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Envisioning Western’s future

During Western’s year-long Centennial celebration, the campus community has been reflecting upon the university’s history and looking toward its future.

We enter this new century with pride in the accomplishments of the past 100 years and confidence that we can continue to enhance our legacy of learning. I would like to share with you, our alumni, some thoughts and invite you to participate in this dialogue.

We have begun a campus discussion of Western’s future with this premise: It is the year 2010. From this vantage point, describe the university’s last 10 years. What do we hope will emerge is a vision of Western a decade from now and a road map to guide us as we meet serious challenges along the way.

As WWU president, these are a few of my thoughts about Western in 2010:

• Our reputation as a pre-eminent regional university has grown because of the quality of our academic programs and the campus experience offered to students. That experience continues to include a campus acclaimed for its beauty and opportunity to be in a residential setting, especially for first-year students.

• The essence of our mission is the development of students’ analytical thinking, communication, technological and creative abilities focused around a liberal arts core. Graduates of undergraduate and graduate programs are fully prepared to contribute to an increasingly diverse and complex society.

• Strong partnerships are an important aspect of the university’s success. These include a wide range of interdisciplinary programs between departments or colleges as well as partnerships between the university and the surrounding region, businesses, individuals and various elements of government.

• As Western continues to strengthen its undergraduate educational experience, the core value of the university has been, and must continue to be, strong student-faculty interaction. Personal attention to students, including undergraduate research opportunities, is a hallmark of a Western education.

On Feb. 25, we looked at the effect our future efforts could have as we recognized the results of our past efforts. On that evening, we saluted 21 women and men who exemplify the achievements and accomplishments of our many talented graduates over the century. Their achievements were representative of the important contributions all our alumni make to their families, communities, professional life and friends.

As we envision our future together, Western’s alumni are an integral part of that future as mentors, advisers, parents and supporters of new generations of students.

Active alumni participation in Western’s future will be vital to the university and its accomplishments.

I invite our alumni to continue to play a major leadership and contributory role as the university develops and strengthens its legacy of learning.

Write to President Karen W. Morse or the Alumni Association c/o Alumni House, MS-9199, WWU, Bellingham, WA 98225
e-mail: president@wwu.edu or alumni@wwu.edu
Campus, city remember 12 victims of fatal crash

News of any airplane crash gives those of us who fly frequently, and even those of us who don’t, cause to pause and reflect.

But the news that 12 of those lost on Alaska Airlines Flight 261 on Jan. 31 were Western alumni hit each of us at Western with tremendous force.

In some ways, we take alumni for granted. After all, there have been Western alumni since the first class graduated in 1900, and this year, more than 2,500 new graduates will walk across the stage in the five commencement ceremonies that we will hold.

We found ourselves asking: “Do we remember that person? Did we speak to him or her on Commencement Day or at some other time in Alumni House while they were on campus?”

In almost every case, someone in our office can say yes to one or both of those questions. We do know for certain that each of those that we’ve lost did impact other students during their time here, and faculty and other employees as well. Those people were at once individuals and also members of our group: the WWU Alumni Family.

From the very earliest news reports of this tragedy, it became clear that many of these individuals had come to know each other and formed fast and life-long friendships on this campus. Knowing that, even under such devastating circumstances, provides a strange sense of comfort.

Our hearts and thoughts go out to the families and loved ones of these alumni. Later this spring, the WWU Alumni Association will place an inscribed brick in Alumni Way for each of those we lost. We will create a special section of the walkway just for them.

This is in most ways a simple gesture, but one that we hope will keep our memories of these “family members” on our campus and in our hearts for many years to come.

