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Historic New Alliances Guide Western into the Future



Photo by Gordon Smith

High on a remote mountain slope, 25 miles from Western's campus, an ancient forest has remained hidden for nearly 1,000 years. It's recent discovery set in motion an unusual chain of events, which pulled together a timber company, a community action group, a computer executive, a county government and a state university to strive toward a common goal.

In December, the project culminated as Western Washington University President Karen Morse and Whatcom County Executive Pete Kremen officially agreed to joint management of 2,300 acres known as the Canyon Lake Creek Community Forest, including 600 acres of rare old growth timber.

"As Western prepares to complete its first century this fall, it is awe inspiring to know that we are now co-guardians of something up to 10 times older," said Brad Smith, dean of Huxley College of Environmental Studies. The arrangement opened enormous research opportunities for Huxley and for all faculty and students at Western. Yet Smith's enthusiasm stemmed from the larger scope of the project.

"The real success of this, other than preserva-



Photo by Rand Jack

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Briefly

Western chemist named 1998 Teacher of the Year

Western Washington University chemistry professor John A. Miller was named Higher Education Science Teacher of the Year for 1998 by the Washington Science Teachers Association.

Recognized for his excellence, dedication and exemplary performance in science education, Miller has taught organic chemistry and science education at Western since 1966. He has conducted watershed analysis institutes for biology teachers and has coauthored several science education articles and textbooks. In 1973, Miller was made an associate dean of Danforth Foundation, a national organization dedicated to improving student-faculty relations and strengthening the learning process.

Adventures in Science and Arts



Take this opportunity to connect your kids with your alma mater and send them to Western's Adventures in Science and Arts this summer. They will learn new things about their favorite subject, experience dorm life and make new friends...just like you did. Summer 1999 dates are:

Grades 5-6, June 28-July 2;

Grades 7-8, July 12-16 and 19-23;

Grades 9-12, July 26-30.

For more information, please call Extended Programs at (360) 650-6820; e-mail us at adventur@cc.wvu.edu; or visit our web site at <http://www.wvu.edu/~adventur>.

Dean Marrs to head higher education consortium

Lawrence W. Marrs, dean of Woodring College of Education at Western Washington University since 1984, will serve as executive director of a seven-institution consortium designed to fulfill the higher education needs of North Snohomish, Skagit and Island counties.

The consortium expects an estimated 4,000 new full-time students in that region by the year 2005 and more than 9,000 new enrollments by 2020. As executive director, Marrs will coordinate the planning and development of upper-division programs offered by the seven consortium institutions. In addition to Western, these institutions are the University of Washington, Washington State University, Central Washington University, Skagit Valley College, and Edmonds and Everett community colleges.

Faculty Receive Fulbright Grants

Two Western faculty members have received Fulbright grants to conduct research in Argentina. James E. Stewart (physics/science education) left for the National University of Patagonia, in southwestern Argentina in January. He is working with university professors to improve their teaching of introductory physics classes and working with teachers in the local public schools to develop more effective methods of science teaching in grades five through 12.

James P. Loucky (anthropology) will conduct research and lecture at the National University of Salta in northwestern Argentina from August to November. He will conduct research on changes in Argentinean communities experiencing international migration, teach courses on the Latin American role in world affairs and work with National University faculty to enhance graduate training in applied anthropology.

PIO office moves temporarily

In preparation for earthquake retrofitting of Old Main, which will begin with the south wing of the building, the Public Information Office has been relocated to High Street Hall through December, 1999. Despite the new physical location, our telephone number (360) 650-3350, e-mail (PIO@cc.wvu.edu) and mail stop (9045) remain the same.

Write to us via mail or e-mail!

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@wwwu.edu.



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Accent on Alumni

Grist of Goldsmith

By Chris Goldsmith
Alumni Director

Did you know that more than 100 Western alumni will be at Safeco Field for the first weekend of Seattle Mariner baseball in that new facility? If you didn't know about this opportunity but would have wanted to attend, it's because tickets were only made available to dues-paying members of the WWU Alumni Club.

Alumni Club members also enjoy other benefits including use of Wilson Library, use of the Lakewood facility on Lake Whatcom, special prices on athletic event tickets, car rental discounts, Costco membership and discounted prices on events such as the annual Bill Wright/WWU Alumni Golf Classic.

A periodic publication called Membership Matters goes only to WWU Alumni Club Members. And, only members are invited to participate in unique adventures, such as the annual salmon fishing trip to Port Hardy on Vancouver Island. In the future, the WWU Alumni Association will be adding more benefits to Alumni Club membership.

Membership dues are the prime source of funding for expansion of offerings to you, our loyal alumni. Those dues have helped us launch our Chapter system across the country. A portion of each member's dues also goes to increase the Alumni Scholarship Fund Endowment, which this year provided 16 students with over

\$20,000 in scholarships.

More than 5,300 graduates are members of this elite group. Of those 5,300 members, more than 500 are now life members, either paid in full or on a five-year payment plan.

When the WWU Alumni Association puts on general alumni events, we give a discount on the price to WWU Alumni Club members. In fact, Life Members have their own event each year, in addition to brass replicas of their diplomas, a personalized Life Member plaque and their names on the perpetual plaque that hangs in Alumni House.



On the back page of this issue is an opportunity to purchase Western's Centennial Photo Album Book, a 112-page volume of historic and colorful images by renowned photographer Phil Schofield, portraying all the beauty of the WWU campus. If you purchase this limited edition book and join the WWU Alumni Club at the same time, we'll take \$5 (that's 20%) off the normal \$25 annual dues. And, by ordering the book prior to publication, you can save even more.

Thank you to all of our WWU Alumni Club Members! And a hearty welcome to those considering joining. Your support is vital to both the WWU Alumni Association and to Western Washington University.

Letters to the Editor

Government also responsible for the War Against Parents

The Winter 1998 issue of *Window on Western* was a breath of fresh air. For quite some time now I have often wondered why I should bother reading it, because I never found anything in it with which I could identify.

However, your report on Cornel West's views regarding the assault on parenthood and families was worth the years of waiting. He surely strikes a chord with many, many families who have probably wondered what it is that is wrong with them when they compare themselves with pop culture, feminism adrift from its moorings, and narcissism presented as true happiness. Finally, someone who is willing to stand up and tell it like it is. Kudos also to *Window on Western* for having the courage to report the story, especially without the arrogant condescension that so often characterizes media reporting in this area.

One glaring thing is missing from the article, however. Government at all levels taxes its citizenry to the point where families are forced to sacrifice in order to pay the government's appetite. With total personal taxation now exceeding 40 percent of income, is it any wonder that both husband and wife must work, or else do without?

Sincerely,
Richard A. Sherlock
Bozeman, MT

Government is waging war on the family (and parenthood)! Why have a socialistically inclined speaker like West without having Michael Medoed and his wife speak about family? Taxation is hurting the family you could say (but you don't).

Why don't you dare to have Steve Mareotti talk to your constituency. West is fine, but you have to have the other side too.

Sincerely,
Ed Johnson,
Coupeville, WA

Where the Grads Are

Local Chapters Keep Alumni in Touch

Across Washington and the United States, Western graduates are forming local alumni chapters to maintain ties with the university and promote higher education in their communities. Here at a glance are the locations of current chapters. To reach the chapter contacts, or if you would like to form a chapter in your area, please call the Alumni House at (800) 676-6885.



