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No one is ever successful alone.

That's the philosophy of Bill Reed ('90), a business planning and financial consultant. That lifelong principle is why he created the Bill Reed scholarship for African-American students at Western in 1998.

Reed, 47, of Mill Creek, near Everett, says he endowed the annual $1,000 scholarship not just with money but with "my sense of obligation to give back because so many people have given to me."

Reed has had a number of mentors and financial benefactors over the years. All "appeared at the right time" to encourage him to succeed and to be an involved citizen.

"None of us reaches whatever level of success we do without the help of other folk," he says.

Reed's partnership with the University is just one of many created by generous donors who have financed scholarships for Western students through The Western Foundation.

Such partnerships are a critical piece of the "Western experience" and contribute to our solid reputation as an outstanding learning community. The impact of these partnerships is far-reaching, too, involving parents, alumni, business owners and faculty as well as the recipients and donors.

Most scholarships at Western touch a chain of partners on and off campus that ultimately contribute to a better community.

Reed, for instance, asks the Bill Reed scholarship recipients to promise that they will mentor someone else or otherwise "give back" to the community when they have finished school and are successful in their careers.

F. Murray "Red" Haskell, who has contributed almost $1 million to several scholarships at Western, feels the same way.

"It's very far-reaching," Haskell said.

For example, a student from Tacoma, who received a four-year Haskell scholarship, maintained high grades while earning her undergraduate degree at Western and won another scholarship to law school.

Haskell has kept in touch and reports that now, "She's working with the hope that she will some day have the opportunity to do the same for others."

Haskell, a University trustee who has also contributed a significant amount of money and property to crew and other athletics programs, has met several times with Patrick Kohl, a senior physics and math major who has received the James Michael Haskell Memorial scholarship. The four-year scholarship, named for Haskell's son, is an important recruiting tool, awarded to only the top students each year.

Although Kohl won't graduate until June 2001, he is already thinking of setting up a scholarship of his own once he gets through graduate school and begins working full-time.

The scholarship has done two other important things for Kohl. It has spurred him to apply for other private scholarships to pay for his books, room and board and other expenses.

More importantly, the scholarships have allowed him the freedom to conduct unpaid research with Western faculty.

During the summer of 1998, Kohl, of Medical Lake, near Spokane, worked on a computer simulation project with David Patrick, an assistant chemistry professor. The two co-wrote a research paper that was submitted to a professional journal. Kohl, who is also a math fellow, tutoring students in the Math Center at Bond Hall, says he couldn't afford to work unpaid if it wasn't for the scholarship.

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ACADEMIC ADVISING WEB PAGES ARE WINNERS
Marguerite (Ziti) Hutton, chair and associate professor of Western's accounting department, has received the American Taxation Association/Arthur Andersen Teaching Innovation Award. She was recognized for her innovative instructional methods in undergraduate tax courses. Since coming to Western in 1990, Hutton has received several major awards, including the Excellence in Teaching Award in 1993.

VU RENOVATION WILL CONTINUE THROUGH 2001
Construction workers behind a wooden fence fill the plaza outside the Viking Union, but anyone can see what's going on with the VU renovation on the Web. The VU, plus the plaza and bookstore are undergoing major renovations. Check it out at: http://www.union.wvu.edu/renovation

WESTERN REQUESTS $78 MILLION FOR CAPITAL BUDGET
The board of trustees approved a $77.9 million capital budget request for the 2001-03 biennium as well as a $1.85 million operating budget request. The capital budget request includes construction of a communications building on the south campus to provide much-needed classroom space. It will house the department of physics, computer science, communication and journalism plus the Center for Internet Studies.

GOLFERS TAKE SECOND PLACE AT WWU INVITATIONAL
Jason Boyd finished 8-under par 208 to take medalist honors and lead University of California-Davis to a 14-stroke victory at Western's invitational men's golf tournament at Sudden Valley in September. Boyd finished six strokes ahead of Western's Brian Flugstad (Jr., Kenmore/Inglemoor). Host and defending champion Western was second in the 10-team field at 877.

COACHES POLL RANKS BASKETBALL TEAMS HIGH
The Pacific West Coaches' Poll favors the women's basketball team to win the West Division of the PacWest Conference. The women's team was picked to finish third in the PacWest Conference. The women's team, which graduated four of five starters from a team that received the Final Four of the NCAA Division II National Championship last season, received one first-place vote.
Campus Connections
WWU ranks high as public regional university

For the fourth year in a row, Western has ranked second among public regional universities in the West in the U.S. News & World Report college rankings. The ranking places Western among the top universities in its category nationally.

