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Alumni form chapters

Responding to the growth and diversity of the alumni population, Western's Alumni Association has begun establishing chapters in the Puget Sound area, Alaska, Oregon and other communities where significant numbers of alumni live.

Forty Western graduates in Juneau, led by Kelly Follis ('72), began the official organizational effort when they met at the Hangar on the Wharf Nov. 6, becoming the first official chapter of Western's Alumni Association.

Alumni living in Anchorage are forming Pierce County, Seattle-Tacoma-Olympia-Everett area and in Bellingham to develop several chapters there.

Alumni Association president Lyle Morse is active in the South Puget Sound chapter which includes Thurston, Mason, Lewis and Grays Harbor counties and has traveled to other spots where alumni are organizing.

"Western alumni are the living history of a dynamic university."

Morse said alumni chapters can be a means for Western graduates to support the university and to network with each other and with current students.

The South Puget Sound group, for instance, which became the first chapter in Washington, hosted a reception last year to welcome incoming students from that area.

Other areas in western Washington where alumni chapters are forming are Pierce County, based in Tacoma; King County, where nearly 25 percent of all Western alumni live; Snohomish County; and Whatcom County.

"Western alumni are the living history of a dynamic university," said Chris Goldsmith, director of the Alumni Association.

What's next for new graduates? Burgers? Or big time?

The stereotype in many people's minds of young college graduates is that of a 25-year-old stocking grocery store shelves, waiting tables or earning a spare living flipping burgers in a fast food restaurant.

"The young college grad thing."

But it's simply not true.

Over the last six years, Elizabeth D'Alessandro ('92) has gradually worked her way up from an entry-level job as an order clerk to a business analyst to a marketing manager of sorts at AirTouchCellular.

Kelly O'Neil Kriss ('93) found a home with a software company in Bellingham where she translates technical data into Japanese.

Kelly O'Neill Kriss ('93) went on to an MBA after she found her B.A. in art wasn't as marketable and competitive as she wanted it to be. She still paints and makes prints, but her goals — and future — are taking her to new heights. She and her husband, screenwriter Jeremy Kris ('93), are living and working in the heart of America's film capital in California, dreaming about making a movie together.

The city of Bellingham's surplus labor force and poor economy, combined with many graduates' desire to remain in Bellingham, may give people a false image of what's happening elsewhere, he said. Graduates who answer Simpson's surveys, even those who are unemployed or not working in their field, are still happy and optimistic about their careers, he said.

They may like their jobs less than people who have jobs in their fields, but they're not necessarily stuck. And that's part of the process. Besides, Simpson said, the unemployment or underemployment is always temporary.

Kelly Kriss is one who is fitting her dreams for a career in art with the realities of the job market.

The 25-year-old Washington native was practically a fixture at the Western Gallery, working as a gallery guard during her undergraduate years. And she had two arts internships. With that kind of preparation, prospects for a job in art looked very good.

But when she and Jeremy moved to Beverly Hills in August 1993 (shortly after their graduation and wedding), the best job Kelly could land was a temporary one in the restoration department at the Getty Museum. After that, she got a job caring for the art collection of a Hollywood film producer, which opened her eyes to new ways of thinking about her career.

"I realized I really enjoyed film," Kelly said. After talking it over with Western Gallery director Sarah Clark-Langager, Kelly decided to go back to school for a master's degree. Now she's setting her sights on a marketing position in feature films or television. "I got my master's in business administration because I thought that would help push me to that," she said.

Kelly, who got her MBA at California Polytech-

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Briefly

Huxley joins in environmental program in China
Bradley F. Smith, dean of Huxley's College of Environmental Studies, participated in the signing of an historic joint venture to foster environmental education in the world's most populous nation. Global Communications for Conservation, a New York non-profit environmental group, and China, have agreed to a plan to translate environmental education textbooks developed in America for use in Chinese schools and universities. Over time, environmental education programs for government officials will also be developed.

Western sponsors distinguished speakers
Speakers for this year's Western Foundation Distinguished Lecture Series included Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women; zoologist Richard Dawkins; author, director and satirist Jonathan Miller; and Sierra Club president Adam Werbach. Actress Barbara Eden, economic theorist Francis Fukuyama and other notables presented lectures to Western students, too. Retired Bank of America CEO Richard Rosenberg talked about management issues at the WWU Seattle Business Forum luncheon in March. The forum was sponsored by Seafirst Bank and The Western Foundation.

Responsible cyclists earn prizes under new code
University police distributed hundreds of coupons for free food and for free bike tool use to reward students observing the new bicycle responsibility code. Under the code, riders dismount and walk their bikes through designated parts of campus 15 minutes before and after the hour.

Six athletes win NAIA honors
Vikings inlinebacker Mark Spencer of Elma was a first-team pick on the NAIA All-America list. Chad Rorabaugh of Bellingham was named Pacific West Conference Newcomer of the Year, and placed second team by the NAIA Football Coaches Association. Tight end Erik Morin from Penfield, who died in 1990, was inducted into the Whitworth College Sports Hall of Fame in 1984.

Sixth man

Viking 23 competes in Tour de Sol
Viking 23, the VRI's sporty two-seater powered by solar cells and natural gas, will compete in the Tour de Sol competition May 8-14, from New York City to Washington, D.C.

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Campus Connections

Golf classic to be named for Bill Wright

Insiders at the Alumni Association aren't the only ones excited about the annual Alumni Golf Classic being named for golf legend Bill Wright ('60).

"I love the idea. I love it," the 62-year-old pro said from The Lakes at El Segundo in Los Angeles, a nine-hole executive course where he has been teaching swings and puts for the last three years.

Wright, who became the first black golfer to win a USGA title when he triumphed at the 1959 U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship, has returned to the Bellingham campus only once or twice in the last 38 years.

"I hope that I see a lot of the people that I went to school with," he said. "I just haven't had a chance to see too many of them."

The tournament, to be held Friday, Aug. 14, at Semiahmoo, will be named for Wright because "He is one of the best golfers to ever come out of the Northwest," said Chris Goldsmith, director of alumni relations.

Along with the USGA title, Wright was also the first black golfer to win the NAIA tournament, in 1960 while a Western student. He went on to play on both the PGA tour and the PGA senior tour.

