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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.

"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 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 *Traditio: 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.

"Many others in Western's family have won writing, research, teaching and other honors."

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Briefly

Viking 23 brings home $1,000 in prizes from rally
Besting toroidal rates 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 888 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 Minority 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 job prospects for college graduates, nearly 80 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, 6.2 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 Baklom. 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.
Campus Connections
Western at 100: Continuing the Legacy of Learning

It's time to drag that box of "college stuff" out of the attic and make it a part of history.

During the 1999-2000 academic year, Western will celebrate its Centennial with the theme: Western at 100: Continuing the Legacy of Learning.

Chris Friday, director of Western's Center for Pacific Northwest Studies, wants to make alumni memories a vital part of the year-long celebration. He is seeking material to assist in the creation of several exhibits, including an interactive web page for the Centennial period.

"Photos, letters, diaries -- even memories and memorabilia from times as recent as the 1990s -- represent not only personal histories but offer important insights into changes in the history of American education throughout the 20th century," he says.

"We have some wonderful institutional photos and a growing number of oral histories from faculty and administrators," Friday adds. "But they don't tell us nearly enough about what the Western experience meant to students or to the community. We are interested in what students brought to Western over the years as well as what they took away -- the whole range of what a 'legacy' really is."

Friday cautions that "we can't take everything."

Even one photo from each of the 75,000 known alumni "would bury us here at the archives," he adds with a laugh. "But we can seek out those items that really capture the essence of what Western was like at various points in time, whether it was Bellingham Normal, Western Washington State College of Education, Western Washington State College or the university of today."

He suggests alumni send photographs of items like diary excerpts, letters, event programs or photos or a dubbed tape of musical events, performances or oral histories. A determination can be made about whether to see a high-quality copy of the item or to ask permission to borrow the original.

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 community 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
by Western President Karen Morse

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 Sonneman, received honorable mention in the annual Atlantic Monthly student writing competition, the only honorees from Washington.

A Fairhaven junior, Kimberly R. 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 Mosquera, 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 Glewick 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 & Art 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 W. Alston Loomer and his psychology department colleagues have, for three decades, been in the forefront of research into communicating successfully across nationalities, cultures and ethnic groups.
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 NCAA championships.

NCAA membership means Western's fastpitch team will face the toughest schedule in school history this fall.

The Vikings host NCAA II semifinalist UC-Davis, and visits 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 Sonya 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 the all-tournament team.
• Pitchers Alison Haukaas and Devon Fliss, catcher Cathy Johnson, center fielder Jen Brandolini and catcher/third baseman Andie Green named to the NAIA Pacific Northwest Sectional all-star team.
• Brandolini led the PNWAC with a .431 batting average, 69 RBIs and 18 doubles, all school records.

In addition to the national coach of the year, Western volleyball coach Art Phinney also earned all-conference honors in 1996 and earned all-conference honors in 1997, will be back.

Linemen Greg Bell and Patrick Humphrey, both juniors, are the only returning offensive starters.

Senior running back Scott Noteboom, a part-time starter the last two years, ran for 156 yards last season. Sophomore placekicker Josh Bailey also returns.

Three other members of the Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference will also be moving to the NCAA Central Washington, Lewis-Clark State and St. Martin's.

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 Michter's" Slesnick quipped.
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.

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 - the most ever for a phonathon - 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 Endowment 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.
Accent on Alumni

Grist
of Goldsmith

By Chris Goldsmith
Alumni Director

By anyone’s count, 100
years is a long time.
A century!
Ten decades!
A milestone!
Cause for celebration!

And celebrate we will in the fall of 1999 through the 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 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 or early summer of the year 2000. We are going to invite you back to help us celebrate.

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

Send nomination letters, with a current resume, at least three letters of support and any other material to Distinguished Alumnus Award, Alumni House, 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 $14,400 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 Portland State University 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 Emmett ’(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. Emmett and Clark are former Pan Am flight attendants.

The Ruins is Fairhaven graduate Tracy 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 Britannia Prize for a volume of poetry, Barido, 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’s competition. They were two of 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.”

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 Marjorie 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.

Derek Williams has been the Web site coordinator for The Bellingham Review at http://www.wwu.edu/~bdreview/ for two years. He also recently built the English 101 web site <http://www.wwu.edu/~derkw/english101> to help new 101 students find reference materials, course descriptions and examples of good student writing.


Greta Gaard, associate professor at Fairhaven, recently published Ecological Politics: Ecofeminists and the Greens.


Liberal studies professor Milton Krieger wrote African State and Society in the 1960s: Cameroon’s Political Crossroads with Joseph Takongang.