WWU also ranked in the “top tier” of all regional universities in the West – public or private – at 18th. It was one of only two public schools to be ranked in the top 20 in the West, a region stretching from Texas to California.

The news magazine’s annual rankings are posted on its Web site at http://www.usnews.com. Rankings are based on a variety of criteria including academic reputation, student selectivity and retention, faculty resources and financial resources.

Since the first U.S. News rankings in 1987, Western has been ranked 12 of 14 years. In August, the Kaplan/Newsew College Catalogue cited Western as one of 31 universities in the nation recommended in a survey of high school guidance counselors for its “high level of faculty attention.”

“Western’s reputation has grown because of the quality of the educational experience offered to our students by a dedicated faculty and staff,” said President Karen W. Morse. “It is gratifying to have that recognized nationally in publications that prospective students consult when making choices about universities.”

Western’s director of admissions Karen Copetas agreed.

Partnerships help foster outstanding learning communities

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This year, Kohl is a paid research assistant for Brad Johnson, an associate professor of physics. Working on a project involving the coherent transport of electrons, Kohl is one of a growing number of Western undergraduates collaborating with faculty on academic research projects.

Research markedly enhances the undergraduate experience, Johnson said. It allows students to see a whole new world, to learn how new physics is generated and “puts context on what they do,” Johnson said. Rather than arranging boxes of tools as undergraduates, “they are gaining experience using those tools.”

Johnson supports Kohl and another student in their research activities out of a two-year, $23,000 grant from the Research Corp., but there are always more students who want to participate than faculty can support through grants.

“It would be good if there were more internal funds available for undergraduate research,” Johnson said, such as donations to The Western Foundation, earmarked for undergraduate research.

Both Haskell and Reed say their own lives have been enriched by their partnerships with the University.

“I’m pleased with what I see,” said Haskell, whose family has lived in Bellingham for 110 years in business for 110 years in Bellingham. “You must believe in the University first and feel Western is producing a quality person through the educational programs it has.”

“It’s gratifying to me,” added Reed. “I want to see them grow up to be good citizens and understand whatever level of success they achieve, they will never be able to do that themselves.”

Haskell scholarships are good for all four years

The University's biggest scholarship partner is a University of Washington graduate who has a four-year plan for recipients of several scholarships he has endowed at Western.

F. Murray "Red" Haskell, chairman of the Haskell Corp., in Bellingham, a University trustee and a longtime Western Foundation board member, tells Haskell scholarship recipients that if they maintain at least a B average while in school, his scholarship will carry them through all four years.

"When I went to school, too many people only had one year. So this gives them an opportunity - with their efforts," Haskell said.

Haskell says his scholarships bring him gratification because he knows many of the students might not get an undergraduate degree without the aid.

Another benefit, he adds: "It strengthens our outside community.

Point of View by President Karen W. Morse

Partnerships in excellence make "the Western experience"

For several years, Western Washington University has been ranked among the top public regional universities in the West and nationwide by U.S. News & World Report. Yahoo has named Western among the 100 "most wired" universities in the country. Western has been hailed for its national reputation, its high level of individual academic attention to students from faculty and for being "academically competitive" by Kaplan/Newsew's College Catalog 2001.

Western is being recognized for the kind of educational environment we think of as "the Western experience."

It is summed up by our concern for academic excellence, personal attention to students by faculty, our residential campus environment, service learning opportunities, commitment to diversity, our beautiful campus and our size - "not too big, not too small."

The goal of the Western experience, both in and out of the classroom, is to prepare students for a meaningful life as well as a profession.

As alumni, there is so much you do to help make the Western experience come true for WWU's students. Your participation in alumni activities, your pride in Western, expressed in your workplaces and communities, helps attract students who will benefit from and care for Western the way you did.

Many of you are parents - or grandparents - of today's students. Your support, whether through mentoring, creating workplace internship opportunities, or financial gifts for scholarships and programs, builds partnerships that provide the kind of educational experience that you enjoyed, from which you benefited, and for which Western is building a nationwide reputation.

