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Join Us as Western Celebrates its First 100 Years

On September 6, 1899 the university we now know as Western first opened its doors as New Whatcom Normal School, a training facility for teachers. Although it has undergone many transformations in the past 100 years, the school's firm commitment to excellence in education has remained intact.

Throughout the 1999-2000 academic year, Western Washington University will be proudly celebrating its first century as an institution of higher learning. This issue of Window on Western commemorates the occasion with a view of our students and campus both then and now. In the center, you'll find a special pull-out section of Centennial memories and a calendar for the year's events.

We welcome you to return to campus this year and join with us in the ongoing celebrations as we honor the past and look to the future by continuing the legacy of learning.

"You'd go into the original library... where the ceilings are vaulted to the sky, and that's where you could really feel very scholarly... We'd go to the VU pizza joint, recharge ourselves, and then head back to the library." -- Mike Perry '89
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Briefly

Western Students Win French Essay Awards
Two Western students received high marks in the French essay writing component of the Contest for World Peace and Understanding Prize.

Lola Pennington of Bellingham placed fourth and Jaime Buchanan of Kirkland placed eighth among applicants from the United States. Pennington receives a fully paid, three-day visit to Paris and 15 days of excursions, visits to important sites, lectures, festivals, receptions, dances and concerts in the provinces of Poitou and Aquitaine, including a three-day colloquium on world peace with all the international winners. Buchanan is also invited to join the students in their travels. She begins her studies abroad in Paris in late August 1999 and will remain for the academic year.

Both students wrote essays on selected quotations, one by Mohandas Gandhi and one by Martin Luther King Jr., while taking a French writing course taught by visiting assistant professor Anne George.

VanderStaay Named Education Academy Fellow
WWU English professor Steven VanderStaay has been selected as a 1999-2000 National Academy of Education/Spen­cer Postdoctoral Fellow. He is one of only 33 chosen from a pool of 200 applicants. The fellowships are awarded to scholars who have achieved their doctorates in the past five years. Fellows receive a $45,000 award given to assist with research expenses during the next school year. VanderStaay will conduct his research in a Seattle public school. He will investigate a link between literacy and delinquency among students and how high school law classes seem to protect children from delinquency.

Lawson Appointed AAUW Representative
Assistant director of Human Resources Carolyn Lawson has been appointed College and University Representative for the Washington state board of the American Association of University Women.

The AAUW is a national network dedicated to creating opportunities to help women and girls reach their full potential; it is focused on education with an additional emphasis on social, economic and political issues.

Woodring's Virtual Classroom Showcased by Microsoft
Western's leadership in the virtual classroom is now being showcased on Microsoft's website.

Through Washington's technology grants, the Woodring College of Education, in a consortium with nine rural school districts, has been working to provide distance education to schools all over the state through a program called the Washington Virtual Classroom. The WVC was introduced last April as a means of allowing rural school districts with limited budgets to bring student and staff resources together in a shared format. School districts included in the project are: Adna, Concrete, Eatonville, North Franklin, Quartz Valley, Lake Chelan, Wapato, Wellpinit and White Salmon.

Sweepstakes Winner Donates $5,000 to Art Department
When Seattle resident Dan Morris recently discovered that he had won $5,000 in a grocery store back-to-school contest, he opted to donate his winnings to Western's art department.

The art faculty has decided to use the donation to create a special symposium or lecture series featuring art professionals that will be open to the public.

"It will benefit the entire community and our art students in particular. This will allow them to have direct contact with the most respected artists and curators," said department chair Thomas Johnston.

Western Reads for Y2K
For two years, Western has been planning for the year 2000 and any potential Y2K problems. Western has received two "best practices" commendations from the state's General Administration's Year 2000 Program, the state agency responsible for coordinating Y2K efforts statewide. One recognized Western's concerted efforts to involve operations staff in estimating the budgetary resources necessary to assess and plan for Year 2000 mitigation. The other acknowledged Western's procedures for identifying criteria and processes for testing various systems and equipment.
President Clinton Honors Western Alum Michael Phelps

President Clinton named Michael E. Phelps, inventor of the PET scan and chair of UCLA's Department of Molecular and Medical Pharmacology, winner of the Enrico Fermi Award, the government's oldest science and technology prize.

The Enrico Fermi Award honors a lifetime of achievement in the field of nuclear energy. Phelps received a gold medalion and a $100,000 honorarium from U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson during an awards ceremony in April in Washington, D.C.

Phelps, 59, is the inventor of PET (positron emission tomography), a medical imaging technique that allows doctors and scientists to watch human biological processes in health and disease, in essence making human biology transparent. PET scanning – now the standard for studying the metabolism of the brain, the heart and cancer – provides improved diagnosis for disorders such as epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, cardiovascular disease and cancer, including lung, breast, brain, ovarian, melanoma and prostate cancers.

