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It's 10:30 a.m. on a warm summer's day, and about four dozen elementary and high school teachers are gathered inside Western's new science complex, experimenting with a plastic bag full of magnets, small magnetic compasses, batteries, wires, light bulbs and clips. Physics Professor Jim Stewart has the school teachers combine the wires, batteries and light bulbs in a specific pattern and asks, "Which battery lasts longer?" He gets several different answers. That's OK.

"Ooops!" someone says from a lab table as a miniature light bulb shorts out. "That's OK, too."

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"What did you learn?" he asks.

Over at Canada House, a smaller group of school teachers from all over the United States quizzes history Professor Cecilia Danyks about the French and British colonization of Canada, a country Danyks calls a "pluralistic, social democracy that is very deeply divided."

"I want to feel more comfortable with what I know," says a Grand Rapids, Mich., teacher who has taught world studies to junior and high school students for 10 years but never took a course on Canada in his life. "I feel I'm shortchanged on geography and culture, and especially Canadian history."

Over the summer, hundreds of educators spend their "vacations" at Western, becoming students all over again and learning new ways to excite and stimulate young minds.

From the two-week physics boot camp run by Stewart, to week-long workshops on politics, Canadian-American studies and environmental issues, to the dozens of six- and nine-week classes on everything from building curriculums for Native American students to using HTML on the Internet, Western has long been a summer home for educators.

Woodring College of Education also hosted the prestigious National Educational Computing Conference in Seattle this summer where nearly 8,000 educators gathered to learn the latest on technology in the classroom.

A tradition that began in 1899 continues as Western remains a leader in teaching teachers how to teach.

Branch out! An innovative teaching tool

Molly Foote, creator of "Branch Out"

Molly Foote ('97) would never have expected psychology project for Associate Professor Sue Hayes' Occupations and Career Development class to turn into a business venture and innovative teaching tool.

The 26-year-old native of Minnesota with a master's of education in school counseling, is the creator of Branch Out, an interactive game for students of all ages that promotes self-exploration, tolerance, self-expression, relationship skills, group discussion and school and work appreciation.

The purpose of the game is to bring players together through sharing and learning about themselves and each other. Played on a Twister-sized felt game board, with a leafless tree in the center, players take turns answering questions from six categories: work, favorites, abilities and interests, feelings, school and home. When players answer questions they place a felt leaf on the tree.

"The leaf shows students that they are growing, and becoming aware of their different 'branches' or facets of themselves," said Foote.

Branch Out! sells for $350 and includes a 12-week curriculum for teachers and counselors. Foote showed her game to the Board of Trustees this spring, and to the National Association of School Counselors conference in Nashville, Tenn., this summer where Branch Out! got a warm reception, particularly from international schools. She is scheduled to demonstrate her game this fall at an inservice training session for teachers in Richland, Wash.

Each game is hand made by Foote with help from a Benton-Ham area seamstress. The idea is to keep it simple, with a "homey" feel. The game is a hands-on experience that lets teachers and others hear responses from each player.

"I'm afraid of people losing connection because of computers," said Foote. "Branch Out! teaches empathy and how to ask questions."

Foote said the game can be played with families and adults as well. "It's great to play when someone brings home a fiancé — you can really learn a lot about someone new," she said with a wide-eyed grin.

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Briefly

UNIVERSITY RANKS SECOND AMONG PUBLICS IN THE WEST

Western was ranked No. 2 among public regional universities in the West, according to a new survey by U.S. News and World Report. The ranking, along with a first place in the operating efficiency category, appears in the magazine’s Sept. 1 issue as well as in the 11th annual America’s Best Colleges guidebook. The annual survey uses a variety of criteria including academic reputation, student retention rates, faculty and financial resources.

BUSINESS COLLEGE REACCREDITED

The American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business has renewed the 10-year accreditation for the College of Business & Economics’ baccalaureate and graduate programs. The accrediting agency commended the college for faculty accessibility; progress in attracting a diverse student population, faculty and staff; international initiatives and innovative programs. Two specific innovations AACSB cited were “papeterie” (computer-based) delivery of Master of Business Administration courses and the manufacturing management degree.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS DOUBLE

Western offers increased scholarship assistance for National Merit finalists this fall, boosting the four-year $1,000 awards to four-year $2,000 awards for freshman finalists who demonstrate financial need. Funded by The Western Foundation, the higher awards are expected to increase the incentive for high-achieving students to enroll at Western.

