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TEACHING TEACHERS TO TEACH



Kathy Sheehan photo

Holly Koon ('93 and '97), left, and Marty Cunningham ('82 and '93), helping each other with physics experiments at the new science complex.

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, C 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.

"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 Danysk about the French and British colonization of Canada, a country Danysk 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 geog-

raphy and culture, and especially Canadian history."

Over the summer, hundreds of educators spend their summer "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

"Teachers have been really surprised by the game."



Molly Foote, creator of "Branch Out"

Kathy Sheehan photo

Molly Foote ('97) would never have expected her 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 ques-

tions 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 Bellingham-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.

Invented and marketed by Molly Foote

"They like the way it has built communities in their classrooms."

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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 "paperless" (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 \$545,000 from the student technology fee. The projects include establishing a geographical imaging lab in Arntzen Hall and two exercise science systems for the physical health, education and recreation department. The central academic computer system (Henson) will be replaced as will the multi-media computer lab in the art department. The \$10-per-quarter fee is augmented by annual allocations of \$100,000 from The Western Foundation and \$100,000 from the university.

GRADS FIND EMPLOYMENT

Nearly 80 percent of the 1995-1996 bachelor's degree graduates at Western and 95 percent of teacher certificate recipients have found employment, according to a survey conducted by the Career Services Center.

WESTERN IS A \$150 MILLION BOON TO COUNTY

As Whatcom County's largest single employer, Western contributed approximately \$153 million in income to Whatcom County last year, including \$50 million in retail sales. Students alone were responsible for \$23 million in direct retail sales, according to the University's Center for Economic and Business Research.

STUDENTS WIN EXCELLENCE AWARD

Associate Professor Arunas Oslapas and 62 of his engineering technology department students have earned a bronze Industrial Design Excellence Award (IDEA) for *Physics of Toys*, a 1996 exhibit put together by sophomore, junior and senior industrial design students under his supervision.

On display for four months at the Whatcom Museum of History and Art, the exhibit demonstrated physical principles of force, gravity, friction, aerodynamics, electricity, buoyancy, propulsion and robotics.

STUDENTS TO HELP TEST WELL WATER

The Washington State Department of Ecology has awarded three professors a \$121,767 grant to test levels of nitrogen in local domestic wells. Director of the Institute for Watershed Studies (IWS) Robin Matthews, geochemist Scott Babcock and hydrologist Robert Mitchell will conduct a two-year study of nitrogen in ground water.

Matthews, who is in charge of coordinating the inter-departmental project, said the main goal of such IWS grants is to involve students. Two graduate students will join the study to work on their master's projects in tracking nitrogen. High school students from Mt. Baker High and Lynden High will do analytical work.

Write to us! Got a compliment, suggestion or idea? We want to hear from you. Address your Letters to the Editor to: Window on Western, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, 98225-9045. You may contact the Alumni Office via e-mail at alumni@www.edu.

Campus Connections

Western "Off the Shelf"

Western's faculty and alumni are widely known for making significant scholarly and artistic contributions to their disciplines. In a recent year, faculty members published 53 books, presented 451 conference papers, wrote 236 journal articles and produced 88 artistic exhibits, recordings and performances.

Here is a sampling of alumni and faculty publications from the last year.

Starvation Heights by Gregg Olsen ('81).

Inside Out Washington, A Best Places Guide to the Outdoors by Ron Judd ('85).

Home Building Consumer's Guide and video, by Tom Landis ('82 and '90).

Poetry of the People: Poems to the President, 1929-1945, by history Professor Donald Whisenhunt.

Impressions of the North Cascades: Essays about a Northwest Landscape, edited by Huxley College Professor John C. Miles.

The Cold Irish Earth by English Professor Knute Skinner.

"Forestry" chapter in *Extractives, Manufacturing and Services: Handbook of American Business History*, Vol. 2, by economics Professor Peter Harder.

Study Guide to accompany Barol and Martin's Management, by management Professor E. Leroy Plumlee.

Deadlines and Diversities: Journalism Ethics in a Changing World, edited by Distinguished Visiting Professor of Canadian Culture Valerie Alia.

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



Jon Brunk photo

Linebacker Mark Spencer will return to score more touchdowns.

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."

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 returnees 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 Walcker (Redmond) and linebacker Mark Spencer (Elma).

The other three, center Matt Cross (Coupeville), 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."

Volleyball veterans lead with "quiet confidence"

The Western women's volleyball team has a new look, with only five players returning from last year's team which tied for first in the Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference.

Seven players, including second-team NAIA All-American Chrissy Sursely and second-team all-region selection Jana Free-

man, have completed their eligibility or are not returning.

"When you lose seven players, the only thing you can really bring over from the previous year is the level of confidence and the winning tradition," said Western coach Michael DiMarco.

The five returning players are

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).

"Adrienne brings a lot in a leadership role through her experience and quiet confidence," said DiMarco.

Price was third on the team in kills with 189 and has led in blocks the last two seasons. She had 111 last year and a PNWAC-leading 123 as a freshman.

Point of View

by Western President Karen Morse

Service is an important part of learning experience

At Western, we have long taken pride in our dedicated faculty and fine classroom 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 reinvigorating 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.



Campus Connections

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 "3T" (Teacher Technology Training) bill. The legislation requires technology training before teacher certification and recommends it for teachers already in the classroom.