Phelps received undergraduate degrees in chemistry and mathematics from Western Washington University in 1964 and his Ph.D. in chemistry from Washington University in St. Louis in 1970. He first developed the PET scanner in 1973. He joined the UCLA faculty in 1976 and became the chair of the Department of Molecular and Medical Pharmacology in 1992. He also established the first PET clinic for patient care at UCLA. There are now more than 800 worldwide.

"His intellect, skill and enthusiasm helped move PET scanning from a revolutionary new concept to a mainstay of medical research and treatment. His work has provided new insights into the biology of many diseases, including Alzheimer's disease, epilepsy, Parkinson's disease, cardiovascular disease and cancer," said Dr. Gerald Levey, UCLA's provost of medical sciences and dean of the UCLA School of Medicine.

Western Boasts State's Oldest Driver

Ruah Livingston, the oldest known living graduate of the Bellingham Normal School (now Western), celebrated her 104th birthday on May 3, 1999. She also holds the distinction as the oldest licensed driver in the state of Washington. A resident of Everett, she first came to Washington by train with her parents and siblings in 1908. A license wasn't necessary when her father bought the family's first car. Ruah has been driving for 83 years and is still behind the wheel daily, although she now avoids freeways and night driving.

Munro Retires from State Office

Washington Secretary of State Ralph Munro has announced his retirement upon the expiration of his fifth term in January 2001. Munro graduated from Western in 1966, where he started his political career as president of the Young Republicans and as president of the Associated Students.

As the state's chief elections officer, Munro's impact has included the "motor voter" law linking driver's license applications to voter registration, and the push for a state presidential primary which Washington will hold on Feb. 29, 2000. Throughout his 30 years in Olympia, Munro has been lauded by Republicans and Democrats alike, including current governor Gary Locke who considers Munro a valuable adviser.

Ellen Repp Dies at Age 97

Western's 1989-90 Distinguished Alumna, Ellen Repp (22), died of heart failure on April 18, 1999 at the age of 97. Repp was known internationally as an opera singer and voice instructor. In the 1930s she started with Santa Barbara and Chicago opera companies, then moved on to Broadway and performances throughout Europe. After World War II, Repp settled in New York City and taught voice lessons from her apartment to students from Berlin Conservatory and Manhattan School of Music. One of her students, Dana Talley (72) was the first Western graduate to sing with the Metropolitan Opera.

Born in Skagit County, she returned to the Northwest in 1991. Her students continued to contact her for instruction and guidance.
Accent on Alumni

Grist of Goldsmith By Chris Goldsmith Alumni Director

It is a pleasure to introduce to you Mary Ann Harrington, who recently joined the WWU Alumni Relations staff as Associate Director.

In her new capacity, Mary Ann has specific responsibility for the Alumni Association’s growing chapter program, as well as membership enhancement of the WWU Alumni Club.

Mary Ann comes to Western with an obvious love of education. She has earned a bachelor of arts degree in art from Humboldt State University; a bachelor of arts degree in communications from California State University, Stanislaus; and a masters of arts degree in communications from Humboldt State University Art History Department.

Mary Ann has already set a rigorous schedule for the coming year to meet with current chapter leadership steering committees across the country and encourage formation of new chapters in areas where an abundance of Western alumni reside.

We welcome her to the world of Western graduates and former students and hope that you will too!

And, while we focus on Mary Ann, it’s prudent to acknowledge the other alumni office staff members: Kathi Howard, office manager; Kristie Lundstrom, alumni events coordinator; and Kay O’Connor, office assistant.

Together with an active and vibrant WWU Alumni Association Board of Directors, we are focusing on expanding services to our constituencies, energizing a growing number of chapters and regions and reuniting Western graduates and former students with each other, with their former faculty and with Western Washington University.

We all certainly hope you will join us in this ongoing effort by attending an alumni event in your area, coming back to Western for Homecoming (Oct. 1 and 2), joining the WWU Alumni Club, attending one of the upcoming Centennial Decade Reunions or just keeping in touch with your alma mater.

Recent Events and Chapter Activities

Photos by Kristie Lundstrom

A Mariner’s Cactus League game in Phoenix was the setting for our Arizona chapter in March. Alumni from Washington and California, as well as Galen and Jean Norquist (’48) from Idaho attended. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June.

Computer Science alumni gathered at Red Hook in Woodinville to hear science fiction writer Greg Bear (left), pictured with department chair Dr. Debra Jacob and faculty member Dr. George Mobus.

Professor emeritus of education Bernice Skem attended the 50th reunion of her students in the class of 1949, which was held in June. She is 94 and still resides in Bellingham. As she quoted from William James at her 1972 retirement: “The great use of life is to use it for something that outlasts it.”