TECHNOLOGY FEE AIDS NINE COMPUTER PROJECTS

Seven computer labs will be upgraded and two new ones established this year with $55,000 from the student technology fee. The projects include establishing a geographical imaging lab in Artzen Hall and two exercise science systems for the physical health, education and recreation department.

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Campus Connections

**Vikings seeking long playoff run**

The Western football team has established itself as an NAIA power.

Four times in the last five years, the Vikings have reached the NAIA Division II playoffs, making it to the national championship game last year.

Bob Griese's College Football magazine ranked the Vikings the preseason No. 1 team in the nation in the NAIA.

Coach Rob Smith has built a foundation for success that should last for years to come, but this will be the last time the Vikings play for an NAIA National Championship. Western completes its move into NCAA Division II at the end of the 1997-98 school year. The NAIA itself has returned to one division after 27 years.

While Smith says Western’s first goal is to retain the Columbia Football Association (CFA) championship and win three straight league titles for the first time in school history, the NAIA title is still a focus, as indicated by the team slogan, “Finish It,” selected by the seniors.

“Beginning in 1998, it becomes very difficult to consider the playoffs and compete for a national championship,” said Smith, the CFA and American Football Coaches Association College Division Region V Coach of the Year the last two seasons. “This is the last year we’re guaranteed a good opportunity at the national level,” he said.

“Our first goal is always to win the league championship. ... We wear the title of defending league champions very proudly,” Smith said.

Led by two all-PNWAC performers: senior setter Adrienne Sloboden (Puyallup/Rogers) and junior middle blocker Tanya Price (Duvall/Cedarcrest).

Sloboden, who played every match for the last three seasons, enters her fourth year as the starting setter and is the school’s career leader in assists (3,501).

Western was 11-2 overall last season and won the CFA with a 4-1 record.

Smith said matching the 11-2 mark, or the 9-1 record of 1995, will be difficult.

Luckily, there is a strong core of returners to face the challenge. Six starters return on offense and five are back on defense. Heading the list are five returning NAIA All-Americans, all seniors. Two earned second-team honors: offensive lineman Todd Walcier (Redmond) and linebacker Mark Spencer (Elma).

The other three, center Matt Cross (Coupville), running back Ryan Wiggins (Bremerton/Central Kitsap) and defensive end Chad Rorabaugh (Battleground), received honorable mention.

“We’ve got a good group of seniors who want to go out on top,” said Smith. “We hope they can provide the leadership that championship teams need to have.”

**Point of View**

**Service is an important part of learning experience**

At Western, we have long taken pride in our dedicated faculty and the close-knit learning environment.

We are also a growing leader in community service and student volunteerism, areas which research shows increase students’ involvement in their education and chances for future success.

We have an active service-learning program on campus. Last year, more than 5,000 Western students volunteered 700,000 hours of service through internships, class activities, and service-learning programs. We are also a member of Washington Campus Compact, a consortium of 17 public and private universities and colleges. As chair of the Compact, I provide leadership to the state organization, part of a 520-member national program which encourages this kind of community service.

Students benefit from their giving. Dr. Alexander Astin, director of UCLA’s Center for Higher Education Research, noted the advantages to students of volunteerism and service learning when he spoke at our “Celebration of Learning,” which launched the 1997-98 academic year. He cited increased persistence in finishing college and interest in graduate studies; better critical and thinking skills; stronger leadership skills; and commitment to promoting racial understanding.

Last April, Gov. Locke named me higher education’s representative in the governor’s delegation to the Presidents’ Summit for America’s Future in Philadelphia. The summit was co-sponsored by President Clinton and former President Bush and led by retired Gen. Colin Powell. There we discussed ways of rejuvenating America’s youth.

