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WWU family ties span many generations

Legacy: (n) (1) A gift by will; (2) Something received, as from an ancestor or predecessor; (3) Something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past (the legacy of the ancient philosophers)

As Western celebrates its 100th year as a learning institution, hundreds of families can also celebrate a very special family tradition.

It's a true legacy of learning at Western Washington University, transmitted through the generations, from grandparents, aunts, uncles, parents, cousins, spouses and even godmothers.

"I always knew that I was supposed to live in Bellingham and go to school there," says Sharon Gerde, a 1998 marketing graduate and Camas native. Her twin sister Barbara, older sister Carla and parents (Helen Haugen and Robert Gerde) share the blue and white tradition.

"Our family has a common bond that we all share," adds Trisha Chick, a 1991 graduate who followed dad Gary Moore ('63) and mom Mary Lou (Pripp) Moore to Western and whose husband Stacy Chick ('92) and brother Chris ('95) hold bachelor's degrees from Western. Both Gary and Chris Moore were four-year letter men in football.

Although records on alumni families were not kept in the early years and are difficult to parse even today, there's no doubt that Western's frequent appearance in family photo albums stretches back to the earliest years.

Karen Hulford ('69) counts four generations of Western alumni in her family. It all began with her grandmother, the late Sara Bras Weihe who attended the New Whatcom State Normal School in 1914 or 1915 to become a teacher. The family link ends - at least for now - with son Scott Hulford who got his math degree in August 1998.

"It was just assumed we would go to college," Karen Hulford says. "I mean, there wasn't any doubt and there's no place better than Western. ... I never had any desire to go anywhere else. It never occurred to me."

The legacy of learning is in Jack, Bob, Paul and Tom Bowman's family as well. And in the Runestrands', Faires', Rankins', Hartstras' and Grahams' ....

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Point of View

It was a very special evening, Convocation 1999, when we officially began the celebration of Western’s Centennial and initiated our second century.

Following a welcoming ceremony, new students marched up a candle-lit Memory Walk - between rows of returning students, faculty, staff and alumni - to place slips of paper on which they had written a hope, dream or goal in a time capsule. There they will join mementos from the graduating classes of 1999.

Joining in greeting this Centennial class were specially invited alumni proudly garbed in academic dress and wearing sashes with their class years, ranging from 1927 to 1957. They stood in place of more than 100,000 Western alumni who have carried their Western education first to the classrooms of a new state, then into ever-widening endeavors: the arts and sciences, business, community service, environmental enhancement, fine and performing arts, technology.

It was a touching ceremony. Our heritage of achievement, symbolized by those alumni, was linked in handshakes and embraces to our alumni of the future: freshmen in the last class of the 20th century, who will repeat that Memory Walk as graduates in the 21st century; students in the last class of this millennium, who will graduate in the next millennium.

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Accent on Alumni

LaBarge and Metzger-Levin named student athletes of the century

By Jim Carberry

One of the most amazing athletic careers in the history of Western almost didn’t happen.

After completing an All-America football career at Western, Peter LaBarge (’90) tried out for two NFL teams. It could have been the start of a successful professional career. Instead, he was cut.

“It was hard to swallow,” LaBarge said 10 years later.

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Grist of Goldsmith

By Chris Goldsmith, Alumni Director

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Bill tells all that Western and the education he received provided him with many opportunities later in life. Today, he is giving back to Western.

I am thankful we got to know him on a more personal level. Bill is 60 plus years old. He hits the ball long and straight. If you play golf with Bill, you are humbled. If you know and talk with Bill and hear his story, you are humbled still.

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Class Notes

1959 - Fred Spencer retired as vice president of Dillingham Construction in Hawaii. Spencer and his wife, Delores, celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary in July.

1961 - Bob Poldervert is deputy superintendent in the Auburn School District. Poldervert has served in this position for 22 years.


1969 - John Mollan retired from teaching in the Evergreen Public School District after 30 years. Mollan's future plans include the publication of two non-fiction works.

1967 - Terry Gastedahl has been working at the UW for the past 12 years and recently accepted a new position as the public relations coordinator for university relations, UW Alumni Association. Rebecca Mirabella was named the Linn County Educator of the Year in the Cedar Rapids Community School District.

1973 - Diane Mae Johnson, a mezzo-soprano, participated in Celebration of Song, a concert featuring selections from Brahms, opera arias and Negro spirituals to honor the Farmworkers of Skagit County. Susan L. Bligh lives in Baltimore and runs an Internet design business. Zabar co-authored "Judism Online: Confronting Spirituality on the Internet" and can be reached at her e-mail address: sue@zabaruk.com.

1974 - Douglas Massey was recently chosen to serve as president of the American Sociological Association, assuming his role as president in August 2000. Massey is currently chair of the sociology department at the University of Pennsylvania. Massey has written books and has been published in several journals and has been honored with the Distinguished Publication Award from the ASA, the Otis Dudley Duncan Award, and the Critics' Choice Award of the American Educational Studies Association.

