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A gala evening

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

Campagne 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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Both students and faculty are conducting important environmental science research at Western.

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Untangling confidence and compose, intense concentration and a strong commitment to succeed: those are the "Four Cs" Professor Ralph Vernachia has observed in Olympic and other high-performing athletes he has studied over the years.

Basketball coach Brad Jackson presents something similar this year, in counselling players to "Expect the Best."

Jackson's 5-point plan emphasizes a positive attitude and giving "total" effort. He encourages players to visualize themselves in an ESPN-style "Highlights" film, giving their best.

Not all things in life are like sports, of course. Many of the skills learned by successful athletes are easily transferable to the work place, to relationships, academics and other areas of life.

How can you find success in your endeavors?

Vernachia, a professor in the Department of Physical Education, Health and Recreation, says his "Four Cs" are interconnected, but no successful person gets very far if he/she doesn't have a passionate commitment to a goal.

"When I look at athletes who have been highly successful, it starts with a love of the sport," he says.

Of course, physical strength and talent are essential ingredients, but only those who also have a total commitment to a goal, who are willing to sacrifice some other area of their life, will be successful, he says.

He cited race walking champion Allen James ('87), whom he coached at Western, as an example of someone so committed to being the best that he put his business career on hold while in training.

While the skills of concentration, compose, commitment and confidence can be learned by anyone, Vernachia warns that deadlines imposed on athletes and other factors are not the same in the "real world." Nor has his research measured any similarities between an athlete's definition of success and, say, a business person's.

"I think there are everyday people, right in front of you, doing great things that we don't recognize," he says.

Brad Jackson, who has coached hoops at Western since 1985, agrees that passion and commitment are key ingredients to success.

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 following through with your goals.
- Give maximum effort/practice positive self-talk: Practice hard and don't worry about failure, Jackson says. When you make a mistake, don't beat up on yourself. Instead, tell yourself how you'll get better.
- "Mistakes are the building blocks to success," Jackson says. "If you are not willing to risk a lot, to make a mistake, you're never going to learn."
- 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, sometimes feeling as if I went up for a jump shot, 'Hey, I have been here before.'"

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?"
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.
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 more than $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.
Focus on ...
Undergrads making waves at Shannon Point Center

Eight 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 faculty administrator for the Minorities in Marine Science Undergraduate Program, or MUSUP.

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 marine science.

One student is studying how ultra-violet radiation affects the embryonic development of hermit crab (Phyllostoma magnivelare) in the intertidal zone. Her work is important because it introduces students to academic and professional careers in marine science.

A third student is studying how ultra-violet light influences symbiosis between the sea anemone, Anthopleura elegantissima, and two kinds of algae that live in mutualistic associations. 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 and operate the spectroradiometer, a high-tech instrument for measuring ultra-violet light.

A veteran of the research is Western Geology Professor Thor Hansen, who has investigated the effects of ultra-violet light on the South Fork Calawah River for several years.

Former student Kevin Polnik did a research project on symbiosis last year as part of the MUSUP program at Shannon Point.

Aleta Erickson

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 oaks 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 stream water chemistry and oxygen levels. Specifically, her goal was to gather information on water quality parameters that affect the survival and growth of juvenile salmonids during the warm, dry summer months.

The 35-year-old Port Angeles resident then put the data into spreadsheets, and later computer graphics, to help her analyze the information for the U.S. Forest Service which sponsored her internship.

Erickson, who marveled at the professional freedom the U.S. Forest Service gave to her research, made some surprising discoveries.

Among them: the water temperatures in both rivers, despite being surrounded by forests with different management systems, failed to meet Washington state water quality standards. (The Sitkum, which has been logged, is managed by the U.S. Forest Service; the upper South Fork of the Calawah River is managed by the National Park Service.)

"It brought up some questions as to how our state water quality standards are what they are," Erickson said, especially considering the South Fork Calawah River is considered fairly pristine.

Within weeks of completing her report, and with a favorable recommendation from her Forest Service internship mentor, fisheries biologist Phil DeCillis, the National Park Service offered Erickson a full-time, seasonal job as a biological science technician. She began work in February, a full year before she will complete her degree in Environmental Policy and Assessment.

Erickson is just one of the many success stories from the Huxley College program on the campus of Peninsula College in Port Angeles.

A hallmark of the two-year program, begun in 1993 and aimed primarily at displaced timber workers and others in the Port Angeles area, is the hands-on experience through internships and senior research projects.

"Last summer, we had more opportunities than students to fill them," according to Dr. Walt Pearson, director of the Port Angeles program.

That's because Western has agreements with Battelle Marine Sciences Laboratory in Sequim, the Olympic National Park, the Department of Natural Resources and other organizations to conduct collaborative research projects and share use of facilities, equipment and expertise.

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Hansen and Kelley's findings, however, didn't support the hypothesis. The drilling rate didn't decrease over time. Instead, it waxed and waned in cycles that coincided with two mass extinctions, one 66 million years ago when an asteroid crashing to earth led to the dinosaur's extinction, and one 32 million years ago caused a dramatic drop in world temperatures due to colloidal glaciers.