Western students have demonstrated through volunteer activities that they strengthen themselves while they strengthen their communities. That is why I support increasing service-learning opportunities as a part of Western’s educational experience and as a model for young people throughout our country.
Woodring, with Gates, draws 7,700 teachers for computer confab

Visions of computer-transformed classrooms charmed — and challenged — 7,700 delegates who crowded Seattle's Convention Center this summer for the National Educational Computing Conference (NECC).

The conference was hosted by Woodring College of Education and chaired by Tony Jongejan, Woodring associate professor of instructional technology.

Keynote speaker Bill Gates, Microsoft chairman, addressed a turn-away crowd, then took questions from students and teachers delivered, appropriately, through the Internet.

Comparing the one-genera­tion leap in computer savvy to the economic impact of the Gold Rush, Gates envisioned more accessible, less expensive and more user-friendly "machines" and software in the near future. He spoke of classroom computers that would "learn" students' stumbling blocks so they could be better on-line tutors; laptops brought from school to plug whole families into worldwide learning; and the ever-increasing "richness" of Internet material.

But Gates also enumerated the challenges educators continue to face: limited budgets; innovations that rapidly render equipment obsolete; unwarranted expectations of "overnight impact" on test scores; and too few teachers trained to use existing, let alone emergent, technology.

Greater emphasis on technology education for teachers and librarians was a major theme of the six-day meeting.

During an NECC press conference, Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) called Woodring's teacher technology training program an "excellent" model. That model "needs to be made available at all universities in the country," she said, to lessen the "disparity" between classrooms using technology to enrich learning and those in which it is not used.

Murray visited campus last February to examine the Woodring program before introducing her "IT" (Teacher Technology Training) bill. The legislation requires technology training before teacher certification and recommends it for teachers already in the classroom.

Nearly three years in the planning, NECC '97 drew 3,000 more participants than last year's event, testimony to rapidly accelerating interest in cyberspace-enriched classrooms.

"When the NECC began, 18 years ago, there were 200 participants, mostly university folks," Jongejan said. "This year, the vast majority were K-12 teachers and library media specialists from throughout the United States and 50 other nations."

He added that issues that engaged speakers like Gates and Murray were the same as those being talked about in hundreds of meetings and corridor conversations.

"Classroom teachers and library media specialists want to utilize technology to change the entire atmosphere of learning," Jongejan said. "But they are also very concerned about separating junk from quality — both in the kind of hardware they acquire and the content of programs their students can access."

And educators are concerned that — no matter how advanced the technology — the human element always be kept in sight," he added.

Underscoring Jongejan's point, cultural anthropologist Jennifer James devoted her first keynote to development of human intelligence. Gates received his warmest applause when he called "great teachers the center" of effective learning.

Joint professorship goes to CBE and Huxley

A gift of $250,000 from the Wilder Foundation, matched with $250,000 in state funds, will endow a visiting professorship at Western that will integrate business and environmental studies curricula.

The Wilder Construction Company Distinguished Professorship of Business and the Environment will bring major gifts of prominent professors to campus who have demonstrated a strong commitment to fundamental business and economic decision-making, combined with a sensitivity to environmental perspectives.

The objective of the new professorship is to train business students to take environmental concerns into account and environmental studies students to consider economic implications.

Selection of professors and administration of the program will be shared by the College of Business and Economics and Huxley College of Environmental Studies.

"For too long, there has been a public perception that business interests and environmental concerns are in conflict, even irreparably opposed," said Huxley Dean Bradiey Smith. "In creating this professorship, we acknowledge that common goals exist."

CBE Dean Dennis Murphy added, "To fill this professorship in 1998, we are looking for an individual who has worked productively to serve both the economy and the environment."

President Karen W. Morse said she was pleased that Western will become the site for an interdisciplinary approach that stresses...
Investments in Excellence
Unrestricted gifts allocated for '97-98

The Western Foundation board of directors recently allocated $200,000 in unrestricted gifts for 1997-98 to be distributed through Western's Campus Enrichment Fund. The allocation equals the largest unrestricted grant ever made by the Foundation to the University.

