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Bonnie Lou Hart
Southcott

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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 **Bonnie 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: "Bonnie has C-section, delivers beautiful baby boy and very large tumor. Bonnie is diagnosed with cancer. Bonnie cries a lot. Dear friend Nancy Lou Friedman drives Bonnie to chemotherapy every three weeks. Bonnie laughs a lot. Bonnie loses hair, gets bad wig. Nancy 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 Calendar," 12 different poses of a bald Southcott making light of an experience millions have shared. All proceeds from the calendar go to the American Cancer Society, which is helping to market the calendar nationally.

Her production team for the calendar includes Friedman, photographer Karen Mullen, Debbie Schuitema ('81,

Broadcast Communication) and Pam Sinnett ('71, Special Education and Speech).

Like Southcott, Violet Malone, head of Western's graduate program in adult education and a motivational speaker in demand throughout the country, well knows the power of humor to cope with stress. Her presentation, "Jest for the Health of It," is popular with groups of caregivers seeking coping tips as they care for seriously ill patients.

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 that now, wouldn't you?"

Malone speaks from experience. About 15 years ago, shortly before she became president of the National Association of Adult Education, she was introducing the provost of a major university to a large auditorium full of people. She was so nervous that the official's title came out as pervert instead of provost.

"People were screaming and hollering. I thought I would die," Malone recalls. "Suddenly, the provost walked over, put his hand on my shoulder and said into the microphone, 'Dr. Malone has possibly given the only clear definition of my job.'"

With self-deprecating humor, he turned her embarrassment into a laugh for everyone. "Instead of me crying over it," she recalls with gratitude, "I was left whole."

Renee Collins ('00, MEd/'97, Fairhaven), now Western's interim dean of students, is also a much-in-demand speaker, especially on diversity issues. She doesn't plan humor in her presentations, but has built a reputation for lacing them with laughter.

"So much of what makes people laugh is in the moment," she says. "It's the look on someone's face or the way you say something that seems perfectly straight-forward. People in my audiences frequently laugh at something I didn't plan to be funny."

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

Valerie Locke ('95, Woodring), a supervisor at Sears, Roebuck and Co.'s lawn, garden and hardware departments in the Everett 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 didn't appear to be going well. Morale in the employee ranks seemed low. She felt a flu 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

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Violet Malone

Photo courtesy of The Picture Man



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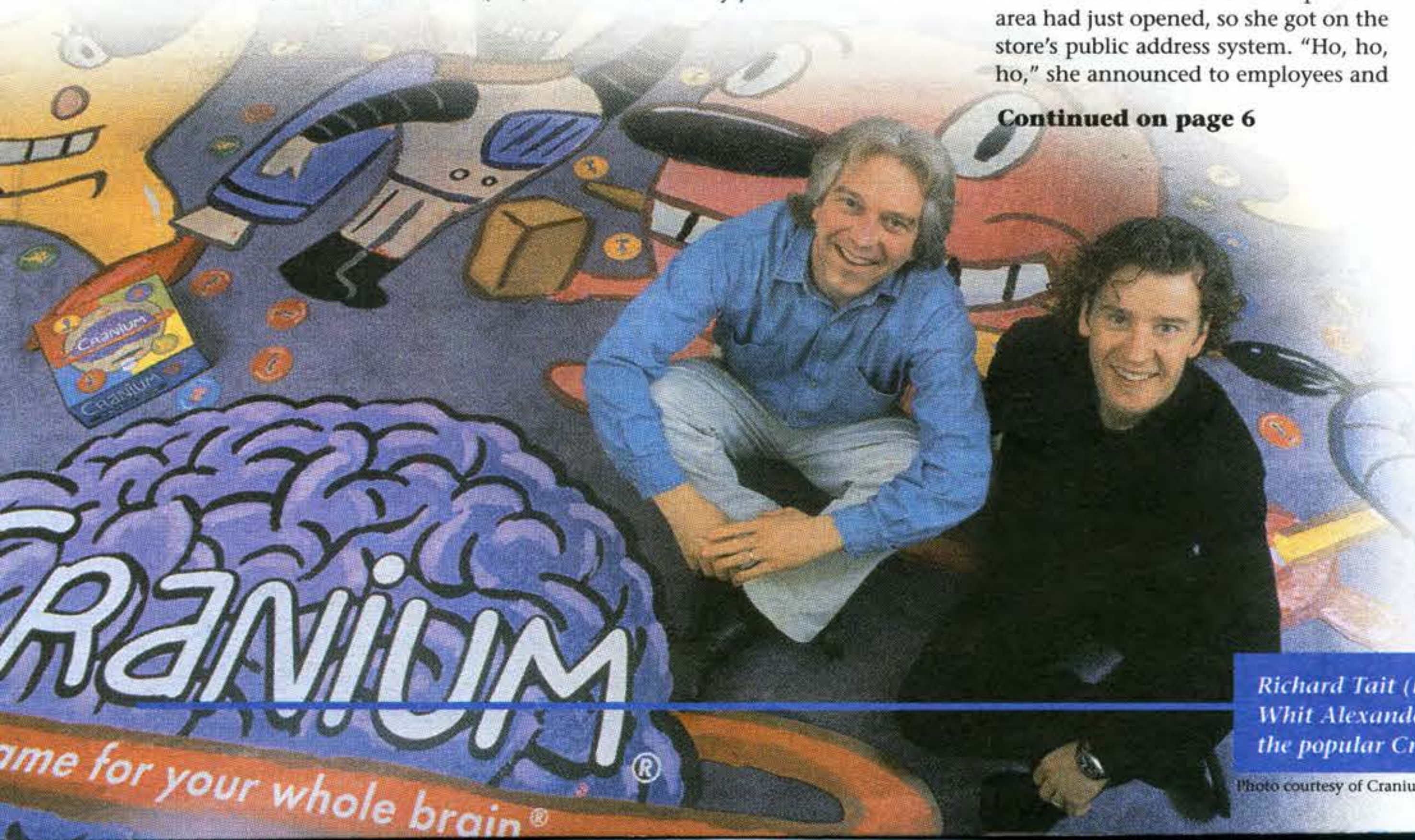
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Richard Tait (right) and Whit Alexander created the popular Cranium game.

Photo courtesy of Cranium

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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 & Serka LLP in Bellingham; and Peggy Zoro, 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, including United Ways in Washington state, White Plains, N.Y., and near Battle Creek, Mich. His term will end Sept. 30, 2007. 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. 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.

Zoro, 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 students 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 "Zite" 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 adviser 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 Zaferatos. 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 Lyne. The Prentice 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 and disciplines including poems, politics, plays and history. Johnson is a political science professor and member of the Whatcom Human Rights Task Force. Lyne 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 snail 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, sculptures, 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."

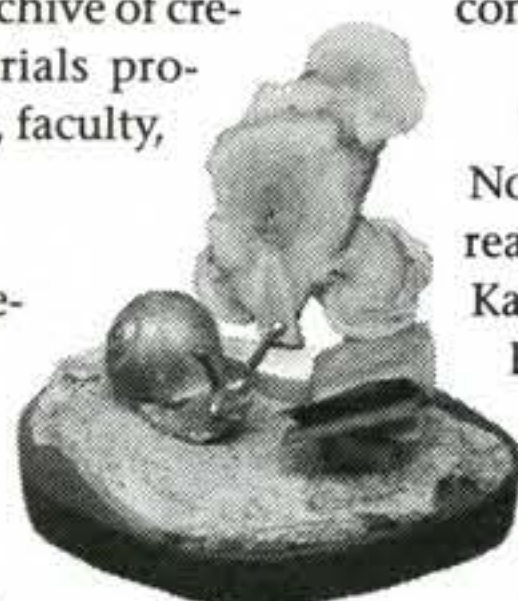
Alexander said that the library is working to catalog each item in the collection and make that information available to the public on the library's Web site.

"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."



Sculpture by
Jean Towne ('64)

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

- The Pictionary board game was created by Robert S. Angel ('81)
- A snow cone holder with loops of silver metal arranged in a flower pattern was designed by Sabrena Wright ('96)
- A pencil sketch of Old Main was drawn by the late Ruth Kelsey, who served as a faculty member in the art department from 1948 to 1972
- Two bronze sculptures of small creatures reading books were created by Jean Towne ('64) and donated by Miriam Snow Mathes

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 that 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-stu-

dent 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 104 percent, making higher education less affordable for our lower- and middle-income students and families.

