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Historic New Alliances Guide
Western into the Future

High on a remote mountain slope, 25 miles from Western's campus, an ancient forest has remained hidden for nearly 1,000 years. Its 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 preserving..."
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Accent on Alumni
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Class Notes & Memoriams
Short notes and announcements about Western’s alumni, faculty, staff and friends.

Cover Story
New partnerships are reinvigorating Huxley and Western with a focus on the future.

Investments in Excellence
The Western Foundation has gone on-line. Athletic fund raising is reaching new heights. Now is your opportunity to make a year-end gift to Western.

Calendar of Events
This month’s events are ready to spark your interest and get you involved.

Alumni Board of Directors

Officers
Rene Wilson, ’79, Ferndale, president; Tony Larson, ’88, Bellingham, president-elect; Lyle Morse, ’79, Olympia, immediate past president; Jim Ferguson, ’84, Woodinville, treasurer.

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Chapter Contacts
Kelly Folks, Jurnan, AK; Crystal Ngard, Anchorage, AK; Gene Langille or June Hartins, San Francisco Bay Area; Susan Neighbor, Santa Barbara, CA; Sam Porter, San Diego; Paul Schlichting or Dean Wilson, Los Angeles Area; Patricia Sweeney, Portland/Vancouver; Dennis Freyman, Rose; Kristine Worland, Phoenix; Charles Odell, Washington, D.C.; Marcy Brown, New York.

Regional Coordinators
Chet Ullin, Kitsap Peninsula; Grant Beetzcher, Raleigh, N.C.; Frank Williams, Australia; Patrick Lovell, Tokyo, Japan.

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 authored several science education articles and textbooks. In 1973, Miller and a colleague were co-founders of the National Organization for Teaching Science. He now serves as its co-president.

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) 650-3820; e-mail us at adventure@wwu.edu; or visit our web site at http://www.ac.wwu.edu/adventure.

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 with teachers in the local public schools to develop more effective methods of science teaching in grades five through twelve.

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 Argentine 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.

PFO 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 (PFO@wwu.edu) and mail stop (9045) remain the same.

Write to us via mail or e-mail!

Sample text: 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@wwu.edu.
Accent on Alumni

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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 Mariners 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 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. Thank you 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 Medved 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 Marrotti 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

San Francisco Bay Area: contact Jane Hartstra or Gene Langille
Los Angeles: contact Dean Wilson or Paul Schlichting
San Diego: contact Sam Porter or Sonje Beck
Boise, Idaho: contact Denny Freiberg
Phoenix: contact Kristine Weedland
Boston: contact WWU Alumni House
New York: contact Marty Brown
Washington D.C. area: contact Chuck Odell
Juneau, Alaska: contact Kelly Kollas
Anchorage, Alaska: contact Crystal Nygaard

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Class Notes

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

1961 - Erling Molver retired from Clover Park School District. Doug Bingerbach has been the interim principal of Mount Si High in Snoqualmie, WA.

1967 - Martha Sigury is an elementary school teacher at Holmen Elementary School in Chelan. Erin Warn, promotion manager for Baby Stroller, was recently installed as president of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce.

1969 - Tim Paschal supervised for Bally Total Fitness, was recently in the principal of Mount Si High in Snoqualmie, WA.

1970 - Tim Paschal managed the Dow Hotel Company. McCullough received five design awards at the 1998 Honor Conference and seminars. Troup was the keynote speaker at an EPRI (Electric Power Research Institute) conference in Orlando, FL.


1983 - Steve Kitzer and Karla Scott on July 11.


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

1990 - Michelle Cripp and Jeff Achondo on Aug. 29. Julie Hoksbergen and Bernadette Marcus on Aug. 9.


1996 - Lori Lindseth-Michalski is a human resource consultant with the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center. David Memard is the manager of the Federal Public Library.

1997 - 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 to a U.S. citizen.


1999 - Rebecca Serres Averill is the office manager for a dentist in Springfield, OR.

2000 - Steve Bovenkamp joined the program staff of Camelot Computer Services. Bovenkamp will help with custom program development, design of applications software and will be in charge of the Access programming division for Bellingham.

