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Alumni are cruisin' for fun

Western alumni love the water and cruising on it. So the Alumni Association will help four chapters and the Life Member Club to cast off again this year for cruises on the West Coast and East Coast.

There are plenty of other Alumni Chapter events and reunions for landlubbers, too, so look inside to see how you can keep connected to WWU for the coming year.

Your continued support of Western benefits current students and faculty who look to you for mentoring, internship opportunities, scholarships and research support. And don't forget that you reap the benefit of staying in touch with a favorite faculty member and networking with other WWU graduates in the career and social arenas. Why not have fun, too?

Boat cruises on the West Coast include the annual dinner cruise for life members, departing from Elliott Bay in Seattle; the Skagit Valley Alumni Chapter's dinner-cruise through Deception Pass in the spring; and the highly successful San Francisco Bay cruise, which the Northern California Alumni Chapter will present again in the spring.

On the East Coast, the Washington, D.C., Alumni Chapter will reprise its Potomac River dinner-dance cruise May 4, with inspiring views of the nation's capital's national monuments illuminated at night. And the New England Alumni Chapter will host a Boston Harbor cruise April 27.

Experienced Vikings face toughest-ever schedule

Coming off a 7-3 season and its fourth Columbia Football Association championship in the last six years, an experienced Western football squad sets out to face the toughest schedule in school history.

A total of 36 letter winners, including seven offensive starters and eight defensive starters, return this fall for coach Rob Smith, the top coach in school history in both total wins (82) and winning percentage (.675).

Western plays an 11-game schedule that sees the Vikings meet two NCAA Division I-AA opponents and log more travel miles than any squad in school history.

Home games will be tough as well. Four of the five teams visiting Civic Stadium had records of .500 or better last season.

All-America candidates lead both sides of the ball for the Vikings. Quarterback Scott Mitchell and strong safety Erik Totten, both seniors, have established themselves as two of the top NCAA II players anywhere. Totten was named to six All-America teams last year, being a first-team pick by the American Football Coaches Association as a punt returner and by Division2football.com as a defensive back, as well as being a first-team Verizon Academic All-American. Mitchell was the CFA Offensive Player of the Year.

For the fifth year in a row, the Vikings are favored to win a league title. Western football garnered three of four first-place votes in the preseason coaches' poll for the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

The schedule includes the Oct. 6 Homecoming game against South Dakota State. See the back page for more on Homecoming.

If the Vikings, who haven't had a losing season since 1990, win another league championship, the title will be different this year. Simon Fraser has left and the four remaining CFA teams are all charter members of newly formed Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

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Briefly

VEHICLE RESEARCH INSTITUTE DEBUTS VIKING XXX
Western alumni attending the annual Seattle Business Forum last March were the first to see the Viking XXX, the revolutionary Formula SAE racing car built and designed at Western’s Vehicle Research Institute. The Viking XXX, dubbed the “Triple X,” features a customer, student-built V-8 engine and transmission and is composed of more than 90 percent recycled Boeing materials.

WWU PARTNERS WITH GRADE SCHOOL ARTISTS
More than 45 WWU art education students, along with professors and professional artists, put art into practice last spring by teaching local elementary school students about pottery, African printmaking, butterfly paintings and sculpture. The children’s artwork was displayed on the walls of selected business in downtown Bellingham during the first Children’s Gallery Walk in May. The program is the result of Western’s new partnership with the Whatcom County Arts Education Consortium.

88 HONORED FOR MULTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT
Western honored 88 Whatcom County high school students last year for promoting multiculturalism and a commitment to a culturally diverse environment. Eleven students also won Multicultural Achievement Program scholarships, worth $2,000.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS
The following people have joined the WWU family:
• Susanna Yunker, assistant professor of student affairs and academic support services
• Béla Foltin Jr., University librarian
• Donald (Jim) Wynn, director of facilities management
• Jeffrey Kely, a junior computer science major, as student trustee
• Professor Kris Bulcroft, vice provost, undergraduate education
• Peggy Zoro, president, Western Foundation Board

THE PLANET WINS ACCOLADES AS BEST MAGAZINE
The Society of Professional Journalists recognized The Planet as the best student magazine published by any college or university in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska. The Associated Collegiate Press also chose it as a “Magazine Pacemaker.”

SHANNON POINT SCIENTIST WINS NSF GRANT
Kathy Van Abtine, a marine scientist at the Shannon Point Marine Center, has received a four-year, $320,000 research grant from the National Science Foundation to fund her research on the ways marine plants use natural chemicals to repel predators.

