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WINDOW ON WESTERN

News for Alumni and Friends of Western Washington University Fall 2001

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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 ties too. The classes of 1956 and life members, departing from Elliott Bay in Seattle; the Skagit Valley 1957, for instance, enjoyed a day Alumni Chapter's dinner-cruise through Deception Pass in the spring; and the highly successful San Francisco Bay cruise, which the Northern in summer 2000, which was ar-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 capital's national monuments illuminated at night. And the New England Alumni Chapter will host a Boston Harbor cruise April 27.

Reunions include water activi-

Contact Alumni House at

(360) 650-3353 or (800) 676-6885 to plan a reunion for your class or an event for the chapter in your area.

Alumni from northern California enjoyed a cruise in San Francisco

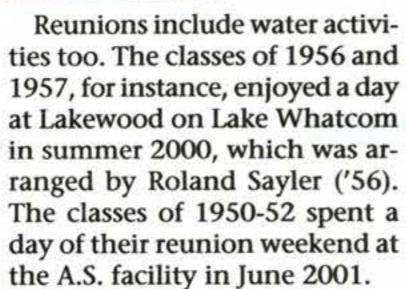
Bay in March. At left, Northern California Alumni Chapter

steering committee members Meg ('78) and Mark Sundseth

('89), board the "Brunch Cruise" boat.

Mary Ann Harrington photo

And don't forget that Homecoming Weekend is also a great time to come back to campus to show your support of Western. See the back page for details of a week of activities beginning Oct. 1.



Experienced Vikings face toughest-ever schedule

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oming 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.

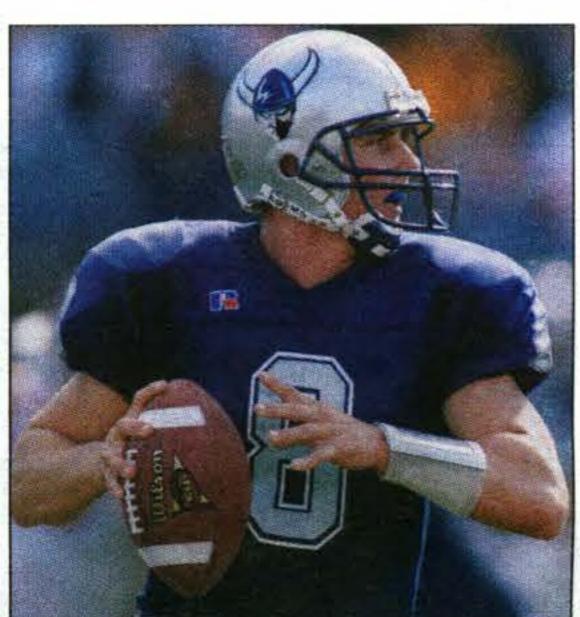
Home games will be tough as well. Four of the five teams visiting Civic Stadium had records of .500 or better last season.

> 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

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 University. See the back page for more on Homecoming.



Dan Levine photo

VIKING FOOTBALL: Quarterback Scott Mitchell was the Columbia Football Association offensive player of the year and an academic all-star last year.

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.

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 custom, 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 Consortia.

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 vice president of student affairs and academic support services
- Béla Foltin Jr., University librarian
- Donald (Tim) Wynn, director of facilities management
- Jeffrey Kelly, 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

Kathryn Van Alstyne, 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.

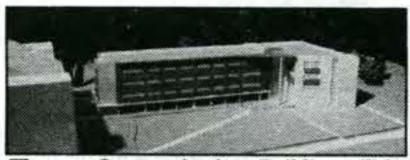
NSF EXTENDS FUNDING FOR TWO PROGRAMS

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 \$589,000. 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

The University plans to develop a new south campus quad, which will include the new Communications Building as well as a proposed Academic Instructional Center.



The new Communications Building will be south of Huxley College

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.

Campus Connections

Basketball teams hope to be repeat champions

he 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 form the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

Men's team has high scorers

Leading the way for the men is All-America candidate guard Jacob Stevenson, one of eight seniors on the roster. Stevenson, who was the MVP of the West Regional and a first-team Pacific West Conference West Division all-star, averaged 16.1 points and 4.4 assists a game, and enters the season already tied for 13th in school history in career scoring with 1,008 points.

Two other returning senior starters are forward A.J. Giesa, who averaged 14.5 points and 5.7 rebounds, and guard Shelton Diggs, who averaged 14.2 points and 3.9 rebounds, leading the Vikings in 3-point shooting (50-124, .403). Giesa was a first-team all-PacWest West Division pick and Diggs a second-team selection. Both have been starters since midway through their freshman seasons.

The fourth starter is junior cen-



Dan Levine photo

VIKING BASKETBALL: Teammates celebrate with coach Brad Jackson in Carver Gym after their NCAA West Regional tournament win.

ter Mike Palm, who averaged 14.6 points and 7.3 rebounds, leading Western in field goal percentage (.547), free throw percentage (.846), and blocked shots (1.1). Giesa, Diggs and Palm are all on pace to reach 1,000 career points sometime this season.

Jackson, who was named the PacWest and West Region Coach of the Year, enters his 17th season as the winningest coach in school history with a 299-183 record.

Women in new conference

The lone seniors for the women are guards Jodie Kaczor and Julie Walker. Kaczor, a first-team all-PacWest selection last year who was the only Viking to start all 27 games, averaged 11.9 points and 2.7 assists and was fifth nationally in NCAA II in 3-point percentage (79-185, .427). Walker averaged 8.3 points and a team-high 4.0 assists.

The other returning starter is junior forward Stacey Miller, who averaged 9.1 points and 4.5 rebounds.

Western's top scorer last season spent most of the year coming off the bench. Sophomore forward-center Jenn McGillivray averaged 12.3 points and 5.2 rebounds while shooting 54.6 percent from the field.

Dolfo enters her 12th season with a career record of 232-94, and has led the Vikings to nine 20-win seasons in the last 11 years.

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 Founda-

tion, the Distinguished Lecture Series is free, but tickets are required. Tickets for alumni and community 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.

Point of View

by President Karen W. Morse

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 up-

heaval 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

hanks 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 Trunkey ('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.