Unrestricted private dollars represent a vital resource for the campus community because they provide flexible funding that would otherwise be unavailable. The majority of unrestricted annual gifts are provided by Presidents Club members and by alumni and friends who contribute to Western's Annual Fund.

The 1997-98 funds will be distributed in the following categories:

• $100,000 for campus technology, to enhance computer-related needs for students and faculty
• $10,000 for music performance and minority achievement scholarships
• $45,000 for community service and community outreach programs such as The Western Foundation Distinguished Lecture Series
• $3,500 to fund awards that recognize outstanding teaching
• $41,000 for faculty enrichment in the form of registration fees for conferences and continuing education programs

During 1996-97, unrestricted dollars distributed through the Campus Enrichment Fund helped more than 250 faculty members attend conferences and seminars to enhance their training and teaching skills. In addition, numerous projects and special events were funded that featured visiting lecturers and provided unique learning opportunities for Western students.

CBE and Huxley team up

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cooperative solutions to common concerns. "We are very grateful to the Wilder Construction Company and to the state's Distinguished Professorship matching program for making this unique approach possible," she said.

Wilder Construction is led by Robert Helsell, a member of Western's board of trustees who chaired the "nucleus" phase of the recently concluded Campaign for Western. Volunteers under his leadership raised more than $15 million.

"EFT" makes giving easy, automatic and painless

Forget to send your Annual Fund check to 'dear old alma mater' last year? Tired of finding those monthly pledge reminders in the mailbox? Out of checks in your wallet? Ready to sort out that jar of coins at home just waiting to be put to use? Thanks to a unique new program offered by Coinstar, those idle quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies can now help strengthen WWU.

Through the "Coins that Count" program, you can contribute coins to Western via Coinstar's automatic donation feature. Coinstar's machines at your local supermarket. The process is convenient and easy to follow. Simply select the "donation" feature, enter the WWU code, 9981, then pour your unsorted coins into the machine.

Each Coinstar machine provides a video monitor with clear instructions, including an index of charitable organizations. The Coinstar machines will then sort and count your contribution and issue a receipt for tax deductions.

New program will benefit Western

Like most Americans, nearly 75 percent of all Western alumni and friends probably have a jar of coins at home just waiting to be put to use. Gifts from the Coinstar program help fuel Western's Campus Enrichment Fund which provides more than $200,000 each year to support many of the University's greatest needs.

There is no fee for using the machine. Participating nonprofits like Western pay a small service fee for each transaction. To locate the nearest Coinstar machine, call 800-928-2274 or visit Coinstar's Internet site at http://www.coinstar.com.

About $7 billion in coins sits on dresser tops across the United States, according to estimates. The average American handles about $600 in coins each year. In contrast, the average annual gift received by Western during 1996-97 was $126.

For more information on this program, call The Western Foundation at 360-650-3027.

Phone Team Celebration

Students from Western's Annual Fund phonathon celebrate the completion of their 1996-97 fund-raising campaign. From October to April, student callers raised more than $330,000 from 7,500 alumni, parents and friends. The phonathon program is Western's largest source of annual donor support and provides vital financial support to colleges and departments. When your call comes this year, remember that your pledge will help the University achieve high standing in quality rankings.

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School teachers acquire 'hands-on' learning.

Every fall, Ann-Marie Henterly ('82) gives the children in her kindergarten class at Deming Elementary School the assignment to draw pictures of rainbows. The five- and six-year-olds eagerly start with a riot of colorful crayons, each making unique arches of gold, sky blue, orange, pink, fire-engine red and lime green.

"They start off painting any old colors," Henterly says. By spring, however, the rainbows will look a lot different — and not so unique.

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Find someone who can describe Ogo Pogo

What makes you sad?

Find someone who can name a popular sport in Canada

Schools in Canada

"By and large, Canada is ignored in the American school curriculum," according to Don Alper, director of Western's Canadian-Studies Program.

Alper believes that's because of the popular misconception that Canada doesn't really impact the United States much. "Of course, that is totally wrong because Canada is our largest trading partner," Alper says, and the two countries share an enormous border. "I think Americans take Canada for granted. It's viewed as not sufficient enough to warrant treatment as a foreign country."