NSF EXTENDS FUNDING FOR TWO PROGRAMS
The National Science Foundation has renewed its support for a model national program in tribal environmental and natural resources management, offered jointly at Northwest Indian College and Huxley College of Environmental Studies at Western. The NSF grant is for $859,000. The Shannon Point Marine Center also received a $256,512 grant from the NSF to continue a nine-week summer undergraduate research program for the next five years.

COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING GETS GO-AHEAD
With approval of Western’s 2001-2003 capital budget, planning continues for the construction of a Communications Building just south of Huxley College.

The University plans to develop a new south campus quad, which will include computing and academic support services. The new Communications Building as well as a proposed Academic Instructional Center.

MORSE CITES UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SUCCESSES
University President Karen Morse was a key speaker at a recent national conference on undergraduate science research opportunities at institutions noted for quality undergraduate programs. Morse was invited to speak at the conference, held at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory outside Chicago, because of WWU’s “considerable distinction” in undergraduate research.

ENJOY THE WWU CONCERT CHOIRS AT HOME
A CD of the 2000-2001 Concert Choirs includes music of American and European composers. To purchase, send $12 to WWU-ACDA, MS-9107, 516 High Street, Bellingham, WA, 98225-9107.

WESTERN DRAWS RECORD NUMBER OF APPLICANTS
More students applied to be admitted to Western this fall than any in school history. And Western accepted 77 percent of applicants. About 2,200 are expected to enroll in the freshman class.
Basketball teams hope to be repeat champions

The Western men's and women's basketball teams enter the 2001-02 campaign with great hopes of repeating a pair of highly successful seasons.

The men last year had the finest season in their century of competition, going 27-4, winning the West Regional of the NCAA Division II National Tournament and reaching the semifinals of the NCAA II Elite Eight.

Coach Brad Jackson has all but one player returning from the national tournament team as the Vikings aim to make back-to-back national appearances for the first time in school history.

The women were 21-8 last year, reaching national post-season play for the fourth consecutive year. Seven letter winners, including the top three scorers, return for coach Carmen Dolfo.

Both the men and the women play in a new conference this season, as Western and nine other schools have left the PacWest to enter the 2001-02 campaign as the Western Big West.

Distinguished Lecture Series kicks off Oct. 11

Journalist Helen Thomas and futurist Freeman Dyson will come to campus this year as part of Western's Distinguished Lecture Series.

Dyson, who launches the series Oct. 11, is a preeminent physicist, mathematician, futurist and humanitarian.

Recipient of the 2000 Templeton Prize for progress in religion, Dyson has a knack for turning intricate scientific theories into easily understood concepts. He is an emeritus professor at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J., where he taught for more than 40 years.

Thomas, dean of the White House press corps, will speak on Thursday, Jan. 17.

Funded by The Western Foundation, the Distinguished Lecture Series is free, but tickets are required. Tickets for alumni and community members are $5.窗口 available Oct. 2 at Village Books and PAC Box Office, or by sending SASE to WWU, PAC Box Office, Bellingham, WA 98225-9109. Tickets available to WWU students and employees Sept. 26 at PAC Box office. Info: 650-7545.

Western's capital budget funding is endorsement of our commitment to high-quality education

Last fall I wrote you that Seattle Times business columnist Stephen Dunphy characterized Western as "on a roll," after a visit to campus. At that time, I said we would not rest on our laurels - and we haven't!

Western continues to be acknowledged as a first-rate campus, this time by Washington's legislators. The University received the largest capital budget in school history when Gov. Gary Locke signed the 2001-2003 capital budget, which included $57.1 million in state funds for Western.

The new two-year plan provides Western $32.5 million to construct a Communications Building, $11.7 million for campus infrastructure development at the south end of campus, and $12.8 million for preservation, renovation and access projects.

It also provides $115,000 to develop plans for a new Academic Instructional Center that will become the second major facility in the new south campus quad.

Already planned or under construction at that end of campus are the Campus Services Facility, slated for completion by summer 2002, which will house public safety offices and the student health center, and a Student Recreation Center, with construction scheduled to begin in spring 2002. These projects will mean some upheaval in the south part of campus, so have patience when you visit.

I am pleased that the governor and the Legislature have provided us with a crucial tool for managing growth while maintaining and enhancing the quality of Western's programs.

This capital budget is an endorsement of the University's moderate growth plan and continues the confidence that the Legislature has expressed for a number of years in the University's commitment to high-quality undergraduate and graduate education.

The Legislature has essentially given us the green light to expand development of the new south campus quad over the next several years. As we do so, we will continue our strong commitment to enhancing Western's lovely campus during this next building phase.