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The new Associate Director of Alumni Relations, Mary Ann Harrington, plans to hold Steering Committee Meetings at each WWU alumni chapter venue during fall 1999. She’ll be meeting with all 11 chapters in the state of Washington in between trips to the 16 out-of-state alumni chapters. Her goal is for each alumni chapter to hold a local Centennial celebration in its region during the winter, spring or summer of 2000. Also on-tap for this year are a series of Decade Reunions, with dates listed in the calendar section of this issue.

Viking Cruise in mid-January

How about a three-night Mexican Baja Cruise to start the year 2000?

Western alumni can do just that from January 14 to 17. Board the “Viking Serenade” on Friday cruise to Ensenada, Mexico on Saturday, spend Sunday on the blue Pacific and return to Los Angeles on Monday.

Cruise prices begin at $332 per person (double occupancy) for an inside cabin and $402 per person (double occupancy) for an outside cabin. And remember: this price includes all of your meals and entertainment while on board!

Prices do not include airfare or transfers to the ship but this is still a great winter getaway to savor for the next hundred years or so. We have a limited number of cabins reserved so make your reservations today! Deposits are due as soon as possible with final payment due by Nov. 1, 1999.

Call Darlene or Linda at (360) 733-1270 or 1-800-869-7065. Just mention the Western Washington University Alumni Baja Cruise in January of 2000. Got questions? Call either of the above numbers or Alumni House at 1-800-676-6885.

Hope to see you on board!
Fairhaven Grad Turns Author, Finds Past

By Kristin Marquardt

Western's Fairhaven College gave Ann Mix a springboard to discovering history through the eyes of her family.

The daughter of a man killed in World War II, Mix studied at Fairhaven from 1985-1990. The unique format of the college helped her take the preliminary steps to begin working on a book about World War II orphans as part of her education. Her second book, Lost in the Victory, co-authored by Susan Johnson Hadler, was released this year.


As a student at Western, Mix had a desire to learn about World War II, which took place while she was a child. Her father was killed in Italy while serving in the war, and she grew up with a longing to feel connected to the parent she had never known. Fairhaven allowed Mix to create a history major using her family as the background of all she was learning.

"Her family was the center, like the spoke of a wheel," said Kathryn Anderson, oral history professor.

"The first focus was on my family. Somehow learning was connected to learning about them," Mix said.

At Fairhaven, Mix studied the history that affected the lives of her family members during the times in which they lived. Tracing her family roots and learning the history along the way, she discovered that one of her ancestors is George Taylor, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

"The desire to learn about my father became stronger after I renewed connections with his family," said Mix.

Although she was raised in the same town with her great Aunt (Bakersfield's first woman doctor) and other members of her father's family, Mix was forbidden to make contact with them. In college, Mix first studied her family history which then led to study about her father personally.

Through this process, Mix earned a degree in American history. She also studied women's history and family history research in her own self-designed major.

"Ann took my class, 'The Historian as Detective,' which covers library and reference work and historical method," said professor Robert Keller. "She was an older, mature student who knew what she was after, so I guided her and encouraged her," he explained.

"Historians usually select topics that have a compelling personal interest for them. For her it was her father," Keller said.

"The main thing Fairhaven gave me was confidence and the ability to work alone. They teach you to work independently but give you a place to touch in and get criticism and encouragement," Mix said.

A desire to write about a father lost in WWII led Mix to interview other orphans and she found many had similar experiences to her own.

In the process of writing her first book, Mix recognized an additional need to form an organization to aid orphans in unresolved mourning and learning about the fathers they had lost. This led to the establishment of the American World War II Orphans Network with a detailed website (www.awon.org) designed to assist in these efforts.

"It was like a calling, an urgent need not only to investigate something in her own life, but also a very strong sense that there were other people like her that had similar needs," Anderson said.

"The network helped me to find meaning in my own life," Mix said, "It gave me contact outside of my own environment."

In appreciation for her continued efforts, a woman in the network paid to send Mix to Italy to find her father's grave. Susan Hadler accompanied Mix on the pilgrimage.

Support from orphans all over the country has given Mix the strength she has needed to accomplish both of her projects.

"I think the thing that sustains her is hearing back from other people like her, about how important it is to have such an outlet," Anderson said.

Mix believes the experience at Fairhaven gave her new ideas about historical research and a passion for uncovering the past.

"We are all historians because we constantly interact with the past," professor Keller explained. "With self-discipline we can attack and sometimes solve mysteries of the past and the whole process is satisfying and rewarding.

I think at Fairhaven she learned not to stop or give up when you hit dead ends or road blocks. They are all part of the game," he said.
1977 - Jim Eisner, who teaches math at Pilchuck High School in Marysville, is fighting a rare form of lung cancer. The Marysville community is raising money for the Jim Eisner Benefit Fund, a fund which is to celebrate his recovery.