Four additional students will be attending Western next fall on \$10,000 (\$2,500 per year for up to four years) WWU License Plate Scholarships. These awards are made possible by the hundreds of alumni who have purchased WWU Collegiate License Plates or renewed their existing ones. The initial fee for WWU plates is \$40 and annual renewals are only \$30 (in addition to the normal \$30 tab fee). In both cases, the state returns \$28 of each license fee to Western to be used for scholarships each year.

Those students selected for these awards for the 2001-2002 academic year include: Shannon Budelman, Tawny Conner, Emily Johnson, Rosemary Garner, Krista Almaas, Jamie Houghton, Kimberly Norton, Brent Olson, Maya Zeller, Lisa Hobbs, Bina Botgati, Kevin Rupp, Rita Johansen, Lindsey Savisky, Cynthia Chahine, Megan Riddle, Kristen Chesire, Christy Ott, Jennifer Wilbur, Maya Tomlin and Jonathon Mumley.



Alumni return to campus each spring during Liberal Arts Week to tell current students how they utilized their degrees. Among those who participated in workshops on campus in May were (left to right) Jack Ireton ('00), Heather McKendry ('94) and Carolyn Casey ('84).

Kathy Sheehan photo

Put the WWU Viking ship on your license plate today

A new law that requires motorists to replace license plates issued before 1991 provides a great opportunity for Western alumni and friends to show their school spirit and support the Alumni scholarship fund by purchasing WWU Collegiate plates for their cars.

If you are required to get new plates in the coming year, request a collegiate plate with the Viking ship on it by taking your renewal notice to any county auditor or subagent license office.

The plates cost \$40 initially, plus the regular \$30 tab fee. After the first year, the fee goes down to \$30 per year, plus a \$30 tab fee.

Out of that fee, \$28 goes directly to the Western Alumni Scholarship Fund to help current and future students attend Western.

Larry Taylor, Alumni Association president, said he is proud to have the Alumni Association logo on three of his cars.

"I feel that having the license plate, plus the Alumni frame is an excellent way to brag about my involvement in the best university

Why buy a WWU license plate?

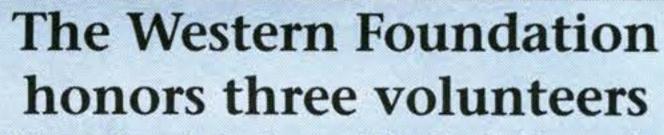
- show alumni pride
- ☐ raise scholarship money
 ☐ set good example for other
 alumni
- give free advertising for WWU

in the state," Taylor said. "It's a great way to advertise Western."

The collegiate license plate program began in 1995 and has enabled WWU to offer four \$10,000 scholarships so far.

The plates can be purchased at any licensing office, even if you aren't required to get new plates. And they can be transferred from vehicle to vehicle, as long as the owner is the same. There is an additional \$3 fee if you apply for the plates in person at the licensing office.

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

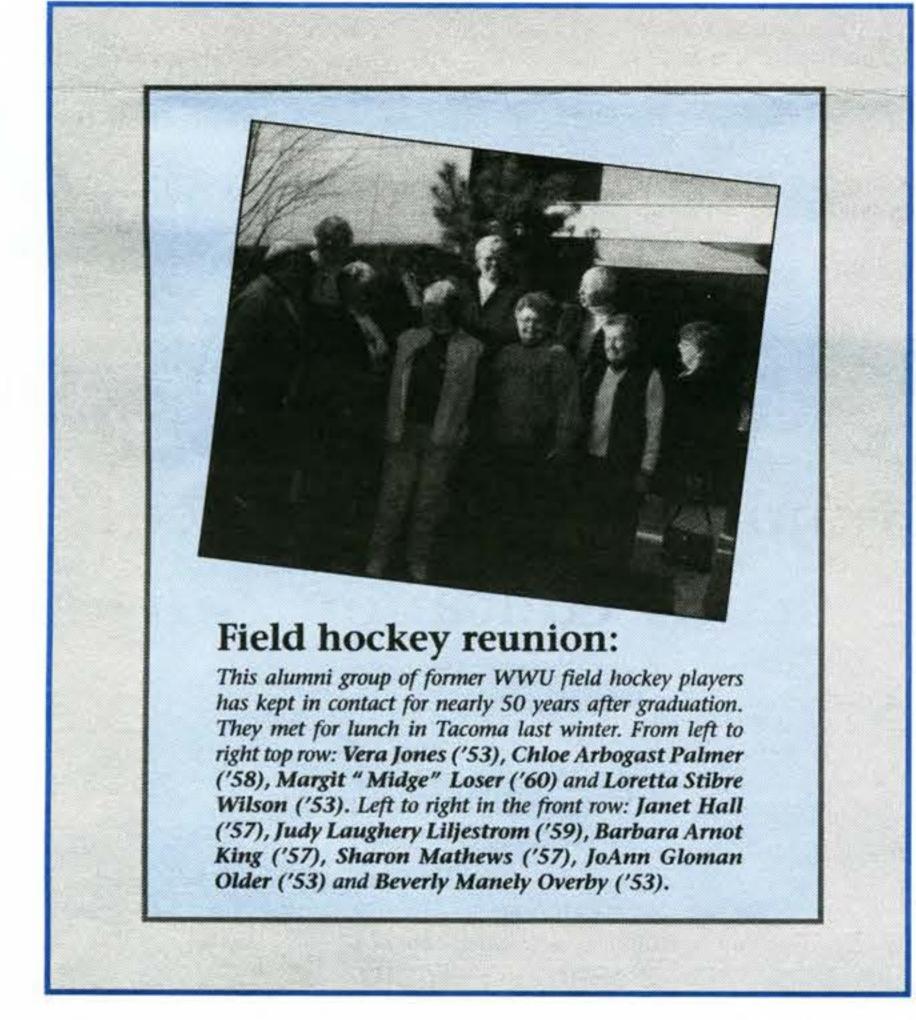


The Western Foundation honored Seattle television anchor Joyce Taylor ('84), WWU legislative liaison Judy McNickle ('66) of Olympia and Bellevue insurance executive Vic Parker as volunteers of the year.

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

Campus volunteer, McNickle 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.



Western may honor two distinguished alumni in the future

Nominations are now being accepted for Western's Distinguished Alumna/us 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.

Nominees must have actually graduated from Western Washington University or one of its prede-

cessor 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 Alumnus Award Alumni House MS-9199 Western Washington University 516 High Street

Bellingham, WA 98225-9199

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 and 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 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 stayed 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 \$32,000 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.