In the meantime, please remember:

- Michael Paul Bernard, 30, of Seattle, who received his BA in History in 1992.
- Ryan Busche, 28, who received his BA in art with a concentration in graphics in 1996.
- Abigail A. (Miller) Busche, 25, who also received her BA in art in 1996.
- Monte Donaldson, 31, majored in communications at Western from 1986-87. According to the Seattle Times, Colleen Whorley and Donaldson were to be married in September.
- Russell Ing, 28, who received his BA in art in 1996 and also was an interdisciplinary student at Fairhaven College. His work was displayed at the Western Gallery in Point of Origin 2, the second of two juried group exhibits of art by WWU alumni.
- Deborah Penna, 27, attended Western in 1990 as an art and Fairhaven interdisciplinary student.
- Paul Pulanco (Paul Anthony Clarke while at Western), 40, of Seattle, who received his BA in education with an emphasis in special education in 1986. He taught sixth grade at Acme Elementary School from 1987 to 1991.
- Bradford “Pat” Ryan, 34, (brother of James Joseph Ryan) of Redmond attended Western from 1986 to 1987 and transferred to Washington State University where he graduated with a civil engineering degree in December.
- James Joseph Ryan, 30, (brother of Bradford “Pat” Ryan) of Redmond, who received his BA in Spanish in 1993.
- Don Shaw, 63, of Shelton who received his BA in elementary education in 1963.
- Colleen Whorley, 34, of Seattle who received her BS in visual communications in 1990. She was to wed Monte Donaldson in September.

We will miss each and every one of them.

Summer Stock celebrates 30th season with five shows

The Department of Theatre Arts’ Summer Stock celebrates its 30th season this year with two comedies, a musical, a Hardy Boys’ adaptation and special performances of Shakespeare’s Midsummer Night’s Dream with the Bellingham Festival of Music.

The magic and tangled romances of Midsummer Night’s Dream will be performed in separate venues this summer, including two performances that will marry live drama by the Summer Stock cast and Mendelssohn’s music performed by the American Sinfonietta.

The special joint production of the Shakespearean classic will be performed Aug. 4-5 on the PAC Mainstage.

“This production marks a new milestone in the fine and performing arts in Bellingham and demonstrates the talent that exists within this vibrant arts community and with the professional musicians that visit us annually,” said Bertil van Boer, dean of the College of Fine & Performing Arts.

The Summer Stock cast will also perform Midsummer Night’s Dream in city parks on Aug. 11 and 23. Tickets for those performances are being sold separately.

Season tickets for the five regular Summer Stock productions, which are scheduled in a repertoire format, are $38.
Class Notes

Weddings

1974 - Darryl Janssen and Michele Penderhy on July 31.
1982 - Cheryl Strelm and Kevin McCrake on June 5.
1986 - John Rascer (’72) and Suzanne Vostl on July 27.
1987 - Alex Rabiti and Jill Baltorb on Aug. 4. ... Corey Saxe and Terri Milne on July 18.
1995 - Brian Konopaski and Kimberly Hahn on Oct. 2. ... Mark Sabbatini and Kristin Hutchison on July 8.
1997 - Stacey Buckley and Mike Sanders on Sept. 4. ... Tobi Eckelbarger and Sean Carpenter on Sept. 21. ... Greg Halberg and Christine Crunch on July 10.
1999 - Amy Mangum and Scott Harkell on Aug. 7. ... Blake Michaelson and Mary Ann Bays on Aug. 24.
2000 - Judd Brown and Karen Pattonese (’94) on Aug. 7. ... Judd and Karen Pattonese (’94) on Sept. 7. ... Karen Mason and Steve Peterson on July 31. ... Brooke Elenbaas and Joshua Savidge on Sept. 11.
2001 - Ryan Burdick and Julie Miller on Oct. 16. ... Kristin Carter and Joseph Morrison on Aug. 7. ... Coute and Jeremy Hal on May 1. ... Jeanne Beaudoin and Michael Karl on Aug. 7. ... Karen Thomas (’89) is an invest-...
Scholarship fund named for Antoni Wodzicki

A geology scholarship in memory of Antoni “Jontek” Wodzicki has been established by The Western Foundation.

Wodzicki, who joined the geology faculty in 1977, died Nov. 30 after a brief illness.