Indeed, Fenderson, who's become an expert on Canada, spends only three weeks of the school year on Canada. "So you have to be selective," Fenderson said.

Glen Boelema, a high school teacher from Grand Rapids, Mich., also feels he doesn't pay enough attention to Canada in his world studies courses even though he's been teaching for 34 years.

"We know so little about Canada in the United States. I feel you really do an injustice to Canada because we don't teach it at all," Boelema said.

Despite being married to a Canadian and having four children with dual citizenship, Boelema said he enrolled in the Study Canada Summer Institute because he hates to see students graduate from his private Christian high school knowing so little about Canada.

"I want to feel more comfortable with what I know," Boelema said. "I feel I'm shortchanged on geography and culture and especially Canadian history."

After listening to an hour-long lecture on Canadian history and diversity by history Professor Cecilia Danysh, Boelema said he found the institute was worthwhile.

"This is just the stuff I came for," he said.

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When was a time that you felt courageous?
Accent on Alumni
Scholarship winners chosen for 1997-1998

Maya Miller, daughter of Cindy Kelso of Rosburg, entered the 1997-98 academic year with a little help from a $1,000 Alumni Board scholarship. A graduate of Naselle High School, Miller maintained a 4.0 cumulative GPA while lettering in varsity volleyball, track and cross country. She was president of the Future Business Leaders of America and Drama clubs, vice president of the National Honor Society, Student Body and Senior Class secretary, and senior editor of the high school annual.

"I eagerly look forward to this part of my life," said Miller. "I believe that education is something that happens to people who want it, and I am one of those people."
The board also awarded scholarships to 11 other outstanding Western students. Like Miller, each recipient showed a strong desire to succeed and demonstrated a diverse background in school and community services.

Two-thousand dollar scholarship winners are:

- Kelly Hogan, a junior human resource management major from Longview;
- Shannen Loccks, a sophomore music education major from Glenoma;
- Anna Mowry, a junior chemistry major from Lynden;
- and Brent Olson, an entering freshman from Camano Island.

Winners of $1,000 scholarships, which are renewable up to three years are:

- Timothy Jolin, an entering freshman from Omak;
- Monita Nhem, a junior transfer student from Longview;
- Mollie Page, an entering freshman from Glenwood;
- Tram Pham, a sophomore manufacturing engineering major from Bellingham;
- Samuel Swartz, an entering freshman from Bellingham;
- Melani Stavana, a junior special education major from Spokane; and
- Malia Walker, an entering freshman from Chichacum.

Elementary school named in honor of Bernice Vossbeck

A new elementary school in Lynden will bear the name of Western alumna Bernice Vossbeck (44).

Vossbeck, 74, taught in the Lynden School District for 21 years and was a principal there for 12. She was the first woman principal in the district.

She earned a bachelor's degree and her principal's credentials at Western and her master's degree in geography at Clark University in Massachusetts.

Vossbeck spent most of her years teaching sixth grade before she became the principal of William A. Fisher Elementary in Lynden. She took off five years in the middle of her career to have a family, two sons and a daughter.

She said she hopes the decision of naming the school after her inspires girls to pursue careers in education and women teachers to become principals.

"I think that's important because I'm the first woman principal in the school system," she said.

Since retiring in 1985, Vossbeck has kept busy supporting the Lynden Pioneer Museum and the city's parks and trails. She also supports groups that provide scholarships and promote libraries.

Alumni Directory is on its way to you

By Chris Goldsmith, Alumni Director

Since graduating from Western, you may have tried to get in touch with an old classmate, only to find that the last address or phone number you had in your telephone list was out-dated. Well, your troubles may soon be over. In the not-too-distant future, a directory of our alumni will be available to help you locate all your old friends from campus.

The new Western Washington University Alumni Directory, scheduled for release in the middle of 1998, will be the first up-to-date and most complete reference of more than 66,000 WWU alumni ever compiled.

This comprehensive volume will include the names of all former students; former names, if applicable; class years; degrees; addresses; phone numbers; business information and more, all bound into a classic, library-quality volume.