1976 - Jay Gottlieb has been named by Gov. George Pataki to the board of directors of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority where he will serve in the economist seat on the board. Gottlieb is a senior manager in the research department of the New York Mercantile Exchange where his prime interest centers on commodity markets for coal, emissions allowances and other energy issues including natural gas and petroleum. John Lundy (77 MA) has been admitted to a doctoral candidate in forensic pathology at the University of Sheffield in the UK. Marcha Machin recently retired as a U.S. Navy squadron commander. Machin's final tour was as department head for the Naval Postgraduate School and Naval War College. Machin's final assignment included multiple tours flying the P-3 "Orion" and graduation from the Naval Postgraduate School and Naval War College. Machin's final tour was as department head for the Naval Postgraduate School National Security and Special Operations curriculum. Machin is married to Diane Adrian Machin, a 1978 WWU graduate, and has joined the management team of Machin's Fine Foods to outstanding local educators. She has been a special-education teacher for 15 years. John Sitkin and his wife, Shari Mays, had a baby boy, Logan Evans Sitkin, in February.

1978 - Emily Nordin Storlind was named master of arts degree in art therapy from Maryhurst University in June 1999. Storlind is working at the Samaritan Hospital in Salem, Ore., as a program therapist doing art therapy with children and adolescents. Todd Wong, (’94 MBA), works for Citizens Importers in Bellingham with the accounting and marketing departments.

1980 - Matthew Maury joined American Leprosy Mission as director of community health ministries. Maury will be working to help communities develop spiritual, social and economic programs to assist people affected by leprosy. Dennis Osborn was named employee of the month for April in Bellingham by the Bellingham City Council and the mayor. Brad Robertson has joined the management team of Southern Alaska Forwarding and will oversee sales, marketing, rating and office duties in Kodiak. Susan Mary Wilson received her Ph.D. in curriculum and philosophy from Clemson University in South Carolina.

1981 - Rick Gantman is the assistant superintendent of the Mt. Baker School District.

1991 - Roger Ford was promoted to assistant vice president and commercial loan officer at Peoples Bank of Lynden. Eric Schuman graduated from Gonzaga University School of Law and recently opened a law practice in downtown Seattle. His practice will emphasize criminal defense.

1993 - Amy Mangum recently passed the American Planning Association's national certification exam. Mangum has served as the head planner for the city of Lynden for the last six years. Jeffrey Tindal received a juris doctorate from the Seattle University School of Law. Tindal was in the top 20 percent of his class.

1994 - Abigail Lynam received a M.S. in environmental science from Antioch-New England. Lynam works for Gaia Education Outreach Institute half of the year and the other half with International Sustainable Communities. Lynam can be reached by e-mail at flm@hotmail.com. Rick Reichert, formerly of the Pacific Science Center, has joined the Seattle Symphony as its new fund coordinator. Reichert oversees direct mail, telefundraising campaigns and donor cultivation.

1995 - Wesley Smith is the owner of WA Smith Woodworks, a fine-furniture company in Bellingham. Steven Snodgrass is the manager and assistant vice president of U.S. Bank's Lynden center. Snodgrass has been with the former Safeco Bank for five years.

1995 - Sarah Williamson obtained a departmental scholarship to Johns Hopkins Medical Illustration Program in the Medical School. She was one of six people accepted for fall of 1999.

1996 - Shawn Alexander graduated with a juris doctorate from the Seattle University School of Law. Kevin Bloomberg graduated with a juris doctorate from the Seattle University School of Law. Bloomberg has accepted employment with the law firm of Reich and Weston in Cleveland. Charity Curley works for the Conde Nast Publications as the assistant editor to the chief of staff Magazine. Heather Martel Nobrega received her doctor of jurisprudence degree from Willamette University College of Law. Joel Todd is the health and beauty buyer for Haggen, Inc.

1997 - Erin Griderly is working on her master's degree in forensic entomology at Louisiana State University.

1999 - Emily Brummel was promoted to general merchandise buyer at Haggen, Inc.

Memorials

1920 - Alice Johnson, 56, a retired teacher, died July 22.

1923 - Margarette McKeon, 95, a retired busineswoman, died June 2.

1934 - Joe Betti, 86, a retired businesswoman, died June 4.


1939 - Elizabeth Faulkner King, 81, a retired teacher, died June 12.

1946 - Clarence Henderson, 80, a retired engineer, teacher and minister, died Feb. 17.

1949 - Louis Orth, 73, a retired principal in the Issaquah School District, died May 31.

1950 - Gordon Smith, 72, retired principal from the Edmonds School District and former director of the Western Foundation, died June 30.

1951 - June Mills, 82, a retired teacher, died Aug. 17.

1952 - Keith Morgan, (M.D.) ’69, retired teacher, died May 17.

1953 - Vivian Gunterman, 95, a retired teacher, died July 7. Richard Peterson, 72, a retired WWU Librarian, died July 6.

1957 - Evangeline Gilbert, 85, a retired teacher, died Feb. 5.