In just the past five years, the Viking fast pitch softball team won the national championship. The Viking football team

played for the national champion-

ship. The Viking women's basketball team went all the way to the Final Four, and the Viking men's team did the same thing this past year. Talk about taking it up a level or two!

Today, Western is recognized nationally as one of the very best comprehensive institutions in the nation. We are on all kinds of "best" and "top" lists.

All of these accomplishments came about because of the involvement of you: Western's alumni. From the office staff, to board members to regional and chapter leaders to Viking sports fans to dedicated faculty and administrators, you have helped Western rise from one level to another.

I have been blessed to be a part of this growth and success, to have met and become friends with so many interesting individuals. All of us have one thing in common – a great university and a growing Alumni Association.

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!



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 myth. 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.

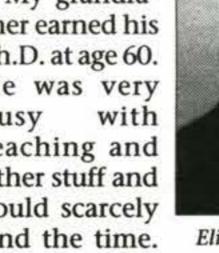
My grandfather could, with a double-bladed axe, fall a fir tree in any direction he cared to, needing very little room for error.

My grandfather, after purchasing his first automobile, hadn't the slightest idea it needed antifreeze. He was not a particularly good driver.

My grandfather could grow sweet peas the size of blueberries. His strawberries were the size of golf balls.

My grandfather had no appreciation whatever of the value of history. Of history, he told his wife, to whom he was married 56 years, "Who cares about the old bones of a dead past?" Florence knew it was more a statement than a question.

My grandfather earned his Ph.D. at age 60. He was very busy with teaching and other stuff and could scarcely find the time. Each of his



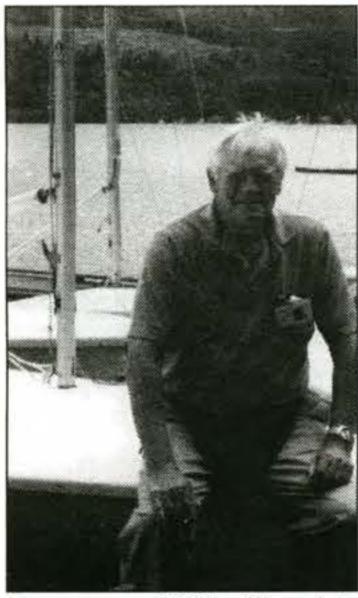


Elias A. Bond

four grown children earned their Ph.D.s.

So my grandfather was, in some respects, a great man. But about history, he was, I suspect, wrong.

(Elias Bond, for whom Bond Hall is named, taught math from 1907 to 1947 and was nationally recognized in the field of mathematics. He was also involved in planning many recreational activities, including hikes to Mount Baker and salmon bakes.)



Kristie Lundstrom photo

Jim Koloc ('51) of Florida was a Navy pilot who photographed the southern tip of South America and was rewarded by having a peninsula named after him in the Antarctic. He attended the June reunion of the classes of 1950-52.

Class Notes

Send short items of interest, address changes and other news to: alumni@wwu.edu



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1944 - Georgie Bright Kunkel completed her second printing of You're Damn Right 1 Wear Purple: Color Me Feminist, a book about why a woman becomes a feminist, what feminists did to pass the ERA in our state and other feminist topics including humorous chapters about an aging feminist, all written by a Washington state feminist. Kunkel, 80, also appeared on open mike night at the Comedy Underground in Seattle twice. She's writing her husband's WW II memoirs and plans in a few years to complete a biography of her brother, runner Norman Bright, a WWU Hall of Famer for whom a WWU track scholarship is named. Anyone who knew Norm well and has anecdotes of his life may contact Georgie at gnkunkel1@juno.com.

1960 – Bobi Blackstead Tone took a teaching job for two years at Ramey AFB in Puerto Rico, was transferred to Bitburg AFB in Germany for five years and met her husband, Bob. Tone now lives in Las Vegas, Nev., with her husband and two children and continues to teach. Tone can be reached by e-mail at bobitone@aol.com. ... Bonnie Walden was honored by Clark College and the YWCA of Clark County at its Women of Achievement annual award celebration. Walden is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, an international organization dedicated to community improvement through volunteer service.

1965 – Charles Munger ('70) retired in 2000 after 35 years as a math teacher at South Kitsap High School in Port Orchard. Munger and his wife Kathy now live in Reno, Nev.

1967 – Steve Burkett is the city manager for Shoreline. ... James Dumont teaches modern, U.S. and Canadian history at the College of New Caledonia in Prince George. ... Gerry Staley, retired associate superintendent of schools for Vancouver, has published a book, Just Walk It! Staley's book is a guide for individuals interested in undertaking a self-directed walking vacation in Britain. Visit Staley's Web site at http://www.justwalkit.com.

1969 – Paul Furchert retired as principal of Raymond High School. Furchert was principal for 13 years and has spent 28 years as an educator.

1970 – Marcia Homer retired from 30 years of teaching at Fairview Elementary School in Port Angeles. Homer taught first and second grade combination classes, first grade and second grade. She is a former Fairview student as was her father. ... Randy Lidren lives in Seattle and is employed by a financial firm. ... Karen Workentin is the dean of enrollment management at Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla. Workentin spent 13 years as a missionary in Australia, New Zealand, the Fiji Islands, China, Latvia, Indonesia and Singapore and prior to leaving the United States was a high school art teacher at Lake Stevens High School.

1971 – Mary Nichols, SPIE's human resources manager, was recognized for her contribution to education by Bellingham's Partnership for Learning.

1972 – Bob Lightfoot is the athletic director at Wilson High School in Tacoma. Lightfoot was recently elected to the Washington State High School Baseball Hall of Fame. ... Fred Lund and Pat (Wingren) Lund ('69, MA '81) celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in December 2000. Fred Lund retired from the Bellingham School District on March 1st and is focusing on the performing arts via community theater, Whatcom Clergle Society, Bellingham High School Marching Band and church choir. Pat Lund is on the faculty of Whatcom Community College.

1973 - Bill Dietrich's latest novel is Dark Win-

ter, published by Warner Books. ... Margie Lee was one of 22 artists selected for the invitational art exhibition at the Lewis-Clark Center for Arts & History in Lewiston, Idaho, to celebrate the Dogwood Festival.

1976 – Dennis Braddock was appointed by Gov. Gary Locke as secretary for the Department of Social and Health Services.

