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In this issue: Campus Connections, Distinguished Lecturer Cornel West, Investments in Excellence, and Alumni Happenings.

A '90s Perspective: Do Careers and Parenthood Mix?

Cornel West Uncovers a War Against Parents

This fall, Western Washington University welcomed Harvard faculty member, philosopher, author and noted cultural analyst Dr. Cornel West as the inaugural speaker for the 1998-99 Distinguished Lecture Series.

West delivered an impassioned talk, speaking about issues in his most recent works, *Race Matters* and *The War Against Parents*.

In *The War Against Parents*, co-authored with Sylvia Ann Hewlett, West outlines the difficulty of being a parent today, including obstacles presented by the workplace and popular culture. He views parenting as "the ultimate non-market activity" and believes it is con

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Is American society waging an unconscious war against parents?
Do today's social institutions allow individuals the freedom to
be good parents and effective employees?

To continue the dialogue begun by distinguished lecturer Cornel West on Oct. 1, *Window on Western* contacted WWU graduates across the nation, asking how they handle the daily pressures of career and parenthood and whether they agree with West's premise that America's market-based culture values work more highly than family life.

We found that this is not simply a women's issue. The responses were as varied as the individuals who constitute our alumni base, and they came from parents as well as non-parents, and men as well as women, all of whom were eager to reflect on this underlying conflict which permeates our lives. Some distinctly feel a battle between the two. Others say they do not.

Many share the sentiments of Bruce Sharer ('78) of Cleveland, Ohio, who said, "In general, the 1990's corporate climate is not as 'kind and gentle' as it seemed to me when I entered the job market after college. With mergers, downsizings, intense domestic and foreign competition and the relentless struggle by CEOs to squeeze every dollar of profit for anxious boards and shareholders, there is ever increasing pressure on the employee to perform."

He believes, "the traditional 9 to 5 work-day does not play well in this arena. Traditional two-parent families and single parents also are struggling with longer hours to appease the demands of corporate America and

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Briefly

Northwest Indian College and Western create innovative Environmental Management Program

Northwest Indian College, in concert with Western Washington University and Evergreen State College, launched an innovative tribal environmental and natural resource management program in September under a \$775,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

"The primary goal of this two-year certificate program is to graduate qualified Indian students who will be able either to get technical jobs in environmental protection and natural resource management or environmental economics and policy," said program director Dan Burns. This is the first program of its kind and is meant as a national model. Faculty for the program are from both the NWIC campus on the Lummi Nation and Western's Huxley College of Environmental Studies. Also cooperating with the program are Western's Fairhaven College and the Evergreen State College, both noted for interdisciplinary approaches to curriculum.

On September 23, the first cohort of students started classes for the two-year program, which is targeted on tribal students from across the country.

Elizabeth Schoenfeld named Executive Assistant to Western President Karen W. Morse

President Karen W. Morse is pleased to welcome Elizabeth ("Buff") Schoenfeld as her executive assistant. Schoenfeld succeeds Mary Marcy, who accepted a post at Antioch College in Seattle.

Previous to this position, Schoenfeld has served as assistant to the chancellor of the University of Wisconsin colleges and to the senior vice president for administration of the UWisconsin system. Experienced in the areas of legislative relations, strategic planning and coordination of institutional governance, she has also served as interim dean of the University of Wisconsin-Rock County and as a special assistant for development.

Gary Geddes to illuminate Canadian culture

Award-winning poet Gary Geddes is Western's second Distinguished Professor of Canadian Culture. Described by Canadian historian George Woodcock as "Canada's best political poet," the internationally known editor and critic comes to Western from Concordia University in Montreal where he was an English professor. He has published 35 books and more than 200 reviews, articles, stories and poems in countries throughout the world. Along with teaching, Geddes' role at Western will be to foster an awareness of Canadian culture, including ethnicity, art, literature, history and philosophy.

Steve Inge retired in September 1998

Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations for the Western Foundation and former Director of Alumni Relations, Steve Inge, completed 30 years of service to Western Washington University on Sept. 30. He will continue to be involved in planning the university's 1999-2000 centennial celebration.

Elizabeth Joffrion welcomed as archivist at WWU's Center for Pacific Northwest Studies

Elizabeth Joffrion, a former registrar for the Smithsonian Institution Archives of American Art is welcomed by the Western community as the new archivist for the Center for Pacific Northwest Studies, effective Dec. 7. Joffrion holds a Masters of Science from the University of Maryland and a Master of Arts from the University of New Orleans.

Fall enrollment reaches new record at 11,655

With 11,655 students enrolled for fall quarter, up 179 from the previous record of 11,476 in 1997, Western Washington University's student population is growing at a "moderate" pace. This year's fall class is the largest in the university's 99-year history.

"Western is committed to meeting our state's growing need for higher education," said admissions director Karen Copetas, "but we are also striving to maintain the university's academic excellence and retain the high-quality undergraduate experience that is part of the Western tradition." A total of 2,194 new freshmen enrolled this fall with an average high school GPA of 3.47.

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, 98225-9045. Or, contact the Alumni Office via e-mail at alumni@wvu.edu.

Investments in Excellence

Year-end Giving Opportunities Abound at Western

Across the country, charitable giving reaches its height each year in November and December. Many individuals, either because of the advantages of giving before the end of the tax year or the general philanthropic mood of the holidays, choose to support their favorite charities at this time.

Many alumni, parents and friends include Western in their year-end giving plans, sending contributions of varying amounts to support their favorite college, department or project. Often, gifts are designated for the Campus Enrichment Fund to support any number of innovative and exciting campus projects. Wherever you choose to designate your gift, the full amount of your contribution benefits Western students and programs and makes

a positive impact on teaching and learning at WWU.

To all of Western's current donors, please accept our continued thanks for your belief in higher education at Western. You do make a difference, and each

gift is appreciated. If you have not made a recent gift, or have never included Western in your giving, we encourage you to join the thousands of individuals who each year commit themselves to higher education. Western

relies on private support to provide funding beyond the limitations of state resources and your gifts will have a direct influence on the high quality education now enjoyed by more than 11,000 students each year.

Gifts received before December 31, 1998, are deductible for tax purposes to the full extent allowable by law for 1998. Checks made payable to The Western Foundation may be sent to Western Washington University, Old Main 443, Bellingham, WA 98225-9034. Please note which area, academic department or program you would like your gift to benefit.

If you have further questions or would like to speak to someone regarding the tax benefits of an estate or planned gift, please call The Western Foundation at (360) 650-3027.

What is the Campus Enrichment Fund?

Gifts to the Campus Enrichment Fund support numerous projects on the Western Campus. Unlike funds designated for a specific college, department or program, gifts to the Campus Enrichment Fund provide the flexibility to support exciting opportunities and innovative campus projects that arise throughout the year. Distributed by President Morse and the Foundation board of directors, in 1997-98 \$200,000 was allocated for the third consecutive year to support five areas: campus technology, scholarships, community outreach programs, excellence in teaching awards and faculty enrichment.

Gifts from alumni and friends to the Campus Enrichment Fund make these grants possible, creating more opportunities for all who teach and learn at WWU.

Endowments Ensure Long-Term Support

The Western Foundation endowment program exists to provide a continuous source of financial support for WWU students and programs. Endowments serve a dual purpose by blending the vision of individual donors with the needs and objectives of the University. By working together, endowment donors and the Foundation create distinctive funding sources that reflect a common goal.

Named endowments may be initiated with a gift of \$20,000

or more. However, it is possible to establish an endowment with less, provided the understanding that additional gifts will bring the fund's value to \$20,000 within five years. Awards are made when the endowment is fully funded. There are currently 227 permanent endowments benefiting Western — 185 for scholarship and 42 for program support.

The Western Foundation invests these funds carefully to ensure that the values of endowed

gifts increase over time. By spending only a portion of the total investment return and reinvesting the rest, endowments continue to grow. Endowed funds held by The Western Foundation during this decade have grown from \$730,000 in 1990 to \$11.7 million as of June 30, 1998.

For additional information on establishing an endowment, please contact Jean Rahn, executive director of The Western Foundation, at 360-650-3027.

WWU and Seafirst to Co-Host Seattle Business Forum

The second annual Seattle Business Forum, co-sponsored by Western Washington University and Seafirst Bank, will be held at noon on Tuesday, March 2, 1999, in the Metropole Room of the Four Seasons Olympic Hotel in downtown Seattle.

The luncheon will feature a keynote address from John Warner, senior vice president and chief administrative officer at Boeing.

Organized by The Western Foundation Western-in-Seattle committee, the event brings together corporate leaders, alumni, parents and friends who are interested both in Western and current business trends. Last year, at the inaugural luncheon, retired Bank of America CEO Richard Rosenberg shared his views on management with a capacity audience.

The forum provides an excellent venue for business leaders to highlight key issues that affect the entire Pacific Rim.

The Business Forum is open to the public. Cost to attend is \$35 per person. To reserve a seat or to inquire about sponsoring a table for 10 guests, please contact the Western Office of Special Events at (360) 650-6825.



—Photo by Tore Oftness

George Mustoe, of the WWU Geology Department, operates Western's scanning electron microscope. Donated by the Georgia-Pacific Corporation, the microscope can magnify objects 200,000 times and is used by Western faculty, staff and students for research. As the campus receives more state-of-the-art scientific equipment, repair and maintenance costs continue to climb. Fortunately, all scientific equipment and instruments on campus are maintained and repaired by the Western Scientific Technical Services staff. Serving the entire campus community, Scientific Technical Services makes common but expensive instruments available to all departments, and repairs, maintains and modifies equipment from the scanning electron microscope to tunable diode lasers. Their mission is to make affordable equipment available to all on campus. Many other campus departments have a variety of equipment needs as well. If you or your employer have access to such equipment and would be willing to make a donation to Scientific Technical Services or any other department, please contact The Western Foundation at (360) 650-3027.

Campus Connections

BIG BIG Homecoming '98

Western's 1998 Homecoming was a run away success, with featured attractions including the traditional bonfire, fireworks, jazz entertainment and fun run. Photos by Jon Brunk.



Vikings set new records

Quarterback Sam Hanson (Sr., Manson) completed 29 of 51 passes for school records of 480 yards and five touchdowns. Wide receiver Ben Clampitt (Jr., The Dalles, OR) set a Northwest small-college record with 295 receiving yards, leading Western Washington University to a 36-17 victory over Humboldt State University to celebrate Western's Homecoming on Oct. 3.

Running back Scott Noteboom (Sr., Lynden), who had nine receptions for 95 yards and rushed for 73 yards on 22 carries, also tied a Western record with three touchdown receptions.

Western led 19-0 early in the second quarter, but the Lumberjacks rallied to make the score 19-11 at halftime and nearly tied the game in the third quarter. Running back Matt Dwane scored on a 53-yard touchdown pass from Travis Mari to close the margin to 19-17, but the ensuing two-point conversion failed.

The Vikings then broke the game open by scoring touch-



Vikings wide receiver Ben Clampitt

downs on two of their next three possessions, as Hanson hit Noteboom for a 10-yard score on a swing pass, then found Clampitt for a 77-yard touchdown five minutes later.

