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Professor Richard Emmerson, Olscamp award winner
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Medieval Reward

A youthful curiosity leads to excellence

Professor Richard Emmerson's parents provided him with a good grounding in religious matters, helping him to understand the Bible and biblical history, up to the early Christian church. Later, his high school history teachers taught him American history, beginning, of course, with 1492.

"I had this sense of really old stuff, and I had a good sense of modern history," Emmerson said. "And then there was this period of 1500 years," between where the New Testament leaves off and Columbus discovers America, about which he knew very little.

"I was curious about this empty space," he said.

Emmerson's curiosity about the Middle Ages led him to become a history major at Columbia Union College in Maryland. There, and while attaining graduate degrees in American and British literature at Andrews University and Stanford, he thoroughly immersed himself in the culture of the Middle Ages.

Today, Emmerson is an internationally known authority in medieval studies. He has five books, 32 scholarly papers on medieval art, literature and religion and dozens of articles and book reviews to his credit.

Emmerson's groundbreaking research, especially his work on the literature and art of the Apocalypse, has also earned him this year's Paul J. Olscamp award at Western.

The Olscamp award, which includes a $1,000 check, is named for the man who served as president of Western from 1975 to 1982.

The award recognizes outstanding research work by a faculty member at Western.

It is the first time since 1984 a faculty member in the humanities has won the award.

Emmerson, who came to Western in 1990 as chair of the English department, has been conducting research on the Middle Ages for nearly 30 years, including a year he spent abroad during his undergraduate days.

During his sophomore year in England, he enrolled in his first English literature course with a teacher who took his students to see a medieval mystery play performed in the ruins of a medieval abbey.

He fell in love with British plays and Chaucer. Emmerson's curiosity about medieval times was sparked anew.

He also became fascinated with castles and the beautiful sheepskin manuscripts from the Middle Ages. To understand the manuscripts better, and because medievalists tend to be educated across a number of disciplines, he studied Latin, Italian, old French, art history, religious studies and paleography, the study of ancient hands.

That interdisciplinary education has given him a unique perspective on the relationship between the text in the manuscripts and their decorative images, his current research area.

Along with his own research into the literature and art of the Middle Ages, Emmerson co-edits two scholarly journals, Studies in Iconography, and Tractatus: Studies in Ancient and Medieval History, Thought and Religion. His latest book, a translation with commentary on the middle-French play, Jour du Jugement, was published in July.

"He is the best researcher that I have ever worked with," said Ronald B. Herzman, distinguished teaching professor of English at the State University of New York (SUNY), one of several academics who recommended

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Briefly

Viking 23 brings home $1,000 in prizes from rally

Besting torrential rains and a field of eight other electric hybrid experimental vehicles, the Viking 23 came in a decisive first in-class in the American Tour de Sol road competition.

The team received a $500 prize for winning the hybrid/electric class. It also won free entry in next year's event, worth $500, for best energy efficiency.

Despite drenching rains which flooded all contestants' batteries - plus its own clutch cable malfunction - Viking 23 chalked up 688 tour miles for its first-place finish.

Shannon Point wins grant for minority education

A $345,000 grant from the National Science Foundation has been awarded to the Minorities in Marine Science Undergraduate Program at Western’s Shannon Point Marine Center. Shannon Point has operated the program with NSF support since 1990. This grant will extend the program an additional five years, beginning in 1999.

Western graduates find employment plentiful

Reflecting a five-year, nationwide expansion in jobs prospects for college graduates, nearly 86 percent of Western Washington University’s 1996-97 bachelor’s degree graduates - and more than 95 percent of teacher certificate recipients - have found employment, according to a survey conducted by Western’s Career Services Center.

Of those with a bachelor’s degree, 52.6 percent said they were working in a job related to their area of study, with 26.5 percent in non-related jobs, and 12.6 percent pursuing further education.

Teacher certificate recipients reported 89.3 percent employment in a related field, 62 percent in work not related to their degree and slightly more than 1 percent seeking further education.

James E. Shaw named campus police chief

James E. Shaw, who has 30 years experience in law enforcement, has been named chief of public safety at Western. Shaw, 55, has held the same position at California State University, Stanislaus, since 1988. He holds a management degree from St. Mary’s College in Moraga, Calif., and a specialized teaching credential in police science earned at the University of California, Berkeley.

New women’s basketball coach hired

Gina Sampson, a former All-American and Athlete of the Year at Western, will replace Lori deKubber as assistant coach of the women’s basketball program. Sampson, 24, coached and played for a pro team in Australia last year. She holds 18 Viking records.

Provost De Lorme to retire in September 1999


Conferences bring Whatcom County $1.9 million

Conferences held at Western contribute at least $1.9 million annually to the Whatcom County economy, according to the university’s director of conference services, Diana Bakkum. The figures were gleaned from a report by the Association of Collegiate Conference and Events Directors-International, which represents event coordinators at 450 U.S. and Canadian universities.

Journalism scholarship named for Steve Rupp

The family of Steve Rupp (’84) has set up a journalism scholarship in memory of The Bellingham Herald’s late sports editor.

Rupp was a former football player at Western.

Donations can be sent to The Western Foundation in memory of Steve Rupp, WWU, MailStop 9034, Bellingham, WA 98225-9034.

Write to us! Have a compliment, suggestion or idea? We want to hear from you. Address your letters to the editor: Window on Western, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, 98225-9015. Or, contact the Alumni Office via e-mail at alumni@wwu.edu.
Accreditation report lauds academics, aesthetics

The Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges’ Commission on Colleges has extended the university’s accreditation, commending Western for the “strength and quality of its commitment to excellence of the undergraduate experience.”

In a report by a high-level evaluation committee that visited campus in April, the commission also applauded Western’s beautiful campus and the university’s active mentoring of new faculty members.

“This periodic review by our peers, which is preceded by an intensive internal study of all aspects of university life, is invaluable in measuring how well Western is accomplishing its mission of providing an excellent education for the students of this state,” said university president Karen Morse.