1977 – Mark Iverson was selected as Mount Vernon's Citizen of the Year, an honor bestowed on one person who the mayor believes has actively worked to help improve the city. Iverson owns a floral and catering business, Mark's On Pine Square. ... Patrick Oshie was appointed to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. Oshie will work on a three-member team that regulates the rates, service and practices of privately owned utilities and transportation companies.

1979 - Monica L. Ewing (Bogdanovich) works for the state Department of Corrections in Aberdeen as a correctional unit supervisor, recreation manager at Stafford Creek Corrections Center, Washington's newest 2,000 bed, male prison facility. Ewing owns and manages Mo's Gym, Health and Fitness Center in Montesano. She has three sons (12, 11 and 5) and competes in pro-qualifier bodybuilding competitions across the USA. ... Bruce Hyland, communications manager at Eastman Kodak Co. in Rochester, N.Y., is raising four children with wife Denise and plays drum in a garage/party band. He won a Silver Anvil Award from the Public Relations Society of America in 2000. ... Paul Scheffler was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus by Pierce College for success in his field. Scheffler works for the Child Study and Treatment Center for the Department of Social and Health Services.

1980 – Joel Ferrell is the senior vice president for investments at Salomon Smith Barney. ... Eric Rohrer is a District Court II judge for Clallam County.

1981 – Lynn Keebaugh is editor of the Enumclaw Courier-Herald. ... Janet (Hevly) Shapley is a cultural aide at the Kenaitze Indian Tribe's Head Start Program and the youth ministry program director at Our Lady of Perpetual Help R.C. Church in Soldotna, Alaska.

1982 – William Gregory Cox has two new novels out this year. Roswell: Loose Ends, based on the popular TV series, was published by Pocket Books in May, and his first hardcover novel, Star Trek: The Eugenics Wars, Volume One, was due from Pocket in July. ... Teresa Kynell is a full professor of English at Northern Michigan University. Kynell credits her lifelong love of literature and writing to the English professors she had at WWU. ... Roy Shapley, former chief photographer at the Peninsula Clarion, now teaches at Sterline Elementary on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska. ... Patricia Wasley is dean of the College of Education at the University of Washington.

1983 – Jackleen (Asmussen) de La Harpe is executive director of The Metcalf Institute for Marine and Environmental Reporting, a fellowship program for journalists. She also is an editor for the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography newsletter ... Jonathon Kellett is principal at North End High School in Pierce County. ... Este Patsy Nelson is the clerk-treasurer for the city of Sedro-Woolley.

1985 – Robert Haase is the director of Bodymechanics School of Myotherapy & Massage in Olympia. Haase created a video in 1993 that was the number one selling massage video on Amazon.com.

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Woodring honors 10 alumni-educators

en alumni were among 31 public education, principals, teachers, volunteers and school staff from across the state to receive 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 Carpine ('80), a ninth grade social studies teacher 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 veteran of the Sumner 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 Coupeville 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 Examiner.

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 MacSlarrow, wife of Jack MacSlarrow ('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.

Weddings Weddings

1976 – JoLynda (Graham) Hartel and Stan Chronister, April 7.

1988 – Bernie Deuster and Leslie Wilday, Oct. 7. ... Adrian Shields and Pamela Morris on Mar. 24.

1993 - Hildie Potegal and Matthew Cuddigan, Nov. 4.

1994 – Tina Jacobus and Kelly Busenius. July 1, 2000.

1995 - Tracy Stine and Rene Alexander Hofman, Oct. 14.

1996 – Sara Jensen and James Cabe, Aug. 26. ... Dan Monaghan and Sheila McMullen May 6. ... Amy Schmidt and Jason Goldsby, Dec. 30, 2000.

for Marine and Environmental Reporting, a fellowship program for journalists. She also 16.

1998 – Erin Edwards and Todd Pehowski, April 7. ... Julie Grace and Arvid Hokanson ('99), May 18. ... Jeremy Kiniry and Lindsey Rehberg ('00), Aug. 12. ... Carla Manley and Kurt Estes, March 17.

1999 – Joe Ackerson and Katy Roberts, July 22. ... Vanessa Brown and Benjamin Mark, March 31. ... Arvid Hokanson and Julie Grace ('98), May 18. ... Wendy Neff and Lars Enden, April 8.

2000 – Holly Armstrong and Donald Neitzel, March 24. ... Lindsey Rehberg and Jeremy Kiniry ('98), Aug. 12.

2001 - Tom Cook and Kendra Underwood, July 27, 2001.

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1986 - Therese Treleven, who established Lotus Buds Children's Home in Sri Lanka in 1989, now provides a nurturing environment for 24 poor children. A Web site describing the charity is at http://www.lotusbuds.com. ... Kirk Crawford was promoted to sales assistant for MEMBERS Financial Services Program at North Coast Credit Union, Bellingham.

1987 - John Cruikshank is the vice president and chief credit officer for NorthWest Bank in Bellingham.

1988 - Jeff Williams is the senior technical writer for Itronix Corp. in Spokane.

1989 - David Einmo works for Pattern 25

Records. ... Alycien (VanDroof) Cockbain is the human resources manager for Northshore Utility District. ... Carrie Hegdahl and her husband Chuck Harper are founding members of Ardeo Theatre Project. Hegdahl and Harper live in France and can be reached at carrie@ardeo.org. ... Shawn Ledford is the police chief in Newcastle.

1990 - Darsie Beck, director of Alaska Mountain Guides, along with a team from the National Geographic, recreated author Jack London's route to the Klondike Gold Fields.

1991 - Tina Wohlgemuth-Bump is a CWP teacher at Evergreen High School and has been the assistant cross country & track coach at Evergreen for the last nine years. Wohlgemuth-Bump and her husband, Den-

1992 - Barbara Jean Cross, 58, June 29.

accident, Jan. 22. (MA, art education)

1999 - Daniel A. Levandowski, 48, in a car

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Friends

tus of biology, March 13. Donations in his

memory may be made to the Biology Faculty

Fellowship Fund, c/o The Western Foundation,

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Edith "Edie" A. Clarke, 73, a retired house-

Eleanor M. Granberg, 83, who worked at

Edward J. Jacobs, 68, a retired faculty mem-

Frederick William Knapman, 92, professor

emeritus of chemistry, who served as de-

partment chairman and the dean of the

College of Arts and Sciences before retiring

in 1974, July 9. Memorials may be made to

the Knapman Chemistry Scholarship, the

Western Foundation, MS-9034, 516 High St.,

Bruno "Joe" Pagnossin, 74, a retired electri-

J. Alan Ross, 90, a Western alumnus, retired

professor, a former dean of graduate stud-

ies and director of Summer Session, Feb. 19.