2001 - Tim Byther works for Oracle Corp. in Colorado Springs as a Gold Technical Analyst. Kathy Muscal O'Brien is curator of education at the Western Heritage Center in Billings, Montana.

2002 - Shawn George Born is a history teacher at McCloud Middle High School. Lena Creasy is a fitness advisor for PacificCare and Secure Horizons.


2004 - Dall 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 to a U.S. citizen. Paul Black on Aug. 7.

2005 - Robert Robben is vice president and manager of the personal trust department of Northwestern Trust.

2006 - Rob Bonick is principal of Morton and Mineral Elementary Schools in Bellingham. Robert Reynolds teaches sixth grade at Cascade River Elementary in Maple Valley. ...Kevin Walstrom in Anchorage, AK. Christopher Parmes was awarded the Masters Degree in Business Administration from Seattle Pacific University.

2007 - Heidi Hawkins gave a lecture in Bellingham on eliminating addictions 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 Seacoast Books in February 1999. Hill can be reached by e-mail: editor@redoubtdemagi.com.

2008 - Lara Labarahe Chambers is a supply manager with Xerox in Anchorage, AK. Christopher Parmes was awarded the Masters Degree in Business Administration from Seattle Pacific University.

2009 - 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 XCGym in Bellingham.

2010 - Dennis Osborn, who is the Commu­nity Development Director for the City of Chelan, was elected President of the City Planning Directors Association.


2012 - ...Jennifer Dinnis ('97) on Sept. 12.

2013 - ...Jenny Haley and Stephen Johnstone on Sept. 12.

2014 - ...Jennifer Tubbs (97) on Sept. 26.

2015 - ...Alison Race on Sep. 26.
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 Cama-Washougal Chamber of Commerce. Randall Grillo is teaching at Connell High School. Sarah Hartman is living in Juneau, working at a Montessori preschool, and playing the part of Anneile in a presentation of "Steet Magnolias." Laura Ingraham joined Tony Greer, C.P.A., in travel to China. ...Amy King joined the Seattle office of W. H. McPherson as a marketing assistant. John Kittel is a design specialist for Hansen Design Co. in Woodinville. Wendy Lane received a Japanese Ministry of Education "Homboucho" scholarship to pursue language study and research in a Japanese University for one year beginning Nov. 1999. Rene Le Beau 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-...
Can Environmental, Business, Political and Cultural Interests Join Forces?

At Western they already are...

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 as a unique base 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, 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 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.

"Protecting this forest is the right and smart thing to do for the citizens of Whatcom County and Washington State. This is a rare opportunity that will occur only once in our lifetime," County Executive Kremen said.

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 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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Further collaboration abounds. At Shannon Point Marine Center in Anacortes, the Texaco Foundation recently added to a grant from the National Science Foundation to allow testing of a new FlowCAM. Huxley students are among those involved in using the instrument to study microscopic marine organisms. "This is presently the only place in the world that undergraduates have access to this analytical tool," said Shannon Point director Stephen Sulkin.

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.

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Three students from Far Eastern State University in Vladivostok, Russia, were granted a new perspective this winter through a unique exchange program at Huxley College of Environmental Studies. They are the third such group to take advantage of the program, which is entirely financed by Jim Talbot of the Talbot Investment Company.

"Far Eastern State created its first ever environmental program four years ago to invest in a new generation of environmental leaders," said Brad Smith, dean of Huxley. "Through this exchange, their students come to Western for one quarter. Most have never travelled outside of Russia. Within their system, they have been taught science, but not how to apply it. We are showing them alternatives. We try to expose them to different ways of thinking," Smith continued.

"This is a unique opportunity for us," said Eugene Gladyshev. "With this experience we hope to create an improved educational system that is beneficial to both Far Eastern and Western. By working together, I hope we can create something new that is better than either system is now." He says he was motivated to apply for the exchange program after observing the previous year's students who returned to their homeland "not only with new scientific experience, but with new spirit and creativity." Their impact has already been felt at Far Eastern. "After they returned, lab courses appeared in the current higher education systems. "Initially these are very costly things new that is better than either system is now," Eugene continued.

"I stay up all night until 3 a.m. on the computer," Tatiana explained. "He works every night until 3 a.m. on the computer," Tatiana Kashinova chimed in. "It's true," said Eugene. "I stay up all night down loading from the internet, so I can take the information back with me." Tatiana explained that although they do have internet access in Russia, use is limited due to lack of equipment. At Western she was impressed by the number of services so readily available.