The commission does not grant accreditation for a definite number of years but conducts full-scale evaluations at least every 10 years.

The evaluation committee also noted that Western is facing acute space shortages and recommended the university implement its master plan as soon as feasible. Other recommendations include preparing an overall, formal, institutional assessment plan to identify and publish expected learning outcomes and reviewing faculty performance every three years instead of the current five.

The accreditation process took 18 months.

Point of View

Throughout this issue, you will read about honors that have come to our students, faculty and staff in recent months. We applaud their accomplishments as individuals and the enhancement of Western’s reputation for excellence that results from such achievements.

Even a partial list is impressive:

Two 1998 masters’ in English graduates, Margot Wixsom and Terry Sonnenman, received honorable mention in the annual Atlantic Monthly student writing competition, the only honorees from Washington.

A Fairhaven junior, Kimberly K. Mettler-Chase, was selected from 370 nominees nationwide as a 1998 Morris K. Udall scholar. She will use her $5,000 award to further her goal of working for a social service or non-profit agency in a Native American community.

Junior biochemistry major, Joseph Mougeous, was the first Western student in the 20-year history of the prize to earn the regional American Chemical Society “best research award.” He went on to take a national ACS prize for research excellence in analytical chemistry.

Professor emeritus of biology Irwin Slesnick received the highest award of his peers, the rarely conferred Robert H. Carleton award for national leadership in science education.

Increasingly, Western has become the site for lifetime learning opportunities that draw people from around the state and nation. These range from Adventures in Science & Arts for students as young as the sixth grade to the Business Week, which gives high school students a hands-on sense of business, to Elderhostels on far-ranging topics.

National and international groups are also increasingly selecting Western as a site for their gatherings.

The National Wildlife Federation Conservation Summit, one of two in the nation, met on campus this summer.

Delegates from 60 nations attended the silver jubilee Congress of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology, the first time this conference was held in the United States. That it was held at Western was recognition that professor Walt Lonnner and his psychology department colleagues have, for three decades, been in the forefront of research into communicating successfully across nationalities, cultures and ethnic groups.
Campus Connections
Western leaves NAIA in a blaze of glory

May 22, 1998 will forever be a red-letter day in the history of Western athletics - the day the Vikings won their first, and last, national team championship in 61 years as a member of the NAIA.

But for the women's fastpitch team that brought home that championship, the day will mean even more, for rarely has a team faced so many obstacles in reaching its goal.

The Vikings barely received an at-large berth to nationals. In the days leading up to the tourney, they lost two pitchers to injuries.

Then their coach, Art Phinney, spent most of the tournament in the hospital. Four times Western came from behind to win tournament games, twice in its last at-bat. And then, to throw up one last barrier, the championship game pitted the Vikings against a team they had lost to six times during the season.

Yet, Western overcame all of it, sweeping through the double-elimination NAIA National Tournament in Broken Arrow, Okla., with a perfect 5-0 record, including a 1-0 victory over arch-rival Simon Fraser University in the championship game.

"I know a lot of people were surprised by us winning," said Phinney, who was named NAIA national coach of the year. "But, honest to goodness, I wasn't. ... When somebody works that hard, I feel good things are going to happen."

The team finished with a 33-13 record. The fastpitch title put a close to Western's membership in the NAIA.

Starting with the 1998-1999 academic year, the Western athletic program will be a full-fledged member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II, competing for NAIA championships.

NCAA membership means more funds for national championship travel and a piece of the revenue that all NCAA schools share.

"And we can't rule out that the NCAA is a more recognized organization," said Lynda Goodnight, director of athletics. "That adds credibility to our program in recruiting."

The new league also means Western's football team will face the toughest schedule in school history this fall.

The Vikings host NCAA II semifinalist UC-Davis, and visit two Big Sky Conference opponents, Montana State and Eastern Washington. Eastern Washington is the defending Big Sky champion and a NCAA I-AA national semifinalist.

The Vikings play Humboldt State at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, Homecoming weekend.

Women's fastpitch team scores ballpark of honors

In addition to the national title, the women's fastpitch team won these honors:

• Left fielder and base-stealer Soyia Joseph, who made a number of great defensive plays, named tournament MVP.
• Pitcher Devon Fliss, catcher Cathy Johnson and center fielder Jen Brandolini named to all-tournament team.
• Pitchers Alison Haukaas and Devon Fliss, catcher Cathy Johnson, center fielder Jen Brandolini and catcher/third baseman Andie Greenen named to the NAIA Pacific Northwest Sectional all-star team.
• Brandolini led the PNWAC with a .431 batting average, 69 hits, 44 runs scored and 30 stolen bases, all school records. Named PNWAC hitter of the year.

Viking Night features auction and banquet

The ninth annual Viking Night, a banquet and auction to raise scholarship funds for Western's student-athletes, will be held Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Sam Carver Gymnasium.

The evening, sponsored by U.S. Bank, includes an entertaining talk by Jim Walden, head football coach at Washington State University from 1978 to 1986, and a salmon and chicken dinner.

During the silent auction and the live auction, you may bid on sports memorabilia, vacation trips, gift certificates, services and countless other valuable items.

To recruit top student-athletes, scholarship assistance isn't an option; it's a necessity.

Your participation in the U.S. Bank/Viking Night Dinner & Sports Auction will allow Western to continue to achieve success regionally and nationally in NCAA competition.

Tickets are $75 per person. Reservations are recommended. Call 360-650-3109 for more information.

Science honors for Slesnick

Professor Emeritus Irwin Slesnick (left) received the Robert E. Carleton Award for national leadership in the field of science education. National Science Teachers Association president Fred Johnson (right) conferred the award during the NSTA's national meeting earlier this year. Slesnick, a science educator for nearly 50 years, retired in September 1994 but continued teaching after that. The award, sponsored by the Dow Chemical Co., included $5,000 and "a lead crystal dish that holds almost a pound of M&Ms." Slesnick quipped.