Francis B. Stimson, 77, a purchasing officer

Manfred C. Vernon, 93, professor emeritus

Sarah A. Wirth, 62, a retired administrative

assistant in the history department, April 25.

Grace O. Woodruff, 84, a former adminis-

tration secretary at Western, Feb. 9.

cian and supervisor at Western, Feb. 22.

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at Western for 43 years, Feb. 9.

of political science, April 5.

mother at Western, Nov. 22, 2000.

Saga Food Service at Western, Jan. 20.

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ber, Feb. 8.

nis, have a daughter, Cierra Danielle, born March 12, 1999. ... Mark Sabbatini, Sunday editor of the Juneau Empire in Juneau, has been hired as an editor at The Antarctic Sun at McMurdo Station, Antarctica. He and his wife Kristan will work at the station during austral summers (October through February), and pursue travel and other work opportunities between seasons.

1992 - Richelle Bouse teaches third grade in the Bellevue School District and is certified with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). Bouse is among only 68 other educators in the state to receive this honor. ... Fred Dahlem is the principal at Jackson High School in Everett. ... Todd Ranniger lives in Ketchikan, Alaska, with his wife, Penny; 4-year old daughter, Gwen; and son, Ben, 1. Ranniger owns and operates a 54' commercial fishing boat. ... Michelle Van Dellen received her MS degree in taxation from Golden Gate University and works for Moss Adams LLP in Bellingham.

1993 - Scott Wallace is the regional president for U.S. Bank in northwest Washington. Wallace is responsible for day-to-day operations at 16 branches.

1994 - Sheila Bricker recently returned from four months in Asia where she biked solo through Thailand and Laos, motorcycled north India, and trekked the Annapurna circuit in Nepal. ... Tina Jacobus Busenius gave birth to her second child March 11, Makenna Cailin. ... Heather McKendry is the project Alfred "Carter" Broad, 78, professor emeri- manager for MB Design in Bellingham.

> 1995 - 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. ... Marty Cunningham ('99 M. Ed) teaches sixth grade at Acme Elementary School and is a state finalist for the Presidential Award in Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. ... Kathryn McKenna-Smith is San Juan County's local liaison from the state Department of Corrections. ... Paul Peterman is the advertising director for internet.com. ... Jennifer Wilson joined the Astoria office of Peratrovich, Nottingham & Drage Inc. Wilson will specialize in environmental issues related to transportation projects.

1996 - Mark Bieda is airman 1st class and graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. ... Mark Gaul is the head coach at Kentlake High School in Kent. ... Lisa Howe is a program instructor for Art in the Park at the Shelton Parks and Recreation summer program. ... Kristi (Kiteley) Langenbacher) is a copy editor for the Macomb Daily in Michigan and had a baby girl in February. ... Dan Monaghan works as a tax accountant at Perkins & Co. CPA in Portland, Ore., and is not the Dan for the Noble Desert Poodle. ... Jason Stiles is an account executive with

McLeod USA, an integrated commu-

nications service.

1997 - William Budge graduated from the American Film Institute in Los Angeles with an M.F.A. in production design. ... Mischa and Danielle Homola Burnette welcomed their first child, Madeline Jade, Jan. 9. Since their graduation, they have been teaching at Kwigillingok, a Yupic village near the Bering Sea in Alaska. Jana Carter received her M.A. in English with an emphasis in comparative literature from Arizona State University in May, 2001.... Jael De Spain received her J.D. degree from Ohio Northern University's Pettit College of Law. ... Holly Mergler is an environmental planner and scientist with Anchor Environmental LLC in Portland, Ore. ... Brian Ritter is enjoying his fifth year in the San Francisco Unified School District, teaching at Lowell High School, the oldest public high school west of the Mississippi. ... Anna

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in educational technology May 2001 from

1998 – Jennifer Louie graduated from Illinois

1999 - Rachel Dooley is a marketing assistant for Aiphone Corp, in Bellevue. Dooley can be reached at Rachel@Aiphone.com. ... Nathan Erdmann is a police officer in Monroe. ... Anna Shaffer is community development manager for the American Cancer Soci-

Hamilton/Saunderson, a Seattle-based maras assistant account coordinator. ... Lisa Bach pany in Seattle. ... Laura Cheifetz works as the Gender Justice Program coordinator at the Presbyterian United Nations Office in New logical Seminary in September. Cheifetz will be on the World Council of Churches delega-Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and Marc Fenton covers sports and community

Lesley University.

State University with a master of music in performance in May, 2001. Louie will perform in the Killington Music Festival in Vermont and will begin her doctor of musical arts program at the University of Alabama in the fall. ... Ingrid Nelson completed a year of national service working as an Americorps VISTA volunteer in Brooklyn, N.Y. Nelson participated in the final phases of the establishment of a small community development financial institution in the Bushwick neighborhood of Brooklyn.

ety office in Everett.

2000 - Sharon Armbruster has joined keting, advertising and public relations firm is the account coordinator for The Silver Com-York, and will be entering McCormick Theotion to the upcoming United Nations World was planning to attend the World Conference itself in Durban, South Africa, in August. ... news for the Enumclaw Courier-Herald. ... Kayley Mendenhall is a reporter for the Bozeman Daily Chronicle and can be reached at kmendenhall@dailychronicle.com. ... Shu-Ling Sun is a staff accountant for Moss Adams in Bellingham.

2001 - Jeannie Johnson, Andrea Paciotti and Kelli Visser are staff accountants with Moss Adams in Bellingham. Visser was named he outstanding graduating senior for the accounting department and was honored at a reception June 15.

In Memoriam

1929 - Mabel Ryen Eliason, 92, a retired teacher, Feb. 5.

1932 - Ruth Belknap, 87, a retired home care provider, May 4.

1935 - Sigrid Jevning Shelton, 87, a retired teacher, March 13.

1940 - Gael Stuart ('41, '58), 82, a retired school superintendent of Port Townsend School District, May 16.

1944 – Jessie Vane Barnes, 87, a nurse, Feb. 26.