With Homecoming set for Oct. 5-7, I cordially invite you to come back to campus and see for yourself how we are striving to make Western the state's best residential undergraduate school for the 21st century.
Accent on Alumni
Alumni Association
grants 21 scholarships for 2001-2002 year

Thanks to the generosity of thousands of WWU alumni and other supporters, 21 students will be attending Western next year on Alumni Association scholarships ranging from $1,000 to $3,000 per year.

The WWU Alumni Association Scholarship Fund was begun in 1982 and, through donations and prudent investments, has grown to nearly $600,000. Earnings from investments of this fund are what make these scholarships possible.

In addition, the Association will make one $3,000 award in the name of the late Mildred Trukey ('22), who left the Alumni Association a bequest last year.

Two other $3,000 scholarships will be awarded on behalf of WWU Alumni Club life members. Nearly 600 Western alumni have taken the life member option over the past 15 years and their life membership dues are making these awards possible.

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For more information about the WWU plates, or information about scholarship applications, call the Alumni House at (360) 650-3353.

Field hockey reunion:
This alumni group of former WWU field hockey players has kept in contact for nearly 50 years after graduation. They met for lunch in Tacoma last winter. From left to right top row: Vera Jones ('53), Chloe Arabogast Palmer ('58), Margie "Midge" Loser ('60) and Lorettia Stilb Wilbur ('53). Left to right in the front row: Janet Hall ('57), Judy Laughery Lijestrom ('59), Barbara Arnot King ('57), Sharon Matthews ('57), Joanann Olan Olander ('53) and Beverly Mauldy Overby ('53).

Western may honor two distinguished alumni in the future

Nominations are now being accepted for Western's Distinguished Alumna/an Award for 2002. And a second award to honor younger alumni is in the planning stages.

If you know a former classmate, friend or professional colleague who has distinguished him or herself in service to the community, profession or WWU, your recommendation is needed.

The award is based on a lifetime of achievement in the recipient's chosen 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 2002 recipient(s) will be held on campus in the spring of 2002.

All nominations must be postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 2001 and mailed to:
Distinguished Alumna Award Alumni House
MS-9199
Western Washington University
516 High Street
Bellingham, WA 98225-9199

The Western Foundation honors three volunteers

The Western Foundation honored Seattle television anchor Joyce Taylor ('84), WWU legislative liaison Judy McNibble ('66) of Olympia and Bellevue insurance executive Vic Parker as volunteers of the year.

Taylor, the alumni volunteer, secured a five-figure grant to support the work of students at Western's Vehicle Research Institute.

Campus volunteer, McNibble led the effort to raise $190,000 in gifts and pledges to establish the Ralph Munro Endowment for Civic Education at Western in honor of the five-term Washington secretary of state, a fellow 1966 political science graduate.

Parker, chair of the Foundation's Western-in-Seattle Committee, which organizes the annual Seattle Business Forum, was honored as the outstanding community volunteer.

Why buy a WWU license plate?
☐ show alumni pride
☐ raise scholarship money
☐ set good example for other alumni
☐ give free advertising for WWU

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Chris issues a fair warning: He's casting off in February

If someone had told me, back in the very early 1970s when I was a Western student, that I would one day be the institution's director of Alumni Relations and executive director of the WWU Alumni Association, I'm sure my response would have been something like: "Who, me? Are you crazy?"

Ten or so years later when I had found my way to the lofty post of Public Information director, I remember listening to Steve Inge, Western's first then current Alumni Relations director, describe to me what he did for a living: Putting on receptions, dinners, programs and other events in various parts of the state and the country, working with 20 energetic and visionary volunteer board members and a few other things he conveniently left out.

Again, a question emerged: "And you get paid for that?"

These thoughts and memories are flashing back to me now because, after 16 years as Alumni Relations director and 27 years working at Western, I will be retiring — but not until the end of February 2002. I want to give you a fair warning.

Just stating that fact is more difficult than I imagined and certainly calls for a bit of reflection. Attempting to pinpoint the major highlights of these past 16 years and the 11 years preceding is a daunting task. I've spent a bit of time thinking about that. There's only one answer, however. It's the people.

I've worked with and for five University presidents and a couple of acting presidents. Numerous talented individuals have worked in Alumni Relations with me. Some are still here; some are gone; some a short time; others longer. All had an impact.

Probably more than 100 Western graduates have served on the Western Alumni Association Board of Directors during that time. Fifteen of those people provided leadership as Alumni Association president. As do the current 25 board members, all gave generously of their time, talents, creativity and a lasting loyalty to WWU.