South Puget Sound (Olympia, Aberdeen, etc.):
contact Lyle Morse

Snohomish County (Everett):
contact Bunny Cummins

Portland/Vancouver: contact Patricia Swenson

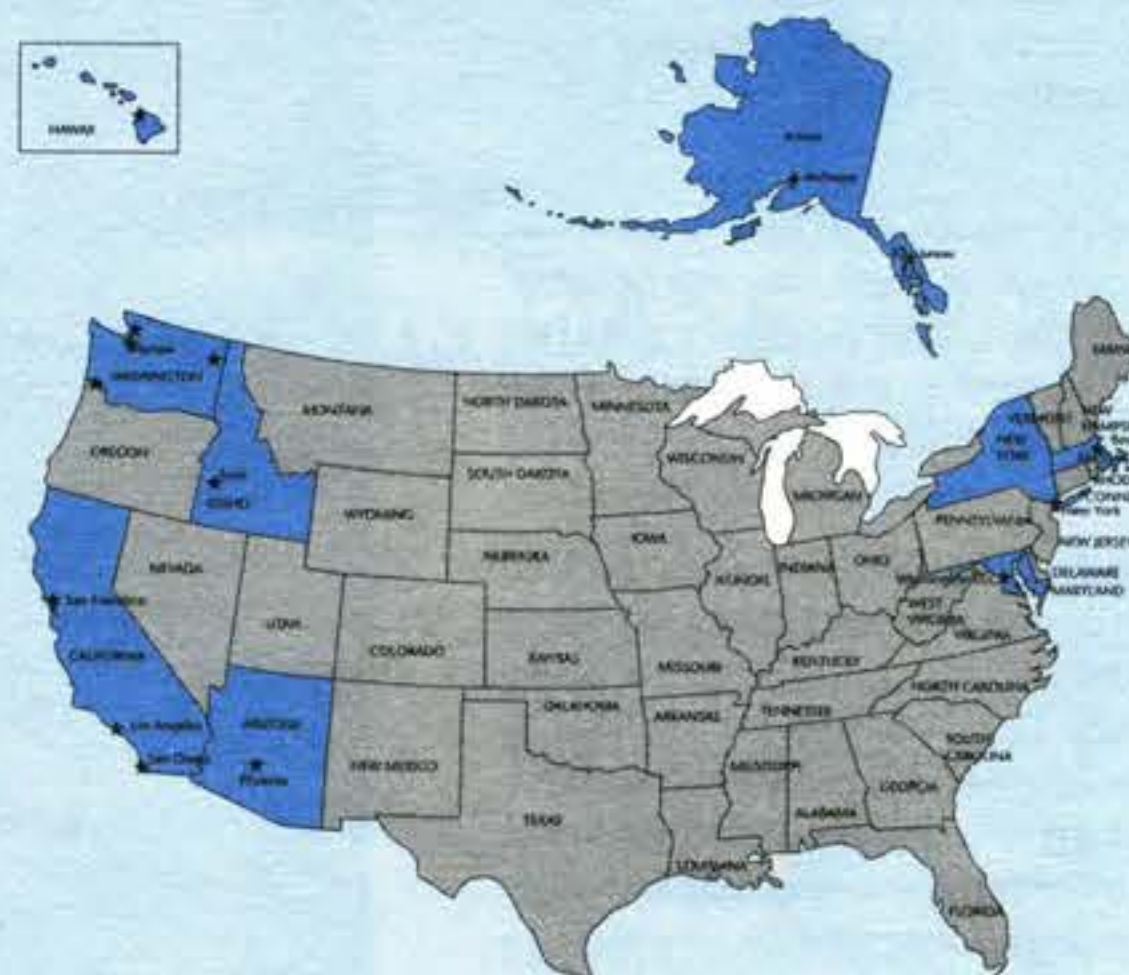
Whatcom County:
contact WWU Alumni House

King County: contact WWU Alumni House

Spokane: contact WWU Alumni House



Boise, Idaho chapter.



San Francisco Bay Area:
contact June Hartstra or Gene Langille

Los Angeles: contact Dean Wilson or Paul Schlichting

San Diego: contact Sam Porter or Signe Beck

Boise, Idaho: contact Denny Freeburn

Phoenix: contact Kristine Worland

Boston: contact WWU Alumni House

New York: contact Marty Brown

Washington D.C. area: contact Chuck Odell

Juneau, Alaska: contact Kelly Follis

Anchorage, Alaska: contact Crystal Nygard

To reach chapter contacts,
call Alumni House (1-800-676-6885).



Hawaii chapter, from left: Elizabeth and Landy ('66) Chapman, Ben ('72) and Mona DeCastro.

Class Notes

1954 – Douglas Kazen received a multi-year contract from the U.S. Armed Forces for his company, Aseptico, to make portable dental systems for all branches of the military.

1961 – Erling Molver retired from Clover Park School District #400 after 35 years in education. Molver worked 11 years as a teacher and 24 years as an elementary principal.

1963 – Nancy Kary Olson ('68 MEd) is the superintendent for the Ocean Beach School District. ...Doug Ringenbach is the interim principal of Mount Si High in Snoqualmie, WA.

1967 – Martha Sirguy is an elementary school teacher at Holden Elementary School in Chelan. ...Erin Warn, promotion manager for Bally Total Fitness, was recently installed as president of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce.

1969 – Tim Paschal, superintendent for Central Kitsap education, will be retiring at the end of this school year after 30 years of service.

1970 – Murray Dow is the founder and manager of the Dow Hotel Company.

1971 – George Bowen ('83 MBA) has been promoted to Chief Lending Officer at People's Bank in Ferndale. ...Dr. Lee McCullough practices Family Medicine at the North Lincoln Hospital District in Otis, OR.

1972 – Judi Dreier is a counselor at Lincoln High School in Portland, OR.

1973 – William Dietrich, who is a Pulitzer prize winner, wrote "Ice Reich." This is Dietrich's first novel. ...Steve Barker is a physical education teacher and coach in the Lakewood School District.

1975 – David Christensen, AIA APA, received five design awards at the 1998 Honor Awards of the Northwest Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (NW AIA). He now holds 30 regional and national design awards for architectural projects. He has also been elected President of the NW AIA for 1999. Christensen is owner of his own consulting firm, Christensen Design Management, that provides architectural concept designs for numerous project types throughout the U.S. Visit his web page at <http://www.masterplanning.com>.

1976 – Lori Lindseth-Michalski is a human resource consultant with the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center. ...David Menard is the manager of the Ferndale Public Library.

1979 – Andy Cohen was awarded the U.S. Department of Commerce Gold Medal in Washington D.C., by Commerce Secretary William Daly. The gold medal is the highest civilian honor given by the federal government. Cohen is a Special Agent and was awarded the medal for infiltrating and prosecuting an organized crime ring involved in poaching shellfish from Puget Sound for sale on the world market. ...Kyle Davis owns River City Screenprinting in Mount Vernon. ...John Troup highlights his two degrees from Western whenever he speaks at conferences and seminars. Troup was the keynote speaker at an EPRI (Electric Power Research Institute) Conference in Orlando, FL in August.

1981 – Robin Russell is vice president and manager of the personal trust department of Northwestern Trust.

1982 – Shawn Hanson is a public affairs specialist with the Health Care Financing Administration in Washington, D.C.

1983 – Jonathan Mutchler, who is a musician as well as the pastor of the Ferndale Alliance Church, recently released two solo piano CDs. Mutchler can be contacted via e-mail at MutchMusic@aol.com. ...Sandra Black Osborn was named Professional Advisor of the Year by the National Self Help for Hard of Hearing organization. Osborn is currently Manager of Clinical Operations for Nova Care, Inc. and volunteers for the Kitsap County Self Help for Hard of Hearing Group. ...Mark Scarff is the Service Advisor for Bowen Scarff Ford in Bellevue. Scarff is also the General Manager of Kent Valley Leasing.

1984 – Dali Borden was awarded the U.S. Department of Commerce Gold Medal in Washington D.C., by Commerce Secretary William Daly. The gold medal is the highest civilian honor given by the federal government. Borden is a Special Agent and was awarded the medal for infiltrating and prosecuting an organized crime ring involved in poaching shellfish from Puget Sound for sale on the world market. ...David Hadock is the director of special services for the Mukilteo School District. ...Eddy Roddy was promoted to Vice President and Relationship Manager with Key Private Banking and Investing in Bellingham.

1986 – Robyn Goodwin is principal of Morton and Mineral Elementary Schools in Morton, WA. ...Robert Reynolds teaches sixth grade at Cedar River Elementary in Maple Valley. ...Kevin Walstrom is Vice President of Finance, Chief Financial Officer for Peace Health Hospitals and Clinics in Longview.

1987 – Heidi Hawkins gave a lecture in Bellingham on eliminating allergies using traditional Chinese remedies. Hawkins practices Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine in Seattle and Bellingham. ...Steven Hill is the West Coast director of the Center for Voting and Democracy, a non-profit organization that educates the public about the impact of voting systems and the legislative redistricting process on political representation, voter turnout, and governance. Hill is co-author of *Reflecting All of Us*, to be published by Beacon Press in February 1999. Hill can be reached by e-mail at: editor@insideoutsidemag.com. ...Allen James is the Marketing Coordinator for the Empire State Games, a division of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation. James' web site is www.empirestategames.org.

1988 – Laura Larabee Chambers is a supply account manager with Xerox Alaska in Anchorage, AK. ...Christopher Isenberg received his Masters Degree in Business Administration from Seattle Pacific University. Isenberg has also been inducted into Sigma Beta Delta business school honor society.

1989 – Michelle Rich Anderson is the director of community relations for the San Diego Padres. ...Jennifer Lincoln is the owner of a one-on-one strength training studio called XGym in California. ...Dennis Osborn, who is the Community Development Director for the City of Chelan, was elected President of the City Planning Directors Association. ...David Puhan is store manager at Cost Cutter in Burlington. ...David Williams has been named athletic director at Sedro-Woolley High School. He teaches physical education.

1990 – Steve Bovenkamp joined the programming staff of Camelot Computer Services. Bovenkamp will help with custom programming and support of accounting software and will be in charge of the Access programming division for Bellingham.

1991 – Rebecca Serres Averill is the office manager for a dentist in Springfield, OR. ...Shaun Marston Kurkowski is a sales rep for National Food Corporation in Seattle. ...David Richards is a drama/speech teacher at Newport High School in Bellevue, WA.