Kathy Sheehan photo
Investments in Excellence
Contributions to Western top $5 million

Furthering the tradition of providing private support, 8,749 alumni, parents, friends, businesses, corporations and foundations contributed nearly $5 million to Western in the 1997-98 giving year.

Those private gifts, plus $275,000 in matching grants from the state of Washington, totaled $5,027,971.

The total marks the second consecutive year Western has received more than $5 million in contributions and only the third time that amount has been exceeded.

Western alumni comprised nearly 60 percent of all donors, with 5,404 graduates contributing $586,518.

Another 2,880 friends of the university, including many parents of Western students, provided $943,036 in gifts.

The majority of private support came from 465 corporations, foundations and other organizations whose gifts totaled nearly $3.5 million.

“We are truly grateful to all those who have made Western a part of their charitable giving,” said Jean Rahn, executive director of The Western Foundation.

“Private gifts have made an indelible mark at Western, benefiting thousands of students each year.

“Many of our donors have taken the opportunity to become involved with the university on a very personal level and see the positive impact their gifts are making,” she added. “All of our donors can be proud of the impact their gift is making in the lives of these students.”

The majority of gifts received in 1997-98 were designated for specific uses, including direct academic support, athletics and scholarships.

In addition to these restricted gifts, more than $185,000 was contributed to the unrestricted Campus Enrichment Fund.

More than $1 million, including a $250,000 state match for the Wilder Endowment, was designated for permanent endowment funds.

Scholarships support student athletes

The WWU Vikings will begin NCAA Division II play this fall. With this historic first, annual gifts will continue to play an increasingly important role in the success of Western’s athletic programs.

Competition will be fierce among NCAA Division II colleges and universities, and the Vikings are prepared to meet the challenge. With the heightened competition for playoff berths, Western must continue to recruit and retain top student-athletes to carry on their winning traditions.

Athletics currently has funding for only 19 “full-ride” ($5,000) annual scholarships for Western’s 500 student-athletes.

An additional $115,000 must be raised each year through annual gifts or endowments in order to meet a departmental goal of attaining funding for 42 full-rides, well below the NCAA maximum.

Your participation will assist in reaching this goal. If you or someone you know is interested in making a gift to the scholarship fund, please contact Jennifer Rick in the Athletic Department at (360) 650-3616.

Fund-raising success earns recognition for The Western Foundation

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) recently announced The Western Foundation has been chosen as a recipient of the 1998 CASE Circle of Excellence in Educational Fund-Raising Award.

The Western Foundation joins a highly selective list of college and university development programs to receive this annual award which recognizes outstanding improvement in overall fund-raising activities.

The Western Foundation sincerely thanks all the alumni, parents, friends, employees, corporations, foundations and businesses through whose continued generosity this award was made possible.

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The Wilder Endowment will fund the Wilder Construction Co. Distinguished Professorship of Business and the Environment. This unique partnership between Huxley College and the College of Business and Economics will educate students on the issues surrounding both business and the environment and how the two can work collaboratively.

The Western phonathon team celebrates the successful completion of the 1997-98 phonathon.

Alumni answer call for support

With a record level of alumni support, the 1997-98 phonathon exceeded goals and raised much-needed funds for Western’s colleges and academic departments. Surpassing the established goal by nearly 20 percent, the seven-month campaign raised more than $300,000.

During last year’s phonathon, 5,102 WWU alumni pledged more than $220,000. (That compares with the 1996-97 phonathon, when 3,943 alumni pledged $171,801.)

In total, 6,208 graduates, parents and friends committed more than $300,000 to WWU last year.

Beginning in October, and continuing through April, members of the Western phonathon team will begin calling once again to ask for your financial support.

When you make a pledge, you have complete control over where your gift is designated, be it for a favorite department or project on campus. Or, as many choose every year, the gift can be designated to the Campus Enrichment Fund which supports the most pressing needs of campus that do not have funding.

Either way, gifts from alumni, parents and friends positively impact the learning experience at Western.

When a Western student calls this year, please give generously. The Western Foundation looks forward to you helping Western reach new heights again this year.

The Western phonathon team celebrates the successful completion of the 1997-98 phonathon.
The award recognizes a Western graduate for a lifetime of achievement in a particular field or to humanity in general.

We recently invited back to campus those members of the classes of 1947, 1948 and 1949 for a celebration of the 50 or so years since their graduations. By all accounts, they and their classmates had a great time. (They even told us so numerous times throughout the weekend.)

Given that their celebration was for 50 years and that we will likely make a similar effort next spring for the classes of 1948, 1949, 1950 and 1951, we need to do something quite different to mark the 100th birthday of the institution that you and I attended.

So, how about decade reunions?

Western has already established a Centennial celebration committee and our early meetings came up with this notion. So mark your calendars for the late spring and early summer of the year 2000, as as early meetings came up with this notion. So mark your calendars for the late spring and early summer of the year 2000, as Western marks the 100 years since these doors of higher education opened and the first students walked through them to take their seats in 1899.

We'll probably combine some of the earlier years like the '20s and '30s; but the '40s, '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s will each have their own two-day (at least) celebrations on campus.

And lest you younger types actually think there's no one around from those early years - I, just in writing this, came up with Kathleen Taft in Spokane; Howard Wilder in Union; Chet and Phyllis Ullin in Bremerton; and many more. They and all of Western's graduates and former students are our heritage.

We know you'll want to come back and celebrate this accomplishment with your classmates on campus.

'99 Distinguished Alumnus Award
The Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the 1999 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Send nomination letters, with a current resume, at least three letters of support and any other material to Distinguished Alumnus Award, Alumni Office, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9199.

New student from Tumwater wins license plate scholarship

Congratulations and thank you to all those Washington-based alumni and other supporters who have purchased and are now displaying WWU license plates.