And then there are the thousands of Western alumni, former students and friends of Western. I've met many of those thousands over the years. Some have returned for Homecoming. Others have attended regional or chapter events in various parts of the state and country. Some of the above and others are loyal dues-paying members of the WWU Alumni Club.

Even more drop by Alumni House just to catch us up on what they have been doing, and many more attend their 50-year reunion each year. Many have assisted in our legislative relations efforts over the years.

Together we have taken Western and the WWU Alumni Association from one level to another — always upward. When I began this job in 1986 there was one commencement ceremony in June each year. Today we have both a morning and an afternoon ceremony in June. We also have commencement ceremonies in December, March and August. Carver Gym is always full.

In 1986, your Alumni Association gave out two $500 per year Alumni scholarships. This coming academic year more than 20 current students are attending Western on more than $12,000 in Alumni scholarships ranging from $1,000 to $3,000 per year. Another four students have been awarded WWU Collegiate License Plate Scholarships of $2,500 per year for up to four years.

Sixteen years ago, the WWU Alumni Association's annual budget was roughly $22,000. This year, it is more than $230,000. More than 5,000 of you have joined the WWU Alumni Club, 600 as Life Members. There should be and will be more in the future.

The WWU Alumni Scholarship Endowment has grown from $42,000 in 1986 to nearly $600,000 today. Alumni Way near Old Main now sports 3,000 inscribed bricks. The association now has 22 operating chapters spread across the state and the country.

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And I'm fully confident that Western's next Alumni Association executive director will help lead us one, two or three levels higher. A search committee is being formed to find that individual.

Anyone interested in one of the most unique and interesting jobs around? Just think about the people you will meet and work with!

Reflections on Elias A. Bond

By Nick Bond (68)

My grandfather spent 40 years teaching at Western. Some people may have put him on a pedestal, turning his person into mythology. But in reality, he was only human with attendant strengths and weaknesses, just like any other human.

My grandfather enjoyed sitting in a big chair with a pencil and paper, using a wooden board for a writing surface. He liked to play with numbers the way some people do crossword puzzles. I wish someone had saved that board.

My grandfather could write Latin with one hand while simultaneously writing Greek with the other.

My grandfather was a wizard when teaching mathematics to aspiring teachers and others.

My grandfather broke most every mechanical device he ever tried to fix.

My grandfather could, with a double-bladed axe, fell a fir tree in any direction he cared to, needing the slightest idea it needed antifreeze.

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Woodring honors 10 alumni-educators

Ten alumni were among 31 public education, principals, teachers, volunteers and school staff from across the state to receive EBA's state and regional Professional Excellence Awards from Woodring College of Education.

Woodring established the awards in 1985 to recognize outstanding professionals and to raise awareness of the positive contributions in the fields of education and human services. The Western alumni included:

- Carl Angell (’70), an insurance agent, serves as a member of the Bellingham School District’s Family and Consumer Science Program Advisory Committee. He also volunteers for the district.
- Marcus Carpenter (’80), a ninth-grade social studies teachers at Mountain View Junior High school for more than 22 years.
- Anneliese (Ding) Corcoran (’93) is clinical director for the Center of Family Services Northwest in Bellingham. She also does crisis intervention, medications and service referral at Timber Ridge Center.
- Steve Crawford (’69) devoted 31 years of his professional life to teaching math in LaConner.
- Jenny Holmstrom (’87), 11-year teacher at the Highcliff School District, has chaired the math department and is the first in the district to attain national board certification.
- Carolyn Jonson (’63) is a K-6 music teacher in Ferndale who led the district in aligning its music curriculum with national standards.

John Luvera (’90) of Coupville is a recipient of the Gates Foundation Teacher Leadership Project grant, which allowed him to integrate technology into his curriculum. He also supervises cub reporters, fifth grade students who write and submit articles to the local paper, the Coupeville Courier.

Timothy McGlothlin (’74) of White Salmon Valley, who was hired as Columbia High School’s music teacher 13 years ago, is now principal. He is also chairperson of the district science committee and active with the language arts curriculum committee.

Cynthia Sicilia (’77), Ferndale’s director of curriculum, has worked in the field of education for more than 25 years as a teacher, principal and administrator.

Jeanne Strickland (’69) who retired as Issaquah executive director of personnel services after 30 years as a teacher, professional association leader, human resources professional and civic activist.