A publishing company with whom the WWU Alumni Association has contracted to produce our Alumni Directory will soon begin research and compiling data for it by mailing a questionnaire to each alumnus and alumna. If you prefer not to be listed in this directory, please contact the Alumni Association in writing as soon as possible.

Those who have asked us to keep their alumni records confidential will, of course, not receive this information, and their information will not appear in the directory.

The new Western Washington University Alumni Directory will make finding an alum as easy as opening a book.

Bylaws to be updated in fall

The WWU Alumni Association Board of Directors is expected to amend the association's bylaws at the scheduled fall board meeting.

The first reading of the proposed amendments, which include a new mission statement and updated committee structures, was made at the board's annual summer planning session, Aug. 2, in Blaine, Wash.

Do you know a Distinguished Graduate?

Nominations are now being sought for the 1998 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

The award recognizes a Western graduate for a lifetime of achievement in a particular field or to humanity in general.

Nominees must have graduated from Western or one of its predecessor institutions. All nominations should include a letter of nomination, a current resume/vita, at least three letters of support from persons other than the nominator and any articles, news clippings or other material shedding light on the nominee's accomplishments.

The deadline for submitting nominations is Dec. 31.

Address your nomination letter to: Distinguished Alumnus Award, Alumni House, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9199.
1957 - Gary Kohlvees ('61) retired as superintendent of the Renton School District. Kohlvees was appointed to the post March 1, 1974.

1963 - Barbara Barker Congdon retired after 31 years of teaching, 19 of those at Whatcom Community College. ... Bonnie Glovich was named a committee of school principals and other administrators as "Teacher of the Year" in the Aberdeen School District.

1967 - Richard Asher is the director of the Edmonds Community College Symphonic Choir. ... Dale Scott has been named the top civilian official with the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton. ... George Holmes (M.Ed., '79) participated in the Learning Improvement Team at Mountain View Elementary School in Ferndale. The Federal Department of Education named Mountain View as a Blue Ribbon School, the highest award for excellence in schools. ... Chuck Randall retired from the Arlington School District with 30 years of service. Randall spent more than 29 years in the same classroom, was the track coach for 28 years and taught biology, P.E., math, psychology, earth science and zoology. ... Mark Windbeck was named the Montesano School District "Teacher of the Year." Windbeckler has been with the district 30 years.

1968 - Owen Carter (77 M.Ed.), still recovering from a 1992 car accident, becomes principal of a small K-12 school in Craigville, Alaska. ... Dale Henley, who has been with Haggen Inc. since 1974, is the new president and CEO at Haggen. ... Larry Nelson was appointed to a second five-year term as editor of The Electronic Alt., the electronic newsletter of the Association for Institutional Research. Nelson is director of institutional research and assessment at Pacific Lutheran University.

1969 - Roger Long joined Peoples Bank in downtown Bellingham as vice president and commercial loan officer for the bank's Bellingham region. ... Tim Paschal is the interim superintendent of the Kitsap School District. Paschal has been with the district for 28 years.

1970 - Murray L. Dow, III, is the executive vice president and chief operating officer for the HEI Hotels in Westport, Conn. ... Adolph J. "Al" Ferro Jr. stepped down as the president and CEO of Ferro Inc. in Portland, Ore., and will now help build Agripeace Inc., Epstein's agricultural technology unit. ... Scott is the new school superintendent of the Ridgefield School District in Vancouver. Scott has been an educator for 27 years, including 16 as an administrator.

1971 - Roger Braden, a Wenatchee attorney, has been appointed interim general manager/CEO of the Chelan County Public Utility District. ... Bertella Art Center in Spokane. ... Jeffery Sawyer retired after 22 years with the Washington State Patrol. ... Kathy Shoop ('81 M.Ed.), who has taught in La Conner for the last 22 years, won the Christa McAuliffe fellowship award. Shoop was one of 25 candidates for the award and fellowship which includes $34,000 of sabbatical pay. Shoop plans to use the money to conduct a variety of archaeological projects. ... George Long of Bellingham with Carolyn Casey ('84). ... Jerry Riedesel received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching and an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to meet President Clinton. As part of her award, $7,500 will be donated to her school. Riedesel was also able to attend an art-education tour in Paris.

