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

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 workday 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 $575,000 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 Barnum. 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 Lummi Island 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 "(Bill)" 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 UW 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.

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 59-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 Western tradition." A total of 2,194 new freshmen enrolled this fall with an average high school GPA of 3.47.

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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 checks or pledges 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.
Campus Connections

BIG BIG Homecoming '98

Western's 1998 Homecoming was a run away success, with featured attractions including the traditional boogie, 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 touchdowns 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 rapid 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 renewed 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.

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 to enjoy the scenery or the pouring of concrete from an elevated position..." He added, "It's not only as a place to sit and think, but also as a place to experience the process of creation, to see the work in progress."

Preparatory 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 predecessors."

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- Langanger. 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 Wexler Award for the Arts in 1994, Nauman has had works installed throughout the United States, Europe and Israel.
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...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 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 resume. I'm a really driven person at times, but have really re-evaluated what is most important."

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 staying home as 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!"

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

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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.

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Although working with her colleagues often would adjust her schedule she does not like the "crazy times". This is "the demand of one job and one responsibility," she says.

The need for open communication is the key to communication. "Ah, you need to have a perspective," she advises.

"Is the American dream of a good education for our kids every­
thing we want to do?" she asks. "But how much do we want to do for our kids?"

Berke attend­ed Dr. Marcia Davidson's economic discussion. "We cents will not solve our problems. Modern-day mothers and fathers, like those today, are fashioned for a life with kids. They have learned that they might have to make sacrifices to work and stay home. When they do not, it will reap what they sow," said West. He contends that he is not optimistic about the future, but he says that he has hope that America's parents will continue to fight for non-market values.

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grew up, yet it is hardly talked about," West told a crowd of

on campus and in our

to maintain a household, espe-

cially if the couple wants to own a

home. And secondly, there is no

job security like there was for our

parents. The average person now

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 has 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-
flected to by many who responded,

including future parents, such as

Jennifer Berke ('94),

"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 fiance 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. We will be able to

work from home and when we

have children, we will raise them

together. So we are sacrificing

complete enjoyement 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. "You just have to

working as a freelance writer and

independent contractor/travel

consultant. Her husband works in

consumer 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丈夫 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

a career that I thoroughly enjoy,

which is symptomized by

being a parent," she explained.

Along with the other future par-

ents who responded, the Elzies be-

lieved that parenthood was their

first priority, but it sometimes

becomes a struggle. "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.

Julia agreed. 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 herself, 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?

Buckley also mentioned the

pressing need to provide with

college. "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. Not after college education

has been essential in providing

the options that they do have.

"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

"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 my first child was born. That

boosted my income level consider-

ably. 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,

while also allowing 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 ag-

ain, there were never computers

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

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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!

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 Ulfin ('37), serenade the group with the University's 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.
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 community. Western this year ranks 18\(^{th}\) 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 superintendents for primary and secondary education, there was a responsibility". Endsley told the Bellingham Herald. "We know 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."

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1918 - Cindy Jolly celebrated her 100th birthday on September 15.

1959 - Joan Cressap 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 Chimacum Gridiron Gang 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 Danburo 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.”


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

1970 - Gerry Apple (NEd ’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 - Bret Bristow, a/k/a/ Brent Young, works the 6-9 p.m. show at KBFW-AM 930 radio station in Bellingham. Bristow delivers a downhome combination of current country hits and off-the-wall honesty.

1977 S.K./Black/Obboom 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 an employee In February. Apple is the traffic-safety instructor and English teacher at Shelton High School.

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 Sunnydale Community Hospital in Sunnyvale, WA. ... Joe Mays is working for Seatac: Occupational Skills Center as the computer technical networking service 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 product sales representative for the Port Townsend Paper Corporation.

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

1986 - Carolynn 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 (’70 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 as a 1987-1988 Kresge fellow in College Park, MD. ... Dockery was honored by the Seattle Times as one of the “Ten Teachers Who Really Care.” Dockery and his students produce a daily videotaped news and announcements that is broadcast throughout the school.

1989 - Karl Murphy (Davis) owns “Al­buns 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: scrapbook@connect2net.com.

1990 - Jenene Gibbs was elected president of the Shelton-Southworth School District. Gibbs was also named as the executive director of the South Shore Country Chamber of Commerce. ... Brinton Scott is an attorney with China Lawyers in Beijing.

1991 - Ismael Vivanco is the curriculum specialist for Haggen. ... Darcy Doolittle is a Detroit native who has lived in Lynnwood for about 10 years. Doolittle is responsible for managing the fit­ness and exercise testing programs of the base active duty population. Leahy can be reached at Leahyg%AMDS.6w8hsm.1234.ml. ... Gina Sampson is the new women’s basketball assistant coach at WWU. ... Brett Simplot is the network specialist for the Port Townsend Paper Corporation.

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1995 - Britt Borgersten received a de­gree as an associate of health science in dental hygiene from the University of Louis­ville in Kentucky. ... Gay 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.6w8hsm.1234.ml. ... Gina Sampson is the new women’s basketball assistant coach at WWU. ... Brett Simplot is the network specialist for the Port Townsend Paper Corporation.