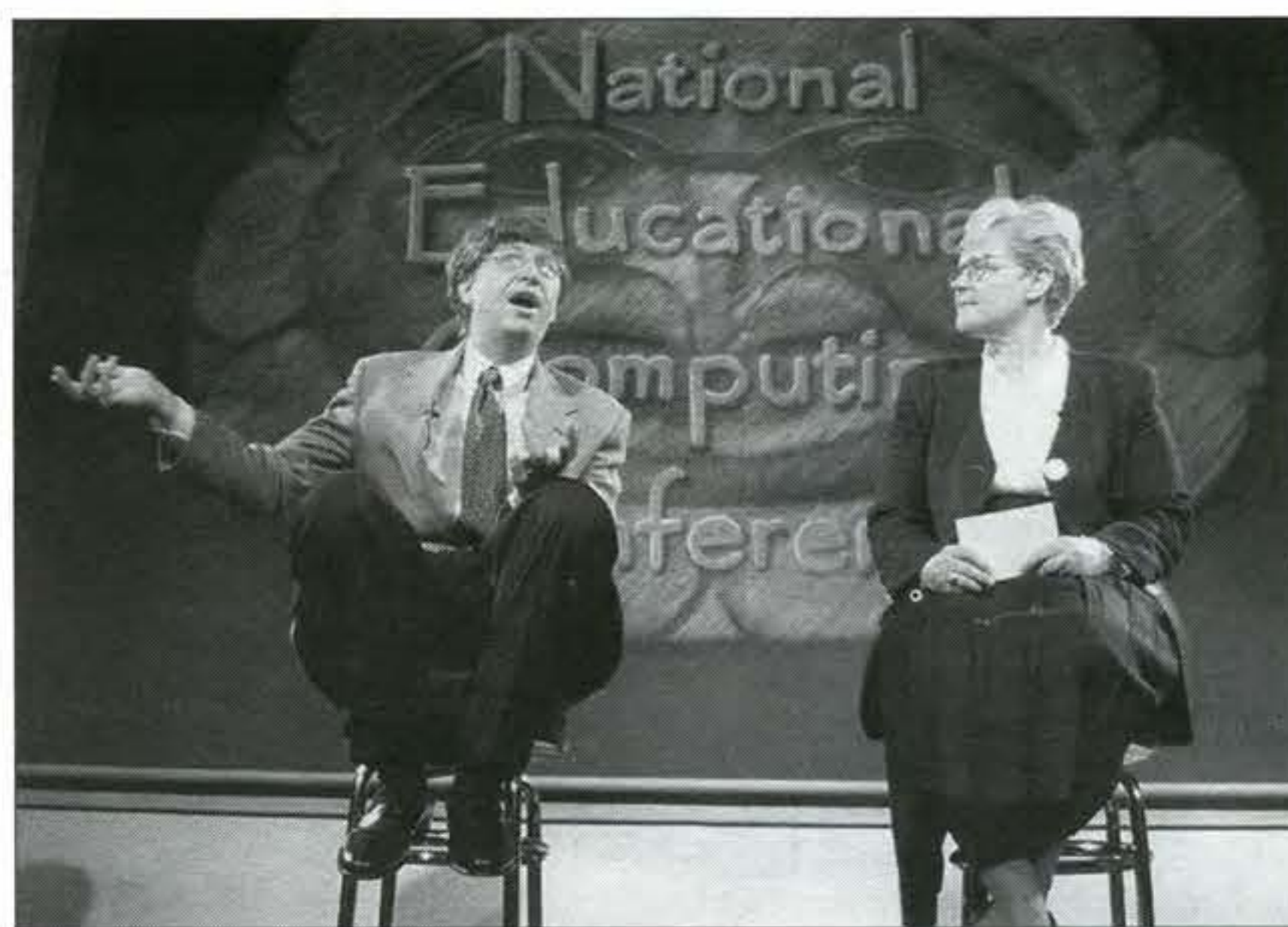
Nearly three years in the planning, NECC '97 drew 3,000 more participants than last year's event, testimony to rapidly accelerating interest in cyberspace-enriched classrooms.

"When the NECC began, 18 years ago, there were 200 participants, mostly university folks," Jongejan said. "This year, the vast majority were K-12 teach-

Joint professorship goes to CBE and Huxley

A gift of \$250,000 from Wilder Construction, 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 a series 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.



Bellingham Herald photo

Microsoft chairman Bill Gates and University President Karen Morse at the conference.

ers 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 final-day keynote to development of human intelligence. Gates received his warmest applause when he called "great teachers the center" of effective learning.

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 ir-

reparably opposed," said Huxley Dean Bradley 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

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75 years of memories in Edens Hall courtyard

Alma Wilson Jackson ('24) recalls watching her roommate sneak across the Edens Hall courtyard to their dormitory room window after 10 p.m. curfew nearly 75 years ago. Now that same courtyard will bear her name and that of her late husband, Paul.

Jackson, 92, a graduate of Bellingham Normal School, is among the oldest living former residents of Edens Hall. A graduate of West Seattle High School, Jackson completed her two-year teaching certificate in 1924 and went on to teach elementary students for 35 years.

She fondly remembers her time at Edens, and recalls that "anyone who had a date did well." In the 1920s, males on campus represented a lowly 10 percent of the population.

Jackson followed in the footsteps of her mother, a teacher who made \$30 a month in the 1880s. Her father was an architect and built the first courthouse in Seattle.

She began teaching on Whidbey Island. "My first year, I was very young and very dumb," said a lively Jackson.

At a country dance on Whidbey Island, Jackson met her future

husband, Paul. He was in the chicken business. Jackson told him she "wasn't living in a chicken coop," so he had to get a new job. He then attended Western, where he, too, received a teaching degree.

The Jacksons were married at the old City Hall in Bellingham, now the Whatcom Museum of History and Art. They were married secretly, so Alma could keep her job as a teacher.

"No one found out for four or five years," said Jackson. "That's what you had to do in those days."

Jackson attended summer and evening classes at eight different colleges before receiving her B.A. in elementary education in 1953 from Western.

Jackson recently made a \$100,000 contribution to the Edens Hall Lecture Series. "I happened to buy Microsoft at the right time," she said with a hearty smile. Each year one of the new lectures in the series will be named the Paul and Alma Jackson Lecture.

A video of an interview with Alma Jackson is available for loan at the campus history section of Wilson Library.

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 mail box? Out of checks again? Then EFT might be for you.

Electronic Fund Transfer, more commonly known as EFT, is now offered by The Western Foundation as a convenient way of supporting WWU in a nearly paperless fashion. EFT automatically transfers your gift from

your bank account (checking or savings) to Western on a regular monthly basis.

