment to the Campaign for Western to equip a new instrumentation laboratory at Western. Fluke president George Winn and other company officials visited campus Jan. 24 to dedicate the new facility.

The gift includes 12 up-to-the-minute Fluke electronics design and testing workstations for the engineering technology department. New equipment will allow students to test and debug projects with cutting-edge precision.

"In a matter of months, Fluke's generosity has taken a Western program to the next level of excellence," said Western President Karen W. Morse. "It has transformed the technology available to Western students from vintage 1987 to 21st-century capabilities."

According to Fluke's Winn, the company has a long-standing commitment to work with academia on efforts like the Western lab program because tomorrow's technology cannot be taught, learned or developed with obsolete equipment. "If our future engineers are to be successful, they need the tools and training that will give them a strong competitive advantage in the global marketplace," said Winn.

The much-needed lab equipment simply would have been impossible without Fluke's gift according to Kathleen Kitto, chair of Western's engineering technology department. "With the fast-paced changes we've seen in technology over the last 10 years, electronic lab equipment originally installed in 1987 was becoming obsolete and replacement parts were expensive and difficult to locate," Kitto said. "The new lab is a definitely a dream come true."

Thank You
Twenty-Three Million Times!

Western Washington University and The Western Foundation announce the completion of the Campaign for Western - the largest private fund raising campaign in the history of the University. Thanks to support from alumni, friends and the regional business community, the Campaign for Western surpassed its goal of raising $18 million in private gifts to enhance University programs.

Campaign highlights include:

- More than $10.7 million to strengthen teaching and research.
- $6 million in funding for new scholarships and fellowships.
- $2.3 million for artistic and cultural programs.
- $3.8 million in annual support that immediately benefits Western students through gifts to the Annual Fund, Presidents Club and the Viking Athletic Association.
- Future returns from donors who are providing deferred gifts of $5.5 million through estate plans.
- Financial support for more than 500 University programs.

These are but a few of the ways private support has strengthened and enriched Western Washington University. Special thanks to the men and women who volunteered their time, energy and ideas to ensure the success of the Campaign for Western.

Between July 1, 1993 and December 31, 1996, more than 17,400 donors responded with gifts and pledges totaling $23 million. Every gift serves as an important investment in today's students and future generations by providing new learning opportunities and encouraging achievement.

To everyone who has given the University encouragement, confidence and support, thank you twenty-three million times.

President Karen W. Morse
Western Washington University
Focus on ...
Undergrads making waves at Shannon Point Center

Eighth undergraduates are wading into highly complex research at the Shannon Point Marine Center. They're investigating the biological effect of ultra-violet radiation on marine organisms.

With the earth's ozone layer predicted to decrease by as much as 10 percent in the next 20 or 30 years, the students' findings may have important implications for understanding ultra-violet radiation's effect on human and animal systems as well, says Brian L. Bingham, the facility administrator for the Minorities in Marine Science Undergraduate Program, or MIMSUP.

The research, the kind usually undertaken only by graduate students and established researchers, is being performed by select members of racial and ethnic groups under-represented in science and engineering. The 6-month-long program, which ends June 13, is designed to introduce students to academic and professional careers in marine science.

One student is studying how ultra-violet radiation affects the embryonic development of hermit crabs, which are an important food source for fish such as salmon, Bingham said.

Another is testing the larvae of dungeness crabs to determine what effect, if any, increased ultra-violet light has on their behavior and the nutritional value of the phytoplankton they feed on. This work is important because of the commercial value of dungeness crabs.

A third student is studying how ultra-violet light influences symbiosis between the sea anemone, Anthopleura elegansissima, and two kinds of algae that live in its tissues. That research may have implications for scientists studying coral systems and bleaching in other parts of the world, Bingham said.

The students come from schools in New York, Alabama, Washington, Alaska, the Virgin Islands and elsewhere to participate in the unique program. They will present the results of their work at a professional science society meeting in June.