Hanson, who was 18 of 31 for 306 yards with three touchdowns in the first half, became the first Western player to throw for 350 or more yards in two consecutive games. His 480 yards passing is the eighth best mark in Northwest small college history.

Clampitt's yardage total eclipsed the former Northwest record of 266 yards set by Mike Wilson of Oregon Tech in 1991. He also had 10 receptions, one short of the school record.

Coffee Table Book to Commemorate Centennial



Remember When...

Western was booming with new students after World War II. The Bellingham Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycee) Frosh Tour of the city was a big event for several years. Here, on Sept. 29, 1947, Jaycee President Bill Rothgeb is about to lead a 20-car caravan through downtown Bellingham with a greeting by the mayor at City Hall. Miller Hall, formerly the Campus School, and the old Industrial Arts building are in the background.

For the First Time...

Western's history and beautiful campus will come to life in archival pictures and extraordinary color photos by award-winning photographer Phil Schofield in a photo essay book celebrating Western's Centennial.

Soon...

You'll have a chance to pre-order this heirloom book!

Watch for details in the next issue of *Window on Western*...



Western's One Hundred Years: A Tradition of Academic Excellence, Service and a Recommitment to Diversity

On the eve of its Centennial year, Western welcomed more than 11,600 students this fall, the largest number in its history. While Western is continuing to grow at a moderate pace, we are constantly alert to retaining the high-quality undergraduate experience that is part of Western's tradition.

Efforts this year include: a strengthened GUR program, Freshman Interest Groups (FIGs) in which seniors will lead small groups of freshmen enrolled in GURs, and a re-

newed focus on writing.

Our students are continuing Western's tradition of service to others through community involvement. Last year 65 percent of the student body volunteered nearly 900,000 hours of service to the campus and community. As so many of you alumni have experienced, the spirit of service continues beyond graduation. Western ranked 18th this year among 1,000 universities for the number of graduates who become Peace Corps volunteers. Currently Western alumni are performing public service in 35 countries throughout the world.

To help prepare our students to live and work in a global society, last December Western's Board of Trustees renewed its commitment to provide opportunities for diversity to thrive on campus. To me this commitment means recruiting and retaining a diverse student body, faculty and staff. It means providing forums for students and faculty to discuss their divergent concerns as well as their common ones. It means supporting faculty to develop courses that include appropriate opportunities to explore the roles and histories of minority peoples and cultures in

American life. It means infusing a global perspective throughout the disciplines to prepare our graduates to participate in an international society and economy aware of the opportunities and challenges involved in a diverse world.

As we approach the beginning of our second century and our celebration of Western's legacy of academic excellence and service, we reaffirm our commitment to diversity — of ethnic, social, economic and cultural backgrounds and perspectives — for our campus community and our alumni of the future.

Gallery Debuts Works on Paper

Works on paper by some of America's foremost contemporary artists will make their public debut Tuesday, Jan. 5 through Wednesday, Feb. 10 at the Western Gallery under the title *Focus on WWU Collections, Part I: The Last Five Decades*.

Included in the exhibit are names that personify 20th century art. Among them are Jennifer Bartlett, Francesco Clemente, Jasper Johns, Jacob Lawrence, Robert Motherwell, Judy Pfaff, Robert Rauschenberg, Susan Rothenberg, Kiyoski Saito, Frank Stella and Terry Winters.

These works are from the Margaret and Richard Aiken collection that Margaret Aiken of Anacortes bequeathed to the Washington Art Consortium in October 1997. The gift expanded into the '80s and '90s the consortium collection which originally covered the period 1945-75.

The exhibit will also include works from the original 1945-75 collection housed at Western. Artists represented will be Josef Albers, Willem de Kooning, Mark di Suvero and Donald Judd (both of whom have works in Western's Outdoor Sculpture Collection), Helen Frankenthaler, Agnes Martin, Claes Oldenburg, Mark Rothko and Andy Warhol. Works made prior to 1975 by artists represented in the Aiken collection will also be on view.

Unique in the United States, the consortium collection was launched in 1973 with a Na-

tional Endowment for the Arts grant matched by the Virginia

Wright Fund. Founding consortium members are the Western Gallery, the Tacoma Art Museum, the Cheney Cowles Museum of Spokane and the Washington State University Museum. Joining later were the Henry Gallery at the University of Washington, the Seattle Art Museum and the Whatcom Museum of History and Art.

The Last Five Decades will also feature striking examples of 20th century design from the university's unique chair collection.

Focus on Western Collections, Part II: Close-Up opens Monday, Feb. 22 and closes Saturday, March 20. Together with a large borrowed collection of documentary photographs by the famed photojournalist Weegee, the gallery will display works from its own collections to further explore the theme of "close-up."

Artist/Author: Contemporary Artists' Books will take a double look at the book format as a medium for the intent of many contemporary artists. Opening Monday, March 29 through Friday, May 28, the first phase will explore the genre in the hands of Northwest artists. The second phase will be an international exhibition, opening Friday, April 28 and running through Saturday, June 26.

Western Gallery exhibits are free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays.



Rauschenberg, Robert
Bellini #5 (Allegory of Calumny)

Bruce Nauman's Stadium Piece becomes 23rd Outdoor Sculpture

Preparatory work has begun on Western's south campus for *Stadium Piece* by sculptor Bruce Nauman, who is hailed as "the essential American artist of the last quarter century." The work, a series of poured concrete steps, tinted white, will be the 23rd contemporary piece in Western Washington University's internationally renowned Outdoor Sculpture Collection. It is the sixth gift to the collection from the Virginia Wright Fund, founded in 1973 by the Seattle collector and arts patron.

Stadium Piece will be 25 feet wide, 50 feet long and just over 13 feet high. Footings are in place. Development of structural forms and the pouring of concrete will be under the supervision of the artist at critical intervals, and Nauman will again be on campus in mid-December to complete the work.

Nauman, 56, has said he intends the structure to be used "not only as a seating and meeting area, but also...by spectators for activities occurring around it" such as individual or group theatrical and musical performances as well as recreational sports.

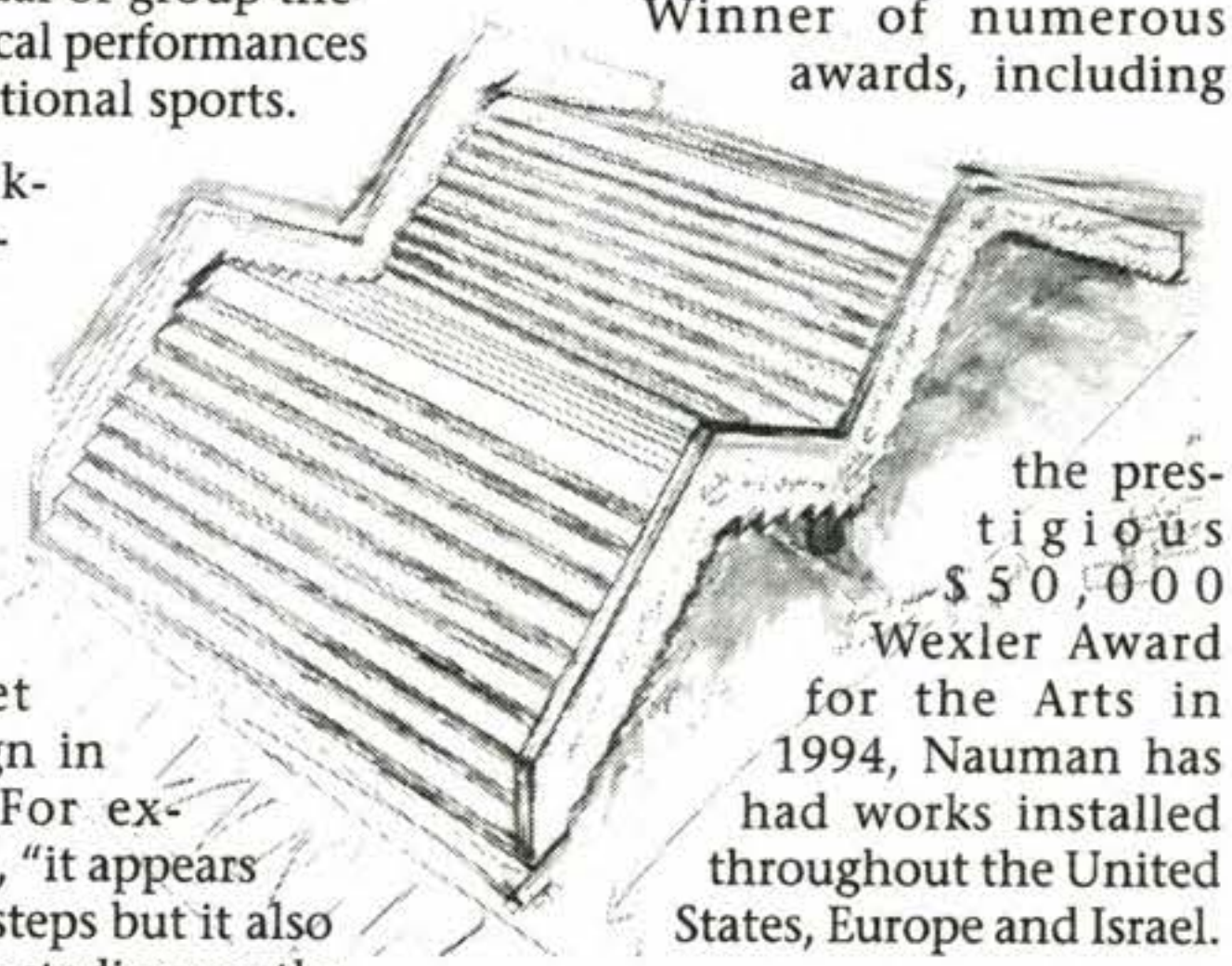
Sarah Clark-Langager, curator of the collection and director of the Western Gallery, noted that people will interpret Nauman's design in many ways. "For example," she said, "it appears to be a series of steps but it also has qualities of a stadium or the-

ater." Lighted from below, she added, "it also could echo mountain ranges in the distance, so much a part of the natural beauty of our region."

She noted that Nauman's work has been high on a list developed by a public Outdoor Sculpture Collection jury in 1993. The Virginia Wright Fund's selection of Nauman coincided with that opinion and was based on what the Seattle arts patron considered "his vision, expertise and international recognition over 32 years together with his reputation among a younger generation of artists, who consider him one of their most influential precursors."

After Virginia Wright brought him to Western's campus in January, 1997, he became "intrigued with the location" just south of a major academic quadrangle where playing fields begin, according to Clark-Langager. Nauman has said he sees *Stadium Piece* as "a link and transition between the academic and recreational activities that occur within the university."

Winner of numerous awards, including



the prestigious
\$50,000

Wexler Award for the Arts in 1994, Nauman has had works installed throughout the United States, Europe and Israel.