Cynthia Mejia-Giudici ’(75) wrote a chapter in Filipino Americans: Transformation and Identity, published by Sage Publications this year. Her chapter, “Part of the Community: A Profile of Deaf Filipino Americans in Seattle,” gives insight into the lives of seven deaf Filipino-Americans and the social handicaps they have overcome.

**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 submitted Emmerson’s nomination for the Oiscamp award.

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 Oiscamp 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.
It's the education, silly!

Chapters 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 Woolden ('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.

The tour included the Juneau chapter of the Alumni Association; Happy alumni from the San Diego chapter shared a sunset dinner at Malibu after a full day of touring the new J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles.

They made it big in New York City

"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.

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 lot to Smith for his help in landing them exciting jobs in the entertainment industry.

But Smith said the two "did it on their own."

"They're live wires. They were both very aggressive in looking for the internship," Smith said.

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Letters keep WWU “robins” together

56 years

Leila 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 Leila 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, along with the first person’s letter, to the others and mails it to the second person.

Frankly, we know how to put 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 Schaas Kahle, (’62), the house wren who types her letters; and Julie Tonn (’40), the long-legged crane. (The seventh, Ellen Waineo Catrion, 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.


Kristie Lundstrom photos
Doug Massey's Western's 1974 Outstanding Graduate in sociology was elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) in April.

Doug Massey is professor and chair of the sociology department at the University of Pennsylvania.

His fields of research include demography, immigration, race and ethnic relations, urban studies and Latin American studies.

Massey is also an American Academy of the Arts and Sciences Fellow and a member of the Sociological Research Association. Last year he received nearly $2 million in grants for research on immigration, race relations and inequality.

Massey, who has an M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology from Princeton, graduated from Washington magna cum laude with degrees in sociology, psychology and Spanish.

He lives in Philadelphia with his wife, Susan R. Ross, a professor of microbiology and molecular genetics at the University of Pennsylvania. She was the 1974 Outstanding Graduate in sociology.

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 superintendents of Public Instruction. Lydia Belt, an instructor at Puyallup High School, is the drama coach for a program called drama outreach. David Hamilton, the chairman of the 1998 Professional Writing Assessment, has worked for the Washington State Archives system for 20 years. Hamilton is one of only four people responsible for safeguarding the state's history by protecting thousands of documents, books, artifacts and pieces of microfilm.

1974 - Bruce Cowan has completed his 10th year of teaching primary grades at Grant Street School in Port Townsend.

1974 - Stephen Bucklew graduated from Bates College with a doctorate in naturopathy. He practices medicine in Seattle.

1974 - Anne Gordon is the owner of Anne's Animal Actors. Gordon trains animals to be used in commercials, movies, TV movies and commercial stills. Gail Mann, who is a staff writer for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, received her degree from the Western Washington chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

1974 - Glennia Olson is the alumnus of the College of Liberal Studies.

1974 - Connie Amburgy received recognition as "Teacher of the Month" by the Kenton Rental Club. Amburgy teaches at Canberra Elementary School. Earle Davis, president of the Woodring College of Education, was named the 1998 Phi Beta Kappa scholar. Rayonier in Stamford, Conn.

1974-1975 - Frank Zawoysky was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the University of Washington.

1974 - McGeorge Haywood-Borders retired from teaching July 1997, but remains active in working with children part-time. She plans to open a consulting and tutoring business in her Kelso home this fall. Hayward-Borders can be reached by e-mail: georgeh@teleport.com.

1974 - Beverly Sullivan was selected as one of the 50 Women of Achievement for the Bellingham chapter of the Washington State Music Teachers' Association and the YWCA of Clark County. Sullivan is the director of financial aid for Clark College.

1974 - Ray Senner owns a shoe repair shop in Monroe, Wash. Senner is considered the "Ray of all trades" and can help you with a course in conversational Chinese, knife sharpening and special art work.

1974 - John Chilson owns several historic buildings in Longview, Astoria and Portland. Chilson preserves history by restoring the buildings as close as possible to their original condition. Jim Freeman, who has been a teacher and coach for 40 years, retired in June. Freeman spent the last 28 years teaching at Mt. Baker High School.

1974 - Janet Elizabeth Mills is the chairwoman of the math department at Western Oregon State College. William Kindler is a missionary to Hungary, spent the summer in Colorado teaching Spanish, and reviews DVD movies for a web site.

1974 - Eleanor Johnson received the 1998 Outstanding Graduate in sociology. Davis retired from Pacific Lutheran University after teaching mathematics for 31 years.

