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What do these have in common?

- A cup holder inspired by a sea anemone
- New concepts in boating
- Bicycle seats that "float"
- Advanced machinery design
- Housewares
- Internet service innovations
- Revolutionary medical diagnosis techniques

All these — and more — come from the agile minds and creative spirits of Western alumni and current students following in their footsteps.

In a Sunday magazine cover article on Northwest inventors, The Seattle Times featured Sabrena Wright ('96/industrial design) who, in the course of a year, comes up with 40 to 50 concepts for kitchenware, about half of which will make it to market. She holds 13 patents, unusual because half of which will make it to market.

Graduating senior Colin Anderson took a $3,000 award from the national Society of Plastic Engineers for re-creating the production method for a flashlight body.

Another new concept for flashlight design won a Western team first-place at WESTEC, a national Society of Manufacturing Engineers student competition. Team members Thad Anderson, Robbie Pennington, Adam Schuehle, Erik Walder, Erik Johnson and Josh Rudnick have since graduated and the rest of the 13-person team plan to become alumni during the next year.

Various modes of transportation have also attracted the creative attention, and entrepreneurial skills, of alumni.

Larry Graf ('81/industrial technology) launched Monroe-based Glacier Bay Catamarans in 1988 after a bruising fishing trip in an "ordinary" fishing boat. His designs for 22- and 26-footers have won repeated praise for their smooth rides, strongly tested during trips such as a 1,328-mile record-setting run from Hawaii to Midway Island in 1998 or five days powering through 10-foot Lake Michigan waves last winter.

Following in Graf's wake is Bellingham's Craig Henderson ('80) who sold 23 of his small "indestructible" Bullfrog Boats in 2001 and 27 in the first six months of 2002.

Smooth ride and durability are also hallmarks of Softride Bicycle Suspension Systems that "float" above the bike frame. Among the WWU alumni who produced the innovation for industry leader Alpco Inc. a decade ago were engineering technology graduate Bob Dyer and John Kutz ('86), Mike Yeakel ('74), Charley Highlander ('77) and David De Young ('92). An annual scholarship honoring Kutz, killed in a 1993 automobile accident, lends financial support to outstanding engineering technology students with a special interest in the recycling of plastics.

Advances in communications technology have absorbed hundreds of recent alumni, among them David Cole (BS '84, MS '86/mathematics), vice president in the Internet client and collaboration division at Microsoft. (More than 300 Western alumni work at the nation's leading software firm.)

Cole, a member of Western's Board of Trustees from 1995 to '98, joined Microsoft as a product support technician and quickly advanced to senior development positions: program manager for the Microsoft Excel team;
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Chemistry faculty win national awards
Mark Bussell, Steven Emory and David Patrick have received grants totaling nearly $200,000 to support the undergraduate research experience at Western as well as their own scholarly research. The awards to talented, young faculty members are from the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation and are to advance the science of chemistry, chemical engineering and related sciences as a means of improving human relations and circumstances around the world.

10 students honored
Science Applications International Corp. presented $7,000 in awards for excellence and creative problem solving to 10 WWU students in May. The San Diego-based research company also recognized 10 faculty mentors who guided the students in their projects.

Students produce vegetarian cookbook
A group of peer educators who teach health education have packed 60 recipes for vegetarian snacks, soups, main dishes and desserts into a new cookbook available for $2. The cookbook, produced by positive body image (PBI) advisers, is one of 16 campus health projects funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Call (360) 650-3164 to order a copy of PBI's Veggie Delight: A Vegetarian Cookbook with Wit and Wisdom from Positive Body Image.

Student publications receive kudos again
The Western Front, The Planet and Kiting magazine were winners of the 2001 Marks of Excellence Awards. The Society for Professional Journalists said these products of student journalism were the best in Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Idaho and Montana.

Volleyball team aims for 2nd title and more
The last two seasons have been ones of rapid progress for the Western volleyball team.

The Vikings were 24-5 last year, winning their first league championship and reaching the Pacific Regional semifinals of the NCAA Division II National Championship. They also set a school record with a 20-match winning streak. In two seasons under coach Diane Flick, Western, which had its only losing season of 13-15-1 in 1991, has set a school record with a 20-match winning streak. In two seasons under coach Diane Flick, Western, which had its only losing season of 13-15-1 in 1991, has set a school record with a 20-match winning streak.