Your support has generated more than $14,000 in revenue for scholarships at Western.

The very first recipient of this award is Christy Ott, a first-year student from Tumwater. She will receive $2,500 per year for each of the next four years. Purchasers of WWU collegiate license plates pay $40 each (in addition to the regular plate/tab fee). Of that $40, $28 is returned to Western to be used for scholarships.

Those renewing their plates in subsequent years, pay $30, which also generates $28 for this scholarship program.

The WWU Alumni Association board of directors' awards committee also has provided 13 $1,000 renewable scholarships to students for the 1998-99 academic year. Three other Western students were also each awarded $2,000 one-time scholarships for the coming academic year.

Alumni Association Board of Directors' scholarships are funded through earnings of the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. This fund has grown over the years through the contributions of Western graduates and friends. Those donations and investment earnings have now brought the fund to a total exceeding $450,000.

Ray "Bud" Burke

On Humboldt State University's campus, geology professor Raymond M. Burke is so approachable to students and so generous about lending time and sometimes money - to students that everyone just calls him "Bud."

Now the man who left Western in 1972 with a master's and a bachelor's degree in geology is Humboldt State's Outstanding Professor of the year.

As one student put it, "Bud is the man. By this, I mean he is somewhat of a hero for us students. He is the most approachable professor on campus."

Burke cites his former teachers at Western, Ross Ellis and Don Easterbrook, as influential in developing both his excitement about the field of geology and his approach to teaching.

Another award for Pat Swenson

Alumna Patricia Swenson was given the 1998 Edith Knight Hill Award by the Portland Professional Chapter of the Association for Women in Communications. Given jointly to Swenson and Portland Public Schools' radio station KBPS, where she was general manager for 46 years, the award is for outstanding contributions to improve the quality of life in Oregon.

As general manager of KBPS, Swenson secured funding which brought 24-hour classical music and cultural arts programming to Portland.

Rabdau practicing law in Portland

Matthew D. Rabdau ('90) is an associate at Miller Nash LLP, one of the Pacific Northwest's largest law firms, focusing his practice on intellectual property - litigation, licensing agreements and acquisition of domestic and foreign trademarks, patents and copyrights.

He received his law degree and a master's of intellectual property from Franklin Pierce Law Center in 1997. He's a member of the Oregon State Bar and the Multnomah County Bar Association.
Authors form a large winner's circle

Western's English Department faculty and alumni have had a banner year in garnering awards for their literary pursuits. Others in our university family have also seen their work published and honored.

A George Emmert ('85) story, The Last Red, from his collection-in-progress called Last Lawyer in Gomorrah, appears in the summer issue of Mary Higgins Clark Mystery Magazine. Emmert and Clark are former Pan Am flight attendants.

The Ruins is Fairhaven graduate Trace Farrell's ('95) new novel about a club that sounds suspiciously like the establishment in Seattle where she once worked as a server. The book won the New York University Press prize for fiction earlier this year.

Associate professor of English Robin Hemley's Turning Life into Fiction was published in paperback. His book, Nola, a Memoir of Faith, Art and Madness, will be published in September by Graywolf Press. Hemley, who was this year's Sturm writer-in-residence at West Virginia University, was recently elected vice president of Associated Writing Programs, an organization of 16,000 writers and teachers and 600 member programs across North America.

Associate English professor Rosina Lippi-Green, a linguist, published a novel, Into the Wilderness, under the name Sara Donati.

Associate professor of English Suzanne Paola won the distinguished Brittingham Prize for a volume of poetry, Bardo, which is to be published by the University of Wisconsin Press in October.

Two graduate students, Toby F. Sonneman ('98) and Margo Wixsom ('96 and '98), received honorable mention from The Atlantic Monthly magazine for their entries in its 1997 Student Writer competition. They were among 10 writers recognized in the essay category and selected from a field of 500 applicants.

Sonneman won with A Bitter Root, an essay about Gypsies and the Holocaust adapted from a chapter of her master's thesis. "Gypsies were victims of the Nazis but stories of their experiences have rarely been told," Sonneman explained. "My work weaves together the stories of my German-Jewish family with the stories of Gypsy Holocaust victims."

Donati. Sonneman will begin teaching English at Whatcom Community College in September. She has one book to her credit, Fruit Fields in My Blood: Okie Migrants in the West.

Wixsom's Another Kind of Freedom explores a radical understanding of suicide and challenges different definitions and forms of death. "We tend to oversimplify death and suicide," said Wixsom, who is working on a book about death, life and suicide. "One of my goals as a writer is to initiate a conversation about death and grieving to create new perspectives."

Wixsom was also one of two recipients of the 1998 Marjory Riverrun Award for Teaching Excellence, given to a second-year graduate instructor in English.

Gary Thomas ('84) was a ghostwriter of heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield's autobiography. His second nonfiction book, Sacred Pathways, was published by Thomas Nelson Publishers.

Donati is to be published by the University of Wisconsin Press in October.

Emmerson is "one of the very few scholars that I know who is both meticulous and insightful, organized and imaginative at the same time," added Herzman. "Rick does distinguished archival research: he has an uncanny gift for finding what is important and for knowing how to use it for larger purposes."

Emmerson, who will be chair of the English department again for the next four years, says teaching and research go hand-in-hand because a teacher should be on the cutting edge of his or her field.

"I honestly believe that teaching and scholarship are like two sides of the same coin. ... I can't imagine being a very good teacher if I didn't continue working as a scholar," he said.

Emmerson used the money from the Olscamp award to pay for his month-long stay in England last July. He presented two scholarly papers there but spent most of his time poring over 14th century manuscripts for his next book on the relationship between the text and the images in medieval literature. The University of Michigan Press will publish the book in 1999 or 2000.

"I am just reinvesting it ... in research," he said of the award money.