1978 - Al Luchterman is the animal care supervisor for the Seattle Animal Control and has worked there since 1984. ... Marlene Nexany works with the welfare office in Kennwick. Nexany was appointed to the Hartford Health Effects Subcommittee, a federal codevelopment group administered by Centers for Disease Control.

1979 - Janet Simmelink is the account manager for Hawkins & Company in Seattle.

1980 - Stephen Muller is an investment representative with Edward Jones in Marysville. ... Duane Smith is the principal of Terminal Park Elementary School in the Auburn School District.

1981 - Pat Stevenson is the environmental coordinator for the Stillaquiam Tribe. Stevenson also is coordinator of the South Sound Farmacy in Olympia and co-chair of the Stillaquiam Implement and Review Committee.

1982 - Bob Carter has joined the production team of KOMO and KOMO radio stations. Carter will be responsible for producing commercials featuring local businesses.

1984 - Gordon Heimbigner is the financial analyst for Vailla Walla County. ... Julie Peterson has published "The Dark Telecommunications Dictionary", a comprehensive guide to historical and contemporary internet, wired and wireless communications. Peterson can be reached at her e-mail address: jpeterson@fabdoge.com. ... Lynn Townes has just had poetry published in "The Aardvark Adventurer," a magazine devoted to humor. Townes has been writing for over 28 years and obtains her inspiration from nature, her faith and everyday life.

1985 - Wayne Bull joined Phoenix Savings Bank in Lynnwood as controller and treasurer. ... Kathy Czokowski lives on Orcas Island and works in the special education department of the public school. ... Cale Thompson works at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at The University of Texas at Austin.

1986 - Annie (Diane) Chylla ('98) underwent kidney transplant surgery. Chylla's mother donated one of her kidneys. Chylla now works for the Cardiac Rehabilitation Center and the Kidney Center in Bellingham, where she is a founder of a new exercise program for dialysis patients.

1987 - Keith Cunningham plays the flute with the Vivaldi Quartet - performers who are all graduates of WWU. ... Craig Ransome plays the flute in the Bellingham Safeway store in Marysville. ... Laura Pierce works for the Courier Times in Sedro-Woolley.

1988 - Erin Cordy's album "Painted Door" on the Waterbug Label was released last spring. Cordy is a songwriter and a poet of the everyday, and a stylist obsessed with nature and its harmonics. She plays the flute with the Vivaldi Quartet - perform­ers who are all graduates of WWU. ... Craig Ransome plays the flute in the Bellingham Safeway store in Marysville. ... Laura Pierce works for the Courier Times in Sedro-Woolley.

1989 - Michael Durbin has been appointed as an associate of David Evans and Associates in Bellingham.
1990 – Colleen Griffin received her Mas·

1999 – Peter Frazier is the owner of

2001 – Amy Adams is a Microsoft recruiter

2002 – Stephen Poulin

2003 – Mindy Harter was promoted to vice

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2005 – a retired teacher, died on jan. 28.

2006 – John Ballard, 69, who retired from the U.S. Army, died on Feb. 7. ...

2007 – Donald Commack, 63, musician,...

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2009 – Donald Commack, 63, musician,...

2010 – Effie York Atkins, 88, a retired

2011 – Katherine Becker (40 & 42),...

2012 – a retired teacher, died on Dec. 10.

2013 – a retired teacher, died on Apr. 1.

2014 – a retired teacher, died on Apr. 1.

2015 – Edna Schimelpfenig, 91, a re­...

2016 – Edna Loyd is pursuing her elementary

2017 – a retired teacher, died on Apr. 28.

2018 – a retired teacher, died on Apr. 7.

2019 – a retired teacher, died on Apr. 19.

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2056 – a retired teacher, died on Jan. 49.

2057 – a retired teacher, died on Jan. 50.
Homecoming has had a colorful history at Western. The first was held in 1928, and during the 1930s Homecoming became a featured event on the campus social calendar. Each year, beginning in 1938, a Queen Sigrid and her court were chosen to preside over the festivities. This tradition continued through the 1960s, when the students’ concern for the image of women halted the event in 1969.

Homecoming was revived at Western in 1990 as a weekend gathering for alumni and current students, and new traditions evolved. This year’s event is slated for October 1-2, with the timeless theme “Rocks Around the Clock.” Festivities will include a bonfire, hot chocolate and brownie feed, fireworks display, Vikings football vs. the Western New Mexico Mustangs, and a decade reunion for the classes of 1970-1979. For more information, contact the Alumni House at (360) 650-3353.

Remember When?

“Ray Charles provided Westerners with a fabulous Homecoming Concert...Using the vocal instrument in all its basic intonations...forcing the listener into a strange and wonderful world where words seem inconsequential.” — 1968 Klipsun

The Famous Raspberry Homecoming Brownie

Alumni events coordinator Kristie Lundstrom created the official Homecoming brownie from scratch in 1992. It has been served and enjoyed every year since. Sunset magazine printed the recipe for the chocolate/raspberry confection in its October 1995 issue. The following is a reprint of the original version.