1992 – Tim Blyther works for Oracle Corp. in Colorado Springs as a Gold Technical Analyst. ...Kathy Moscal O'Brien is curator of education at the Western Heritage Center in Billings, Montana.

1993 – Shawna George Bogren is a history teacher at Mountlake Terrace High School. ...Lena Creasey is a fitness advisor for PacificCare and Secure Horizons. ...Jennifer Bigley Dennie is international sales coordinator for Progressive International Corp. ...Paul Kilga is a product representative for REI in Tacoma. ...Kristina Kauffman is the librarian at Tenino Timberland Library. ...Suzanne Mackay is co-director of Firefly Productions, Inc., producing and directing in Vermont, New York City and Edinburgh, Scotland. ...Timothy Minear is associate attorney at The DeDemm Law Firm in Bellevue. ...Michael Poppe has been appointed consumer representative for Cascade Natural Gas Corp. in Mount Vernon. ...Cynthia Rodriguez is principal

Weddings

1974 – Chris Weitzel and Karen Kennedy on Aug. 29.

1978 – Maureen "Mosey" Faires and Scott Lenicka on Sept. 12.

1983 – Steve Kizer and Karla Scott on July 11.

1984 – Cynthia Johnson and Richard Kuntz on July 31.

1985 – Paul Black and Susan Ledgerwood ('98) on Aug. 2.

1986 – Steven Beebe and Catherine Raap ('98) on Oct. 10. ...Jeffrey Canaan and Kenna Johnson ('92) on May 30. ...Veronica Tomaszewski and Wade Krause Travler on Feb. 13.

1989 – Lyle Harris and Nonie Ganakis in Sept. ...Mary Neal and Jon Matson on Sept. 5.

1990 – Michelle Crisp and Jeff Achondo on Aug. 8. ...Julie Hoksbergen and Michael Decker ('94) on Oct. 3. ...Libby Olson and Alan Varga on Sept. 20. ...Catherin Carter Ward and Emerson Nordmark on Aug. 8.

1991 – Shaun Marston and Joe Kurkowski on June 20. ...Stephanie Rowland and Kelly Fahey on June 19. ...Douglas Theriault and Cyndy Chan on July 17.

1992 – Tim Byther and Lisa Lentini on Sept. 26. ...Kristi Hughes and Thomas Bishop on July 11. ...Kenna Johnson and Jeffrey Canaan on May 30. ...John Keenan and Karrie Tribble on Sept. 5. ...William Sears and Lorie Schouten on Sept. 5. ...Suzanne Zobrist and Bernard Mahl on July 11.

1993 – Nicole Anderson and Jeffrey Kuklenski ('95) on July 18. ...Lorelei Beckett and Jesse Phillips on Aug. 29. ...Andrea Clibborn and David Anderson on Mar. 7. ...John Coe and Heather Jeffries on July 25. ...Shawna George and Karl Bogren on Dec. 12. ...Laura King and Jeffery Hinds on Aug. 29. ...Timothy Minear and Jennifer Tubbs ('94) on May 9. ...Shawn Tweedy and Megan Meyer on July 25.

1994 – Heather Anderson and Juan Covarrubias on Aug. 15. ...Michael Decker and Julie Hoksbergen ('90) on Oct. 3. ...Renee Johanesen and David Kiner on Sept. 26. ...Tanya Pederson and Shinichi Kanoh on Aug. 8. ...Deborah Potter and Todd Erickson on July 11. ...Lori Seabands and Matthew Davis on July 18. ...Raegan Sramek and Peter Huffman on July 25. ...Jennifer Tubbs and Timothy Minear ('93) on May 9. ...Steffani Womac and Peter Stephens on Oct. 24.

1995 – Scott Browne and DaWana Brincefield on Aug. 8. ...Brooke Edwards and Thomas Van Berkum ('96) on Nov. 21. ...Jennifer Graf and Scott Michaelis on Oct. 17. ...Lisa Gwynn and Brett Wallden ('95) on June 27. ...Steven Huizenga and Michelle Smith on July 24. ...Jeffrey Kuklenski and Nicole Anderson ('93) on July 18. ...Craig Oppie and Christine Brenner on Aug. 23. ...Thomas Wilkins and Eva Villafuerte on July 23.

1996 – Rebecca Appleton and Robert Johnson ('97) on Aug. 7. ...Cindy Bedlington and Karl Green on Aug. 2. ...Brian Bergman and Jennifer Dinnis ('97) on Aug. 1. ...Jennifer Drees and Erick Cokl on Oct. 10. ...Adam Griffith and Jennifer Fry ('98) on Aug. 29. ...Jennifer Hart and Brent Robinson on May 30. ...Alison Race and Jason Frank on Sept. 21. ...Shannon Shipp and Jason Smith on July 25. ...Jeremy Van Beek and Malinda Schurr ('97) on Sept. 19. ...Thomas Van Berkum and Brooke Edwards ('95) on Nov. 21.

1997 – Nina Boswell and Craig Staszko on Sept. 5. ...Kelly Carmichael and Stephen Briddon on Oct. 10. ...Jennifer Dinnis and Brian Bergman ('96) Aug. 1. ...Karla Eiden and Joel Burlund on Sept. 19. ...Jared Evans and Aimee Smith ('98) on July 25. ...Robert Johnson and Rebecca Appleton ('96) on Aug. 7. ...William Kauhane and Jennifer Noonan on Aug. 29. ...Carrie Olson and Travis Vessey on June 19. ...Kendi Schilke and Eric Benson on Sept. 12. ...Malinda Schurr and Jeremy Van Beek ('96) on Sept. 19. ...Shannon Teter and Scott Huso on Sept. 6.

1998 – Suzanne Cook and Eric Ibsen on Sept. 12. ...Tiffany Craig and Jon Gutierrez on June 13. ...Jennifer Fry and Adam Griffith ('96) on Aug. 29. ...Jenny Haley and Darin Johnson on Aug. 22. ...Carolyn Lauckhart and Joseph Cooper ('98) on July 11. ...Sara Lingafelter and Chris Prince ('98) on Sept. 27. ...Susan Ledgerwood and Paul Black ('85) on Aug. 2. ...Mercedes Miller and David Bower ('98) on July 25. ...Katheen McCrorie and Gerald Braaten on Sept. 5. ...Shawn Parker and Julie Hebert on Aug. 15. ...Jennifer Perrault and Nathaniel Davenport on July 18. ...Catherine Raap and Steven Beebe ('86) on Oct. 10. ...Aimee Smith and Jared Evans ('97) on July 25. ...Joseph Sullivan and Molly Bentley on July 11. ...Mardeen Wagter and Michael Mattis on July 17.

pal at Highland Park Elementary School in Seattle.

1994 – Stephanie Baer is the academic advisor at South Seattle Community College. Baer received her master's in student development administration from Seattle University in 1997. ...**Jim Griffith** is a loan officer with PNC Mortgage in Bellingham. ...**Jennifer Tubbs Minear** works as an associate attorney at the law offices of Gregory F. Logue in Tacoma. ...**Brett White** is a computer specialist with Boeing.

1995 – Naomi Hyland is a Peace Corps volunteer in Bangladesh. Hyland will teach English to teachers during her two-year stint with the organization. ...**Catherine Matthews** is principal at Lakewood High School in Marysville. ...**Kristie McLean** is backpacking in Southeast Asia, the South Pacific and Africa during 1999. McLean can be reached via e-mail at travelpoet@hotmail.com. ...**Scott Railton** graduated from the UW School of Law and is licensed to practice in Washington.

completed his internship with the office of State Supreme Court Justice Phillip Talmadge. Moore plans to graduate from the UW School of Law in June. ...**Charles Mudede** is curator for the Jack Straw Writers Program for 1998. ...**Renee Pedranti** is the Marketing Coordinator for Northern Life Insurance Co. in Seattle. ...**Laurel Slitz** is in charge of market management and systems analyses for Cascade Joinery in Bellingham. ...**Orlando Steinauer** was voted to the Canadian Football All-League team as a defensive halfback. Steinauer tied the CFL lead in interceptions last season with seven. ...**Susan Thomas** owns Kick It Cardio Kickboxing in Bellingham. Thomas' business offers classes for seniors, massage therapy, personal weight-training and lessons on kickboxing.

1997 – Emily Boyd is a broadcast negotiator with Evans Group in Seattle. ...**Jonathan Gordon** joined Cierra Associates as CAD designer. ...**Linda Lindquist** teaches home economics and jr. high health courses at Quilcene School District. ...**Jennifer Peterson-Nixon** is a public information specialist with the City of Palmdale in California. ...**Christine Shirts** is a

Western alumnus **Brinton Scott's** ('90) first trip to China was in 1990 as a teacher through Western's China Teachers Program. He taught in Shanghai, a city of 14 million that intrigued him with its low rates of economic growth and dark and deserted streets at night. Flying high with memories of his experience, Scott returned to the United States with a dream of being a lawyer in China. He remembers hearing laughter as he shared his dream with others.