1959 - Ann Solland Lauch, 61, died on May 28.


1962 - Evangeline Elder, 60, a retired teacher, died June 24.

1963 - Ruth Roundy, 85, a retired special education teacher, died June 28.


1971 - Dorisowlie McDaniell Costor, 70, a retired teacher, died May 17.


1979 - Dougall Ballard, 53, a K12 district superintendent in Whatcom County, died Oct. 31.


Faculty, Staff, Friends

Monica C. Gutcho, 69, a retired assistant professor of theater arts, died July 11.

Arthur Kimmell, 68, a retired director of International Programs and Exchanges, died Aug. 29.

Genevieve Cleessen, Wooding secretary, died in mid-August.

Weddings


1993 - Mary Ann Corrigan and Damon Masters on April 10. Faith Freeman (’98 MBA) and Benjamin Miller (’96) on April 10.

1996 - Sonnet Blankenship and Traci Weaver on April 10.

1997 - Sarah Schroeder and Martin Kujala on April 10.


1999 - Shauna Salmonson and Brandon Thomas April 23.

1999 - Sabrina Swaan and Sean Dukes on July 10.

Jenelle Gallacher (’97) married Jeff Huber (’96) on Aug. 21. In addition to Jenelle and Jeff being alumni, both set with their partner's minds engaged, love in a way that's more intense. Jenelle's parents are David and Shelle (Johnson) Huber and Jenelle's parents are Cary and Carol (Patterson) Gallacher.
Accent on Alumni
Alumni House gets a makeover

By Mary Ann Harrington

The Alumni House just got a facelift and does she look grand!

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Remembering Whatcom Creek

Last summer's tragic pipeline explosion at Whatcom Creek touched Western Washington University's family as much as any in the Bellingham community.

One of the three youths who died in the June 10 explosion caused by a gasoline pipeline rupture, Liam Wood, was to be a student at Western in the fall. The parents and family of the other two boys, Wade King and Stephen Tsiorvas, have close ties to Western as well.

In the aftermath of the calamity, many alumni, faculty and staff members have joined in a community-wide effort to help nature repair itself and to remember those who died. From Bellingham Mayor Mark Asmundson ('76), who has called for stricter regulations to ensure public safety, to Bellingham musician Tim McHugh ('91) who helped organize and performed in a benefit concert, the Western family has extended a helping hand.

In September, the Center for Pacific Northwest Studies sponsored a day of remembrance for Whatcom Creek and launched a wide-ranging program to pull together the community's collective memories of the creek before, during and after the disaster.

The center began collecting oral histories, written documents, artwork, maps, photos and videos that reflect the community's historical and contemporary experiences in and around the creek.

Theresa Trebon ('94), who studied under Faithaven professors Robert Keller and Kathryn Anderson, was selected to conduct the oral histories. Trebon has conducted numerous oral history projects through her Skagit Valley business, Continuum History & Research.

A day-long program at the Bellingham public library on Sept. 18 also featured a presentation on the history of Whatcom Creek by Tim Wahl ('76), the Greenways program coordinator for the Bellingham parks and recreation department.

WWU athletes graduating at much faster rates

Western Washington University student-athletes are graduating at rates higher than their fellow Western students and higher than those of competing institutions, an NCAA report says.

According to the 1999 NCAA Graduation Rate Reports, 86 percent of Western student-athletes who received athletic-based financial aid upon entering as freshmen in the 1992-93 academic year graduated within six years. That percentage far exceeds the national NCAA Division II average of 50 percent, the 16-school Pacific West Conference average of 55 percent and the Washington state schools (public and private Division I, II, III) average of 59 percent.

"From the academic perspective, these graduation rates are significant," said Ronald Riggins, Western's faculty athletic representative. "Western can take pride in the achievements of its student-athletes, the vast majority of whom personify the NCAA ideal of both athlete and scholar."

When the figures are expanded to include incoming freshmen from the previous year, Western remains the PacWest leader, with 67 percent of student-athletes entering in 1991-92 or 1992-93 graduating, a figure matched by Western Oregon University.

Western also had the highest graduation rates for the overall student body, with 63 percent of all 1992-93 incoming freshmen graduating within six years.

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For more information, contact Alumni House at (800) 676-6885 or alumni@wwu.edu
Weihes/Hulfords sent four generations here

When Scott Hulford decided to go after a bachelor's degree, the school he would choose “wasn't even a second thought,” he said.

His mother, Karen Hulford, got her chemistry degree from Western in 1969. His grandfather, Robert H. Weihe, got his teaching credentials at Western in 1940 and a master's degree in 1950.

His great-grandmother, the late Sara (Bras) Weihe, started the tradition in 1914 when the New Whatcom State Normal School certified her as a teacher.

Hulford recalls that after serving four years in the U.S. Navy, he wanted to go “home” to Bellingham where he grew up and that he wanted to go to a four-year college. Western was conveniently located and inexpensive.