But why stop there? "With every new year you build off the year before," Flick said. "We've established a level of expectation and a starting point for things to come. We've taken a big step conference-wise, a little nibble regionally, and there are still many more plateau's yet to reach for/"
Vikings seek fourth straight league title and a return to national playoffs

The league championship is the annual goal of Western's football team.

The Vikings have been quite successful at it, winning three consecutive league titles for the first time in school history the last three years, including the inaugural Great Northwest Athletic Conference championship in 2001.

But with an 8-3 record last season and a ranking of No. 23 in the final NCAA Division II National Poll, there's also a second goal on the horizon.

It's one that has proven elusive the last two years: that of earning a berth in the NCAA II National Playoffs.

"Winning a league championship is one thing you control," said Vikings head coach Rob Smith. "Defending the league title is very important to us. We've never had four consecutive, so that's priority one."

"But we need to get the program back in the national playoff picture. That's a goal we've all set."

After making the playoffs in 1999, Western has narrowly missed each of the last two seasons, being close enough that victories in the final week of the campaign probably would have clinched a berth.

This fall, the team will also be dealing with a tough schedule, particularly on the road. The Vikings, ranked No. 16 in the Street and Smith's NCAA II pre-season ranking, were to open the season Sept. 5 at Central Oklahoma, which handed them a 28-24 loss at home in the opening game last season.

Other road games have Western visiting St. Mary's, Calif., on Sept. 28 in the only game of the season against NCAA I-AA competition. GNAC contests will be at archival Central Washington on Oct. 19 and Western Oregon on Nov. 19.

The home schedule includes Fort Lewis, Colo., on Sept. 14 and concludes with national semi-finalist UC-Davis Nov. 16.

Other home contests are against Western New Mexico in the Homecoming/Hall of Fame Game on Oct. 5; a GNAC counter with Humboldt State on Oct. 26; and against New Haven, Conn., on Nov. 2.

Leading the returning players are senior wide receiver Greg Dykstra, who figures to be first or second in school history in receptions, receiving yardage and touchdown receptions by the end of the season. Also returning are sophomore kicker Michael Koenen, a D2football.com first-team all-West Region placekicker as a freshman; and senior offensive tackle Joaquin Paratore-McNabb, a D2football.com second-team all-region pick.

Even with a dozen starters and a total of 35 letter winners returning, Smith says the development of the team's young players and the blending of the squad into a cohesive unit will be key.

The fall camp opened with a two-day battle to replace quarterback Scott Mitchell, who started every game the last three seasons, setting school career marks for total yards (7,877) and completion percentage (60.7) and tying another for touchdown passes (67).

Sophomore Steve Nichols saw action at quarterback in six games last year, throwing for 175 yards and one touchdown and directing the game-winning drive in the dying moments at New Haven.

He entered the preseason as No. 1 on the depth chart, but is competing for the spot with junior Josh Shimek. Shimek has attempted just nine career passes, but has completed eight of them. Nichols is a little more mobile, but Shimek brings a bit more vocal leadership.

"Whoever the starter is, we feel he'll be able to play at the level we need at that position," Smith said. "It will probably be a situation where regardless of who the starter is, both will see significant time."

For more on the Vikings, see http://www.wwuvikings.com

BEAUTY OF CAMPUS REMAINS WITH NEW BUILDINGS ADDING CLASSROOMS, SERVICES

Another academic year is on its way. If you come to Western this fall, you will notice a great deal of construction activity at the south end of campus. The new Campus Services facility, which houses the Student Health Center and University Police, will be open. Bill MacDonald Parkway will curve around Campus Services onto the old 21st Street, now transformed into a landscaped boulevard with pedestrian walkways, a bicycle lane and bus pull outs.

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Where do you wear Western gear?

Send photos of yourself in your Western shirt, hat, etc., short items of interest; address changes; and other news to:
Alumni House, MS-1999, WWU, Bellingham, WA 98225-1999

Dean Takko ('72) wears his Western sweatshirt proudly on the road to Lake Titica in Peru. The Husky grad and member of the Oregon Alumni Chapter steering committee was there in February.