Six years later, Scott returned to China ready to practice law. Along with him were his wife of three years and their cat. Beijing and Shanghai were not as he remembered; instead they were alive and bustling with activity. There were signs of growth and prosperity everywhere. Scott joined the L&A Law Firm in 1997 and was recently promoted to junior partner. He describes the firm as "an exceptionally fast paced and excit-

ing place to be." Being a China Attorney is all that Scott dreamed it would be. Ironically, some of the people that were skeptical of his dream are now his clients.

Scott says his fondest memories of Western are "the fine students whom [he] studied with, and the excellent faculty that gave [him] the tools to go out



Brinton Scott (right), along with U.S. Ambassador to China James Sasser, present the "Thomas Jefferson Award" from the American Citizens Abroad to Sarah Metzger (center) a consular officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Guangzhou, China.

and succeed." He encourages others to study the Chinese language and look toward Asia as its role in the world economic scene continues to develop. He can be reached at bscott@chinalaw.cc.

Stay Connected On-line

Western provides several opportunities for alumni and friends to remain in touch through the internet. The award-winning WWU Alumni web site is located at <http://www.wwu.edu/~alumni> and provides information about chapters, events, Viking merchandise and a variety of services. We can even help you locate a long-lost friend through the Alumni Directory.

The WWU alumni listserv is designed as an all-purpose discussion group for Western alums, students, parents, faculty and staff. To subscribe to the listserv, send a message to listproc@cc.wwu.edu that says SUBSCRIBE WWUALUM Firstname M. Lastname.

Window on Western can also be read on line at www.ac.wwu.edu/~alumni/wow/. Or you may e-mail the alumni association at alumni@wwu.edu

...**Kyla Russell** is a sales rep with Peddler's Inc. in Issaquah. ...**Natalie Yarwood** works for the Social Security Administration in Oregon.

1996 – Brian Bergman teaches Concert Band at Ilwaco High School. ...**Charity Curley** is assistant to the editor-in-chief for *Bride's Magazine*. ...**Jackie Frazier** is the social service coordinator for New Horizons, a drop-in center for homeless and street-involved youths in Seattle. ...**Ryan Moore**

travel agent with GOGO Tours. ...**Lisa Viall** is the musical theatre librarian at Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam, CT.

1998 – Barbara Gerde has been named administrative assistant for the Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce. ...**Randall Grillo** is teaching at Connell High School. ...**Sarah Hanson** is living in Juneau, working at a Montessori preschool, and playing the part of Annelie in a presentation of "Steel Magnolias". ...**Laura Ingraham** joined Tery Greer, C.P.A. in

Stanwood. ...**Amy King** joined the Bellevue office of W & H Pacific as a marketing assistant. ...**John Kittell** is a design/production specialist for Hansen Design Co. in Woodinville. ...**Wendy Lane** received a Japanese Ministry of Education "Mombosho" scholarship to pursue language study and research in a Japanese University for one year beginning Nov. 1999. ...**Rene LeBeau** is an intern with the elections division of the Secretary of State's office. ...**Randy Scott** was named director of Marketing-Workplace Program at the Whatcom County Chap-

ter of the American Red Cross. ...**Katrina Seeley** is the receptionist and office coordinator for Horton Lantz Marocco in Bellingham. ...**Megan Slining** has been accepted to the Peace Corps, going to Honduras in February. Slining would love to hear from anyone who has experience there via e-mail at mslining@hotmail.com. ...**Drew Smiley** was signed by the pro soccer Vancouver 86ers. Smiley also coaches at Lynden High School and is U.S. Sales Manager for custom corporate golf, t-shirts and team uniforms. ...**Jenny Zappala** is a contractor for Nortech, Inc. Zappala can be reached at her e-mail address jlzappala@seanet.com.

Memoriams

Alumni

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1923 – Blanche Bertrand ('43 and '78), 96, a retired educator and principal, died on Jan. 9.

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1927 – Mary Lou Morrow ('53), 91, a retired teacher and director of Health, Education and Welfare, died on Aug. 22. ...**Charlotte Tuor**, 90, a retired teacher, died on Oct. 10.

1930 – Ann Lewis Weidkamp, 92, a retired teacher, died on Nov. 20.

1932 – Harriett Burrus, 87, died on May 12.

1934 – A. F. "Bud" Breaskey ('39), 84, died on Dec. 26.

1935 – Colonel Paul Anson ('40), a retired teacher and officer, died on Nov. 8. ...**Marion Looney Johnson**, 86, a retired teacher, died on Nov. 15.

1937 – Glen Willison, 83, a retired school superintendent, died on Sept. 8.

1944 – Ernest Ludwick, 78, retired Superintendent of the Mukilteo School District, died on Oct. 23.

1947 – Frank Holbrook ('50), 81, a retired teacher from the Port Townsend School District, died on Dec. 19.

1948 – Haldor Karason, 84, a retired WWU professor, died on Oct. 9.

1948 – Charles Kilbourne, 80, a career Army man, died on Sept. 28.

1950 – Virginia Wilcox, 85, a retired teacher, died on Oct. 24.

1954 – Joi Elaine (Rude) Driggers, died on Dec. 10.

1955 – Harry Small, Jr., 78, a retired teacher, died on Dec. 31.

1959 – Howard Logue, 64, who retired from Safeco, died on Oct. 23.

1961 – Jonathan Ashburn, 81, a retired teacher and administrator, died on Oct. 30.

1963 – Delores Lilley, 83, a retired teacher, died on Oct. 3.

1966 – Judy Appell, died from breast cancer on April 8.

1969 – Marjeanne Fenno Cunningham, 53, died on Oct. 26.

1976 – Langston Tabor, 56, president and CEO of Tabor Electronics, died on Nov. 12.

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1993 – Krista Dietert, 28, died after a long illness on July 24. ...**Janis Hanson**, 51, a teacher at West View Elementary School in Burlington, died on Nov. 8.

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Mother Nature, Father Time

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tion," he explained, "is the atypical partnership that formed to make it happen." This is the story of cooperation between Crown Pacific timber company, The Whatcom Land Trust, The Paul G. Allen Foundation, Whatcom County and WWU joining forces for the common good. Canyon Lake Creek Community Forest will serve the public as a county park and a unique natural habitat as well as a research facility. "These are the kinds of partnerships and new alliances we need to carry us into the future," said Smith.

Fairhaven professor Rand Jack, through his involvement in the Whatcom Land Trust, was instrumental in the evolution of the partnership. "Five years ago, I was asked by the county to put together a land transaction," said Jack, who is also an attorney. "The Canyon Lake Creek property was actually owned by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. It was then transferred from the state to the Trillium Company and I learned that it might include old growth."

According to Jack, Trillium agreed to jointly sponsor a review of the property by forest ecologist James Agee. Through core samples, Agee determined that not only was this an old growth forest, but it is one of the oldest in the Pacific Northwest, containing trees of 800 to 1,000 years old. "Agee was startled. The general consensus was that this is an extraordinarily old forest that serves a unique purpose for the future," said Jack.

After the review by Agee, Trillium sold the property to Crown Pacific timber company, which in turn agreed to a sale price of \$3.7 million for preservation purposes. "At first we hoped the Forest Service would purchase it," said Jack. "Then we learned that the Paul G. Allen Forest Protection Foundation might be interested in funding our cause." The Foundation provided half the purchase price. At the same time,



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an anonymous donor came forward with an additional \$1 million. This, combined with smaller donations, provided a solid base, but not all the money needed to purchase the property. "Eventually Crown Pacific donated \$145,000 and Whatcom County agreed to put up the remaining \$700,000 through its Conservation Futures Fund," Jack explained.

Meanwhile, Western agreed to join the county in co-stewardship of the forest, with a conservation easement held by The Whatcom Land Trust. Each of the three entities will provide two individuals to serve on a management board which will oversee all decisions concerning use of the property. Groups and individuals will then be able to design their own use proposals, opening the door to a wide range of educational opportunities.

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The ancient trees of the Canyon Lake Creek Community Forest differ from coastal old-growth forests on the Olympic Peninsula. "In comparison, ours is higher. It is at 3,500 to 4,500 feet on a north facing slope, so it gets a lot of snow, which stays well into spring and probably protected the trees over time from the devastation of wildfires. Accessibility to the location has also been difficult and part of its longevity is just luck," said Jack.

He views the forest as a "place of awe and wonder, a religious place in which to be quiet and contemplate our relation to forces more enduring than ourselves. That's what I feel when I stand among those ancient trees. It's like being in a cathedral," said Jack.

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Georgia Pacific's pulp mill in Bellingham is also helping to finance environmental research projects, particularly graduate fellowships for the study of water quality. "Our college has a longstanding relationship with Georgia Pacific, which we view as a model of cooperation between industry and higher education," said Robin Matthews, director of the Institute for Watershed Studies.

The flexible and unstructured nature of Georgia Pacific's recent \$100,000 grant allowed it to be broken into five separate faculty-student projects in relation to the Bellingham Bay-Whatcom Water Way. "This type of funding is extremely valuable and hard to come by," said Matthews.