Wodzicki was known for his work field mapping in Antarctica. He traveled to the frozen continent several times with the National Science Foundation and the New Zealand Geology Survey.

He earned a B.S. in mining engineering at Otago University in New Zealand. As a Fulbright scholar, he obtained his master’s in geology from the University of Minnesota in 1961. Stanford University awarded his Ph.D. in 1964. Wodzicki was born in Krakow, Poland to Count Kazimierz and Countess Maria Wodzicki and was 5 when Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union attacked Poland in 1939. The family escaped occupied Poland in 1941 and eventually settled in New Zealand.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Antoni “Jontek” Wodzicki Geology Scholarship, The Western Foundation, Mail Stop 9034, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225. For more information on the scholarship, call (360) 650-3027.
Each of the 21 “Exemplary Alumni” honored at a Feb. 25 dinner at the Viking Union stands in place of many, many others as a symbol of what a Western education means. They were selected for their contributions to their university, their state, their nation and, in some cases, to humanity.

Their class years range from 1922 to 1992. They have excelled in many fields.

The late Ellen Repp ('22), who sang for Klondike miners and kings, on the opera stage and on Broadway, was a sought-after vocal coach. One of her students was Dana Talley ('72), the first WWU alumnus to sing with the Metropolitan Opera.

Carroll Haeske ('22) of Arcadia, Calif., was the student body president with the foresight to purchase the 9.8-acre Lakewood recreation area for the “extravagant” sum of $800. Since then, he has supported its expansion as well as WWU crew programs. With a gleam in his eye, he recalls 1919 and “500 students: 400 girls and 100 boys.”

The late Angus Bowmer ('23), inspired by speech professor Victor Hoppe, founded and directed the Oregon Shakespeare Festival at Ashland. Now in its 61st season, the festival has hosted more than 8 million theatergoers.

Kathleen Taft ('25) of Spokane is a pioneering attorney, Family Court commissioner and a community leader who, at 92, heads the law firm she started in 1949. The only woman in her UW Law School class, she was unable to practice law until World War II.

Jessie Payzant ('25) of North Bend, Ore., is the award-winning author of dozens of books for young people written under the pen name Terry Shannon. She has taken tea with the empress of Iran and traveled beneath the sea and around the globe to open new worlds to young readers.

The late Thomas Nelson ('32) was a dedicated social worker who served migrant farm laborers, displaced people in war-ravaged Europe and hospital patients. With his wife Grace, he pioneered the halfway house concept for released prisoners. Grace Nelson accepted the honor in his memory.

Helen Hostetler ('38) of Bellevue survived polio at 5. Her widowed mother was told during the Depression not to “waste money” educating her daughter because “nobody wants a cripple teaching their children.” A teacher for 40 years, she is an award-winning civic leader, volunteer and “intrepid traveler” who established an endowment to support study abroad.

Donald Leu ('47) of Bellingham became dean of two schools of education, an international educational consultant and Bellingham School Board member. He remembers that Librarian Mabel Zoe Wilson “scared the devil” out of him when he arrived on campus as a former Navy SEAL.

John Terrey ('49) of Shoreline has been a major force in the development of Washington’s community college system. A high school dropout, he recalls coming to campus recovering from malaria and wounds received as a Marine on Guadalcanal, “not academically, physically or socially prepared” for college.

Jack Bowman ('54) of Lummi Island retired as company group chairman of Johnson & Johnson and is one of 16 immediate Bowman family members to graduate from Western. He attributes “whatever success I have had to the close supervision” of his wife, Jo Ann, whom he met at Western.

They exemplify pride in our past and the potential for our future.
Bill Wright ('60) of Los Angeles, a businessman and golf professional, was the first African-American to win a USGA national tournament in 1959. He brought Western its first national collegiate trophy in 1960. Echoing the sentiments of many of the other honorees, Wright says “Western was one of the finest parts of my life.”