1960 - Dr. Louis "Bud" Rochon, 69, a retired school administrator, April 8.

1961 - Velma Tesarik Meyers, 79, a retired teacher, April 23.

1962 - Joseph Macy, 80, a retired teacher, April 18.

1963 - Charlene Blore ('67), 70, a retired teacher, May 8.

1964 - Earl Kobberstad, 79, a retired teacher, March 27. ... Marjorie Christine Benson, 58, a retired teacher, May 17.

1965 - John M. Sullivan, 59, a retired school superintendent from the Ridgefield School District, May 14.

1972 - Jeannette Busby, 50, of cancer June 26. ... Mary Lee, 64, retired teacher, July 19.

1974 – James Rise, 49, in May 2001.

1977 - Suzanne Johnson, 45, minister of music and choir director at Gloria Dei, Feb. 19. ... William "Tom" Kirtz, 56, a Bellingham Cold Storage employee, March 3.

1983 - Cindy Bishop, 41, from heart failure on April 27.

1984 - Patsy Margaret Formway, 74, a longtime supporter of Western and a former board member of the Western Foundation, July 24.

1988 - Selma Johnson, 76, a life-long learner and community participant, March 10.

1989 - Karen Elizabeth Greenleaf Muilenburg, 36, from breast cancer, March



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Monaghan who directed the film The Quest

Wygant obtained her master's degree



Kathy DeCoite, co-president of the Alumni Association's Southwest Chapter, enjoys a Mariners' spring training game at Peoria Stadium.

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 Nov. 17 gala evening at the exclusive club, The Ruins
- A Feb. 9 reception atop the Smith Tower Building in the exotic "Chinese 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)



Kristie Lundstrom photo

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



1950-52 REUNION COMMITTEE: Left to right: Duane Anderson, Lolli Hagen Lapsley, Britt Marie Selander Lee, Kappy McMullen Britain (wearing lei), Bob Baker, Ruby Johnson Smith, Harry Pagels.



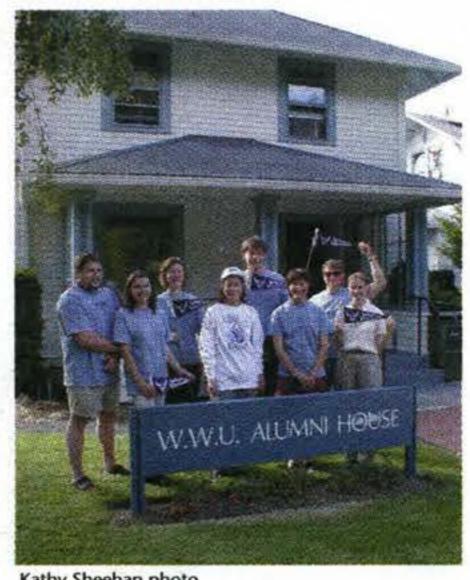
Gary Grim ('84) and Mary Jo Kochel, above, were all smiles during the Life Member cruise in Elliott Bay, Seattle, in May. At right, Catherin ('90) and Emerson Nordmark.



Kristie Lundstrom photo

REUNIONS: Alumni from several departments hold reunions each year. In June, Barbara Mathers-Schmidt, associate professor of communications sciences and disorders, reunited with alumnae 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



Kathy Sheehan photo

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 382nd place finish are the Valhalla Wannabes (left to right): Tim Reid ('00), Cathie Allen ('98), Meredith Jarvis ('92), Debra Lee, Ken Cox ('85), Laurie Rossman ('86), Eric Bergquist ('86, '92), and Tanya Rowe ('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?



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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 Heffernan ('91), Barbara Pahre, Belinda Hovde-Klingman ('90), Perry Turner and Matt Eichenberger ('88).



Photo courtesy of Belinda Hovde-Klingman

GO VIKINGS!

True Viking fans will follow the men's football and basketball teams on the road this year, cheering on Vikings victories and tailgating to the max.

Alumni plan to have a cheering section in Durango, Colo., Sept. 8 as WWU's football stars play Ft. Lewis College and in San Luis Obispo, Calif., Sept. 29 as the Vikings play Cal Poly University.

They'll be in New Haven, Conn., too, when WWU plays the University of New Haven Oct. 27 and in California Nov. 10 when the Vikings take on UC-Davis.

If hoops is your game, join members of the Seattle Alumni Chapter Nov. 8 as the men's basketball team plays the University of Washington in a special exhibition game in Husky territory.



Jon Brunk photo Ted Mischaikov ('88) played the Viking at a party last February.

