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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, came 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.

Wright credits her Western experience for imbuing her with a problem-solving attitude and solid design principles. Most important, Western gave her the ability "to design for manufacture," which, she says, "you don't see coming from other schools."

Practical design has in the last year brought industry recognition to students, many of whom are now alumni.

- 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 of students, many of whom are now 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 Alpob Inc. a decade ago were engineering technology graduates 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;
New WWU trustee is Longview student

Anita Sheety, who will serve as student trustee for the 2002-03 academic year, is a double major in liberal studies and classics and ancient history with a 3.66 GPA. She is also a volunteer in a local nursing home and at the Cowitz River Club for the mentally ill near her hometown of Longview. Her goal as a trustee is to preserve the quality of higher education while conserving state funds during a time of economic downturn. After graduating in fall 2003, Sheety plans to enter a doctoral program in history or pursue a master's degree in business administration.

H.R., budgeting offices have new directors

Paula Rustan, former director of budget operations for the Oregon University system, was named executive director for university planning and budgeting, replacing Jack Cooley, who retired last summer. Val Monroe, former assistant vice president for human resources at Florida International University in Miami, became director of human resources Aug. 1, replacing Michael Becker.

Fire damages Parks Hall

Fire destroyed the third-floor computer nervous center of the College of Business & Economics July 3, causing damage in excess of $4 million to most of Parks Hall. No one was in the building at the time.

Deans on the move

Fairhaven and Woodring Colleges have new deans, while Bertil van Riggens, who is leaving his post as dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts, Stephanie Salzman, formerly associate dean of the College of Education at Idaho State University, assumes leadership at Woodring College of Education in fall quarter. Ron Riggins, who has served as interim dean of Fairhaven College since fall 2001, has been named to the permanent position. Van Boer, meanwhile, will take professional leave to engage in several international projects this year and return to the music faculty as a professor in fall 2003. Art history professor Linda Smears will serve as interim CFP director for two years.

Chemistry faculty win national awards

Mark Bussell, Steven Emory and David Patrick have received grants totalling 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.

Student publications receive kudos again

The Western Front, The Planet and Kpsilon 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, 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 the last 17 years immediately prior to her arrival, is 48-14.

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 platters 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 American Football Coaches Association/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 preseason ranking, were to open the season Sept. 5 at Central Oklahoma, setting school career marks for total yards (7,877) and completion percentage (60.7) and tying another for touchdown passes (67).

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 archrival 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-way 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.

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://wwuvikings.com

Beauty of campus remains with new buildings adding classrooms, services

by Karen W. Morse
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

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.

Construction of a marvelous student-financed Student Recreation Center, featuring a three-court gym, six-lane lap pool and sauna, weight and fitness training areas, elevated jogging track and a rock climbing wall, is well under way in the corner by West College Way. The facility is scheduled to open in fall 2003.

A Communications Building, which will provide needed general classroom space and house the physics, computer science, communications and journalism departments, will be built south of the Environment Studies building. Construction started early this year. The building was made possible after securing legislative funding for the largest capital budget in Western's history.

With all this activity, we are taking great care to preserve the historic beauty of our campus and comple-
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1969 – John C. Beattie, owner of Hays Whitney, a law firm in Bellingham, has been named the new president of the Bellingham Area Chamber of Commerce.

1970 – George Owen is chief lending officer for People's Bank. ... Tom Davis' first book is "The Little Spoon." Davis is working on his second book of poetry. "A Fish Out of Water." 


1998 – Bruce Avery and Renee Torseth, July 28 ... Aaron Galietto and Pamela Farmer, Feb. 2 ... Mindy Groonis and Russell Katz, Aug. 12 ... Kelly Haugen and Travis VanKooten, Feb. 15 ... Kara Johns, and Ricardo Gonzalez, July 21 ... Jennifer McBride and Robert Cox, July 8 ... Katie Rhodes and Luke Hemminger (’99), May 28.

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Clark is studying printmaking in Florence, for AmeriCorps as an assistant volunteer 2001. Kristin Marquardt Beck is working for Hege Communications of Spokane. Colin Tesauro is the network integration coordinator at ESPN in Bristol, Conn.

Ricky Boyer is the owner of Viva La Vinyl. The record store in Bellingham, Brenda Westford graduated from Multnomah Biblical Seminary in Portland, Ore., with a M.A. in pastoring.

Bree Beach-Dek Augustine received her MSW from EWU. David Buck graduated from the University of Washington School of Medicine. His residency is orthopedic surgery at the University of Nebraska. Buck can be reached at h0sker_md@hotmail.com.

Rudy Johnson is the owner of Designed Fitness in Bellingham. He recently celebrated their 10th anniversary with their two adopted Russian girls.

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1999 - Phillip Abbess is in the tax department at Abramson Pendergast & Company in Bellevue. Abbess is working on his master’s degree in tax at Golden Gate University. Jennifer Louie served as team captain while a UW student.