"We believe we have the makings of a very powerful relationship with Huxley," explained Georgia Pacific spokesman Orman Darby. "As a staff of chemists, environmentalists and business people, we depend upon and enjoy the mutual exchange we have with Western, and we consider it of real value to the community."



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Cultural Concerns Ever Learn to Work Together?

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Today, the right to manage these timeless resources requires increasing legal and technological savvy. Tribal councils are desperately in need of Native American professionals with the ability to maneuver in both modern and traditional worlds. Yet the bridge across conflicting cultural values has not been easily navigated by Native American youth, whose college graduation rates have generally remained low.

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launched a ground-breaking Tribal Environmental and Natural Resource Management (TENRM) program in September, which is viewed as a national model.

The hallmark of the program is an interdisciplinary approach to curriculum with special attention to Indian learning styles. Each quarter features one 10-unit class incorporating a variety of subjects from chemistry and geology to basic writing and computer skills. The courses are carefully designed to relate science, political science, economics and history to tribal law, jurisdiction, treaties and cul-

tural issues.

"This is an important program," explains Burns. "It is the only one like it that we know of. The entire curriculum is intended to give these students a foot in both worlds."

And the students have taken it seriously. Four hours a day, five days a week, the 18 individuals enrolled take their seats in a science classroom at NWIC on the Lummi reservation to study the connections between their native communities, the environment and the larger society. They represent 10 tribes from Maine to Alaska. Their instructors hail from each of the institutions involved, as well as from local industry, government and tribal agencies.

"We have an excellent relationship with both Huxley and Fairhaven," said Burns. "Their deans sit on our advisory board and are very supportive." The goal is to graduate these students with an associates degree which is directly transferrable to a four-year university program, and qualifies them for technical positions in environmental protection and natural resource management.

"We have factored in a lot of support for student retention," said Burns. "Native American students generally have a high dropout rate often due to the difference between their home cultures and that of schooling. Many come into the classroom not understanding what they need to do to succeed at school. We're trying to help them develop the expectations mandated by the professional world, while nurturing the values of the tribal world."

The program is taking advantage of the concept of learning styles developed at both Fairhaven and Evergreen colleges. An important aspect of this allows students to learn from each other in group settings.



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"These students are here because they truly want to have an impact in their communities," said Burns. They also have the opportunity to impact Western as future students and alumni. Huxley faculty member Lynn Robbins, believes the innovative program, "will greatly enhance our cultural diversity at Western and expand the understanding available to us."

The future of the program may depend on the success of these first students. The TENRM program, intended to encourage similar alliances across the country, has been primarily funded through a three-year grant from the Advanced Technology Education Program of the National Science Foundation. The grant concludes in 2000, as the inaugural class graduates.

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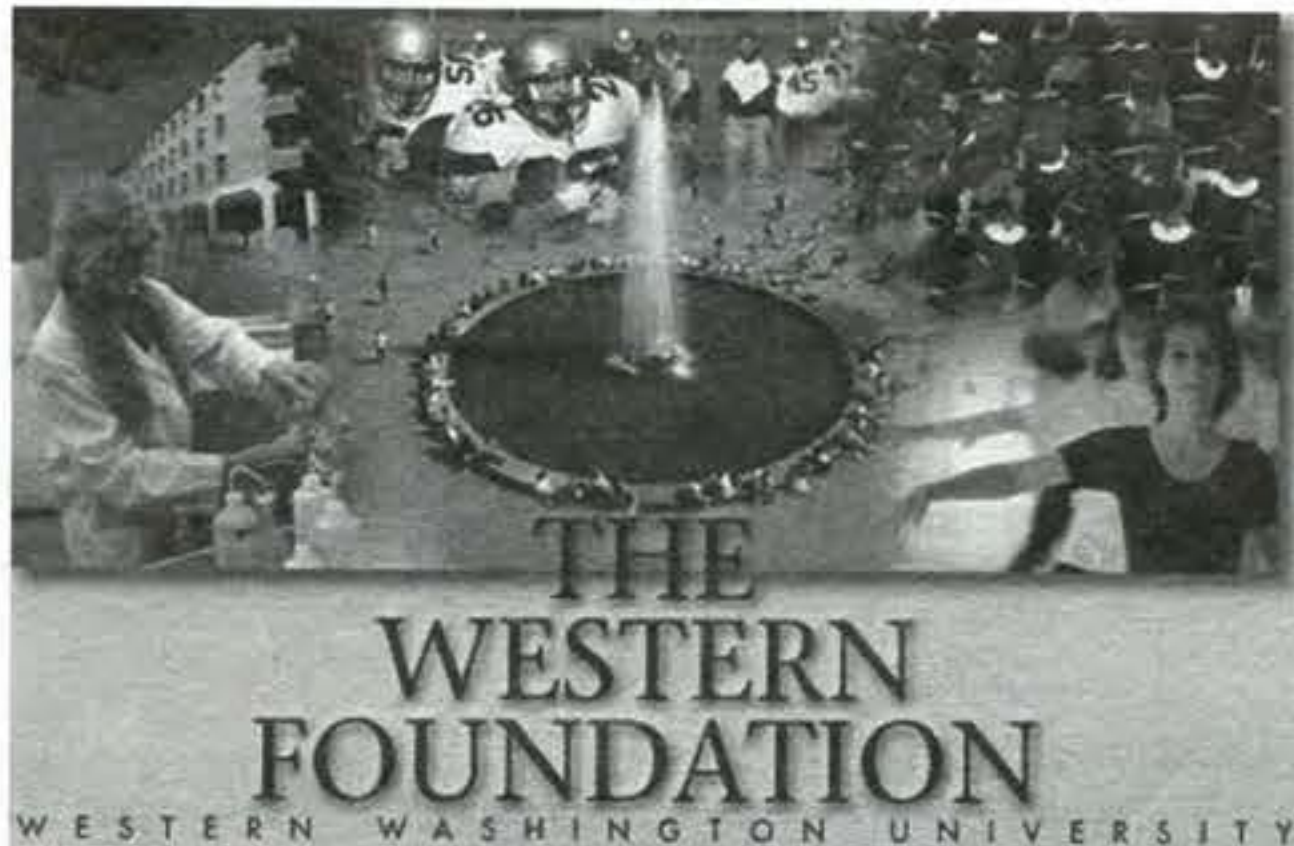


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Investments in Excellence

Western Foundation Goes On-line with Award-winning Web Site

In this growing age of technology, the computer has become a source for instant news and information. In that vein, The Western Foundation has entered the world of cyberspace and can now be found on the World Wide Web. The site can be accessed at www.ac.wwu.edu/~foundatn/, and as well as providing information about Western's fundraising programs, contains links to the WWU Alumni Association, Public Information Office and Western's home page. In February, the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) announced at their regional conference that the site, designed by Chuck Dingee of Media Synergy was the recipient of



a Gold Award in its annual competition.

The Foundation website has been designed to provide users with all the information necessary to help in their gift-making decisions: a historical look at The Western Foundation, the top funding needs of the univer-

sity and various ways to support Western. Visitors to the site also have the opportunity to make an immediate gift to Western electronically, or can choose from a number of other options to support their program of choice.

The Western Foundation invites alumni, friends and parents to learn more about the exciting giving opportunities available at Western and the ways private support impacts student learning. Please take a moment to visit The Western Foundation on-line and send your thoughts and suggestions. Private support plays an ever-increasing role in Western's success and your partnership is vital to the university's continued accomplishments.

Athletic Endowment Fund Continues to Grow

Alumni, parents and fans of Western's athletic teams have responded to the challenge of moving from NAIA to NCAA Division II play by providing new endowments to support Viking athletics. In the past year, five new endowments have been established, increasing the athletic endowment base by \$140,000. Endowments provide yearly sources of funding in perpetuity to support scholarships and program needs.

The Athletic Department, in conjunction with The Western Foundation, continues to actively solicit individuals and businesses to establish endowments. These funds are crucial to Western's future success. With more scholarships available for qualified student-athletes and additional operating funds for individual sports, the Vikings will be a com-

petitive force in the NCAA.

Together with The Western Foundation, the athletic department now manages 12 permanent endowment funds, including:

- Norm Bright Scholarship Endowment for Track and Field, established in 1997
- Carroll Haeske Endowment for Crew, established in 1996
- Haggen Athletic Scholarship Endowment, established in 1999
- Haskell Endowment for Western Crew, established in 1998
- Charles Lappenbusch Athletic Scholarship Endowment, established in 1999
- Metzger Family Scholarship Endowment for Women's Basketball, established in 1998
- Alfred Munkres Endowment for Football, established in 1989

- Pfueller Memorial Endowment for Track and Field, established in 1989
- Chuck Randall Scholarship Endowment for Men's Basketball, established in 1998
- Robinson Scholarship Endowment for Basketball, established in 1996
- Wilson Athletic Scholarship Endowment, established in 1996
- Moose and Vi Zurline Athletic Scholarship Endowment, established in 1988

Donors to the Viking athletic department make up the "team behind the team" and are an important part of past successes and future accomplishments. If you would like more information about supporting the Vikings by establishing an endowment for either scholarships or program support, please contact Mark Bagley at 360-650-3612.