But convenience wasn't the only consideration. Keeping the family legacy going for a fourth generation was also a factor.

“There was a certain degree of loyalty, I guess,” says Hulford, a 1998 alumnus who now works as a police lieutenant.

Officially finished his studies; Frederick Weihe Jr. (40, 48, 54), Karen's uncle and a retired school principal; Fred Weihe III, who got his geology degree in the 1960s; and Karen's nephew, Anthony Sova, who received a computer science degree in the 1980s.

“I never had any desire to go anywhere else, said Karen Hulford, who has established a scholarship endowment in chemistry in honor of her grandmother. “I just don't remember giving it any thought. I just knew I wanted to get a degree in chemistry. I mean there wasn't any doubt and there's no place better than Western.”

Karen lived at home in Bellingham during her years at Western. Her father was happy to drive her to his alma mater on his way to work, dropping her off at Haggard Hall, which had been built after he had received his degree.

Her son Scott lived on his own and drove himself to his classes on a motorcycle. But he still kept in touch with his mom about classes and professors.

“Once she knew I was in a chemistry class, she was ‘Is Professor So-and-So there? ’ ... I ran into quite a few of her professors,” Scott said. Both mother and son took chemistry from George Kriz and Gary Lampman.

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Hulford's grandparents were pioneers in Bellingham at the turn of the century, where they met and married. Their first daughter, Mary Mehl, was the first to attend the Normal School where she received her teaching degree in 1920.

But convenience wasn't the only reason the Grandchildren of Grandparents were influencing their grandchildren to attend Western.

When she went to Western in 1969, “I never had any desire to go anywhere else.” said Karen Hulford, who has established a scholarship endowment in chemistry in honor of her grandmother. “I just don't remember giving it any thought. I just knew I wanted to get a degree in chemistry. I mean there wasn't any doubt and there's no place better than Western.”

Karen lived at home in Bellingham during her years at Western. Her father was happy to drive her to his alma mater on his way to work, dropping her off at Haggard Hall, which had been built after he had received his degree.

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"It was the best of both worlds," said Lenicka (’78), who lived in the Kappa residence hall for her first two years and whose family remains one of the largest group of related alumni at Western.

"We think Western is a wonderful school," added Marjorie Faires, who kept up a weekly correspondence with each of her children attending Western in the 1960s and ’70s.

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The first generation of the Rankin family who walked through Old Main included, from left, Leland and Linnea (Rosendahl) Rankin, as well as Estelle Rankin. Dorothy Rankin Keck and Eloise Rankin Morris.

The second generation of Rankins to attend Western includes Doug Rankin, right, son of Leland and Linnea, and Ruth (Soderstrom) Rankin, left, who married Loren.

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Hartstra's grandparents were pioneers in Bellingham at the turn of the century, and her mother, Margaret (Kruhoffer) Mehl, was the first to attend the Normal School for teacher training in the early 1900s.

Mehl later moved to California, but her children, George and June, followed in their mother's footsteps and became teachers after getting degrees from Western Washington College of Education in 1956 and 1952, respectively. (George's wife, Jan (Bumpers) Mehl is also an education alumna of the class of 1956.)

It wasn't a straight path from high school to Western for the young June Mehl, although she had her family in Bellingham and visited them every summer of her youth, June began her college education at San Jose State in 1950 and a year later at the University of Oregon, west of her hometown. "It was small and you had a lot of individual time with your instructors. You weren't just a face in a sea."

All four of her children graduated from college with master's and doctorate degrees, but only son Brinton Scott attended Western to keep the legacy going. Scott, who works as an attorney in Beijing, China, received his bachelor's degree in economics in 1990 but also studied German, French and Chinese at Western and taught English for a time in China.

"He always appreciated the education he got from Western because that gave him the footing to go on," says Hartstra. "We're really a family at Western, all the way down." Loren Rankin's family has a similarly strong presence among teachers in training at Western.

Rankin, a former Naval officer and Seattle school administrator who owns a property and timber management firm, came from a prominent Bellingham family who sent several members of each generation to Western since the 1920s.

"Not all of them graduated, but the Western experience was an integral part of their lives," he said.

His parents, Leland and Linnea (Rosendahl) Rankin, attended in the 1920s for teacher training. Leland Rankin (24, '27) was elected president of the student governing body, then called the Board of Control, during spring quarter 1922. He played as a center on the school's basketball team and was a left-handed pitcher on the baseball team. He later coached baseball on campus for Sam Carver.

His mother's sister, Evangeline (Rosendahl) Bond (40, '42), attended five quarters to be a certified teacher and librarian.

His paternal aunts H. Eloise (Rosendahl) Keck, all attended Western. Eloise ('32, '38), earned 15 letters in athletics, playing badminton, speedball and handball.

In his generation, Loren counts himself, his sister Sara (Rankin) Lubrano and a cousin, Charles Bond, in the Western family because they all attended the campus school. Sara also attended several quarters at Western during her training to become a registered nurse. Loren, who received his bachelor's degree in education in 1950 and a master's in administration ('53), also met his future wife, Ruth (Soderstrom) Rankin, while attending Western.