Wright's golf and basketball pursuits (He was a starting forward in basketball as a junior and senior.) earned him one of the first seven places in Western's Athletic Hall of Fame, established in 1968.

Beethoven, theater and special summer seminars make Western's campus an ideal destination spot

Rather than winding down after the regular academic year, Western's campus comes alive during the summer months.

Whether you're into Beethoven or politics, the natural history of the North Cascades or the natural beauty of Lake Whatcom from Lakewood's dock, Western has summer programs for every age group and most interest groups.

Consider coming back to campus for a weekend or week this summer. There's more than enough to do. Remember, you can rent boats at Lakewood on Lake Whatcom by showing your Alumni Association card. Here's a sampling of other events:

The 1998 Taft seminar, which brings social studies teachers, political activists and government leaders together to explore political issues, will focus on citizenship in a changing world this year. Professors Donald Alper and Eugene Hogan direct and teach the two-credit political science seminar July 6-11. For information: (360) 650-3469.

Teachers, librarians and media specialists can also earn two credits at the STUDY CANADA Summer Institute from June 28 through July 2. Participants attend seminars and lectures on Canadian history, geography, government, ethnicity and other topics and develop curricula materials to take home. For information: (360) 650-3728.

The Bellingham Festival of Music runs July 21 through Aug. 16 and will include the annual Pelikan lecture series, Aug. 10-14; two Elderhostel programs around Beethoven's life and music; and a young people's concert.

The festival has a rich tradition of presenting international artists. This year's Festival will focus on Beethoven. Festival favorites Pepe Romero and the American Sinfonietta will return as will Jaroslav Pelikan, Sterling professor of history at Yale University, to deliver a series of lectures on "Beethoven and Tolstoy: Titans of the 19th century."

For the Bellingham Festival of Music: (360) 677-5997. For the Pelikan lectures: (360) 650-3446.

The WWU Elderhostel program offers four-week-long learning opportunities for adults 55 and over. "History of the North Cascades Mountains," July 26-Aug. 1 offers illustrated lectures and a field trip to Mount Baker, "Birds and Mammals of the Pacific Northwest" Aug. 16-21 includes a field trip to study the life cycles, habitats and social structures of the wildlife. The other two programs offer immersion in the music of Beethoven, in conjunction with the Bellingham Festival of Music.

Call Elderhostel at (617) 426-8056 for residential participation, or (360) 650-7754 to be a commuter participant.

The Adventures in Science and Arts camps offer week-long adventures for students entering grades five through 12 from June 22 through July 24. For information about these academic enrichment programs: (360) 650-6822.

And don't forget Summer Stock. See the schedule of four shows on the back page, or call (360) 650-6146 for tickets.

For information on Lakewood: (360) 650-2900.

Point of View

By Western President Karen Morse

Long after we leave the university, the memories and friendships we make during this time continue to enrich our lives. As I visit WWU Alumni Association chapter meetings and regional events, I can sense the pride graduates have in Western and the desire to continue to be a part of this network. Western and the Alumni Association have begun two projects to help our alumni keep in touch with each other and with new activities and programs on campus.

One project is an alumni directory, which should be available to you in the next several months. The directory can be of great value in helping you discover a warmly remembered classmate or even someone you didn't know at Western but who is now a neighbor or business colleague. Our alumni number nearly 70,000, and they have excelled across an impressive spectrum of endeavors, as you can see when you browse through the directory. We hope that it will not only be a practical tool for locating old and new friends but will also remind you of the Western experience which you all share.

To increase the opportunities for getting together, we are developing more alumni chapters throughout the country. As you can read elsewhere in this issue of Window, the Puget Sound area is humming with chapter activity in South Puget Sound, Pierce, King, Snohomish and Whatcom counties. Anchorage, Juneau and Hawaii are not far behind, and organizing events are taking place in Phoenix, San Diego, San Francisco, Boston, New York, Washington, D.C., Boise and Portland.

I hope you will enjoy these new opportunities to share the enthusiasm and fun of being a Western graduate, and I look forward to seeing you at a chapter meeting soon.
Endowment return ranked tops in state

More than $11 million in endowment funds managed by The Western Foundation are earning top dollar for student scholarships and other academic support on campus.

The National Association of University College and Business Officers’ ranking of college and university endowment returns lists WWU’s 22.4 percent return as the highest among all 16 public and private universities in the state.

The Western Foundation also surpassed other notable universities such as Stanford, the University of Virginia, Yale, Duke and Princeton.

“While it is gratifying to successfully compete with many of the nation’s top universities, the true measure of our endowment investment policy lies in the long-term benefits provided to Western’s outstanding students and faculty,” said Jim Doud, chair of the Foundation’s finance and audit committee.

Doud credits the robust investment return achieved during 1997 to a combination of stock market growth and wise investment management decisions.

The Foundation manages more than 160 individual endowments which support scholarships, equipment purchases, campus lectures and various academic enrichment programs.

Western’s Centennial will begin in fall 1999

Western will celebrate its Centennial beginning in September 1999. Nearly 100 years ago on Sept. 6, 1899, Principal Edward T. Mathes welcomed the first class of 88 students, a number which doubled by week’s end and rose to more than 200 within a month.

“Western’s reputation has continued to grow over the century,” said president Karen W. Morse. “With a current enrollment of over 11,400 students, the university has achieved national recognition for the high quality education it provides. Our students are prepared to compete in and contribute to a multicultural global society that demands technical and scientific innovation rooted soundly in the liberal arts,” she added.


“Although we have grown and changed a great deal over the years — as, indeed, has this state — our roots as a teacher training institution and as a liberal arts focused college have given us a strong basis of academic excellence and care for our students,” said Provost Roland L. De Lorme, who is also an historian.

Western’s Centennial will begin with the fall opening of classes in September 1999 and continue until commencement in June 2000, according to Centennial chair Lynne Masland, director of public information. “This will give us an opportunity not only to celebrate a century of growth and accomplishments, but also to look forward to the future as we move into the next century.

If you have information on the first class of students or special memories of Western’s early years in Bellingham, contact Masland at (360) 650-3350.

Alumni chapters formed

Alumni office staff and other WWU personnel attend virtually all chapter events, providing an update on campus activities and a great collection of door prizes.