Two other members of the WWU family were also honored:

- Dorothy MacSiarower, wife of Jack MacSiarower (’75, ’89), was chosen as coordinator for the Readiness-To-Learn program two years ago and has helped to create a strong district-wide focus to reach out to families.
- Diane Sue, wife of psychology professor Dave Sue, spent the past 11 years working as a school counselor/intervention specialist in the Burlington-Edison School District.
1929 - Mabel Ryen Ellason, 92, a retired teacher, Feb. 5.
1940 - Gail Stuart (Stuart), 58, a retired school superintendent of Port Townsend School District, May 16.
1960 - Dr. Louis "Bud" Boshon, 69, a retired school administrator, April 8.
1961 - Dolores Tasek Meyer, 79, a retired teacher, April 23.
1962 - Joseph Macy, 81, a retired teacher, April 18.
1963 - Charlene Biore (Biore), 70, a retired teacher, May 8.
1964 - Earl Kobberstad, 79, a retired teacher, March 27. ... Marjorie Christie Benson, 58, a retired teacher, May 17.
1979 - Suzanne Johnson, 45, minister of mu­
1984 - Patsy Margaret Formway, 74, a long­
1988 - Jeff Williams is the senior technical 
1989 - Karen Elizabeth Creenleaf 
1992 - Barbara Jean Cross, 58, June 29.
1995 - Daniel A. Levandowski, 48, in a car accident, Jan. 22. (MA, art education)
1996 - Diane Beck, director of Alaska Mili­
2001 - Jeannie Johnson, Andrea Paciotti and 
2002 - Sharon Armbuster has joined Hamilton/SauderTown, a Seattle-based mar­
2004 - Lisa Bach is the account coordinator for The Silver Com­pany in Seattle. ... Laura Cheifetz was hired as an editor at 
2005 - Kristin Alexander left the Tri-City Her­ald in December and now works as media relations coordinator of Washington's Work First Program in her hometown of Olympia. 
2006 - Marilyn Whitefield is the senior technical 
2008 - Karen Edstrom is the assistant account coordinator for MB Design in Bellingham. 
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Invitation to Alumni
Exploring ‘Hidden’ Seattle

Members of the Seattle Alumni Chapter, after a successful year of sold-out events, plan to outdo even themselves this year. Events include:

- A New Year's Eve gala evening at the exclusive club, The Ruins
- A Feb. 9 reception atop the Smith Tower Building in the exotic "Chineese Room" with its 360-degree balcony view of Seattle
- A May 11 Seattle Symphony concert and 'Champagne & Chocolate' reception in the lovely Founder's Room at Benaroya Hall (which is usually open only to symphony donors)

REUNION: The classes of 1950-52 reunited for a fun-filled weekend in June, hosting parties at Edens Hall and Lakewood.

REUNIONS: Alumni from several departments hold reunions each year. In June, Barbara Mathers-Schmidt, associate professor of communications sciences and disorders, reunited with alumna Kathy Bruun ('76, '97) and Lynette Skippon ('97) at a departmental luau. Some departments also keep in contact with alumni through separate newsletters published by the departments. Isn't it time your department held a reunion? Call Alumni House at (800) 676-6885 today.

A Ski-to-Sea to remember

Congratulations to the Alumni Association's first ever official Ski-to-Sea team, which finished the 85-mile relay race on Memorial Day Weekend in 6 hours and 15 minutes. Celebrating their 32nd place finish are the Valhalla Wannabes (left to right): Tim Reid ('00), Cathie Allen ('98), Meredith Jarvis ('92), Debra Lee, Ken Cox ('93), Laurie Rossman ('86), Eric Bergquist ('86, '92), and Tanya Row ('02).

A Ski-to-Sea float of WWU alumni from the 1950s

The Whatcom County Alumni Chapter plans an all-out WWU Alumni extravaganza at the 2002 Ski-to-Sea Weekend. Might there be a grand float in the Ski-to-Sea parade? Another WWU Alumni race team? Or two? Or three?
SKI TEAM REUNION: A ski team from the early 1990s held their first reunion in June in Seattle, at Woodland Park. From left to right: Carolyn Duncan, '87, Mark Sundseth, '89, Lea Hefferman, '91, Barbara Prince, Belinda Hovde-Klingman, '90, Perry Turner and Matt Eichenberger, '90.

Photo courtesy of Belinda Hovde-Klingman

Events

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 Contractors were completing the $22 million renovation of the Viking Union complex this summer. The new VU has a new food court, a new bookstore and new office space for Associated Students and other organizations. The goal of the renovation was to create a sense of community and make the campus focal point more user friendly.

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Mitchell threw for 1,975 yards and 21 touchdowns last season, ranking eighth nationally in pass efficiency (148.5), and also ran for 260 yards, the most ever by a Western quarterback, and eight scores. He enters the year fifth in school history in career passing yardage (4,361) and is presently Western's career completion percentage leader (346-575, .602). Furthermore, he's thrown just 10 interceptions in two years.

