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# WINDOW ON WESTERN

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## Partners are helping to create outstanding learning communities



Sonja Chorba photo

Danika Adams, left, was the 1998-99 recipient of the Bill Reed African-American Scholarship. Reed is at right.



Kathy Sheehan photo

Scholarship winner Patrick Kohl, with his wife, Sandra Lund ('00), in Red Square

### No one is ever successful alone.

That's the philosophy of **Bill Reed ('90)**, a business planning and financial consultant. That life-long 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 con-

tribute 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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## Vikings start with bold new look

Western's department of athletics has introduced a new group of Vikings logos that feature a new Viking ship and fierce-looking Viking character.

The new logos, or marks, are an essential part of a complete brand identity program designed to strengthen the image and marketability of the athletic program.

"The change will greatly enhance the image of our athletic programs," said Steve Brummel, director of athletic marketing. "It will give us the versatility needed for merchandising and uniform design, as well as television advertising, publications and other marketing efforts."

Western's "family of marks" was created by the SME/SFX Entertainment Company, which has created logos for the Seattle Mariners, Safeco Field and University of North Carolina.

The Alumni Association will continue to use its logos on publications such as *Window on Western* and on its Web site.

The primary mark features a Viking ship with Western Washington University written in an exclusively developed font. The secondary mark features a Viking head and helmet.

The two marks can be used in various combinations with the font.

Along with the new marks, the athletic department also has revamped its Web site ([www.vikings.com](http://www.vikings.com)). The new site features complete information on all 15 sports, interactive fan polls, audio and video clips, online merchandising ordering and live audio Webcasts for football and basketball.



### VIKINGS™

Western's last athletic identity change came in the mid-1980s when the Vikings went to a script-only logo. The color scheme also will undergo a slight alteration with the addition of slate blue and black to the existing navy blue, silver and white.

Blue and white have been Western's main colors since 1910 and the Viking nickname was selected in 1923.

The longest-lasting Western athletic symbol was Vik the Viking, a pudgy, cartoonish figure with a sword that was used from the early 1950s to the early 1970s.

From the early 1970s to the mid-1980s, the primary logo was a longhaired Vikings head profile similar to the logo of the Minnesota Vikings of the NFL.



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## Briefly

### LAW AND DIVERSITY PROGRAM GETS NEW DIRECTOR

Former domestic violence prosecutor and discrimination investigator Julie Helling will serve as the new director of the Fairhaven College law and diversity program (LDP). Helling, who replaces Marian Rodriguez, program director since 1995, will head the program begun in 1991 to prepare students from underrepresented groups for admission to and success in law school.

### WESTERN ESTABLISHES NEW OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE



Dean of Students  
Ted Pratt

Western's Student Support Services has changed its name to the Office of Student Life to increase students' awareness of academic, disability and multicultural support services available to them. Ted Pratt, director of Student Support Services, heads the new office and serves as dean of students. The office is dedicated to the promotion of academic success, the development of students and the creation of an environment that fosters retention and graduation.

### RON RIGGINS IS INTERIM DEAN AT FAIRHAVEN COLLEGE

Ron Riggins, a faculty member in the department of physical education, health and recreation, is serving as interim dean of Fairhaven College, replacing Marie Eaton. Riggins served as acting dean of Fairhaven in 1993-94 and has considerable administrative experience at Western. A national search for a permanent dean at Fairhaven will begin in the fall of 2001. Eaton resigned as dean but will remain a faculty member at Fairhaven.

### ACADEMIC ADVISING WEB PAGES ARE WINNERS

Western has earned a national award for its outstanding and creative electronic academic advising materials. Faculty, staff and students have been meeting for two years to explore utilizing the Web to help students readily access departmental advisers. Connie Copeland, the new director of the Academic Advising Center, and Linda Clark, Western's sociology department undergraduate adviser who designed a model academic advising Web page for the University, accepted the award from the National Academic Advising Association.

### ACCOUNTING PROFESSOR WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Marguerite (Zite) 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 1989, 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 \$185 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 departments of physics, computer science, communication and journalism plus the Center for Internet Studies.

### GOLFERS TAKE SECOND PLACE AT WWU INVITATIONAL

Jason Boyd finished at 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 men'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 reached the Final Four of the NCAA Division II National Championship last season, received one first-place vote.