1998 - Barry Meehan is a staff accountant at Moss Adams. Meehan focuses on tax preparation. Abbey Short is a staff accountant with Moss Adams. She has already graduated from WSU with an MBA from WSU in spring, 2002.

1997 - Verna Lane (’99) is the executive director of the Northwest Indian Foundation in Bellingham. She has also been a grad student at Seattle University, March 26.

IN MEMORIAM

FACULTY STAFF & FRIENDS

Angelo Anastasio, 87, professor emeritus of anthropology who taught at Western from 1955 to 1985, April 26. He was chair of anthropology from 1981 to 1984.

Betty Mae Bailey, 75, May 6.

Stan Basart, 57, a motor equipment service attendant with the fleet maintenance department at WWU, April 8.

Renee “Bucky” Bucklanct, 83, professor emeritus of liberal studies, May 16.

James W. Davis, 82, a former dean of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Oct. 13.

Roscoe “Bill” Conley, 73, a retired teacher in the Multnomah County School Districts, April 2.

Earle Alfred Rowe, 76, June 4.

Ann Rasmussen, 45, a registered nurse at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Bellingham, May 6 in a boating accident on the Nooksack River while preparing for the canoe leg of the Su-To-Sea Race.

1990 - Gregory Howell, 35, a counselor and student at Seattle University, Jan. 23.

1986 - Helen Iloz, 63, a retired educator, Feb. 3.

1978 - David Owen, 55, March 11.

1975 - Jeff Larsen, 49, a professional lobbyist, March 27.


1972 - Jacqueline Lawson, 49, an associate professor of English at the University of Michigan in Dearborn, Jan. 8.

1971 - Chris Anderson, 52, a football coach and con¬


1969 - James W. Davis; 82, a former dean of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Oct. 13.

1968 - William Fisher, 89, a retired professor of psychology who taught at Western from 1957 to 1985, April 26. He was chair of psychology from 1967 to 1984.

1967 - James Lee graduated from Seattle University. He was principal owner and publisher of The Sequim Gazette.

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1963 - Elizabeth Holtz, 60, a retired teacher. Credit Union in South Puget Sound, March 23.

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1953 - James Michael, who died in 1990. It was his name to Wilson Library.

1952 - Margaret Stephens Kelly, 77, a retired teacher and an artist, on April 23.


1950 - Rosemarie Giesecke, 72, a retired teacher, June 13.

1949 - Chet Ullin, 87, a recipient of the Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award and a member of WWU’s Athletic Hall of Fame for his football achievements, May 10. A long-time salmon fisherman.

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1945 - Earl Nunnally, 70, a retired teacher, July 29.

1944 - Keith Boyd is a programming writer with the Sequim Gazette. Dashiell received three awards from the Society for Professional Journalists. Eero Johnson is the director and writer of “Meditor’s Magic Adventure,” a one-hour play that is performed by children at the Kids Play Theater in Bellingham.

1943 - Arthur Gravrock, 95, a retired teacher and principal in Seattle who earned various letters in baseball and track at WWU, May 17.

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Distinguished Alumni Awards 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 have 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 here. 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-teach 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, invita-

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 Rosmann ('86) and Seth Keeghan ('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.

Rossmann, who shares Whatcom County chapter presidency duties with Christman, 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.
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Polyester. The original Star Wars movie. Punk rock. All in the Family.

disco. The First Earth Day. Jaws. Plat­

form shoes. Hot pants.

Pet rocks. Watergate. The first Apple computer and the all new

disposable razor. The oil embargo. The Love Boat. Prime rate of 13.75 per­

cent. Have a nice day!

Relive the 1970s at this year's WWU Homecom­

ing, Oct. 4-6. The Alumni Association Homecoming

Committee has organized a whole

weekend's worth of fun activities.

Join current students and fellow graduates Friday night for a free dance

party with music from the 1960s and 1970s and a vaudeville circus of fire

performance in Red Square.

And then cheer on the Vikings at Saturday's football game and tailgate party. The annual 5k Fun Run to raise

money for scholarships will be Sunday

day morning.

For more details, contact Kristie Lundstrom at (800) 676-6885.

7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4

The Walrus plays your favorite Beatles, Eagles and '70s tunes, including a live rendi­tion of Queen's operatic Bohemian Rhaps­

ody. And there will be fab food and - Yes! groovy baby - The Cirque de Flambe! We

had such a fantabulous time last year, we're bringing the Bellingham-based band

and the circus back to campus. The Cirque de Flambe is the world's only circus of fire

and pyrotechnics to light up the sky.

Doughnuts, the Homecoming Raspberry Brownie, hot chocolate and cider will be

available before the shows.

11 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 5

Tailgate party at Civic Field provided by WWU Ath­

letics with live music by the Walrus. At 1 p.m., watch the Vikings lasso the Western New Mexico Mustangs.