"It's rare to see an undergraduate at these meetings," Bingham said. "Presenting their research to a professional audience will be a good experience for them."

A grant from the National Science Foundation allows the students to conduct their research at the Shannon Point Marine Center in Anacortes where marine and estuarine habitats of Puget Sound are rich and diverse. Other grants, with matching support from Western, have allowed the Marine Center to purchase supporting equipment such as a spectroradiometer, a high-tech instrument for measuring ultra-violet light.

Internships and jobs are hallmark of Environmental Studies

Most college internships take Western students far from the Bellingham campus.

But Aleta Erickson's internship for her B.S. degree from Huxley College of Environmental Studies took her somewhat farther than most.

Deep in the Olympic National Forest, Erickson spent last summer planting trees to gauge water temperatures in the Sitkum River and the South Fork of the Calawah River; taking measurements of the canopy coverage; and studying aquatic invertebrates that make the streams their home. Her mission: to measure in-stream dissolved oxygen levels. Specifically, her goal was to gather information for the U.S. Forest Service which sponsored her internship.

Erickson, who marveled at the National Park Service internship mentor, fisherman and wildlife biologist Phil DeCillis, the National Park Service; the upper South Fork of the Calawah, which has been logged, and others in the Port Angeles area, is the hands-on experience that Erickson is using to pursue a graduate degree at the University of Washington.

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Environmental Science program in Port Angeles

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The real-world experi­ ences for undergraduates have led to jobs, or in the case of some, a chance to present their research find­ ings to a prestigious scientif­ ical group. Cathy Lucero, Steve Britsch ('95), and Amy Bourde ('95), for instance, created a "natural purification system" for agricultural runoff while conducting re­ search in Agnew with Battelle, a division of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. Their prelim­ inary findings on ways to filter animal waste, road runoff and other pollutants were presented to the Inter­ national Soil and Water Conservation Society in February 1996. Under the unique pro­ gram, junior-status students are admitted after complet­ ing prerequisites at Penin­ sula College or other com­ munity colleges. Then they take 90 credits at the WWU Port Angeles Center that will train them for work with land-use planning agencies, federal and state agencies, consulting firms and other businesses. The program also allows them to obtain a four-year degree without leaving the Olympic Peninsula.

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[3] Eighteen students have graduated so far, and another 18 were enrolled in classes as of January 1997.

[4] The majority of students this year are 35 to 41 years old.

[5] This fall, despite the phasing out of the tuition waivers, the number of entering students is expected to grow to 50.


[7] The majority of students in the new major, Environmental Science, will be offered at Olympic College in Bremerton as well as Port Angeles.
Kenneth Moffett, former superintendent of the Lennox School District outside Los Angeles and a 1957 WWU graduate, is the recipient of the 1997 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Moffett, who now teaches at Pepperdine University, was honored in 1994 by the American Association of School Administrators as the National Superintendent of the Year for creating a first-rate learning environment for the 5,800 impoverished students in his district. He also received the California Superintendent of the Year award.

Now living in Manhattan Beach, Calif., Moffett was scheduled to receive the award at a ceremony in Bellingham May 16.

The Sedro Woolley native received a master’s degree from California State University in Los Angeles and a doctorate in education at the University of Southern California.

He worked as a teacher, assistant principal, principal and assistant superintendent in the Inglewood, Calif., school district before being named superintendent in Lennox. A new elementary school building there is named in his honor.

Moffett’s wife, Diane, is an elementary school teacher. Son, Patrick, attends West Point, and a daughter is a University of Oregon graduate currently doing post-graduate work at Boise State.

He was nominated by Joe Malik.

**Accent on Alumni**

**Sun City chapter**

Are you a Western graduate who spends time in Arizona? Phone the Alumni Office and be part of the new Sun City chapter.

Vice president Al Prodenberg and President Karen Morse, below, were welcomed to Sun City in January by 1954 graduates Joyce and Morris “Spud” Miller, to their right. The Millers hosted a dinner at their private club for Sun City alumni.

