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Laugh
Jest for the health of it

by Jo Collinge & Kathy Sheehan
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Radio talk show listeners, first in Bellingham then in Seattle, warmed to the quick wit of Ronnie Lou Hart Southcott ('93, Broadcast Media Studies). In 2001, her sense of humor became a badge of courage — and a way to help others — after a tumor was discovered while Southcott was having a prenatal ultrasound.

As she recalls on her Web site: "Ronnie has C-section, delivers beautiful baby boy and very large tumor. Bonnie loses hair, gets bad wig. Nancy drives Bonnie to chemotherapy every three weeks. Bonnie laughs a lot. And an idea was born."

Last year, Southcott and "an incredible group of dedicated people and generous sponsors" joined together to produce "The Great Thing about Chemo of Everything," 12 different poses of a bald cancer patient. "The idea came a badge of courage and a way to help others — after a tumor was discovered while Southcott was having a prenatal ultrasound.

Malone suggests they try to think of silly things, even to think in "ridiculously literal" terms. "If you feel like you want to jump off a bridge," she tells her audiences, "just think: What if there's a boat below full of people having an elegant dinner topside? You'd just ruin the look on someone's face or the way you say something that seems perfectly straightforward. People in my audiences frequently laugh at something I didn't plan to be funny."

Collins pauses, wrinkles her brow, and says: "That's good. Isn't it?"

Valerie Locke ('95, Woodring), a supervisor at Sears, Roebuck and Co.'s Evergreen Mall, knows about humor in the moment. Last October, she had spent a half hour trying to make an angry customer happy. The major remodel at the store hadn't appeared to be going well. Mosaic in the employee ranks seemed low. She felt a flux coming on.

But the Christmas trim shop in her area had just opened, so she got on the store's public address system. "Ho, ho, ho," she announced to employees and customers. "Christmas means laughter. Laugh a lot."

Malone and Collins are part of a growing number of motivational speakers who use humor to help people cope with stress. Malone is a professor of communication studies at Western, and Collins is a professor of communication studies at Everett Community College.

Jo Collinge is a special assistant to the president of Western Washington University. Collinge & Kathy Sheehan is a columnist for the Bellingham Herald. Photo courtesy of The Picture Man.
Three new trustees appointed by governor

Gov. Gary Locke has appointed three new trustees at Western. Everett resident Brent A. Stewart, president of United Way of Snohomish County; Phil Sharpe, a partner in the law firm, Adelstein, Sharpe & Seits LLP in Bellingham; and Peggy Zore, bank executive and president of the Western Washington Foundation board.

Stewart, who was appointed in August, has an 18-year career providing leadership to non-profit organizations. He replaces Erik Pearson.

Sharpe, whose term will end Sept. 30, 2006, has played an active role in community affairs since moving to Bellingham in 1976. As a former chairman of Whatcom Community College Board of Trustees, he currently serves as secretary for the WCC Foundation board. He replaces F. Murray "Red" Haskell, who served on Western's board from August 2000 until his death on Aug. 10, 2002.

Zoroz senior vice president and regional manager for Whidbey Island Bank, has been in banking for 32 years and is a longtime community volunteer. She replaces Mary Swenson on the board of trustees. Her term ends Sept. 30, 2008.

Applications set record

Following a record-setting year for applications, Western began classes in September with 12,493 students enrolled, a moderate increase of 84 new freshmen from last year. The 2,227 new freshmen account for the most academically talented and diverse group of new students in the school's history. Their average high school GPA was 3.52. About 17 percent of new freshmen are students of color. Western's total student body includes 14.2 percent students of color, up from 13.2 percent last year. WWU received 7,464 applications from prospective freshmen last year, up from 6,862 the previous year. Applications to Western have increased 44 percent over the past decade.

Dean Smith picked for sustainability panel

Huxley College Dean Bradley Smith has been appointed co-chair of Gov. Gary Locke's Sustainability Washington Panel, a state-wide effort aimed at defining environmental actions and policies in Washington. Constance Rice, executive director of the Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation, is co-chair of the panel that will guide the state's long-term sustainability practices.

Marguerite Hutton wins teaching award at CBE

Professor Marguerite "Elite" Hutton, former chair of the accounting department, is the first recipient of the Dean's Excellence in Teaching Award at the College of Business and Economics. Hutton was recognized for her work in developing a peer review process and student "consulting groups" in tax courses. She joined the Western faculty in 1989.