He'll operate behind an offensive line led by senior center Nick Giraldo, a unanimous first-team All-CFA pick last season; junior tackle Joaquin Paratore-McNabb; and senior Raymond Gombiski, both second-team all-league picks.

Leading the receiving corps is junior Greg Dykstra, who led Western in every receiving category with 71 catches for 717 yards and nine touchdowns, earning first-team all-CFA recognition. He needs just 25 more catches to move into the top 10 in school history. Additionally, he's thrown just 10 interceptions in two years.

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A fourth-year starter, senior slotback Sean Marshall, who had 39 receptions for 388 yards and three touchdowns.

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Six letter winners return at linebacker, led by returning starters Lann Olson, a sophomore, and Wayne Parker, a senior. Olson, the middle linebacker, was tied for second on the team in tackles last year with 61. Parker had 43 tackles, including 11 for losses.

Totten, who tied for second in tackles last season (61) and had two interceptions, leads the secondary.

The top comeback is junior Martez Johnson, a second-team All-West Region pick. Johnson forced five turnovers last year with three interceptions and two forced fumbles.

Western opened the season by hosting Central Oklahoma Aug. 30, the earliest start in school history.
Great Teachers Win WWU Awards

Western saluted four faculty members at Commencement ceremonies in June for their excellence in teaching, research and diversity achievement.

The four, nominated by faculty, students and alumni, distinguished themselves among an already distinguished group of several hundred WWU teachers.

Geology professor Thor Hansen won the Peter J. Elich Excellence in Teaching Award for the College of Arts & Sciences. Woodring College of Education professor Angela Harwood received the Excellence in Teaching Award representing Western’s other five colleges.

English professor John Purdy collected this year’s Olscamp Faculty Research Award, Woodring College of Education professor Karen Hoelscher earned the Diversity Achievement Award.

The teaching and diversity awards include a $1,500 stipend to use for research, teaching equipment/supplies or professional enhancement. The research award recipient receives $1,000.

All of the awards are provided through donations to The Western Foundation.

The Peter J. Elich Excellence in Teaching Award recognizes Peter J. Elich’s dedicated years of service as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Olscamp Award is made possible through an endowment provided by Paul J. Olscamp, president of Western from 1975 to 1982.

2001 volleyball team has a core of solid defensive players

A year ago, Western’s volleyball team was one of the surprise teams of the West Region, bouncing back from its first losing season in 15 years to post a 24-9 record and reach the Pacific West Conference tournament.

This season, three starters are back among nine letter winners for second-year coach Diane Flick. It’s an experienced group, but also one that needs players to step into leadership roles left by three players who completed their eligibility after starting at least two seasons.

Leading the way are the two returning outside hitters, senior Niki Smith and junior Shannon Fosler. Fosler was an honorable mention all-league selection last season, averaging 3.14 kills and 2.8 digs per game.

The third returning starter is senior middle blocker Kirsten Mann, a three-year letter winner who had 262 kills.

The lone returning setter is sophomore Liz Bishop, who saw action in 47 games last season, averaging 7.89 assists a game.

The Vikings have a solid core of defensive specialists, led by senior Kim Formo, a three-year letter winner, and sophomore Gelinda McKenna.

Western will also enter a new conference, the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, this season, although it won’t have a dramatic impact on the schedule. The eight teams in the West Division of the PacWest last season are also in the GNAC, and are joined by Alaska Anchorage and Alaska Fairbanks.

“What thrills all professors most is to get students excited about learning,” Hansen said. He has worked closely with Western’s Center for Instructional Innovation and is one of four faculty members featured on the Center’s Web site this year for creatively incorporating the use of technology into curriculum.

Since joining the Woodring faculty in 1991, Angela Harwood has consistently received recognition from colleagues, students and community for her dedication to service-learning.

For the past four years, she has worked with a former student, now an eighth-grade teacher at Fairhaven Middle School, to develop and implement Project Connect, a nationally recognized collaborative service-learning program. In it, Western and Fairhaven Middle School students provide services at 23 different community sites, visiting the elderly, assisting in daycare centers and improving the environment.

Harwood teaches curriculum and instruction methods courses for undergraduate and graduate students, and has developed and taught a special series of courses for students who want to become middle school teachers.

She has also worked with a colleague to develop and teach the "Gen Y" Web site-based technology education course in collaboration with Shuksan Middle and Fennell High Schools.

Karen Hoelscher, a professor in Woodring College of Education, is known by her colleagues and students as someone who brings the value of diversity into the classroom and challenges people to expand their current views.

"Karen is deeply committed to embracing the power that results from diversity in a community," a colleague said. "This is reflected in her scholarship, teaching and service to the University, but it also pervades all aspects of her personal and professional life."