1972 - Christopher Anderson is a photographer with the Spokane Review. Anderson displayed 40 photographs in April at the Cortin Art Center in Spokane. ... Bertella Hansen participated in the Learning Improvement Team at Mountain View Elementary School in Ferndale. The U.S. Department of Education named Mountain View as a Blue Ribbon School, the highest award for excellence in schools. ... Chuck Randall worked on the Integration Bar Code Project with the Department of Defense, a project to acquire equipment. He was a recipient in the 1996 Commander-in-Chief's Installation Excellence Award and received an award certificate from the secretary of Defense. ... Pam Morehouse was honored at WTVI's Professional Excellence Award ceremony. Morehouse, a kindergarten/first grade teacher at Skyline Elementary School, has taught in Ferndale schools for 23 years. ... Jeri Lea Prange teaches fourth grade at Centennial Elementary School. Prange has been teaching in the Mt. Vernon elementary schools for 20 years. ... Gordon Tucker Jr., an archaeologist, has joined Golden Associates, Inc., to identify and conduct a variety of archaeological projects. ... Martha (Susan) Wallin was named employee of the year by the Excellence in Education Committee in Oak Harbor.

1973 - Joe Ann Riedesel, who teaches at Columbus Heights in Longview, was named the state's top elementary math teacher. Riedesel received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching and an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to meet President Clinton. As part of her award, $7,500 will be donated to her school. Riedesel was also able to attend an art-education tour in Paris.

1975 - Rod Burton of Roderick C. Burton Art Inc. since 1974, is the new president and CEO of the company. Burton has been appointed interim general manager of communications for The 60 Plus Association, a national organization located in Arlington, Va. ... Peter Kun Frary has lived in Los Angeles working in commercials, on stage and television. ... David Cutbirth is director of communications for The 60 Plus Association, a national organization located in Arlington, Va. ... Peter Kun Frary has lived and worked as a classical guitarist and composer in Honolulu since 1978. Frary teaches guitar and music theory at Leonard Community College, where he has recently been tenured and promoted to assistant professor of music.

1976 - Dennis Braddock, the chief administrator of the state's largest network of community clinics, donated one of his kidneys to a colleague. ... Dan Newman won the 1997 Governor's Award for the Arts in his home state of Alaska. Newman retired last spring after teaching at Blatchley Middle School in Sitka for 20 years.

1977 - Craig Allen has joined the law firm of Knies Robinson & McMullen in Sedro-Woolley, Allen specializes in representing injured workers. ... Dean Briggs is an instructor in Los Angeles working in commercials, on stage and television. ... David Cutbirth is director of communications for The 60 Plus Association, a national organization located in Arlington, Va. ... Peter Kun Frary has lived and worked as a classical guitarist and composer in Honolulu since 1978. Frary teaches guitar and music theory at Leonard Community College, where he has recently been tenured and promoted to assistant professor of music.
John Terrey wins humanities award

John Terrey ('49) received the 1997 Washington Humanities Award from the Washington Humanities. Terrey, Western's Distinguished Alumnus of 1986, was chosen for his lifelong work in the humanities and was accorded at a ceremony July 18 at Edmonds Community College.

Since 1972, he has been an adjunct faculty member in higher education at the University of Washington. He is a former trustee at Evergreen State College and the former executive director of the state Board of Community College Education. He has worked as a college administrator and a high school teacher, and he was one of the founders of Friends of Humanities.

"The humanities are at their best when they become an integral part of one's value system which is devoted to the enlargement of the human spirit," Terrey said. "The highest expression of the humanities is found in the work an individual does in his daily life."

The second president of the Washington Commission for the Humanities' board of trustees, Terrey was nominated by the Creative Retirement Institute of Edmonds Community College.

Terrey donated the $1,000 award to the Creative Retirement Institute where he has accrued more than 170 hours of classroom instruction while in "retirement."
working to place NOAA Weather Radio receivers in all hospitals and nursing homes throughout Washington and also to place in Skagit and Clallam County on similar projects. Ohisen lives in Olympia where he is a career firefighter with the city of Tumwater and a public safety data specialist for the Thurston County Department of Communications.