Extending the Dialogue

Making Peace with Parenthood



Working on a graduate degree in special education at Western, Lori Boroughs was pleased to find faculty that was supportive of her situation as a mother. She often brought her daughter, Ellie, with her to meetings with thesis advisor Dr. Marcia Davidson.

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still find the time for their children. It is not an easy balancing act."

Sharer and his wife, Sue, both graduated from Western in the mid-1970s and now have two teenagers. "After our first child was born, my wife fully intended to go back to work. We did the babysitter routine for something like six to eight months. We enjoyed the material comfort that two incomes gave us. However, we quickly became uncomfortable with the situation," said Bruce.

The couple made a life decision they say they do not regret. Sue quit her job to stay home full time. Over the years she has worked some seasonal part-time jobs, but only when Bruce was able to be home with the kids.

"This required changes in our lifestyle due to the loss of my wife's income," said Bruce. Yet, he added, "definitely for this family, having one parent home full time with our children was a good decision."

But staying home full-time is not always an option. Lori Boroughs ('83 & '96) is a mother of three who has tried several career and parenthood combinations. "I have worked part-time since I had children, but for a period worked almost full time (30+ hours per week) and went to school full time," she explained.

She says, "I don't believe our society supports parents, or most importantly, children. When parents are overworked and stressed out, children suffer."

As a second grade teacher, she sees this first hand. As a mother,

she appreciates finally finding a work environment where "kids and families are the top priority."

Having worked for corporations and for a newspaper, Boroughs says she hasn't always felt supported in that belief. She cites a need for better child care, more parent education and better paying jobs to allow families realistic options.

"A lot of corporations seem to be exploiting the two-worker family by not paying enough for one parent to stay home if desired," she said. "Maybe if some of the corporate presidents saw kids everyday and had to dry their tears when parents are laid off or they didn't see Mom that morning because she had to start work at 6 a.m., they might change their policies and learn to support families more."

Although Boroughs currently teaches only part-time, which she feels is the best choice for her family, she continues to struggle with self-perception and societal expectations. "I have received more recognition for the totally crazy times in my life, when I frankly was juggling too much," she admits. "There is a lot of pressure to constantly be building a resumé. I'm a really driven person at times, but have really re-evaluated what is most important."

"I tend to agree with West in the sense that our society has put work over families."

Crystal Nygard, Anchorage, AK

Crystal Nygard ('90) of Anchorage, Alaska, also sees external pressures as a major stumbling block in America. "A majority of the families today require both people to work because of debt and the 'demands' of living," she said. "I believe this choice between work and career has definitely affected the one person in a marriage that chooses not to work or work part-time after children (husband or wife). Our society does not encourage living a simple happy life, but rather a life based on judgment. That means making sure your kids have everything else that their friends have and your neighbors. No one goes without!"

Nygard has also traded in her full-time career for part-time work and parenthood. She says prior to having her first child she traveled 175 miles from home to work each week and "enjoyed the title, lunches, business trips and meetings. I looked at those who stayed home as boring and giving up their career. But holding that baby in my arms made my decision. I quit my job and stayed home. These are times I will never regret," she said.

Non-parents recognize these struggles as well.

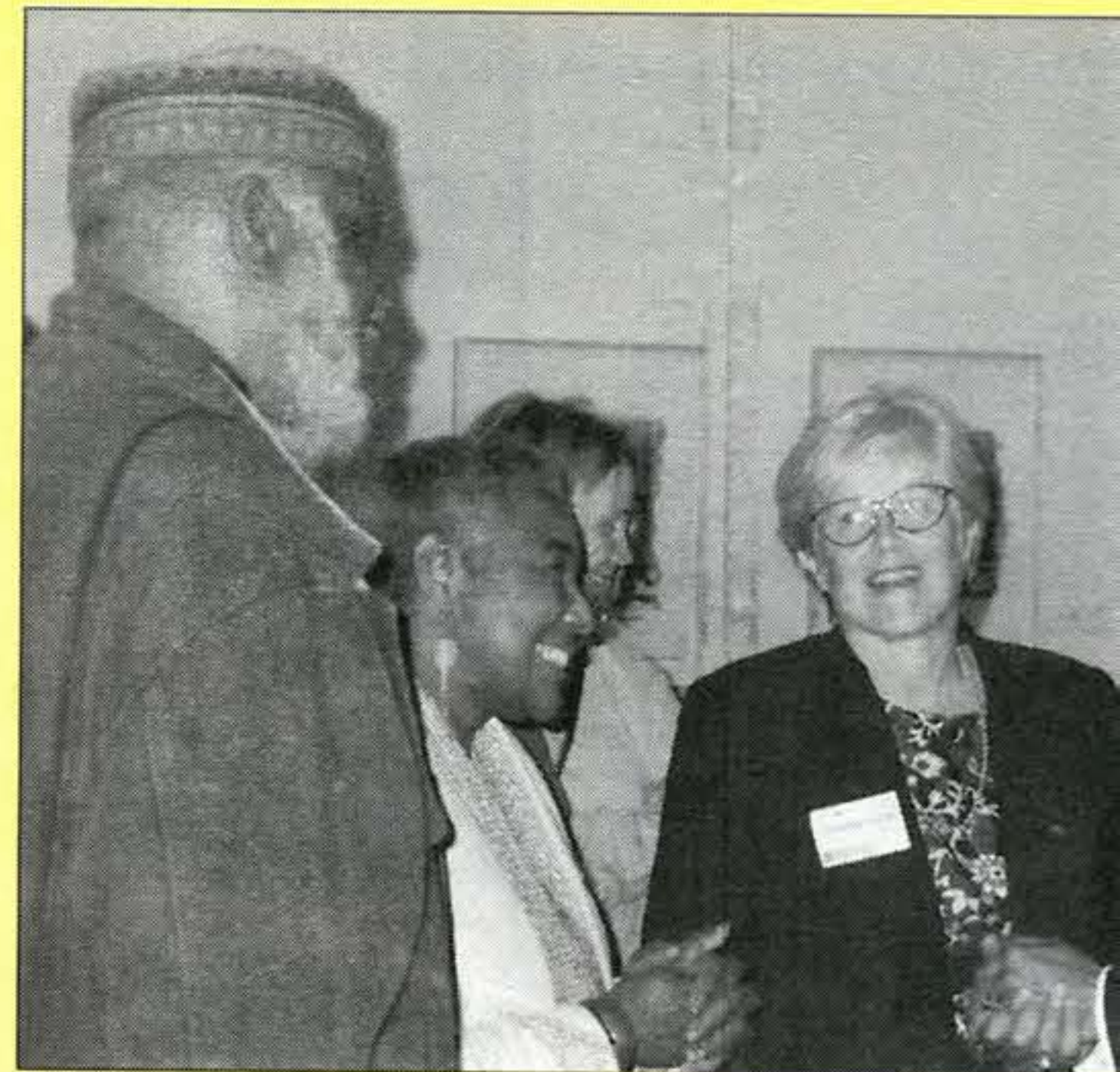
Signe Beck, ('84) a financial consultant in San Diego, Calif., is single and does not have children. "I think it is true that couples focus more on their careers now than any other time in history. There are several good reasons forcing them to do so," she said. "First, it now takes two incomes

West Draws Battle Line

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tinuously threatened by the omnipresence of market force. This silent attack on parenthood is "a symptom and quality of our larger society, yet it is hardly talked about," West said. The event drew a crowd of about 2,000 at Western's Carver Gymnasium.

West and Hewlett use an uncommonly liberal perspective. "Children don't just need quality time, they need quantity. Because of the growing power of capital, people are now spending a much larger part of their day in work than in family life, decreasing the amount of time that parents have to spend with their children." West believes that America's market culture has come to value work more than family life.



Western President Karen Morse and Distinguished Lecturer Cornel West (far right) with former WWU professor of business, Thaddeus Spratlen and his wife.

At Western, West spoke powerfully about issues of character (qualities that he says can be instilled only by parents), work, and family. "Most parents are over-worked, underpaid and beleaguered in this country. He believes this unnoticed struggle for the quality of our future, as the 'voids of our young folk (created by the market) are also filled by the market in the form of television, video games, films, fast-food, shopping malls and amusement parks. The market has gone so far as to allude that even education can be market-driven. The goal for achievement is solely higher wealth."

"No matter how materially successful a society is, if its system of parenthood suffers then it will reap what it sows."

"No matter how materially successful a society is, if its system of parenthood suffers then it will reap what it sows," said West. He is optimistic about the 21st century, but he says that he does not believe America's parents will continue to fight for non-market values.

The War Against Parents offers an idealistic blueprint for a new movement, including a "Parents' Bill of Rights" that West believes will restore dignity to the parental role and restores our nation's commitment to the well-being of children.

As stated in the book, "simply heaping blame on overburdened parents will not solve our problems. Modern-day mothers and fathers, like those before them, struggle to put children at the center of their lives. Impediments and obstacles stand in their way, undermining their noblest efforts. From early in the morning till late at night, Americans are battered by all kinds of pressures, most of which are not of their own making."

In her introduction of West, WWU president Karen Morse said that anyone who is a parent or hopes to be a parent should read the book. Morse was pleased to welcome West as an individual who spoke clearly and powerfully about the intellectual issues of our time. "This series is dedicated to inspiring a rich dialogue on our community."

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Crystal Nygard ('90) of Anchorage, Alaska, also sees external pressures as a major stumbling block in America. "A majority of the families today require both people to work because of debt and the 'demands' of living," she said. "I believe this choice between work and career has definitely affected the one person in a marriage that chooses not to work or work part-time after children (husband or wife). Our society does not encourage living a simple happy life, but rather a life based on judgment. That means making sure your kids have everything else that their friends have and your neighbors. No one goes without!"

Nygard has also traded in her full-time career for part-time work and parenthood. She says prior to having her first child she traveled 175 miles from home to work each week and "enjoyed the title, lunches, business trips and meetings. I looked at those who stayed home as boring and giving up their career. But holding that baby in my

arms made my decision. I quit my job and stayed home. These are times I will never regret," she said.

Non-parents recognize these struggles as well.

Signe Beck, ('84) a financial consultant in San Diego, Calif., is single and does not have children. "I think it is true that couples focus more on their careers now than any other time in history. There are several good reasons forcing them to do so," she said. "First, it now takes two incomes

West Draws Battle Lines

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tinuously threatened by the omnipresence of market forces in American culture. This silent attack on parenthood is "a symptom and a symbol of the quality of our larger society, yet it is hardly talked about," West told a crowd of 2,000 at Western's Carver Gymnasium.

West and Hewlett use an uncommonly liberal perspective to argue that children don't just need quality time, they need quantity. They contend that "because of the growing power of capital, people are now required to spend a much larger part of their day in work than in family life, decreasing the amount of time that parents have to spend with their children." In essence, they believe that America's market culture has come to value work much more highly than family life.



Western President Karen Morse and Distinguished Lecturer Cornel West (far right) greet guests, including former WWU professor of business, Thaddeus Spratlen and his wife.