During her teaching career, she has worked with convicted felons working to become carpenters in Wisconsin, Eskimo children in Alaska and young adults at Woodring for whom she plans class projects involving senior citizens, fifth-graders and others with a wide range of cultural experiences and backgrounds.

Hoelscher, who came to Western in 1992, is co-chair of the Kaleidoscope Project, a 25-member group comprised of President Karen Morse, faculty, staff and students, which fosters multicultural experience on campus. She has also served as chair of the Woodring College Diversity Task Force from 1998-2000.

In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Hoelscher is active in curriculum and policy development in local schools and serves as a parent volunteer in her daughter’s fourth-grade classroom. She volunteers with her family in the summer Circulos de Manos program, which provides evening activities to children of migrant farm families in Whatcom and Skagit counties.

English professor John Purdy’s dedication and outstanding contribution to Native American studies have played crucial roles in the advancement of scholarly knowledge in his field.

He came to Western in 1991, having previously taught in Idaho and Oregon. He chaired the English department three times, most recently from 1999 to winter 2001. As creator of the Native American studies minor and a professor of Native American literature at Western, Purdy shares his knowledge and expertise with students of all levels, frequently involving undergraduate and graduate students in his research.

Purdy’s research and scholarship expands beyond national borders.

He is the recipient of three Fulbright Awards to Germany and New Zealand. Over the past 10 years, he has delivered 19 papers to national and international scholarly audiences in Germany, Greece, Mexico, France, the Netherlands, Portugal, Italy and Austria.

A well-known specialist in the field of Native American literature, he has published three books, 10 academic journal articles and authored 10 invited book chapters.
Investments in Excellence

Scholarships help recipients to excel

Susan Muro ('01) won two scholarships during her senior year at Western, and the opportunities they created for her to excel were much more than she had ever imagined.

The Covington, Wash., resident had sought several scholarships because she had promised her mother, a single parent, strug­gle to pay tuition.

So, during her junior year at Western, Muro used her summer wages, student loans and pay from her weekend job during the school year to pay for her room and board herself.

Still, Muro found, "I was always feeling strained and pushed for time."

The scholarship money awarded for her senior year (a $450 George Ruggles scholarship for communication majors and the $1,000 Sene and Louella Carille scholarship) ended all that.

She stopped worrying so much about money and started concentrating more on her studies. She got involved in the communication club on campus, creating a Web site for it and planning educational programs such as a forum on how to get an internship.

"It allowed me to excel rather than just to complete" the bachelor's degree, Muro said.

And it sure paid off. Muro was named the outstanding graduate from the communication department.

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The Western Foundation last year awarded $546 scholarships totaling more than $700,000, all from the generous contributions of alumni, parents, corporations and others.

"Scholarship support is essential to make it possible for us to keep the doors wide open and to encourage the best students to come through them," according to WWU President Karen Morse.

And although scholarship dollars have increased 248 percent the last eight years, the university faces the major challenge of having many more exceptional students knocking on its doors over the next decade.

Ryan Kuttel ('01), the outstanding graduate from the history department and one of seven graduates honored as Presidential Scholars at the June 16 commencement, covered almost all of his tuition costs during five years at Western through Western scholarships, tuition waivers and private scholarship awards.

The Blaine resident found paying jobs during his summers, but during the school year he was able to volunteer as a soccer coach, a tutor at Lummi Tribal High School and as a member of the Native American Talent Search Project to play intramural sports. Known for his outstanding research work on the history of the Ku Klux Klan in Washington state, which challenged most scholars' interpretations of the organization, he also was an active member of Phi Alpha Theta, an honor society for history majors, and graduated with a 3.98 grade point average.

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Year Awards Amount

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Year Awarded Dollars

1993-94 271 $171,066
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- **ANNUAL**-contribution of $1,000 to $4,999 - listing is carried in perpetuity
- **HONOR COUNCIL**-annual gift of $5,000 or more - listing is carried in perpetuity
- **YOUNG ASSOCIATE**-gifts of $500 to $999 from individuals aged 39 or younger

In addition to the more conventional gift of cash or checks, The Western Foundation also accepts gifts of property, appreciated stock or securities and estate gifts. Giving is a personal choice and the types of gifts made are as varied as the interests of our donors themselves.

All gifts to The Western Foundation are deductible as allowable by law. A number offer particular tax or estate planning advantages that may be useful to you or your family. But most importantly, each gift makes a difference. The Western Foundation staff would be happy to discuss all gift options with you and your attorney or financial planner. Please call 360-650-3027 for further information.