1999 Homecoming Schedule

Friday, October 1

7 pm: Field D- across from Fairhaven College. Homecoming 1999 begins here with a live band, watch fireworks and the traditional bonfire. Homecoming Raspberry Brownies, donuts, hot chocolate, apple cider and stuff to make S'mores will all be available.

Saturday, October 2

Alumni Scholarship Fund(d) Run/Walk at Western’s Track. Pick up registration form at Alumni House or call 650-3353 or email donna.leblonde@wwu.edu.

8:00 am: Registration

9:00 am: Race Begins

11:30 am: Before the Homecoming game begins, stop by the Alumni Tent at Civic Field for lunch.

1:30 pm: WWU Vikings vs. Western New Mexico

4 pm: Football Reunion Reception

4 pm: ’50s Decade Reunion Reception

6 pm: ’50s Decade Reunion Banquet

4:30-6:30 pm: Canada House Reception. Physical education/exercise and sport science graduates.

Look for your Official Homecoming Brochure to arrive in the mail.
In the late 1800s, a community known as New Whatcom was booming on the shores of Bellingham Bay. Families had been lured to the area by the promise of new opportunity and prosperity. Most came by boat or by train. Abundant resources had encouraged the development of mills, canneries and coal mines as major sources of income.

At the same time, an awareness of educational needs was gripping the nation. As the concept of compulsory public schooling spread across the country, there was an increasing call for qualified and competent teachers. To fill this gap, most notably in the western states, "Normal Schools" began to be established as teacher training facilities.

In 1893, Washington state Governor John H. McGraw signed legislation to create a publicly funded Normal School in the town of New Whatcom (which eventually joined with Fairhaven to become Bellingham). The "main building" was constructed in 1896, but it was three years before additional funding was available to open the critically needed teacher's academy in the fall of 1899. When the first quarter finally did begin, 88 students (mostly women) rushed to take their seats in the new classrooms, with enrollment reaching more than 200 that year.

Over time the school blossomed. The first Bachelor of Arts degrees were conferred in 1933. In 1937 the school's name was changed to Western Washington State College of Education and enrollment reached 983. The ever-expanding emphasis on liberal arts encouraged a further change to Western Washington State College in 1961. In 1977, Western Washington officially became a university housing five colleges: Fairhaven; Huxley; Arts and Sciences; Fine and Performing Arts; and Business and Economics.

In 1989, the University's School of Education became Woodring College after Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus Paul Woodring.

In 1993, Western celebrated Founder's Day to honor the signing of its original charter. This year we celebrate our Centennial, as 1999-2000 marks the 100th anniversary of the first academic year. These commemorative pages offer a glimpse at Western's rich history in a series of photos and personal memories. All are welcome to join our year-long celebration which will take place on campus and throughout the larger community.
"Days when off-campus board and room: 2 in a room, poor cots. Costs $18.50 every 4 weeks. Bath water sometimes once a week. Locations: swanky High street, Garden street."

-Eva Ednah Martin (1912, 1919, 1923)

"I lived in Mathes Hall with a fourth floor bay view. So that was pretty sweet, to go away to school and have this great view."

- Diane Bates ('74)

"I think there were about 4,000 students at Western in 1966. Girls couldn't wear jeans or pants on campus before four o'clock in the afternoon, so we were still in that era."

- Lynda Goodrich ('66 & '73), current WWU Athletic Director.

The big change came with the G.I. Bill, and there actually was a period of married student housing on campus, which would probably shock a lot of students today.

- Chris Friday, Professor of History

"Once President Fisher arrives in 1923, you begin to see explosive changes in Western's curriculum... There were long and serious debates about what a teacher should know in a modern time."

- Dr. Larry DeLorme, Professor Emeritus

"I came to Western for Huxley, and for the scenery. I learned how to sail so I could go to the islands. All the students met with the professors in the mountains at the beginning of the year. It was beautiful."

-Roxanne Michael ('75)
"Western has instilled in me the understanding that 'you're not the only one.' With all the benefits your community, your society, your country and your school give you, you also have to give back. It made me aware that there are areas where I can make a difference."

- Sarah Stoves, Associated Students President 1998-99

"The Fairhaven experience, and its attachment to the larger university at Western, still remains a unique educational experience... I think the 'ah-ha!' for me was the power of creating my own degree and being given the opportunity to understand how the threads of my interests fit together and make that into something that was coherent to me and to people outside of my head."

- Jackie McClure ('80)

"Romney Gibson ('77) is the Creative Services Director at KVOS-TV in Bellingham. This past spring she wrote and produced a Centennial video for Western, along with the generous support of station manager David Reid, a member of The Western Foundation's board of directors.