Robert Maki ('62) of Seattle is a noted sculptor whose work, called “fresh and confoundingly beautiful,” has been exhibited from San Francisco to Paris. He says he is honored to have his work, Curve/ Diagonal, in Western’s acclaimed Outdoor Sculpture collection. His sculptures also grace Sea-Tac airport and Seattle’s Westlake Park.

Michael Phelps ('64) of Los Angeles invented Positron Emission Tomography (PET), an imaging technique for studying the brain, heart and cancer, which brought him the coveted 1999 Enrico Fermi Award. He says he “didn’t know how to study” as a freshman, and he credits retired professor Ed Neuzil and Don Homer ('65), a fellow student, for teaching him the “power and passion” of learning and the will to pursue a goal.

Daniel Beard ('66) of Columbia, Md., is vice president of the Washington, D.C., Audubon Society and a former director of the federal Bureau of Reclamation. The Bellingham native witnessed Western’s growth spurt from 3,367 in 1961 to 6,243 when he graduated.

Ralph Munro ('66) of Olympia has been Washington’s secretary of state for 20 years and has made a national impact on the voting process. With a wry grin, he suggests that college administrators are “spinning in their graves knowing I got this award.”

Cheryl Chow ('70) of Seattle, an educator, mentor and community volunteer, served two terms on the Seattle City Council. She opened her dinner remarks in Chinese, adding it would take 30 minutes to translate, and concluded by sharing a high-five with Board of Trustees Chair Grace Yuan.

William Dietrich ('73) of Anacortes is a Pulitzer Prize-winning Seattle Times reporter and author of two non-fiction works and two novels. An early scene in his latest novel was inspired by his first date with wife Holly: a Halloween tour of the steam tunnels under the campus. One of their two daughters just graduated from Western, and their son-in-law is a student.

Douglas Massey ('74) of Philadelphia is president-elect of the American Sociological Association and chair of the University of Pennsylvania sociology department. He’s also been elected to the National Academy of Sciences, been named a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and served as president of the Population Association of America.

Terrence Deacon ('76) of Concord, Mass., is a pioneering Boston University researcher in the evolutionary and neural basis for cognitive experience. He recalls himself as a “UW dropout” who found “new energy and a very close personal experience with mentors” at the then-new Fairhaven College.

Joyce Taylor ('84) of Bellevue is an Emmy Award-winning KIRO-TV news anchor. Alumni Association director Chris Goldsmith dubbed her “Joyce, the Voice” when she was on campus. She credits her “gift of gab” plus support from her parents, wise faculty members and, more recently, her husband, for her success.

Jessica Lee ('92) of Chapel Hill, N.C., has a doctorate in dental science and a master’s in public health. She’s a candidate for a doctorate in health policy analysis and certification as a pediatric dentist. Representing alumni whose greatest achievements will come during Western’s second century, she cites the importance of the “informal education” she received: “the value of service, of being part of the community.”
Investments in Excellence

Internet studies program to boost technology graduates

Maintaining the Pacific Northwest region's preeminence in technology and e-commerce demands a continuous supply of highly qualified graduates with training in computer science and technology.

The Internet Studies Center is one significant step Western has taken—in partnership with government and industry—to produce graduates from all disciplines with knowledge and skills in technologies related to the World Wide Web.

The Internet Studies Center expands the computer science department's minor in Internet studies into a four-year degree-adjunct program. The program responds to the explosive growth of Web-based information systems and the growing demand for qualified Web workers.

Plans are to certify 200-plus students per year.

But the real story, according to George Mobus, the computer science professor who heads the new center, is the way WWU alumni have been instrumental in making it happen.

Among the alumni who helped secure the initial funding for the center were Tom Keeney ('71), senior director with US West Inc.; David Cole ('84 and '86), vice president of Internet development at Microsoft; and Bill Hurd ('88), site manager for NetManage.

Western obtained nearly $275,000 for development of the center over the next biennium from the state's Higher Education Coordinating Board. However, these funds require a commitment of non-public matching dollars in each year of the biennium.