Loren was a vice president of the Associated Women Students in 1948, a homecoming princess and worked on the university's 50th anniversary celebration. She has the bookkeeper's license for the family business.

Loren was vice president of student body and the master of ceremonies for many assemblies on campus. He worked with student elections and a faculty budget group.

"Many of these experiences paved the way for future ease in handling educational and business opportunities after graduation," he said.

Like the Rankins, Western families headed by teacher-couples who met on campus are a big part of the legacy of learning.

Three of four brothers in the Bowman family met their future wives at Western.

"Bob and I both married girls from Western," says Jack Bowman, a retired pharmaceutical executive who got his degree in education in 1954, referring to his brother Bob.

Jack's wife JoAnn Hoyt and Bob's wife Audrey Adams were roommates at the YWCA.

Audrey ('54) said she met Bob Bowman ('53) while the two were working on campus publications in Old Main. After marriage and graduation, Audrey and Bob Bowman spent 30 years working as teachers and school administrators in Watsonville, California.

Another brother, Paul (1956), a manufacturing representative in Oregon, also met his future wife Linda (Larson) at Western, but not exactly on campus. Paul was working as an elevator operator at a building, helping with other women's dormitory, Linda Larson was living there at the time.

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Top athletes of the century

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Western men’s soccer coach Kevin Quinn. “But he was great in two sports.

“He wasn’t the fastest or the most agile, but he was a great athlete who didn’t like to lose. And whatever he puts his mind to, he excels at. He deserves the honor.”

LaBarge’s football career alone might have made him a candidate for athlete of the century honors. He was the only player in Western football history to be named to the all-century team at two positions - the first-team punter and second-team kicker.

“Pete was a great kicker and a great punter,” said Terry Todd, who has coached Western kickers and punters the past 13 years. “The sport is so demanding, but he was great at both.

The winter after his junior year, LaBarge not only did both, he excelled at both.

He started all four years for the Vikings earning all-league honors as both punter and kicker in 1986, 1987 and 1988. In his senior season, he led the nation in punting with a 42.5 yard average to earn NAIA Division II All-American first-team honors.

He set the NAIA national record for field goals attempted in a game (8) and career (78) and set 14 school records and tied another, including career points (204), best career punting average (39.8), longest field goal (52 yards), and longest punt (62 yards). He finished as the Columbia Football Association’s all-time leading kicker scorer (204 points)

Not bad for a kid from Woodinville, who only started playing football as a junior in high school.

His personal highlight came his senior season at Western when he was named a first-team All-American and later was named the 1988 Western athlete of the year.

“It was pretty outstanding, pretty overwhelming,” said LaBarge. “To have people around the country say I was the best there was, that was really neat.”

While things were going well on the field for LaBarge, other things in his life were not going as smoothly. The winter after his junior year, he dropped out of school for a quarter because he wasn’t sure what he wanted to do. “I felt like I was wasting my mom’s and dad’s money, so I came home,” he said.

Then the summer after his senior year came the disappointment of being the last kicker cut during tryouts with the Pittsburgh Steelers and Green Bay Packers.

“The tryouts went well and it came down to me and another guy who had kicked at LSU or somewhere,” LaBarge said, “But he had kicked in front of 70,000 people week in and week out. Who did I kick in front of? Twelve hundred mostly moms and dads.”

The NFL’s loss, it turned out, became Western’s gain.

He returned to Western and found out that because he had taken that quarter off, he still had athletic eligibility left, as long as it wasn’t in football. He was convinced by Quinn to try out for soccer, a sport he had loved and done well at in high school, but hadn’t played in college because it was held in the fall, the same time as football.

“He turned out to be phenomenal,” Quinn said.

Along with the top athletes of the century, Jo Metzger-Levin and Peter LaBarge, Western will honor the following sports heroes during its Centennial celebration:

Athletic Accomplishment of the Century:
Larry Nielsen, Class of 1970, the first American, in 1983, to climb Mount Everest without using oxygen equipment.

Women’s Team of the Century:
1998 Fastpitch

Men’s Team of the Century:
1996 Football

Sports Impact Person of the Century:
Former coach and current Athletic Director Lynda Goodrich

Women’s Coach of the Century:
Lynda Goodrich, women’s basketball

Men’s Coach of the Century:
Chuck Randall, men’s basketball

1999 Inductees, Athletic Hall of Fame:
Lynda Goodrich; women’s soccer player Cindy Gordon; men’s basketball player James Johnson; and women’s track and cross-country runner Genevie Pfiel-Donnelly.

As outstanding as his football career had been, it almost paled in comparison to his two seasons on the soccer pitch.

He was a two-time district all-star, the District 1 player of the year in 1990, a third-team NAIA All-American in 1989 and a second-team choice in 1990, and was selected to play in the NAIA Senior Bowl. He led the team in scoring (assists and goals) in 1989 (45 points) and again in 1990 (47), and shattered school records for goals in a game (5), season (21) and career (41).