So Hansen and Kelley began pursuing their own hypothesis. "Vermellj said, 'There is escalation,' Hansen said. 'We said, 'Yes, there is escalation, but it's occurring in a cycle, and extinction resets the cycle.'"

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Then, they hypothesized, a mass extinction would selectively kill prey whose defenses had improved. Such extra defenses take more energy, so those prey would be most in trouble if an extinction caused a food shortage, Hansen said.

Weaker prey would survive the mass killing, so the moon snail's drilling rate would again rise as the Earth became more hospitable and the number and diversity of species began to increase. The drilling rate would drop off again over time as prey escalated their defenses.

Hansen and Kelley expected to see the cycle coincide with major extinctions 12 million years ago and 2 million years ago. To investigate their theory, they examined sedimentary rock samples 30 million to 50,000 years old. They identified the mollusks and calculated the drill-hole rates. Their branch proved partly correct: the cycle was viable, but mass extinction 2 million years ago, but not at the one 12 millions years ago.

"What held there are these cycles that coincide with the extinction, but we don't know if the extinctions were causing them," Hansen said. "If we know the same cycles elsewhere might suggest whether the extinctions caused the drill-rate pattern Hansen and Kelley observed, or whether it was some other cause. Hansen and Kelley want to sift through sedimentary rock samples in Europe for evidence that the same drill rates and cycles in Ancestry exist there, too. They hope to receive National Science Foundation money to start the work this summer.

The information could provide clues about the Earth's future. "By looking at the effects of the extinction events, they can show us how we can at least get an idea of what we might expect to happen to our world if our extinction rates continue to worsen," Hansen said.

Every year, about 27,000 species become extinct. If that rate persists, 60 percent of the Earth's species are expected to vanish within 800 years.

Environmental Science program in Port Angeles

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The real-world experiences for undergraduates have led to jobs, or in the case of some, a chance to present their research findings to a prestigious scientific group.

Cathy Lucero, Steve Britsch ('95), and Amy Borde ('95), for instance, created a "natural purification system" for agricultural runoff while conducting research in Agnew with Battelle, a division of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. Their preliminary findings on ways to filter animal waste, road runoff and other pollutants were presented to the International Soil and Water Conservation Society in February 1996.

Under the unique program, juniour-status students are admitted after completing prerequisites at Peninsula College or other community 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.

"What struck me is after taking the statistics and water quality courses at Western Washington University, I felt well prepared to do the internship," said Erickson, who was formerly employed as a seasonal Forest Service worker and who received her AA degree from Peninsula last year.

Although she was carefully supervised by her internship mentor, "I was given a great deal of freedom to pursue the objectives of the internship," she said.

"(DeCillis) allowed me to schedule my station checks as I saw fit, and he allowed me the freedom to examine the data in whatever way I felt was necessary to achieve the end goal of having a clear picture of the rivers in terms of water quality.

"... To me, that's an encouragement to do research in the future," she said.

In her new job, Erickson communicates to biologists regularly and has begun assisting a National Park Service biologist on a pilot study and sampling plan to monitor shellfish harvesting activity along the coast.


[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.

[6] Classes leading to a B.S. in the new major, Environmental Science, will be offered at Olympic College in Bremerton as well as Port Angeles.
Accent on Alumni

Kenneth Moffett, former superintendent of the Lennox School District outside Los Angeles and a 1957 WWU graduate, is the recipient of the 1997 Distinguished Alumnus 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.

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 Prodesberg 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

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.
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1967 - Jerry Simich was named Washington Mett's National Association of Secondary School Principals' Principal of the Year. Simich is a candidate for the 1997 National Principal of the Year award.

1969 - Ramona Curtis (74) is the new principal at Olympic View in Seattle. Curtis has been a physical education specialist, science and technology specialist and classroom teacher.

1971 - Barbara MeCowan (and '76) was honored by the Washington State Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. MeCowan is a 15-year veteran at the Schmitz Park School in Seattle. James A. Riehl is the presiding judge of the King County District Court. Riehl has been a member of the district court bench for 14 years.

1972 - Wayne Lee, a public information specialist with the city of Seattle, has been named a winner of both the 1966 William Stafford Award in Poetry (for his poems "Tulip Stringed Lute") and the 1966 Dancing Poetry Award (for "Dancing Raven Woman.").

1976 - Gary & Cherie Leyritz recently celebrated the wedding of their daughter, Kelly Leyritz, '91, to Chris Corman, '92. Another daughter, Tracy (Leyritz) Bundy, '88 and her husband, Ron Bundy, '89, were expecting a baby in January. ... Capt. Edward Tevrick, Ret. Navy, is teaching a Naval Junior Reserve Office Training Corps program at South Kitsap High School. Tevrick was selected from among 96 candidates to head up the NROTC program.