"Having gone to school and taught at Western, it was very thrilling to be involved in this historic project," she said. "It was also a huge responsibility and a long and complicated process. I spent hours with the photos, and quotes and footage to provide an accurate portrait of Western."

Gibson received an M.A. in Special Education from Western and went on to teach for 15 years before becoming a freelance writer and eventually joining the staff at KVOS. She says her fondest memory of Western is also her first memory. "I came up here not knowing anything about Bellingham except that there was a volcano that might erupt (Mt. Baker). Max Higby met with me and immediately asked 'How can we accommodate you at Western?' He even promised me the mountain would not erupt while I was a student. It is that personal, Northwest caring focus that makes Western so special," Gibson recalled.

The video will be available for viewing and purchase at a variety of Centennial and Alumni events throughout the year.
Big plans are underway for decade reunions during the 1999-2000 academic year as Western celebrates 100 years!

To help you, our loyal alumni, plan your visit back to campus, below are the dates:

**Class Years** | **Reunion Dates**
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1949 and earlier | September 17, 1999.
1950–1959 | October 1 & 2, 1999. (This coincides with Homecoming Weekend.)
1980–1989 | May 26 & 27, 2000. (This coincides with 30th Annual Week of the Arts with major Mainstage production and nightly concerts)

Fairhaven College has scheduled an all-school reunion for May 12-14, 2000.

Huxley College of Environmental Studies will celebrate its 30th anniversary with a reunion on April 28-29, 2000.

For the latest calendar updates and additions, visit our website at:

[www.wwu.edu/events/eventview](http://www.wwu.edu/events/eventview)
Viking Football Tackles Big Year

Coming off two consecutive 5-5 seasons, Western football enters its second year in NCAA Division II with experience on both sides of the ball and a talented set of newcomers.

Leading an offense which returns eight starters is junior receiver Ben Clamptit (71-1288, 10 TD), who ranked third in NCAA II in receiving yards (128.8 avg.) and seventh in receptions, earning first-team all-West Region honors. Senior tight end Ben Fairbanks (49-531, 6 TD) also returns as Western has four of its top five receivers back. The running game will be bolstered by the addition of JC All-American tailback Giorgio Usai, who ran for 2,473 yards for Yuba College last year.

Quarterback is up for grabs between junior returnee J.T. De Mese, who threw for 267 yards as a backup last season, and Scott Mitchell, a sophomore transfer from Eastern Washington. The offensive line returns four starters, led by second-team all Columbia Football Association junior tackle Nick McClain.

Six starters return on defense, led by sophomore defensive back Erik Totten, who had 53 tackles and broke up six passes last year, and second-team all-CFA junior strong safety Marty Juergens.

The Vikings, who were 3-2 in the CFA last year, have won two league titles, reached post-season play four times and had just one losing season under head coach Rob Smith, who enters his 11th season.

"At the quarterly meeting of the student body it was voted that all persons injured in Normal athletics should in the future receive financial aid from the Students' Association. Our student body is to be commended for its willingness to lend aid to those who spent their time and energy for the name of our school." ~ The Messenger, December 1914

Western Baseball has Secret Place in Kingdome Lore

On June 27, the Seattle Mariners played their final baseball game in the Kingdome. The Mariners may end baseball's 22-season indoor run in the Northwest, but few people realize that they didn't play the first game under the dome.

The M's debut against the California Angels on April 6, 1977 was the first major-league game, but the first Kingdome baseball game was a college contest four days earlier.

On April 2, Western Washington University faced Seattle University in a non-publicized, almost secret, dry run for the Kingdome. The Chieftains notched a 12-0 victory in the game, which gave stadium personnel a chance to work out the kinks prior to Opening Day.

Most of the impetus for the game came from Seattle University and the famed O'Brien basketball twins. Johnny O'Brien was the first employee of the Kingdome, while his brother Eddie was the Chieftains' athletic director.

"Johnny wanted to do a dress rehearsal and wanted to know if we would move a game," said Eddie O'Brien. "We already had a game scheduled with Western for about that time, so we moved that one."

Only about 100 fans, mostly parents, were allowed to see the contest, but the game was fully staffed by ushers, scoreboard operators and other personnel. Everything was run as if a true game were being played, right down to public address announcements, the grounds crew grooming the infield in the fifth inning, batting averages updated on the scoreboard for every at-bat, and the post-game traffic.

"We were treated like major league," said Western outfielder Dave Storrer (Anacortes High graduate), who tripled in the game. "But we sure weren't major league."

The beginning of the Kingdome came near the end of baseball history for both schools. Western discontinued its baseball program in 1981. Seattle University dropped the sport in 1986.
Campus Connections

Distinguished Lecture Series

By Kristin Marquardt

Acclaimed historian and biographer Doris Kearns Goodwin captivated her audience as the final speaker in the 1998-1999 Distinguished Lecture Series at Western in April.