1996 - Jan Lor had a showing of her art at the McKay Gallery. ... Peter Hort works for Georgia Pacific at the Help Desk.

1969 - Dennis Hindman and Catherine Timmons on May 24. ... Kathleen Garlinghouse (’73) 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 Bostrom on May 22. ... Michelle Sammern and Carolyn Markel on June 6. ... Michael Buehler and Karen Dugan on May 20.

1987 - Laurel Holmes and Howard Mulhern on June 24.

1989 - Diane Fleming and Roger Eddy on July 18.


1991 - Tara Fleetwood and Andrew Bowler on June 6. ... Tim Lensaigne and Megan Coltran (‘94) on July 18. ... Stephanie Rowland and Kelly Fahey on June 19.


1993 - Nicole Anderson and Jeffrey Kukulski on July 18. ... Brian Bowser and Susan Crow on April 3. ... Carol Davidson and Geoffry Eastman on June 12. ... Jamie Fera and Kari Becker on April 25.

1994 - Michelle Bux 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 Buxton on June 27. ... Tony Meliener and Wendi Dailey (‘96) on Sept. 20. ... Tanya Pederson and Shanty Kanoch on Aug. 8. ... Lori Seabrand and Matthew Davis on July 18. ... Jason Nelson and Valerie Peterman on July 25.

1995 - Douglas Booth and Carrie Martin (‘94) on Aug. 8. ... Bryan Jones and Heather Heft (‘97) on June 20. ... Jeffrey Kolusini and Nicole Anderson (‘93) on July 18. ... Tim­othy Schulz and Gloria Schoen (‘97) on Mar. 21. ... Garth Simpson and Jennifer Jibe on Aug. 15.

1996 - Michael Barr and Kiersten Anderson on Aug. 2. ... Wendi Dailey and Tony Meilener (‘94) on Sept. 20. ... Carr Dorey and Amy Lytle on July 25. ... Kelly McCaughand and Todd Fisher (‘97) on May 7. ... Nicole Hansen and Brian Wheeler on Mar. 22. ... Carey Hodge and Charles Schut on June 21. ... John Kelcher and Nikkiwittes on July 20. ... Shannon Lindaas and Michael Logan (‘96) on Aug. 6. ... Chad McCoy and Cheryl Steber on June 26. ... Carrie Martin and Douglas Booth (‘95) on Aug. 8. ... Erin McMullen and Paul Peter on May 10.

1997 - Jennifer Brown and Michael Kutcher on July 18. ... Jennifer Cane and Jonathan Vullson on June 20. ... Jennifer Dinnis and Brian Bergman (‘96) on Aug. 7. ... Todd Fisher and Kelly McCaughand (‘96) on March 7. ... Kimberly Rath and John Ovall (‘97) on June 27. ... Heather Heft and Broy Jones (‘95) on June 20. ... Lauren Rudik and Cindy Hackett on July 11. ... Brenda Lee and Brian Derley on May 22. ... Elizabeth Michel and Brian Colezahl (‘94) on July 4. ... James Murphy and Jennifer Reimuth (‘98) on June 14. ... Gloria Schoen and Timothy Schulz (‘95) on Mar. 21. ... Joel Schwindt and Kiersten Anderson on Aug. 15. ... Lori Sistema and Jessica Stanczyk on July 25. ... Shannon Teter and Scott Hsu on Sept. 6. ... Rene VanDam and Timothy Hancock (‘96) on June 20.

1998 - Kiersten Anderson and Michael Barr (‘96) on Aug. 2. ... Tammy French and Russell Seaton (‘96) on June 6. ... Melissa Lankhaar and Scott Engels on July 10. ...蒂芙妮·马尔泰克和丽莎·马尔泰克 on May 9. ... Mercedes Miller and David Bower (‘78) on July 25. ... Jennifer Perrault and Nathaniel Gignac on July 18. ... Jennifer Reimuth and James Murphy (‘97) on June 14. ... Mardeen Wagner 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.
1933 - Constance (Connie) Trafton, 81, 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 Bartrough, 94, a retired teacher, died on Aug. 27.
1949 - Thomas Straka, 71, a retired educator, died on July 3. ... Willis Wright, 79, a retail 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 23. ... Helen Sundeen, 88, died on Sept. 9.
1959 - Bernard Tippen, 63, a retired teacher, died on June 26. ... James A. Young, 83, a retired educator, died on July 27.
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 - Marien 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 Eron, 68, died on Aug. 11.
1984 - Michael Boyd, 37, a Port of Bellingham employee, died on Aug. 25.
1989 - Kristine McMains, 31, a budget analyst at WWU, died from cancer on July 16.
1996 - Shannan Boughala, 24, died while attending grad school at the University of Montana in Missoula, Montana on Mar. 1.
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 Arboretum, died of cancer, Aug. 16.

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.
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Western Showtime Family Weekend.</td>
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### Tickets and Information:

- Alumni events: (800) 676-6885
- Athletics: (360) 650-3109
- Performing Arts: (360) 650-6146
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