1976—Margaret Parsons and Stephen Snapp, April 21.
1983—Joy Duffield and Jeff Sweet, March 23.
1990—Frances Froehlich and Robert Harville, April 13.
1992—Brent Conklin and Rebecca Smith, June 30.
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2003—Bill Bagnall is the principal of Canyon Creek Elementary School in Woodinville... Kate Clark manages the Business/JNC program through WWU Small Business Development that will organize monthly roundtable meetings for local business owners and managers... Susan Gribbin is the coordinator of Whatcom Coalition for Healthy Communities (WCHC). The Idaho Rhoades manages the Tribal Business/JNC program through WWU Small Business Development, which coordinates training and technical assistance for Native Americans... Carol Schimke is the author of a travel guide, Inexpensive Cities of Central America: Lodging in the Bed & Breakfast Tradition.
2004—Todd Elsworth founded Bellingham Benefits, LLC, a full-time service event pro-
duction and public relations/communications-consulting agency in Bellingham... Brian Orton is the vice president of business development at Northwestern Trust in Woodinville.
2005—Carrie Gahard is a staff accountant with the Enterprise Group at Moss Adams. Heidi Grevelst is a third year theater student in Temple University's MFA program. Grevelst is a full scholarship and works as an acting instructor to undergraduates during the school year. Professor Jim Lortz was her mentor at WWU and has been a constant support over the years.

Jim Nelson ('75), a technology education teacher in Blaine, won the Technology Program of the Year award in March. The Washington State Technology Education Association presented the award.
1999 - Keith Boyd is a programming writer for Microsoft.

1995 - Amy Mayfield is director of development for the Girls Scouts Totem Council and assistant librarian at Ballard High School. Jeffrey Sads served as team captain for the Slovak and Czech Republic ski teams in the 2002 Olympic Games. His non-profit organization serves athletes in Alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, skeleton, bobsled and speed skating. Erik Tersau is the network integration coordinator at ESPN in Bristol, Conn.

1994 - Richy Boyer is the owner of Viva La Vinyard. - A record store in Bellingham. Brenda Westford graduated from Multnomah Biblical Seminary in Portland, Ore., with a M.A. in pastoring.

1997 - Brea Beach-DeAugustine received her MSW from E.U.V. David Buck graduated from the University of Washington School of Medicine. His residency is in ophthalmic surgery at the University of Nebraska. Buck can be reached at huer md@ hotmail.com. Gordon-Jorgenson is a program analyst with Social Security in Baltimore. Leslie Keller is the program coordinator for the Leadership Tomorrow program at the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce. James Lee graduated with an MBA from WSU in spring, 2002.

2002 - Barry Meehan is a staff accountant with Moss Adams. Meehan focuses on tax preparation. Abby Short is a staff accountant with the Enterprise Group of Moss Adams. Meehan attends University of Washington between his assignments.

1993 - Eero Johnson is a professional journalist. Richard Andrus is a professional landscape architect in Dearborn, Jan 8.

1991 - Arthur Gravvock, 55, a retired teacher and principal in Seattle who earned various letters in baseball and track at WWU, May 12.

1989 - James Michael Haskell Scholarships were presented at the WWU Scholarship Banquet in downtown Bellingham.

1987 - Larry Grant Reed, 67, who owned Larry's Warmeals, April 2.

1985 - Christine Albers, a renowned pianist, April 14.

1982 - David Owen, 55, March 11.... Lori Ann Rasmussen, 45, a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bellingham, May 9 in a boating accident on the Nookachip River while preparing for the canoe leg of the Su-to-Sea race.


F. Murray "Red" Haskell, 92 - 2002

The Haskells established a scholarship endowment at Western 12 years ago in memory of their son, James Michael, who died in 1990. It provides four-year scholarships to at least 20 students a year. They also established separate scholarships for crew, in which Haskell participated while a WWU student.

"Red was a special friend to the university and to me," Western President Karen W. Morse said. "His contributions covered a broad spectrum of efforts and were always of the highest quality. He will be greatly missed by our university community."

Memorials may be made to the James Michael Haskell Scholarship through the Western Washington University Foundation, MS-9034, Bellingham, WA 98225-9034.
Distinguished Alumni Award revamped

The Alumni Association will accept applications this year for at least two distinguished alumni awards, with the honorees being feted at a banquet in May next year.

Potential recipients of the 2003 awards will be nominated by peers, colleagues and associates through an application process which provides for a written description of the nominee's professional accomplishments; service to the community and to the university; and/or contributions to the public good in general.