Write to President Karen Morse or the Alumni Association c/o Alumni House, MS-9199, WWU, Bellingham, WA 98225 Or e-mail: president@wwu.edu alumni@wwu.edu
1971 - Mary Jane Fraser is principal of Wattle Elementary School in North Kitsap County.
1972 - Kay (Smith) Keener practices massage at Fairhaven Chiropractic and has a regular booth at the Bellingham Farmers Market.
1974 - Mike Hawley, sheriff of Island County since 1979, just released his first murder mystery, The DuBlyff. He has an extensive web page about police and detective work and about writing novels. Find it at: http://www.murderhe writes.com ...
1959 - Arthur Thompson retired as Snohomish County tax collector.
1962 - Barbara (Breazeals, Matthews) ... is a bachelor's degree when she was 76, July 30.
1979 - Corbin Ball of Bellingham was named one of the "25 Most Influential People in the People's Industries" by Meet­ ning News magazine, the world's largest publication for the $120 billion per year meetings and events industry.
1984 - Lynn Fleischbein graduated from Seattle University School of Law and was sworn in as a lawyer in KItsap County. Fleischbein practices law in Silverdale with the MacDemid, Liebert and Morgan law firm. Andi Pendue is editor of new media and rich products at the Tri-City Herald. He is editor of Wine Press Northwest and is the publisher of the newspaper's Web sites. E-mail him at apendue@tricityherald.com.
1989 - Beth McKibben is a planner with Matanuska-Susitna Borough in Palmer, Alaska.
1990 - Mark Schlichting and Jenifer Cromey ... on July 1.
1993 - Betty Plumas Willison, 86, a retired Superior Court clerk for Kitsap County until retiring in 1982, on Aug. 27.
1997 - Joe Fuller and Misty Julius on July 22.
1998 - Jeannine Pyne and her husband, Steve Smith, from the Naaselle-Grays River School District after 31 years.
1999 - Jamie Gray is a member of Jones & Stokos environmental planning team, specializing in environmental policy and planning and watershed regulation issues. Needy Stokos works for the Trust for Public Lands in Washington, D.C. in public relations. Robert Stokos joined Gill&Brown Real Estate Service in Spokane.
2000 - Ben Clampitt is a rookie agent with the Seattle Seahawks.
2001 - Joe Sheehan, a retired teacher and principal at Centralia High School, is a member of the Thorp High School class of 1956.
2002 - Benjamin Hagglund and Natalie Lewis ('97) on April 30.
Accent on Alumni

Guest of Goldsmith: Giving back to WWU

By Larry Taylor
Alumni Association President and guest columnist

As I'm now in a new role as president of the Alumni Association, I must consider the best way to "give back to Western." As a former WWU Upward Bound student, undergrad student, alumna, trustee, parent of a student, etc., I encountered varied ways in which I could help my alma mater.

In the role of Alumni Board president for the next two years, there would seem to be unlimited potential to contribute to Western. And that potential is through the more than 60,000 alumni who make up the Alumni Association.

As alumni, it is our duty to give back to the University that has given so much to us. You can't put a price on the quality of education we received from Western, and you can't put a price on the benefit to the University that our time, resources and financial contributions can make.

My goal is to ensure that pride in being an alumnus or alumna of Western makes a quantum leap forward.

When my tenure is over in two years, I'd like to look back and see the evidence of that pride through:

- A substantial increase in both life membership and general membership in the Alumni Club.
- The highest percentage of financial giving to the University through The Western Foundation of any university in the state.
- More WWU collegiate license plates purchased by alumni than any other university in the state.
- Every graduate's car with a Western Washington University Alumni sticker in the window.
- More alumni active in supporting our University than ever before.

We have a tremendous Alumni board of directors representing alumni from almost every generation and discipline. The directors love this institution and are committed to doing everything they possibly can to support Western's administration, students, alumni and staff, and to fulfill the University's mission.

Alumni House staff members, led by Chris Goldsmith, the director, are eager to assist you in reconnecting with the University, and providing you with information on how you can participate in Alumni Club activities. I invite you to call them as soon as possible.

Some people have said that the role of an alumni association president should be to be the biggest cheerleader for the University. I believe that role and I ask that each of you join me in letting up a big cheer for our alma mater:

We are Western, and Western is us!

Are you a distinguished graduate? Or maybe you know of one?

Nominations are now being accepted for Western's Distinguished Alumnus(a) Award for 2001.

The award is based on a lifetime of achievement in the recipient's field or a record of contribution to humanity in general.