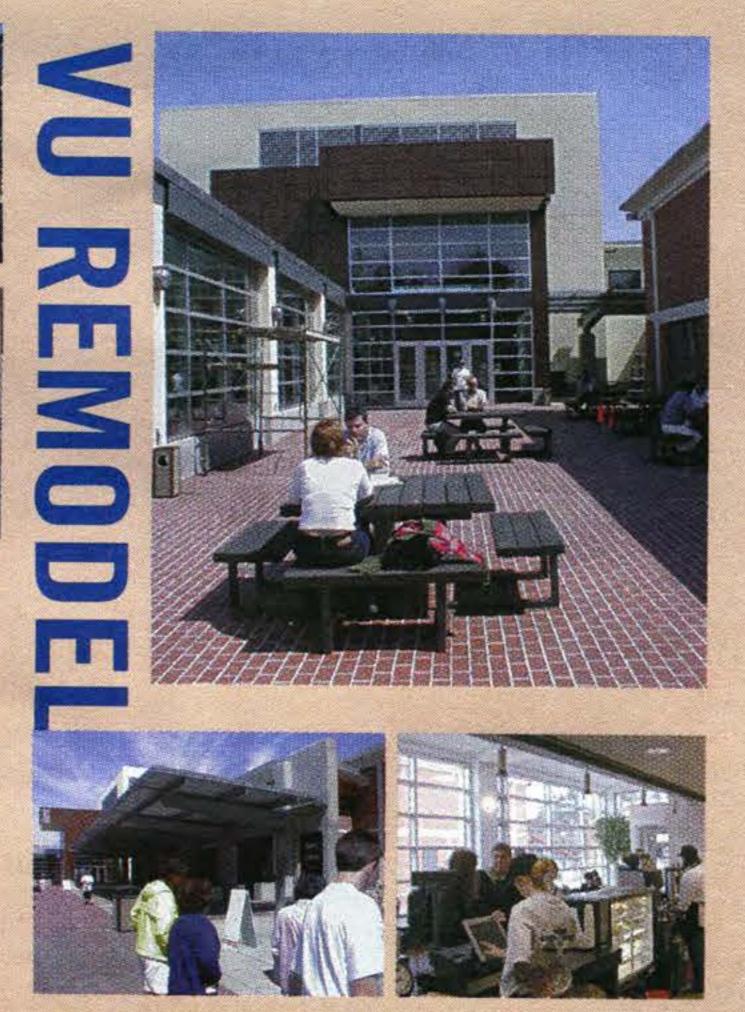


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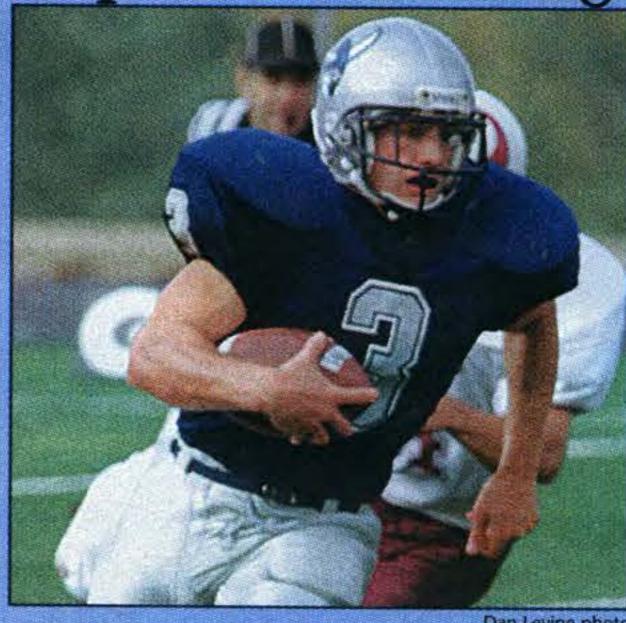




Contractors were completing the \$22 million renovation of the Viking Union complex this summer. The new VU has a new food court, a new bookstore and new office space for Associated Students and other organizations. The goal of the renovation was to create a sense of community and make the campus focal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



Experienced Vikings



Dan Levine photo

VIKING FOOTBALL: Senior strong safety Erik Totten was named to six All-American teams last season and won Western's Male Athlete of the Year and Male Scholar Athlete of the Year.

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The Vikings averaged 409.6 yards and a schoolrecord 37.8 points a game last season, ranking eighth nationally in scoring and 25th in total offense. Many of the key elements return, including Mitchell, the top two receivers and four starting offensive linemen.

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 Giralmo, 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 42 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 in career receptions. Another returning starter is senior slotback Sean Marshall, who had 39 receptions for 388 yards and three touchdowns.

At running back, sophomore Nyle Chambers and junior Devin Martin return. Chambers ran for 415 yards and five touchdowns last year. Martin rushed for 321 yards and two scores.

Defensively, the Vikings ranked 14th nationally against the run (94.9 avg.) and 23rd in points allowed (18.1) last season.

Senior end Steve Bernardy, a second-team all-CFA pick last year, is the mainstay of the front four. Of his 24 tackles last season, 11 were behind the line of scrimmage, including seven sacks. The other returning starter is junior tackle Scott Roberts, who had 26 stops, with eight of them, including four sacks, for losses.

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 cornerback 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.

Campus Connections

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.

Professor Thor Hansen teaches students that learning goes beyond the classroom. Hansen, who came to Western in 1985, uses a hands-on approach, with objects, skits and stories as his primary teaching tools.

His students participate in research that directly expands experience and knowledge. He is also working with middle-school children from across the country who study science by testing an authentic scientific hypothesis about marine ecology.

"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.



Thor Hansen

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.



Angela Harwood

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 Ferndale 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 Karen
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

Karen Hoelscher Kathy Sheehan photo

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 teacher 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



John Purdy Kathy Sheehan photo

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.

2001 volleyball team has a core of solid defensive players

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 Rowland. Rowland 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.

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 she would pay for her last two years of college herself.

During her two years at Green River Community College getting her AA degree, Muro had seen how her mother, a single parent, struggled 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 Carlile 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 at the June commencement.

Muro is just one of the thousands of Western students who received more than \$5 million in scholarships last year from Western, the state of Washington and private scholarship funds.

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

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Susan Muro ('01), scholarship recipient, former webmaster for the Communication Club and outstanding 2001 graduate from the communication department.

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 ber of the Native physician someday. American Talent

Search Project and 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

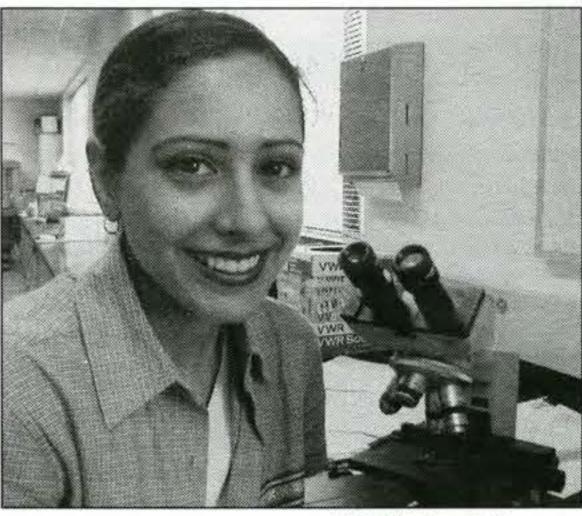
> the organization, he also was an active member of Phi Alpha Theta, an honor society for history scholars, and graduated with a 3.98 grade point average.

"I wouldn't have been able to do that without the scholarships," Kuttel said.

Scholarships also pushed Luz Gonzalez, a senior from the Tri-Cities area, to succeed at being the first in her large family to graduate from high school and to go to college.

Scholarship money "allows me to focus on my studies so I can maintain a high GPA," said Gonzalez,

the winner of a James Michael Haskell Memorial Scholarship, Multicultural Achievement Program Scholarship and several private scholarships. "It also forces me to maintain a high GPA, so it



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School and as a mem- Scholarship recipient Luz Gonzalez hopes to become a

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works both ways."