The selection criteria for the 18-year-old Distinguished Alumni Award has been changed to make room for a second, additional award: the Distinguished Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Distinguished Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award will recognize an applicant's career-long achievement, generally in the applicant's chosen field, or a record of contribution to humanity in general.

The Distinguished Alumni Award will be made to one or more outstanding graduates for special or recognizable achievement for a shorter period of time than has previously been considered. Selection criteria will include contributions to the university or community or another particularly special accomplishment.

The Alumni Association's Awards Committee will make the selections by March 1, 2003.

“IT is our desire to recognize younger graduates who have quickly distinguished themselves in their chosen profession,” said David Britton ('70), chair of the Awards Committee, “as well as grads who have dedicated their life pursuits to a given field and achieved high recognition.”

Alumni win share of Woodring honors

Eight Western alumnae were among 31 public education principals, teachers, volunteers and school staffers from across the state to receive this year's Professional Excellence Awards from Woodring College of Education.

An additional five of the outstanding educators and human service professionals also attended Western or have taught there. The award winners were honored at a banquet in May.

Graduates included:

Barbara Ballard ('74), a Coupeville High School teacher and adviser to the National Honor Society there who works with students on community service projects, plays and various other academic programs.

Diane Becker ('70) and Pat Schelling ('71) who team-taught at North Bellingham Elementary and have a reputation for extensive volunteering at the school.

Vicki Hubner ('77), director of the Nooksack Valley Center for Children and Families, where she nurtures an environment that includes early learning programs and family literacy.

Carole Legowik-Zohn ('86) an Everett Middle School special education teacher who has an open, invitational teaching style in her classroom serving 25 moderate to severe handicapped children.

Linet Murray ('93), a reading teacher at Alderwood Elementary School in Bellingham who is an enthusiastic practitioner for her students and a valuable colleague to her peers with whom she regularly shares her knowledge and experience at workshops and conferences.

Mary Roebuck ('77), a third grade teacher at Bernie Vosbuck Elementary School in Lynden who has a special ability to work with special needs students.

Other award winners in the Western family included Swil Kanim, also known as Richard Marshall, a multicultural awareness educator in Mount Vernon who is also an actor, musician and storyteller; Debra Semrite, director of federal and state programs and for migrant and transitional bilingual programs for the Conway School District; Cheryl Bertagni, a kindergarten teacher at Liberty Elementary School in Marysville; Gordon L. Dolman, superintendent of the Blaine School District; and Cheryl Frazier, a Title I teacher for Skyline Elementary in Ferndale who runs the Math Olympiad.

Also receiving an award is future Woodring student Amelia Lawson, a volunteer at Custer Elementary School.

Ski-to-Sea 2002

The Alumni Association's "Valhalla Wannabes" improved their performance in the 2002 Ski-to-Sea Race in May, coming in 287th out of 400 race teams in the annual Bellingham event. In 2001, the Valhalla Wannabes finished 382nd. Team captain Ken Cox ('85), (front left) said the team's goals were not to get hurt; to finish the race; and to have fun. And they did!

Joining Cox (downhill ski leg) in the fun were cross-country skier Debra Lee, wearing team number 532; bicyclists Laurie Rossman ('86) and Seth Keegahn ('01) wearing bicycle helmets; sea kayaker Nate Jackson ('00) at rear, left; and canoeists Maureen Christman ('88) and Eric Bergquist ('86/92). Team runner Lois Millick ('92) is not in the photo.

Rossman, who shares Whatcom County chapter presidency duties with Christmas, spearheaded the chapter's sponsorship of a booth at the "It All Ends in Fairhaven" festival. Volunteers at the booth provided festival attendees with brochures and pamphlets from many Western departments and programs.

Next year, the chapter hopes to have more than one team and be joined by teams from the WWU Student Alumni Association and the Skagit Valley Alumni Chapter. A WWU float for the Ski-to-Sea parade in downtown Bellingham is another possibility.
Lifestyle advisers celebrate 10 years of service

Julie Campbell-Fouch ('91), a middle school health teacher in Long Beach, Calif., was the first Western student to serve as a Lifestyle Advisor.

Now, 10 years later, the Prevention and Wellness Services program has almost 200 Lifestyle Advisors, making it the largest all-volunteer service-learning group at Western. They provide peer health education including stress-reduction activities, sexual health information, violence/alcohol abuse prevention strategies and nutrition tips.