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# 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 ratings. 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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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/Newsweek 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.

"I constantly hear from faculty how great our students are and from students how approachable and engaging their professors are," she said. "This kind of mutual respect based on close faculty-student interaction is a hallmark of the Western experience."

*Kaplan/Newsweek* also cited Western, along with six other universities in the North Central and Northwest states, as "hot and trendy" because, according to comments by the counselors, it is "becoming more selective (and has an) enhanced reputation."

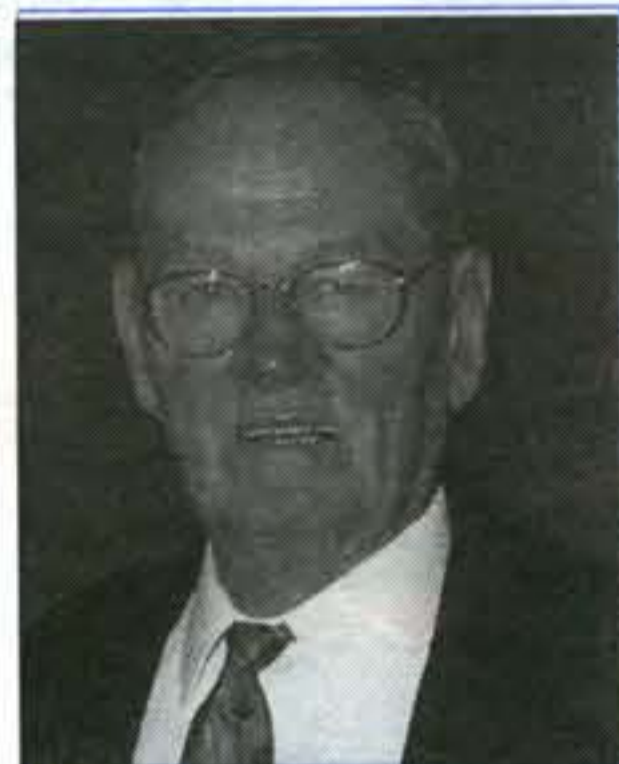
## Partnerships help foster outstanding learning communities

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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 amassing 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



"Red" Haskell has contributed nearly \$1 million to scholarships at Western

### 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."

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 been 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 community citizens and understand whatever level of success they achieve, they will never be able to do that themselves."



The Picture Man Inc. photo  
Former trustee Warren "Bud" Gilbert, Jr., left, with Bill Reed at the 1998 commencement.

## 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/Newsweek'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 stu-

dents 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.



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# Class Notes



Mary Ann Harrington photo

**1956 - Elizabeth Coward**, above left, and Jim Coward enjoyed the Seattle Alumni chapter party at the Experience Music Project in September.

**1959 - Jack Thompson** retired as Snohomish School District superintendent.

**1962 - Barbara (Breazeals, Matthews) Nilson**, retired journalism teacher from Franklin High School in Seattle, is currently a reporter for the *Voice of the Valley* in Maple Valley. She is also the author of a 240-page book, *Uncle Sam Wants You*, with memoirs of the veterans of WWII. The book was released in November 1999. Nilson will travel to her seventh continent, Africa, next year. She can be reached at mckjen@mtaonline.net.

**1963 - Linda Nelson** retired from the Naselle-Grays River School District after 31 years.

**1965 - Jack Wardlow** retired from the Naselle-Grays River School District after 35 years.

**1967 - Dennis Johnson**, owner of Pacific Appraisal Associates, is the mayor of Wenatchee.

**1968 - Dan Barkley** retired as associate superintendent of the Tacoma School District. Barkley was with the district for 32 years.

**1969 - Bill Giller** is principal at Concrete High School. ... **Deane Senter** retired with 31 years of service in the Naselle-Grays River School District. ... **Steve Smith** retired from the Naselle-Grays River School District after 31 years.

**1971 - Mary Jane Fraser** is principal of Wolfe Elementary School in North Kitsap County.

**1972 - Katy (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 1996, just released his first murder mystery, *The Double Bluff*. He has an extensive web page about police and detective work and about writing novels. Find it at: <http://www.murderhewrites.com> ... **Phyllis Lane**, administrator for Evergreen State College, was honored by the Girl Scouts as a woman of distinction, an award for former scouts who are outstanding in their field. ... **David Stock** is with McSwain and Co., PS. Stock is a CPA with 25 years experience in public accounting.