The winner of a Pulitzer Prize for her book, " metastasizes to the Home Front," is a distinguished lecturer at Western this year. Goodwin used her lecture to discuss "The Art of Biography." Her additional works include "The Agitator and The Kennedy's: An American Saga" and "Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream." She says her most recent book, "We Tell Our Stories," stands as a tribute to her parents.

Goodwin believes her career training began when she was six years old. At that time, her father taught her to keep score during baseball games. She launched into writing biographies by helping Lyndon Johnson compile his memoirs. Kearns spoke about Johnson and the civil rights movement, then moved her audience to Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt's deep concern for the people during his presidency, especially in the war years.

Using her gifts for detail and prose, Goodwin explained how the presidents of the past mobilized the country and influenced the will of the people to accomplish morally correct courses of action.

Finally, Goodwin assured her listeners that the private and public figures of the past "can and do live, so long as we tell and retell the stories of their lives."

External Affairs Welcomes Three

By Kristin Marquardt

Western welcomed three new faces in the external affairs offices this spring.

Tanya Kerstiens is the new Media Coordinator for Western's Public Information Office. Publicizing Western's Centennial year events has kept her busy since her arrival in March. "It's an exciting time to join Western," she said.

Her previous position as an award-winning reporter for the Bellingham Herald and feature section brought her to Western's campus frequently. "I always loved doing stories about Western," Kerstiens said. She has enjoyed working with the faculty, staff and students at Western and greatly admires their dedication to learning.

John Dlouhy stepped in as the new Special Events Coordinator in April. He came to Western from Evergreen State College where he served as the conferences coordinator. Dlouhy's job is to make sure that all of the annual activities such as the Distinguished Lecture Series and special presidents' events run smoothly.

New Administrators Named

By Kristin Marquardt

John D. Warner, senior vice president and chief administrative officer of The Boeing Company, has been appointed by Governor Gary Locke to Western Washington University's board of trustees. Warner replaces trustee Charlie Earl, appointed in 1997, who has resigned after being named Everett Community College president.

At Boeing, Warner is responsible for management of the Boeing Executive Council and assists the chairman in working with the aerospace company's board of directors. He is additionally responsible for administration of company policies and strategic planning, as well as relations with the community, educational institutions and industry organizations.

Natalie Quick, a junior with a public relations major and a political science minor, was appointed by Governor Gary Locke as Western's eighth member of the board of trustees for 1999-2000. The second student appointed to a one-year term, Quick refers to herself as "passionate about public education."

Andrew R. Bodman has been named provost and vice president for academic affairs at Western. He succeeds Roland L. De Lorme.

Bodman previously served as the University of Vermont's senior vice provost with broad responsibilities for academic affairs, strategic planning and budgeting, including construction of the university's $149 million general fund budget. He has also served as provost for undergraduate education and vice provost for research and was appointed interim dean of the Graduate College in 1997.

Marvin Klein has been named dean of Woodring College of Education at Western. He replaces Lawrence Harrington, who served as the college's dean since 1984 and is now executive director of a consortium expanding higher education facilities in Skagit, North Snohomish and Island counties.

Klein is not new to the dean's position. He preceded Marrs as Woodring dean and has also served as chair of the Education Department. He has chaired the education administration program since 1993. While teaching at Western, he has specialized in reading, language arts, psychological and educational administration.

A search for a permanent dean will be initiated in fall 2000.

Careers in Technology

By Kristin Marquardt

Today's complex computer networking requirements underlie the growing need for Microsoft Certified System Engineers (MCSE). Almost every business, government and public organization utilize networks. The numbers here and abroad continue to explode.

In a joint partnership, Western and Pacific Internet Education (PIE) have combined their resources to make MCSE training available online.

In order to get MCSE Certified, individuals must pass a series of tests to ensure knowledge and skill. Preparation for these tests is done through four courses and two comprehensive exams with instructors. The cost of the program is $2450. For more information call (360) 650-6854.

Memoriams

By Kristin Marquardt

Mildred O. Benjamin died April 14 in Stanwood at the age of 89. She worked at Western in academic affairs for 19 years.

Arla Fry Gwyn Campbell of Bellingham died April 29. She was 73. She worked as music librarian at Western until retiring in 1972.

Anita Floy Gwyn Campbell of Bellingham died April 29. She was 73. She worked at Western for 14 years in various offices.
Investments in Excellence

Contributions to Western Reach All-Time High

Private contributions in support of Western Washington University reached $5.6 million during 1998-99, the highest amount ever contributed in a single year. The total also marks the third consecutive year that private gifts to The Western Foundation have exceeded $5 million, and marks a 12% increase in total giving from the previous year.

The number of donors also reached an all-time high, with 9,275 alumni, friends, corporations, foundations and organizations making gifts. The Western Foundation sincerely thanks all who made this year record possible. A list of those who made contributions of $100 or more can be found in the Honor Roll of Private Support beginning on page 16.