At Western, West spoke powerfully about issues of character, virtue and trust (qualities that he says can be instilled only by parents), while asserting that "most parents are over-worked, underpaid and beleaguered across race and region" in this country. He believes this unnoticed struggle is threatening the quality of our future, as the "voids of our young folk (created as the market consumes their parents) are also filled by the market in the forms of television, video games, films, fast-food, shopping malls and amusement parks. West went so far as to allude that even education can be market-centered if the end goal for achievement is solely higher wealth.

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"No matter how materially successful a society is, if its system of parenting suffers then it will reap what it sows," said West. He contends that he is not optimistic about the 21st century, but he says that he does have hope that America's parents will continue to fight for non-market values.

The War Against Parents offers an idealistic blueprint for parent empowerment, including a "Parents' Bill of Rights" that West believes "gives new value and dignity to the parental role and restores our nation's commitment to the well-being of children."

As stated in the book, "simply heaping blame on overburdened moms and dads will not solve our problems. Modern-day mothers and fathers, like those before them, struggle to put children at the center of their lives. But major impediments and obstacles stand in their way, undermining their most valiant efforts. From early in the morning till late at night, America's parents are battered by all kinds of pressures, most of which are not of their making."

In her introduction of West, WWU president Karen Morse said, "I suggest that anyone who is a parent or hopes to be a parent should read this book." Morse was pleased to welcome West as an individual who speaks "eloquently and powerfully about the intellectual issues of our time." She asserted that "this series is dedicated to inspiring a rich dialogue on our campus and in our community."

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has seven jobs in a lifetime, and
has to worry about being replaced
at the drop of a hat."

Although she is currently busy
with her career, Beck also says she
would adjust her work schedule if
she does have children. "That
would include cutting back on my
hours. This was how I planned it,
and one reason I chose this pro-
fession," she stated.

The need for "balance" was re-
ferred to by many who responded,
including future parents, such as
Jennifer Berke ('94), who said,
"Ahh, you're asking about the
American dream!"

"Is the American dream about
raising children or making money
and gaining prestige?" asked
Berke. "We all NEED a certain
amount of money," she reminded.
"But how much do we give in to
our wants?"

Berke and her fiancé are build-
ing their own computer-oriented
business. Interestingly she says,
"we chose computers because
we're good at working with them
and this type of work brings in a
lot of money, not because it's what
we really, really want to spend all
our time on. But we will be able to
work from home and when we
have children, we will raise them
together. So we are sacrificing com-
plete enjoyment in career for
money and family life. This is our
balance."

Julia Elzie ('93) is currently at-
tending graduate school to earn a
Ph.D. in communication. At the
same time she operates a home-
based business in Boise, Idaho,
working as a freelance writer and
independent contractor/travel
consultant. Her husband works in
corporate real estate for a Fortune
100 grocery chain.

"From all outward appearances,
it seems we have chosen career
over family, but that is really not
true," she says. At the time of their
marriage, her husband was an of-
ficer on active duty with the U.S.
Army and they were often sepa-
rated. "We decided that the poten-
tial for harm to our marriage and
to our future was great and was
more of a sacrifice than we were
willing to make. So, he decided to
voluntarily resign/retire from his
officer's commission and work in
corporate America," she explained.

Along with the other future pa-
rents who responded, the Elzies be-
lieve they have a choice. "We are
really ambitious about our careers
now, and want to satisfy our am-
bitions while we are young in or-
der to focus on our children in the
future," said Julia.

As to America's market culture
valuing work more highly than
family life, Susan Neighbors ('93)
says, "Lately I see a turnaround in
that premise. Many more women
are job sharing, and families are

trying to cut Mom (or Dad if he
is the lesser breadwinner) back
to part-time jobs." She views the
real issue as the "decreased buy-
ing power of the almighty dol-
lar," which is symptomized by
the high cost of housing. After
owning a home in the 1970s,
Neighbors and her husband
spent 15 years trying to qualify
for their second one.

"My feeling is not that the
market culture values work so
much as two incomes became a
survival necessity for reaching
the American dream of home
ownership our parents had," she
said. Neighbors believes the in-
ability to purchase "that one
concrete piece of land seems to
validate our familial neglect."

**"I don't think most educated
people want to make their career
the first priority, but it sometimes
becomes that way to survive."**

Signe Beck, San Diego, CA

For many, adequate child care
and education are major pieces
of the puzzle.

"One other thing I see increas-
ingly in the workplace, is that
many companies are creating
on-premises child care to lure
and keep working parents," said
Neighbors.

In response, Craig McDonald
(91) of Kansas City said, "Nice
thought. In fact our company
does have on-site child care. The
problem is that the current wait-
ing list is about two years long.
The infant waiting list has more
than 60 couples on it. These are
people who just had a child, or
will in the next nine months."

McDonald says that he and his
wife have decided that one will
have to quit a job if they are to
start a family. "The difference in
the extra salary and the cost of
child care just doesn't make the
extra effort and time away from
the children worthwhile," he
said.

Some, such as Robert Wade
(65), say the issue of career vs.
parenthood "has impacted my
life only peripherally." He says
he has made career decisions
based on parenthood, such as
not taking a better position, but
he sees this as a choice and does
not perceive a struggle.

Terry Buckles ('76) of Pullman
agrees. As a parent, his primary
concern is for his teenage daugh-

ter. "I worry about when she be-
comes an adult," he said. "I
want her to be valued for her-
self, not whether she chooses to
be an at-home mom, a work-
ing mom or not a mom at all."

**What role does a college
education play?**

Buckles also mentioned the
peer pressure that can come
with a college education. "It is
often expected that if one at-
tends college, one is looking to
have a career outside the home,"
he notes. However, most West-
ern graduates who responded
agreed that a college education
has been essential in providing
the options that they do have.

"My college experience at
WWU certainly broadened my
perspective on human ecology.
Given a crisis we can adapt,"
said Randy Jackson ('85).

Bruce Sharer cites his college
education as opening doors that
were not available to all. "I took
a management path in the years
after our first child was born.
This boosted my income level
considerably. Without a degree,
I would have had virtually no
opportunity to do this," he said.

An advanced degree also
opened new doors for Lori Bor-
oughs, who says she feels "thank-
ful that I have the education for
a career that I thoroughly enjoy,
which also allows me to be home
in the summers and have vaca-
tions with my kids."

"A degree or further educa-
tion allows you flexibility," said
Crystal Nygard. "My parents
and in-laws never had to think
about career vs. parenting. Then
again, there were never comput-
ers in homes."

Throughout the nation, West-
ern graduates appear to be deal-
ing with the issues of career and
parenthood in individual, yet
similar ways as they strive to
impact the future.

Window on Western Has a New Editor

Former *Window on Western*
editor Kathy Sheehan has left
Western's Public Information
Office to pursue a graduate
degree and teach in Western's
journalism department.

Replacing Sheehan is
Annette Bagley a former Pub-
lications Editor and Media
Relations Coordinator for the
Los Angeles Dodgers.

Tickets for the spring Distin-
guished Lecture Series presen-
tation by historian/biographer
Doris Kearns Goodwin will be
available beginning Feb. 1,
1999.

The lecture will take place
on April 28, 1999 at 6 p.m. in
Carver Gymnasium.

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By Chris Goldsmith

Alumni Director



A big thank you to the numerous alumni who have already responded to last issue's call for memorabilia from their college days to help Western celebrate its 100th anniversary next year.

We've received an interesting array of personal reflections and memories, an actual Life Diploma from 1920 and original clips from the *Seattle Times*, which ran a story on Western's 75th anniversary in the 1970s.

All of this and the hoped for additional contributions will comprise a Centennial exhibit which will be on display during our celebration from September 1999 through August of 2000.

We have already decided that it would be very appropriate for Western's earlier graduates to help kick off the Centennial celebration by coordinating the reunion of alumni from classes of 1939 and earlier with Fall Convocation in September of 1999. Graduates from those years will be hearing soon about that reunion and their hoped for participation in Convocation.

Plans are also being formed by the Alumni Association's various chapters and regions across the country to help Western celebrate its first 100 years in their communities.

But you don't have to belong to a formal chapter to help us celebrate. We would like to hear from alumni living in any part of the country -- or even other countries -- who would be interested in coordinating an event with other graduates living in their area.

We can let you know how many other Western alumni live nearby and work with you to get something going. Give us a call at 1-800-676-6885. We'd be glad to talk about your ideas!

On campus, the Alumni House is planning for Reunion Weekend 1999, which will take place June 26-27. Classes 1949, 1950 and 1951 will receive information in December.

Contact us if you are interested in being on a committee!



Jason Stiles (1991-95) and Chet Ullin (1933-36) reminisce about Vikings football. Both Stiles and Ullin are four-year letter earners.



Coach Rob Smith leads his former players in Western's fight song at the "95 Years of Western Football" celebration following the Homecoming game on Oct. 3.

Former players celebrate 95 Years of Western Football

Former WWU football players from 1933 to 1996 celebrated "95 Years of Western Football" at the Best Western Lakeway Inn following WWU's Homecoming game against Humboldt State on Oct. 3 (a 36-17 win for WWU).

All former football players were invited to the reunion. Among the honored players were members of the undefeated 1938 "ironman" squad celebrating their 60th reunion. Teammates Wesley Baker, Russell Davis, Walt Wilkinson, and Henry White recalled the days they played on Waldo Field, now Red Square.

The teams of 1948, 1973 and 1988 commemorated their 50th, 25th, and 10th year reunions, respectively.

The highlight of the evening was hearing Western's first four-year letter winner Chet Ullin ('37), serenade the group with the University's alma mater, *Far Above the Bay's Blue Water*. Not to be outdone, younger alumni from the 80s and 90s brought the house down with their version of the *Viking Fight Song*.

"The success of this football team reunion demonstrates to me that our athletic alumni are supportive of Western and want to reconnect with their school and their teammates," said athletic director Lynda Goodrich. "I look forward to this becoming a great Homecoming tradition at Western."

President Karen Morse and head football coach Rob Smith were on hand to welcome the former players, along with Goodrich. President Morse spoke of Smith's outstanding coaching record, noting that he is the "first undefeated football coach in Western's NCAA history." The Viking's game and victory against Humboldt State marked the team's first NCAA Division II contest.

If you would like to become involved in planning next year's football team reunion and locating former players, please contact Jennifer Rick at 650-3616 or jrick@cms.wwu.edu.

Ski Trip to take alumni north of border Feb. 12-14

Silver Star in Vernon, British Columbia is the destination for the 1999 Alumni Ski Trip.

On Friday, Feb. 12, at 5 p.m., board a deluxe motor coach from Western's campus and take a comfortable ride, complete with movies, snacks and beverages, to Silver Star, which is rated one of Western North America's ten best ski resorts.