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Gary Thomas ('84) was a ghostwriter of heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield's autobiography. His second nonfiction book, Sacred Pathways, was published by Thomas Nelson Publishers.

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Other faculty winners are ...

Three other faculty members were honored at the June commencement for excellence in teaching and for diversity achievement.

Hud Hudson, associate professor of philosophy, for his passion about his subject, meticulous preparation and, most of all, inspiration in teaching. Hudson has been teaching at Western since 1992.

Award-winning sculptor Aristotle Georgiadis, for his tireless efforts to give his students the opportunity to exhibit their work before the public and to encourage them to make their work relevant to the community. Georgiadis has been an assistant professor of art since 1993.

Larry Estrada, a distinguished teaching colleague and associate professor at Fairhaven College, for his exemplary personal commitment and leadership in promoting plural and multicultural education on campus and throughout the community. Estrada is also director of American Cultural Studies at Western and chair of the state Commission on Hispanic Affairs. He has been at Western since 1989.

All awards included a certificate of recognition and a check for $1,000.

Medieval Curiosity

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Emmerson for the award.

Herzman was a National Endowment for the Humanities fellow with Emmerson at the University of Chicago in 1978-79 where the two collaborated on research and teaching.

Emmerson has won at least nine other fellowships and research grants, including two at Western, and is frequently invited to lecture at prestigious institutions and conferences.

"It is hard to imagine an international conference on medieval literature without his name on the program," said William E. Smith, an English professor at Western who also supervised Emmerson's nomination for the Olscamp award.

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After all those years ...

Former senior class president Wally Keehr and class secretary-treasurer Arlene (Swanson) Niegemann relived old times at a reunion for the classes of 1947, '48 and '49 in June. They are 1949 graduates.

It's the education, silly!
Chapter keep connections fresh

By Steve Inge

Whenever the Western alumni crew visits a new city, someone at some time will ask, "Why are you guys in New York (or Boston, Portland, Boise, Olympia, etc.)? Out looking for money?"

While alumni financial support is extremely valuable to Western, alumni chapter activities and alumni events are not fundraising activities. We travel to meet people who are important to Western's long-term success.

You, WWU alumni, have something that no other group in the world can provide: your life story in the years A.W. (After Western).

Alumni are people who put a Western education to work for themselves. In some instances, the education is directly related to a profession like accounting, finance, or audiology. In other cases, indeed most, the relationship is less direct.

In all instances, the Western education provides tools for living the business of life, of getting along in this world. And the stories are fascinating to hear.

Consider Kai Fujita. Armed with a degree in sociology/anthropology, she left Western in 1972 and landed a job at the University of Washington. That position led her to KCTS TV, Seattle's PBS outlet, which was then more directly tied to the university than it is today. That, in turn, led her to WGBH in Boston.

Through the years she worked as an administrator on such programs as Frontline and Nova.

"I was very fortunate to have excellent mentors, both at Western and throughout my career," she said.

Similarly, Moira Hopkins (91) spends her time in Washington, D.C., as a camera person for Fox Television News. A 1991 communications graduate, Hopkins throws elbows with the competition as they position themselves to catch the best visual angle for a story at the federal courthouse.

Her WWU education provided her the technical skills to pursue her craft and the strength of character to compete in an intensely competitive media market.

In Phoenix, we met Kristine Wooldr (86), senior consultant for Continuum Consulting, a firm she founded after working a number of years for others and learning the software trade. From her base in Scottsdale, she builds her future, and is also willing to provide some organizational effort for the alumni chapter in Arizona.

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"If I can make it here, I can make it anywhere."

That could be the slogan for New York residents Erica Christensen (97) and Doug Anderson (94).

Christensen, a native of Bellingham, is production assistant for MTV Live, a show that features interviews with comics, musicians and major stars. Her duties include researching the guests, preparing the audience before the show begins and editing the taped elements of the live show.

So when Western's Alumni Association held alumni gatherings on the East Coast in April, Christensen showed the alumni staff around the kaleidoscopic MTV's Time Square headquarters. The tour included the MTV Live set and the studios where animated segments and sports shows are created.

Though working her way up the corporate ladder, Christensen began her career as an intern on MTV Sports. The high-powered and competitive internship came her way when associate professor of communications emeritus Alden C. Smith introduced Christensen to Anderson, who had begun his career at MTV as an intern. too.

Today, Anderson has a corner office with a window at MTV's Broadway location. It's so packed with videos and entertainment posters, and he's so busy with his job as segment producer for MTV Sports, he almost didn't have time to meet with the Western delegation.

After his internship, Anderson was hired as a production assistant. Later, he did a stint as associate producer and, for the past four years, segment producer for MTV Sports. Anderson, who once did a first-person story on Bungee jumping, enjoys the creative atmosphere MTV provides and is currently working on a new project for MTV Sports.

What lies in the future? Documentary stories and the possibility of returning to Western for a teaching degree, he says.

Both Christensen and Anderson say they owe a contribution!...
**Letters keep WWU "robins" together**


**56 years**

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ela Kaufman had never heard of a round robin letter when two other graduates of the Western Washington College of Education, Josephine Stroebel and Jean Vilwock, asked her to become part of one.

“They practically had to draw me a diagram so I could figure out what they were talking about,” Kaufman, now Lela K. Turner (’44), says with a laugh.

That was in 1942 when the three friends took a summer trip to the San Juan Islands.

“I just knew if we didn’t do something like this we would lose contact with each other,” says Jo Stroebel Forner (’40), who came up with the idea of forming a small group of Western graduates to write letters to each other.

The round robin letter is still alive today, with six of the original seven Western “robins” continuing to write to each other several times a year. They also have been holding annual reunions since 1962, usually at their homes.

Turner, known as the chickadee in the group, caught on quickly to the idea. She acknowledges that she often pens the longest letters, telling her former college friends about her family and about life in Tonasket where she now lives.