1979 - John Javineen has been the Issaquah High School soccer coach since 1975. Javineen's girls soccer team made it to the County Conference playoffs for the first time in seven years. ... Gayle Ostermeyer-Haft has been promoted to the position of vice president of corporate services for the Victorinox Swiss Army of the Northwest, which services King, Snohomish and Skagit counties. ... Ann Rabbock-Williamson ('73/76/89) was chosen to present a paper on " Anthropogeology" at the international Conference of specialists in San Francisco. Rabbock-Williamson was able to make a presentation at the April National Science Teachers conference in New Orleans.

1979 - Mike Hawley has been appointed interim sheriff for Island County. Hawley has served in law enforcement for nearly a decade and joined Island County Sheriff's Office in 1988. ... Tina Nunnally was honored as a prestigious Governor's Writers Award from the State of Washington for her first novel, "Jija". ... Ramona Curtis is principal at Olympic View in Seattle.

1982 - Ray Barrager has joined the real estate offices of John L. Scott in Bellingham. Barrager recently retired from the U.S. Army. ... Janis L. (Walker) Corn moved from Austin, Texas, to Seattle, R.O.C., in 1995. Corn is a preschool teacher for the Taipei Youth and Family Program association, teaching 4-year-olds from all over the world.

1987 - Richard Mdver is also executive director of the Washington State Alliance for Forestry Council. Erickson said one in seven state offices of John L. Scott in Bellingham. Mdver was appointed in 1988.... Tina Nunnally was named the State Secretary for the past 20 seasons, recorded the 300th victory of his tenure last March. ... Lawrence M. "Lynn" Smith has been promoted to Kitsap Bank, Gig Harbor Branch. Smith was elevated to vice president and manager. ... Mark Soine will leave his position as city councilman to become city attorney in Everett. Soine will be in charge of organizing the legal department, which consists of about a dozen full-time attorneys and support staff plus a half-dozen attorneys who work on contract.

1993 - Mark Assimond is in his second year as the mayor of Bellingham. He modeled aprons at a benefit auction during the Allied Arts' annual Soup Festival in March. ... Mark Soine has been appointed in charge of the Marine Band at Marine Corps and will assume new duties this summer as principal conductor and officer in charge of the Marine Band at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

1998 - Erich Parce has been promoted to the rank of warrant officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and will assume new duties this summer as principal conductor and officer in charge of the Marine Band at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

1999 - Tim Allen ('83) is concluding his sixth consecutive year directing the forensic program at Western. Next year, he will commit to a more regular basis to mountain climbing in the Himalaya and South America. Allen has found his years with the forensic team both extremely rewarding and very exhausting. However, "It's time for some new blood," he says. He leaves the program filled with pride that Washington has positioned itself atop the pinnacle of Northwest intercollegiate debate. ... Leon Berman hosts KCMU radio's "Bird Man" of Barrington this summer. ... Bob Taylor, formerly the Skagit County Administrative Officer, joined MacGregor Publishing Company ("Pland Book" publishers) as vice president and chief executive officer. ... Bill Linnekin has joined the Northwest Independent School District for the past 20 seasons, recorded the 300th victory of his tenure last March. ... Jerry Simich is the new principal at Olympic View in Seattle. Curtis has been a physical education specialist, science and technology specialist and classroom teacher.

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Class Notes

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1990 - Caroline Barwick has been accepted for candidacy in the master of science in business administration program at Johns Hopkins University, and was promoted to specialty property manager by the Catastrophe Risk Department of U.S.F&G. Insurance Co. based in Baltimore, Md. - Roland Beineke took over as principal of Geneva Hills Pathfinder School. - Kratzig and Mark Holz on Sept. 21. Kelli Kratzig and Mark Holz on Sept. 28.... Bill Christopher and Rondi Strand on Aug. 17.... Michelle Orton and Mark Holz on Aug. 3. - Michele Orton and Charles Hold on Aug. 17.

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... Tracy Edmondson, CPA, has joined A.J. Smith to work as a tax accountant. Lynn Granstrom teaches school high school completion courses through Everett Community College.
... Thanks to Granstrom's classes, 44 adults have earned their high school diplomas during the last five years. Ken Hutchins earned a law degree from the University of Washington last June. ... Kathy Hausenfluck has been named the director of physical education at Eastmont Junior High School. Hausenfluck has extensive travel and study abroad credits that help communities destitute by civil war reclaim land, build sustainable communities, promote literacy and work with women's empowerment.
... Amber AJT Smith has been promoted to post-production manager for Pro Video Productions in Seattle. Her responsibilities include overseeing all aspects of post-production; training, supervising and evaluating editors, as well as quality control of all post-production projects, industrial, and event clients. ... Colin Wilcox is the copy editor for the Independent newspaper in Port Orchard.
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... Marcia A. Garcia is the founder and managing partner of Ageless Fitness, LLC, a fitness and aerobic studio in Sedro Woolley. Kaye Sterling has accepted the position of executive coordinator in Seattle. Goens is leaving San Juan County after 15 years of service. ... Kim Snyder and Barbara Judd-Thompson have sold the Enumclaw School District. She recently returned from a year abroad as a Rotary visiting scholar. She teaches at Antioch New England Graduate School in the northern division. ... Debbie Sigauw is the new executive manager of the Key Bank in Blaine.
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