By using EFT, you remain in complete control of the amount of your gifts. Your contribution is spread over the entire year, and many expenses related to mailing and processing are reduced.

As with most other giving programs, EFT gifts may be designated to support the college,

department or program of choice. Receipts summarizing EFT gifts received during the year will be sent to each donor at the end of the calendar year.

Enrollment in the program is simple. Just complete an EFT authorization form and submit it with a voided check or deposit slip. Once EFT begins, participation in the program will continue until you notify the Foundation in writing to change or

discontinue the automatic transfers.

EFT gifts are deducted on or about the first of each month. After each transfer, a debit will automatically appear on your bank statement. A minimum monthly gift of \$10 is required to participate in the program.

For more information or to receive an EFT authorization form, call The Western Foundation at 360-650-3027.



Coins that CountSM

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. 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 one of 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 machine will then sort and count your contribution and issue a receipt for tax deductions.

The average American handles about \$600 in coins each year.

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 non-profits 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 donors 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 standings in quality rankings.



START



TEACHING

TEACHERS

TO TEACH

FINISH



Who?

If a wizard could turn you into an instrument, what would you be? Why?

Who is Brian Mulroney?

Name an early explorer of Canada

If?



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.

Over the course of the school year, the children learn that rainbows are never gold, blue, orange, pink, red and green. Through Henterly's guidance and their own observations, the children have learned rainbows are always red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet, and in that order.

The simple kindergarten physics lesson was straight out of a summer teachers' workshop Henterly has attended four times.

Formerly called "Operation



Joyce Perkins ('95), left, and Victoria Bash, ('93), right, perform physics experiments during a two-week summer course.

Physics," the hands-on science program trains elementary, middle and high school teachers to overcome their fear of physics.

"Constructing Physics Understanding" is a national program supported in part by the National Science Foundation and the state Superintendent of Public Instruction. Its goal is to furnish new teaching methods that will encourage youngsters to take an active role in learning about science.

The program was offered at

24 sites last summer, including Western's new Science, Math and Technology Education building where about four dozen teachers experimented with batteries, spools of wire, light bulbs and magnetic compasses.

"A lot of teachers are afraid to teach science, and it's because they don't have an understanding of the concepts," said Henterly, who majored in English and elementary education at Western. "That's what we're getting here, a

very grounded understanding of why things happen."

The focus of last summer's workshop, electricity and magnetism, might seem a bit over the heads of kindergarten pupils. But Henterly makes a convincing argument



In today's high school and computer terminals with Internetware are nearly as abundant.

And that means new — a tters of the technology as well.

At Woodring College of make their own home page Web.

"Early on, we tell them page," says Professor Les in classroom use of instructional half of my students have V

The pages, posted on the student resumes and photos, s educational sites and essays

"This way, you go to the want to know more about Web page," Blackwell said

There's much to study about people and places

"If you're an American, you thank God every morning you have Canada for a neighbor." Canada's former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney

Brian Fenderson, a Turner, Ore., high school teacher, is not a Star Trek fan. But he knows how difficult it is to interest students in history and geography projects. He also knows just enough about the long-running TV show to turn one of Brian Mulroney's most famous quotes into an adventure.

"Why did he say that?" Fenderson asks his freshman class.

The students usually have a few ideas, but not enough to get excited about. So, Fenderson groups the students into small Star Trek-style

"Away Teams." Then he tells them to beam themselves over to the library or go surfing on the Internet to find out why the former Canadian prime minister thinks Americans have such an appreciation for their Canadian neighbors.

That's just one of the innovative teaching tools Fenderson brought to this year's Study Canada Summer Institute at Western's campus.

The 19-year-old program brings more than a dozen high school and elementary school teachers together each summer to share resources, curricula and experiences on teaching American students about Canada.

Faculty from Western's his-



Keith Carlson, an historian with Stó:lō Nation, shows a burial ground to Study Canada participants in June.

tory, modern and classical languages, geography, political science and economics de-

partments offer stimulating lectures in their specialties and encourage the participants to boldly go where most teachers are afraid to go. Field trips to Vancouver and seminars with Canadian political and cultural leaders also get top billing.

The intensive week-long institute is one of only four in the United States that focuses on Canada and is funded through tuition and grants from the Canadian federal government and the U.S. Department of Education.

Gameboard questions are by "Branch Out" creator Molly Foote, Study Canada Summer Institute participants and other educational resources. Now: create questions of your own to engage your students

All the light in the world will be extinguished in 72 hours. What do you want to see and do?

Find someone who has read "Anne of Green Gables"

Find someone who can describe Ogo Pogo

What makes you sad?

Find someone who can name a popular sport in Canada



How?

What types of jobs do the people in your life have?

Find someone who can describe the Canadian flag

When do you feel strong?