Fairhaven College fire causes building damage

Clean up work by a disaster restoration specialist began in the Fairhaven College Administration Building following an early morning fire Nov. 26. The fire, which caused $3 million in damage, apparently began in a clothes dryer in a hallway behind the second-floor dining hall kitchen, sending smoke throughout the top two floors of the building. Classes, faculty offices and staff offices have been temporarily relocated on campus while restoration is completed.

VU director retires

Jack Smith, director of the Viking Union and student activities at the VU, has retired after 32 years. Smith, who oversaw the recent remodel of the VU, was a key leader and advisor for student government and student activities. University Residences director Kay Rich serves as interim director of the VU/Student Activities.

Huxley planning students write character study for Lummi community

Six Western students were honored for the work they conducted, with help from Lummi Island residents, to analyze the "rural quality" of the Lummi Island community as well as identify the island's social and natural qualities. The students were part of the Huxley College of the Environment's spring 2002 Planning Studio, instructed by Western professor Nicholas Zafiratos.

They received the "Best Student Planning Project" from the Planning Association of Washington and the Washington chapter of the American Planning Association for their report titled "Lummi Island Rural Character Study." Students Jennifer Hansen, Lydia Powell, Heather Quelch, Kristine dos Remedios, Taharr Safriwe and Jennifer Sorensen conducted the 10-week study. They tracked Lummi residents' input through a questionnaire, a visual preference survey and a community mapping exercise.

Two faculty members write, "walk the talk"

A rich history of Africans in America is the focal point of "Walkin' the Talk," a new book by faculty members Vernon D. Johnson and Bill Lynne. The Frentice Hall anthology is a literature and social science collection that focuses on numerous aspects of the African American experience from the 1700s to present day. It contains a variety of subjects addressed in the book, including history, politics, plays and history. Johnson is a political science professor and member of the Whatcom Human Rights Task Force. Lynne is an associate professor of English.

MIMSUP mentor honored

Environmental Science professor Brian Bingham was honored as a role model for supporting and mentoring minority researchers in the marine sciences. Bingham, co-director of the Shannon Point Marine Center's Minorities in Marine Science Undergraduate Program (MIMSUP), received the "Minority Access Mentor Role Model Award" at a banquet in Washington, D.C. in September. He has been teaching at Western since 1990.
The Western Collection showcases the best of WWU

by Courtney Brousseau
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

What do Pictionary, a snow-cone holder, a pencil sketch of Old Main and a small bronze sculpture of a reading stall have in common?

They are all part of the Western Collection, Wilson Library's archive of creative and scholarly materials produced by alumni, students, faculty, staff and administrators.

Part of the Library's Special Collections, the Western Collection holds more than 3,000 items, including scholarly and literary books and articles, research reports, musical scores, sculpture, personal memoirs, games, recordings and art.

"Although all the items were donated by their authors or creators, the primary criteria for including an item in the collection is that the person had to be affiliated with Western," said Marian Alexander, the library's head of special collections and digital imaging initiatives. "The item could have been created at any time before, during or after a person's career at the university.

"We hope to make the collection more widely known, since it is growing every day," Alexander said.

The collection was originally called the Faculty Publications Collection but was renamed in 2001 when the library broadened its collecting horizons, incorporating works by alumni, staff and students.

"Not until last year did we begin aggressively pushing to diversify the collection," Alexander said. "The name change highlights the emphasis on contents that reflect the entire Western community, past and present.

The collection was celebrated Nov. 6 in Wilson Library's historic reading room. Western President Karen Morse and Provost Andrew Bodman were among the speakers at the event, which drew donors, alumni, family members, administrators, staff and students.

"The celebration showcased the collection and allowed people to see how the university has handled and managed contributions," Alexander said. "It was an environment where the provost and the president could thank people for what they have brought to Western."

A print bibliography was prepared especially for the celebration, listing the contents of the collection as of the end of October 2002.

Alexander said the Western Collection is unique among academic libraries because it has expanded beyond faculty contributions.

"Our thrust is to shape the collection as a showcase of Western talent," Alexander said. "People who have been at Western and are here now are exceptionally creative. We are surrounded by talented individuals."

The Western Collection: Legacy of Western Scholarship

- 754 books
- 1638 copies of articles, book chapters, papers presented at conferences, poems, short stories, etc.
- 16 copies of patents
- 10 graphics (artworks, photographs)
- 5 objects (kitchenware items)
- 4 musical scores
- 2 sculptures

Partial list October 2002

Point of VIEW

State higher educational system needs long-term funding plan

by Karen W. Morse
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

In the recent alumni survey, you reported that you are proud to be a Western graduate and over 90 percent would attend if you were choosing again. We need to ensure that wonderful education you received at Western is available for our children and grandchildren.