**1979 - Corbin Ball** of Bellingham was named one of the "25 Most Influential People in the Meetings Industry" by *Meeting News* magazine, the world's largest publication for the \$120 billion per year meetings and events industry.

**1981 - Rob Angel**, the inventor of *Pictionary*, has created another game: *ThinkBlot*.

**1986 - Ron Hunt** teaches math at Mount Vernon High School.

**1988 - 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 MacDermid Liebert and Morgan law firm. ... **Andy Perdue** is editor of new media and niche products at the Tri-City Herald. He is editor of *Wine Press Northwest* and runs the newspaper's 10 Web sites. E-mail him at [aperdue@tri-cityherald.com](mailto:aperdue@tri-cityherald.com)

**1989 - Beth McKibben** is a planner with Matanuska-Susitna Borough in Palmer, Alaska. McKibben designed and coordinates the Mat-Su volunteer water quality monitoring pro-

gram, which won an Innovative Communities Award from the National Association of Counties in 1999. McKibben is also responsible for the lake management program, which won an innovative communities award from the National Association of Counties in 2000.

**1992 - Toni Droscher** works on publications for the Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team in Lacey. ... **Mary Kanikeberg** is principal at Mount Baker Middle School in Mount Vernon.

**1993 - Kate Patera Courchaine** is an artist and had her work shown at the Fairweather Gallery this summer. ... **Scott Wallace** is a graphic designer at Media Design in Spokane.

**1994 - Janelle Phinney-Mill** is the vice-principal at Voyager Middle School in the Mukilteo School District.

**1995 - Greg Finkbonner** is the principal of Blaine Elementary School.

**1996 - Aime Allen** teaches first and second grade in the Mukilteo School District and will receive a Gates Foundation grant for a teacher leadership project next year. Allen can be reached at

[allena@hotmail.com](mailto:allena@hotmail.com). ... **Dean Fearing** is the manager of the REstore, a recycling business in Bellingham selling reusable building materials, used appliances and fixtures. ... **Jason Short** received his doctor of medicine degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin. Short is in a residency program at Inland Empire Hospital Services Association Program in Spokane.

**1997 - Steve Grichel** is an associate planner with the Skamania County planning department. ... **Ryan Lorimer** earned his juris doctorate in law in May from Northwestern School of Law, Lewis & Clark College in Portland. Lorimer is the president of Kestrel Homes, Inc., specializing in custom homes. ... **James Rush Murphy** received his master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in May.

**1998 - Ross Beckley** is a land-use planner for Reid Middleton, Inc. in Everett. ... **Charlotte Belcher** is an account executive for Fairpoint Communications Inc. ... **Matt De Spain** is an account executive with Business Pulse. ... **Brandy Santiago** is a customer service representative at Bank Northwest in Bellingham.

**1999 - Jamie Gray** is a member of Jones & Stokes environmental planning team, specializing in environmental policy and planning and watershed regulation issues. ... **Neely Stratton** works for the Trust for Public Lands in Washington, D.C. in gifts and public relations. ... **Robin Worthy** joined G&B Real Estate Service in Spokane.

**2000 - Ben Clampitt** is a rookie free agent with the Seattle Seahawks. ... **Karissa Lehinger** is co-owner of Rover Rojo, a Web design and related services business in Bellingham. ... **Michele Rennie** is the direct marketing manager at Chateau Ste. Michelle in Woodinville. ... **Holly Vander Schalie** is a staff accountant with Moss Adams in Bellingham. ... **Stephanie VanBuskirk** and **Chad Sparber** have attended school together since kindergarten.



Mary Ann Harrington photo  
Alumni Association board member **Mary Toland** ('83) and wife **Laurian** in front of a two-story high video wall at the EMP party.



Kathy Sheehan photo

## Robins to roost now

Western's letter-writing "robins," a group of 1940 alumnae who have kept a round-robin letter circulating for nearly 60 years, held their annual reunion on campus this year.

The group, featured in the Fall 1998 *Window on Western*, also hold annual reunions all over the country. They spent several days in Edens Hall in September, surrounded by a few husbands, a daughter and a wealth of memories. Group members say their advancing age may mean the 2000 reunion will be their last.