Events can be as simple as getting pizza and beer every couple of months or as elaborate as a bus trip from San Diego to the new J. Paul Getty museum in Los Angeles.

The following communities have begun the process of chapter development. If you would like to help build a chapter in your area, call Alumni House at (800) 676-6885.

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Alumni relations. Numbering nearly 70,000, Western alumni are found throughout the world.

In Whatcom County, where the second largest concentration of alumni live, music graduates are among those expressing a strong interest in chapter formation. They have begun to study ways of becoming more active in Western’s performing arts programs.

Goldsmith and other external affairs employees at the university (Steven Inge, Kristie Lundstrom and Donna LeBlonde), along with occasional guest travelers such as Karen Morse, university president, and Brad Smith, dean of Husky College, have been taking to the road to assist the new chapters.

Local alumni plan chapter events with the logistical and financial backing of the WWU alumni office staff and the Alumni Association.

“They are the experts at what they want to do at their event,” Goldsmith said. For instance, the King County chapter has a number of special interest groups, based on career interests, social issues and academic programs, so programming will reflect those interests.

WWW Alumni web page, alumna win CASE prizes

The Alumni Association’s new web site has won a bronze award from the Northwest region of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

The university’s Publishing Services also won a bronze from CASE for A Guide to Guest Services, a three-color brochure for conference participants and other guests of the university. Graphic artist Veronica Tomaszewski Taylor (’86) designed the brochure.

The Alumni web site (http://www.ac.wwu.edu/~alumni) began operations last fall to provide information, services and entertainment to alumni and friends of the university. It is also the site of the electronic edition of Window on Western where you can catch up on Class Stories, such as a Class Note and keep up with campus news.

Graduates with access to the Internet can go to the alumni web site and get help ordering a transcript, duplicate diploma or, sourvenir items from Alumni House. Development of the alumni home page was spearheaded by Donna LeBlonde (’86), database manager for the Alumni Association, and Kathy Sheehan of the Public Information Office. Media Synergy Inc. designed, programmed and maintains the site.

CASE’s Northwest region VIII competition drew more than 400 entries in a variety of categories including web site design, publications, videos and other activities in support of higher education. The awards were presented Feb. 23 in Seattle. Region VIII includes public information, alumni and development officers from colleges and universities in Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Montana, Northwest Territories, Oregon, Saskatchewan, Washington and the Yukon.

Read Window on Western on the Web.

http://www.ac.wwu.edu/~alumni/wwow
Investments in Excellence
Boeing gift a boost for engineering technology

The Boeing Company has pledged $600,000 to the engineering technology department over the next three years as part of an industry-university partnership. The gift, the largest ever made by Boeing to Western, will provide significantly upgraded student computer laboratories and computer-assisted engineering software.

The first $200,000 installment was presented to university president Karen W. Morse by Ginny Woodhouse, resource and business manager at Boeing’s Harbour Pointe facility. Woodhouse also serves as the company’s liaison to Western.

"A gift of this magnitude from the world’s largest aerospace company reflects both the quality of Western’s academic programs and the caliber of our graduates," Morse said. "We are tremendously gratified by The Boeing Company’s expression of confidence and support."

Woodhouse noted that more than 1,200 Western alumni are employed at Boeing. Each year, the company offers numerous internships and summer employment opportunities to WWU students. Last year, for example, 27 Western business and science or technology majors interned with the aerospace company.

"We are very pleased to expand our relationship with Western," Woodhouse said. "Aptitudes for change and for professional growth, which are so important to industry, don’t begin after graduation. We all benefit if they begin within the curriculum."

Added engineering technology chair Kathleen Kitto: "This will enable students to use the same modern equipment in their university experiences as they will be using after graduation. Only through industry partnerships, such as this one with Boeing, can technology-based education keep pace with the ever-changing dynamics of the high-tech engineering workplace."

Western has devised a three-phase program to "integrate a wide variety of new experiences into the curriculum," Kitto said. "Students can design, create prototypes, plan, analyze, tool, manufacture, assemble, test, re­ view and document – all on the newest equipment and all based on real world projects."

With Boeing’s gift, Western will begin this year to create a new basic modeling and design facility. WWU will also launch an introductory course which will emphasize design and documentation through the initial product prototype stage.

Microsoft makes $1.86 million software gift

Building on its already substantial record of supporting Western’s personal computing needs, Microsoft recently announced another major gift of computer software.

The latest gift, valued at $1.86 million, represents one of the company’s largest software grants and ranks as the single largest gift the university has ever received.

The gift includes the latest NT server and more than 4,500 individual software packages for student computer labs, faculty workstations and staff offices. Student computing resources will receive the highest priority for software upgrades.

"Microsoft’s gifts and support from our alumni who are employed by the company have revolutionized Western’s personal computing technology," said university president Karen W. Morse. "As a result, we are able to provide our students with a technology-based learning environment of the highest quality."

William Neukom, Microsoft senior vice president, said the company is proud to continue its support of WWU’s "technology vision."

"Western has distinguished itself in recent years by creating new ways to use information technologies in both the learning process and higher education administration," he said.

Products contributed by Microsoft include campus-wide upgrades for Office Professional, which features word processing, spreadsheet, database, e-mail and presentation functions. The gift also includes numerous specialty programs such as NT Workstation for the computer science department, Publisher graphic design software, Front Page, which is used to design Web sites, and Project software, which provides a wide array of planning and organizing functions.

The new gift was announced during a ceremony held recently to recognize support provided by Microsoft and Hewlett-Packard to enhance technology-based teacher education programs in the Woodring College of Education.

Through a $32,000 Microsoft grant of cash and software and $3,500 in additional equipment from Hewlett-Packard, Woodring expanded its "anytime, anywhere, education" programs with new technology resources for student teachers.

Athletics kick off “Blue and White” scholarship drive

With a goal of securing $25,000 in annual scholarships for student-athletes, Viking Athletics recently kicked off the inaugural "Blue and White" campaign.

Combined with the phonathon to WWU varsity athletic alumni in the spring, the "Blue and White" campaign represents a major step in ensuring Western athletics are well equipped to face the challenges of entering the NCAA.