The state of Washington has created an outstanding educational system that provides access to quality colleges and universities for all its citizens. Higher education is vital to the state's future economic development, but our system is now more at risk than in the past two decades.

State funding for public colleges and universities has declined steadily for over a decade. Adjusted for inflation, per-student support at Western has dropped nearly 10 percent although demand for access to higher education and the cost of delivering top-notch instruction have risen dramatically. To offset the drop in state support, tuition has risen by more than 10 percent, making higher education less affordable for our lower- and middle-income students and families.

During this same decade, Western enrollment grew steadily. We worked hard to serve Washington's citizens by expanding our enrollment from around 9,700 students in 1990 to nearly 12,500 this fall. Western, physically the smallest of the public baccalaureates but with the third largest enrollment, grew faster than any other campus and is now especially challenged for space.

For the past two years, entering freshman enrollment was intentionally held at about the same level as last year. Still, we are serving more than 250 students above state-funded levels. Completion of our Communications Building in 2004 will add 1,400 classroom seats and will help our space situation considerably.

Recent trends toward decreased state support and increased tuition for our students cannot continue indefinitely without harming the quality of the education we provide and pricing some students out of college.

This winter and spring, we will work closely with the governor and the Legislature to protect our core education programs during the current state fiscal crisis, and strive to help develop a workable, long-term plan to fund a top-quality higher education system.
**WEDDINGS**

1998 - Gregory Fulton and Phoebe Conrada, July 13. ... Joshua Godfrey and Sarah Potter, June 15. ... Sarah Millington and Joseph Reyes, May 25. ... Adrienne Sloboden and Scott Caufield, June 29. ... Carol Wetherell and William Hawk, July 9.

1999 - Kristine Bauthnus and Joel Todd, May 3. ... Amy Harrison and Brian Keenan, Aug. 17. ... Alson Haukaas and Scott Richards ('91), March 2. ... Sarah Johnson and Jeffrey Thompson ('97), July 29. ... Jessica Montgomery and J.D. Basar, Aug. 10. ... Christy Simons and Jonathan Miller, Aug. 3.

2000 - Hillary Christensen and Aaron Rockwell ('92), Aug. 10. ... Brent Clark and Kristie Wage, Nov. 17. ... Shane Craven and Adrienne Abbey, Aug. 3. ... Marianne Faby and Ryan Colvin, July 13. ... Christopher Franke and India Spinell, May 12. ... Ryan Furtick and Sarah Roslinum ('99), July 20. ... Allison Hisston and Robert Zarkos ('00), June 2. ... Matthew Johnston and Sarah Brooks ('92), June 29. ... Gabriella Lam and Jasen Schmidt ('92), June 17. ... Jessica Montgomery and J.D. Basar, Aug. 10. ... Andrea Titeuris ('02) and Brest Olsen ('01), who both worked at Alumni House, were married July 27. ...

2001 - Shannon Blinn and Ryan Kettman ('01), Aug. 3. ... Thomas Dinnelen and Nicole Pruss ('02), July 27. ... Heather Hart and James Bailey ('92), July 27. ... Matthew Henderson and Beth Bajema ('02), June 28. ... Kacie Kimmenga and Becky Bundy, Aug. 3. ... Anne Peck and Ryan Krogs ('92), Aug. 15. ... Ingrid Pyott and Mark Rigby ('01), July 22. ... Scott Richards and Alson Haukaas ('99), March 2. ... Christy Robertson and Kyle Johnson, June 12. ... Kristen Weatherford and David Dorben, Sept. 7.

2002 - Kristie Aikouler and Seth Myers, July 17. ... Angela Barbosa and Matthew Johnston ('00), June 29. ... Jennifer Dally and Brent Edson, July 20. ... Ryan Krogs and Anne Peck ('01), Aug. 11. ... Brett Mileski and Stacy Trombye, Aug. 17. ... Nicole Peers and Thomas Dinnelen ('01), July 27. ... Gary Schenck and Andrea Urso ('94), July 27. ... Jasen Schmidt and Gabriella Lam ('99), June 17.

1995 - Katherine Oldroyd and her husband, Ralph, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 13.

1963 - Reed Tindall retired from the Shelton School District.

