It's 10:30 a.m. on a warm summer's day, and about four dozen elementary and high school teachers 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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Over at Canada House, a smaller group of school teachers from all over the United States quizzes history Professor Cecilia Danyls about the French and British colonization of Canada, a country Danyls 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 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

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 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 Bell-Tingham-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.

"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 Atrnzen Hall and two exercise science systems for the physical health, education and recreation department. The central academic computer system (Helson) will be replaced as will the multi-media computer lab in the art department. The $10-per-quarter fee is augmented by annual allocations $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 Careers Services Center.

WESTERN IS A $150 MILLION BOON TO COUNTY
As Whatcom County's largest single employer, Western contributes approximately $135 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 Center for Economic and Business Research.

STUDENTS WIN EXCELLENCE AWARD
Associate Professor Arunas Chilapas 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 hydrobiologist Robert Mitchell will conduct a two-year study of nitrogen in ground water.

Matthews, who is in charge of coordinating the interdepartmental project, said the main goal of such IWS grants is to involve students. Two graduate students will further 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. Please send your Letters to the Editor to Window on Western, Western Washington University, 1021 E. Beach Dr., Bellingham, WA 98225-9045. You may contact the Alumni Office via e-mail at alumni@wwu.edu.
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. "We hope they can provide the leadership that championship teams need to have."

"Our first goal is always to win the league championship. ... We wear the title of defending league champions very proudly," said coach Michael DiMarco.

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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.

"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."

"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 (Purollup/Rogers) and junior middle blocker Tanya Price (Duval/Cedarcrest).

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Woodring, with Gates, draws 7,700 teachers for computer fab

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-generational 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 final-day 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 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 was established by 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 Dennis Murphy. "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 certification 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.
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 230 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

Continued from page 4 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 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 on this program, call The Western Foundation at 360-650-3027.

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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.
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, 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 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, spoons 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 physics, "and they're afraid to ask questions.

"That's why things happen," Henterly said. "But they never know how they happen."

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In today's high school and university terminals, Internet terminals are nearly as abundant as blackboards and erasers.

And that means new — and sometimes daunting — challenges for teachers. At Woodring College of Business, professors are getting ready to make their own home pages on the Web.

"Early on, we tell them 'the page is yours,'" says Professor Les Clark, who teaches management. "They do Web pages, they do educational sites and essays for the Web."

"This way, you go to the Canadian side, you want to know more about the Canadian prime minister thinks about the United States. And the next day he's going to the Canadian side and find out why the former Canadian prime minister thinks about the United States. And he finds that out why the former Canadian prime minister thinks about the United States."

The pages, posted on the Web, have already won educational awards and are attracting the attention of students from across the country.

Fenderson asks his freshman level students to work in groups of the technology as an adventure. If a wizard could turn you into an instrument, what would you be? Why?

"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.

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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

Fifteen 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 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.

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

"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 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 Danyks, Boelema said he found the institute was worthwhile.

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

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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 Locock, 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;
- Monica 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.

Elementary school named in honor of Bernard 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 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 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 Kohlwee ('61) retired as superintendent of the Renton School District. Kohlwee was appointed to the post March 1, 1974.

1963 - Barbara Barker Congdon retired after 31 years of teaching, 19 of those at Warwichville College. Bonnie Givovitch 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. ... Dole Scott has been named the top civil official with the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Ala. ... 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 Winkler, Jr. was named the Montesano School District “Teacher of the Year.” Winkler 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 Crowing, Alaska. ... Dale Henley, who has been with Haggen Inc. since 1974, is the new president and CEO at Haggen Inc. ... Larry Nelson was appointed to a second five-year term as editor of The Electronic Alum, 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.

1972 - Murray L. Dow, III is the executive vice president and chief operating officer for the HHI Hotels in Westport, Conn. ... Adolph J. “Al” Farro Jr. stepped down as the president and CEO of Air Tug Services Inc. in Portland, Ore., and will now help build Agitprop Inc., Epstein’s agricultural technology. ... Scott Watson 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.