1971 - Steve Doerner is the manager and teaching pro at the Robinwood Tennis Center in Bellevue. Jim James has been an optometrist since 1983. Worley's practice is in Watseka.

1971 - Jim Dietrick, professor of English at Albion College, has been named the 1998 Phi Beta Kappa scholar. ... Tammi Dunn Gorman ("77") was appointed to the Small Business Improvement Council by Gary Locke. Gary Lock will serve a term through the year 2001. Gorman was nominated by the National Restaurant Association to attend the 1998 Congressional Small Business Summit in Washington, DC.

1971 - John M. Jordan is the vice president and director of government affairs at Bellevue Financial Center office of Pacific Northwest. Mike Springer retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture 20 years of service. Springer will now embark on a new, yet to be decided, career.

1971 - Robert Lindsay has been promoted to branch manager of the Spokane office of EMCON. Marianne McClary is the anchor of "Good Day Sacramento" at KMAX-TV in Sacramento. McClary welcomes e-mail, especially from those who may have questions or would like to see '94 TV broadcasting grades, at m McClary @juno.com. ... Andy Sennes is the property manager for the City of Chehalis.

1971 - Pete Simpson is in his sixth year as manager/director of Camp insignia, a University of Washington outdoor camp and retreat center.

1971 - Kelley Wong, assistant director of the annual fund at Reed College, has won the "Rising Star" award in development from the CASE VIII District.

1971 - William Kindler, who has an M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology from Princeton, graduated from Western magna cum laude with degrees in sociology, psychology and Spanish.

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1971 - Jody Whitehead is the executive chef for Cutter's Bayhouse in Port Townsend.

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1972 - Curtis Dalrymple and Jane Pietsch on Apr. 23.

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1972 - Blaine Clyde and Susan Granger ('91) on Sept. 20. ... Thomas Roe and Diane Radke on Apr. 18. ... Laura Whitehead and Howard Tackett on Mar. 29.

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Deacon’s “symbolic species”

Fairhaven College’s Terrence Deacon (’76) has received a lot of attention in the scientific community from his recently published book The Symbolic Species: The Co-evolution of Language and the Human Brain.

In it, Deacon explores the nature of language and why humans are the only species to have mastered it. He also addresses the question of why children are able to learn new languages easily while adults struggle to pick them up.

Deacon is a renowned researcher in neuroscience and evolutionary anthropology, an associate professor of biological anthropology at Boston University and a visiting associate professor at Harvard Medical School.

He has devoted much of his time to laboratory research at Harvard’s McLean Hospital in neural transplantation techniques for human brain disorders.

Deacon taught at Harvard, where he earned his master’s in education and a Ph.D. in biological anthropology, for eight years before going to Boston University in 1992. He lives in Concord, Mass., near Walden Pond, with his wife Cris (Kathryn Criscitelli, also a ’76 Fairhaven grad), daughter Anna, son John, a cat and a dog.

troller of the Brown & Cole Stores..., Ann Woodward Mix published Lost in the Victory: Reflections of American War Orphans with University of Texas Press. ... Jervis A. Jervis, 57, a real estate developer died of cancer March 31. ... Douglas Rasmussen, 57, a retired computer analyst for Boeing, died March 31. ... Oliver Steinauer resigned from the family businesses, Erchinger’s Bakery and Dairy Drive-In in Bellingham, died April 2. ... Janet Silvey, 36, died Aug. 1, 1997. ... Cora Varney was serving with the International English Language Institute, director of academic advising and assistant dean of students, died March 29. ... Mary Olson Daugherty, 67, whose 20-year career at Western included roles as director of the Library Press. ... Rosie seafood was selected as the Media Rep of the Year by the Washington Associated Press.