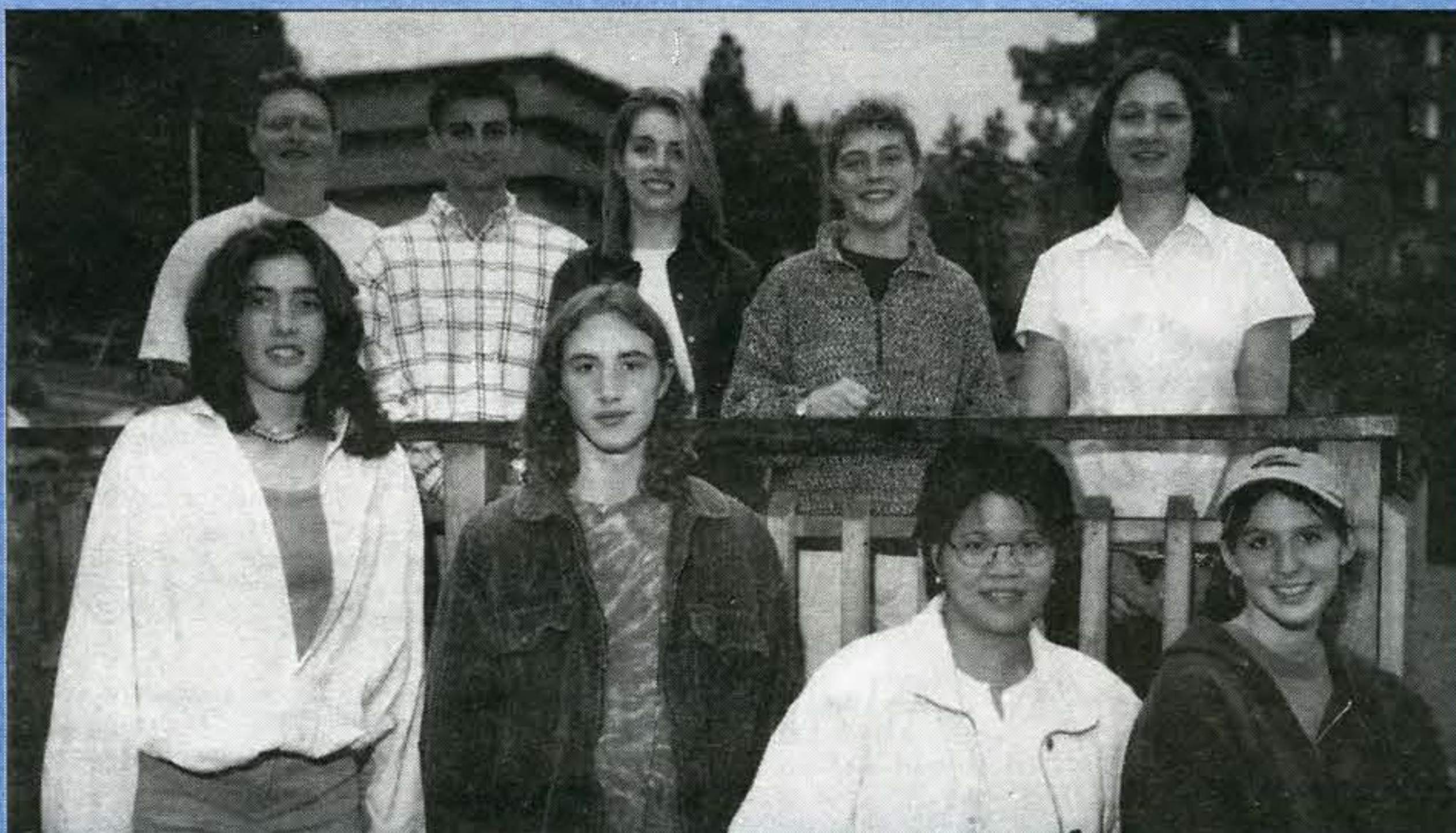
You'll stay on the mountain with two night's accommodations at the newly completed Silver Creek, a ski-in, ski-out hotel. Your two-day pass will allow you to ski all day Saturday and Sunday, returning that night to Bellingham at approximately 11 p.m. The package also includes a Saturday night alumni reception at the hotel.

Prices are based on occupancy; quads start at \$160 US per person. To make your reservation, call the Alumni House at (800) 676-6885 or (360) 650-3353.

The Western motif village is complete with tube and toboggan area, ice skating, and colorful establishments such as the Sheriff's Café, Bugaboo's Bakery, Silver Lode Inn, Clementines, Vance Creek Saloon and Doc Simmons Soak & Swim. You can't miss this trip, pardner!

1998-99 Alumni Scholarship Winners

Pictured are 1998-99 recipients of Alumni Scholarships from Western Washington University. Back row: Brent Olson, Sam Swartz, Anna Mowry, Kristi Ott, Jamie Houghton. Front Row: Molly Page, Sam Schaefer-Joef, Tram Pham, Maya Miller.



Western grads are tops among Peace Corps recruits

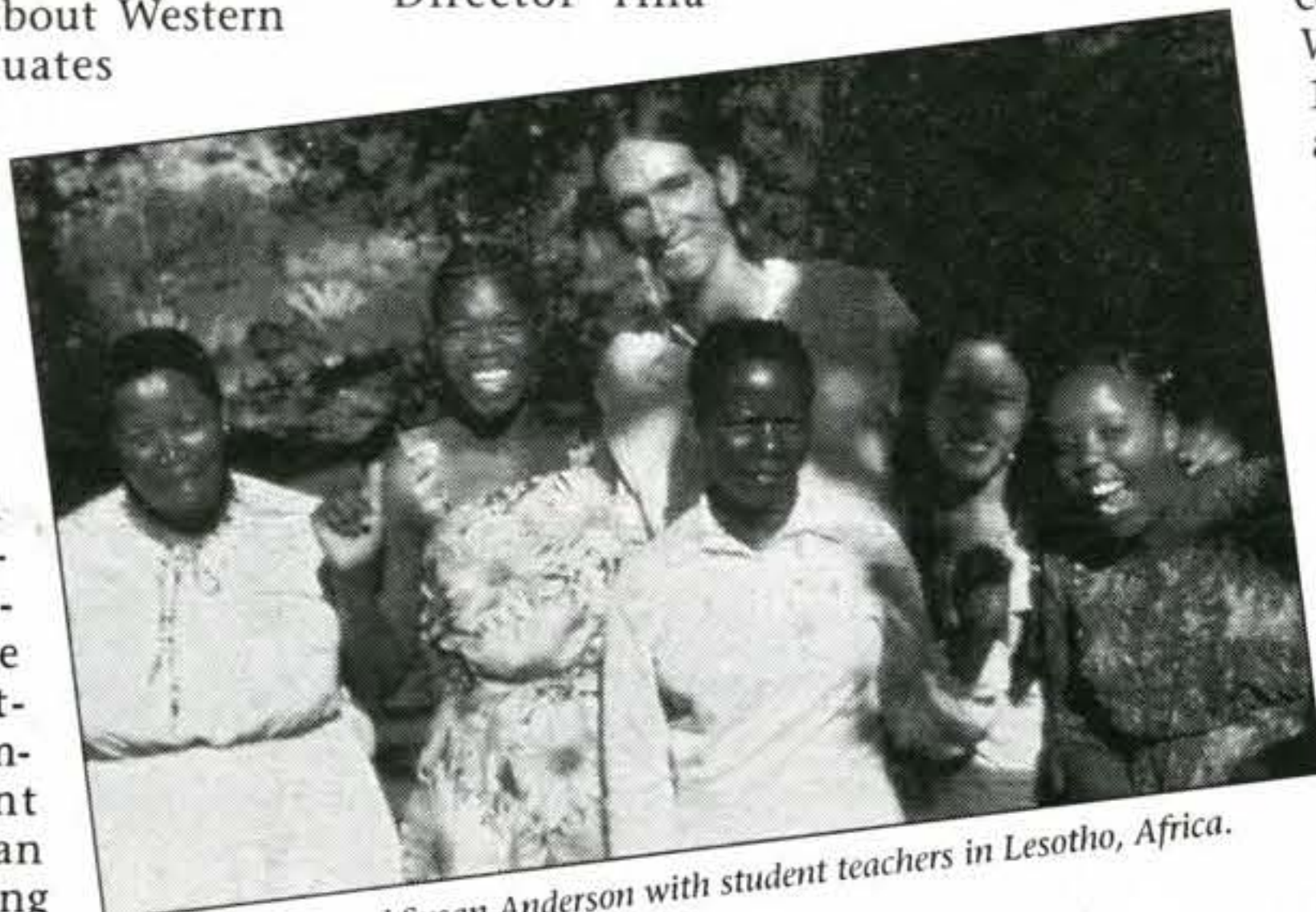
By Norah West

Something about Western makes its graduates prime candidates for life-after-college opportunities in far-away countries as Peace Corps volunteers. In late September, Carl L. Swartz, national chief of operations for Peace Corps recruitment, visited campus to present Western with an award recognizing its consistent success in recruiting volunteers for service overseas. He also came to find out what makes Western special.

Some, including President Karen W. Morse, say Western's high number of volunteers – more than 550 in the 37-year history of the service organization – is due to "the culture of caring" instilled in its students. Morse told Swartz that in the 1996-97 academic year alone, Western students contributed 872,170 hours of service to the campus and local community.

Cira Endsley ('96), who is spending two years in the West African country of Senegal providing immunizations as a health-care worker, agrees with Morse. "It was really strongly communicated that my degree held a responsibility," Endsley told the *Bellingham Herald*. "We knew that with the privilege of attending school and getting an education, there was a responsibility to go out and be responsible members of any community we landed in."

Another reason, Career Services Director Tina



Jim Gunsolus and Susan Anderson with student teachers in Lesotho, Africa.

Loudon told Swartz, is the presence of a Peace Corps alumnus as an on-campus recruiter housed in her office, making the Peace Corps "highly visible" to students.

Still another theory is that Western students represent the Pacific Northwest lifestyle – outdoorsy, connected-to-the-earth kinds of people who are therefore attracted to what the Peace Corps has to offer. This was what Jane Rane, former Western recruiter and volunteer in the Philippines from 1984 to 1986, told the *Bellingham Herald*.

Whatever the reason, or combination of reasons, Western this year ranks 18th out of 1,000 colleges and universities providing graduates to the Peace Corps, according to the service organization's Seattle spokesperson, Carla Semmler.

Peace Corps volunteers have found that their service abroad has opened doors to a variety of other opportunities.

Among other Western alumni who became Peace Corps volunteers is Howard Anderson ('71 and '77), former national director of Peace Corps training and program support.