Key Bank is Viking Night Sponsor

Come out and help Western celebrate! The 10th Annual Key Bank/Viking Night Dinner & Sports Auction will be held Thursday, September 16, 1999, at Sam Carver Gymnasium, and will be the first official event in Western's Centennial year. The Athletic Department is pleased to welcome Key Bank as the title sponsor this year as well as Western alumnus, former member of the WWU Board of Trustees and current member of WWU Alumni Board of Directors, Larry Taylor, who will serve as the auctioneer.

Over the past decade, Viking Night has become recognized as one of the premier social events in Whatcom County, welcoming more than 550 Viking boosters from the local community each year. Guests are treated to a hosted social hour, a delicious dinner and the excitement of both a silent and live auction. As in past years, unique sports memorabilia, exotic vacations and one-of-a-kind items will be available for bid. The evening is fast-paced, the excitement level is high and you are invited to join in the festivities.

All proceeds from Viking Night directly support Viking athletic programs and scholarships, and is one of the largest fundraising events of the year. Your participation and support makes a difference.

If you would like to purchase tickets for the 10th Annual Viking Night, or if you have an item or service to donate to the auction, please contact the Athletic Department at (360) 650-3109.

Alumni Gifts Impact Western

Private gifts to Western continue to make a significant difference in the quality of programs offered to students. With more than \$10 million in contributions the past two years, individuals, businesses, corporations and foundations have provided the resources necessary to help Western remain one of the top institutions in the West. As the 1998-99 academic year comes to a close, private gifts have once again impacted nearly every aspect of Western.

To the thousands of alumni who have already made a contribution this year, thank you. Your loyalty and generosity are appreciated and your gift does make a difference. To those who have made a pledge or are considering making a gift this year, Western's fiscal year closes June 30, 1999. By sending your gift before that date, you will make a direct impact on teaching and learning at Western this academic year.

If you have not had the opportunity to make a gift this year, please consider doing so at this time. The spiraling cost of education makes the need as great as ever, and the difference alumni contributions make is real. With a strong base of alumni support, a message is sent to all confirming a strong commitment to the educational standards and values of a Western education.

All gifts can be designated to the department or program of choice and are fully tax deductible. Send your check payable to The Western Foundation and indicate the department or program to receive your gift. Gifts can be sent to The Western Foundation, MS-9034, Western Washington University, 516 High Street, Bellingham, WA 98225-9842. If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please call (360) 650-3612.



Assistant Professor of Music Jacques Després instructs WWU senior music education major Marisa Bender in one of Western's piano labs. Each year, Northwest Keyboards of Bellingham loans the Western Music Department, at no cost to Western, new Yamaha pianos for use in the department. The pianos are used for the academic year and then sold each June at an annual PAC sale. Northwest Keyboards owners Ken and Tina Swanson have participated in the program for five years.

Campus Connections

Western Honors Virginia Wright

In early fall, Western's board of trustees will dedicate the plaza at the entrance to the College of Fine and Performing Arts, overlooking Bellingham Bay, for Seattle art collector and patron Virginia Wright. The board will honor her for "enduring and generous contributions of time, effort and resources" to public art in the state and, particularly at Western.

The Virginia Wright Fund, founded in 1973 to provide public art throughout the state, has given Western six of its most significant Outdoor Sculpture Collection works. The Wright Fund's most recent gift to the collection is Bruce Nauman's *Stadium Piece*, which was completed in March.

Virginia Wright has served on Western's Outdoor Sculpture Collection advisory board since 1987. In addition to direct financial contributions, she has helped to negotiate acquisitions through her many contacts with the world's most noted contemporary artists.

24th Outdoor Sculpture to be installed this summer

Seven playful knee-high figures laboring among the boulders on Haskell Plaza will be the 24th addition to Western's internationally renowned Outdoor Sculpture Collection. The completed sculpture, as yet untitled, will be in-

stalled this summer.

The work, by noted American artist Tom Otterness, has been commissioned in partnership with the Washington State Arts Commission (WSAC). Otterness has gained a worldwide reputation through his trademark anthropomorphic figures who tell a "story" specific to their site.

"Small figures lifting or pushing the boulders among the greenery of the plaza exemplify human industriousness while inviting interpretation about the effect this industry has on the fragile natural environment,"

said Sarah Clark-Langager, collection curator and Western Gallery Director. These figures are at once whimsical and thought provoking," she added.

Otterness's work is represented in public collections in the Netherlands, Spain, Japan, Mexico and in many U.S. cities. He has participated in solo art exhibitions in the United States, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York as well as in Germany, the Netherlands, and Spain.



Send Us Your Memories

During the 1999-2000 academic year, Western Washington University celebrates its 100th anniversary of student life. Understanding what Western has meant to students across the century is critical as the University moves into its second century. It is ironic that even though students have been at the center of Western's history, their experiences are not well documented. In short, we know much about the various buildings and administrators, but not students!



We need your help in this endeavor and hope that you can send a note or email detailing your experiences at Western and what Western has meant to you since graduation. The greater the detail, the better the record. Please be open and honest about the negative as well as positive experiences you had. We offer the following as a suggestion for possible topics:

- What events stand out most in your memories of Western?
- What were relations like among students during your time at Western? Can you recall specific examples?
- What were the most common extracurricular activities (official and unofficial) in which you and other students participated? Which did you enjoy the most then? Which do you hold most dear now?



- What were student experiences with faculty like? Did some faculty member stand out for you? At the time, was that experience good or bad? Has your opinion changed over time?
- When you were attending Western, which course of study did you take? What did you hope to accomplish? Has that major proven useful or not? What do you wish you had taken while at Western?
- What classes were most important to you at the time? Over the years, which classes have turned out to be most important?
- Do you recall anything about how the faculty interacted with each other or with the administration?
- Be certain to indicate when you were at Western.

Feel free to expand upon these suggestions or add your own. If you send along any photographs or memorabilia, please indicate if you would like them returned. Your responses and any other materials will be placed in the Western Washington University Centennial Collection on campus. Centennial planners will use these materials for various exhibits and publications. Other researchers will no doubt find them useful in the future, too.

Please send responses to: Chris Friday, Director, Center for Pacific Northwest Studies, MS 9123, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9123

Memoriams

In Memory: Don McLeod

WWU and Fairhaven College Faculty 1966-1996

"I am endlessly amazed by teaching as a part of experience, by the strange, intimate slavery involved in communicating this experience, by the almost terrifying importance of it. It is the most serious activity I know, for me the most inclusive and most truthful. And more: it is, as the Garden-master says, one of the few professions that permits love," Don McLeod once wrote.



commitment to its values of fostering independent student work in a non-competitive atmosphere. He taught writing and literature infused with an infectious passion. He died January 12, 1999 at the age of 65 after a long illness.

Fairhaven College has established an endowed scholarship in Don's name. Contributions may be sent to the Don McLeod Scholarship Fund, c/o Fairhaven College.

Fairhaven College is planning to publish an anthology of writing by Don's students. Contributions and inquiries may be sent to Jackie McClure, Fairhaven College, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9118; mcclurej@cc.wwu.edu.

McLeod was known as an ingenious, imaginative and dedicated teacher, well-loved by students and colleagues for his boundless enthusiasm and creativity. Don was one of the founding faculty of Fairhaven College and retained a deep com-

Faculty, staff, friends

Henry W. Jones, 87, assistant professor of education who taught at Western for 23 years (retiring in 1976), died in Bellingham January 4.

Jayne K. Vaughn, 53, retired operations supervisor of Western's data processing center, died in Bellingham March 6.

Lundstrom Wins CASE Award

Alumni events coordinator Kristie Lundstrom won a silver award for her 1998 Homecoming brochure from the Northwest region of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

With the alumni office for 10 years, Lundstrom completed her fourth Homecoming as events coordinator in October. In 1992, she created that sweetest of traditions, the official Homecoming brownie. People around the country have been able to sample the chocolate/raspberry confection, too. *Sunset* magazine printed the recipe in its October 1995 issue.

A woman of many talents, Lundstrom trained strenuously and completed the Leukemia Society of America Team in

Training 26.2-mile marathon in Honolulu Dec. 13.

The CASE Awards were presented February 23 at the regional conference in Portland. The Northwest region VIII competition drew more than 400 entries in a variety of categories including web site design (which won The Western Foundation a gold award), publications, videos and other communication activities in support of higher education.

Region VIII includes alumni, development and public information officers from colleges and universities in Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Manitoba, Montana, Northwest Territories, Oregon, Saskatchewan, Washington and the Yukon.