What was surprising was not that LaBarge scored goals, but that he scored them at an incredible pace. His 20 goals in his first season were as many as the leading scorers of each of the previous four years had scored combined. His record five goals in one game would have been enough to lead the Western team in scoring in nine of the previous 11 seasons.
Alumni Celebrate!

Some two dozen alumni who graduated in the 1920s through the 1950s made the 1999 Convocation an extra special event by joining in the festivities. They wore caps and gowns, covered by sashes indicating their graduation year, to welcome new students in the Centennial year. About 1,000 new students made a list of their goals for the coming years and were cheered on by alumni and other members of the Western family as they dropped their goals into a Memory Walk time capsule at the foot of Old Main.

Below, Karen Morse, university president, greets Ruth Loop ('54) and Yvonne Lahti ('46) during the procession from the Performing Arts Center to the steps of Old Main.

Western graduates from the Class of 1927 through the Class of 1957 gathered for the Centennial Convocation. Pictured above, from left to right, starting with the first row: Don Leu ('47); Mary Irvin ('41, '42, '44); Evelyn Wellman ('32, '58, '60); Mark Jarrett ('27 and '34); Elden Creek, ('30, '47, '62); Eleanor Shields ('49), Suda Newport ('49), Bette Nelson ('47); Yvonne Lahti ('46, '47), Judith Oliver ('31); Anne Gregor ('43); Gloria Eastman ('45); Art Runestrand ('50); Meredith Runestrand ('50); Bob Bostrom ('50) Sid Van Sinderen ('49); Alton Gregor ('54); Larry Stephan ('52); David Agnew ('56); Patricia Agnew ('56); and last row: Donna Harman ('53); Elmer Nyberg ('54); Ruth Loop ('54); Rita Dunn ('55); Lois Fisher ('57); and Echo Dott ('38, '39, '41, '67).

Miriam Snow Mathes donates reading figurines to Wilson Library

An extensive collection of reading figurines is on display in Wilson Library, courtesy of Miriam Snow Mathes, a retired professor of library science and the daughter-in-law of the late Edwin T. Mathes, Western's first president.

The figurines depict children, adults and even animals reading books, newspapers and magazines.

Mathes, who served as librarian of children's literature and as Campus School librarian, began collecting reading figurines in 1939 while traveling in Colorado.

“Without any intent, the purchase soon led to a collection,” said Mathes, an avid traveler.

The collection contains finds from antique stores all over the world, two from the New York City World's Fair and a Druidic figure carved of sandstone which was found in the late 1800s on a British estate. The latter was covered with mud after a lake was drained. It was then given to a young guest at the estate.

Dana Jack pens new book on women and aggression

Fairhaven Professor Dana Crowley Jack has a new book out, Behind the Mask: Destruction and Creativity in Women's Aggression. The book, aimed at scholars as well as a general readership, builds on Jack's previous research on aggression and depression in women.

The book explores the origins, meanings and forms of women's aggression, drawing on in-depth interviews with 60 women of varied backgrounds who may have masked their creativity and other positive attributes while curbing their aggression.

“Old Staffordshire and Dresden, Meissen, 13 Royal Doultons, Lenox, Spode, Royal Copenhagen, those of Lladro and Hummel - each has a story,” said Mathes, who retired in 1971 after 37 years at Western.

The vast collection contains too many pieces to fit in one display case at Wilson Library, so different pieces from the collection are being rotated from storage to display throughout the year.

Professors Kris Bulcroft and Linda Smeins also recently published a book, Rinsing the Honeymoon: Consummating Marriage in Modern Society, on the evolution of the honeymoon in American culture. Smeins, who teaches art history and Bulcroft, a sociology professor, wrote the Sage Publications book with Rick Bulcroft, Kris's husband and a teacher at the University of British Columbia.

Also: Todd Donovan, associate professor of political science, co-edited and co-wrote Citizens as Legislators: Direct Democracy in the United States (Ohio State University Press) and Demanding Choices: Opinion, Voting and Direct Democracy (University of Michigan Press).
Investments in Excellence

Holiday gifts provide scholarships and more

Gifts from alumni and friends make dreams a reality for many students and faculty in Western's colleges and departments. These gifts provide funds for scholarships, equipment and special projects across campus, creating opportunities for those who teach and learn at Western.

This holiday season, include Western on your gift list. Please take a moment to consider how your gifts could make a significant difference at Western. Regardless of size, your gift will be appreciated by those touched by your support.