Cole, a past Western trustee, Keeney and Hurd persuaded their companies to make major contributions to help meet that requirement. US West contributed $100,000. Microsoft committed $50,000 along with software valued at $32,557. NetManage, which contributed $25,000 in hardware, anticipates making an additional commitment next year.

"As a graduate of Western, I'm a little more pro-active in helping to do what needs to be done to make sure the university stays at the forefront of this area," Keeney said. "US West is committing a lot of financial and human resources into building our e-business. One way we can do that quickly is to have access to people who are properly prepared to work in this new environment."

Keeney serves on Western's computer science advisory board, along with Cole, Hurd and representatives from the Ackleyer Group, AT&T Wireless Services, Attachmate Corp., the Boeing Co., BSQUARE Corp., Cordata Group, Science Applications International Corp. and Vista.com.

The new major will allow students from computer science and any other major to choose among three professional tracks in the fastest-growing segment of today's employment sector: Web-content developer, content delivery technologist and Web site manager.

Cole says the cross-disciplinary nature of the program is its greatest strength. "It gives students a chance to connect with people from a wide variety of disciplines. The broader the experience students have working in multi-disciplinary teams, the more valuable they are to companies like Microsoft," he said.

Associate professor James Hearn reviews the progress of graphic design major Jill Stacec's Website project while marketing major Steve Clark looks on.

The new program increases the intensity and depth of current offerings and will provide certification to graduates.

Companies such as US West, Microsoft, NetManage, The Ackleyer Group and Science Applications International (SAIC) are helping to define the standards for certification, Mobus said.

The university will continue to seek additional matching and contingency funding from the corporate sector.

For more information, see the department's Website at:
http://www.cs.wwu.edu
Or e-mail: mobus@cs.wwu.edu

Fall harvest, art and the Napa Valley

Join the Friends of the Western Gallery for an art lover's dream the weekend of Sept. 22-24. The Western Gallery and Steve Oliver have arranged a very special visit for a group of no more than 20 to the Steve Oliver Ranch and Sculpture Garden in California's Napa Valley.

The Olive Ranch is one of the country's premier private reserves for specific art. There are more than 17 installations.

The weekend also promises access to other unique collections.

For information, call the Western Gallery, (360) 650-3963.

Take advantage of year-end giving opportunities

As Western's Centennial celebration comes to a close, The Western Foundation thanks all alumni and friends who have made a gift to WWU in recognition of this special year.

Thousands of individuals have answered the call for support, and these gifts reflect their belief in Western and the opportunities the university afforded them and their families.

A special appeal is made to those who have not had the opportunity to make a gift to Western this year. We hope you will consider a special "birthday" gift to recognize the university's Centennial before June 30.

Your generosity, coupled with the support of fellow alumni and friends, can create additional learning opportunities for current students. No gift is too small, and each is appreciated by the faculty and students who benefit.

Alumni participation in Western's annual fund extends beyond the immediate difference made by each gift. As corporations and foundations review proposals to fund Western programs, many take into consideration the percentage of alumni supporting the university. A strong base of alumni support plays a significant role in their decision-making process, often resulting in larger corporate gifts.

For more information on making a gift to Western, call (360) 650-3612 or go to our Website at http://www.ac.wwu.edu/foundatn/

You may also send your check made payable to The Western Foundation to 516 High Street, MS-9034, Bellingham, WA 98225-9034.

Centennial Celebration

Alumni, parents, friends and staff attended a Feb. 5 dinner in Seattle recognizing Western's Centennial.

They learned of Western's reputation as a "high quality, dynamic institution of higher education" from President Karen W. Morse. "We are emerging in the West as a leading provider of well-rounded graduates prepared for employment in complex and rapidly changing markets," Morse said.

Her remarks followed the Seattle premier of Western at 100, Western's Centennial video.