Shown left to right in the first row are: Dorothy (Schaus) Kahle of Eugene, Ore.; Yvonne (Konnerup) Lahti of Bellingham; Marion and Lela (Kaufman) Turner of Tonasket.

In the back row, left to right, are: Harold and Jean (Vilwock) Allen of Clear Lake and Josephine (Stroebe) and "Murph" Forner.

## Memoriams

**1933 - Bonner Wilson**, a retired teacher and principal, July 31.

**1937 - Betty Plumas Willison**, 86, a retired teacher, June 11.

**1938 - Pauline Wesseler**, 83, a retired teacher, June 27.

**1942 - Frank Shiers**, 79, an attorney, July 23.

**1951 - Harry Sandberg**, 72, a retired teacher, July 6.

**1960 - Frances Marjorie Furuheim**, 85, a retired speech therapist for the Arlington School District, June 26.

**1970 - Marvin Milham**, 60, on July 22. ... **Wallace Sigmar**, 53, former president of Peninsula College, June 20.

**1981 - Steven Epperson**, 61, the controller for Cascade Coffee, July 11.

**1987 - Anna Crabtree**, 86, who earned her bachelor's degree when she was 76, July 30.

**1993 - Barbara Ripperda**, 47, a cabinet-maker, June 29.

## Faculty & Staff

**Robert P. Groh**, 74, who worked 18 years an instructional technician in the biology department until retiring in 1982, on Aug. 27.

**Patricia M. Thompson**, 67, former secretary to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Sept. 1.

**David Werstler**, professor of manufacturing engineering technology, on Sept. 11.



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## Weddings

**1980 - Mark Schlichting** and Jennifer Crowley on June 16.

**1992 - Steven Oviatt** and Cynthia Ackerman on July 1.

**1993 - Adria Notenboom** and Craig Hutchings on May 28. ... **Carolyn Paola** and Robert Freeman on April 29.

**1994 - Craig Hammonds** and Megan Trahanes on July 31, 1999.

**1995 - Tangee Summerhill** and Ronald Bishop on Feb. 19. ... **Vicki Trunkey** and Douglas Wolverg on Dec. 4, 1999.

**1996 - Diana Joy** and David Buck ('97) on July 1. ... **Kristy Leuenberger** and Chad Davis on May 27. ... **Sterling Powell** and Sarah Enfield on June 11.

**1997 - David Buck** and Diana Joy ('96) on July 1. ... **Thomas Sumter** and Carlie Williams ('99) on April 30.

**1998 - Joe Fuller** and Misty Julius on July 22. ... **Clare Hardy** and Shad Reding ('98) on July 8.

**1999 - Erin Sands** and Robert Thomsen on April 8. ... **Carlie Williams** and **Thomas Sumter** ('97) on April 30.

**2000 - Benjamin Haglund** and Natalie Lewis on Mar. 18. ... **Charlene Mitchell** and **Benjamin Esget** on June 24.

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# 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, undergraduate, alumnus, 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 do 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. Well, I relish 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!



Jon Brunk photo

## Alumni Scholarship Winners

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 Rants
- 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.wvu.edu](mailto:pio@cc.wvu.edu) or:

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

## 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.

Nominees 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 post-marked no later than Dec. 31, 2000 and mailed to:

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

## Calling all Alumni from the Class of 1951

Reunion Weekend for Western Washington State College of Education alumni from the Class of 1951 is June 22-24, 2001.

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 ever 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 maxi-

mum 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 and,

eventually, 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, 558 students received \$645,273 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 \$345,734 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 student volunteers as 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 enhance teaching and learning 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.

Latest figures on alumni employment show that 94 percent of graduates during the 1998-99 academic year are employed 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. In the 1999-2000 fiscal year, over 5,100 alumni contributed more than \$1 million to benefit a variety of programs.



Jo Collinge photo  
WWU President Karen W. Morse, left, and Gov. Gary Locke, far right, present Promise Scholarships to 224 freshmen Oct. 5, 1999.

## President's Club members omitted from donor list

The Western Foundation apologizes to the following annual President's Club members whose names were inadvertently omitted from the 1999-2000 Honor Roll of Donors. We thank them for their continued support.