Current on-campus recruiter Jim Gunsolus ('75) and his wife, Susan Anderson ('77), served at the National Teacher Training College in Lesotho, Africa from 1977 to 1981 as super-

visors of student teachers. After Africa, the couple lived in Seattle where Anderson

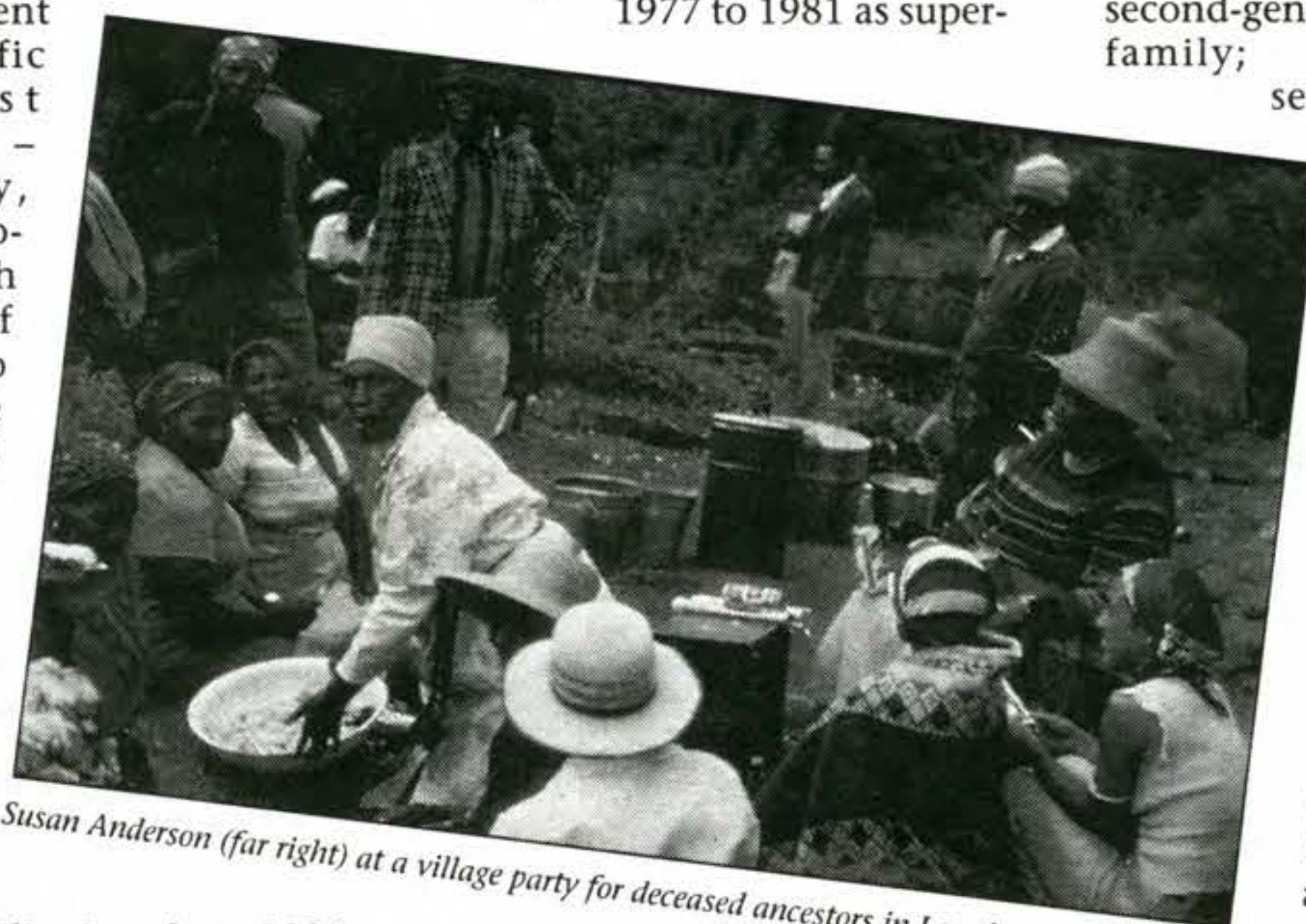
was area manager for the Peace Corp's Seattle recruitment office and Gunsolus was state office director and foreign relations advisor for former U.S. Senator Brock Adams.

In 1992, they moved to the Caribbean, where Anderson served as Peace Corps country director for the island nations of Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Gunsolus was a United Nations election supervisor in South Africa ('94) and Bosnia ('96). Now, with daughter, Mitsu, six, they have returned to Bellingham, where they tell prospective volunteers about the "toughest job you'll ever love."

In unusual numbers, Western alumni respond favorably. Currently, 49 graduates are doing public service work in 35 countries.

Chris ('96) and Andrea ('95) Chorney currently are serving in Papua New Guinea in community services. They are a second-generation Peace Corps family; Chris' parents served in the 1970s.

Like former A.S. president Shane O'Day ('98) in Uzbekistan, many are teaching English as far away as Estonia, Burkina Faso, The People's Republic of China and Turkmenistan. Others teach environmental education in Thailand, Poland, Vanuatu, Paraguay, Ukraine and Bulgaria. Still more are in forestry projects from Kenya and The Gambia to Honduras.



Susan Anderson (far right) at a village party for deceased ancestors in Lesotho, Africa.

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Class Notes

1918 – **Cicily Jolley** celebrated her 100th birthday on September 15.

1959 – **Joan Cresap** retired with a 20-year career in education from the Stanwood School District. ... **Jack Stark** ('69 MEd) was unanimously voted into the Shelton-Mason County Sports Hall of Fame. Stark led the Climbers' varsity gridiron attack for 25 years before retiring with State Hall of Fame distinction in 1994.

1960 – **Bill Wright** was honored at the Bill Wright WWU Alumni Golf Classic on August 21.

1965 – **Dave Danubio** retired with a 33-year career in education from the Stanwood School District. ... **E. Rosamonde VanMiert's** latest book is "Old Hotels of the Bellingham Bay Cities."

1966 – **Larry Elfendahl** is the manager of Washington Federal Savings in Bremerton. ... **Jim Pollock** retired with a 32-year career in education from the Stanwood School District.

1967 – **Steve Jay** retired with a 32-year career in education from the Stanwood School District.

1969 – **Kenneth Martin** manages a zinc exploration project in Togo, Ethiopia. ... **Jack Requa** is the chief operating officer for the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority in Washington, D.C. ... **Barb Warberg** is the principal at Hollywood Hill Elementary in the Northshore School District. Warberg has been a teacher and school administrator for 28 years.

1970 – **Gerry Apple** (MEd '76) was named the Shelton School District's spotlighted employee in February. Apple is the traffic-safety instructor and English teacher at Shelton High School.

1975 – **Brent Bristow**, a/k/a/ Brent Young, works the 6-9 a.m. show at KBFV-AM 930 radio station in Bellingham. Brent delivers a downhome combination of current country hits and off-the-wall honesty.

1977-S.K.(Black)Osborn was named "The Professional Advisor of the Year" by the National Self Help for Hard of Hearing organization at their national convention in Boston, MA June 12-15. She is currently Manager of Clincial Operations for Nova Care, Inc. and serves on a volunteer basis for the Kitsap County Self Help for Hard of Hearing Group.

1979 – **Dr. Virginia Gardner Troy** joined the Berry College (Georgia) faculty as assistant professor of history.

1980 – **Karen Carpenter** was named the director of nursing at Sunnyside Community Hospital in Sunnyside, WA. ... **Joe Mays** is working for Seatac Occupational Skills Center as the computer technical networking services instructor. ... **William Ryberg** is the president of the Grand Rapids (Michigan) Symphony Orchestra.

CBE Dinner Scheduled

A dinner honoring professors emeriti and founders of the College of Business and Economics, Dr. Erwin Mayer, Dr. Howard Mitchell and Dr. Michael Mischaikow will take place on February 5 at Bell Harbor on the Seattle waterfront. Invitations will be sent to business alumni; others wishing to attend please call the Alumni House at (800) 676-6885.

1982 – **Robin Sylvan** finished his PhD in religious studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

1984 – **Chris Breuninger** was installed as pastor of the Pine Lake Covenant Church in Issaquah. ... **Pamela Childs** was promoted to domestic paper sales representative for the Port Townsend Paper Corporation.

1985 – **Scott Stromer** is the Mount Vernon Rotary Teacher of the Year. Stromer teaches social studies at Mount Vernon High School. ... **Michael Thomas** was promoted to vice president, information services for Gulf States Paper Corporation. Thomas is at the company's national headquarters in Tuscaloosa, AL. ... **Wendy Wall** was accepted into the Seattle University School of Law.

1986 – **Carolyn Coyle** works for Subaru of America in New Jersey in corporate communications. ... **Robyn Goodwin** is the principal at Morton and Mineral Elementary School in Morton, WA. ... **Bob Sampson** ('90 MEd) is the administrator of Bellingham Christian School.

1987 – **Bobbie (Monroe) Beckman** is the Speech-Language Pathologist at William Howard Taft Elementary School in Boise, ID. ... **David Donohue** serves on the Bellingham Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission.

1988 – **Joe Dockery** teaches at Chief Kanim Middle School in Fall City, WA. Dockery was honored by the *Seattle Times* as one of the "Ten Teachers Who Really Care." Dockery and his students produce a daily videotape of news and announcements that is broadcast throughout the school.

1989 – **Kari Murphy (Davis)** owns "Albums in the Attic", a scrapbook supply business, teaches aerobics at Tumwater Valley Athletic Club, and is the mother of three boys. Murphy can be reached at her e-mail address: scrapphappy@connectcorp.net.

1990 – **Jenene Gibbs** was elected president and chief executive of the South Snohomish County Chamber of Commerce. Gibbs was also named as the executive director of the South Snohomish Chamber of Commerce. ... **Brinton Scott** is an attorney with China Lawyers in Beijing.

1991 – **Ismael Vivanco** is the curriculum generalist for the North Central Educational Service District in Wenatchee.

1992 – **Michael Dumas** is the Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Student Diversity Programs at Mills College in Oakland, CA. ... **Rachel Grossman** opened Fertile Ground, a personal and professional coaching practice. ... **Craig Olson** is the general manager of the Roy Oak Hills Vegetable Farm in Yelm, WA.

1993 – **Kim Grantier** leads guided beach walks during low tide at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park in Shoreline.

1994 – **Jim Griffith** is a loan officer at PNC Mortgage in Bellingham. ... **David Howerton** recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois. ... **Aaron Logue**, lead graphic designer at Printwise in Mount Vernon, received first-place award recognition for his design entry to the North West Design Association. ... **Renee Moon** was selected to participate in the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Scholarship program and will spend a year teaching English at an all-girls private school in Bogota. Moon will return to the Ephrata High School for the 1999-2000 school year.

1995 – **Stephanie Fox Wells** received her master's degree in political science from

Arizona State University. ... **Matt McCarter** is working in the County Community Organizing Program with North and East King Counties.

1996 – **Britta Borgersen** received a degree as an associate of health science in dental hygiene from the University of Louisville in Kentucky. ... **Guy Leahy** is currently the exercise physiologist for Edwards Air Force Base, near Lancaster, California. Leahy is responsible for managing the fitness and exercise testing programs of the base active duty population. Leahy can be reached at Leahyg%AMDS.edw@mhs.elan.af.mil. ... **Gina Sampson** is the new women's basketball assistant coach at WWU. ... **Brett Simplot** is the network specialist for Haggen. ... **Darcy (MacFarlane) Wagner** teaches fifth grade at William Howard Taft Elementary School in Boise, ID.

1997 – **Jan Lor** had a showing of her art at the Meloy Gallery. ... **Peter Horst** works for Georgia Pacific at the Help Desk.