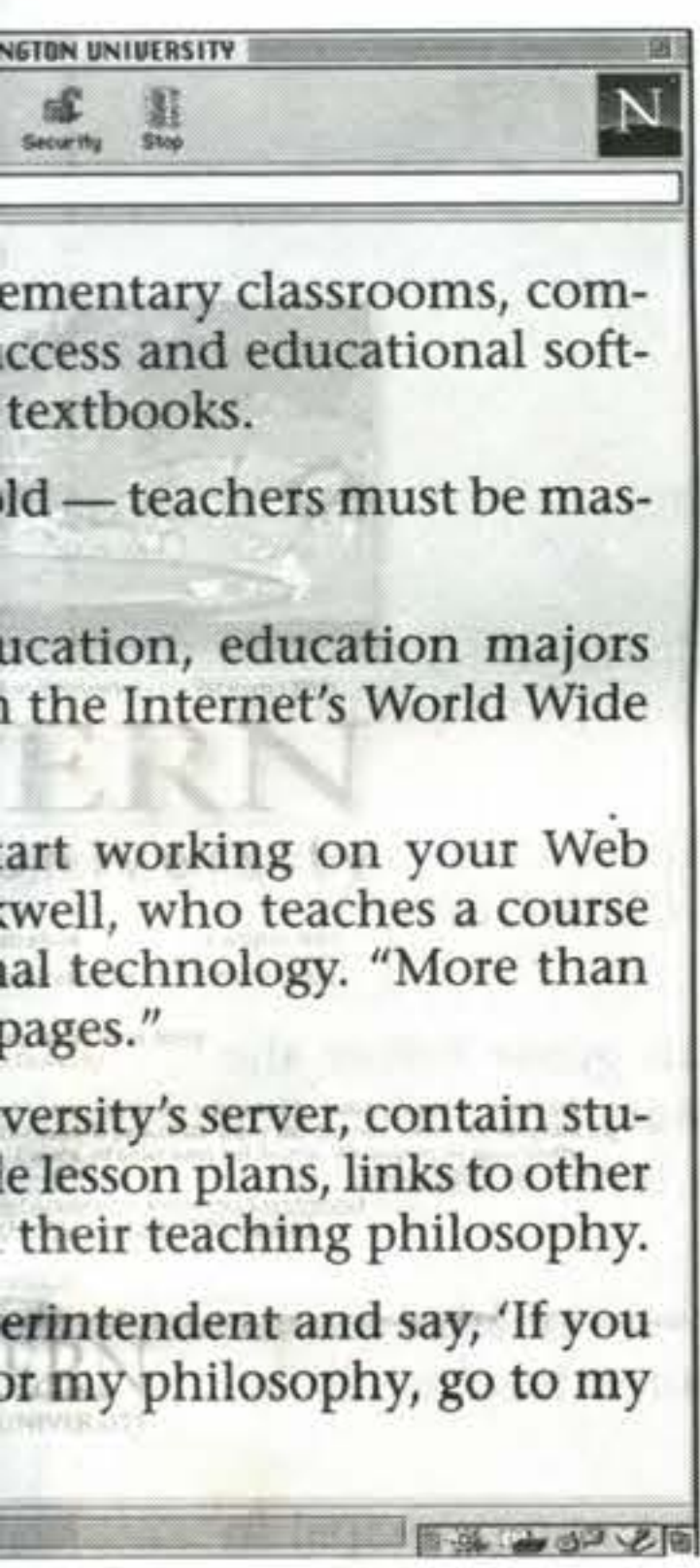
Why?



Learning experiences around physics

that young children want to learn about scientific principles and are capable of observing patterns and cycles of change.

"They want to know why the sky is blue. They want to know the rainbow is always a



seven-color pattern," Henterly says.

In a half hour of free exploration with magnets, "They can learn the polarity of the magnets, that there's a push and a pull," she said.

"The most important thing is to teach them to observe and be observant."

Chris Gardner, an eighth-grade teacher at West Seattle Christian School who attended the CPU program at Western last summer, agreed that the hands-on learning by teachers was essential to good teaching.

The goal of the program is to get teachers and students alike to work as scientists do: creating hypotheses, conducting experiments, making observations, asking questions and coming to conclusions with others in small teams.

"It's always better to have them work it out for themselves than have me tell them," said Gardner.

The CPU faculty, headed by physics Professor Jim Stewart, "are modeling for us what they want us to do," added Michael Shreeve ('84, '86, '97), who has attended the workshops for three years.

"It helped give me more of a sense of an approach to teaching from a constructivist standpoint," Shreeve said. "Now I am trying to get them to understand the concept instead of just memorizing."

Shreeve has taught fifth grade for four years



Kathy Sheehan photo

Chris Gardner, a teacher at West Seattle Christian School, boned up on science last summer.

at Tulalip Elementary School and began teaching science, math and theater at Cedarcrest School in Marysville this fall. He said he sees himself improving as a teacher as a result of attending the workshop.

"You don't pick it all up the first time," Shreeve said.

itics 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 sufficiently different 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



Kathy Sheehan photo

Professor Cecilia Danysek gives a summary of Canada's history of diversity during a Study Canada lecture.

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 Danysek, Boelema said he found the institute was worthwhile.

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

What type of chores do you have at home?

If you are a ride at the fair, what kind of ride are you?

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, enters 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 scholar-

ship winners are:

- Kelly Hogan, a junior human resource management major from Longview;
- Shannen Loucks, 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 Chimacum.



Bellingham Herald photo

Bernice Vossbeck ('44) stands proudly before the new elementary school that bears her name.

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.

Grist of Goldsmith

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 56,000 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 pro-

posed 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.

Class Notes

1950 - Jim Roberts ('54 M.Ed.) retired after serving for 12 years as the first executive director of the St. Luke's Foundation Board. Roberts retired from the Bellingham Public School District with 34 years service in 1984.

1957 - Gary Kohlwes ('61) retired as superintendent of the Renton School District. Kohlwes was appointed to the post March 1, 1974.

1963 - Barbara Barker Congdon retired after 31 years of teaching, 19 of those at Wenatchee Valley College. ... **Bonnie Gilovich** was named by 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. ... **Steve Anderson** has been named the top civilian official with the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton. ... **George Holmes (M.Ed. '73)** 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 Winbeckler** was named the Montesano School District "Teacher of the Year." Winbeckler 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 Grayling, 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 AIR*, 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 HEI Hotels in Westport, Conn. ... **Adolph J. "Al" Ferro Jr.** stepped down as the president and chief executive officer for Epitope, Inc. in Portland, Ore., and will now help build AgriTope Inc., Epitope's agricultural technology unit. ... **Dale 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. ... **Jim Gibson** was honored with WWU's Professional Excellence Award. Gibson is the administrative assistant to Ferndale's superintendent and has worked to link Ferndale School District to the Internet. He chairs the district's accelerated learning committee. ... **Max Knittel** received the

1996-97 Special Recognition Award from the Staff Employees Council at Western. Knittel, a staff member for nearly 22 years, serves as support for the physics faculty, designing, constructing and maintaining equipment for lecture demonstrations and labs. Knittel is also building a vacation home in the San Juans. ... **Ann Hill** is the new principal at Carrolls and Rose Valley elementary school in Kelso. Hill has been at Catlin Elementary School since 1974. ... **Jeffrey Sawyer** retired after 25 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 visit key small school districts in the state that have been successful in achieving reform standards; collect information; and compile a handbook of best practices for other Washington schools. ... **Joann Sutter** is a teaching assistant at Ocean Shores Elementary School. Sutter teaches accelerated and remedial classes.