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## Athletic camps honor Wade King

Four Bellingham area youths have been named the first recipients of the Wade King memorial scholarships for Viking Athletic Camps.

The scholarships honor the memory of Wade King, one of three youths killed in a June 1999 pipeline explosion in Bellingham.

The recipients are Michael Castillo, an eighth grader at LaVenture Middle School in Mount Vernon; Andrew Compean, an eighth grader at Whatcom Middle School in Bellingham; Stephen M. Johnson, a fifth grader at Vossbeck Elementary in Lynden; and Michael

Lasher, an eighth grader at Lake Stevens Middle School in Lake Stevens.

Nearly 3,000 campers participate each year in Viking Sports Camps, which are sponsored by Brown and Cole Stores.

Interested in contributing to the scholarship fund? Write to Wade King Memorial Scholarships for Viking Sports Camp, Attn: Jennifer Rick, Department of Athletics, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9066.

For information: (360) 650-3616 or Jennifer.Rick@wwu.edu.

## Seattle Business Forum March 20

Western will host its third annual Seattle Business Forum on March 20, 2001. Bellevue developer Kemper Freeman, Jr., will be the keynote speaker.

The Western Foundation and Bank of America co-host the event for civic and business leaders, alumni and friends of Western in the Seattle area.

The forum will be held at the Westin Hotel in downtown Seattle. Contact the Special Events Office at (360) 650-6825 for more information.



## Lasting gift: Alumni brick

An alumni brick installed on a path leading to Old Main makes a special lifelong gift to the Alumni Association and to Western.

For \$45, you can have a paving brick with your name and class year installed on Alumni Way in front of Old Main. There are already nearly 2,000 bricks on Alumni Way.

They can be placed next to bricks bearing the names of friends and family members if you order the bricks together. After your brick has been placed, a certificate bearing the name of the brick recipient will be sent along with a map showing the exact location of your brick.

Call Alumni House or go to the Alumni House Web site for an alumni brick order form. Call (800) 676-6885.



# Calendar/Connections

## NOVEMBER

- 14 Turning Points lecture: Professor Ed Rutschman explores the question, *When composers borrow, who gets the payback?* 5 p.m. SMATE 150
- 16-30 Theatre Arts presents *Angels in America II: Perestroika* by Tony Kushner, directed by James Lortz. 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 16-18, 30 and at 2 p.m. Nov. 19. PAC Mainstage. \$6.
- 18 Alumni Seattle Chapter reception and Seattle Symphony concert at Benaroya Hall.
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Holiday (Campus closed noon Wednesday)
- 24-25 Chuck Randall Thanksgiving Classic, Men's Basketball, Carver Gym

### Alumni ski trip in B.C., Jan. 12-14

Sun Peaks in British Columbia has been chosen as the site of the Alumni Association's annual ski trip.

Alumni and friends will spend the weekend of Jan. 12-14 on the slopes.

Prices for accommodations start at \$170 for a two-night, two-day skiing package.

Call Kristie Lundstrom at Alumni House (800) 676-6885 for details and reservations.

## DECEMBER

- 1-3 Theatre Arts presents *Angels in America II: Perestroika* by Tony Kushner, directed by James Lortz. 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 1-2 and at 2 p.m. Dec. 3. PAC Mainstage. \$6.
- 2 Western Gallery: Last day for John Buck sculpture and woodblock prints
- 2 Women's Basketball: WWU at Seattle University
- 2 Men's Basketball: WWU at Cal State-Bakersfield
- 7 Men's Basketball: WWU vs. Cascade College, 7 p.m. Carver Gym
- 9 Women's Basketball: WWU vs. Seattle Pacific, 7 p.m. Carver Gym
- 10 Men's Basketball: WWU vs. Simon Fraser (Exhibition), 3 p.m. Carver Gym
- 11 Finals Week begins
- 11 Tickets available today for Oliver Sacks' lecture on Jan. 24
- 16 Board of Trustees meets
- 16 Women's Basketball: WWU at Seattle Pacific
- 16 Commencement
- 19 Women's Basketball: WWU vs. Cal Poly-Pomona, 7 p.m. Carver Gym.
- 20 Men's Basketball: WWU vs. Warner Pacific College, 7 p.m., Carver Gym
- 22-25 Christmas (Campus offices closed)
- 30 Men's Basketball: WWU vs. Mesa State, 7 p.m. Carver Gym