Tatiana and Olga Podgurskaya were at Western for the entire winter quarter and each took three classes. Both were excited about the hands-on experience available in the lab courses. "We don't have such tests in Russia," said Olga. She hopes to share her new knowledge as a biology teacher. Tatiana would like to receive a Masters Degree in Aquatic Ecology. "I try to compare the courses with those I have taken in Russia. I think they are more comprehensive here," she said.

In February, details were also finalized for an additional exchange program with United Arab Emirates through which up to 10 students from universities in U.A.E. will finish their degrees at Western. In return, Western students will gain the unique opportunity to study and complete internships in the Middle East.
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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/foundation, 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 university 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 about the impact 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 five years 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 competitive 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 Haaske 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
- Psuller 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 1998

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 alumni, 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 events in the state of Washington. The College of Education is pleased to have a sold-out event, with nearly 800 students, faculty, staff, students and friends in attendance to support Western athletics.

The evening is fast-paced, the excitement level is high 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, athletic 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 in 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, and your gift does make a difference. Alumni Gifts to Western can be sent to The Western Foundation, VS-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 Deprez instructs WWU senior music education major Marisa Brender 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 Kris and Tina Swanson have participated in the program for five years.
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 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 Staatliam 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 installed 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-Langanger, 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?
- What are 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 dear now?

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 Gardner-Webb Omnim of the few professions that permits love," Don McLeod once wrote.

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

Lundstrom Wins CASE Award

Alumni events coordinator Kristie Lundstrom was 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 tradition of friendly competition, the Homecoming cake off, 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's 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. 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 not only 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 Olsen, Segal’s assistant, “just about the distance from Bellingham to Coeur d’Alene.” 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 universities – 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.

### Western Authors Publish New Volumes

Wilson Library has expanded. But Western authors are busy 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 Nazi, a beautiful German scientist and an American bush pilot brave the Antarctic, World War II and a deadly virus to find passionate love.


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### 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 curricula. The book sells for $14.50 and is available through the Center for Canadian-American Studies at WWU, (360) 650-3728.

### Western Faculty Retirements

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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 Rape.

Politics are pretty murderous these days. But two members of the political science faculty take a passionate view in their latest works. Professor emeritus James W. Davis expanded his 1999 Elderhostel 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 Chokes: 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 Hood College in 1995. Centered on the struggle to pass the 1964 Wilderness Act, it chronicles how successive administrations treated preservation issues.

Smugglers 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

Calendar of Events

MAY

7 Chemistry Alumni Reception at Bell Harbor Conference Center in Seattle.
8 Second City Improv performs 7:30 p.m., PAC Mainstage.
8 Whitcomb County Alumni Chapter reception at Canada House, following Second City.
11 Turning Points Series: Policing the Frontier, Some North Pacific Competitions, by Larry DeLearme, 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 poetic musical evocation of unrecovered love. To Sleep, Pardon to Dawn is a suite of four dances exploring the phenomena of deep sleep, sleepwalking and dreaming. Kathryn and Arthur examine the stages in a couple's life.

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 Skarstein. "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." Performances at 7:30 p.m., PAC Theater 16. (Sunday 2:00 p.m., matinee only).

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 an event 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. Register now and don't miss the reunion! For more information contact the Alumni House at 800-676-6885.

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28 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.

30 Beethoven in Bellingham, through Aug. 15, opening symphony concert, PAC Concert Hall.

AUGUST

3 Hill 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's first ever individual national championship. He also won the East African American USGA title, by taking the U.S. Amateur individual national championship. He has 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's first ever individual national championship.

Tournament format is a four round 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, afternoon 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) 650-3583. Tournament slots are being filled on a first-come, first-in basis. Don't delay! The Alumni Association will hold an event 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. Register now and don't miss the reunion! For more information contact the Alumni House at 800-676-6885.

SEPTEMBER

4 Vikings Football Blue/Silver Salute, 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 Moor (159) and Vi Zunino, includes the traditional inside passage with ports of call in Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan and Ketchican, 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.
Celebrating Your Memories

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