Celebrating Western's Centennial in Seattle are gift (left) Larry Taylor (71), president-elect of the Alumni Association board of directors; Joan Baker, executive director of The Western Foundation; and William Edmundson (29). Edmundson and his wife, Louise, (not pictured) met at Western in 1928. Generous supporters of Viking Athletics and campus enrichment, they also fund the Barnes & Melrose Scholarship.

The broader the experience students have working in multi-disciplinary teams, the more valuable they are to companies like Microsoft," he said.
The women's basketball team made it to the Final Four NCAA tournament in March, the first time Western has ever reached a national semifinal in women's or men's basketball.

The Division II West Region champions finished the season with a 27-4 record after an eight-game winning streak was snapped in an 80-74 loss to Northern Kentucky in the national semifinals.

Nichols' parents, Dewey and Mary Sage were the highlight of a small but colorful group of fans who followed the team to the Final Four. The Sages wore baby face paint during the games, and Dewey Sage was outfitted in full Viking with a gray wig and a Viking Helmet.

"It's sad to see it come to an end," Dolfo said. "They were a wonderful group who grew together. It's the first time the school has reached the final four, so we need to celebrate what we've accomplished."

## Technology is changing higher education

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The instruction of these courses. Faculty members were given assistance with new tools for course development and presentation. Students were able to receive grades online, take online exams, have online discussions, and do Web-based research in ways not previously explored at Western.

"We're trying to create a culture of learning from day one to encourage students to take ownership of their studies -- to create higher level thinking and connected learning," Bulcroft said. "My grand plan is to transform the culture of teaching and learning on this campus."

Technology is also affecting what Western students learn. Academic curriculum is being designed through a new Internet Studies Center to prepare students from all disciplines for careers utilizing the World Wide Web.

"Companies are looking for English majors who can write and communicate, but also have skills in Web-related technologies so they can join a team of Web developers and be productive right away," said George Motus, the faculty member in Western's computer science department who heads the new center.

Students involved in the program can choose among three professional tracks: Web content, Web content delivery, and Web site management.

The Web content developer track is primarily for majors in areas such as journalism, English, graphic design, marketing, and art who will acquire sufficient knowledge to be productive members of Web development teams. The Web content delivery technology track will develop students (usually, computer science majors) with skills and knowledge in areas such as CGI scripting and database management. Finally, the Web site manager track will prepare students (usually MIS majors) concerned with overall management of Web activities.

"We don't know what the Web will look like four years from now -- it's impossible to predict," Motus said. "So our focus isn't on specific skills as such, but rather on a complete understanding of the whole process of communication using the computational backbone of the Internet."

David Cole ('84, '86), vice president of Internet client collaboration at Microsoft, says the program is "a powerful dynamic." The fifth annual Bill Wright Alumni Association golf classic set for Aug. 11

The Alumni Association welcomes all alumni and friends to tee off Aug. 11 in the annual golf tournament to benefit the Alumni scholarship and the Athletic Success funds.

The fifth annual Bill Wright Alumni Golf Classic will use a four-person scramble format through 18 holes at Semiahmoo Golf & Country Club in Blaine.

The tournament honors Bill Wright who brought the first NAIA national championship in golf to Western in 1960.

Registration is $120 per person for Alumni Club members and $145 for those who are not club members. The registration fee, which should be received at Alumni House by Aug. 4, includes greens fees, cart rental, competitive 19th hole, lunch and a barbecue dinner.

First USA Bank is sponsoring the Aug. 11 tournament at Semiahmoo, rated in Golf Digest as the top course in the state and one of the 100 best courses in America.

To register or get more information, call Alumni House at (800) 676-6885 or (360) 650-3353. Registration fees can be sent to WWU Alumni House, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9199.

The WWU Alumni Association has just launched a new Colorado Chapter to include in the Associated Alumni Chapter Network. More than 50 Colorado alumni enjoyed a dinner party in a private room at Denver Chey House on Saturday, Feb. 12.

"Congratulations to chapter liaison Tom Keeney ('71), second from the right, who was instrumental in getting this brand-new chapter off the ground," A Chapter Steering Committee meeting will be held soon in Denver to gather together alumni who expressed interest in being actively involved in continuing the success of this chapter.