Campus Connections

Point of View

by President Karen W. Morse



Throughout this year, I have been visiting with faculty in various departments asking questions about their work and exploring their views about the future direction of the university. We have discussed how new technologies are being more effectively incorporated into enhancing teaching and learning. We have shared ideas related to growth as we continue to respond to the state's need to educate more students. I have listened as faculty described the challenges of adapting to resource and space constraints and new teaching technologies which have affected their responsibilities.

I continue to be deeply impressed with our faculty's dedication to teaching in and out of the classroom. Many have undergraduate research programs funded by grants from the National Science Foundation, Georgia Pacific Corporation, and the U.S. Department of Defense, among others, that help our students gain necessary skills to enhance their educational experience.

Your support of Western as alumni is of vital importance, not only through the generous financial contributions which many of you make but also through your visits to your own "home" departments, through your ability to mentor students and share your experiences of Western and the world beyond. Next year, as Western celebrates its Centennial, you will have many opportunities to return to campus – at Homecoming, class reunions, and planned departmental Open Houses and speaking invitations. We look forward to welcoming you back and hope that you will enjoy sharing yourselves and your expertise with our current group of bright, challenging students.

Haggard Hall Joins Wilson Library

Renovated to add library space, lecture halls and computer labs, Haggard Hall reopened to students for winter quarter 1999, and was rededicated on Feb. 5.

A highlight of the half-hour rededication program was a symbolic book passing, in which volumes were transported from Wilson Library hand-to-hand across the new skybridge to the new library wing which now houses one third of Western's collection.

"Our goal in this remodel was to make the library client-centered," said University Librarian Judith Segal. "Now, the services most used by the campus community and public are grouped together. The main reference and circulation desks face each other in the new Haggard space. The government documents section – a resource very heavily used by the general public – is just across the skybridge in Wilson Library. Like subjects are grouped together with books and journals on adjacent floors," Segal added.

Student access to technology in the library has also improved. The number of computers available has doubled, Segal said, not including addition of a computer lab in the library. A Sounds and Images Center is slated to provide multimedia access for student projects. Among other innovations, the center offers digitized music – rather than the current cassettes – so that several music students can listen to the same piece at the same time.

Up to 400 new study spaces are now available. Two student favorites are the all-glass skybridge and a third-floor circular desk seating 20 which overlooks the rotunda entrance and is illuminated by a glass skylight above plus individual lamps.

Moving the library collection began as soon as fall quarter classes ended. "We calculated that we moved 15 miles of books," said Rick Osen, Segal's assistant, "just about the distance from Bellingham to Custer." To facilitate this complicated process, the university hired one of several companies that specialize in moving libraries, William B. Meyer of Bridgeport, Connecticut, at a cost of \$137,000.

In addition to the library, Haggard now houses four general university computer labs, three labs for computer science students, two language labs and four lecture halls, each equipped for multimedia presentations and seating about 80. Study space has also been added in this section of the building.

Haggard's third-floor planetarium, closed during the renovation, will soon reopen for university use and public tours.

Designed by the Seattle firm Zimmer Gunsul Frasca, the remodeled Haggard Hall contains echoes of two other Western buildings for which ZGF received American Institute of Architects/Seattle chapter awards. It has wood accents, chiefly in the rotunda, in common with the biology building. The rotunda's clerestory is a smaller version of the dome which is a central feature of the new science, mathematics and technology education building.



Provost DeLorme participates in the symbolic book passing from Wilson Library to Haggard Hall.

"People who remember how dark and dreary Haggard used to be – not to mention how it smelled – are amazed at the light, airy feel it now has," said Ed Simpson, Haggard project manager. Western's three-building science complex, opened between 1993 and 1997, replaced the cramped and outdated science facility that Haggard had become.

Planning for the \$22 million renovation began in 1991 with demolition starting in September 1996. To provide better access, the one-story-high solid rock between Wilson Library and Haggard was blasted away. Haggard was refaced in red brick, making it visually compatible with the rest of the buildings on Red Square, and the new rotunda entrance was constructed.

Opened in 1960, Haggard Hall was named for William W. Haggard, president of what was then Western Washington College of Education from 1939 to '59. He held the office longer than any other Western president and was the last whose training and experience were chiefly in the education of teachers for elementary and secondary schools. The university became Western Washington State College in 1961 and Western Washington University in 1977.

Canadian Guide for grades K-12

Designed at Western's Center for Canadian-American Studies, *Canada: Northern Neighbor* is a curriculum guidebook directed for use in grade levels ranging from upper elementary to high school. The book focuses on the history, geography, economy, government, culture and arts of Canada while emphasizing Canada's relationship with the United States. Featuring teaching activities, reproducible maps and bibliographic references for printed materials, films, software and Internet sites, the book's module format permits easy adaptation to existing courses. The book sells for \$14.50 and is available through the Center for Canadian-American Studies at WWU, (360) 650-3728.



CBE professors Mitchell, Mayer and Mischaikow were honored by Acting Provost Dennis Murphy in February.

Faculty Retirements

Edwin Brown, Professor of Geology, will retire June 15, 1999.

Robert Embrey, Professor of Art, will retire June 15, 1999.

Clyde Hackler, Associate Professor of Engineering Technology, retired on January 1, 1999.

Hubertus Kohn, Professor of Biology, retired on March 15, 1999.

Peter Steffens, Professor of Journalism, retired on March 15, 1999.

John Towner, Professor of Elementary Education, will retire on December 31, 1999.

Western Authors Publish New Volumes

Wilson Library has expanded. But Western authors are busily attempting to fill all that new space with their latest books.

From Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Bill Dietrich ('73) comes a first novel, *Ice Reich*, in which Nazis, a beautiful German scientist and an American bush pilot brave the Antarctic, World War II and a deadly virus to find passionate love.

Passion can be profitable – as resort owners who cater to the honeymoon trade have discovered. In their new book, *Romancing the Honeymoon*, associate professor of sociology Kris Bulcroft and art history professor Linda Smeins take a look at the evolution of the American honeymoon from simple beginnings to today's sometimes lavish and expensive "necessity."

Another kind of passion is the subject of *Nola* by Robin Hemley, associate professor of English. *A Memoir of Faith, Art, and Madness*, is the story of his family, dominated by the genius, religious fervor and insanity of his sister. Filled with humor, despite its subject matter, it is also a reflection on the creative process.

English department colleague Suzanne Paola has just brought out a new book of poetry, *Bardo*, which won the prestigious Brittingham Prize. Editor of the *Bellingham Review*, her previous book, *Glass*, was printed in the 1995 *Quarterly Review of Literature Poetry Series*.

Bellingham mystery author Linda French draws on a familiar landscape, fictionalized as Rainwater State University, for her tales of his-

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Calendar of Events

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tory professor Teddy Morelli whose family members keep getting mixed up in murder. *Coffee to Die* For is her latest, following the series opener, *Talking Rain*.



Politics are pretty murderous these days. But two members of the political science faculty take a dispassionate view in their latest works. Professor emeritus James W. Davis examines *Leadership Selection in Six Western Democracies* (the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, Germany, France and Australia). His earlier book, *The American Presidency*, made him a favorite media interview subject as the Clinton revelations led to impeachment. Associate Professor Todd Donovan is coauthor of two volumes on direct democracy, *Citizens as Legislators* and *Demanding Choices: Opinion, Voting and Direct Democracy*.

Environmental politics is the subject of *Battle for the Wilderness*, the newest book by pioneering conservation journalist Michael Frome who retired from Huxley College in 1995. Centered on the struggle to pass the 1964 Wilderness Act, it chronicles how successive administrations treated preservation issues.

Struggles between the rights of native peoples and the desire to preserve natural resources is the subject of *American Indians and National Parks* coauthored by Fairhaven professor emeritus Robert H. Keller. Beginning with an account of the creation of the oldest national parks, the book traces the pattern of interaction between Indians and federal preservationists.

1999 WWU Elderhostel

Western's Institutes and Conferences office has recently released its 1999 Elderhostel schedule. These are week-long opportunities for adults 55 and older to learn at the college level, explore new places and meet new peers. For more information, contact Extended Programs, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-5293 or call (360) 650-7754.

Histories of the North Cascades Mountain Range: July 25-31

Birds & Other Wildlife of the Pacific Northwest: May 2-7; August 15-20; October 10-15

Marine Life & Geology of Bellingham Bay: October 4-9

Writing About Place: Creative Writing Workshop in Cascadia: July 18-24

Beethoven: His Life & Times, His Works, His Influences: August 1-7

MAY

- 7 **Chemistry Alumni Reception** at Bell Harbor Conference Center in Seattle.
- 8 **Second City Improv** performs 7:30 p.m., PAC Mainstage.
- 8 **Whatcom County Alumni** Chapter reception at Canada House, following Second City.
- 11 **Turning Points Series:** *Policing the Frontier, Some North American Comparisons*, by Larry DeLorme, 6 p.m., Fraser Lecture Hall 4.