Nominations must have actually graduated from Western Washington University or one of its predecessor institutions.

Nominations should include a letter of nomination, at least three additional letters of support, and as much supporting material as possible, including newspaper and/or magazine articles, etc.

A banquet honoring the 2001 recipient will be held on campus in the spring of 2001.

All nominations must be postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 2000 and mailed to:

Distinguished Alumnus Award
Alumni House, MS-9199
Western Washington University
Bellingham, WA 98225-9199

Some of the students who won Alumni scholarships of $1,000 to $2,500 for the 1999-2000 school year are pictured above.

Alumni and others who purchase WWU license plates through the Collegiate License Plate program in Washington state help fund four-year, $10,000 scholarships for current students.

Alumni can also donate to the general Alumni Association scholarship fund. Contributions are tax-deductible and can be sent to:

Alumni Association
MS-9199
Western Washington University
Bellingham, WA 98225-9199

Letters

Your front page story in the spring issue of Window on Western brings to mind another "romance novel" that might be of interest.

Bellingham hosted the all-Northwest Music Festival just prior to 1953. As a result, many first class music students enrolled in the Western Washington College of Education in 1953-1954. Even though they were very involved with Western's music department, love happened. They married — and still are almost 45 years later. And the couples are still friends and continue to be in touch.

I think it is a bit unusual for so many couples, from the same college music department to still be together. Most of us graduated in 1957, some in 1958:

- Art and Margaret Bridge
- Ken and Marilyn Copeland
- Leo and Jan Dodd
- Bob and Carole Duvall
- Don and Judy Gunderson
- Gerald and Judy Magelssen
- Larry and Marilyn Richardson
- Wally and Sara Jane Banta
- Henry and Joyce Wold

Four of the couples recently got together with a cake that read "Happy Anniversary: 177 years."

Sincerely,

Bob Duvall (57)

Send letters for Window on Western to pio@cc.wwu.edu or:

Window on Western
Public Information Office
MS-9011
Western Washington University
Bellingham, WA 98225-9011

Calling all Alumni from the Class of 1951


Make plans now to attend. Classes 1950 and 1952 are also invited to participate in the weekend festivities.

The two-day reunion will include a host of activities and plenty of time to reminisce with fellow classmates.

The Alumni House is also looking for class members who would like to be part of the reunion committee.

Letters have been sent to all 1950-1952 alumni in our data base.

If you did not receive information and/or would like to be part of the planning committee, phone Kristie Lundstrom at Alumni House: (800) 676-6885.
Investments in excellence
WWU has many partners to aid new programs

In offering the highest quality education to Western students, the University has hundreds of thousands of partners.

Foremost are the citizens of Washington who finance, through the legislature, two-thirds of Western's operating costs. Students and their families pay the remaining third through tuition. But other partners - students, faculty, alumni, parents, and many friends and supporters - enable the University to offer a margin of excellence beyond what the state can provide.

On campus, the most visible partnership is between students and faculty.

Western has long prided itself on the close personal attention that faculty members give to students. This is a hallmark of the Western experience that has received growing national recognition (see page 3).

Not content to rest on this reputation, faculty members are constantly working to provide even greater opportunities for close interaction, starting with the freshman experience.

Launched in fall 1999, Freshman Interest Groups supplement the curriculum of some large general university requirement classes (150-300 students). The GUR classes are paired with weekly interdisciplinary seminars for a maximum of 25 students. The program, partially funded by Microsoft, promotes higher-level thinking and connected learning. Expanding this year to serve more students, the program also began to base seminar groups in residence halls where informal exchange of ideas is more readily fostered.

Last year, in conjunction with its Centennial celebration, Western inaugurated Scholars Week, highlighting research and creative activity by nearly 600 undergraduates under the tutelage of 145 faculty members. Near-term, the university's goal is to double the number of undergraduate researchers. Gradually, with full faculty involvement, to enable as many as 3,000 undergraduates to experience research opportunities in a wide variety of fields.

Partnerships with the public and private sectors, including individual donors, are enabling talented students to attend Western and enhancing the quality of their education, especially in fields that rely on mastery of rapidly changing technology.

Just a few examples provide a glimpse of what these partnerships mean to Western students.

• Just after classes began in 1999, Gov. Gary Locke presented the first $1,125 Promise Scholarships to 224 freshmen, the second-largest group of recipients at any university in the state. Funded by the legislature as a two-year program, these scholarships went to high school graduates in the top 10 percent of their graduating classes, many of whom would not otherwise have been able to attend a university.