A TRIP DOWN MEMORY WALK: Clara M. Syre Anderson, 99, relives memories of Bellingham State Normal School where she was in the Class of '24. She visited campus during the Centennial celebration with her daughter Carolyn and son-in-law, chemistry professor George Kitz.

She taught at rural Whatcom County schools for seven years until she married the late Edwin Anderson. At that time, it was customary for school boards not to allow married women to teach.
Governor and Legislature hail WWU Centennial

Gov. Gary Locke and both houses of the legislature saluted Western's Centennial, especially recognizing the accomplishments of its alumni.

Locke proclaimed Feb. 24, the day in 1893 that Gov. John H. McGraw signed legislation authorizing creation of what is now WWU, as a "day of celebration honoring the 100th anniversary of Western Washington University's first academic year."

Both houses of the legislature unanimously adopted companion resolutions honoring Western and its alumni "for past and future contributions to the citizens of the state of Washington."

"In the past decade," the Olympia officials stated, "Western has established a national reputation as one of America's top public comprehensive universities for providing an enduring legacy of learning well designed to prepare Class of 2000 graduates and their successors for the 21st century."

WWU President Karen W. Morse said she was honored by the proclamation. "The university has a proud history and we are confident that Western will build on that legacy of learning as it enters its second century."

As both resolutions and the governor noted, Whatcom State Normal School was authorized in 1893, but with the 1898 Whatcom Gold Rush to fill state coffers sufficiently to fund operation of the teacher-training academy. With what is now Old Main still unfinished, the school opened the doors of its only building Sept. 6, 1899 to 88 students, a number that rose to more than 200 by month's end.

As it celebrates its Centennial throughout the academic year, Western has 550 faculty and more than 11,700 students in six colleges and a graduate program.

Last fall, for the third year in a row, U.S. News & World Report ranked WWU second in the West, a region stretching from Texas to California, among public regional comprehensive universities. The news magazine also rated Western 15th among all its peers in the West, public or private.

Senior guard Jared Stevenson sets new scoring records

A whistle blows and second half action begins for the men's basketball team, with Western inbounding the ball. An eager audience waits in anticipation of Western's 6-foot-1-inch, left-handed senior touching the ball again.

Meanwhile, Manny Kimmie ('90), the Vikings all-time scoring leader, sits in a crowded Sam Carver Gymnasium.

With 15:19 left in the game, guard Jared Stevenson gets his chance to play my best each night," Stevenson said. "I'm glad for Jared.

Western coach Brad Jackson said he never thought Stevenson would be Western's all-time career scorer. But the hard work Stevenson put in the gym over the years culminated this season with a great career, he said.

"He really took good skills and expanded them," Jackson said.

Stevenson expanded his ability to shoot from behind the arc, connecting 279 times from three-point range to become Western's all-time 3-point king.

Stevenson has never been a flashy player with crossover dribbles and acrobatic drives. Instead, the Sehome High School graduate relies on his quick release and ability to shoot in only inches of space. His knack of drawing fouls and shooting threes has helped him to 37 straight double-figure games, scoring 20 or more points in 12 of his last 14 games.

"I don't think about shooting every time down the court, but I have been given the freedom to pull the trigger so I usually shoot when I get the chance," Stevenson said. "I don't think that's so lucky to say because it's my role on the team and I am confident my shots will fall."

Stevenson, the only senior on a 17-10 team, attributes some of his recent success to the addition of his younger brother to the Vikings squad. Jacob Stevenson joined the Vikings last year, and the brother duo started 30 games together over the last two years.

"I want to sit back and watch my brother play," Stevenson said with a laugh. "Hopefully he won't break any of my records though."