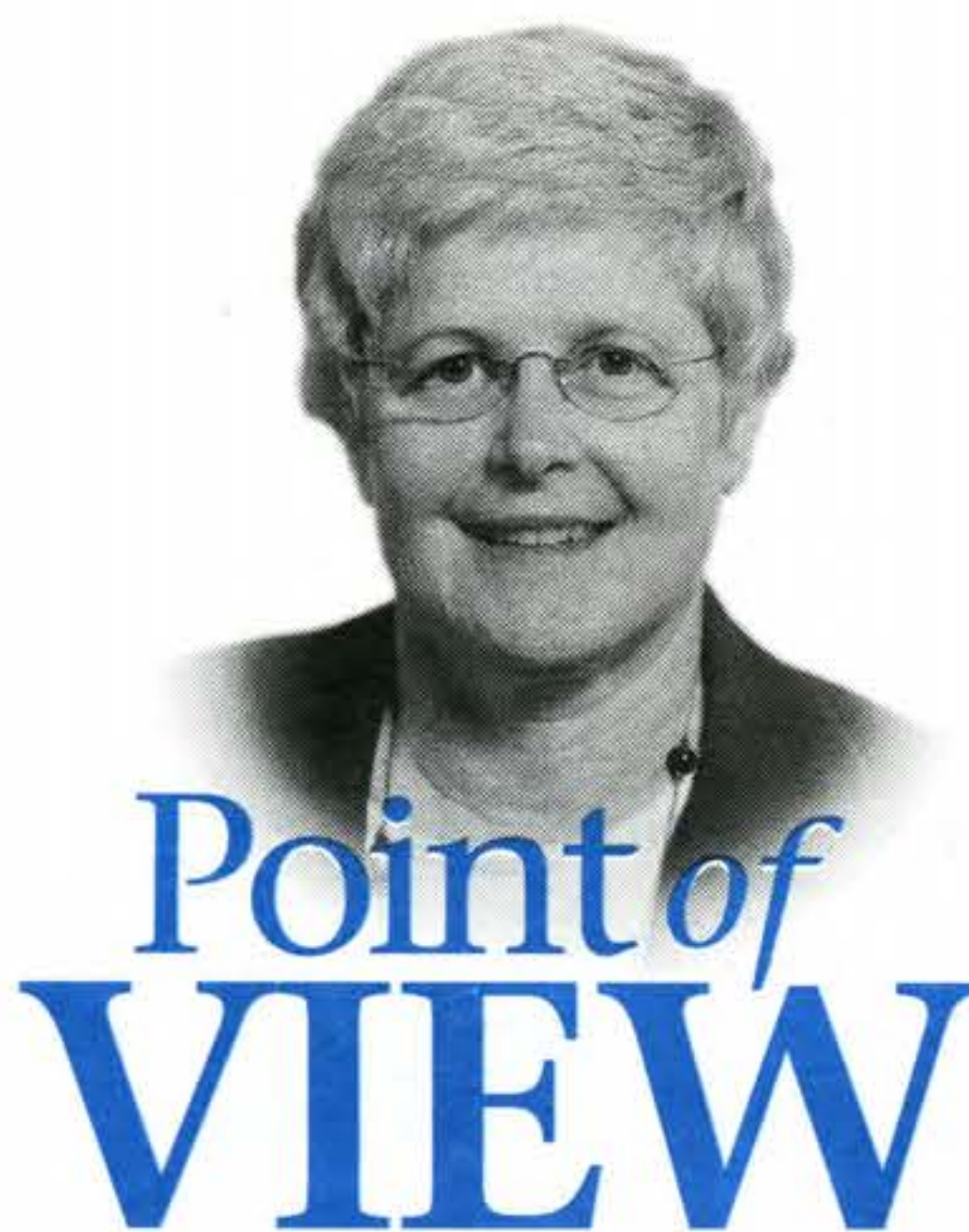
During this same decade, Western enrollment grew steadily. We worked hard to serve Washington's citizens by expanding our enrollment from around 9,700 students in 1990 to nearly 12,500 this fall. Western, physically the smallest of the public baccalaureates but with the third largest enrollment, grew 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.



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WEDDINGS



Jodei Woods and Mark Bosman ('79) were married on the Alumni House deck Aug. 1.

1990 – Karen Nelson and Jesse Margolin, April 29. ... Dean Lancaster and Renee Moon ('95), July 6.

1991 – Jill Bremer and Patrick McGlenn, Aug. 31. ... Kyrie Nilson and Patrick Antici, May 4.

1992 – Aaron Rockwell and Hillary Christensen ('00), Aug. 10. ... Jeffrey Van Kleeck and Charmaine Martinez, Aug. 3.

1993 – Christine Bell and David Hills, Aug. 23. ... Rena Guadagnoli and Russ Major, July 27. ... Andrea Hollister and Derek Wyckoff, Aug. 17. ... Lona Phair and Gregory Smit, Aug. 17.

1994 – Angela Urso and Gary Schenck ('01), July 27.

1995 – Laurel Aho and Daniel Martinez, July 27. ... Ryan Anderson and Karina Blonden ('96), Sept. 7. ... Renee Moon and Dean Lancaster ('90), July 6.

1996 – Stephan Aarstol and Joanne Gavalec, July 20. ... Karina Blonden and Ryan Anderson ('95), Sept. 7. ... Joel Todd and Kirstine Bauthues, May 3. ... Jason VanderVlies and Karen Booth, March 23.

1997 – Bill Gerlach and Addie Bales, July 6. ... Jennifer Hoder and Jesse Scott, Aug. 11. ... Ryan Lorimer and Tera Ehman, May 17. ... Susan Nowers and Tom Gutschmidt, May 10. ... William Hawk and Carol Wetherill ('98), Aug. 23. ... Daniel Ruckner and Jennifer Falconer, June 1. ... Jeffrey Thompson and Sarah Johnson ('99), July 20.

1998 – Gregory Fulton and Phoebe Comrada, July 13. ... Joshua Godfrey and Sarah Potter, June 15. ... Sarah Millington and Joseph Reyes, May 25. ... Adrienne Sloboden and Scott Caufield, June 29. ... Carol Wetherill and William Hawk ('97), Aug. 23.

1999 – Kirstine Bauthues and Joel Todd, May 3. ... Amy Harrison and Brian Keenan, Aug. 17. ... Alison Haukaas and Scott Richards ('01), March 2. ... Sarah Johnson and Jeffrey Thompson ('97), July 20. ... Sarah Rosinbum and Evan Furtick ('00), July 20. ... Charles Trimm and Mariah Holmes, March 16.

2000 – Hillary Christensen and Aaron Rockwell ('92), Aug. 10. ... Brent Clark and Kristie Wagter, Nov. 17. ... Shane Craven and Adrienne Abbey, Aug. 3. ... Marianne Fahey and Ryan Colvin, July 13. ... Christopher Frank and Amy Kalendarian, July 12. ... Evan Furtick and Sarah Rosinbum ('99), July 20. ... Allison Hisatomi and Robert Zarkos ('00), June 2. ... Matthew Johnston and Sarah Brooks ('02), June 29. ... Gabriella Lam and Jasen Schmidt ('02), June 17. ... Jessica Montgomery and J.D. Baser, Aug. 10. ... Christy Simons and Jonathan Miller, Aug. 3.

2001 – Shannon Binning and Ryan Kettman ('01), Aug. 3. ... Thomas Diimmel and Nicole Pruss ('02), July 27. ... Heather Hart and James Baird ('02), July 27. ... Matthew Herwerden and Megan Bajema ('02), June 28. ... Kacie Kammenga and Brick Bundy, Aug. 3. ... Anna Peck and Ryan Knopp ('02), Aug. 11. ... Ingrid Pygott and Mark

Rigsby ('01), July 22. ... Scott Richards and Alison Haukaas ('99), March 2. ... Christy Robertson and Kyle Johnson, June 22. ... Kristen Weatherford and David Dorwin, Sept. 7.

2002 – Kristie Aukofer and Seth Myers, July 27. ... Regina Barber and Jacob DeGraaff, June 21. ... Sarah Brooks and Matthew Johnston ('00), June 29. ... Jennifer Dailey and Brent Dixon, July 20. ... Ryan Knopp and Anna Peck ('01), Aug. 11. ... Brett Milewski and Stacy Frombly, Aug. 31. ... Nicole Pruss and Thomas Diimmel ('01), July 27. ... Gary Schenck and Angela Urso ('94), July 27. ... Jasen Schmidt and Gabriella Lam ('00), June 17.