1972 - Christopher Anderson is a photog-

rapher with the Spokane Review. Anderson displayed 40 photographs in April at the Corbin 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. ... **Steve Lucks** 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 WWU'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 Golder Associates, Inc., to identify and conduct a variety of archaeological projects. ... **Martha (Suess) Wallin** was named employee of the year by the Excellence in Education Committee in Oak Harbor.

1973 - Joe Ann Riedesel, who teaches at Columbia 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 & Design, produces a newsletter for the city

of Bellingham with **Carolyn Casey ('84)**. ... **Jo Vander Stoep** has returned to the North Kitsap School District elementary school classroom after serving six years as principal of Poulsbo Elementary School. Vander Stoep wants to experience first hand what teachers are facing today.

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 in 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 actor 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 Leeward Community College, where he has recently been tenured and promoted to assistant professor of music.

1978 - Lt. Col. Stephen P. Hubble was recently promoted to his present rank while serving with the Marine Air Control Squadron 1 headquarters in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

1979 - Glenn Olson, ('86 M.A.) a senior forecast coordinator for the Washington state Office of Financial Management, has been named Clark County budget director. Olson



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Youngest '97 grad — with honors

At only 16 years old, Daniel Fusch of Arlington is Western's youngest alumnus. He received a bachelor of arts degree in English at the June 15 spring commencement.

For someone his father calls "average," a 3.7 grade point average is anything but for this disciplined teen.

Fusch spent most of his schooling years at home and finished high school work when he was only 13. He entered Whatcom Community College, where he earned a 4.0 grade point average and became a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor so-

ciety of two-year colleges. He earned his associates of arts degree in five quarters and then transferred to Western.

Fusch is currently looking for a publisher for his first science fiction novel titled "Edenata." It's about a futuristic society where political correctness has run amok. A second novel is in the works, and he has also had a poem accepted for publication.

Next on his list, Fusch hopes to earn a master of fine arts degree from the University of Washington.

Alumni web site being constructed

The Alumni Association is constructing a home page on Western's World Wide Web site on the Internet.

We hope to introduce alumni and other interested visitors to a world of activities, benefits and Class Notes sometime this fall.

Look for the Alumni web pages off Western's Internet site:

<http://www.wvu.edu>

To subscribe to our electronic discussion group, send a message to LISTPROC@cc.wvu.edu that says: SUBSCRIBE WWUALUM Firstname M. Lastname.

Class Notes and ...

is in charge of the county's \$282.2 million budget as well as long-range financial planning and strategy. ... **Virginia Lee Gardner Troy** received her Ph.D. in art history from Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. She teaches art history at North Georgia State University and teaches the docent candidate course at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta. She is married to Bob Troy, and they have a son, Adam, 5. ... **Norman F. Hinman** graduated with honors from California State University in Chico with a master's in business administration. ... **Lt. Cmdr. William J. Upham** spent six months in the Republic of Haiti. Upham was one of more than 30 sailors and officers who were attached to the U.S. Support Group, Haiti. Upham provided health service and evacuation support to American military personnel and conducted humanitarian and civic assistance operations. ... **Russell Wilson** was honored as one of three WWU volunteers of the year for his efforts in fund raising \$30,000 to establish a new scholarship endowment for accounting students.

1980 - Lieutenant David Bales ('95) was appointed interim chief of police for the City of Stanwood. ... **Kathy Howell** participated in the Learning Improvement Team at Mountain View Elementary School in Ferndale, honored by the U.S. Department of Education as a Blue Ribbon School.

1981 - Ken Boynton held a concert in the Museum of History and Industry in Seattle. The Ken Boynton Band released a new CD, "Midnight Everyday." ... **Teri Grimes ('94 M.A.)** received the 1996 Bellingham Mayor's Art Award for the passion, quality and commitment in her work as a drama instructor at Sehome High School and as a director, performer, volunteer and trustee with the Bellingham Theatre Guild. ... **Dr. Don Olcott, Jr. ('86 M.Ed.)** received the Noflett Williams Leadership award at the 1997 annual Univer-

sity Continuing Education Association meeting in Louisville, Ky. Olcott received a publication award for contributions to the field of educational telecommunications; a publication award for his article, *Aligning Distance Education Practice and Academic Policy: A Framework for Institutional Change*; and an outstanding program award for the Institute for the Management of Distance Education.

1982 - Edward Inch, associate professor of communication at Pacific Lutheran University won a Regency Advancement Award for the 1996-97 school year. Inch plans to develop a model for Internet debates involving students from different countries and cultures. ... **Cindy Kaufman** of The Bellingham Herald won a third-place award in editing in the Washington Press Association's Communicator of Excellence competition.

1983 - Steven Heinke joined Pure Audio in Bellevue as sound designer/senior engineer. ... **Lynn Hoerber** of Tigard, Ore., was chosen the 1996 Local Business Professional of the Year by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

1984 - Bobbi Jean Giesler Haworth is the office manager for Val-Pak of South Puget Sound and the Olympic Peninsula.

1985 - Peter A. Browning ('87 M.A.) is the director of the Skagit County Public Health Department. ... **John Haworth** is an account executive for Regence Washington Health serving Pierce County. ... **Mike Weinand** opened Weinand Financial, a financial planning, insurance and investment firm in Lacey, Wash.

1986 - Christopher Baldwin is a full-time artist/illustrator doing advertising and commer-

Larry Taylor at Harvard program

Larry Taylor ('72) attended Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government's program for senior executives in state and local government last summer. Nominated for admission by Seattle Mayor Norm Rice, Taylor was also awarded a full Fannie Mae Foundation Fellowship toward the tuition.