At left, Kenneth Johnston (’47) and his wife, Margaret (’47), talked with Morse before the dinner.

**Golf classic Aug. 8**

The third annual Alumni Golf Classic will be held Aug. 8. Once again, the tournament will return to Bellingham’s Shuskan Golf Club, rated a four-star course by Golf Digest.

The Alumni Golf Classic is a scramble format with groups of four. The tournament features a putting contest at noon and a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Entry fees of $95 include tee prizes, greens fees, power cart, a finishing barbecue and the chance to win some fabulous prizes.

Last year’s tournament drew 107 entrants and we expect to see that number increase this year. Tournament proceeds support the Alumni Association’s scholarship and success funds.

For more information and registration forms, call WWU’s Alumni House at (360) 650-3353 or (800) 676-6885.

**Grist of Goldsmith**

By Chris Goldsmith, Alumni Director

For the past 20 or so years, the Western Alumni Association has had a number of informal regions established across the country and in a couple of other countries as well. In each of those regions, a volunteer regional coordinator has stepped forward to assist in putting together periodic alumni activities in that region.

As we have reported in past issues of this publication, many of these regions have been busy in recent months with alumni receptions and dinners as well as other activities. During the past year, events were held in Anchorage and Juneau; Olympia; Portland; San Diego; Phoenix and Sun City, Ariz.; San Francisco; Los Angeles; and Santa Barbara.

Alumni living in these areas and members of the WWU Alumni Board of Directors are interested in having our regions become a little more formalized by becoming WWU Alumni Association chapters.

We don’t anticipate this transformation from region to chapter will make any huge changes in the fun gatherings that have taken place. Rather, we think it will allow interested alumni an opportunity to keep Western in their communities all year long, rather than just once a year or once every other year as we have been doing.

In addition, we envision it will produce local newsletters, more frequent gatherings and the eventual ability for chapters to provide scholarship funds, designated for a Western student from their area.

We’ll keep you posted on the progress of this endeavor. In the meantime, if you live in an area where you think there may be enough alumni to form a region or a chapter, let us know. We can check out a geographic area on our trusty database and see how the numbers come up.

Write to: Kristie Lundstrom, Events Coordinator, Alumni House, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, 98225-9199.
Gene Boyd (70) has been a timberman, an English teacher and an athletics coach. For the last 11 years, he has made his living as an award-winning wood carver. The "Bird Man" of Darrington has carved more than 1,000 mallards, herons, wrens, owls, hawks and other winged creatures in his workshop overlooking the Sauk River. Boyd, 49, uses Louisiana tupelo and Malay jelutong and an occasional piece of driftwood.

One of his latest projects includes a 36-inch-long bald eagle perched on a driftwood Boyd found while walking along the river. Boyd didn't take art classes at Western. He began carving as a hobby after suffering a serious injury as a logger.

His sculpture is on display at his studio, Feathers and Wood in gallery in Darrington; the Sheldon/James Gallery in Everett; Wild Wings in Seattle; and Earthen Works in LaConner.

Hageman wins teaching award
Sehome High School history teacher Dave Hageman ('68 and '72) of Bellingham was named Social Studies Teacher of the Year after taking a group of students and teachers on a learning cruise through the San Juan Islands aboard the schooner Whaleboat. Over the last 26 years Hageman has been a teacher in California, Austra-

lira, Japan and Washington state. He has taught grades 6 through university. He is a fullbright Fellow and in 1993 was selected for a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship in History at Princeton University.

1987-83 - Michael E. Edmonson was pro-
moted to the rank of warrant officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and will assume new du-
ties this summer as principal conductor and officer in charge of the Marine Band at Mu-

ch's newest family doctor at the

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Class Notes

The New Covenant Fellowship in Oak Harbor.