Andrea Titterness ('02) and Brent Olson ('01), who both worked at Alumni House, were married July 27.

Homecoming princess, football star met and courted at WWU 51 years ago

Gridiron star Art Lee ('55) was assigned to escort Princess Beverly Barr during Western's 1951 Homecoming. They celebrated 50 years of marriage on Nov. 14.



1951 – Katherine Oldroyd and her husband, Ralph, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 13.

1963 – Reed Tindall retired from the Shelton School District.

1966 – Emilie K. Bonney celebrated the 10th anniversary of the founding of her business, Education Station. She works one-on-one with students in reading, writing, math, study skills, SAT prep and Brain Gym®. Visit Bonney's Web site at <http://www.edukstation.com>. ... Ralph Munro and his wife, Karen, received the 2002 Washington Humanities Award from the Washington Commission for the Humanities. A former five-term secretary of state for Washington, he is currently president of the Seattle Downtown Rotary.

1967 – Carol Kirkby, a school counselor at Skagit Valley College, is serving a two-year term on the board of directors for Soroptimist International.

1968 – Diane Franchini was named the Enumclaw Masonic Lodge's Educator of the Year. Franchini is an English teacher at Enumclaw High School. ... Dale Henley is the chief executive officer for Haggen. ... Jadyne Reichner retired from the Sequim School District after 25 years of teaching. Reichner will join her husband at Purple Haze Lavender Farm, running the wholesale and retail sales and product development divisions.

1970 – Gene St. John has retired as executive director of the Washington Public Employees Association. But with two children in college and a long history of political activism, he says, "Look out!" He fully intends to continue working in that tradition.

1971 – Corbin Ball (MA '79) received three major awards from the meeting industry in July. He was named 2002 International Supplier of the Year and one of the "25 Most Influential People in the Meetings Industry." Meeting Professionals International inducted him as a global chancellor, a new brain trust of seven industry visionaries. ... William F. Johnston (MA '79) returned to the Washington Public Employees Association in Olympia as organizing director. Johnston retired from the staff of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union in 2000. ... John Servais created Fairhaven.com to promote the Fairhaven business and historic district. Servais picked up the Web site years ago, knowing that the historical district in Bellingham would some day need a site to promote its ongoing restoration and new shops.

1972 – Chuck Beaman teaches at Skyline Elementary School in Ferndale and was the recipient of the Golden Apple Award in teaching. ... Jim Bowman is the Northwest regional manager of the American Forest and Paper Association and was recently designated a U.S. delegate in trilateral trade talks with Japan and Canada, where he made a presentation on the historical wood design implications of U.S. building codes. Bowman also accompanied a U.S. industry trade delegation to Beijing, China, where he delivered U.S. fire code and building durability seminars to government fire officials and the design/construction industry. ... Peggy Paulson is the director of special services with the Mukilteo School District. ... Mackey Smith is the general manager and principal hydrogeologist at Shapiro and Associates Inc. in Portland.

1974 – Mike Hawley, author of the detective novel, *Double Bluff*, a thriller, set in Seattle, has also written *Silent Proof*, due to be released this year and *Verbal Warning*, expected in 2004. He is also Island County sheriff. ... Bernardo Untalasco teaches fifth and sixth grade at the upper Kalskag School District in Kuskokwim, Alaska.

1975 – Annette Untalasco works for the Forest Service in Juneau, Alaska. ... Erich Parce is the choir director for the Congregational Church of Mercer Island. Parce also teaches professional opera singers and aspiring singers privately and has had directing roles with the Seattle Symphony and the Washington East Opera Company. Parce will sing in "La Traviata" in Minnesota in 2003.

1976 – Greg T. Mowat is the program director for Sound Transit's Project Labor Agree-

ment. ... Michael Soltman is the superintendent of the San Juan Island School District.

1977 – Christine Thompson is the vice president of Seven Sister's (construction co.)

1979 – Deannie Dunbar is the executive director for teaching and learning in the Sunnyside School District. ... Lee Hudson lives in St. Petersburg, Florida. ... Jim Storvick was appointed to the Norman Center Federal Way YMCA board. ... Virginia Gardner Troy has written a new book, *Anni Albers and Ancient American Textiles from Bauhaus to Black Mountain*. Troy is an assistant art history professor at Berry College in Mt. Berry, Ga. Troy can be reached at vtroy@berry.edu.

1980 – Richard F. Sawyer (MA '80) was appointed international vice president for the Hotel Employees-Restaurant Employees International Union. Sawyer's office is in Seattle where he is the elected financial secretary of HERE Local 8.

1981 – Rick Harmon opened Pickups Plus in Burlington, a store that offers accessories for pickup trucks and sports utility vehicles.

1982 – Allene "Toni" Russell spoke at the Phi Delta Kappa Summer Conference. Russell is the author of *Malignant Personalities, Protecting Yourself in the Workplace*.

1984 – Lt. Col. Wes Weston is one of more than 4,000 Atlantic Fleet sailors and Marines aboard ships of the USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group on deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf.

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

1986 – Gary Bradley teaches integrated math and math lab for freshmen and sophomores at Grandview High School near Yakima. ... Carolyn Brown ('92) accepted a full time appointment in the teacher education department at California State University in Dominguez Hills. Brown is completing her Ph.D. in education at UCLA. ... Grant Beck is the community development director for the city of Yelm. ... Charles Siderius was named Texas print journalist of the year in the Houston Press Club's recent Lone Star Awards, a statewide journalism contest. Siderius is a staff writer for the *Dallas Observer*.

1987 – Todd Tripp is the supervisor of the engineering department and the street maintenance department for the City of North Bend, Ore. ... Jeff Utter teaches alternative power system courses throughout western Washington.

1989 – Timothy Berney had a fellowship in orthopedic sports medicine at the Orthopedic and Fracture Clinic of Eugene, Ore., and will be working at Grays Harbor Community Hospital as a surgeon this year. ... Tracy Livingston was named teacher of the year by Puget Sound Educational Services District. Livingston teaches third and fourth grade at Mountain Meadow Elementary School in Buckley.

1991 – Jon Gudmundson 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 Witherspoon, Kelley, Davenport & Toole in Spokane. Bjordahl graduated magna cum laude from Gonzaga Law School in 2001. ... Diamond Morris is the founder of the Western Washington Shakespeare Festival at Edgewater Park in Mount Vernon. ... Kwang Hwee Oh is a stock dealer in Malaysia. ... Becky Skaggs is Haggen's director of strategic planning. ... Lisa Van Doren is the curator of art for Whatcom Museum of History and Art.

1993 – Ray Goto is a professor at Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia. ... Tim Minear and Jennifer Tubbs Minear ('94) are the proud parents of a son, Mason Timothy Minear, born on July 31. ... Tracy Rhodus sang two arias for the Whatcom Symphony Orchestra's season premiere in October.

1994 – David Killian is one of the owners of the Colophon Café in Bellingham. ... Angeli Vergilo Donatone and her husband, Anthony, are owners of Casa D'Italia Market & Café in Seattle. ... Aaron Logue and wife Trisha welcomed their third child in November: Emma

IN MEMORIAM

Grace. ... **Ken Scholes** is the executive director of the Lower Columbia Economic Development Council.

1995 – **Amy Thomas Spencer** and **Jeffrey Spencer** ('96) had a baby boy, Luke Martin, Nov. 10, 2001. Amy is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom in Chinook, Mont., where Jeff is a Lutheran pastor.

1996 – **Denise Dillon** graduated in August from the Yale School of Medicine's physician assistant's surgical residency program. ... **Kim Grams**, the director of the Boys and Girls Club in Anacortes, was honored by Soroptimist International of Fidalgo Island with the Woman of Distinction Award for her professional and volunteer services, exemplary character and outstanding ability within her profession.

1997 – **Heather Clancy** led the launching of the Seattle satellite office for Bowman Pavlosky & Associates LLC. ... **Catrina Nelson Frey** received a master's in marine biology from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale in June 2002. ... **Steve Kirkelie** joined Chmelik Sitkin & Davis in Bellingham and works in the law firm's litigation practice group. Kirkelie graduated from Willamette University School of Law in 2002.