[Ben Fairbanks, Paul Madison and Scott Pattsco contributed to this report.]
Calendar of Events

APRIL
1- 4 Western Gallery: Contemporay Digital Photography through May 6
15 PAC Series: NEXUS, global music at the PAC Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.
15 Alumini Dinner and Mystery Auction: Department of Communication Science and Disorders, Donaldson Winery (360) 650-3885
16 Alumini Pierce County Chapter: Boat ride and parade and brunch, Cl Sturgeon in Tacoma.
24 Distingished Lecturer Series: Robotics scientist and technologist Arthur Peacocke, 7 p.m. Mainstage, Free, but tickets required. (360) 650-7545
27-29 Pacific Northwest Economic Conference: Hosted by CBE at Lakeway Inn. For information: (360) 698-9009
29-30 Tufts College Environmental Studies Reunion: Celebrate the college's 38th reunion. Information: (360) 650-2821

JUNE
1 College of Business & Economics: Nobel Laureate in economics Robert Mundell speaks. Information: (360) 650-2700
4 Alumini San Francisco Bay Area Chapter: Dinner in Sausalito
9 Outstanding Graduating Seniors Ceremony: PAC
10 Spring Commencement
24 Centennial Reunion for classes of 1950-1959
24 Alumini Santa Barbara Chapter: Sunset reception at community Solstice Day.
25-30 STUDY CANADA Summer Institute: Annual conference for teachers and librarians/media specialists, Sponsored by Centre for Canadian-American studies.
26-30 Adventures in Science and Arts camp for grades 5-6.

JULY
9-14 Taft Seminar for Teachers: Annual summer seminar for secondary and elementary educators who teach social studies. Interactive sessions on how Government Really Works with legislators, lobbyists, media specialists, party leaders, academics and political leaders. $400 covers lodging and two credits.
10-14 Adventures in Science and Arts camp for grades 5-6.
12-20 The Hardy Boys: The Secret of Skull Bone Island, a charming Summer Stock show for ages, opens in the Mainstage Theatre at 7:30 p.m.
15- Three Guys Naked From the Waist Down, the stand-up comedy opens in Old Main Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Runs through Aug. 24.
16-21 Summer Institute for Teachers and Librarians/Media Specialists: Focus on Chinese immigration in the Northwest, sponsored by Canadian-American Studies program.
17-21 Adventures in Science and Arts camp for grades 7-8.
18- Numens, the hilarious family comedy, opens in the PAC Music Theatre Studio at 7:30 p.m. Summer Stock production runs through Aug. 24.
23-29 Elderhostel: Histories of the North Cascades Mountain Range.
24-28 Adventures in Science and Arts camp for grades 9-12.
28- Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, a musical filled with energy, excitement and fun, opens on PAC Mainstage, at 7:30 p.m. Through Aug. 26.
28-13 Bellingham Festival of Music: Jazz, classical and chamber music, plus a special Summer Stock performance of Midsummer Night's Dream.
29 Alumni Oregon/Southern Washington Chapter: Wine tasting and picnic.
30-5 Elderhostel with Bellingham Festival of Music: Beethoven: His life and times, his works, his influences.
31-1 Institute for Summer Scholars, intensive program for high school students, grades 10-12, to earn college credit. Information: (360) 650-6820

AUGUST
1-13 Bellingham Festival of Music: Classical, chamber and jazz concerts every night.
4-5 Midsummer Night's Dream: Bellingham Festival of Music joins Summer Stock for a special performance in the PAC.
11 Bill Wright Alumni Golf Classic: Semiahmoo Golf & Country Club. Register by Aug. 4
11 Midsummer Night's Dream: An outdoor Summer Stock production, 7:30 p.m. Location TBA.
13 Elderhostel: Birds and other wildlife of the Pacific Northwest.
19 Summer Commencement
23 Midsummer Night's Dream: 7:30 p.m. Outdoor location TBA.
30 Alumni Snohomish County Chapter: Bicenture and Willie Nelson concert at the Evergreen State Fair.

SEPTEMBER
22-24 Art Lover's Dream: In the Napa Valley at harvest. See page 8.
27 Fall Quarter: Classes begin.
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