Kim Marcus is a geologist with Dames & Moore in Spokane. Marcus is in charge of the office in Spokane as well as the construction of geoscience work in Portland, Ore., and Fairbanks, Alaska. Greg Olsen, a true-cite writer has written two books published this year, "Starvation Heights" in April and "American Woman" later in the year. Kevin Piper owns and runs the Thompson Northwest, in southwest Seattle. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served as well as a wide variety of bakery items. Attractions include 14 varieties of bread items, muffins, cakes, scones, salads and sandwiches.

Robin Russell (81 & 82) has joined Northwestern Trust and Investors Advisory Co. in Seattle as vice president and senior personal trust officer.

1982 - Dale Moon is the 1996-97 Technology Education Teacher of the Year for the state of Alaska. Moon teaches communication technology and principles of technology at Skyview High School in Soldotna, Alaska. The teacher of the year presentation was awarded during a conference in Tampa, Fla., in March. Linda Morley celebrated the 100th anniversary of her Family child-care center.

1983 - Christine Hill performs professionally as a soloist throughout the western United States and Canada. Hill appears at Grays Harbor College and gives private voice and piano lessons.

1984 - Denise Donaty completed her first marathon in Portland, Ore., Sept. 29. She teaches fourth grade in Everett. Tom Hull is the 1996-97 Oregon State Technology Teacher of the Year. Hull teaches junior high mechanics and applied communications at South Umpqua High School. Lynn Rosemary Stennings has been writing poetry for 25 years and won the Editor's Choice Award in the National Open Poetry Contest sponsored by the National Library of Poetry. She has three other poems pending in two other contests.

1985 - Pastor Doug Greer is leading The Lake Church, a new congregation in the Lake Washington foothills. Greer is a member of the Skagit Symphony Orchestra's "Concerto for Huts and Harp." Wittenbach teaches about 30 students the Suzuki harp method, performs as principal harp with the American Symphony and serves as adjunct faculty at WWU.

1986 - Tom Beard has published a book with the Boeing Institute Press entitled "Wonderful Flying Machines." The book demonstrates the problems encountered by helicopter creator, Igor Sikorsky, and chief promoter, Frank Fickelson, in the 1930s developing the helicopter for Coast Guard use. Beard writes with copious knowledge of his subject, having flown helicopters and watched productions for the Coast Guard in the 1970s. Anthony M. George has joined the Kitap Bank as vice president and community director. Therese Annette Treloen Koelmeyer has been hired as executive coordinator for 10 years for the Community Concerns Society in Colombo, Sri Lanka. She is program director, and oversees a large drug treatment program for impoverished village people. She also conducts an after-school program, for about 200 village children and operates a volunteer clinic and sewing school. In 1989 she founded an orphanage and a drug rehabilitation center. Koelmeyer is the wife of Capt. Roger Koelmeyer and mother of two daughters.

... Andy Petersen toured with the Airplane Company and performed in the company's production of "You Like It" at the Spokane Repertory. Lynn Tyrzyna, former director of the small Business Development Center at WWU has accepted a position teaching small business management courses for the school's College of Business and Economics. Nora Whitt (Bar) has recently appointed editor of The Battlefield Dispatch, a quarterly publication of the Battlefield Historical & Museum Association. She can be reached by e-mail at pwvhit@scn.org.

1987 - Vickie Crane was recognized by the Superintendent of Public Instruction as a finalist in the Washington State Teacher of the Year (TOT) program. She has taught second grade in the Lynden School District and is working on her master's degree at WWU. Tom Hogler uses an intern at Capital High School. He will also teach seventh-grade social studies and English. Monte Jarvis is director of biostatistics and medical data processing at Genzyme, designing and analyzing clinical trials for cancer, HIV, Parkinson's disease, AIDS and surgical and diagnostic devices. He is also on the advisory board of Boeing and Newman's Warehouse division. Rich Reim has been hired by Quest for Economic Development as a business development specialist. Reim will provide in-depth business consulting services to start-up and existing area businesses under the Small Development Center, which Quest operates under contract with Wenatchee Valley College. Reim will also manage Quest's contract with the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development. ... Vodopick was recently promoted to the position of manager of the planning division within the Astronomy and Community Development Department. He is responsible for managing the planning division's comprehensive planning processes for Kitsap County. Vodopick was also elected to the position of Western Washington president at the annual meeting of the Washington State Association of County and Regional Planning Directors. Kevin Wahlstrom is the new director of finance for St. John's Medical Center in Langleytown.