Scholarships for deserving student-athletes are the highest priority for the athletic department as it moves from NAIA competition to NCAA division II play next year.

"We are excited about the move to the NCAA," said athletic director Lynda Goodrich. "But along with that move comes an immediate need to generate additional funds for scholarships. To compete for playoff berths and championships, we need to continue to recruit top student athletes."

"With increased scholarship funding, we will meet that goal."

A 16-person, volunteer-driven board, chaired by Scott Walker, director of community affairs for Atlantic Richfield at Cherry Point, leads the "Blue and White" campaign. It targets donors at the $1,000 level while the phonathon generates smaller gifts.

The most recent alumni phonathon, in April, reached more than 2,500 alumni, parents and friends of Western athletics.

If you are interested in making a gift to the scholarship fund, or know someone who might be, contact Jennifer Rick in the athletic department at (360) 650-3616.
Young, successful alumni

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nic State University in San Luis Obispo last summer, is now working in the sales office of a division of Harmony Gold, a film distribution and production company.

She acknowledges her disappointment in not successfully landing an "art" job in her first two years out of college.

But there are no regrets about pursuing an artistic career.

The computer skills she's picked up since graduating from Western and her new knowledge of finance, international business and accounting has made her into a more rounded person.

"It's really pushing me to realize that I have this creative background, but I also have this background to help me find a job," she said.

Now Jeremy and Kelly Kriss are talking about doing their own feature film. With Jeremy's writing and dramatic talents and Kelly's business background, the entrepreneurial project seems "doable."

"Between the two of us we have this big background of information," she said. "We couldn't have got to this point unless we did all the things we've done. If I hadn't got my master's, no way," she said.

The usual graduate thing?

Jeremy, 26, who worked as assistant director of the central coast Americorps program while Kelly was in graduate school, has no regrets, either. However, he is less upbeat about his journey since graduating in 1993 and about the prospects for others trapped in the job market.

Jeremy said he has no regrets about choosing to go straight into graduate school to pursue a master's degree in accounting.

"I didn't know it would be so difficult to get an entry-level job," he said. "It's just kinda harsh to be out and realize a theatre degree doesn't prepare you for anything."

Jeremy, who won the Fairhaven College "best play of the quarter" award for "The Final Solution" during his senior year, writes every day and is still looking for an agent to help him sell his screenplays.

Jeremy keeps things in perspective: "If we hadn't taken all these little steps, there's no way we'd be where we are today."

Begin at the beginning

That attitude is echoed by D'Alessandro, who believes the most successful college graduates are those who have realistic goals.

"You certainly have to start at the bottom," she said. "You have to get your foot in some-where and check things out. ... It's not easy getting a job anywhere. ... It's not like TV."

When D'Alessandro left Western with a business degree in 1992 and lots of hands-on experience in marketing, it seemed the world was her oyster. Then she got her first job: auditing in the back office at Lamont's department store where she worked in retail sales throughout high school.

Her next job wasn't much to write home about, either: taking orders for U.S. West Cellular. But it was the start she needed.

"That position gave me a really firm foundation and exposure to quite a few areas of the business. I was really interested in the new products that were being delivered to make our jobs easier and what it took to deliver them."

D'Alessandro, 29, stayed with the company, now called AirTouch, and is a project manager in the Information Technology and Process Engineering group which delivers internal software enhancements to AirTouch's customer service and marketing teams.

"I... continually do things that will enhance my knowledge and expose myself to new opportunities to make myself more marketable," D'Alessandro said. "With the way the market is moving in terms of changes and mergers, there is no guarantee."

Success 101

Still, there are some things that young people can do to help make their entrance into the job market easier.

Critical thinking skills and lots of general knowledge about the world are an indication that someone is competent in solving problems — the major skill employers seek in employees. A well-rounded education and some work experience can go a long way, says Simpson.

"There's a tendency on the part of some to think that what you need for a job is very specific,... That's simply not how things work," Simpson said. "What employers want are broad skills."

Simpson's survey results suggest that young graduates may not realize that "there's a process of self-definition and exploration that takes a while." For example, only 48 percent of WWU's 1992 graduates who responded to a survey two years ago said they were very or mostly satisfied with their opportunities for advancement.

But other measures seem to show progress as young people begin their careers.

Nearly 75 percent said they were working in the same field as their major or in a related field. That compares with only 39 percent who said the first position they
rs are mastering "ng" in tiny Kwig

After careful consideration — paying off student loans is their first priority — the couple bought a snowmobile, "a ticket to travel to neighboring villages." Mischa made his first long trip in mid-December, a 210-mile roundtrip trek to Bethel to help a fellow teacher bring back a butchered caribou he had killed two weeks before.

In October, they had a rare treat: "Yupik women find mouse burrows, pull them open, and take the pile of roots the mice have neatly stored all summer," they wrote. "Those mice are hard workers! One row of mice can gather a bundle that can barely be held in two hands. The roots taste just like potatoes when cooked."

But stolen roots don’t last forever. In December, they write, "We’re mastering the food thing. We order through an Anchorage business which shops at Costco, then — for a 30% markup — ships your food out. Of course, the bulk of native diet comes from what they hunt or otherwise harvest: salmon, whitefish, tomcod, blackfish, ducks, geese and berries are all staples."

"For men, it’s cleansing, it’s social — and it’s also competitive. A person becomes a legend among the village by being able to withstand extreme heat. I had to cover my nose, ears, mouth and hands with a towel so they wouldn’t burn, and I still couldn’t take it for more than a few minutes. The first time I tried it was with a bunch of my students who I bet were trying to see how tough I was."

(Tough enough. While at Western, Mischa spent his summers fighting forest fires; Danielle crowed on the outstanding Varsity Eight that brought WWU the division 2 national title and won the grand final in the Pacific Coast rowing championship.)

There are 100 students in Kwig, 20 in high school. Starting out as freshmen, many students cannot work with five students. Very few students, especially girls, will volunteer answers or even answer questions.

For Mischa, there was an added difficulty: "The mechanical room is directly above my classroom and the room rattles rhythmically as if someone upstairs was revving a Harley."