1998 – **Scott Collins** is the district manager of Vector Marketing Corps in Olympia. Collins reached a career sales milestone of \$3 million in sales. ... **John Hulbert III** is a financial consultant with Salomon Smith Barney in Bellingham. ... **Kelly Keane** owns Wildflowers Floral and Botanical in La Conner. ... **Alex Parrish** and his wife, **Angela Seguel** ('99) make up the Bellingham pop duo, Da Me Dulce. ... **Katrina Seeley** is an account manager and media planner for PRR in Seattle.

1999 – **Lindsay Bailey** is the office manager for the Building Industry Association of Whatcom County. ... **Christina Folken** is in her first year of a new international health and medicine program at Ben Gurion University of Negev in collaboration with Columbia University. The BGU-CU M.D. program is in Beer Sheva, in Israel's Negev desert region and will train her and other future doctors for practice in underserved and diverse populations, a field emerging as an integral component of global stability and development. ... **Syd Fredrickson** is a teacher at the Madrona Primary School, which opened on Vashon Island in September. ... **Kristi Moseley** operates Designed Fitness in Bellingham. Moseley recently upgraded her accreditation with a course in nutritional biochemistry, weight management, nutrition analysis, supplements and strategies for incorporating healthy lifestyle changes.

2000 – **Erik Gonzalez** is head wrestling coach at Port Angeles High School. ... **Nick Haney** is a photographer with the *Mercer Island Reporter*. ... **Shannon McIntire** is teaching middle school health/physical education and social studies for the North Mason School District. ... **Brian Paxton** is a CPA with Varner, Sytsma and Herndon in Bellingham. ... **K. Mauricio Pena** was named director of corrections education at Clallam Bay Corrections Center and Olympic Correctional Center.

2001 – **Karen Marek** is head coach of the Ferndale High School cross-country program. ... **Dallas Williams** works for GBA Design Group in Bellingham, a company that assists businesses with branding and communication efforts.

2002 – **Anika Andrews** is a sales associate with the Hotel Bellwether in Bellingham. ... **Anamika Bennett** is an intern audiologist at the Hearing Health Clinic in Bellingham. ... **Matthew Carey** is the choral director and voice teacher for the Little Swan Theatre. ... **Jess del Bosque** was appointed by Gov. Gary Locke to serve another five-year appointment as a member of the Skagit Valley College's Board of Trustees. ... **Sean Epling** trained as a firefighter with the Guard School in Fort Lewis. ... **Chris Fuller** is a digital artist and black-and-white film-processing technician at Spinnaker Photo Imaging in Bellingham. ... **KT Paplow** is a customer service representative for Spinnaker Photo Imaging in Bellingham. ... **Peter Kilner** is a part of the sales team at Blackburn Office Equipment in Bellingham. ... **Christy Wilson** is a violinist with the Whatcom Symphony Orchestra.

1925 – **George Curtis**, 97, a retired educator and former schools superintendent for whom Curtis High School and Curtis Junior High are named in the University Place School District, in Tacoma, July 9. ... **Vera Noreen Hansen**, 96, a retired teacher from Cowlitz County and Bellingham, July 30.

1926 – **Gertrude (Dowd) Murphy**, 99, a retired teacher, physical educator and girls' basketball coach, Sept. 29. Murphy was widely known for her love of Lester, a small logging town near Stampede Pass, where she moved in 1932 to pursue a teaching opportunity. She taught in Lester until 1969 when she retired, only to serve on the school board until 1985. The town died out after the railroad abandoned the track. Tacoma Public Utilities bought the town in order to preserve its watershed. When the school closed in 1985, everyone except Murphy left. She stayed in the town, spending summers in Lester and winters in Kent. ... **Anna Taylor Wolfer**, 97, a retired teacher, in Poulsbo, Sept. 25.

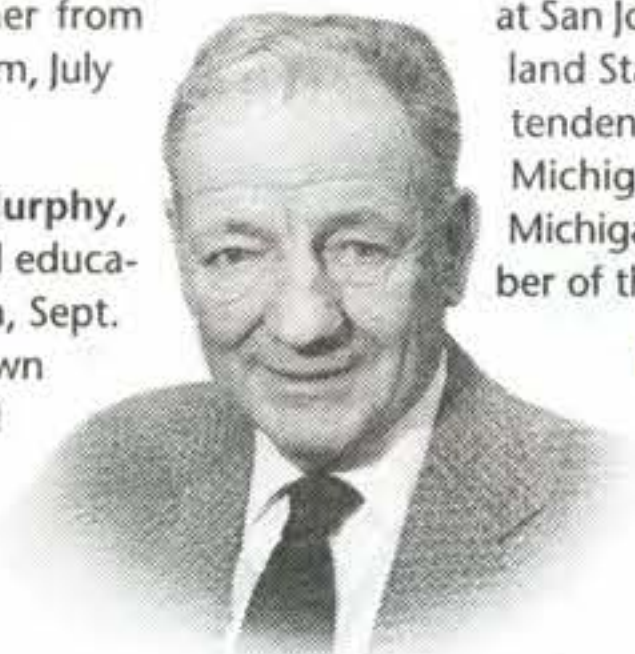
1927 – **Alice Shannon**, 96, a retired teacher active in the state Republican party, Aug. 10.

1929 – **Margaret Maloy**, 93, a retired social worker, Aug. 2. ... **Kathrine Hobbs Northcott**, 93, a retired teacher, June 27.

1932 – **Marjorie (Allen) Skotheim**, 90, a retired elementary school teacher in West Seattle, Aug. 9.

1933 – **Gordon Carter**, 88, a retired superintendent for the Bellingham, Sedro-Woolley, Mount Baker and Whatcom County school districts, Sept. 15. He was a founding member and a past president of the Association of Public School Systems. The Gordon L. Carter Environmental Education site on Lake Whatcom was named for him in 1979.

1947 – **Donald Leu**, 79, a retired educator and one of 21 Exemplary Alumni honored during Western's Centennial, Nov. 30. Leu, who had a distinguished military career during World War II, was dean of education at San Jose State University and at Portland State University; deputy superintendent of education for the state of Michigan; professor of education at Michigan State University; and a member of the Bellingham School Board.



Donald Leu

1948 – **Howard Hardy**, 87, a retired Seattle teacher, Aug. 9.

1949 – **Jack C. Graham**, 78, a retired teacher from Camas and Bellingham, Aug. 31.

1950 – **Alton Magnuson**, 76, a retired newsman who owned and operated the Orcas Island Souther and the Mt. Baker Experience, in Bellingham, Sept. 11.

1954 – **Mary Ann Hoyt Alsied**, 71, a retired teacher, in Sedro-Woolley, June 2.

1957 – **Alice June Mather Coghill**, 92, a retired teacher and librarian, June 26. ... **Dwayne "Jack" Fickel**, 72, a retired educator, Aug. 12. ... **G. Lee Fisher**, 74, a retired professor from Central Washington University, in Ellensburg, Oct. 5. ... **James Hall**, 71, a former teacher and disaster relief coordinator, Sept. 20. ... **Patsy Staggs Reinard**, 66, a retired teacher and professional food and beverage demonstrator and the daughter of Viking Hall of Famer Boyd Staggs, July 16.

1959 – **Gerald Heintz**, 67, Aug. 21.

1960 – **Harry Brown**, 73, a retired grade school teacher, Feb. 23.

1964 – **Grace Delano**, 70, a retired teacher active in the Democratic party on Vashon Island, June 26.

1965 – **Del Dee Reinhart**, 59, a retired teacher who taught in Washington and Oregon, in Oakland, Ore., in July.

1968 – **Lucille Reule**, 91, a retired teacher in North Dakota and Bellingham, Sept. 30.

1969 – **Barbara Naamah Wyrick Carr**, 82, who worked for Head Start, Campfire Girls and Sun Community Services, Aug. 17.

1970 – **Jerry Dolan**, 53, a retired attorney and municipal court judge in Port Orchard, Sept. 21. ... **Ray Jameson**, 66, a high school and community college teacher, in Mount Vernon, Sept. 5. ... **Virginia Dean Gunn Vertz**, 65, a retired teacher who lived in Texas, New Mexico, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Washington, Aug. 2.

1971 – **Bill Sinnett**, 54, a business manager for Samish School in Bellingham, Sept. 17.

1972 – **Zahi Fawzi Haddad**, 53, a car salesman who worked for peace in Palestine, from a seizure and a car accident, Oct. 13.

1973 – **David Bosell**, 50, an environmental engineer with the U.S. Forest Service in Ketchikan, Aug. 23. ... **Michael M. Hillis**, 55, owner of Editorial Services in Bellingham who was active in the Whatcom County Republican party, July 31.