1988 - Marc Healy and Lisa, created the birth of their son on April 29, 1996. He is an AIP manager at Microsoft Corporation in Redmond and Brown in Covington. Jay T. Brown has joined the University of Washington as an assistant professor in the department of mechanical and aerospace engineering. His research interests include design of high-performance engines and novel materials for aerospace applications. Rich Reim has been hired by Quest for Economic Development as a business development specialist. Reim will provide in-depth business consulting services to start-up and existing area businesses under the Small Development Center, which Quest operates under contract with Wenatchee Valley College. Reim will also manage Quest's contract with the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development. ... Vodopick was recently promoted to the position of manager of the planning division within the Astronomy and Community Development Department. He is responsible for managing the planning division's comprehensive planning processes for Kitsap County. Vodopick was also elected to the position of Western Washington president at the annual meeting of the Washington State Association of County and Regional Planning Directors. Kevin Wahlstrom is the new director of finance for St. John's Medical Center in Langley.

1989 - Martha C. Cilim who was recently named vice president and chief operating officer of the Custer Battlefield Historical Association and performed in the movie "In Enemy Hands," is scheduled to appear in the movie "The Battlefield Dispatch," a quarterly publication of the Battlefield Historical & Museum Association. She can be reached by e-mail at pwvhit@scn.org.

1990 - Caroline Barwick has been accepted as a candidate in the master of science in business administration program at Johns Hopkins University and was promoted to specialty manager property of the Catastrophe Risk Department of U.S.F & C. Insurance Co. based in Baltimore, Md. Roland Belo has returned to Husky's as a part of the company's Geography group. ... L. Frick Fridriksson recently returned from a six-month overseas deployment to the western Pacific and Indian oceans and Persian Gulf with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit. The Cawich School celebrated its 100th anniversary. The school principal Robert L. McGIll has joined the firm of Ogden Murphy Wallace, McGill is an associate in the firm's municipal department.

1991 - Mike Benedict teaches fifth grade at Pioneer Elementary School in the Quincy Valley School District. Rebecca Cowell will teach first grade in the Kalmia Elementary School District. She has taught second grade in the Tacoma Elementary School District. She served as a kindergarten teacher and primary reading and math specialist in the Gold County School District of Mccalla. Margaret Vodopick has been appointed the general manager of the North Carolina Inn in Bellingham. Dean Lancaster will teach sixth grade in the Enumclaw School District. He has taught in the Enumclaw and White River School Districts. For the past two and a half years he taught at Nisqually University, but he currently has been appointed to the faculty of the University of Washington. ... Desdemone Reid has been the coordinator for homeless veterans with the American Legion since July 1996. ... Ben Santarsini was appointed assistant managing editor at The Bellingham Herald.

1992 - Art Hughes is on the move again, leaving KPU for Minnesota Public Radio. ... Chris Lyon, who handles customer service duties for commercial printing customers at The Reflector in Bellingham, Wash., has been promoted to sales manager. ... Jenny Proctor was hired by Western University's hospital's month by month. Proctor is one of two employees who works on the hospital's employee program for employees. She is an aid at the hospital and works with several teams in Kitsap County. ... Robert W. Rembert has joined the Pullman law firm of two years ago in the past two years. ... Jim Gourley has recently joined Mos Adams in Bellingham as a tax accountant.
The Enumclaw School District. She recently returned from a year abroad as a Rotary Am...
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