But "the building is in nice shape, the classrooms are reasonably well outfitted, the kids are nice and easy to like and — maybe best of all — the other (six) teachers here are all wonderful. The villagers treat us well. So we plan to return next year and probably the next."

After commencement ...

For many young college graduates, it’s the recognition that they’ve completed a successful transition from student to grown-up — not the actual immediacy — that can be the most challenging and surprising.

Tomoko Kobayashi (’97), a native of Yachiyo, Japan, had so adjusted to American culture after living in Bellingham for five years that she was shocked to learn, during a trip back home last fall, just how much she had changed.

Kobayashi, an American cultural studies major who considers herself a cultural and feminist activist, was in her second year of a two-week trip home when she saw a television program completely galled her.

A newscaster was interviewing athletes and officials from a championship soccer team. There was only one woman, the team dietitian, among the group of about four dozen.

"I thought, wow! A professional career. Only one, but that’s great to have a woman there," Kobayashi said.

Then Kobayashi’s pride turned to revulsion. After the dietitian introduced herself, a man in the group quipped to the nationally televised audience: "She works so hard, she missed the chance to marry. ...Do any of you know someone who would be good for her?"

"That did it!" said Kobayashi, who immediately dashed off a letter to the local newspaper to register her outrage at the unprofessional and chauvinistic comment. The letter was so forceful that the editor published it as an opinion column, complete with her photo.

Kobayashi, whose goal is to work as a kind of cultural ambassador or educator, found herself as a minor celebrity in her hometown, bringing attention to an issue rarely addressed in Japan.

The 25-year-old alumna speaks modestly, though, about what she has done to build bridges between different cultures since graduating.

"When you are in college, you can talk about idealistic things," she said. "You make the time to attend to the activities that express your values. When you’re at work, however, "I find it’s harder to do because I have to work. I have to make my living."

During her college years, Kobayashi wouldn’t think of missing Martin Luther King Day observances. Kobayashi said she feels badly that she didn’t attend this year’s events because she was wrapped up in projects at her new job as a translator for EMF Software in Bellingham. "I had to work," she said.

Still, Kobayashi seems to be successfully transitioning between her role as student activist to a new calling as conscientious citizen who speaks out when appropriate.

When Kobayashi visited an antique store in La Conner recently, for example, she was horrified to find a stack of postcards featuring African Americans with huge lips and other grotesque features, doing menial work.

"I was so mad," she said. "My palms were sweaty" as she confronted the store owner who claimed they were "collectibles," a part of history. Kobayashi said she could tell they were nothing of the sort; they had been printed only recently to appeal to 1990s customers.

Kobayashi said she didn’t persuade the dealer that the postcards were offensive. "But I would have felt bad if I left La Conner without saying something about it," she said.

843 of the 883 alumni surveyed reported that 69 percent of those who were working in a field different from their major reported a 60-percent satisfaction rate with their jobs.

Most jobs require a college degree, but part of the problem, Simpson says, is that employers don’t always specify that what they’re really looking for is general intelligence, writing skills and reliability.

"They don’t say, ‘We want to have this degree,’ " he says. "So, ‘people green, going out to the field, can’t make the connection yet.’"


**From Lyle**

By Lyle Morse (70)

Time sure flies when you ignore your responsibilities! It seems like just yesterday when I was a day late for the winter issue of *Window on Western* and now I'm almost late for the spring issue! As this year's president of the Western Alumni Association, I was asked to do a short report on some of the highlights and goals of the organization. Like a fool, I said yes.

Our underlying goal is to develop an organization which is one you would wish to join. Quite simply, the Alumni Association is for you. As such, we have started to bring the association to its members through regional events and regional chapters. Organizational chapter events have been held in Anchorage, Juneau, Olympia and Hawaii. (You know Hawaii is kind of nice.)

At this writing, events are also set for Phoenix, San Diego, San Francisco, Boston, New York, Washington, D.C., Boise and Portland. These events have ranged from dinner to theater to a night at a microbrewery. I have attended three of the events and look forward to the Boise chapter formation and event this spring. Did I say Hawaii is kind of nice?

We are also working on a campus event along the lines of Super Saturday at The Evergreen State College. Designated to celebrate the Western experience, it would be an annual event, probably held near spring commencement.

Currently, the association sponsors a golf tournament in the summer and Homecoming in the fall. Homecoming has turned into an enjoyable weekend complete with a fun run, firework displays, tailgate party, dances and the best small college football in the land.

So, let us know if there is a direction you would like us to take or if you would like a regional event in your area. I will help especially hard for you if you live in Tahiti and plan the event in the winter.

**Accent on Alumni**

**Daniel P. Beard ('66) will receive “Distinguished Alumnus” Award**

Daniel P. Beard, a 1966 geography major who calls himself an "unabashed environmentalist," is the 1998 winner of the Distinguished Alumnus award.

Beard, senior vice president for public policy and chief lobbyist for the Audubon Society in Washington, D.C., will pick up the award at a May 15 dinner in Bellingham.

He joins 14 other distinguished graduates who have won the annual award at Western.

"I'm honored," Beard said when asked about the award. "Western has a very warm spot in my heart."

In numerous letters sent to the Alumni Association in support of his nomination, Beard was cited as a reform-minded leader who has made significant contributions to the nation's environmental policy and on natural resource conservation issues.

As commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Department of the Interior from 1993 to 1995, Beard restructured the agency to eliminate several layers of management. He also made the agency more environmentally responsible and promoted water conservation among agricultural as well as urban users.

The bureau had become a "bloated bureaucracy" that focused almost entirely on building dams, Beard said. "It spent too much money and worked on the wrong things."

Although many told Beard he was "nuts" to reduce the agency's budget and staff and radically change its philosophy, Vice President Al Gore awarded the bureau a "Golden Hammer Award" for modeling how government reinvention should work. Harvard University and the Ford Foundation gave it a $100,000 "innovations in American Government Award."

Because many developing countries look to the United States for policy advice, "The ramifications of the changes Dan has helped craft have been felt throughout the world," according to John D. Leshy, solicitor for the Department of the Interior.

Beard's reform policies have had a major effect in turning the tide internationally away from exploiting rivers towards wise water resources management," added Owen T. Lammers, executive director of International Rivers Network.