The Western Foundation and Western Washington University are pleased to recognize the generous private financial support received during the 2000-01 giving year. Your gifts to enhance Western programs totaled $3.9 million from 9,633 donors. This honor roll recognizes the individuals who made gifts of $100 or more to The Western Foundation between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2001.

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October

1-7 Homecoming Week
2 Alumni Association Executive Board meets in Everett
5 Board of Trustees meets/Capital Celebration
6 Idaho Alumni Chapter dinner at Hillcrest Country Club, Boise/
7 Viking Football vs. South Dakota State Univ., 1 p.m., Civic
3 Stadium/Viking Union Reopening dance with Sultans of Swing, 8
4 p.m., VU Lounge. Free, but tickets required. Call (360) 650-3450
7 Homecoming Fun Run, 9-11 a.m., WWU Track
8 Opening of Botanica: Contemporary Art and the World of Plants at
9 the Western Gallery. Through Dec. 1
11 Distinguished Lecture Series presents Freeman Dyson, 6:30 p.m.
12 at PAC. Free admission, but tickets required through PAC Box Office or Village Books. Tickets available
13 Sept. 26 for students, faculty and staff, on Oct. 2 for alumni and general public
14-15 Turning Points Lecture: Chemistry professor David Patrick speaks on
16 NanoScience, 5:15 p.m. in SMATE 150
17 Manufacturing/Operations Management Alumni: Dinner, Columbia
18 Winery
20 San Diego Alumni motor coach trip/tour of Huntington Museum and
21 dinner, Pasadena, Calif.
20 Law and Diversity Program 10th Anniversary, 9-5, Fairhaven College.
22 Opening of Earth Visions: Reading the Rocks of the Pacific Northwest, 5:15 p.m., SMATE 150
23 Distinguished Lecture Series presents Freeman Dyson
24 Alumni Office moves to 516 High Street
25 Veterans Day: no classes

November

2-4 Fall Family Open House
3 Viking Football vs. Western Oregon University, 1 p.m.
4 Civic Stadium
5 Colorado Alumni lunch, Chinhook Tavern, Denver
6 Seattle Alumni pre-game party at WWU vs. UW men's basketball game, Seattle
8 PAC Series begins with Glen Velez & Handance, 7:30 p.m., PAC Concert Hall
10 Northern California Alumni post-game dinner for WWU vs. UC-Davis football game in Davis
12 Veterans Day: no classes
13 Turning Points: Assistant Professor psychology professor David Sattler speaks on earth-
14 quakes and natural disasters, 5:15 p.m., SMATE 150
16-18 Theatre Arts: Peer Gynt
17 Seattle Alumni gala dinner-dance, The Rain
17 Adventures: Sleeping Over With Science, hands-on science for grades 4-8

December

6-7 Board of Trustees meets
13 Commencement

January

7-31 Faculty Review/Preview at the Western Gallery
15 PAC Series: Susan Marshall Dance Company, 7:30 p.m., PAC Mainstage Theatre
15 Turning Points: Geology professor Scott Babcock presents Earth Visions: Reading the Rocks of the Pacific Northwest, 5:15 p.m., SMATE 150
17 Distinguished Lecture Series presents Helen Thomas, 6:30 p.m. at PAC. Free admission, but tickets required through PAC Box Office or Village Books. Tickets available to faculty, staff, students Jan. 8 and to alumni, general public Jan. 11
19 Snohomish Alumni Chapter reception and play at the Village Theater, Everett

Tickets & info
Adventures in Science and Art Camps... (360) 650-6822
Alumni events ........................................... (800)
Athletics ............................................................(360)
Box Office, PAC/Theatre Arts........... (360) 650-6146
Distinguished Lecture Series/Turning Points... (360) 650-7545
Law & Diversity Program Anniversary... (360) 650-4907
Special Events .............................................(360) 650-6825
Theatre Arts.................................................(360) 650-3879
Viking Football vs. South Dakota State University. Watch the Vikings whip the Jackrabbits
5:15 p.m. in SMATE 150
Western Gallery Info Line .................. (360) 650-3900
Wilson Library Hours (recorded) ...... (360) 650-3049

This year’s festivities is gonna be finer than frog’s hair and packed full of fun the whole week leadin’ up to the Homecoming weekend.

We’re literally going to ‘kick it off’ with a buckin’ bull at the Info Fair in Red Square Sept. 24. That’s a buckin’ bull filled with ale!

Four prize players will position themselves at each corner of this ride and pull the ropes, hoping to buck that cowboy off the bull. Take a look-see or try that bull yourself. We’ll also be servin’ up some free vittles.

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