1974 - Mike Hawley, author of the detective novel, Double Bluff, a thriller, set in Seattle, has also released a sequel, Silent Proof, due to be released this year and Verbal Warning, expected in 2004. He is also Island County sheriff. ... Bernice Untalaceo teaches English and grade seven at the upper Kitsikos School District in Kuskokek, Alaska.

1977 - Deannie Dunbar is the executive director for teaching and learning in the Sumner School District. ... Lee Hudgins was named a U.S. Citizens of the Year in St. Petersburg, Florida. ... Jim Stevick was appointed to the Norman Center Federal Way, P.M.C. 

1985 - Brenda Horat is the recruitment specialist for Brown & Cole Stores.

1989 - Timothy Berney had a fellowship in orthopedic sports medicine at the Orthopedic and Fracture Clinic of Eugene, Ore., and will be traveling in that tradition.

1991 - Jon Guimondt was awarded the 2002 United Methodist Award for exemplary teaching at Brevard College in North Carolina, where he is director of jazz studies.

1992 - Stacy Bjordahl is an associate with Wellington, Kelsey Day & Roe, in Seattle, and was named teacher of the year by Puget Sound Educational Services District. Livingston teaches third and fourth grade at Mountain Meadow Elementary School in Bucyly.

1994 - David Killian is one of the owners of the Colophon Cafe in Bellingham. ... Angeli Vergilio Donatowone and her husband, Anthony, are owners of Casa D'Italia Market & Cafe in Seattle. ... Aaron Logue and wife Trisha welcomed their third child in November: Emma.
MEMORIAL FUNDS ESTABLISHED FOR JAMES W. DAVIS AND LES SPANEL

Family, friends and colleagues of James W. Davis and Les Spanela each of whom taught at Western for three decades, have created funds through the Western Washington University Foundation to honor their memories.

Davis, who died Aug. 13, 2002, came to Western in 1974 as dean of Arts and Sciences and professor of political science. He was a prolific author, writing 12 books examining the presidency, and particularly the selection process, in thoughtful detail. His final book, Leadership Selection in Six Western Democracies (University of Washington Press 1998) placed the presidency in a comparative perspective and sought to draw lessons for the enhancement of democracy.

The James W. Davis Political Science Memorial Library Fund will be used to purchase books and other resources to enhance research holdings at Wilson Library for faculty and students.

Davis is survived by his wife, sociology professor Nanette Davis; six children; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Spanela, a professor emeritus of physics and astronomy who died Oct. 8, 2002, retired in September after more than 30 years as a professor and department chair. In addition to a distinguished academic career, he was a community leader, Volunteering on the Campus Community Coalition, the Bellingham Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Committee and for the Democratic party.

Les Spanela

He is survived by his wife, state Sen. Harriet Spanela, three children, and several grandchildren.

Contributions to the Davis and Spanela funds may be made to the Western Washington University Foundation, MB-9504, 516 High St., Bellingham, WA 98225-9504.
Joke for the health of it

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customers alike. "It's Halloween, when our thoughts turn to Christmas..."

The track made things just a little easier for everyone in Sears that day.

What else is a person to do with the kind of stress that comes from living in modern society?

Laugh.

Said Keiper. Read the comics.

What will have accomplished something for everyone in Sears that day.

Keiper's perspective on humor explains why he fills his office with stuffed penguins, inflatable penguins, ceramic penguins and all other manner of the funny-looking bird. The silly penguin decorations seem to reduce tension and nervousness for himself — and his visitors.

He tells of a visit from an angry mother when he was teaching high-school drama. He asked her to have a seat in his penguin-filled office and took a walk around the building. The tension had subsided substantially when he returned.

"I can't prove it," Keiper says. "but it seemed that, when she promised to be verbally abusive, that settled her down."

Keiper, who also teaches as a substitute at Mount Vernon, said she learned a little something about using humor as a stress reliever when she took a WWU course from Keiper in 1993.

"You can see them standing, at 10 a.m. Locke says. The students often whip up something funny, and when she reads the answers out loud after the test. "We all get a big charge out of it."

In his November presentation to Western's second annual Bellingham Business Forum, Richard Tait explained how having fun has him and partner Whit Alexander laughing all the way to the bank.

Keiper's dissertation on teacher burnout and found that of the five most often cited things teachers use to relieve stress, "the teacher as actor" and fills his Miller Hall office with penguins to make it more inviting and stress-free to education majors and other visitors.