"The program is so powerful because it recruits an eclectic group of students, empowers them with valuable health information and equips them to effectively share it," says Campbell-Fouch, a community health education graduate. "It gave me valuable teaching experience and reinforced the importance of community service."

Lifestyle Advisors are selected through an application process that begins each January. They arrive on campus in mid-September for training before fall quarter begins, must take a health education course and commit to about four hours of service each week for one year.

To celebrate the successful program's 10th anniversary, Lifestyle Advisors have been creating a memory book, documenting the program's major milestones.

Pat Fabiano, founder of the Lifestyle Advisors program and program director of Prevention and Wellness Services, remembers that the measles epidemic of 1993 brought high visibility to the Lifestyle Advisors as a campus support system. They served as line marshals and distributed health information to thousands of students and employees waiting for vaccinations.

Another milestone was in 1996, when the program became the first official testing site for HIV in the state that allowed trained students to administer the test for their peers. They continue to provide this service in collaboration with the Whatcom County Health Department, and also work on other health education projects with local agencies such as the Red Cross and Whatcom Crisis Services.

Regarding the future of the program, Fabiano says, "In this age of information overload, I envision the Lifestyle Advisors as being very competent at helping their peers sort through health advice and support people on campus as they continue to make healthy choices. We stress that wellness goes beyond physical illness and I am continually impressed by our students' enthusiasm to commit to this cause."

For more details on the program, visit http://www.ac.wwu.edu/~wellness/program/lap.htm.
Building a better mouse

By Jo Collinge
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Build a better drink holder and Australian television will beat a path to your door.

This was the challenge three of Arunas Oslapas’ industrial design majors took in mid-June. With a budget of $500 and a 72-hour limit, they were to design a spill-proof vehicle drink holder versatile enough to hold the smallest or largest drink and attractive enough for the most elegant sedan.

Drawing inspiration from the way a sea anemone’s tentacles grasp its prey, they conceived, constructed and road-tested the new design while an Australian television crew recorded the process for the pilot of "A Better Mousetrap.”

Across the country, at the famed Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y., a competing student team was meeting the same test as Australian cameras rolled.

Beyond Productions was shooting the pilot, melding reality TV competitiveness with the cutting-edge science that brought the company kudos for its "Beyond 2000" series.

Innovative Western programs have drawn international television attention before: In 1999, the BBC filmed a segment on the Vehicle Research Institute’s alternate-fuel Viking 29 for its half-hour science program, "Tomorrow’s World.”

Last April, the Discovery Channel began airing four new episodes in its series "Blue Planet: Seas of Life,” segments of which were taped at Western’s Shannon Point Marine Center in Anacortes.

The students designed a bright yellow drink holder after being inspired by the way a sea anemone’s tentacles grasp its prey.

Western’s team of Anna Rosenlund, Noah DiJulio and Matt Scott were elected for the task by their fellow students.

Beyond Productions selected Western to compete against Pratt, according to producers, because they wanted to pair a long-established East Coast design institution with a quality West Coast program with cutting edge equipment and a growing reputation.

If the series is bought, American viewers can watch the false starts, inspirations and feverish final-stretch efforts that mark Western’s debut in reality television. And they can learn which team was judged the winner by a panel of design experts.

The students and their professor, Arunas Oslapas (above), were filmed during the marathon design and production project. The film crew hovered over Noah DiJulio (above left), as well as team members Matt Scott and Anna Rosenlund (left).
Founders of high-tech company launched from WWU's Vehicle Research Institute

Alumni and students design with excellence

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The Pro CNC workers with ties to WWU include (left to right) Paul Van Metre, Darcy Hughes, Kelsey Heikoop and (bottom) Mark Dudzinski

By Jo Collinge
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Pro CNC, which the Puget Sound Business Journal last year dubbed the 14th fastest-growth company in the state, was launched in 1997 by six veterans of the Vehicle Research Institute at Western.

Four are still principals of the firm with clearly established responsibilities: Paul Van Metre ('96) in sales; Darcy Hughes in accounting; Kelsey Heikoop ('97) in engineering; and Mark Dudzinski in manufacturing.

Two of the founders have pursued other careers: After earning his MBA at the University of Chicago, Mason Bender ('95) is with AT&T Wireless in Seattle. Tim Roddick ('00) is working with fuel cell technology at cutting-edge Ballard Fuel Systems in Vancouver, B.C.