## JANUARY

- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 16 Turning Points lecture: Professor Michael Seal, director of the Vehicle Research Institute, 7:30 p.m. at the Whatcom Museum of History and Art
- 24 Distinguished Lecture Series presents Oliver Sacks, *Neurology and the Soul*, PAC Mainstage, 6:30 p.m. Free admission, but tickets required through PAC Box Office or Village Books.
- 27 PAC Series: *Hesperus* with Rosa Lamoreaux, 7:30 p.m., PAC Concert Hall, \$10-\$16

## FEBRUARY

- 10 Alumni board of directors meeting in Seattle
- 13 Turning Points lecture: Professor Larry Estrada, 5 p.m., SMATE 150
- 15 Higher Education Day
- 19 Presidents Day Holiday
- 23 PAC Series: The Guarneri String Quartet, 7:30 p.m., PAC Concert Hall, \$10-\$16

## MARCH

- 4 Alumni Seattle Chapter hosts a brunch and matinee performance of *Tosca* at the Seattle Opera House.
- 7-11 Theatre Arts presentation: *Lot's Daughters*. 7:30 p.m. Mar. 7-10, 2 p.m. March 11, PAC Mainstage. \$6.
- 13 Turning Points lecture: Professor Steve VanderStaay, 5 p.m., SMATE 150
- 20 Seattle Business Forum, noon, Westin Hotel. Contact Special Events for information.
- 24 Commencement

## APRIL

- 6 PAC Series: Obo Addy, master drummer, composer and bandleader from Ghana, West Africa, 7:30 p.m., PAC Mainstage Theatre, \$15-\$22
- 18 Turning Points lecture: Western Gallery director Sarah Clark-Langager discusses the Outdoor Sculpture Collection, 5 p.m., Location TBA
- 20 Distinguished Alumnus(a) banquet
- 21 Alumni board of directors meeting on campus
- 22 Alumni Pierce County chapter hosts *Daffodil Days* boat parade and brunch at C.I. Shenanigan's
- 26-28 Theatre Arts presentation: *Lion in the Streets*, 7:30 p.m., PAC 199. \$4.
- 30 Distinguished Lecture Series presents Edward Said, scholar on Middle Eastern and Palestinian issues. PAC Mainstage, 6:30 p.m. Free admission, but tickets required through PAC Box Office or Village Books. Tickets available April 9.

## MAY

- 3-5 Western Showtime Family Weekend; Kappa Carnival.
- 3-6 Theatre Arts presentation: *Lion in the Streets*, 7:30 p.m., PAC 199. \$4.
- 5 PAC Series: *Chicago City Limits*, improvisational theater. 7:30 p.m., PAC Mainstage Theatre, \$12-\$18
- 28 Memorial Day Holiday

## Wednesdays at Western

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 Wednesday 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 Wednesday evenings to complement the exhibits in 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.

### Winter exhibit at the Western Gallery (Jan. 19 to March 10)

*Pictures, Patents, Monkeys and More ... On Collecting*

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.

Works are from the Robert J. Shiffler 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?

## Tickets & Info

- Alumni events ..... (800) 676-6885
- Athletics ..... (360) 650-3109
- Box Office, Performing Arts/Theatre Arts ..... (360) 650-6146
- Distinguished Lecture Series ..... (360) 650-6825
- Elderhostel at Western ..... (360) 650-7754
- Special Events ..... (360) 650-6825
- Western Gallery Info Line ..... (360) 650-3900
- Wilson Library Hours (recorded) ..... (360) 650-3049

For the latest calendar updates and additions, visit:

<http://www.wwu.edu/events/eventview>

## Seattle alumni events



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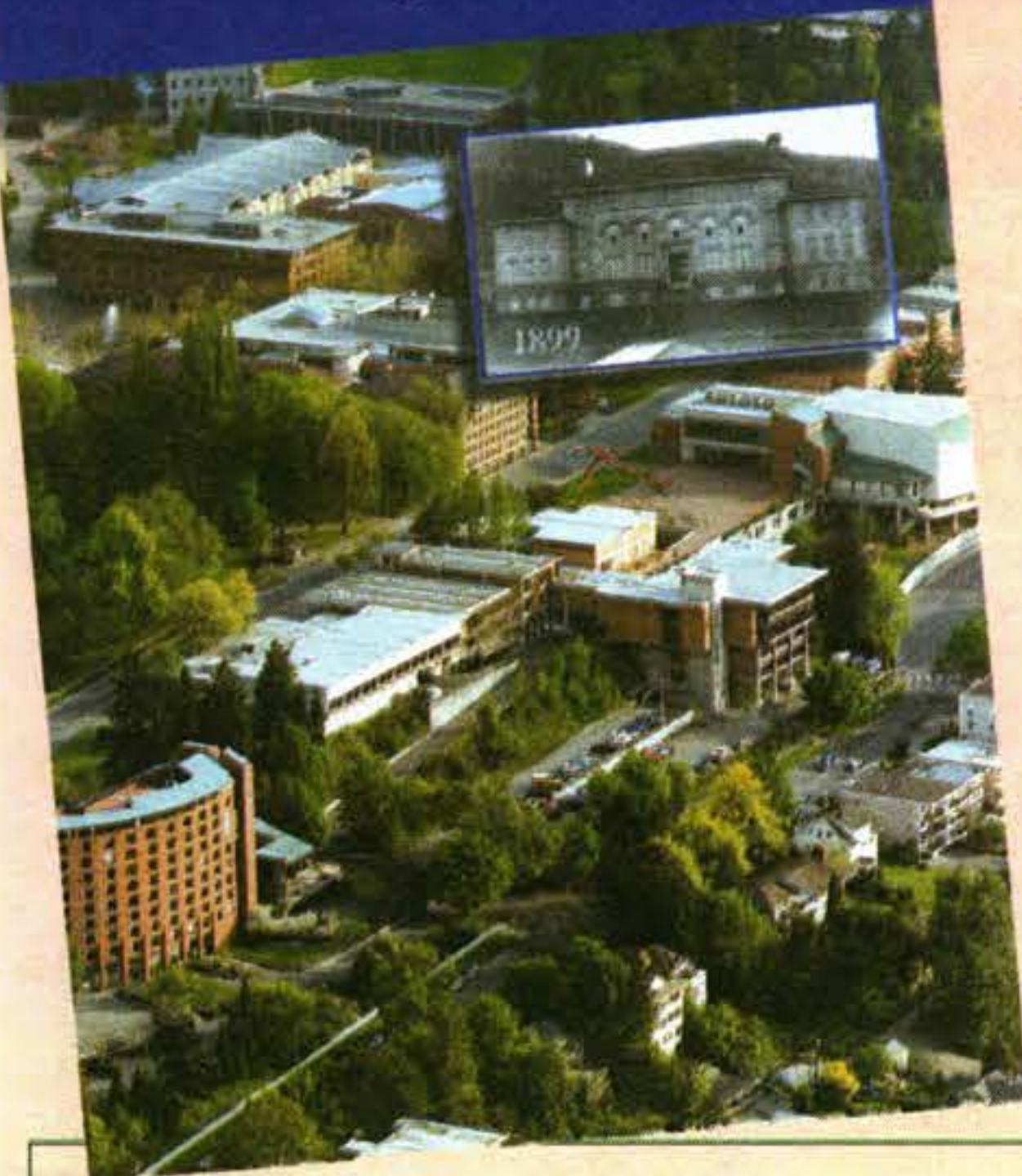
The Seattle Alumni Chapter hosts three musical events this year, including the gala party at the EMP in September attended by, from left to right: WWU vice president Bob Edie; WWU President Karen Morse; and Alumni Association board member **Bart Shilvock** ('76), who is the chapter liaison. Also: **M. Kay Van De Vanter** ('84); and **Scott Van De Vanter**, at right.

On March 4, the chapter will host a brunch and matinee performance of *Tosca* at the Seattle Opera House.



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A well-researched collection of essays about Western's history for the past 100 years, the book is edited by former provost and history department chair Roland L. De Lorme. Topics treated include faculty and faculty governance, student life, women faculty, campus planning and design, the Outdoor Sculpture Collection and Wilson Library.