Catch Spring Training

As the winter days become a little more dreary here in the Pacific Northwest, you might want to let your mind wander to the Seattle Mariners Spring Training in sunny Arizona.

Last year, more than 65 WWU alumni were treated to a barbecue and then caught the action between Seattle and Oakland.

This year we're doing it again! So consider this your invitation. The Phoenix/Arizona chapter is also going to throw golf into the deal on March 12, before we catch the Mariners game at Peoria Stadium on March 13.

Sound appealing? Call the Alumni House at (800) 676-6885 or (360) 650-3353.

Weddings

1969 – **Dennis Hindman** and Catherine Timmons on May 24. ... **Kathleen Garlinghouse** ('75) and Kenneth Rasmussen on Aug. 22.

1984 – **Robert Henderson** and Nathalie Gignac on May 16.

1985 – **Theresa Meester** and Clarence Vander Velde on July 25.

1986 – **Mark Gunlogson** and Heidi Bornstein on May 2. ... **Michael Sumner** and Carolyn Markel on June 6. ...

1987 – **Laurel Holmes** and Howard Muhlberg on June 24.

1989 – **Diane Fleming** and Roger Eydt on July 18.

1990 – **Lisa Lnenick** and Craig VanZanten on June 13.

1991 – **Tara Fleetwood** and Andrew Bowler on June 6. ... **Tim Lenseigne** and **Megan Coltran** ('94) on July 18. ... **Stephanie Rowland** and Kelly Fahey on June 19.

1992 – **Heidilynn Culbertson** and Christopher Moore on Aug. 1.

1993 – **Nicole Anderson** and Jeffrey Kuklenski on July 18. ... **Brian Bowser** and Susan Crow on April 3. ... **Carol Davidson** and Geoffrey Eastman on June 12. ... **Jamie Fera** and Kari Becker on April 25.

1994 – **Michelle Bua** and **David Belben** ('95) on July 11. ... **Minda Davis** and Chuck Troost on July 7. ... **Kimberly Deisher** and Robert Allen on July 26. ... **Pamela Englett** and Michael Bathum on June 27. ... **Tony Meisner** and **Wendi Dailey** ('96) on Sept. 20. ... **Tanya Pederson** and Shinichi Kanoh on Aug. 8. ... **Lori Seabrands** and Matthew Davis on July 18. ... **Jason Valley** and Melissa Petersen on July 25.

1995 – **Douglas Booth** and **Carrie Martin** ('96) on Aug. 8. ... **Bryon Jones** and **Heather Helt** ('97) on June 20. ... **Jeffrey Kulenski** and **Nicole Anderson** ('93) on July 18. ... **Timothy Schulz** and **Gloria Schoen** ('97) on Mar. 21. ... **Garth Simpson** and **Jennifer Sible** on Aug. 15.

1996 – **Michael Barr** and **Kiersten Anderson** on Aug. 2. ... **Wendi Dailey** and **Tony Meisner** ('94) on Sept. 20. ... **Garr Dorey** and **Amy Lytle** on July 25. ... **Kelly McColaugh** and **Todd Fisher** ('97) on March 7. ... **Nicole Hansen** and **Brian Wheeler** on Mar. 22. ... **Corey Hodge** and **Charles Schut** on June 21. ... **John Kelcher** and **Niquette Willis** on June 20. ... **Shannon Lindaas** and **Michael Logan** ('96) on Aug. 8. ... **Chad McCoy** and **Cheryl Steeber** on June 26. ... **Carrie Martin** and **Douglas Booth** ('95) on Aug. 8. ... **Erin McMullen** and **Paul Willis** on May 30.

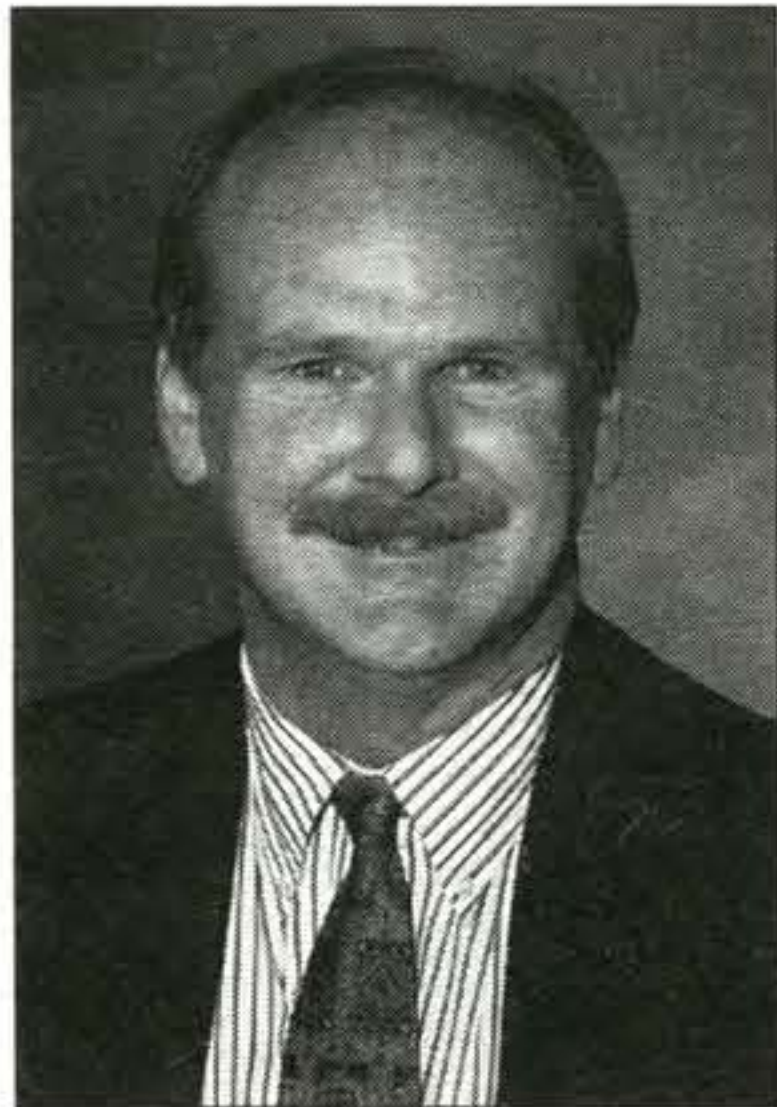
1997 – **Jennifer Brown** and **Michael Kutcher** on July 18. ... **Jennifer Cave** and **Jonathan Wilson** on June 20. ... **Jennifer Dinnis** and **Brian Bergman** ('96) on Aug. 1. ... **Todd Fisher** and **Kelly McColaugh** ('96) on March 7. ... **Kimberly Flath** and **John Oval** ('97) on June 27. ... **Heather Helt** and **Bryon Jones** ('95) on June 20. ... **Lauren Kudsk** and **Cindy Hackett** on July 11. ... **Brenda Leer** and **Brian Deeley** on May 22. ... **Elizabeth Melching** and **Brian Colclazier** ('97) on July 4. ... **James Murphy** and **Jennifer Reinmuth** ('98) on June 14. ... **Gloria Schoen** and **Timothy Schulz** ('95) on Mar. 21. ... **Joel Schwindt** and **Jamie Koetje** on Aug. 15. ... **Lori Sytsma** and **Judson Swets** on July 11. ... **Peggy Taylor** and **Joseph Lupo** on July 25. ... **Shannon Teter** and **Scott Huso** on Sept. 6. ... **Renae VanDam** and **Timothy Hanson** ('96) on June 20.

1998 – **Kiersten Anderson** and **Michael Barr** ('96) on Aug. 2. ... **Tammy French** and **Russell Seaton** ('98) on June 6. ... **Melissa Lankhaar** and **Scott Engels** on July 10. ... **Tiffany Mauermann** and **Michael McCullough** on May 9. ... **Mercedes Miller** and **David Bower** ('98) on July 25. ... **Jennifer Perrault** and **Nathaniel Davenport** on July 18. ... **Jennifer Reinmuth** and **James Murphy** ('97) on June 14. ... **Mardeen Wagter** and **Michael Mattix** on July 17.

Olcott Named 1998 Outstanding Distance Education Practitioner

Dr. Don Olcott, a former administrator and faculty member, as well as a graduate of WWU's Woodring College of Education was the 1998 recipient of the Charles Wedemeyer Outstanding Distance Education Practitioner in North America. This prestigious award is given every two years by the University of Wisconsin-Madison and recognizes outstanding leadership and professional contributions to the field of continuing and distance education in North America.

Olcott is currently the associate dean for Extended University at the University of Arizona.



Thompson Earns Fulbright Award

Mary A. Thompson, ('45) was honored with a Metro International 1998 Fulbright Award for Lifetime Service at the United Nations for her efforts in furthering the cause of international education. She began her career in Washington, teaching elementary school in Clear Lake and Enumclaw, then moved to New York to attend Columbia University and live at New York City's International House, launching a lifetime career in international education. Although she retired in 1979, she has continued to remain involved in the field.

Ryberg Takes Command of Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra

William Ryberg, ('80) an accomplished opera singer, has left his successful post as executive director of the Bellingham Festival of Music to become president of the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra in Michigan. He will oversee an organization with a \$4.5 million budget, employing 41 salaried and 60 part-time musicians.

Beck Honored for Contributions

Myrl Beck, Jr., who recently retired from Western's Geology department after 29 years of teaching and research, will be honored for his contributions to the field of geological research at the American Geophysical Union's annual meeting Dec. 6-10 in San Francisco.

Twenty-six years ago, Beck and his colleague, Linda Noson, submitted a letter to the journal *Nature* that introduced a new way of looking at the geologic history of the Pacific Northwest. They proposed that the mountainous region which now stretches from Alaska, through Canada to Seattle was once as far south as Baja California. These findings are still being debated today, with recent studies by the University of Washington and Geological Survey of Canada lending support.

Several prominent scientists will present papers related to, or inspired by Beck's research, with studies from the Cascades to the Andes.