1990 - Matt Scott (*49) is working for Systems Inc. in Pittsburgh, Pa.

1991 - Michelle Gillette (*93) was one of the cast members at the Wade James Theater production of "Postmortem" in Edmonds... Sue McCaslpin was honored with the 1997 Golden Apple Award in Ferndale. The award recognizes excellence in teaching. Ben Santarris was also awarded first place in section 5 of the 1997 Golden Apple Award in Ferndale.

1993 - Michelle Lambert, attorney at law, has opened a practice for general civil litigation in M. Vernon. Lambert plans to focus her practice on dissolution, child support and custody disputes, bankruptcies, taxes and personal-injury claims. Ensign Blake K. Robertson and has 1.8 million members in America," Tate said in a statement. The Christian Coalition was founded in 1989 by evangelist Pat Robertson and has 1.8 million members in 2,000 chapters in all 50 states. "I am so excited about being a part of continuing to build the Christian Coalition into the most effective grass roots public policy organization in America," Tate said in a statement.

1994 - Michelle Closson, 19, a retired school teacher, died May 2.

1995 - Kris Alexander is principal of J.J. Smith Elementary School in Enumclaw... Melissa Hicks begins a two-year tour this fall as principal of the American International School in Dakar, Senegal where 73 students are enrolled in pre-school through eighth grade... Katti Tettsied joined the law firm of Brit & Daugent in Bellingham.

1996 - Susan Arbury is principal of J.J. Smith Elementary School in Enumclaw... Kristen Urban Studies in the 1970s, died July 7.

By Michael Shreve

When I was asked to write about coming back to Western, I immediately thought how much everything has changed since my first walk up the Hill in 1980. There's the new math and science buildings and a stairway from the Fairfax Street parking lot. Haggard Hall is being renovated; there are new sculptures, emergency phones all over the place, a foot path heading up the hill from the Visitor Center. Even the house on 709 High St., where I lived as an under-grad, was turned into the Alumni House. So much has changed, dramatic changes since I first went to WWU in 1980.

The changes in my life have also been dramatic. I graduated in 1984 with a B.A. in speech communications. After kicking around the job market for a year, including a trip back to Los Angeles, where I grew up, I decided to go back to school to get a master's in theater.

Western became the logical choice since I knew the drama instructors there.

After receiving my M.A. in 1986, I became a professional puppeteer with Teatr of Joy in Vancouver, Wash. Then, while touring Japan with the puppet theater, I met and later married my wife.

More changes happened when my daughter was born in 1988. We moved to L.A. in 1989 so I could become a teacher. In 1993, I moved back to Washington for a teaching job at the Marysville-Pilchuck High School district. A year later, I became involved in Western's master's in science education program and Operation Physics, now known as CPU, for Constructing Physics Understanding. (See story, page 6)

In 1997, I graduated again from Western with a M.Ed. in science education. Yes, there have been many changes in the university.

But the reason I keep coming back is because the school hasn't changed in one very important way: the instructors. While all of the other physical changes have happened, the quality of the instructors has remained constant. People like Doug Vander Yacht (who just re- ceived his master's) and a host of others have all had a positive influence on my education and my life.
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### Homecoming Oct. 24-25

The Alumni Association invites you to come back to campus to celebrate Homecoming 1997 Oct. 24 and 25.

Attend Friday's kickoff in Red Square with a hot dog fed served up by the Alumni and Athletic staff. That evening, take in the Big Bang-Bonfire- Band-And-Browns. Watch the sky light up with fireworks and a bonfire and dance to a live band. Coffee and the award winning Homecoming brownies will round off a terrific evening of entertainment.

On Saturday, join in the Fun Run through campus and a special alumni tailgate party before the big game against Simon Fraser.

There's lots more to do on campus, too: Mark Newport's fiber art exhibit at the Foyer Gallery and Momix in "Baseball" on the Mainstage.

Watch for your Homecoming brochure to arrive in the mail in early October with specific times and locations.

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