1978 – **Lucille Chawla**, 83, a fervent supporter of peace and social justice, in Bremerton, Oct. 13.

1980 – **Brian Fink**, 45, a salesman, of a heart attack, Dec. 1, 2001.

1981 – **Fraser Sandoz**, 48, a counselor, Aug. 14.

1982 – **Bruce Haddock**, 51, a teacher, on Camano Island, Sept. 18. ... **Beryl Loretta Hill**, 43, a medical records coordinator, in Lacey, Sept. 23.

2001 – **Stephen Mott-Smith Yates**, 59, author and marine biologist, Aug. 23.

2002 – **Marge Farrant**, 60, piano accompanist at Illinois State University, in Normal, Ill., Oct. 28.

FACULTY, STAFF & FRIENDS

Thelma Goudy Palmer, 94, retired nurse, Oct. 6.

Herman C. Stomer, 77, retired assistant chief engineer at WWU, Oct. 16.

John Thorsteinson, 71, who retired in 1993, Aug. 24.

Memorial funds established for James W. Davis and Les Spanel

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

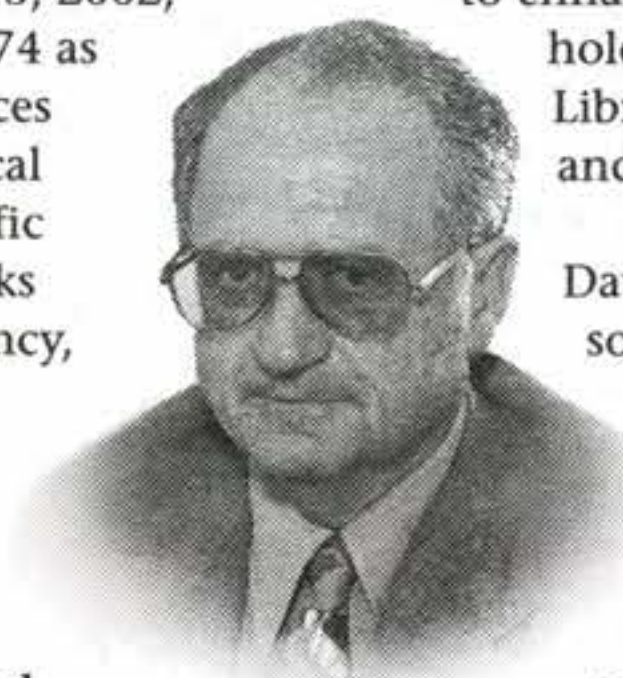
Davis, who died Aug. 13, 2002, came to Western in 1974 as dean of Arts and Sciences and professor of political science. He was a prolific author, writing 12 books examining the presidency, and particularly the selection process, in thoughtful detail. His final book, *Leadership Selection in Six Western Democracies* (Greenwood, 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 one great-grandchild.

Spanel, a professor emeritus of physics and astronomy who died Oct. 8, 2002, retired in September



James Davis

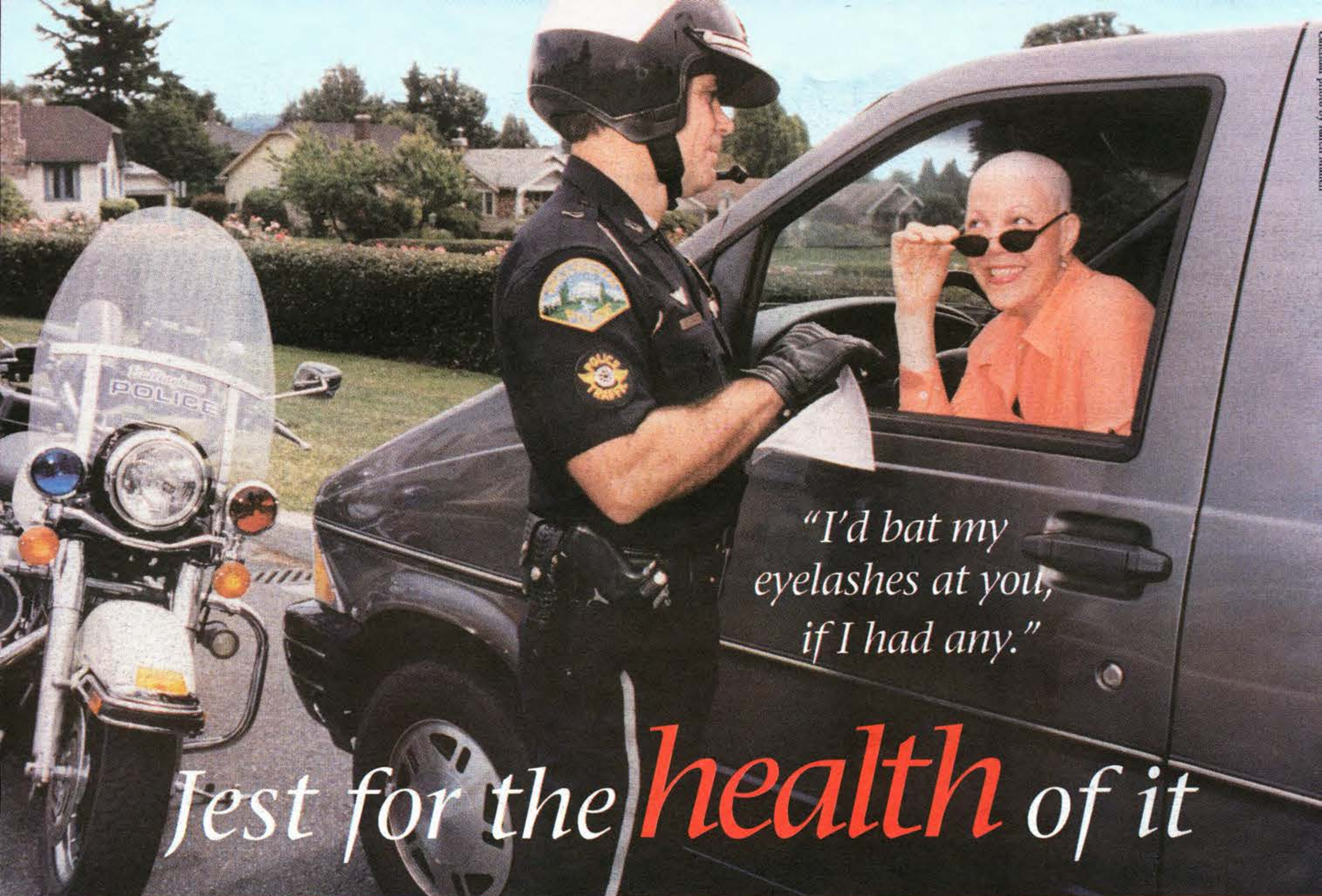


Les Spanel

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 Commission and for the Democratic party.

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

Contributions to the Davis and Spanel funds may be made to the Western Washington University Foundation, MS-9034, 516 High St., Bellingham, WA, 98225-9034.



*"I'd bat my
eyelashes at you,
if I had any."*

Test for the *health* of it

Continued from page 1

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

That crack 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.

Joke. Read the comics.

Put a sign over your desk like the one Don Gorman, placement coordinator in WWU's Career Services Center, recently shared in a presentation to career counseling colleagues — a group more stressed, as are their clients, than they were in the booming '90s.

"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."