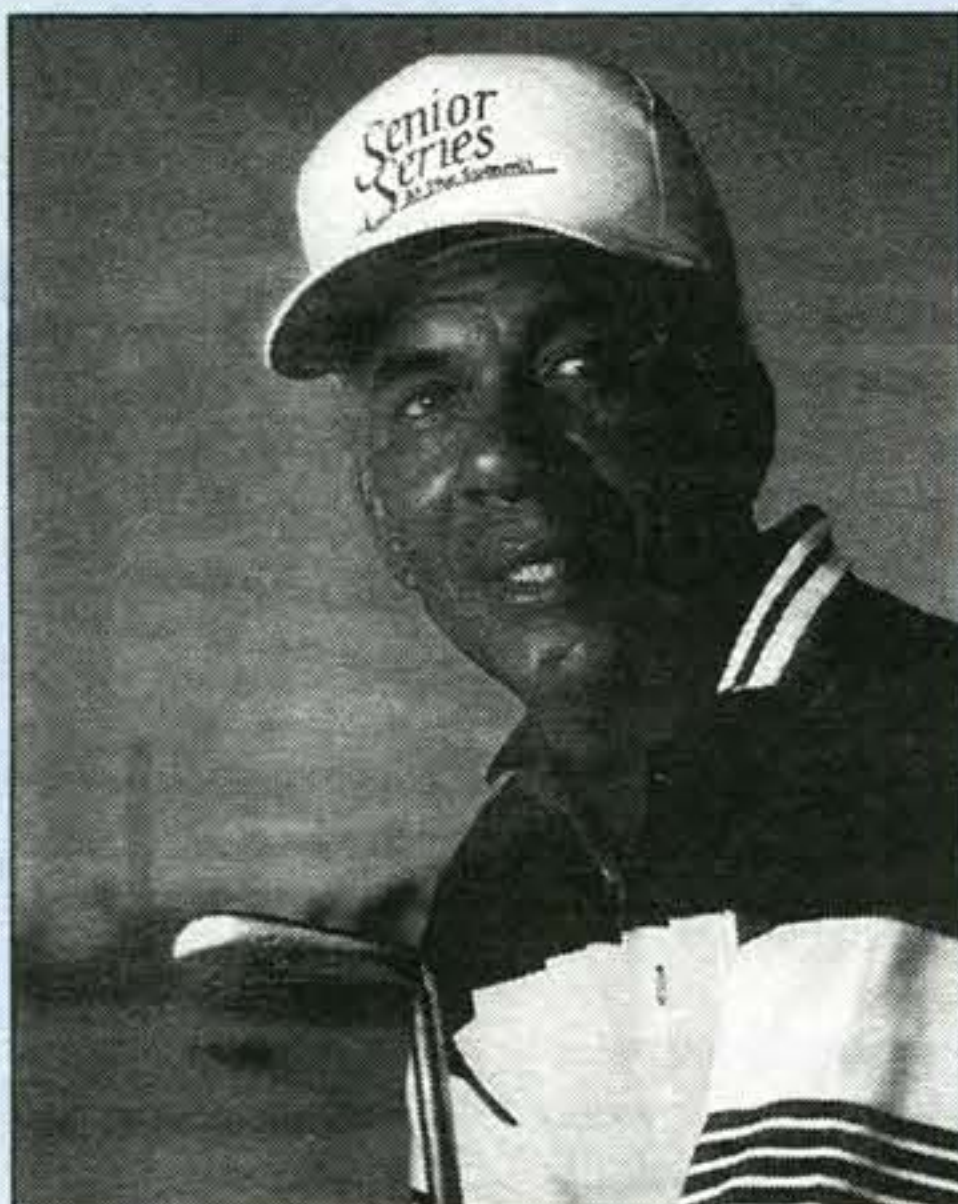
Memoriams

Alumni

- 1919 – Frances Johnson Webber, 98, a retired drapery design consultant, died on Sept. 20.
- 1925 – Catharine "Kitty" Stimpson, 91, died on July 29.
- 1935 – Constance (Connie) Trafton, 83, a retired homemaker, died on Sept. 9.
- 1937 – Jennie Berg Werner, 88, an artist, died on Aug. 3.
- 1938 – Evelyn Egenes, a retired teacher, died on May 31.
- 1942 – Clara Jeanette Peterson, 79, a retired teacher, accountant and business owner, died on July 7.
- 1946 – Pearl Bartruff, 94, a retired teacher, died on Aug. 27.
- 1949 – Thomas Straka, 71, a retired educator, died on July 3. ... Willis Wright, 79, a reef-net fisherman, died on July 28.
- 1953 – Mary Lou Morrow, 91, a retired teacher, died on Aug. 22.
- 1954 – Robert Feagan, 69, a retired educator and head coach at Chief Sealth High School, died on June 25. ... Helen Sundean, 88, died on Sept. 9.
- 1956 – Rixie Rayburn, 86, died on Sept. 14.
- 1959 – Bernard Tipton, 63, a retired teacher, died on June 26. ... James A. Young, 83, a retired educator, died on July 27.
- 1960 – William Kempton, 66, a retired teacher, died on June 26.
- 1963 – Ronald Seckel, 62, who retired from the insurance industry, died on Aug. 12.
- 1973 – Earl C. Moore, 51, a juvenile rehabilitation counselor, died on Aug. 22.
- 1975 – James Gillette, 69, (MEd '77), died on July 11.
- 1977 – Marlen Cole, 62, a special education teacher, died on Sept. 19.
- 1978 – Anne Borden, 64, died suddenly in Abilene, Texas on June 27.
- 1979 – B. Dawn Ferguson Evon, 68, died on Aug. 11.
- 1984 – Michael Boyd, 37, a Port of Bellingham employee, died on Aug. 25.
- 1986 – Jill Fugate, 51, died on Jan. 21.
- 1989 – Kristine McMains, 31, a budget analyst at WWU, died from cancer on July 16.
- 1996 – Shannan Bouwhuis, 24, died while attending grad school at the University of Montana in Missoula, Montana on Mar. 3.
- 1997 – Marie Norman, 30, died July 14.
- 1998 – Aaron Requa, 25, a substitute teacher, died July 31.

Faculty, staff, friends

- Lisa Brown, 41, who served as Western's Web master, among other duties in the Academic Technology & User Services office, died of cancer Aug. 5.
- Hallador C. Karason, 84, associate professor emeritus of education and philosophy whose 30-year career at Western (1949-79) also included directing the humanities program from 1963-65 and the general studies program from 1965-68, died at his home Oct. 8.
- Ronald Taylor, 65, professor emeritus who was instrumental in establishing Sehome Hill Arboretum, died of cancer, Aug. 16.



Bill Wright was honored by WWU in August

Bill Wright inspires youth

Nearly four decades before Tiger Woods became the darling of the PGA gallery, Western Washington University senior Bill Wright was the first African American to win a U.S. Golf Association event.

Now a teaching pro in Los Angeles, Wright returned to Seattle's Jefferson Park public course on Beacon Hill in August, where as a youngster he learned to play golf with his mother and father. There he shared with young golfers of color lessons from a lifelong love of the game -- and from his struggle against racial discrimination in the sport.

His visit was sponsored by the WWU Alumni Association which honored Wright by renaming its annual golf tournament for him. As a Western student, Wright won the U.S. Amateur

Public Links title in 1959, a USGA sanctioned event, making him the first African American with a USGA win. The following year, Wright won the NAIA national golf championship, the first individual NAIA championship in the school's history.

But championship play did not open the gates of many golf clubs to the African American. When Wright was growing up in Seattle, even public courses were affiliated with private clubs which denied membership based on race.

Determined not to let the past repeat itself, Wright, now a Los Angeles resident, returned to the Northwest to accept honors from his alma mater and to inspire another generation of golfers at Jefferson Park.

Calendar

JANUARY

- 5 **Western Gallery** presents *Focus on WWU Collections: The Last Five Decades*, with American works on paper spanning the post-WWII era. Show runs through Feb. 10.
- 12 **Turning Points Series:** *Multiracial Identity Will Win The Race To Equal Opportunity, Leaving Anti-discrimination and Affirmative Action Breathless*, by Robbi Ferron, 6 p.m., Fraser Lecture Hall 4. Free.
- 23 **PAC Concert Series:** A.R. Guerney's *Love Letters*, starring Michael Learned and Lawrence Pressman, 7:30 p.m., PAC Concert Hall.

FEBRUARY

- 5 **College of Business and Economics** dinner honoring "The 3Ms" (Mayer, Mischaikow and Mitchell), at the Bell Harbor International Conference Center in Seattle.
- 9 **Turning Points Series:** *The Road to Romance: An American Honeymoon Experience*, by Linda Smeins and Kris Bulcroft, 6 p.m., Fraser Lecture Hall 4. Free.
- 12-14 **Alumni Ski Trip** to Silver Star, Vernon, BC, see page 8.
- 22 **Western Gallery** presents *Focus on WWU Collections: Close-up*, exploring documentary photographs. Show runs through March 20.
- 27 **PAC Concert Series:** Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company, 7:30 p.m., PAC Mainstage.
- 27 **WWU National Champion Women's Fastpitch** Varsity vs. Alumni, 1 p.m., Bellingham.

MARCH

- 9 **Turning Points Series:** *Electronic Meetings for the Next Century: Any Time/Any Place*, by Floyd Lewis, Joseph Garcia and Kenneth Keleman, 6 p.m., Science Lecture Hall. Free.
- 13 **Alumni Lunch** at the Mariners spring training game in Peoria, AZ.
- 12 **WWU Women's Fastpitch** vs. Simon Fraser University, 2 p.m., Bellingham.
- 19 **WWU Women's Fastpitch** vs. Concordia College, 1 p.m., Bellingham.
- 20 **Winter commencement.**
- 29 **Western Gallery** presents *Artist/Author I: Northwest Focus*, highlighting the book format as an artistic medium. Show runs through May 28.
- 31 **PAC Concert Series:** Turtle Island String Quartet, 7:30 p.m., PAC Concert Hall.



Doris Kearns Goodwin, April 28

APRIL

- 10 **WWU Women's Fastpitch** vs. Central Washington University, 2 p.m., Bellingham.
- 13 **Turning Points Series:** *Marie Eaton... Unplugged*, a musical presentation, 7 p.m., PAC Concert Hall. Free.
- 17 **WWU Women's Fastpitch** vs. Western Oregon University, 2 p.m., Bellingham.
- 18 **WWU Women's Fastpitch** vs. Humboldt State University, 11 a.m., Bellingham.
- 24 **WWU Women's Fastpitch** vs. Saint Martin's College, 2 p.m., Bellingham.
- 25 **PAC Concert Series:** Russian pianist Yakof Kasman, the 1997 Van Cliburn silver medalist, 3 p.m., PAC Concert Hall.
- 27 **WWU Women's Fastpitch** vs. Seattle University, 3 p.m., Bellingham.
- 28 **Distinguished Lecture Series** presents historian/biographer Doris Kearns Goodwin with *Private Lives of Public Figures: The Art of Biography*, 6 p.m., Carver Gym. Tickets are required and free from the PAC box office, Village Books or via mail with a SASE to: PAC Box Office, Bellingham, WA 98225-9109
- 30 **Western Gallery** presents *Artist/Author II: International Focus*, further showcasing the book format as a contemporary artistic medium. Show runs through May 28.
- 30 **Distinguished Alumni Banquet**



Yakof Kasman, April 25

MAY

- 5 **Reflections and Reactions** to Doris Kearns Goodwin's Distinguished Lecture Series presentation, 6 p.m., Fraser Lecture Hall 4. Free.
- 8 **PAC Concert Series:** *The Second City*, a comedy by The Second City National Touring Company, 7:30 p.m., PAC Mainstage.
- 11 **Turning Points Series:** *Policing the Frontier, Some North American Comparisons*, by Larry DeLorme, 6 p.m., Fraser Lecture Hall 4.
- 14-16 **Western Showtime Family Weekend.**

Tickets and Information:

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