Bob Keiper, associate professor and chair of secondary education at Woodring College of Education, tells future teachers that humor can put stressful events and situations in perspective.

That philosophy can be applied to virtually any occupation, Indeed, the Association for Applied and Therapeutic Humor says laughter promotes health and wellness and can facilitate stress reduction, resulting in relaxation and enhanced mood.

Such changes in the body, like those produced with yoga or from a good workout or a massage, can also serve as a distraction to physical pain and emotional and mental anguish.

"If I can please one person a day I will have accomplished something worthwhile," it reads. "However... today is not your day and tomorrow doesn't look good either."

That is Bob Keiper's perspective on humor and the body's natural painkillers, vigorous laughter has been shown to briefly increase heart rate, blood pressure and blood circulation, resulting in relaxation and enhanced mood.

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A teacher's sense of humor has also been found to have a powerful motivating force for students. According to those who've studied the use of humor in the classroom, it can relieve test anxiety, make learning more fun, and help students to remember a point.

For Tait, business success has been built on shared and long-remembered laughter. "When you see your Dad impersonate Marilyn Monroe or your Mom sculpt a golf course out of clay," Tait told the Bellingham Business Forum, "these are stories that are told at reunions, experiences that become part of the fabric of our relationships."

So when she's in the classroom Locke often inserts a "weird" question into a history or social studies test to break the tension, like: "What was the name of Andrew Jackson's horse?"

At a nearby Starbucks, inspiration hit. In front of them, waiting for their lattes, were their customers. Starbucks executives thought so too, and began selling the games in their stores. Word of mouth and media exposure did the rest. Seattle-based Cranium, Inc. is now the world's fourth largest game company.

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Web Re

Bonnie Lou Southcott's calendar

http://www.thegreatthingaboutchemo.com

Association for Applied and Therapeutic Humor

http://aath.org
**GOODBYE Old Main Ivy**

by Courtney Rousseau

The familiar curtain of ivy that has clung to the brick and stone facing of Old Main for about 75 years is disappearing during a year-long building restoration project.

Repair to Old Main’s brick and mortar, begun in late October, includes the removal of all the English ivy, an invasive species that destroys bricks and building structures.

Administrators will investigate replacement options for the ivy once the restoration is finished in June.

The building, which now houses classrooms, a theater, support services and administrative offices, will be covered in scaffolding for much of the year while workers repair the facing, wash exterior windows and waterproof the bricks. Entrances, exits and parking spaces will be temporarily closed to protect students, faculty and staff.

Funding for the $700,000 project comes from additional capital budget money appropriated by the state Legislature in March as part of a statewide job creation and economic stimulus package.

Old Main was built after the Washington State Legislature appropriated $40,000 in 1895 for construction of a building for the New Whatcom State Normal School, now Western Washington University. The four-story, 30-room, Italian-style building was completed in 1896 for $34,126.

The building-wide clean-up effort is a first for Old Main. The structure’s last major construction project involved earthquake retrofitting the southeast wing in 1999.

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**You want to talk Stress?**

The Hulford family now includes (clockwise from bottom in photo below) Anja, Constance, Emily and Andrea.

Scott’s children would be the fifth generation of his family to attend Western.

You want to talk stress? Talk to Scott Hulford ‘98, the Bellingham father of six children under the age of 9, including four identical girls born Aug. 21.

Hulford, whose family has sent four generations of students to Western, says he and his wife, Korie, make jokes all the time to maintain perspective about the diaper changes and mass feedings.

“Humor is going to be the only way to get through the next couple of years,” agrees Karen Hulford ‘69, a proud grandmother.

The four girls, Anja, Constance, Emily and Andrea, are one of only 27 sets of identical quadruplets living in the world today.

Karen Hulford says that Scott was reading a handout someone had given him that discussed ways of coping with the demands of having multiple children. “It stated that within a year, a high percentage of parents have psychotic episodes” because of the stress, she said.

“I give us six months,” Scott quipped.

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Craniun http://www.playcranium.com/*

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*Photos by Courtney Rousseau and Kelly Heese*
Alumni director, vice president appointed

Stephanie Bowers, executive director of the Western Washington University Foundation, has been appointed vice president for university advancement with responsibility for development and alumni affairs.

In announcing a realignment in key administrative responsibilities Western President Karen W. Morse also appointed Dean of Students Ted Pratt ('81, '93) interim director of alumni affairs, replacing Chris Goldsmith who retired last year.