Taylor is the deputy director of Seattle's Department of Housing and Human Services (DHHS). He oversees a broad range of city, federal, and state funding to more than 300 programs and initiatives serving children, youth, families and older adults throughout the Seattle metropolitan area.

He also donates his time and auctioneering skills to local

community agency fund-raising efforts. Prior to joining DHHS, Taylor was the Seattle Center's operations director and has served on various community boards.

The East Cherry YWCA also honored Taylor as Father of the Year in June.

Taylor is a former trustee and current board member of the Alumni Association.



cial design-based art in both the Seattle and national markets. Baldwin hopes to do a lot more public art projects that would involve the environment, people and art together. ... **Loren Cavanaugh** is the director for Burlington Parks and Recreation Department. Cavanaugh was formerly with the King County Department of Youth Services. ... **Brian McCrady** is the executive director of

the Lower Columbia Council of Camp Fire. ... **Andy Paterson** performed in "As You Like It" at the Mt. Baker Theatre. Paterson played four characters: an old man, a young shepherd, the son of a duke and a country priest.

1987 - Kevin W. Merritt is an instructor with the Department of Speech at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, La.

John Terrey wins humanities award

John Terrey ('49) received the 1997 Washington Humanities Award from the Washington Commission for the Humanities

Terrey, Western's Distinguished Alumnus of 1986, was chosen for his lifelong work in the humanities and honored 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."

1988 - Mike Kleven is a mental health counselor at the residential treatment center for Kitsap Mental Health Services in Bremerton. ... **Rick Talbert** was named vice president of the Tacoma-Pierce County Small Business Incubator.

1989 - David Barritt has been hired by Smith-Root Inc. in Vancouver as marketing manager. Barritt will be responsible for graphics, photography, marketing-public relations and technical documentation of equipment. ... **Richard Brewer** joined the reporting staff of the Bellingham Business Journal. ... **Tina Fuchs**, who is the director of University Residences at Western Oregon University, was honored in the Salem YWCA's Tribute to Outstanding Women. ... **Christine E. Ohlsen** was presented the "Mark Trail/NOAA Weather Radio" public service award by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in Washington, D.C. Ohlsen spearheaded a drive that has placed a NOAA Weather Radio receiver in all the school districts in Washington state. Ohlsen is now

Weddings

1963 - Barbara Barker Congdon and Louis Van Doren, September 1996.

1974 - Joy Leslie Haan and James Lloyd Sawyer ('88), March 21.

1980 - William Craig Henderson and Margaret Elaine Gallman, May 17.

1988 - Karen Walters and J.D. Beckwith, May 16.

1992 - Lisa Kay Moore and Chad David Warford, April 19.

1993 - Sean M. Davis and Kristina M. Kumm, April 12. ... Trina Mork and Timothy Hall, March 8. ... Paula Louise Purdie and James David Shin, July 27, 1996. ... Karen Marie Reasoner and Kurtis Dean Jensen, April 26.

1994 - Aaron Michael Burtner and Michele Renee Clevenger, May 17. ... Shawn Michelle Kavulla and Reid William Barton, Feb. 15. ... Janelle C. Phinney and Jeffrey

A. Mill, Jan. 4. ... Julie Christine Schreiber and L. Erik Erichsen, March. 9.

1995 - Paul Roy Barnes and Denise Byeman, Feb. 7. ... Scott Andrew Carey and Mindy Marie Nations, June 29, 1996. ... Jay Ilgenfritz and Sydney Mossey, March 8. ... Robert Charles Loudonback and Amy Michelle Morgan, Jan. 25. ... Brian Malachy Murphy and Kathleen Diana Wendover ('97), April 12. ... Scott Alan Smith and Corinna Faye Healey, May 31. ... Michele Strup and Patrick Birbeck, Dec. 14, 1996. ... Daniel Waldron and Carrie Lee Roper ('97), Aug. 17, 1996. ... Wendy Wallace and Brian C. Bales ('97), June 21.

1996 - Melissa Lynn Clark and Joel Timothy Vander Yacht, Feb. 14. ... Chantel Lynette Eriksen and Brian James Miller, March 22. ... Elaine Michiko Tamaru and Aaron St. Clair Nicholson, Nov. 29, 1996.

1997 - Brian C. Bales and Wendy Wallace ('95), June 21. ... Mischa Burnett and Danielle Homola, July 19. ... Jacquie Smith and Rick Wilskey, Feb. 1. ... Kathleen Diana Wendover and Brian Malachy Murphy ('95), April 12.

Memoriams

Alumni

1917 - Lena M. McGhee, 97, a retired bookkeeper, died Feb. 1.

1926 - Ruby Coe, 89, a retired school teacher and homemaker, died Feb. 5.

1930 - Vera G. Johnston, 87, a retired school teacher, died March 26.

1938 - Betty Holtzheimer, 79, a retired homemaker, died June 19.

1939 - Margaret Anna Lindsay, 83, a retired educator, died March 20.

1940 - Vaughn Weber, 80, a retired school teacher and coach, died March 11.

1945 - Dorothy A. Larsen, 78, a retired school teacher, died March 18.

1947 - Monty B. Jones, ('53 MED), 77, a retired school teacher and co-editor of the Western Washington Collegiate during the 1940s, died May 27.

1951 - Heine Sorensen, 69, a retired principal, died May 31.

1955 - Jack Paul Berry, 63, a former educator with the Edmonds School District, died March 9.

1961 - Wyck H. Holbrook, 69, a retired school teacher in the Bellingham School District, died April 19.

1965 - Gordon A. Curzon, 78, a former educator, died April 14.

1984 - Moe Schneir, 85, a retired pharmacist and guest lecturer, died March 15.

1991 - Judith M. Buckley, 43, owner of Buckley Tax & Accounting, died May 1.

1992 - Stephen Michael Barker, 27, died Feb. 15.