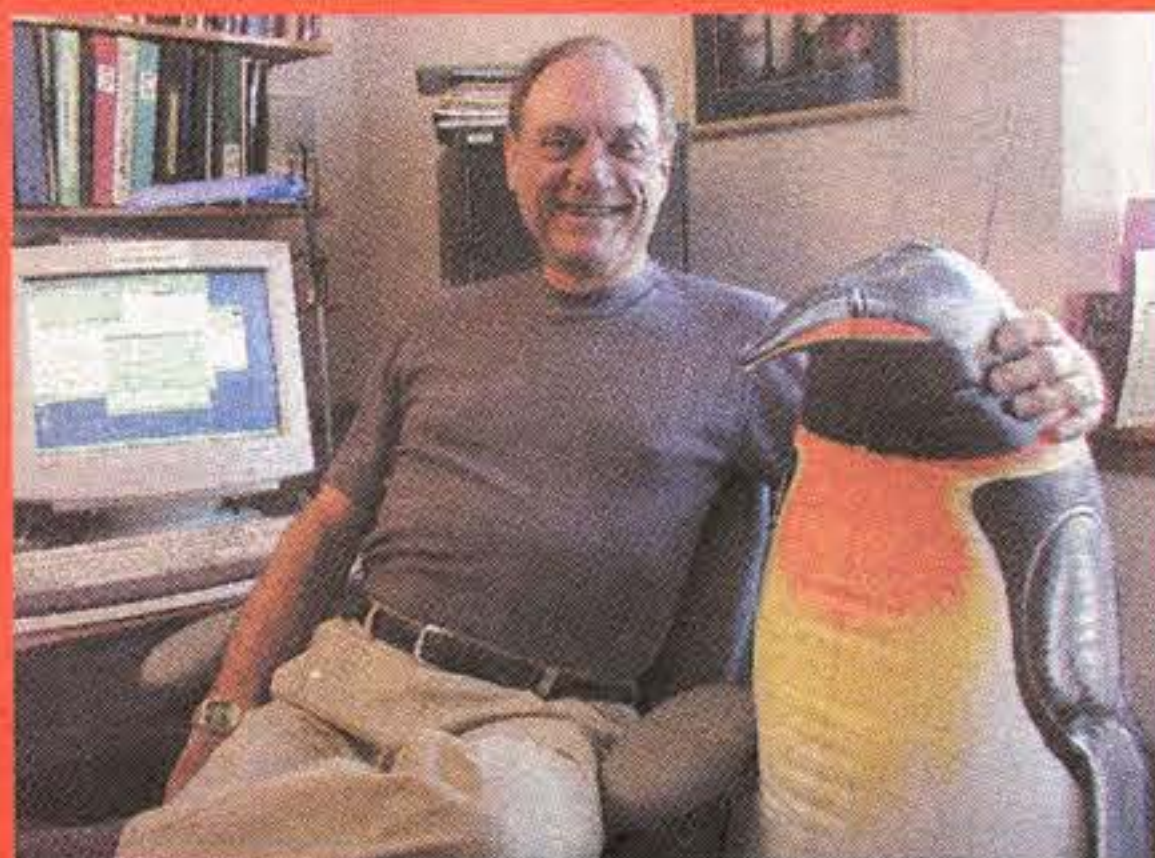
Bob Keiper, associate professor and chair of secondary education at Woodring College of Education, tells future teachers that humor can put stressful events and situations in perspective.

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 healing and coping with stress and illness.

Although there is little scientific proof that humor is a cure for disease or triggers the release of endorphins,

the body's natural painkillers, vigorous laughter has been shown to briefly increase and then decrease heart rate, blood pressure and blood circulation, 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.



Bob Keiper, associate professor and chair of secondary education at Woodring College of Education, wrote his dissertation on teacher burnout and found that of the five most often cited things teachers use to relieve stress, a sense of humor was number 2. Keiper runs a workshop called "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.

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."

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.

Locke, who also teaches as a substitute in Mukilteo, South Whidbey Island and Mount Vernon, said she learned a little about using humor as a stress reliever when she took a WWU course from Keiper in 1993.

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?"

"You can see them staring at it," Locke says. The students often make 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.

The former Microsoft designers created "Cranium," a board game in which "everyone can shine" by spelling (often backwards), drawing, whistling, humming, clay modeling or acting out answers to questions. Test groups loved the game and the first 15,000 were delivered in 1998, but stores had placed Christmas orders months before.

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.

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."

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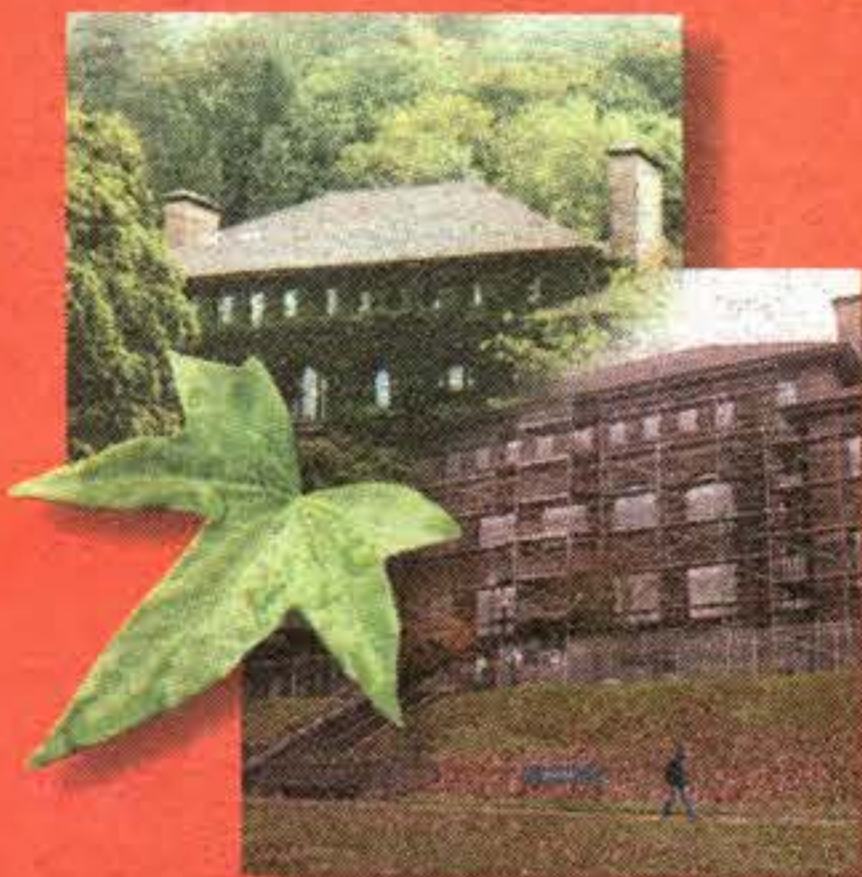
Bonnie Lou Southcott's calendar
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Association for Applied
and Therapeutic Humor
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GOODBYE Old Main Ivy

By Courtney Brousseau
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

The familiar curtain of ivy that has clung to the brick and stone facing of Old Main for about 75 years is disappear-



Photos by Courtney Brousseau and Kelly Heese

ing 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 Washing-

ton 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.



Celebrating the girls' baptism are (left to right in photo at left) Christopher, Korie, Scott and Michael.

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

You want to talk Stress?

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

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.



Photo courtesy of The Seattle Post-Intelligencer

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Cranium
<http://www.playcranium.com/>

Hulford Quadruplets
<http://home.attbi.com/~wingknutt/>

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 representing the university in community efforts.

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

Alumni Association Board President and Bellingham CPA Cheryl Dickerson and Foundation Board President and bank executive Peggy Zoro both supported the move, indicating it would strengthen the two organizations.

Accepting her new responsibility, Bowers noted that "a recent survey demonstrated the high degree of respect and affection alumni have for Western. Alumni are a strong resource to the university in maintaining and enhancing the education of today's students. We would like to involve alumni in so many different ways," she said.



Stephanie Bowers

Before coming to Western, Bowers was executive director of development at the University of Maryland's Smith School of Business. She was assistant vice president for alumni and development at the University of Maryland University College (UMUC) from 1991 to 1998. She was University of Baltimore alumni relations director from 1986 to 1991. Her master's degree is from UMUC.

Morse said the shift in duties will permit Edie to work more vigorously on long-term solutions to higher education funding and to participate more fully in university partnerships with Bellingham and Whatcom County communities.

Pratt, who calls WWU "the gem of the Northwest," earned his Western bachelor's degree in 1981 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 successful 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.

Pratt said he hopes Western alumni will stay connected to campus and find a way to be involved. Opportunities are available in the Student Alumni Association; with Admissions Office recruitment activities; and by participating in career fairs on campus and elsewhere.

Participation pays tremendous dividends for graduates as well as current and prospective students, he said. Alumni with businesses can have ready access to a highly educated labor pool at job and internship fairs. And by promoting Western to prospective students, alumni can have the satisfaction, delight and pride of welcoming another generation to share "the Western Experience."

"The bigger we become, the bigger you become," Pratt said.

Pratt was first introduced to Western in 1975 by a teacher at Mount Tahoma High School in Tacoma who helped him enroll in Upward Bound, a program (no longer active at Western) that helped high school students in the state be the first in their families to attend college. Now, Pratt rarely walks into a grocery store or movie theater without offering his business card to young people who may be considering college.



By Ted Pratt ALUMNI AFFAIRS

Hola. Bonjour. Talofa lava. Jambo. Konichiwa. Annyong ha shimnikka.