As Turner explains, a round robin letter is a kind of chain letter. Each member of the group has a place in the chain. The first person writes a letter to the others and mails it to the second person. The second person writes a letter to all six and mails it to the third person. The third person pens a note to the others as well and mails it to the fourth person with the letters from the first two writers. And so on.

The writers start removing their own letters once the package has been around the circle once.

Forner, a retired Highline School district teacher, became the warbler, a joke about her singing ability. The others are Yvonne Konnerup Lahti (’46), the nightingale, reputed to have singing ability; Jean Vilwock Allen (’45), the pea hen; Dorothy Schaus Kahle, (’62), the house wren who types her letters; and Julie Tonn (’40), the long-legged crane. (The seventh, Ellen Waino Catron, who died several years ago, was called the mother hen because she had children when the round robin started.)

The letters and the group’s regular reunions during the last half century, have kept the group very close-knit. The women are always accompanied by their husbands, and children often come along as well.

“Our kids almost regard each other as cousins,” Turner said.

In 1978 the women, most of whom lived in the Northwest, traveled to New Jersey and New England with their husbands to see Tonn who had given up teaching years earlier to work in New York City.

Tonn planned a sight-seeing tour of New England for all the robins, Turner said. “That was the most interesting thing we ever did.”

The group has also traveled to Victoria, B.C., for a reunion and to Fort Worden where they will reunite again in September.

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The others who are really fortunate are the alumni who attend the activities that we plan. Frankly, we know how to put together a great event. Just ask anyone who has attended a regional alumni get together such as the San Francisco Bay area event, held at Gene and Ann Langille’s elegant waterfront home in Point Richmond.

We barbecued salmon and brought in a case of Mount Baker Vineyards Madeline Angeline wine, not available at your corner store (and even hard to get at the winery). The food was good and company was even better. The 55 alumni attending learned a bit about WWU today, and met some of the others who shared special times on Sehome Hill.

Sorry that you missed that one? Make sure you attend the next event in your area.

The principal task of alumni chapters is to bring people together. They are not an exercise in exclusivity. You, as alumni, need to provide some ideas and some energy.

A number of people have recently called regarding alumni chapters in their areas. We want you to keep calling, or, as they say in modern America: “Visit our web-site.”

http://www.ac.wwu.edu/~alumni

You can also send us e-mail and become “virtually involved”:

alumni@wwu.edu.
1940 - Mitch Eichol is a substitute teacher with the Bellingham Public Schools.

1952 – Dick Clark (70 MA) is president of the Bellingham chapter of the Washington State Music Education Association, and director of the arts program for Blaine’s Performing Arts Center.

1954 – Georgine Hayward-Borders retired from teaching July 1956, but continues as volunteer counselor to mothers part-time. She plans to open a consulting and tutoring business in her Kelto home this fall. Hayward-Borders can be reached by e-mail: georgine@teleport.com

1961 – Beverly Sullivan was selected as one of the 1998 Women of Achievement by Clark College Women’s Programs and the YWCA of Clark County. Sullivan is the director of financial aid for Clark College.

1962 – Ray Senner owns a shoe repair shop.

1970 – Steve Doerner is the manager and teaching pro at the Robinswood Tennis Center in Bellevue. ... Dr. James Worely has been an optometrist since 1983. Worely’s practice is in Wapato.

1973 – Jim Diedrick, professor of English at Aikton College, has been named the 1999 Phi Beta Kappa scholar. ... Tami Dunn Gorman ('77) was appointed to the Small Business Improvement Council by Gary Locke. Locke’s staff will serve a term through the year 2001. Gorman was nominated by the National Restaurant Association to attend the Congressional Small Business Summit in Washington, DC.

... Ronald Jackman is the vice president and chief financial officer of the Bellevue Financial Center office of Pacific Northwest Bank. ... Mike Springer retired from the Fire Department after 20 years of service. Springer will now em­bank on a new, yet to be decided, career.

1992 – Pamela Bright is the manager and executive director of the Cen­tury Center for the Arts in Everett.

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1974 – Barbara Ballard received the Washington Classroom Assessment Recognition Award co-sponsored by the Commission on Student Learning, the Washington Education Association and the state superinten­dent of Public Instruction. ... Lynda Belt, an instructor at Palouse High School, is the drama coach for a program called drama outreach. ... David Hodgins, the chief of the agency, has worked for the Washington State Archives system for 20 years. Hodgins is one of four people responsible for safeguarding the state’s history by protecting thousands of documents, books, artifacts and re­lics.

... Janie Redman Smith retired as the first and only director of Lydia Place in Belling­ham, a shelter for homeless women and children. ... Tim Mead, head football coach and teacher at Kamiak High School, is tak­ing a year’s leave to enter an internship with the goal of obtaining his principal cer­tificate.

1976 – Bruce Cowan is in his 20th year of teaching primary grades at Grant Street School in Port Townsend.


1979 – Anne Gordon is the owner of Anne’s Animal Actors. Gordon trains ani­mals to be used in commercials, movies, TV movies and commercial stunts. ... Gale Mann, who is a staff writer for The Seattle Times, announced her retirement from the Western Washington chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

... Glenn Olsen ('64 MA) is the acting Clark County administrator.

1980 – Calvin Britt has been appointed news editor of The Lynden Tribune. ... Joy Lansdowne is the principal at Glenwood Elementary School in Ferndale.

1982 – Jeffrey Etes was the recipient of the 1997 KCTS Gold Apple Award. Etes, through his employer, Batelle Northwest, plans and presents programs for students and teachers. ... Peggy Baer teaches at the Belling­ton Mountain Elementary in Richland.

Dan Marshall was honored at the Pier College’s Distinguished Alumni Award banquet in 1997. Connie Mennie is the executive adminis­trator to the Snohomish County executive.