• Private support garnered during the 1996 Campaign for Western, the university's first capital campaign, doubled the number of scholarships at Western. During the 1999-2000 year, 538 students received $645,723 in scholarship aid.

• Nearly $6 million in federal grants has supported pace-setting student-faculty research at the Vehicle Research Institute, and National Science Foundation funding is a major source of support for student-faculty research at Shannon Point Marine Center.

The U.S. Department of Education has given Woodring College of Education a $2,344,141 grant to better prepare teachers to educate Native Americans. WE CAN, lauded by Harvard and the U.S. Department of Education as a national model for campus alcohol and substance abuse prevention programs, utilizes 200 volunteer wellness and lifestyle advisers. WE CAN has received more than $1 million in federal grants to maintain and enhance its activities on campus, in the local community, and in a consortium of colleges within the region.

• Firms such as Alpha Technologies, Boeing, Fluke, Microsoft and NetManage have provided cutting-edge technology and real world projects that enable engineering technology and computer science graduates to move directly into productive industry careers, benefiting both graduates and their employers. Private firms also support the Center for Instructional Innovation, which seeks new ways to teach and learn at Western.

• The M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust of Vancouver, Wash., and Research Corp. of Tucson, Ariz., jointly awarded a $745,967 six-year grant to Western's chemistry department after urging the department to apply based on its already-strong reputation. Combined with $1.6 million in University funds, it will enable the department to recruit top-notch faculty and the most talented students, provide them with state-of-the-art instrumentation, expand undergraduate research opportunities, and create new research facilities.

Partnerships with business and industry smooth the way for students as they become graduates and enter the work force.

Last figures on alumni employment show that 94 percent of graduates during the 1998-99 academic year are working or continuing their education. Inaugurated early in 2000, the Employer Partnership Program, devised by the Career Services Center, provides students and alumni internship and career opportunities while assisting employers to recruit skilled employees in a tight job market.

Alumni are increasingly important partners in assuring that Western maintains and enhances its reputation for providing quality education, eventually with full faculty involvement, to enable as many as 3,000 undergraduates to experience research opportunities in a wide variety of fields.

For $45, you can have a paving stone bearing the names of friends and family members if you order this year. $1.6 million in University funds, it will enable the department to recruit top-notch faculty and the most talented students, provide them with state-of-the-art instrumentation, expand undergraduate research opportunities, and create new research facilities.

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<td>15 Marvin Luther King, Jr. Day</td>
<td>6 PAC Series: Obo Addy, master drummer, singer and bandleader from Ghana, West Africa. 7-30 p.m., PAC Mainstage, $15-$22.</td>
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<td>With free exhibits at the Western Gallery and Wilson Library as the centerpiece, Wednesdays at Western is a new program that encourages the community to share WWU cultural attractions on Western evenings. The library is normally open until 11 p.m. on Wednesdays, but for the first time, the Western Gallery will also be open late on Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. when school is in session. Special presentations, discussions and lectures are being scheduled for various Western evenings to complement the exhibits at the Western Gallery and Wilson Library. Free parking will be available at 5 p.m. and the snack bar in Arntzen Hall will remain open until 8 p.m. for the convenience of Wednesdays at Western participants.</td>
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<td>The winter exhibition at the Western Gallery offers a representative selection of objects from three different kinds of collections: contemporary fine art, popular culture and public record.</td>
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<td>Works are from the Robert J. Shifflet Foundation, a nationally known collection of contemporary art; the archives of the United States Patent Office; and from a private collection in New York containing 100 examples of sock monkeys, a hand-crafted toy whose golden age was the 1950s. The exhibit raises provocative questions about collecting. For instance, why do individuals and institutions accumulate objects? What distinguishes an object as art? How does the creation and collecting of contemporary art differ in value, interest and purpose from other pursuits?</td>
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<td>The Seattle Alumni Chapter hosts three musical events this year, including the gala party at the EMP in September attended by, from left to right: WWU vice president Bob Edie; WWU President Karen Morse; and Alumni Association board member Bart Shill vodka (76), who is the chapter liaison. Also: M. Kay Van Der Vae (84); and Scott Van Der Vae, at right.</td>
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<td>On March 4, the chapter will host a brunch and matinee performance of Tosca at the Seattle Opera House.</td>
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