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Major Gifts Provide Funding for Unique Projects

During the 1998-99 fiscal year, more than 9,200 donors made a contribution to Western. Listed below are examples of various ways donors made a difference at Western last year:

- $100,000 from the Stuart Foundation to prepare students entering the field of Human Services
- A significant gift from Seattle art patrons Bagley and Virginia Wright to add a Bruce Nauman work to Western's Outdoor Sculpture Collection
- More than $500,000 in software from Wall Data to benefit the Computer Science and Political Science departments

Every gift, regardless of size, has an immediate impact at Western Washington University. For information on different giving options, including planned gifts, scholarships or annual gifts, please contact The Western Foundation at (360) 650-3027.

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Alumni Lead Way in Phonathon Support

Thanks to the generosity of more than 7,600 alumni, parents and friends, the 1998-99 Annual Phonathon generated $414,000 for WWU’s colleges, academic departments and programs. This marks the third consecutive year of record participation in the Phonathon and a 16% rise in contributions from the 1997-98 fiscal year. Alumni led the way, with more than 5,000 graduates making a gift.

Beginning next month and continuing through April, students from the Western phonathon team will be calling once again to ask for your support. If you are a donor, we thank you for continuing your partnership with your alma mater. If you are not a recent contributor, we hope you will take the opportunity to make a commitment during Western’s Centennial celebration. By making a gift this year, you are recognizing 100 years of academic excellence and celebrating the future of higher education in Washington.

When a Western student calls, please be generous. As always, you may direct your pledge to the WWU college, program, department or scholarship of your choice. Or, you can choose to designate your gift to the Campus Enrichment Fund that supports the most pressing needs of the university. Whichever program you choose to support, Western students benefit.

New Officers Lead Foundation Board of Directors

James J. Doud, retired executive vice president of the Matthew G. Norton Company, has been elected to a two-year term as President of The Western Foundation Board of Directors, succeeding Richard R. Haggen whose term expired in June. Haggen, co-chairman of Haggen, Inc., will remain on the board as Past President. The board of directors is composed of 31 voting members and five ex-officio members. All voting directors are non-compensated volunteers, each lending his or her expertise and time to benefit the University.

Joining Doud and Haggen on the Executive Committee of the board are Vice President Dr. Ralph Rinne, Bellingham physician; Treasurer Bruce R. Shelton (62), senior vice president, Salomon Smith Barney; Secretary Frank "Moose" Zuirne ('50) marketing director, EcoWaste Solutions Group; President Emeritus F. Murray "Red" Haskell, president, Haskell Corporation, and members-at-large Skip Rowley, CEO, Bowerly Enterprises; James Talbot, president, Talbot Investment Company; and Peggy Zoro, district president, Key Bank.

New members of the board include Gary Goodman, manager, TOSCO Refinery; Tony Larson ('88), publisher, Pulse Publications; and Dale Shintaffer, president, Sound Beverage.
The Western Foundation

1998-99 Honor Roll of Private Support

The Western Foundation is pleased to recognize the generous private financial support received during the 1998-99 giving year. Gifts to enhance Western Washington University programs totaled an all-time high of $5.6 million and were received from a record 9,275 donors. This Honor Roll of Private Support recognizes donors who made gifts to The Western Foundation between July 1, 1998 and June 30, 1999.

Private support enables Western to become the very best by providing greater academic opportunities for Western students and improved teaching resources for faculty. Every dollar makes a difference. Gifts from alumni, parents, friends, businesses, corporations and foundations ensure Western's continued commitment to academic excellence.

Donors listed in this year's Honor Roll contributed amounts of $100 or greater during the past fiscal year. Although this publication's limited size prevents printing the names of all donors, The Western Foundation gratefully acknowledges the importance and significant difference of all gifts.

President's Club Levels of Participation

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Providing Opportunities for Western Students

Since 1985, the President's Club has served Western Washington University as the most generous source of annual private support. Gifts from President's Club members benefit the Campus Enrichment Program, the most pressing needs of the University, or are designated to assist a particular college, department or program. Every area of campus life is enriched by gifts received from President's Club members, from scholarships and academic programs to the performing arts.

With 675 members, the President's Club is Western's most prestigious giving club. President's Club members continually answer the call for Western, creating exciting opportunities and fulfilling many of the University's greatest needs. We salute those who make so much more possible for WWU faculty and students and thank them for their continued support.

To learn how to become a President's Club member, contact The Western Foundation at 360-692-3612.
The Old Main Society

Just as annual gifts satisfy many of Western's immediate funding needs, planned gifts help ensure a stable resource of future funding for the university. Old Main Society membership begins once documentation has been completed naming Western as a beneficiary through a bequest, trust, life income gift, or other planned gift.

OLD MAIN SOCIETY

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