Hello!

During the next year as your interim executive director of alumni affairs, I hope to personally greet fellow alumni, learners, friends and supporters of WWU – in as many languages as possible.

I have several ideas about how you can stay connected to the best educational institution in the West, and I hope many of you will join me as we build strong bonds with other alumni, with prospective students and with business leaders offering jobs, volunteer opportunities and internships for current students.

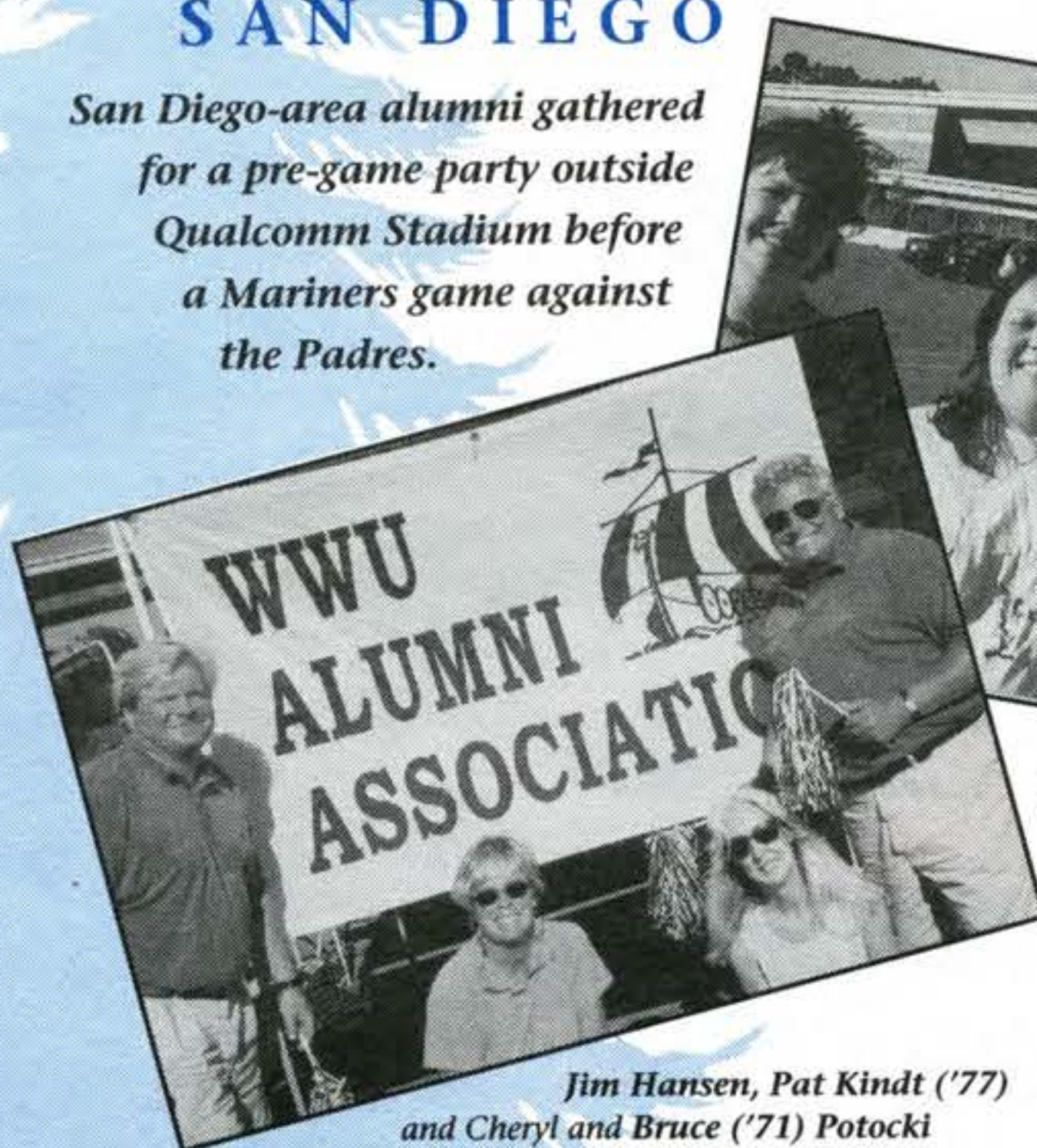
I am most interested in hearing your ideas about what makes a good alumni association, especially what kinds of activities would bring you back to campus or encourage your participation in events that bring a little bit of campus to you.

Please call me at (360) 650-3353, or send a message to Ted.Pratt@wwu.edu.

WWU Alumni Chapters

SAN DIEGO

San Diego-area alumni gathered for a pre-game party outside Qualcomm Stadium before a Mariners game against the Padres.

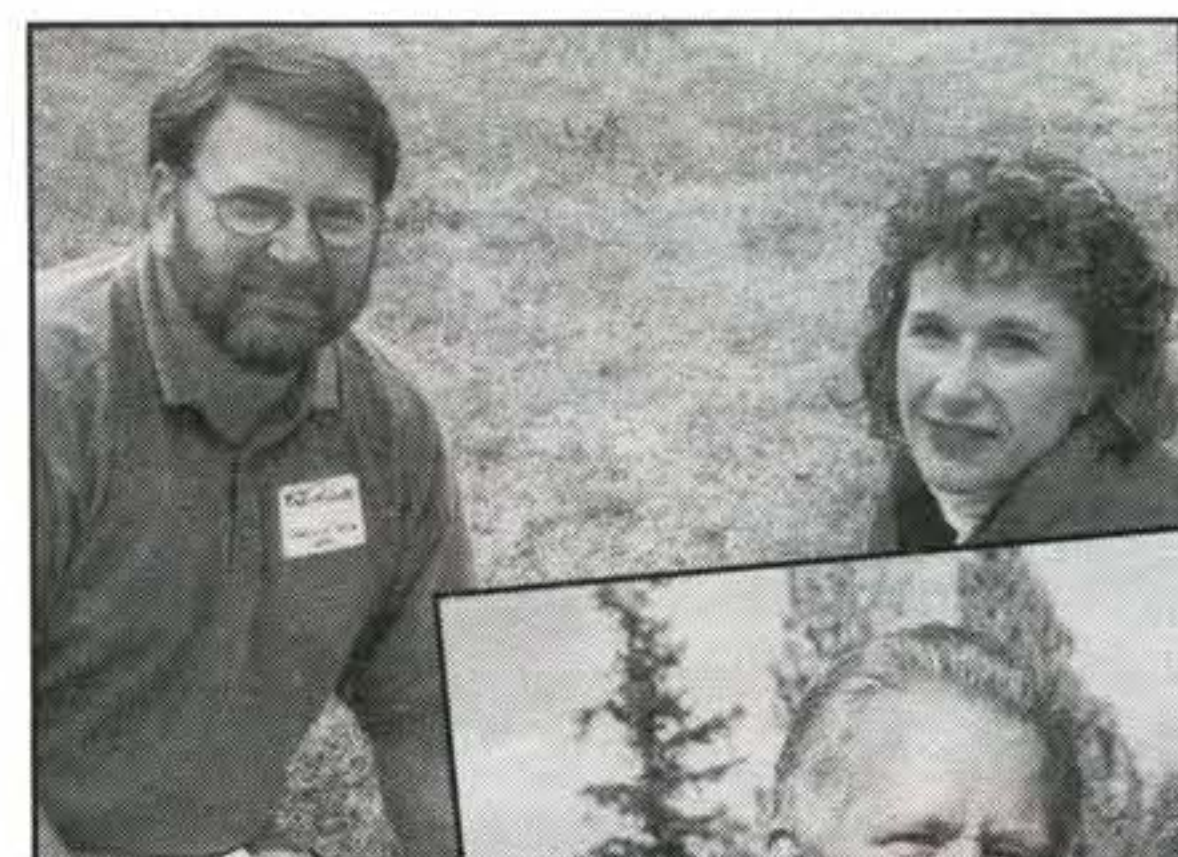


Jim Hansen, Pat Kindt ('77) and Cheryl and Bruce ('71) Potocki

San Diego Steering Committee members Lynnette Skippon ('97), Rhonda Benally ('97), Tim Michel ('85) and Pam Hammond ('81)

SOUTH PUGET SOUND

Nearly 200 WWU alumni, parents and other family members enjoyed salmon and memories at a Sept. 7 picnic at Burfoot County Park in Olympia.