Beard, a native of Bellingham, has worked on conservation issues from several perspectives. He has served as staff director for the U.S. House Resources Committee and its Water and Power Resources subcommittee; was appointed assistant director of environmental policy and on national resource conservation issues.

Over the years, Beard has kept in touch with geography teachers at Western such as Robert Monahan, who nominated him for the award, and Debnath Mookherjee and Howard J. Critchfield.

Beard lives in Columbia, Md., with his wife, Dana C. Beard. They have three children, Allison, Nicholas and Peter.

**Make plans for reunions and other alumni events**

This year's reunion weekend, which will include the classes of 1947, 1948 and 1949, is one of more than 20 alumni events sponsored by the Alumni Association this spring and summer. For all those who graduated in the post-war years, the weekend of June 26-28 will be a time to revisit friends, the campus and faculty.

- A Mariners' game in Seattle June 19; the golf tournament Aug. 14; and a dinner for Distinguished Alumnus Award winner Daniel Beard May 15 are also part of an ongoing list of alumni events.
- Phone the Alumni House at (800) 676-6885 if you would like to attend one of these events.

**Alumni directory to be published in October**

By now Western alumni have received either a first or second Alumni Directory questionnaire to be filled out and returned to our publisher, Bernard Harris Publishing.

At the end of June, Harris representatives will start telephoning alumni for the verification phase of the directory project.

Information that needs to be verified includes current name, academic data, residence address and phone number, current occupation and business address and phone number (if applicable). The scope of this information is an indication of the comprehensive quality of the entire volume. The directory will sort this data by name in the alphabetical section and by class year and geographical location in separate sections of the book. There also will be a special section with photos and other information about WWU.

Soon, locating fellow alumni and classmates will be as easy as turning a page in the WWU Alumni Directory. You may receive your personal copy when the Harris representative phones during the verification stage.

Some of our alumni, for various reasons, have let us know by phone or letter that they do not want their information published in this volume. That is an option as long as you make that wish known to either the Alumni office at Western or to Harris Publishing.

The WWU Alumni Directory is set for publication in October.
Alumni support a second scholarship

One lucky entering freshman this fall will be awarded the first $10,000 WWU President’s/ Alumni Association scholarship.

Funds for this and future awards come from fees the collegiate license plate program began several years ago.

The program allows alumni and other friends of Western to buy automobile plates bearing the Viking logo for $40, of which $28 is returned to Western for the scholarship fund. (Annual renewals for the plates are only $30.) The fees for the collegiate license plate are in addition to your normal annual tab cost.

WWU collegiate license plates are available from any Washington Department of Licensing outlet or wherever license plates and yearly tabs are sold.

The license plate program provides a unique opportunity for alumni and others to show their support for Western and at the same time provide scholarship assistance to some of Western’s best and brightest students.

The new award means alumni are funding two scholarship programs; the Alumni Association board scholarship will continue as before. One application will be used for both programs.

The first recipient of the President’s/Alumni Association award will receive $2,500 each year for four years.

For information about obtaining WWU license plates or a scholarship application for 1999-2000, call Alumni House at (800) 676-6885.

Avis (Weidenbach) and George Rector (55) have retired from teaching and are living on a Whidbey Island farm raising Polled Hereford cattle.

Avis published her first story in 1995 about their grandson, Carl, called Carl Helps on the Farm. She is still in demand for book signings.

Class Notes

1927 - Irene Cunningham (57) celebrated her 94th birthday Nov. 3 in Bremerton.

1941 - Mitch Evich, who turned 80 in April, continues to institute teach in Bellingham School District. Evich still operates his own commercial purse seine salmon boat during the summer and early fall.

1945 - Cheryl Bickford and her husband, Lyle Bickford (49) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 23, 1997 with a trip to the Holy Land.

1963 - Karen Anderson Byrd retired after 34 years of teaching first grade in Anacortes, Forks and the Port Angeles area.

1965 - Charles W. Byrd retired as the social studies chair at Port Angeles High School after teaching for 31 years.

1966 - Ralph Munro was awarded the Hammerlund taught at Fairhaven College Russian government. Munro was recognized for his great contribution to the development of friendship and cooperation between citizens of the Russian Federation and the United States.

1968 - Peter Gray wrote the Math-Science Achievement Series, and won national recognition from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics magazine, Teaching Children Mathematics. Gray co-authored the books with his father, Neil Gray, a retired Western professor.


1970 - Cheryl Chow is the interim principal of her alma mater, Franklin High School, in Seattle.

1971 - David M. Johnson retired to El Paso, Texas, after a career as a military psychologist.

1972 - Glen Cooper is the principal of Ocean Shores and Pacific Beach elementary schools in Aberdeen. ... Jeff Hamrick attended a Fullerton College winter quarter 1998. ... John Oliverantz leaves the Whatcom Museum of History and Art to become director of a new museum in Salem, Ore. ... Wendy Walker is teaching at Huxley College.

1973 - Gene Cash just finished his 30-year military career as course manager for Range C, wherein he directed 14 different test events. Cash spent 28 years in the reserve and two years on active duty. Cash is currently the administrative officer at Redmond Jr. High. ... Bill Dietrich, presented the first of a series of lunchtime talks and discussions exploring issues of Northwest energy and environmental policy. ... Vanetta Cash was president of Toastmaster in Kent and is a past president of AAVX. Cash has owned Cash’s Cleaning Crew for 15 years and has recently expanded the business in Redmond. ... Marilyn Hall received her second master’s degree in May 1997. She was graduated an M.Ed. from Imo Imposta State University. Hall already had an M.Ed. from Columbus University.

1974 - Lynda Belt (83 MA) won the John C. Barger, Teacher of the Year award from the American Alliance for Theatre & Education. Belt teaches theatre at Puyallup High School. ... Paul Dyer is a “job coach” in La Costa, Wis., for Riverfront, Inc. Dyer provides employment training for individuals who have handicaps and disabilities. Dyer recently published a book of his poetry, Please, Remember My Poems About Alzheimer’s Disease. Dyer is on the board of directors of the Riverfront chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association and vice president of the Board of Directors at the Presbyterian Church in La Costa. ... Ali Erickson has worked with Isahqah Yahi & Recreation since 1975. ... James Gjig of Lake Forest has been promoted to operations manager for Kestrel, a digital color and traditional reprographics business.