Now employing 15, including B.J. Ueda ('99), Pro CNC uses the latest in high-tech equipment to design and manufacture equipment for a wide variety of companies. Clients include Boeing, Microsoft and General Dynamics Robotics as well as firms with products as wide ranging as bicycles and medical supplies to competition cars for auto racing.

The founders, all with backgrounds in engineering technology, originally started Pro CNC as a stepping stone to another venture, producing limited-production high-performance cars. A CNC (Computer Numeric Control) machine enterprise seemed the ideal starting place, providing both the equipment and funds to begin development work on the vehicles.

"We knew that starting a car company from scratch with limited funds would be a losing proposition," Van Metre says. "It's been tried hundreds of times in U.S. history and has failed almost every time."

Pro CNC was, however, successful with revenues jumping from $240,000 in 1998 to $860,000 in 2000.

As the economy faltered in 2001, Van Metre admits, "we were hit with a slow-down like everyone else, but business has picked up over the last several months.

"We also realized that, however adept we were at the high-tech end of things, we needed help understanding the business side," he adds.

So the quartet turned to Western's Small Business Development Center and Washington Manufacturing Services to help them meet their business challenges.

A year ago, they moved from their original Monroe location to a new state-of-the-technology headquarters in Bellingham.

"It's like coming home," Van Metre says, "and that feels good."

Alumni and students design with excellence

As a freshman, Phelps readily admits, "he didn’t know how to study." Professor emeritus Ed Neuzil, he said, led him to discover that "chemistry was cool."

From faculty and fellow students, Phelps says, he learned "the power and passion" of ideas and the will to pursue a goal that marks the efforts of fellow alumni and current students who have found success - by design.

(Photon Emission Tomography) diagnostic imaging for which Michael Phelps (’64 chemistry/math) received the coveted 1999 Enrico Fermi Award. After completing his Ph.D. at Washington University at St. Louis in 1976, Phelps established the first of hundreds of PET clinics at UCLA where he and his colleagues have conducted pioneering studies into the cause and treatment of a wide range of ills including coronary heart disease, cancer, childhood seizures, epilepsy and Parkinson’s disease.

During Western’s Centennial, Phelps was one of 21 exemplary alumni honored both for their individual accomplishments and to represent the achievements of more than 100,000 alumni.
Western honors 4 for teaching, other achievements

Three faculty members and an administrator, including one WWU alumni, were honored at Commencement ceremonies June 15 for their excellence in teaching, research and diversity achievements. Director of student life/dean of students Ted Pratt (81, '93) received the Diversity Achievement Award. Pratt's affiliation with Western began as an undergraduate and continued as an admissions counselor and assistant director of admissions. In the nine years that he worked in Western's admissions office, he was the driving force behind increasing student of color enrollment from 4 percent in 1986 to the current 13 percent of the student population.

English professor Bill Smith was the 2000-2002 Peter J. Elich Excellence in Teaching Award recipient for the College of Arts and Sciences. An architect of Western's freshman writing program, Smith has touched the academic life of nearly every freshman in the past 12 years. He teaches introductory English courses to developing writers and instructs graduate students to effectively teach writing to those with varying abilities. Smith, who's been at Western since 1990, also teaches British Renaissance literature.

Leslie Guelker-Cone, associate professor of music, received the Excellence in Teaching Award representing Western's other five colleges. Joining Western's music department in 1995 as director of choral activities and vocal area coordinator, she conducts the Concert Choir and the Western Voices chamber ensemble. She also teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in choral music education, choral conducting and literature. In June 2000, she conducted Western's Concert Choir on a performance tour to the Czech Republic, Austria and Italy. The choir was invited to participate in a choral music festival in Bulgaria in June 2002.

Fairhaven professor Dana Crowley Jack, who has taught at Western since 1984, earned this year's Olscamp Faculty Research Award. Her research, which focuses on gender studies in the areas of moral reasoning, depression, and anger and aggression, continues to impact women's lives on an international scale. Her latest book, Behind the Mask: Destruction and Creativity in Women's Aggression (Harvard University Press), investigates women's health and psychological distress by examining anger and aggression in a diverse sample of women. She spent last year in Nepal as a Fulbright Senior Scholar researching how gender issues related to depression and anger play themselves out in other cultural contexts.