Bob Edie, vice president for external affairs, who was previously responsible for alumni relations, will concentrate more fully on legislative relations, building statewide support for higher education and the university in community efforts.

The changes are designed to enhance relations with the Legislature, private donors, alumni and the community, Morse said.

"This realignment will permit the university to focus more strongly than ever on three vital areas: maintaining the level of public and private funding essential to high quality education at Western and across the state, enhancing the role of alumni in university affairs, and deepening the university's involvement in planning for our community's future," Morse said.

"Stephanie Bowers' demonstrated leadership skills and enthusiasm will be a substantial asset," Morse said. "Her more than 20 years experience in higher education development and alumni outreach admirably fits her for an expanded role."

Morse said the shift in duties will permit Edie to work more vigorously on university partnerships with Bellingham and Whatcom County communities.

Praat, who calls WWU "the gem of the Northwest," earned his Western bachelor's degree in 1986 and a master's in student personnel administration in 1993. Working at Western since 1986, he has had increasing responsible roles in the student affairs division. He was named dean of students in June 2000.

He received Western's Diversity Achievement Award last year for his efforts to increase multicultural enrollment. Now he hopes to turn his ample relationship-building talents to help create stronger bonds among alumni, current students, prospective students and the community at large.

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20 Get Alumni scholarships

More than 20 Western students are attending school this year on scholarships ranging from $1,000 to $3,000, thanks to thousands of generous WWU alumni and other supporters who have contributed to Alumni Association scholarship programs.

The Western Alumni Association has a proud and growing tradition of providing scholarship awards to deserving students. Funds for scholarships have grown over the past 20 years to nearly $600,000. Earnings from investments of this fund are what make these scholarships possible.

Scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate academic excellence and the propensity to succeed at the collegiate level. Financial need, outside activities, community involvement and diverse experiences and backgrounds are all important factors in deciding the recipients, said Dave Britton, chair of the Alumni Association Awards Committee.

“We had over 200 applications for about 20 scholarships to award,” Britton said. “The quality of our applicants was extremely high and very competitive.”

The deadline for students interested in applying for a scholarship for the 2003-2004 academic year is March 1.

For more information and application, contact Alumni House at (800) 676-6885.

“Golden Vikings” will be honored at reunion in June

The WWU Alumni Association proudly announces a new alumni group to be honored each year during Reunion Weekend: the Golden Vikings Society.

The new designation honors those who have been WWU alumni for 50 years or more.

At this year’s Reunion Weekend, June 20-22, all class members from 1953 and earlier will earn Golden Viking status and a place in Western’s history.

Special recognition will also be bestowed upon members of the classes of 1947 and 1948, celebrating their 60th and 55th reunions, respectively.

Ski, Ski, Ski!

The sixth annual Alumni Association ski trip takes place Feb. 14-16 in Sun Peaks, British Columbia.

Participants leave from campus at 4 p.m. Friday and return Sunday after two full days of skiing on Tod Mountain's open bowls, Sundance's groomed trails or on one of 17 new runs on the recently opened trails of Mount Morrisey.

Snowboarders, cross-country skiers and even non-skiers can have a great time on Valentine's Day weekend. Prices begin at $210 per person based on quad accommodations, two days' ski pass and traditional après ski party Saturday night.

The Whatcom County Alumni Chapter also will host a day trip to Whistler March 1. That group leaves from campus early Saturday and returns that evening. The chapter ski trip includes transportation, lift ticket and dinner at $80 per person.

For more information about skiing with fellow Western graduates, call Alumni House at (360) 650-3353 or (800) 676-6885.

WWU Concert Choir to tour Eastern Europe

The WWU Concert Choir, a select ensemble of 50 university singers, has been invited to perform in the prestigious Bulgarian "Festival of Light" in and around Plovdiv, Bulgaria, June 17-28, 2003.

The choir's performance schedule will include individual concerts, joint performances with other European choirs and the monumental Beethoven Ninth Symphony with full orchestra as part of the festival.

Performances will take place in cultural halls, churches and cathedrals with wonderful, resonant acoustics.

Additional time for sightseeing and cultural exchange will provide participants with the opportunity to experience the history, culture and people of a beautiful part of the world.

After the festival, the choir, led by associate music professor Leslie Guelder-Cone, will travel to the Czech Republic for additional concerts around Prague.

Would you like to join the choir for this wonderful musical and cultural exchange?