1976 - Andy Conn is the general manager of sales and marketing for Chrysler Corporation in Taiwan. ... Jeff Lombard, owner of International Athletic in Ferndale since 1979, was elected first vice president of the Ferndale Chamber of Commerce.

1977 - Craig Cole, president and chief executive officer of Brown & Cole Stores in Bellingham, has been appointed to Food Marketing Institute’s (FMI) executive committee. ... David Cutbirth has been named director of communication for the 60 Plus Association. ... Taïmi Dupper-Gorman has been appointed to the Small Business Improvement Council by Gov. Gary Locke. ... Jay Harris is the engineering manager for Hexcel Composites in Casa Grande, Ariz. Harris recently completed his MBA in technology management at the University of Phoenix. ... Peggy Scott is the vice president of operations for Windermere Relocation Inc. in Bellevue.

1978 - Art Busha is the head coach for the Westerners soccer team in Kitsap County. Busha recently coached at an international school in Quilts, Ecuador. ... Barbara Ritter is the director of applied and vocational learning for the Beth School District in Spanaway. ... Don Zelger manages Cascadia Mortgage in Chehalis.

1979 - Jeffery Pietila is principal of Waitsburg High School in the Mt. Baker School District. ... Debra Sizberger has been named general counsel at Ost Development Inc. in Bellevue.

1980 - Mike Evich teaches third grade at Whittier Elementary School in Everett. ... Tom Mike Kennedy was promoted to district manager with Haggen Inc. ... Tom Wood has his work included in “Contemporary Northwest Pintasters.” Wood has received national and international recognition for his pastels and oils and exhibited his work at the Lisa Harris Gallery in Seattle. ... Jerry Webster was recently promoted to full professor in the department of geography at the University of Alabama.


1982 - Greg Atkinson has written in Sesqui, 35 food essays that follow a cook’s tour through the seasons of life in the Northwest. ... Dave Euler, of the web site content writer for Media Access Internet Solutions, ... Art Huber is employed as public records coordinator for the planning department in the city of Bellevue and has coached basketball seven of the past eight years for the city of Seattle parks and recreation.

1983 - Christine Hill performed in “Carusheen, ... for your pleasure.” Hill teaches applied voice at Grays Harbor College. ... Jeff Jenkins was named chief financial officer for Hasell Corp. of Bellingham. Jenkins has been with Hasell for four years. ... Sheri Zimmerman Marr is living in Singapore. Marr would love to hear from other WWU grads living in Singapore and the southeast Asia area at her e-mail address: emsannmar@cyberway.com.sg. ... Katy Morse was named 1997/1998 Nairobi Kenya Port Tournament. ... Ken Winters has just launched a new educational software company named LakEin Software Inc. The company specializes in wholesome, non-violent PC-based early childhood multimedia titles that educate and entertain. Winters welcomes classmates and others to e-mail him at president@okar.com or view his web site at www.liker.com.

1984 - Mitch Evich, Jr. is teaching in Somerville, Mass., and has written articles for The Boston Globe. ... Clive Pohl performs with the Just Dessert, a Seattle-based trio. ... Rick Schauer is the CAD-CAD CAM application development manager for Design/Produce/Integration Breakthroughs & Initiatives at Boeing Information, Space, and Defense Systems. Schauer has been with Boeing for 13 years.
Minzi Cheng '94 counsels members of the Asian community in her job at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Cheng is the director of the Asian Student Services Office at the university. She is currently teaching there.

1992 - Rebecca Downey received an unrestricted financial award of $25,000 from the 1992 Million Family Foundation National Education Program at Downey State College. She is on special assignment in the Timberline District's curriculum office. John Emerich and his wife, Sarah, also have a son, Rhett. Emerich received his master's degree in educational administration and is currently teaching at Sam Houston State University. Emerich can be reached at email: jemerich@hsu.edu.

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Memorials

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1921 - Jessie How, 95, a retired teacher, died Oct. 3.
1924 - Mary Elma Pemberton Byers Modica, 91, a former teacher, died Jan. 17. ... George Mowarad, 94, a former mayor of Kalama, died Nov. 18. ... Bessie Talmage, 92, died Oct. 26. ... Lila O. Rogers, 92, died Jan. 2.
1927 - Emily Hjalmar Segger, 91, a retired teacher, died July 15.
1928 - Theima (Borgen) Preston, 89, a retired teacher, died Sept. 11.
1935 - Lois Reynolds Jones, 84, a retired teacher, died Sept. 21.
1937 - Katherine "Katie" Mustappa Jones, 84, a retired teacher, died Dec. 23.
1938 - Kathryn E. Hatch White, 83, a retired teacher, principal and writer, died Aug. 27.
1939 - Ethel Bromley, 84, a retired elementary school principal, died Jan. 14.
1940 - Donald Martin Lonsdale, 79, a retired warranty supervisor for McDonnell-Douglas, died Oct. 8.
1941 - Ernest Dzurick, 81, a retired teacher, died Sept. 7.
1942 - Joyce Gori, '46, 75, a retired teacher, died Jan. 11.
1943 - Jean Hammes, '45, 76, a retired teacher, died Sept. 1.
1945 - Lillian Moe, 84, died on Feb. 4. ... Patricia Witt, 71, a retired educator, died April 2.
1959 - Albert "Al" Harris, 74, a retired teacher and coach, died Jan. 3.
1952 - George Fallis, 75, a retired teacher, died Jan. 9.
1964 - Pauline Hunter Heath, 70, a retired home economics teacher, died Aug. 27.
1969 - James H. Leverett, 55, a tugboat pilot and fishermen worker who served as president of the Alumni Association from 1992 to 1993, died Dec. 29. Leverett was a retired criminal investigator for the Washington State Fishers Patrol and was active in the Masonic Order. In recent years, he led numerous travel groups to England and was instrumental in establishing the Alumni Association's travel program.
1970 - Jeanne Nunamaker Baglo, a retired teacher, died Feb. 1
1974 - Diane Marie Loder, 45, a data systems analyst, died of a sudden illness Aug. 3.
1979 - Becky Smith, 41, a licensed psychotherapist, died from brain cancer Aug. 10.