13-16 Dance Faculty Concert

Three new works premiere with original music and choreography by Western dance faculty, 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center Mainstage. (Sunday 2 p.m. matinee only). *A Troubadour's Tale* is a poignant medieval story of unrequited love. *To Sleep Perchance to Dream* is a suite of four dances exploring the phenomena of sleep, sleep walking and dreaming. *Kathleen and Arthur* examines the stages in a couple's life.

- 13 **Computer Science Alumni** reception, Red Hook Brewery, Woodinville.
- 14-16 **Western Showtime Family Weekend.**
- 15 **WWU Alumni Club Life** Members cruise and dinner, Tillicum Village, Seattle.
- 22 **King County Alumni Chapter** day at Woodland Park Zoo.
- 22 **Speech Pathology and Audiology Alumni dinner**, dance and wine auction, Madison Hotel, Seattle
- 26-30 **The Possibilities**, directed by guest artist Nike Imoru, 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center Theater 16. (Sunday 2:00 p.m. matinee only).

JULY

- 11-16 **Taft Seminar for Teachers.** Call (360) 650-3469.
- 12-16 **Adventures in Science and Arts** camp for grades 7-8.
- 14 **29th Annual Summer Stock Season** through Aug. 16, featuring the musical "Hair," the family event "Still Life with Iris," the musical "Side by Side By Sondheim," and the Neil Simon comedy, "Laughter on the 23rd Floor."
- 16 **Mariner baseball and barbecue** at the new Safeco Stadium. Alumni Club Members only. (To join the Alumni Club see coupon on page 12).
- 18-23 **Who Owns the Sea?**, an environmental workshop for teachers. Call (360) 650-7377.
- 19-23 **Adventures in Science and Arts** camp for grades 7-8.
- 26-30 **Adventures in Science and Arts** camp for grades 9-12.
- 30 **Beethoven in Bellingham**, through Aug. 15, opening symphony concert, PAC Concert Hall.

JUNE

- 1-25 **International Artists/Authors** exhibit at Western Gallery.
- 10 **Spring Commencement**
- 19 **85th Birthday Celebration** for Lucille Reiman Barron, former Home Economics Instructor, 2-5 p.m., at the Congregational Church, 2401 Cornwall Ave., Bellingham.

26-27 It's a RE_NION, and it won't be the same without U!

The Alumni Association will hold a reunion for the classes of '49, '50 and '51, on June 26-27. You are invited to return to campus and reminisce about the great times you had with your classmates and faculty. Take a walk through campus and see the wonderful changes that have taken place at Western Washington College of Education in the past 50 years.

People make a reunion successful. That's why we want "U" there! For more information contact the Alumni House at 800-676-6885.

- 26 **Study Canada**, a summer institute for teachers and librarians/media specialists through July 1. Call (360) 650-3728.
- 28 **Adventures in Science and Arts** camp for grades 5-6, through July 2.

AUGUST

13 Bill Wright/Alumni Golf Classic

It's not too early to reserve your spot in the upcoming Fifth Annual Bill Wright/WWU Alumni Golf Classic, set, at beautiful Semiahmoo Golf & Country Club on Friday, August 13th.

Last year's tournament sold out more than two months in advance and we are anticipating a full field for this year's event.

Bill Wright, for whom the tournament is named, will again be on hand to play and provide his much sought after advice. Now a teaching professional in Los Angeles, Bill brought Western it's first ever individual national championship. He also was the first African American to win a USGA title, by taking the U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship in 1959 as a senior at Western.

Tournament format is a foursome scramble with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. A noon putting contest also offers keen competition and some awesome prizes. Entry fees are \$110 for WWU Alumni Club Members and \$135 for non-members. Fees include green fees, shared cart, on-course lunch and beverages, a Jack Nicklaus tournament windshirt, tee prizes, banquet and awards ceremony.

Entry forms and information can be obtained by calling WWU Alumni House at (800) 676-6885 or (360) 650-3353. Tournament slots are being filled on a first-come, first-in basis. Don't delay!



Centennial-Year Decade Reunions

Big plans are underway for big reunions during the 1999-2000 academic year as Western celebrates 100 years!

To help us plan and you, our loyal alumni, to schedule your arrival, here are the reunion dates as we know them:

- Class Years 1949 and earlier** – September 18 & 19, 1999.
- 1950-1959** – October 1 & 2, 1999. This coincides with Homecoming Weekend.
- 1960-1969** – January 28 & 29, 2000.
- 1970-1979** – March 24 & 25, 2000.
- 1980-1989** – May 26 & 27, 2000. This coincides with Ski to Sea Weekend.
- 1990-1999** – June 16 & 17, 2000.

The All Fairhaven College Reunion takes place May 12-14, 2000.

Some of the above dates may change; but these are our plans and hopefully yours, as we go to press. Mark your calendars! You don't want to miss these celebrations!

Tickets and Information:

- Adventures camp: (360) 650-6820
- Alumni events: (800) 676-6885
- Athletic events: (360) 650-3109
- Performing Arts: (360) 650-6146
- Western Gallery: (360) 650-3963

SEPTEMBER

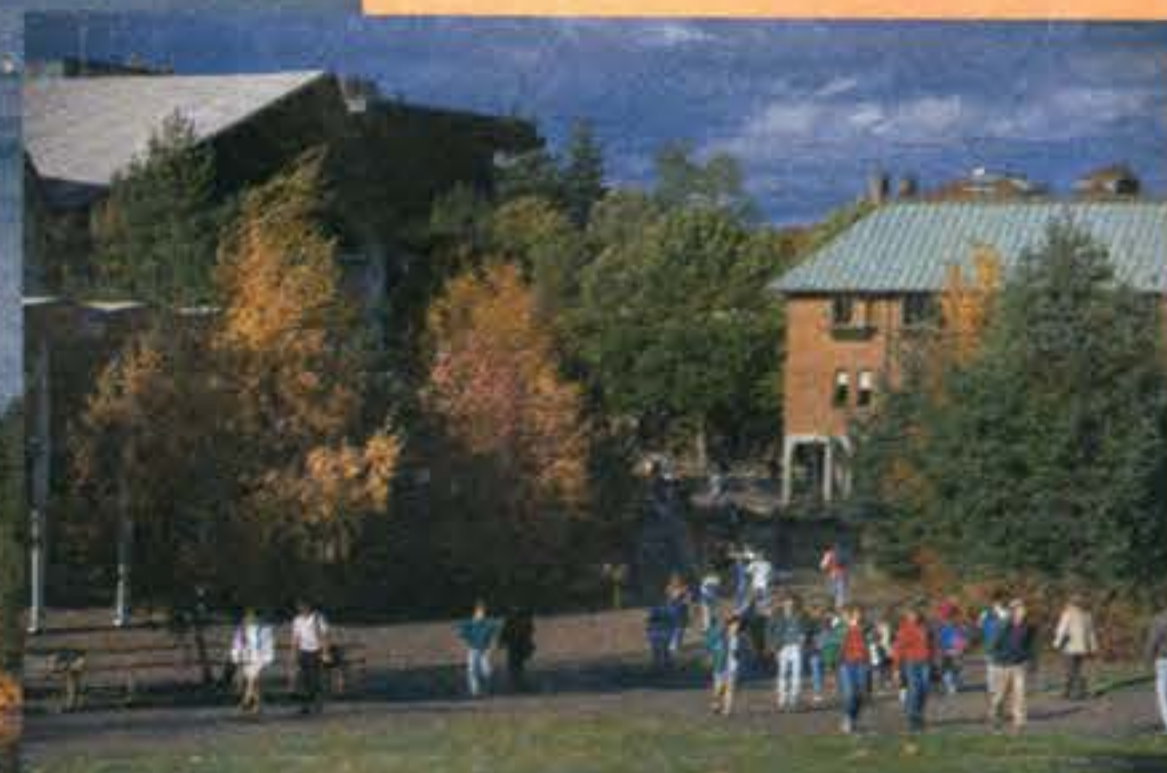
- 4 **Vikings Football Blue/Silver** Scrimmage, 9 a.m., Civic Field.
- 16 **Viking Night Dinner & Sports Auction**, 5 p.m., Sam Carver Gymnasium.
- 17 **WWU Alumni 7-day Cruise** to Alaska, escorted by Moose ('50) and Vi Zurline, includes the traditional inside passage with ports of call in Juneau, Skagway, Haines and Ketchikan. Prices start at \$764 per person. For more information contact the Alumni House at (800) 676-6885.
- 18 **Vikings Football vs. Wisconsin-Whitewater**, 1 p.m., Civic Field.
- 21 **Welcoming Convocation and official Centennial Kickoff.**
- 22 **Fall Quarter classes begin.**
- 25 **Vikings Football vs. St. Mary's**, 1 p.m., Civic Field.

January 14, 2000

Y2K Baja Cruise. What a way to start the new millennium with a 3-night Baja cruise sailing out of Los Angeles to Ensenada, Mexico. Spend a day on the beach or shopping then board for an overnight return to Los Angeles. Fully escorted by WWU. Prices start at \$332 and do not include airfare. For more information contact the Alumni House at (800) 676-6885.

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