Memorials

Alumni

1924 - Anita Benesant Mitchell, 93, a retired teacher, died Feb. 10.
1925 - Althea Taylor, 93, a retired teacher, died April 25.
1927 - Mary Enchinger, 90, who worked in the family businesses, Enchinger’s Bakery in Port Townsend and Garden Street Dairy Drive-In in Bellingham, died April 12. ... she also taught school in Starnwood.
1940 - Roy Franko, 78, a retired teacher, coach, principal and administrator, died April 11.
1942 - Harry Grinlund, 89, a retired principal, died April 10.
1945 - Elsie Boling Tode, 82, a former teacher, died April 17.
1947 - Alice McHale, 73, died April 18.
1951 - Sam Kelly (’61 MEd), 69, provost/vice president for academic affairs at Western from 1987 to 1995 who served as teacher and administrator for two decades, died May 23. ... He was also a co-founder of Whatcom Community College.
1952 - Edwin Lapsley, 68, a retired teacher, died April 17.
1953 - Eugene Diamond, 66, a retired personnel manager from Boeing, died June 22. ... Mary Spanier, 90, died in January.
1956 - Margaret Stadsvold, 82, a retired teacher from Burlington-Edison High School, died May 7.
1961 - John Nygaard, 66, a retired teacher, died June 22. ... Mary Spanier, 90, died in January.
1963 - Margaret Stadsvold, 82, a retired teacher from Burlington-Edison High School, died May 7.
1965 - Roger Hermes, 55, who was employed by Valley Nut and Bolt in Olympia, died March 29.
1966 - Richard Kaps, 55, a retired teacher for Sequim School District, died of lymphoma Feb. 3. ... Patricia Akita Miyahira, 53, a teacher who died of a cancer March 31. ... Douglas Rasmussen, 57, a retired computer analyst for Boeing, died Aug. 3. ... Joseph Richter, 55, an educator at Everett High School, died suddenly while jogging on April 4.
1976 - Jerry Wooman, 56, a former state legislator who served as Everett’s liaison to the Legislature and as a campaign consultant, died Feb. 27, 1997.
1978 - George Harrell, (’88 MA), 49, a corporate architect, died June 13. ... Mehling Rehling, 40, an educator in the Franklin Pierce School District, died in a diving accident on April 18.
1980 - Brent Golden, 40, a dealer at Nooksack River Casino, died in a car accident May 1. ... Jeffrey Green, 41, a co-owner of Jonquil Seed Inc., died of cancer June 8.
1985 - Nancy Parker-West, 35, a merchandising representative for Levi’s, died from cancer Feb. 22... Timothy Winslow, 38, a real estate agent, died March 17.
1994 - Matthew (Matt) Culver, 27, died in October after returning from a tour of East Africa with the Peace Corps. ... Roy Slivery, 36, died Aug. 1, 1997.
1995 - Stephen Hardy, 26, died May 31.
1996 - Shannon Marie Boulware, 24, died in a car accident March 3. ... Andrea DelVitt, 27, an art handler with the New Orleans Museum of Art, died in a car accident Feb. 16. ... Deborah L. Langlois, 30, in an apparent fall while viewing Nooksack Falls in June.

Faculty, staff, friends

Stephen L. Chase, 84, a prominent businessman and a member of the university’s board of trustees from 1959 to 1965, died June 24 in Everett.
Mary Olson Daugherty, 67, whose 20-year career at Western included roles as director of the Pacific Northwest Language Institute, director of academic advising and assistant dean of students, died March 29.
Janice K. Edwards, 53, a former program director in the College of Business and Economics, died March 10.
Ernst L. Gayden, 73, associate professor emeritus at Huxley, died March 27.
Valentina Illyichna Umanovs, 58, who taught Russian at Western, died May 15.

Alexander’s ashes still cleaning up

Rick Alexander, a student in the College of Business and Economics in 1976-77, still makes pumice 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 House, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98227-9045.

You can also e-mail your Class Notes, news and address changes to alumni@wwu.edu.

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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 harness in and play foosball on a $5-by-$5 inflatable field. There will also be more sumo wrestling, Big Trike races 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 #1 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 Resurrected Swing. Band members include these alumni: Larry Prigg (59), 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 finishers and the oldest alumni to finish the course. Ribbons and other prizes, plus bagels and beverages for all entrants at the "end of race" celebration. See fee schedule below. For entry form, call Alumni House at (360) 650-3353 or (800) 676-6885. To register, e-mail donna@wuu.edu.

Big Tailgate Party: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Civic Field. Enjoy hotdogs, chips, Homecoming Raspberry Brownies and doughnuts. $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 and sport science graduates. $5 per person or $5 per couple at the door, gets you pizza and beverages. RSVP to Linda Pinscher, (360) 650-7227.

SEPTEMBER
9 Switzerland trip
12 A day at Emerald Downs for Alumni Club members
16 U.S. Bank Viking Night dinner and sports auction, at Sam Carver 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 email with a SAGE receipt. PAC box Office, Bellingham, WA 98225-9109.
8 PAC Concert Hall. Seattle Chamber Players, with pianist Jeffrey Gilliam, first of the PAC series, 7:30 p.m.
11 PAC Concert Hall. Reflections and Reactions about Cornel West's speech, 6 p.m. in Fraser Lecture Hall 4. Faculty panel. 650-7545.
18 Veteran's Day observance sponsored by Veterans Outreach Center. (360) 650-6115. Guest speaker is a special event at the PAC Concert Hall.
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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 Any More. 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.
18 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

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