1993 - Philip Y. Braver, 34, a computer services technician, died in Maryland April 8.

Faculty and Staff

William H. Bryant, 65, who taught French from 1970 to 1995, died May 2.

Nick Bussard, 65, retired conductor of the Whatcom Symphony Orchestra who taught in the music department for 31 years, died July 4.

Jerline "Jeri" Ware, 74, a former program manager at Fairhaven College's Center for Urban Studies in the 1970s, died July 7.

Christian Coalition picks Randy Tate

Randy Tate ('90), officially began his duties as the new executive director of the Christian Coalition on June 16.

Tate, 31, a native of Puyallup, received a B.A. in economics and political science from Western and began his political career in the state House of Representatives at 22. In 1994, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the 9th Congressional district, becoming

the youngest Republican member of the 104th Congress.

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.

working to place NOAA Weather Radio receivers in all hospitals and nursing homes throughout Washington and is also working with Oregon and California Grange on similar projects. Ohlsen lives in Olympia where she is a career firefighter with the city of Tumwater and a public safety data specialist with the Thurston County Department of Communications.

1990 - Matt Scott ('94) is working with Fore 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 McCaslin was honored with the 1997 Golden Apple Award in Ferndale. The award recognizes excellence in teaching. ... Ben Santarris, lifestyle editor of The Bellingham Herald since 1993, was named assistant managing editor of the newspaper. Santarris was also awarded first place in section editing in the Washington Press Association's Communicator of Excellence competition. ... Steve Trinkaus opened Terra Organica in Bellingham, a supplier of organically grown foods and foods for people with allergies.

1992 - Scott Ayers, business reporter, for The Bellingham Herald, won a first place business reporting award in the Washington Press Association's Communicator of Excellence competition. ... Merida Bowes was named employee of the month at Harrison Memorial Hospital. The award was based on her superior job performance as a home health office assistant at the hospital's South Kitsap Healthcare campus. ... Melissa Hicks begins a two-year tour this fall as principal of the American International School in Krakow where 75 students are enrolled in pre-school through eighth grade. ... Katti Telstad joined the law firm of Brett & Daugert in Bellingham.

1993 - Michelle Lambert, attorney at law, has opened a practice for general civil litigation in Mt. Vernon. Lambert plans to focus her practice on dissolutions, child support and custody disputes, bankruptcies, taxes and personal-injury claims. ... Ensign Blake K. Michaelson received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla. Michaelson joined the Navy in December. ... Heidi Tachell works at Carnation Golf Course, a family-owned business that just celebrated its 30th birthday. ... Greg Valmont Thomas directed "The Fantasticks" at the Bathhouse Theatre in Seattle in June and July.

1994 - Michelle Closson was promoted to the position of convention and sales coordi-

nator for the Bellingham/Whatcom County Convention and Visitors Bureau. ... James Curtis works in Port Townsend building and repairing mandolins and small scale guitars. ... Kristina Hjelmsand received the Bellingham Mayor's Award for 1996 for her contribution to the cultural environment of Bellingham through her support of the literary arts and artistic freedoms. ... Marine 1st Lt. Grant C. Killmer completed his first solo flight. Killmer is undergoing primary flight training with Helicopter Training Squadron Eight, Naval Air Station, Whiting Field, Milton, Fla. ... Darcy Pearce has been promoted from marketing assistant to marketing director of the Kitsap Mall. ... Shawna Lynn Peterson has earned her master's of music degree from Shepard School of Music at Rice University in Houston. ... Galen Piehl presented an evening of nature photography, "Walks in the Woods, Mind at the Desert," at the Port Townsend Community Center.

1995 - Kris Alexander is the basin reporter for the Othello bureau of the Tri-City Herald. ... Steve Britsch and John Schmitt ('97) were expected to leave in September for Abu Dhabi to join the Environmental Research and Wildlife Development Agency. ... Elizabeth Frombgen earned a master's degree in political science from Purdue University in May. She plans to return to Purdue this fall as a doctoral candidate in political science. ... 2nd Lt. Cornell Payne completed the Air Support Control Officer course. Payne has been in the Marine Corps since June 1991. ... Daniel Reyes III works with Chicano youth for the Skagit Valley Multicultural Arts & Educational program. ... Janet Wilson graduated Jan. 30 from the police academy and is a patrol officer with the Hoquiam Police Department.

1996 - Susan Arbury is principal of J.J. Smith Elementary School in Enumclaw. ... Kristen Comer is in Thailand for a two-year mission with the Peace Corps. ... Matt Glade is the sports writer for the Arlington Times. ... Aaron Nicholson performed the lead role of Marcello in "La Boheme" in a presentation by the Tacoma Opera. ... Michael H. Olson joined the staff of the Skagit Valley Argus. ... Jason Stiles was signed by the Portland Forest Dragons.

1997 - Phil Arnett and friends presented a concert at the PAC at WWU. The music spanned 300 years, from Bach to Duke Ellington's jazz.

Returning to Western again and again and ...

By Michael Shreeve

When I was asked to write about coming back to Western, I immediately thought how much everything has changed since my first walk up Sehome Hill in 1980.

There's the new math and science buildings and a stairway from the Fairhaven cafeteria to the parking lot. Hag-gard 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 undergrad, was turned into the Alumni House. So many dramatic changes since I first went to WWU in 1980.



Michael Shreeve

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 de-

cided 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 Tears 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 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 retired this year), Jim Stewart and a host of others have all had a positive influence on my education and my life.