Faculty, staff, friends
Walter Zuber Armstrong, 89, who taught music at Western from 1953 to 1968 and played flute, clarinet and piano, died March 1 in Bellingham.
William Dittrich, 73, associate professor emeritus, who taught physics at Western for 40 years, died Nov. 6. He was also a founding member of Western's campus Christian ministry.
Donald A. Ferris, 89, a retired faculty member and administrator at Western, died June 29 in Selah. He served as registrar, director of teacher-education advisement and education and chairman of the education department.
Doug Gill, 59, chief of Public Safety at Western, died Nov. 11.
FJ. "Bill" Herb, 89, a former member of The Western Foundation board of directors and a prominent Bellingham businessman, died March 5.
Claude H. Heyer, 68, who taught political science in the late 1960s, died Feb. 23.
Lois M. Kemp, 83, who worked in the business office at Western, died Jan. 18.
Frederick "Steve" Kurtz, 71, a former administrator in Western's Public Information Office, and in publications, died Dec. 11.
Howard McGaw, 86, professor emeritus of library science, died Nov. 18.
Katherine "Kay" Norr, 75, retired secretary in the math department, died Feb. 5.
Vernon O. Tyler Jr., 68, professor emeritus of psychology who taught at Western since 1965, died Jan. 2 in Bellingham.

Weddings Continued from page 10 ... Laurel Walton and Peter Sloan on Sept. 12 ... Janelle Williams and Eric Schmidt on July 19 ... Shonda Williams and Steven Shipman ('86) on Aug. 23.
1997 - Jeni Kay Abercombie and Lee James Carwell on Aug. 24. ... Melissa Anderson and Frank Meier, '94 on July 26 ... Indra Sterling Black and Steven James Pickens on Sept. 5. ... Julie Brown and Frank Hartness on Aug. 8. ... Andrea Davis and Eric Cahan ('96) on July 12. ... Amy Dowd and Brian Allinger on May 24. ... Eli Oldfield and Halsey Montegon on July 27. ... Danielle Romula and Mitch Burns ('97) on July 9. ... Rochelle Horn and Coetz Irons ('96) on Aug. 29. ... Kellen Irene and Tom Hausmann ('97) on June 29. ... Joanna Sue Morinwater and Jeffrey Lee ('95). ... Gwyn Elizabeth Pooleon and Robert Joseph Fils on Aug. 18. ... Cindy Christine Seward and Harry J. Jones on Aug. 9. ... Sara Reese and Scott Smith on July 12. ... Rebecca Stewart and William Level ('95) on Sept. 6. ... Alexander Turner and Cory Stromme ('96) on Aug. 23. ... Melissa Vandervoort and Jeffrey Timmer on Aug. 1. ... Allen Walker and Audrey Rechelz on Sept. 7. ... Tyren Youngquist and Hala Schiemer on Dec. 20.

Two alumnae win teaching awards
Lynn Torpey ('84), a math teacher at Whatcom Middle School, and Ann Babcock-Williamson ('72, '76, '89), a fourth grade teacher at Carl Cozier Elementary School in Bellingham, received the presidential award for excellence in mathematics and science teaching in January. They each receive $7,500 in grants from the National Science Foundation, with which they will buy classroom supplies.

Do you have news to share with others?
Send short items of interest and glory photos to Window on Western, Alumni House, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98227-9199.
You can also e-mail your Class Notes, news and address changes to: alumni@wwu.edu.
Class Notes are published in the online edition of Window on Western.

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May

11 Registration for summer quarter begins
13-17 William Shakespeare’s The Tempest. PAC Mainstage.
15 Distinguished Alumni dinner
15-17 Western Showtime Family Weekend
16 Alumni board of directors meeting
25 Memorial Day
27-31 Black Comedy, a student production at Old Main Theatre
30 Alumni Club Life Member cruise
1-31 Seeing Jazz exhibit at the Western Gallery
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  Engineering technology
  alumni dinner at Red Hook Brewery in Woodinville
  Finals week
  Alumni Alaska cruise
  Outstanding Graduating Seniors reception
  Spring commencement
  Mariners game with Alumni Association
  Adventures in Science and Arts camp for grades 5-6
  Six-week and nine-week summer quarter begins
  Alumni reunion weekend for 1947, 1948 and 1949 graduates
  STUDY CANADA, a week-long Summer Institute, begins

June

1-30 Seeing Jazz exhibit at the Western Gallery
  Independence Day observed
  Adventures in Science and Arts week for grades 7-8
  Taft Seminar for Teachers
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  The Witch of Blackbird Pond, directed by Barb Maier, opens the Summer Stock season at Old Main Theatre
  Adventures in Science and Arts week, grades 9-12
  Friends of the Music Library’s Alaska cruise departs from Vancouver, B.C.
  Hay Fever, directed by Mark Kuntz, at the PAC Mainstage.
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  “Beethoven and Tolstoy: Titans of the 19th century” is the theme of this year’s Pelikan lecture series in conjunction with Elderhostel and the Bellingham Festival of Music
  Alumni Association golf tournament at Semiahmoo
  Alumni hostel: Birds and mammals of the Pacific Northwest
  Summer commencement

Western’s Summer Stock ’98

The theatre arts department has four shows in revolving repertory format to keep you spellbound during the state’s longest-running Summer Stock season.

The Witch of Blackbird Pond, adapted by Y. York, from the novel for children by Elizabeth George Speare will be directed by Barb Maier. It opens July 1 at Old Main Theatre and runs through July 19.

Hay Fever, by Noel Coward, directed by Mark Kuntz, opens at the Performing Arts Center Mainstage July 23. It runs on various dates through Aug. 16.

The Fantasticks, the long-running musical by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, is directed by Maureen O’Reilly in Old Main Theatre. It opens July 25. Performances are on various dates through Aug. 12.

Rounding out the Summer Stock schedule is My Fair Lady, from the Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw. It’s directed by Ruben Van Kempen and special guest Christopher Parry at the PAC Mainstage. Aug. 1 through Aug. 20.

Call (360) 650-6146 for exact dates and times.

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STUDY CANADA: (360) 650-3728
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Taft Seminar: (360) 650-3728 or (360) 650-2912
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