Listed below are “Holiday Wishes,” projects that would benefit from your generosity:

- The Campus Enrichment Fund, providing funding for a variety of innovative campus projects including the arts, Western's Distinguished Lecture Series, campus technology and conference registration for faculty and staff.
- Annual and endowed scholarships for each college and many departments, providing the margin of difference for hundreds of students wishing to continue their Western education.
- Contributions for innovative college-level programs, including Fairhaven's Law and Diversity program, the College of Business and Economics’ Center for Economic Education and Huxley College's old growth forest.
- Departments throughout the College of Arts and Sciences, including the nationally recognized "Viking" car program through the Vehicle Research Institute.
- Woodring College programs, including funding for the Science, Mathematics and Technology Education Center for Integrated Curriculum.
- Viking Athletic scholarships, including the Lynda Goodrich Women's Basketball Scholarship Endowment, the Charles R. Randall, Jr. Men's Basketball Scholarship Endowment and the Charles F. Lappenbusch Athletic Endowment, to assist the Viking's finest student-athletes.
- Funding for journals, research materials and technology-based reference materials for Wilson Libraries.
- Funding for student, staff and guest performances, including the Performing Arts Center Series and Summer Stock.

Make a wish come true! Checks made payable to The Western Foundation may be sent to Western Washington University, Old Main 445, Bellingham, WA 98225-9034. Please note the department or program you wish to support.

Scholarships: During the 1998-99 academic year, Western students from all academic disciplines received $680,000 in scholarship support from 549 endowed and annual scholarships. Over the past five years, the overall number of scholarships annually awarded has increased by 65 percent and the amount of awards to students has nearly doubled.

Above, two recipients of the Patrick Monahan Scholarship were Xushua Zhang (for 1999-00) and Eric Youngren (for 1998-99). Joining them at a luncheon last spring were Bob Monahan, professor emeritus of geography, left, and his wife, Marilyn, at right. The Monahan endowment provides funding for WWU students studying geography or regional planning.

Centennial events will celebrate Western's history

Alumni in the Seattle and Bellingham areas are invited to help recognize Western's Centennial with two special dinners during this historic year.

This will be your opportunity to join together with fellow Western graduates to celebrate 100 years of excellence and look forward to WWU's second century.

On Feb.5, Seattle-area alumni, parents and friends are invited to a special celebration at the Seattle Sheraton. Special guest speakers and other surprises will highlight the festivities. Look for your invitation in the mail in the next few weeks.

On Feb. 25, the Viking Commons on campus will be the site of a celebration recognizing Western's Alumni of the Century. Look for more information soon.

All alumni and friends of Western are welcome at each event. For more information, or to receive an invitation, please call the office of special events at 360-650-6825.

Charitable donations impact Western programs

Over the past 100 years, the tradition of alumni support has continued to grow, creating numerous opportunities and making much more possible for Western students. As donors, volunteers and donors, alumni make a significant impact on the lives of current students.

Through their charitable gifts, alumni play a major role in the continuing success of Western Washington University.

Contributions designated for a specific college, academic department or program create opportunities for both faculty and students, allowing programs to flourish and giving students access to the best equipment and learning tools.

As donors, alumni are active partners in helping Western provide the very best to nearly 12,000 students.

As Western celebrates its Centennial, all alumni are encouraged to give something back in recognition of this historic milestone, to continue the legacy of learning. A gift via the Phonathon, through the President's Club campaign, or by responding to a special letter will speak to your belief in Western and the opportunities afforded you as a student.

If you have already made your annual gift to Western since July 1, 1999, thank you. Your continued loyalty is greatly appreciated by the students and faculty who benefit from your generosity.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to support Western this year, please consider a gift to the program department or choice.

When you are contacted by a Western student via the Phonathon or receive an appeal by mail, please give generously. Your gift, regardless of the amount, will be combined with the contributions of fellow alumni to make a major difference for Western. Each gift is important and will immediately be put to work to benefit the area of your choice.

By making a contribution before Dec. 31, 1999, your gift is deductible for tax purposes to the full extent allowable by law for 1999. Checks made payable to The Western Foundation may be sent to Western Washington University, Old Main 445, Bellingham, WA 98225-9034. Please note which area, academic department or program you wish to support. For general university support, please designate your gift to the Campus Enrichment Fund. When your gift is received, an acknowledgement and gift receipt will be sent to you.

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Make your pledge to Western online

Take a closer look at The Western Foundation online. Alumni and friends can learn more about the importance private gifts play in the success of Western Washington University and make their pledge electronically!

Learn about the various ways to support Western and view a listing of departmental funds.

Log on: http://ww.foundat.wwu.edu for more information.
Briefly

Huxley wins $5 million in research funding

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Walla Walla District have signed an agreement with Huxley College of Environmental Studies to provide funding with a cap of $5 million for environmental research. Research funded may include salmon, dam, wetlands and community relations projects. "This is an excellent opportunity for undergraduate research," said Dean Brad Smith.

Kevin Raymond appointed to Board of Trustees

Gov. Gary Locke has appointed Seattle lawyer Kevin M. Raymond to Western's Board of Trustees. Raymond is a partner at Cairncross and Hempelmann where he focuses on providing legal services to state, local and special purpose governments. He also works in government relations, land use and environmental issues on behalf of public and private clients. He is a 1980 Huxley graduate and also has a law degree from the University of Washington. Raymond replaces Wayne Ehlers, a former speaker of the state House of Representatives who graduated from Western in 1960 and retired in 1997 after 33 years of state service.