1983 – Robert Carter is one of two mem­bers anchoring anchors at KXPG in Bellingham. He writes news stories, conducts interviews and reviews DVD movies for a web site. ... Steve Clarke has been named principal for Bellingham High School. Clarke will be the principal upon completion of the work. ... Macki Hinson, a missionary to Hungary, spent the sum­mer in Europe working with headquarters in London. ... Walter Knuckles is the associate pastor of Resur­rection Lutheran Church in Portland, Texas.

Robert Lindsay has been promoted to branch manager of the Spokane office of EMCON.

Marlene McClary is the author of “Good Day Sacramento” at KMAX-TV in Sacra­mento. McClary welcomes e-mail, espe­cially from for ‘93 and ‘94 TV broadcast­ing grads, at McClary@mci.com. ... Andy Sennet is the property manager for the City of Chehalis.

... Pete Simpson is in his sixth year as man­ager/director of Camp Inguinnelli, a United Methodist camp and retreat cen­ter. ... Kelley Wong, assistant director of the annual fund at Reed College, has won the “Rising Star” award in development from the CASE VIII District.

1984 William Belcher ('81 MA) was appointed by Gov. Booth Gardner as the first and only director of Lydia Place in Belling­ham, a shelter for homeless women and children. Belcher is a part of a team that is respon­sible for the recovery and identification of military deceased, particularly in Southeast Asia. Colonel Gary Coyle had been at the Stigat County treasurer’s office. Conner’s artwork includes pastel landscapes at the Snohomish County Historical Society instead. Daniel D’Ommolli was appointed by Gov. Gary Locke to the Washington Real Estate Com­mission. ... Dan D’Ommolli was elected to the La Conner Town Council.

1985 – Susan Holmes is the principal of Custer Elementary School. ... Brad Jindal is the executive chef for Cutty’s Bayhouse at the Pikes Place Market. ... Bill Wright owns Gourmet Alaska, a shop that sells codeine and home-brewing supplies in Juneau.

1986 – Mark Hewitt joined the Everett­South office of Windermere Real Estate. ... Lynn Wedeledell works at the wellness and cardiac rehabilitation program at Jefferson General Hospital in Port Townsend.

1987 – Jon Bauer, a staff writer for The Anchorage Journal, received two awards from the western Washington professional chap­ters of the Society of Professional Journalists. ... Mikelane Burke was promoted to news director for KAFE/KJPL radio stations. Burke has been assistant news director since 1992 and is in her 10th year of broadcast journalism. ... Craig Tamecke King is the producer-reporter at CBS affiliate WTVB in Richmond, Va. ... Brian Larvin works for Hewlett-Packard’s corporate offices in worldwide procurement.

1988 – Karen Funston received her doc­tor of law degree from the University of Washington. ... Michael Taggart is on a teaching exchange at the British Columbia College at Hawkesbury High School in Australia. Taggart returns to Evergreen Middle School in Everett this fall. MICHAEL TAGGART can be reached by e-mail at ETAGGART@ISW.com.

1989 – James Cowles received his doctoral degree in environmental toxicology from Clemson University. ... Brad Johnson is the third generation Johnson to become a part­ner in the Dot-In-Center Hardware Store in Maple Valley. ... John G. Lawrence is the executive director of the Cheney Chamber of Commerce.

1990 – Debra Jones was honored as Whatcom County Professional Woman of the Year for 1997. Jones was recently named vice president and corporate con­

Readings

1973 – Curtis Dalymply and Jane Piets ('93) on Apr. 23

1976 – Dr. John Lundy ('77 MA) and Patricia Knechtges on Feb. 15.


1990 – Blaine Clyde and Susan Granger ('91) on Sept. 20. ... Thomas Roe and Diane Raines on April 18. ... Laurie Whitebook and Howard Finer on April 14.

1991 – Pamela Bright and Allen Lee Anderson on May 9. ... Kami Erickson and Clayton Erickson on Sept. 27. ... Susan Granger and Blaine Clyde ('90) on Sept. 20. ... Wendy Rantala and Steve Zawosky on Dec. 20.

1992 – D. Paul Bennett and Shae Atkins ('93) on Sept. 20. ... Melissa Neumayer and Joe Wilkie on Mar. 28. ... Thomas Ryle and Wendy Zydek on May 16.

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1995 – Sandra Antonucci and Robert Bennett ('94) on April 7. ... Michelle Austin and Jeff Chaffant on May 2. ... Ismael Cavagnal and Bobbi Bahr ('95) on Apr. 4. ... Timothy Schultz and Gloria Schoen ('97) on Mar. 21.

1996 – Bobbi Bahr and Ismael Cacatian ('94) on Apr. 5. ... Eric Cahen and Andrea Davis on July 12. ... Tami Dunn Gorman ('77) on July 12. ... Joe Wilkie on Mar. 28. ... Susan Granger on April 11. ... Jennifer Hanson and Howard Finer on Feb. 7. ... Kami Erickson and Robert Finer on Feb. 14.

1997 – Robert Bennett and Sandra Antonucci ('94) on April 4. ... Andrea Chasse and Irred Ruback on Mar. 29. ... Andrea Davis and Eric Cahen ('96) on July 12. ... Cristina Snyder and John Lowe, Oct. 25. ... Gloria Schoen and Timothy Schultz ('97) on Mar. 21.
Memorials

Alumni

Alexander's ashes still cleaning up

Rick Alexander, a student in the College of Business and Economics in 1976-77, still makes punice soap from the ash of Mount St. Helens. He started the project 18 years ago, after the volcano erupted.

Mount St. Helens soap recently underwent a major redesign, adding moisturizers, evergreen scent and a more rounded shape. It's available in most grocery and drug stores.

Do you have news to share?

Send short items of interest and photos to Window on Western.

alumni@wwu.edu

Class Notes are also published in the online edition of Window on Western.

http://www.wwu.edu/~alumni/wow
The Western Foundation
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The Western Foundation and Washington State University are pleased to acknowledge the generous financial support provided during the 1997-98 giving year. Gifts to Western Washington University programs totaled just over $5 million and were received from 8,749 donors. This Honor Roll of Private Support recognizes donors who made gifts to The Western Foundation between July 1, 1997, and June 30, 1998.