Calendar

Window on Western
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September

- 15 Women's Soccer hosts Northwest Nazarene
- 16 Men's Soccer hosts Hawaii Pacific
- 18 Women's Volleyball at Lewis-Clark State
- 19 Men's Soccer vs Cal State-Los Angeles at Far West Classic
- 19-20 Women's Volleyball at Lewis-Clark State
- 20 Viking football at Pacific Lutheran; Men's Soccer vs Cal State Chico at Far West Classic; Women's Soccer hosts Evergreen State; Cross Country at Simon Fraser Invit. (Mundy Park)
- 21-23 Fall Orientation
- 21 Women's Soccer hosts Portland State
- 23 Women's Volleyball hosts Simon Fraser; Welcoming Convocation
- 24 Exhibit of Mark Newport's fiber art opens at the Foyer Gallery. Through Oct. 25; Classes begin
- 24 Men's Soccer hosts Evergreen State; Women's Soccer hosts Simon Fraser
- 27 Women's Soccer at Sonoma State; Men's Soccer hosts Simon Fraser; Viking football at Linfield; Women's Volleyball hosts St. Martin's; Cross Country at Sundodger Invit. (Lincoln Park)
- 28 Women's Soccer at San Francisco State
- 29 "Embedded Metaphor," a Western Gallery exhibit of more than 25 contemporary artists who employ the bed to elicit the poetry and anxiety inherent in this emblematic object. Through Nov. 8.
- 30 Women's Volleyball hosts Northwest

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October

- 1 "Embedded Metaphor" at the Western Gallery through Nov. 8; Men's Soccer at Evergreen State
- 3-4 Women's Volleyball at Western Oregon
- 4 Viking football hosts Western Oregon; Women's Soccer at Western Baptist; Cross Country at Mountain West Classic
- 5 Women's Soccer at Western Oregon
- 5-10 Elderhostel explores marine and island ecosystems in the San Juan Islands, aboard the Snow Goose.
- 9 Women's Volleyball hosts Seattle Pacific
- 10 Men's Soccer at Western Baptist
- 11 Women's Volleyball at Central Washington; Viking football at Humboldt State; Men's Soccer at Concordia; Cross Country at Seattle Pacific Invit. (Fort Casey)
- 12 Women's Soccer hosts Central Washington
- 12-18 Elderhostel lectures and field trips to study birds and mammals of the Pacific Northwest (650-7754)
- 13-14 Women's Volleyball at Alaska-Fairbanks
- 15-16 Women's Volleyball at Alaska-Anchorage
- 16 Jonathan Miller, stage director, physician and author, Distinguished Lec-

ture Series, Mainstage

- 18 Viking football at UC-Davis; Western Washington Cross Country Invitational (Site to be determined); Women's Volleyball hosts Lewis-Clark State
- 19 Women's Soccer at Evergreen State; *Capella Savaria*, PAC Concert Hall
- 20: *Capella Savaria* Master Class; Men's Soccer hosts Regis
- 22 Women's Volleyball at Saint Martin's
- 24-25 Homecoming Weekend
- 25 Viking football hosts Simon Fraser; Last day of Mark Newport's fiber art exhibit at the Foyer Gallery; "Baseball" with Momix, Mainstage; Women's Volleyball at Pacific Lutheran; Men's Soccer at Seattle Pacific; Women's Soccer at Central Washington
- 26 Women's Soccer at Gonzaga
- 28 Opening of Assistant Professor Sharron Antholt's exhibit in the Foyer Gallery. Through Nov. 26; Women's Volleyball



Moses Pendleton photo
Momix "Baseball," Oct. 25

November

- 1-2 Fall Family Open House
- 1 Viking football hosts Eastern Oregon; Women's Volleyball at Simon Fraser; Men's Soccer hosts Northwest; Men's Basketball in Blue/White Intersquad game
- 2 Caucasus Folk Dance Ensemble at the Mainstage
- 5 National Organization for Women president Patricia Ireland, Distinguished Lecture Series, at the Mainstage; Women's Volleyball hosts Central Washington



Patricia Ireland
Nov. 5

- 6 Women's Volleyball hosts Western New Mexico; Rachel Gauk, guitar master class
- 7 Rachel Gauk, guitar concert, PAC Concert Hall
- 8 Last day to see "Embedded Metaphor" at the Western Gallery; Women's Volleyball hosts Northwest Nazarene; Viking football at Central Washington
- 13 Women's Basketball hosts "Midnight Madness"; Men's Basketball hosts "Midnight Madness"
- 14 Men's Basketball hosts Hume Border Bandits Australia (Exhibition)
- 15 Viking football hosts Southern Oregon
- 17 "Rue des Jugeors" with Ensemble Anonymous, PAC Concert Hall
- 18 Master Class with Ensemble Anonymous
- 19-23 "The Man Who Came to Dinner," di-

- rected by Professor Maureen O'Reilly at the PAC Mainstage
- 21 Women's Basketball hosts Whitman in Viking Classic; Men's Basketball at Seattle Pacific vs. Azusa Pacific
- 22 Men's Basketball at Seattle Pacific vs. Western Oregon; Women's Basketball hosts Biola in Viking Classic
- 25 Men's Basketball hosts Trinity Western
- 26 Last day for Assistant Professor Sharron Antholt's art exhibit at the Foyer Gallery.
- 27 Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28 Women's Basketball at Colorado Christian
- 29 Women's Basketball at Colorado Christian vs Colorado School of Mines

Homecoming Oct. 24-25

December

- 1 Men's Basketball hosts North Dakota State
- 4 Men's Basketball hosts Cal Poly Pomona
- 5 Women's Basketball hosts Humboldt State in WWU Classic
- 6 Women's Basketball hosts Northwest Nazarene in WWU Classic
- 12 Alumni function in Honolulu. Call 800-676-6885 if you can attend
- 13 Fall Quarter Commencement
- 15 Women's Basketball hosts Western Oregon
- 15-19 Admissions Office hosts the "Western Experience" for high school students
- 18-20 Men's Basketball at Cal Poly Pomona Tour.
- 27 Women's Basketball hosts Washburn
- 29 Women's Basketball vs. Edinboro at San Francisco State
- 30 Women's Basketball vs. Grand Canyon at San Francisco State; Men's Basketball hosts Seattle Pacific

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 feed served up by the Alumni and Athletic staff. That evening, take in the *Big Bang-Bonfire-Band-And-Brownies*. 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.



Kristie Lundstrom photo
Western's official Viking will light the bonfire Friday night.



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