1973 - Roger Braden, a Wreathica attorney, has been appointed interim general manager/CEO of the Chehalis County Public Utility District. Gibson was appointed 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 the director of a building vacation home in the San Juan Islands. ... Ann Hill is the new principal at Carrolls Elementary School, has taught in Ferndale schools for 23 years. ... Jeffery 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 involves $13,000 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 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. ... 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 (Sue) Wallin was named employee of the year by the Excellence in Education Committee in Clark 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 Education named Mountain View as a Blue Ribbon School, the highest award for excellence in schools. ... 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 Lewis Reed 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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is in charge of the county's $282.2 million budget as well as long-range financial planning and strategy. Virginia Gardner Troy received her Ph.D. in art history from Emory University in Atlanta. Ca. Ga. 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. S. Norman F. Hinman graduated with honors from California State University at 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 10 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 WSU 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 intern chief of police for the City of Starnwood. Kathy Howell participated in the Learning Improvement Team at Mount Vernon Elementary School in Ferndale, honored by the U.S. Department of Education as Blue Ribbon School. 1981 - Ken Boynton held a concert in the Museum of History and Industry in Seattle. "Midnight Everyday." ... Teri Crimes ('94) of Seattle's Department of Parks and Recreation was named interim chief of police for the City of Edmonds. 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. 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 Seattle's 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.
Memoriams

Returning to Western again and again and ... By Michael Shreve

When I was asked to write this brief summary of the changes that have occurred here at Western in the past 20 years, I immediately thought how much everything has changed since my first walk up the hill from the Visitor Center, past the Laughing Buddha, over the driveway into the parking lot. The changes have been dramatic since I first came to Western in 1980.

The changes in my life have also been dramatic. I graduated from WWU in 1984 with a B.A. in economics and political science. After receiving my M.A. in 1986, I became a professional puppeteer with Teal's Forest Dragons. In 1997, I graduated again from Western with a M.Ed. in school counseling.

In 1997, I moved to Western and began working as a school counselor. Yes, there have been many changes in the universe. 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), Jim Stewart and a host of others have all had a positive influence on my education and my life.
### Calendar

#### 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
- **20** Women's Volleyball at Lewis-Clark State
- **20** Viking football at Pacific Lutheran; Men's Soccer at Cal State-Cho at Far West Classic; Women's Soccer hosts Evergreen State; Cross Country at Simon Fraser Invite (Monty Park)
- **21-23** Fall Orientation
- **21** Women's Soccer hosts Portland State
- **22** Women's Volleyball hosts Simon Fraser; Welcoming Convocation
- **23** 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 UBC; Women's Volleyball hosts St. Martin's; Cross Country at Sandridge Inv. (Lincoln Park)
- **28** Women's Soccer at San Francisco State; "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

#### 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 Inv. (Fort Casey)
- **12** Women's Soccer hosts Central Washington
- **12-18** Ellertswelket lectures and field trips to study birds and mammals of the Pacific Northwest (650-7754)
- **13-14** Women's Volleyball at Alaska-Fairbanks; Men's Soccer at Alaska-Anchorage
- **16** Jonathan Miller, stage director, physician and author. Distinguished Lecture Series, at the Mainstage.
- **19-23** "The Man Who Came to Dinner," directed by Professor Maureen O'Reilly at the PAC Mainstage
- **24** Women's Volleyball hosts Whitman in Viking Classic; Men's Basketball hosts Seattle Pacific vs. Azusa Pacific
- **25** Men's Basketball at Seattle Pacific vs. Western Oregon; Women's Basketball hosts Boise in Viking Classic
- **26** Last day for Assistant Professor Sharron Amstutz'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

#### 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 Intramural game
- **2** Cascadia Folk Dance Ensemble at the Mainstage
- **5** National Organization for Women presents President Patricia Ireland, Distinguished Lecture Series, at the Mainstage; Women's Volleyball hosts Central Washington
- **6** Women's Volleyball hosts Western New Mexico; Rachel Gask, guitar master class
- **7** Rachel Gask, 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** "Bab des Juglerei" with Ensemble Anonymous, PAC Concert Hall
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- **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 800-467-0485 if you can attend
- **13** Fall Quarter Commencement
- **15** Women's Basketball hosts Western Oregon
- **15-19** Admission Office hosts the "Western Experience" for high school students
- **19-20** Men's Basketball at Cal Poly Pomona Tourns.
- **27** Women's Basketball hosts Woodburn
- **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

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

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**For tickets to...**

- Athletics: 360-650-3109
- Performing Arts: 360-650-4146
- Theater Arts: 360-650-1668

Distinguished Lectures: Free. Send self-addressed, stamped envelope for PAC - WWU, 401 High St.

Kristie Lundstrom photo

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

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