Larry Richardson, former chair of the WWU communication department and tour guide extraordinaire, will be leading a companion tour for alumni, friends of Western, and choral music lovers.

Contact Richardson for more information at richard1@yahoo.com.
inducted into Viking Hall of Fame

Rower, running back and hoops star inducted into Viking Hall of Fame

by Scott Lefeber
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Western's Athletic Hall of Fame reached 97 members in October with the induction of westerner rower Jeannie Armstrong-Ryan ('92), men's basketball center Hank Chamberlin and football running back Scott Lohr ('91).

A formal induction of the three athletes included a ceremony in the Viking Union as part of Homecoming weekend. They were also honored at halftime of the Homecoming/Hall of Fame football game against Western New Mexico, which Western went on to win 62-13.

Lohr, who celebrated his 35th birthday Oct. 5 by being inducted into the Hall of Fame, was one of two Vikings to win Male Athlete of the Year honors in 1990-91. He led the Vikings in rushing for four straight seasons, becoming just the second player in school history to achieve that feat.

Lohr now lives in Tumwater and works in Olympia as a functional family coordinator with the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration of the state Department of Social and Health Services. He set Viking season marks in 1989 that still stand, rushing for 1,395 yards and scoring 20 touchdowns. Lohr currently ranks third among school career rushing leaders with 3,587 yards, and he's second in scoring with 266 total points.

One of the tallest members to join the Western Hall of Fame is basketball standout center Hank Chamberlin, 6'11. Chamberlin not only led the Vikings in scoring for two consecutive seasons, but was also among the top five scoring leaders in the Washington Intercollegiate Conference for three straight seasons, earning first-team all-league honors in 1941.

Chamberlin, 6-foot-4, played professionally for the Bellingham Flickers from 1946-48 and is a veteran of World War II.

Chamberlin and his wife Betty live in Bellingham and have been married for 60 years.

Armstrong-Ryan, 32, was named Western's Female Rower of the Century for 1990-99 and the Vikings' Female Athlete of the Year in 1991-92.

She helped Western's lightweight eight shell post victories at the prestigious San Diego Crew Classic; won Northwest Small College Championships; and had runner-up grand final finishes for two consecutive years.

In 1991 Armstrong-Ryan represented the West in the light-weight pairs at the Olympic Sports Festival and rowed in the intermediate lightweight four at the Open Nationals.

A four-year letter winner and team captain for three seasons, Armstrong-Ryan has a master's degree in sports nutrition from the University of Utah. She has worked the last seven years as a clinical dietitian in West Valley City, Utah.

WWU survey says ... Alumni pride is high

Pride in a Western Washington University degree was extremely high in a recent survey of Western graduates.

A telephone survey conducted in March and April 2002 found that 93 percent of graduates are proud to be Western alumni and would attend Western if they could do it again. Alumni expressed positive feelings about their educational experience overall.

“it’s great in every way that I know of,” one graduate told an interviewer.

Another lauded the campus as “well laid out, convenient and safe, and it is beautiful,” adding that the “availability of new technology is extraordinary.”

“I felt real close to the faculty,” said another Western grad.

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Although surveyors have completed their formal study, Window on Western is always eager to hear from graduates about what they like and don’t like in their alumni newsletter.

Would you like to read more stories about campus events and faculty honors? More or less about athletics? Do you enjoy reading about alumni events in Washington and elsewhere?

Let us know your views by writing to Window on Western, Office of University Communications, MS-9011, Western Washington University, 516 High St., Bellingham, WA, 98225-9011. Or send an e-mail with Window on Western in the subject line to news@wwu.edu.

Grad rates high for WWU athletes

Western student-athletes graduate at a rate higher than student-athletes at most other schools in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, according to an NCAA report on graduation rates.

Viking athletes become alumni at the highest rate of any public institution in Washington and they also are better in graduation rates than their WWU peers and many national schools in the NCAA.

Starbucks CEO to headline Seattle Business Forum in April

Ozin C. Smith, president and CEO of Starbucks, will keynote Western’s sixth annual Seattle Business Forum at 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 21 in the Westin Hotel ballroom.

The event, presented by the Western Washington University Foundation, brings together WWU alumni and parents, corporate and civic leaders, and friends who are interested in the university and in business trends.

A Chehalis native and Harvard MBA, Smith joined Starbucks in 1990 and has contributed to the company’s dynamic growth.

As executive vice president and CFO, Smith oversaw the company’s initial public offering in 1992. He was named president and COO in 1994 and CEO in 2000.