Viking 28 places fourth in race car competition

Western's Vehicle Research Institute team placed fourth overall at the 1999 Formula Student Competition in Birmingham, England. Representing the Pacific Northwest last summer, Western competed against 14 other universities and institutes — three from the U.S. — as well as teams from Canada and the United Kingdom. Western's team also won the Sir Henry Royce Memorial Foundation award, a gold medal presented to one team each year for excellent innovation and awareness of basic engineering principles in the construction of a racing car. The Viking 28 is a small race car designed, engineered and constructed by VRI students.

Biology department gets $200,000 grant

The National Science Foundation has awarded a $200,000 grant to David Hooper, visiting assistant professor in the biology department, to conduct a study on how plant diversity affects the ability of non-native species to invade ecosystems. Two Stanford graduate students and Western graduate student Colleen Mohl are working with Hooper to research grasslands in San Jose, Calif.

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Calendar

DECEMBER

11 Fall Commencement

JANUARY

15 Brian Lewis and Angela Chang, a duet of piano and violin, 7:30 p.m. in the PAC Concert Hall
18 Point of Origin: Western's Art Alumni & Friends in the Western Gallery. Alumni art on view through March 3.
18 Turning Points Lecture by Professor Jack Handy on Global Warming: What Can Be Done? 5 p.m., SMATE 120
20 Anchorage alumni chapter Centennial celebration at men's basketball game
22 Juneau alumni chapter Centennial celebration; family ski day at Douglas ski area
29 Decade Reunion for Classes of 1960-69.

FEBRUARY

4-6 Adventures, science and arts camp for grades 5 and 6
5 Western Foundation Centennial celebration dinner at the Seattle Sheraton.
11-12 Adventures, science and arts camp for grades 7 and 8
15 Turning Points lecture by Professor Don Alper on One Landscape/Two Systems: Emerging Forms of Ecological Politics Across the Border. 5 p.m., SMATE 120
18-20 Alumni ski trip to Silver Star Mountain, B.C.

MARCH

4 Spokane alumni chapter Centennial dinner at Spokane Club
7 Turning Points lecture by Professor Kathleen Young on The Anthropology of Good and Evil, 5 p.m., SMATE 120
11 Birte Woodbury Dance Company performs at 7:30 p.m. on the PAC Mainstage
18-19 Arizona alumni chapter Centennial celebration: Mariners' spring training game plus annual golf tournament
18 Winter Commencement
25 Decade Reunions for Classes of 1970-79
28 Seattle Business Forum luncheon with Jerry Grinstein, retired CEO, Burlington-Northern, at Seattle Sheraton
28 Contemporary Digital Photography exhibit opens in the Western Gallery. On view through May 6
31 Adventures, marine biology camp for grades 5-8

Reunions

Class of 1960-69 .......... Jan. 29
Class of 1970-79 .......... Mar. 25
Class of 1980-89 .......... May 27
Class of 1990-99 .......... June 24
plus:
Alumni of the Century ... Feb. 25
Huxley College 30th anniversary .... April 28-29
Fairhaven College .... May 12-14

APRIL

9 Washington, D.C., alumni chapter Centennial: salmon barbecue at Bethesda Naval Hospital picnic grounds
12 New England alumni chapter Centennial event, TBA
14 New York alumni chapter Centennial gala reception, Windows on the World
15 NEXUS - Global Music - Master Percussionists, 7:30 p.m. in the PAC Concert Hall
15 Friends of the Music Library gala in conjunction with National Library Week
18 Turning Points lecture by Professor Robin Matthews on What's in my drinking glass besides water? 5 p.m., SMATE 140
29 30th Anniversary Reunion for Huxley College of Environmental Studies
29 Ensemble Gauffi, 7:30 p.m. in the PAC Concert Hall
27 Scientist/theologian Arthur Peacocke discusses Darwinism and divinity as a Distinguished Lecturer, 7 p.m. in the PAC Concert Hall

MAY

6 President's Club dinner
6 Idaho alumni chapter Centennial dinner at Arid Club
15 John Beardsley, in the last of the sculpture lecture series, talks about site specific sculpture, 7 p.m. in 100 Armstrong Hall
12-14 Fairhaven College Reunion
13-20 Week of the Arts with nightly concerts, major Mainstage production
15 Opening ceremonies for The Art of Tibet as Tibetan monks begin constructing a mandala sand painting to celebrate WWU's centennial, 7 p.m. in the Western Gallery
15-20 Tibetan monks continue to work on the ceremonial mandala sand painting in the Western Gallery
19-21 Western Showtime Family Weekend
20 Closing ceremonies for the mandala sand painting at 2 p.m. in the Western Gallery
20 Sacred Music Sacred Dance, the Mystical Arts of Tibet, 7:30 p.m. on the PAC Mainstage
27 Decade Reunion for Classes of 1980-89 (Ski-to-Sea weekend)

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