There's also a delightful personal portrait of WWU's first president, Edward T. Mathes, by his daughter-in-law, Miriam Snow Mathes.

Writers are George Mariz, Kathryn Anderson, Connie Copeland, Lynne Masland, Linda Smeins, Sarah Clark-Langager and Marian Alexander.

**Perspectives on Excellence** is available for \$19.95 plus \$5.60 shipping and sales tax from Alumni House.

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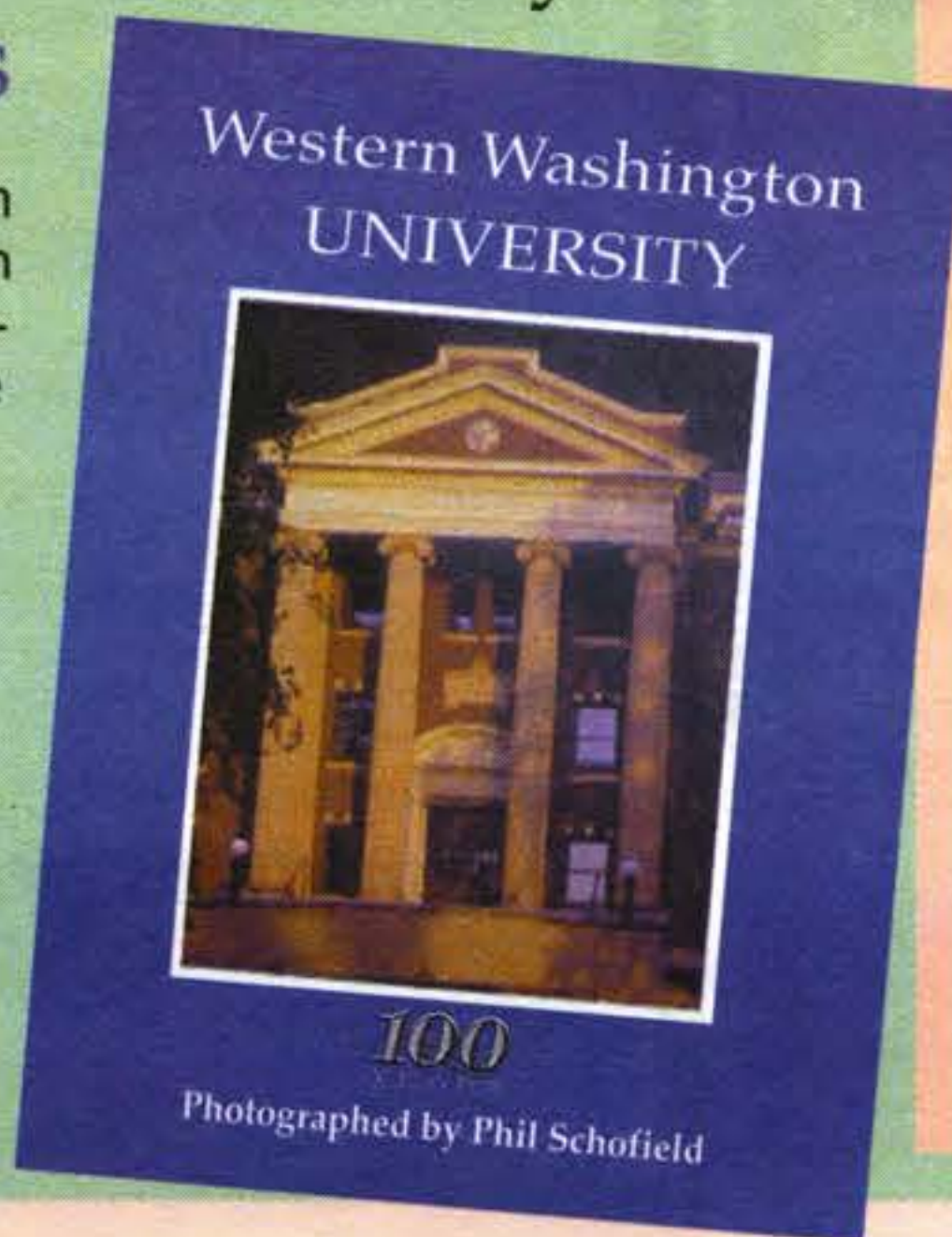
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