Smith’s recipe for success is staying connected to the spirit of the company. Once a quarter, he serves up lattes behind the counter of his Capitol Hill neighborhood Starbucks as part of the company’s “Adopt a Store” senior management program.

To reserve a table ($500, $1,000 or $1,500) at the Seattle Business Forum or make an individual reservation ($35), call (360) 650-6825 or e-mail to Special.Events@wwu.edu.

For more information see http://www.wwu.edu/foundations/abf

Capital Celebration

Travels and university administrators led WWU’s “Capital Celebration” in October. Among the new capital projects is the largest academic space ever built on campus, a $100,000-square-foot Communications Building. It will house the physics, computer science, computer engineering and information technology departments when it opens in winter 2004. More than 40,000 cubic yards of dirt were moved from the building site over the winter months. President Karen Morse, Trustee Board chair Betty Woods, Trustee Mary Swenson, back row, from left, WWU Board President George Piersch and Trustee John Wamser. Scott Stewart and Kevin Raymond.

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Wen: After the recent scandals at Enron, MCI and Tyco, one class that stands out in my mind now is business ethics taught by Brian Burton. We had many discussions about morals, ethics, prof­ its and the idea of “maximizing shareholder value” as the only corporate mission. I feel fortunate I was exposed to those topics.

Jamie: I thoroughly enjoyed all the classes I took at Western. However, my very first art history class opened my eyes to the world of art and I was immediately hooked.

Phonathon enhances the Western Experience

Each year, WWU students contact alumni, parents and friends of Western through the WWU Annual Fund Phonathon, raising nearly $400,000 to enhance the Western experience.

Last year, gifts made through the phonathon touched every area of campus and helped to fund scholarships, allowed students to travel to conferences, brought guest speakers to our campus and assisted academic departments in providing the very best for faculty and students.

Our 2002-03 Annual Fund Phonathon is off to a great start. If you have already received your call and made a pledge, thank you! If we haven’t spoken with you yet, we look forward to talking with you during winter and spring quarters.

If you would like to make a gift online this year or download a free WWU screensaver, visit http://www.foundation.wwu.edu. If you have recently moved or changed your phone number, please e-mail your updated information.

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8 Alumni Board Meeting at Ray's Boathouse in Seattle
13 Career Fair on campus
14-16 Alumni Ski Trip at Sun Peaks, British Columbia
18 Distinguished Lecture Series presents Lewis Lapham

March
1 Deadline for applications for Alumni Association scholarships
1 Whatcom County Alumni Chapter: Day trip to Whistler
5 Whatcom County Alumni Chapter: Rally before Men's basketball: WWU vs. Central
8 Seattle Alumni Chapter: Reception and Seattle Symphony Concert, Benaroya Hall
27 Higher Education Day in Olympia

April
3 Reception for Psychology Department Alumni: 7 to 9 p.m., Red Hook Brewery, Woodinville
5 South Puget Sound Chapter: Dinner and Town Hall at Capital Playhouse, Olympia
17 Seattle Business Forum, with Orin Smith, CEO Starbucks, as keynote speaker. At the Westin Hotel, Seattle.

May
1 Career Fair on campus
2 WWU Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award Banquet
3 Alumni Board Meeting on campus
4 Reunion for the Human Services Program, Woodring College of Education, on campus.
5 San Diego Alumni Chapter - tour and dinner at the Marsten House
12 Distinguished Lecture Series presents Frank Deford
17 Alumni Club Life Member Cruise to Victoria, B.C.
24-25 Whatcom County Alumni Chapter and Student Alumni Association: Ski-to-Sea festival activities
31 President's Club Dinner, Bellingham

June
4 President's Club Dinner, Seattle
13 Outstanding Graduating Senior Awards and Reception for Classes 1952, '53, '54 and before, on campus
30 Woodring Hospitality Reception, WASA/AWS? Conference, Spokane

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Athletics
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Box Office for PAC/Theatre Arts
(360) 650-6146

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE Series
Feb. 18 Lewis Lapham, author, journalist and editor of Harper's magazine
May 5 Frank Deford, NPR sports commentator, novelist, and award-winning sports journalist

PAC Series
January 30 Habib Koite and Bamáda
March 1 Karan Casey Trio
March 26 Montréal Danse
All shows are at 7:30 p.m. at the PAC Concert Hall or PAC Mainstage, except Montréal Danse, 8 p.m.
Ticket information: (360) 650-6146

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