The teaching and diversity awards include a $1,500 stipend to use for research, teaching equipment/supplies or professional enhancement. The recipient of each award receives a $1,000 endowment. All of the awards are provided through donations to the Western Washington University Foundation. Nominations for the awards are solicited from faculty, students and alumni.

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 former WWU President Paul J. Olscamp.

Western claimed the first Great Northwest Athletic Conference All-Sports title and placed second at the inaugural NCAA Division II Women's Rowing National Championship, highlighting Viking performances last year. Among the Vikings other top accomplishments were senior quarterback Scott Mitchell being named GNAC Offensive Player of the Year; junior volleyball outside hitter Shannon Rowland taking GNAC Player of the Year honors; junior softball player Amanda Grant receiving GNAC Pitcher of the Year accolades; and freshman women's cross country runner Ashlee Vincent earning GNAC Athlete of the Meet recognition.

Mitchell also was one of nine finalists for the Harlon Hill Trophy, which goes to the NCAA II Football Player of the Year.

Western junior pole vaulter Danielle Juarez placed fifth at nationals to earn All-America honors. Senior football strong safety Erik Totten, who was signed as a free agent by the Pittsburgh Steelers, was named to two All-America teams; women's rowers Karla Landis and Kaye Smith earned All-America honors; and redshirt freshman men's golfer Josh Immordino was a third-team All-American.

Receiving honorable mention All-America recognition were Mitchell; senior men's golfer Lindsay Bernekevitch and sophomore women's golfer Kelly White. GNAC Coach of the Year honors went to three Viking coaches: Rob Smith in football, Diane Flick in volleyball and Carmen Dolfo in women's basketball.

Western won outright league titles in football (9-3), volleyball (23-4) and women's basketball (24-5) and tied for the crown in men's basketball (21-6).

The volleyball team, which was undefeated in league play and won a school-record 20 straight matches, reached the semifinals at the Pacific Regional in its first NCAA II post-season appearance. The Vikings got to the West Regional title game in women's basketball, losing by one point to eventual national champion Cal Poly Pomona.

In men's rowing, Western's varsity eight reached the grand final at the NCAA-II Conference Rowing Championship, placing sixth.

Western athletes were standout students as well. Totten being a second-team Verison Academic All-American. Totten also was a District VIII Aademic all-star as were junior softball outfielder Candace Adams, sophomore volleyball setter Liz Bishop, junior football wide receiver Greg Dykastra, senior football offensive center Nick Giralmo, Grant and Mitchell; Junior women's rower Marcie Chartier was named a College Rowing Association National Scholar-Athlete.

A total of 48 Vikings earned league all-star honors and 39 were GNAC academic all-stars.
Connections to WWU have ripple effect

Elizabeth Hatchett (on ladder) owned a cabin on Samish Island with Winnie Spieseke (left). Alumni Ed and Elizabeth Morrow lived nearby.

Wilson Library administrators recognized the power of alumni pride and lifelong friendships last fall when a retired teacher who had no apparent connection to Western gave $45,000 to Wilson Library.

The donation came from the estate of Elizabeth Hatchett, who died Sept. 22, 2001 at age 95, having never set foot on Western's campus.

But three of Hatchett's friends had her lifelong friend, Winnie Spieseke, and their Samish Island neighbors, Edward ('56,'59) and Elizabeth ('57,'79) Morrow.

Hatchett, who taught high school chemistry for 32 years in New York, and Spieseke, a Seattle native who died in 1991, had dedicated their lives to supporting education and the arts after meeting in graduate school at Columbia University. Although both women were engaged to be married after college, they lived in an era when women had to choose between marriage and career.

They chose to become teachers and lifelong learners. Spieseke, who had a doctorate in history, became the first woman chair of history at Columbia University.

Spieseke's connection to Western was as a student from 1918 to 1919 and as a history teacher during the summers of 1931 and 1932 when she became friends with Mabel Zoe Wilson, for whom Wilson Library is named.

Hatchett's only other connection to WWU was through the Morrows, two retired educators from Everett whose beach cottage on Samish Island was near one that Hatchett owned with Spieseke.

The friendship among the four became strong and continued even after Hatchett and Spieseke moved to Horizon House in Seattle. The Morrows cared for the two in their declining years and Ed Morrow became the personal representative of Hatchett's estate.

"Spieseke and Hatchett believe in the power of education and the influence it can have on people's lives," Edward Morrow said. "This was such a strong belief between the two women; they agreed to leave a portion of their estate to educational institutions, which includes Western."