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Gonzalez, who will graduate after winter quarter 2002 with a double major in biology and Spanish and a minor in chemistry, has participated in numerous volunteer and extracurricular activities while at Western and hopes to serve economically disadvantaged and underprivileged people as a physician some day.

The scholarships have meant not only financial support, but emotional, as well, she says. "It's helping me to accomplish a lifelong dream."

For information on how you can establish a WWU scholarship or to contribute to an existing fund, contact The Western Foundation at (360) 650-3027 or visit our Web site: http://www.foundation.wwu.edu.

Generous friends donate \$3.9 million to WWU

ended for Western on June 30, 2001, with \$3.9 million in private support for Western students, faculty and programs.

Overall, 13,850 gifts were received this year. A record number of programs and projects benefited from this support and Western students were the true recipients of your generosity.

The Western Foundation's overall asset base reached \$23.7 million. Assets include \$14 million in endowment funds, a 22 percent growth over the past five years.

Western alumni made a significant impact. Some 5,085 WWU graduates contributed \$724,000 last year.

An all-time high was established for the number of members of the President's Club - donors of \$1,000 or more per year (\$500 per

Another successful fiscal year year for those 39 years of age or younger). One hundred sixty-one new members joined the President's Club this year, bringing the total membership to 812.

> Parents of current Western students contributed \$88,985 comprising 16 percent of all donors. Friends of Western (33 percent of all donors) made gifts in excess of \$1.3 million. An additional \$1.8 million came from corporations, foundations and organizations.

> With each passing year, the number of students and educational programs at Western increase. Your support allows the university to continue to offer the best educational opportunities to our leaders of tomorrow. For that, we are truly grateful.

> A list of those who made a contribution of \$100 or more between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2001 begins on the next page.





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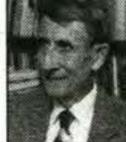
Calendar

September

- Viking Night Dinner and Auction, Carver Gym 13
- Alumni Club's annual Mariners Game at Safeco Field 14
- Los Angeles Alumni Chapter dinner, 94th Aero Squad-15 ron Restaurant in Van Nuys, Calif.
- Oregon/Southern Washington Alumni Chapter steering 20 committee meeting
- Convocation, 6:30 p.m. at PAC 25
- Alumni: Tailgate party at WWU-Cal-Poly football game, 29 San Luis Obispo, Calif.

October

- 1-7 Homecoming Week
- Alumni Association Executive Board meets in Everett 2
- 5 Board of Trustees meets/Capital Celebration
- 6 Idaho Alumni Chapter dinner at Hillcrest Country Club, Boise/ Viking Football vs. South Dakota State Univ., 1 p.m., Civic Stadium/Viking Union Reopening dance with Sultans of Swing, 8 p.m., VU Lounge. Free, but tickets required. Call (360) 650-3450
- Homecoming Fun Run, 9-11 a.m., WWU Track
- Opening of Botanica: Contemporary Art and the World of Plants at the 8 Western Gallery. Through Dec. 1
- Distinguished Lecture Series presents Freeman Dyson, 11 6:30 p.m. at PAC. Free admission, but tickets required through PAC Box Office or Village Books. Tickets available Sept. 26 for students, faculty and staff, on Oct. 2 for alumni and general public



Freeman Dyson

- Alumni Board of Directors meets on campus 13
- Turning Points Lecture: Chemistry professor David Patrick speaks on 16 NanoScience, 5:15 p.m. in SMATE 150
- Manufacturing/Operations Management Alumni: Dinner, Columbia 17 Winery
- San Diego Alumni motor coach trip/tour of Huntington Museum and dinner, Pasadena, Calif.
- Law and Diversity Program 10th Anniversary, 9-5, Fairhaven College. 20 Small fee, plus lunch charge.
- Southwest Alumni Chapter barbecue/Western show, Scottsdale, Ariz. 21
- Theatre Arts presents "Twelfth Night." Through Nov. 3 24
- New England/New York Alumni tailgate party at WWU vs. University 27 of New Haven football game, West Haven, Conn.

November

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

December

- **Board of Trustees meets** 6-7
- 15 Commencement

January

- Faculty Review/Preview at the 7-31 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
- **Distinguished Lecture Series** 17 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.
- Snohomish Alumni Chapter 19 reception and play at the Village Theater, Everett

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Homecoming: Oct. 1-7, 2001

Howdy Pardners and welcome to Homecoming 2001. We're callin' it The Western Roundup.

This year's festivities is gunna 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 air!

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 yerself! We'll also be servin' up some free vittles.



Friday, Oct. 5

Every cotton pickin' day of this week, an activity will take place in Red Square at High Noon. Monday: Pie Eatin' Contest Tuesday: Tug o' War Contest & free Snake Lips Chili

Wednesday: ... Seed Spittin' Contest Thursday: Tricycle Races

Friday: Horseshoes & Ice Cream Giveaways

BRAND SPANKIN' NEW THIS HERE YEAR:

Cirque de Flambe

- 7 p.m. Red Square: The festivities for Friday evening will take place on Red Square this year. Fireworks of a different form, vittles and a live rock n' roll band, The Walrus, to round out an evenin' you won't want to miss.
- Cirque de Flambe: The world's only vaudeville circus of fire and pyrotechnics. Smell the smoke as the clowns burn, see the flames lick at the daring, and feel the heat as the spectacular blazes. Fiery fun like you have never seen before. Starts at 8:30 p.m.
- · We'll also be servin' up doughnuts, the Homecoming Raspberry Brownie,
- hot chocolate and cider.
- Homecoming DJ Dance, VU Lounge. Casual, no date required. We ain't gunna promise square dancin' but it's still a heap of fun. Supports the ever talented Viking Cheer Squad. Tickets at the door.

Saturday, Oct. 6

- 11 a.m. Tailgate Party with the Walrus at Civic Field provided by WWU Athletics
- · 1 p.m. Football Game against South Dakota State University. Watch the Vikings whip the Jackrabbits
- · 4:30 p.m. reunion for Physical Education/Exercise and Sports Science. RSVP to Rebecca Schindler, (360) 650-7227.

Sunday, Oct. 7

Alumni Scholarship 5k Fun(d) Run/Walk 9 a.m. Registration at the campus

10 a.m. Race begins

Hey Pardners, you can gallop or mosey this 5k race. Drawing for prizes at the end. For entry form, call Alumni House at (360) 650-3353 or (800) 676-6885 or e-mail donna.leblonde@wwu.edu



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