9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 6

The Alumni 5k Fun Run/Walk starts with registration at 9 a.m., at the campus track. The race begins at 10 a.m. Finisher ribbons, drawing for random prizes, beverages and bags for all entrants at the "End of Race Celebration." For an entry form, call Alumni House at 1-800-333-00 or (800) 676-6885. Or e­

mail: donna.leblonde@wwu.edu.

Lifestyle advisers celebrate 10 years of service

Julie Campbell-Fouch ('91), a middle school health teacher in Long Beach, Calif., was the first Western stu­

dent 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

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them to effectively share it," says

Campbell-Fouch, a community

health education graduate. "It gave me valuable teaching experience and

reinforced the importance of commu­

nity service."

Lifestyle Advisors are selected

through an application process that

begins each January. They arrive on

campus in mid-September for train­

ing 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 direc­

tor of Prevention and Wellness Ser­

vices, remembers that the measles epidemic of 1995 brought high vis­

ibility 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 ad­

minister 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 pro­

gram, Fabiano says, "In this age of information overload, I envision the Lifestyle Advisors as being very com­

petent 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 ill­

ness and I am continually impressed by our students' enthusiasm to com­

mit to this cause."

For details on the program, visit http://www.ac.wwu.edu/~wellness/ laprogram/lap.html.
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 Oslapans' 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 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 marked Western's debut in reality television. And they can learn which team was judged the winner by a panel of design experts.

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

Founders of high-tech company launched from WWU’s Vehicle Research Institute

by Jo Collinge
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Pro CNC, which the Puget Sound Business Journal last year dubbed the 14th fastest-growing 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 (’93) 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 carts 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

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... program manager for Windows 3.1; and general manager for Windows 95 development.

Last December, he was named to lead Microsoft Network (MSN) which, according to The Seattle Times, is “evolving into a showcase and test bed for services and other new consumer projects.”

Among other hi-tech leaders are co-founders of the Seattle-based Internet secure access provider Aventail, CEO Evan Kaplan (’82/environmental education) and chief technology officer Chris Hopen (’88/computer science).

Unlike his Aventail co-founder, Kaplan has followed a somewhat circuitous route to IT heights. Following graduation from Huxley, his first job was with Outward Bound, taking at-risk youth on 25-day mountaineering courses.

Taking risks in a volatile field, has earned the two national honors: InfoWorld, the Web site for industry news, placed Hopen among the top 50 IT executives in the service provider sector. Ernst & Young named Kaplan 2001 entrepreneur of the year for e-software and services.

Without doubt, the most far-reaching alumni invention is PET (Positron 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 since 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.

As a freshman, Phelps readily admits, “I 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.
Western honors 4 for teaching, other achievements

Three faculty members and an administrator, including one WWU alumnus, 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-Conc, 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 undergraduate and graduate 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 research award recipient receives $1,000. 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 athletes had a tremendous year

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 Ashley 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 was signed as a free agent by the Pittsburgh Steelers, was named to two All-America teams; women’s rowers Karla Landis and Katy 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 Bernakevitch 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 (8-3), 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-10 Conference Rowing Championships, placing sixth.

Western athletes were standout students as well. Totten being a second-team Verizon Academic All-American. Totten also was a District VIII Academic all-star as were junior softball outfielder Candace Adams, sophomore volleyball setter Liz Bishop, junior football wide receiver Greg Dykstra, senior football defensive center Nick Giralmo, and softball outfielder Candace Adams, sophomore volleyball setter Liz Bishop, junior football wide receiver Greg Dykstra, senior football defensive center Nick Giralmo, and softball outfielder Candace Adams, sophomore volleyball setter Liz Bishop, junior football wide receiver Greg Dykstra, senior football defensive center Nick Giralmo, and softball outfielder Candace Adams, senior football defensive center Nick Giralmo.

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

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 a 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 believed 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 Béa 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.

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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The President’s Club will also be presenting the annual Honors Roll of Private Support in recognition of the most generous private financial support received during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002.

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The President’s Club Membershp is well in blue for recognizing annual support to help meet the $25,000 challenge grants from Alpha Technology Foundation and its donors for their additional support of Western.

The results of gifts made during the past fiscal year (July 1, 2001, to June 30, 2002). While every effort has been made to include all gifts, this list reflects gifts made during the past fiscal year (July 1, 2001, to June 30, 2002). This list does not show the total amount of support to each college or program, but rather, it reflects the combined support of the President’s Club.

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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

Convocation
Alumni Chapter: Northern California hosts WWU at St. Mary’s football game and “tailgate” dinner in Moraga, California

Oct. 10 Distinguished Lecture Series: Scientist and writer Robert Sapolsky, 6:30 p.m., PAC Mainstage, Free; tickets required
Alumni Chapter: Oregon hosts a visit/tour to the Evergreen Aviation Museum and a wine-tasting luncheon at Chateau Benoist Winery

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Apr. 24 Dana Jack, Fairhaven College

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Jan. 30 Habib Koite and Bamada
March 1 Karan Casey Trio
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