University librarian Béla Foltin said the gift reaffirmed the belief that the types of relationships created at a university last throughout generations, having a ripple effect that continues to touch the lives of others.

Foltin said Wilson Library will create an endowment with Hatchett's gift to be used to enhance the library collections.

For more information on donations to Wilson Library, contact Diane Parker at (360) 650-3274.

More WWU connections

• Ed Morrow and his brother, Bob, attended Campus School.

• Ed Morrow's mother, Mary Lou Morrow ('53), wrote three books that are in the Wilson Library collections. She died in 1998.

Gifts to WWU Foundation more than double for 2001-02

Western Washington University Foundation’s most successful year ever featured expanded connections with alumni, community friends, and businesses and foundations. Gifts totaling nearly $8.5 million from 9,211 donors resulted in a dramatic increase of support for Western students, faculty, programs and projects.

Donor loyalty to Western is evident in so many ways. Despite economic factors, supporters continued to invest in the university's future.

More than 5,000 alumni made gifts during the year totaling $1.7 million. Way to go Vikings!

"This has been an exciting year," said Stephanie Bowers, executive director of the Western Washington University Foundation. "Through the many efforts of Western alumni, corporate partners, WWU faculty and staff, parents of current students and an ever-increasing network of friends, Western has moved forward with innovative projects. Program support increased and a record number of scholarships were awarded, thus enhancing the educational experience campus-wide."

With every passing year, Western Washington University continues its course as the best public undergraduate education available in the northwest. Private resources are the key to attracting great faculty, recruiting talented students, and making the Western Experience truly the experience of a lifetime.

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A list of 2001-02 donors appears on pages 12-15.

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estate planning advantages that may be useful to you or your family. The Foundation staff would be happy to discuss all gift options in greater detail with you and your attorney or financial planner. Please call (360) 650-3027 for further information.
Sept. 7 Alumni Chapter: South Puget Sound hosts family salmon barbecue in Burfoot Park in Olympia
Sept. 12 Key Bank Viking Night: Dinner and sports auction, 5-9 p.m., Carver Gym. $75 per person or $600 for table
Sept. 14 Alumni Chapter: San Diego hosts luncheon and scholarship celebration, Norway House, Balboa Park
Sept. 20 Alumni Club Member Event: Mariners Game at Safeco Field
Sept. 24 Convocation Alumni Chapter: Northern California hosts WWU at St. Mary’s football game and “tailgate” dinner in Moraga, California
Sept. 28 Distinguished Lecture Series: Scientist and writer Robert Sapolsky, 6:30 p.m., PAC Mainstage, Free; tickets required
Oct. 1 Distinguished Lecture Series: Scientist and writer Robert Sapolsky, 6:30 p.m., PAC Mainstage, Free; tickets required
Oct. 4-6 Homecoming, sponsored by Alumni Association. See page 7 for details
Oct. 5 Viking football vs. Western New Mexico, 1 p.m. Civic Field
Oct. 8 Reception in Spokane with WWU president and alumni, 6-8 p.m. at Spokane Club
Oct. 10 Alumni Chapter: Oregon hosts a visit/tour to the Evergreen Aviation Museum and a wine-tasting luncheon at Chateau Benoit Winery
Oct. 12 Alumni Chapter: Seattle hosts afternoon wine tasting, Chateau Ste. Michelle, Woodinville
Oct. 13 Alumni Chapter: Seattle hosts afternoon wine tasting, Chateau Ste. Michelle, Woodinville
Oct. 17 Alumni Reunion for CBE graduates at Columbia Tower Club, Seattle
Oct. 20 Alumni Chapter: Colorado hosts dinner at Piatti restaurant in Denver
Oct. 26 Alumni Chapter: South Puget Sound hosts WWU vs. St. Martin’s men’s basketball and “tailgate” party in Lacey

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All lectures are 5:15 p.m. on Thursdays in SMATE 150
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Nov. 21 Karen Hoelscher, Education, and Joseph E. Garcia, Management
Jan. 30 Sara Weir, Political Science
Feb. 20 George “Pinky” Nelson, Science Education
Mar. 13 David Nelson, Economics
Apr. 24 Dana Jack, Fairhaven College

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Oct. 7 - Dec. 6: H2O, an interdisciplinary exhibit focusing on water and the human body
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