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Presidents Club members continue to answer the call for Western, fulfilling many of the University's greatest needs. With $50 current members, the Presidents Club is Western's most prestigious annual giving club. We salute those who make such things possible for WWU faculty and students and thank them for their continued support. To learn about the advantages of becoming a Presidents Club member, contact The Western Foundation at 360-650-3027.

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Participants enjoy a variety of special benefits, and in some instances, are entitled to Life or Benefactor Presidents Club membership as well (for certain irrevocable gift arrangements).
**Big, Big Homecoming**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2**

- **Big Kickoff:** 12 noon. Get your free grilled hot dogs and cold pop in Red Square, served by the Alumni House and Athletic Office staff. Try on a sumo suit for wrestling or pedal through Red Square during the Big Trike races. Free.

- **Big Toys:** 4 p.m. Bigger than life interactive toys and a human foosball tournament. Watch or participate as teams of five harry in and play foosball on a 5-by-5 (inflatable) field. There will be more sumo wrestling, Big Trike faces through an obstacle course and many other big toys. Call Alumni House to form a team. All free at the campus track.

- **Big Bang:** 7 p.m. The bonfire and fireworks will be in Field 14 across from Fairhaven College. Free hot cider, hot chocolate, Homecoming Raspberry Brownies and doughnuts.

- **Big Band:** 7 p.m. Swing is back! Watch the fireworks while listening to the big band sound of Resurrection Swing. Band members include these alumni: Larry Prigg '49, Ann and Bruce Gillett ('51) and Rex Rice ('72).

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3**

- **Big Run/Walk:** 8 a.m. registration and 9 a.m. race. Register for the Alumni Scholarship 5K Fun Run/Walk at the campus track. Prizes for the top runners and the oldest alumni to finish the course. Ribbons and other prizes, plus angels and beverages for all entrants at the "end of race" celebration. Free entry fee. For entry form, call Alumni House at (360) 650-3658 or (360) 676-6858. To register, e-mail: donna@cmns.wwu.edu.

- **Big Tailgate Party:** 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Civic Field. Enjoy hotwursts, chips, Homecoming Raspberry Brownies and beverages. $3 per person.

- **Big Game:** 1:30 p.m. at Civic Field. WWU Vikings vs. Humboldt State Lumberjacks. Buy tickets at the gate.

- **Big Reunion:** 4:30 to 6:30 at Canada House. Reunion for physical education/exercise and sport science graduates. $5 per person or $5 per couple at the door, gets you pizza and beverages. RSVP to Linda Finscher, (360) 650-7227.

**SEPTEMBER**

- 9 Swiss trip
- 12 A day at Emerald Downs for Alumni Club members
- 16 U.S. Bank Viking Night dinner and sports auction, at Sam Everell Gym. $75 per person. (360) 650-3109
- 17 Celebration of Learning. (360) 650-3521
- 19 WWU football at Montana State University. 12:30 p.m.
- 22 Convocation, 7 p.m. at Performing Arts Center Concert Hall
- 23 Fall classes begin
- 26 Viking football faces Western Montana College. 1 p.m. at Civic Field.
- 30 Opening of Review/Preview: Art Faculty on View at the Western Gallery. Through Nov. 18.

**OCTOBER**

- 1-30 Review/Preview: Art Faculty on View at the Western Gallery
- 1 Author and philosopher Cornel West opens the Distinguished Lecture Series at Carver Gym. 6 p.m., with a talk about "The Way Against Parents." Tickets are free from the PAC box office, Village Books or via e-mail: donna@cmns.wwu.edu.
- 2 Board of Trustees meet, 8 a.m., Old Main 340.
- 2-3 HOMECOMING!!! See details above.
- 3 Alumni Scholarship 5K Fun Run on campus. See below.
- 3 Viking Football vs. Humboldt State, Civic Field.
- 4 Seattle Chamber Players, with pianist Jeffrey Gilliam, first of the PAC series, 7:30 p.m. at PAC Concert Hall.
- 5 Reflections and Reactions about Cornel West's speech, 6 p.m. in Fraser Lecture Hall 4. Faculty panel. 650-7545.
- 8 Veterans' Day observance sponsored by Veterans Outreach Center. (360) 650-6115. "Get sworn by Request, a musical celebration with Leon Bates on piano, soprano Sebrione Barnes and bass-baritone Benjamin Matthews. 7:30 p.m. at the PAC Concert Hall.

**NOVEMBER**

- 7-8 Fall Family Weekend.
- 10 Assistant professor John Field opens the Turning Points lecture series with Salmon, Floods and Earth-Science Education: Geology Isn't Just Rocks Any­more. 6 p.m. at Fraser Lecture Hall 4. Free. 650-7545.
- 18 Bimbetta, a five-woman Baroque musical group with a contemporary twist. 7:30 p.m. at the PAC Concert Hall.
- 25 Last day of Review/Preview: Art Faculty on View at the Western Gallery.

**DECEMBER**

- 4 Board of Trustees meet at 8 a.m., Old Main 340
- 12 Commencement

**Tickets and Information:**

- **Alumni events:** (360) 676-6885
- **Athletics:** (360) 650-8946
- **Fall Family Weekend:** (360) 650-1333
- **Homecoming:** (360) 650-6146
- **Performing Arts:** (360) 650-9963
- **Western Gallery:** (360) 650-9963

- **Alumni Scholarship 5K Fun Run**
  - For entry form, call Alumni House: (360) 650-3333 or (360) 676-6885.
  - E-mail: donna@cmns.wwu.edu

- **Cost:**
  - $10...Alumni Club members
  - $10...Students
  - $15...Non-members
  - $20...Day of race
  - $5...Per person without T-shirt
  - $36...Team of four
  - $50...Team of four, day of race

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