Ed and Jane Richards, parents of Eddie Richards ('05)



Steering Committee members Nick ('68) and Cecelia ('68) Bond

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 col-

legiate 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.



RECIPIENT:
RACHEL CORWIN

Rachel Corwin, a Western freshman from Bothell, says she is extremely grateful to receive a four-year Alumni Association scholarship because she hasn't had to get a loan for her tuition bills.

"When the Alumni Association contacted me and informed me that I was a scholarship recipient, I knew that I could receive the necessary education to become a teacher," Corwin said.

Corwin received the WWU License Plate Scholarship, which was made available by Western alumni and supporters who purchased collegiate license plates for their vehicles. It's renewable for all four years as long as she maintains a GPA of at least 3.0.

The WWU collegiate plates, sporting a Viking ship, cost \$40 initially, plus the regular \$30 tab fee. After the first year, the fee goes down to \$30 per year plus the \$30 tab fee. Out of that fee, \$28 goes directly to the Western Alumni Scholarship Fund to

help current and future students attend Western.

Corwin plans to major in education and hopes to become an elementary school teacher. She works a few hours a week on campus and is a new volunteer with the Campus Buddy program, tutoring a child at Roosevelt Elementary School each week.



RECIPIENT:
KEVIN RUPP

The Mildred Trunkey Alumni Association Scholarship has made college a reality this year for Kevin Rupp.

"The Alumni Scholarship has been such a blessing," said Rupp, a sophomore from Wenatchee with a 4.0 GPA. "It has made college possible for me. My family and I are so grateful."

The Mildred Trunkey Scholarship honors former Bellingham public school teacher **Mildred Trunkey**, a 1922 graduate of Bellingham Normal School. Trunkey, who died in March 2000, provided more than \$33,000 to the WWU Alumni Association in her will.

In addition to his studies, Rupp is active in several programs and clubs at Western, including the Campus Christian Fellowship. He works as a student admissions representative in the admissions office.

Rupp has yet to declare his major, but is interested in the human body and with helping people. He said he is considering a pre-physical therapy degree.

"Golden Vikings" will be honored at reunion in June

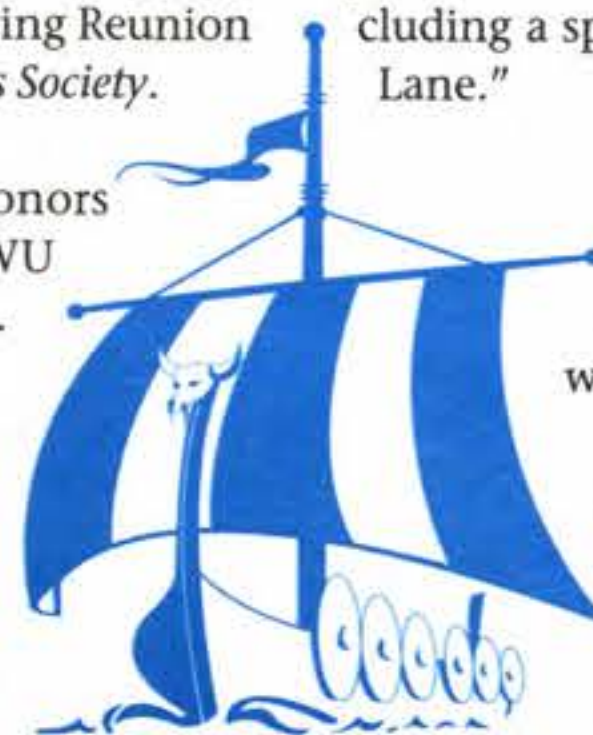
The WWU Alumni Association proudly announces a new alumni group to be honored each year during Reunion Weekend: the *Golden Vikings Society*.

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 1943 and 1948, celebrating their 60th and 55th reunions, respectively.

The June reunion takes place on campus with a full weekend of activities, including a special "walk down Memory Lane."



The class of 1954 will also be reuniting with classmates during the weekend.

Interested in learning more about reunion activities?

Call Kristie Lundstrom at Alumni House, (800) 676-6885, or send an e-mail

message to kristie.lundstrom@wwu.edu.

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 occupancy at Sun Peaks Lodge. Ski package includes transportation, two nights

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 experi-

ence the history, culture and people of a beautiful part of the world.

After the festival, the choir, led by associate music professor Leslie Guelker-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 richardl1@yahoo.com.

**June 17-28
Bulgaria**



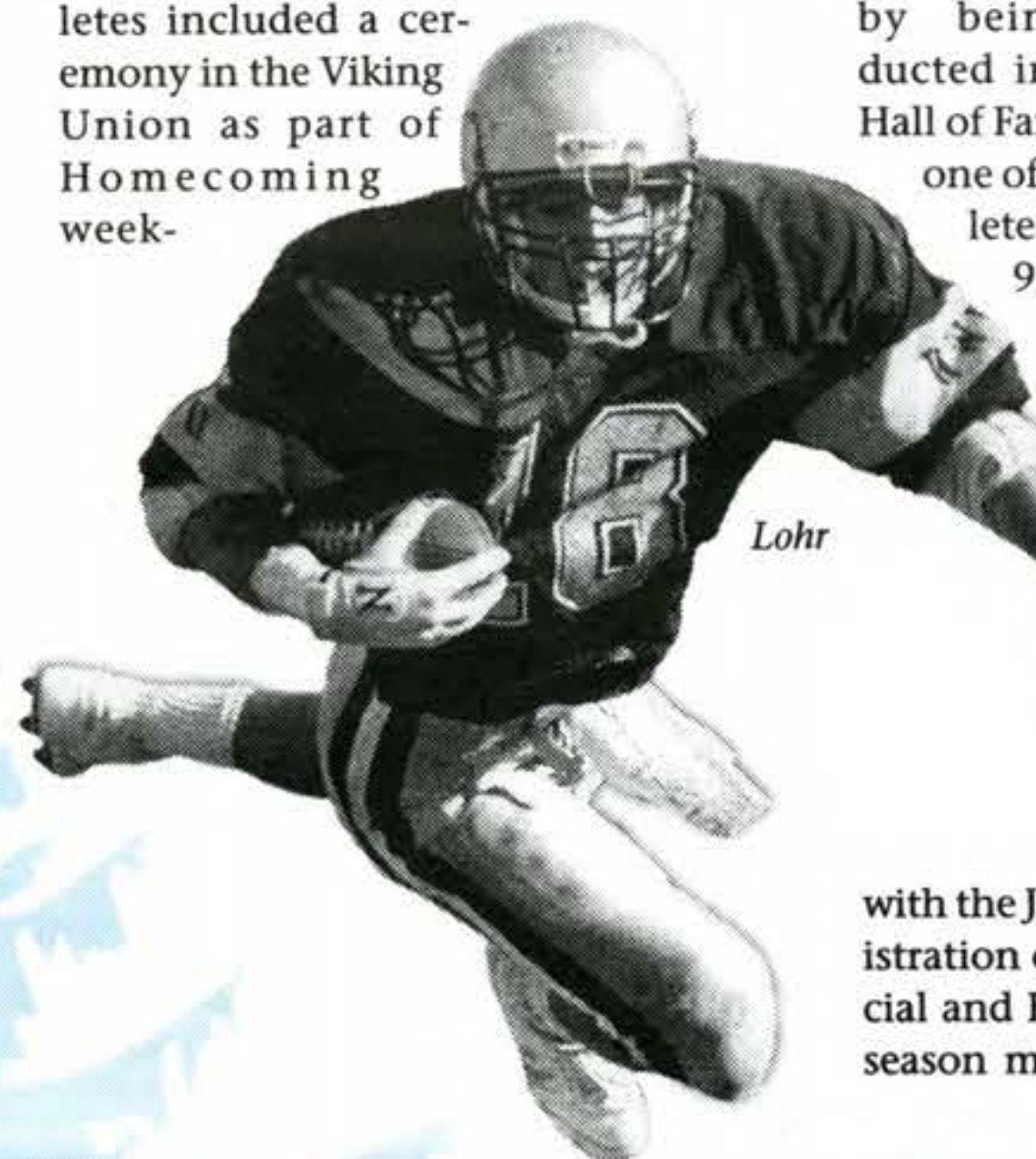
Tom ('74) and Karen ('74) Dolan with Karen's parents, Douglas ('51) and Lorna ('51) Dayton at the Olympia alumni picnic

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 women's rower **Joanie 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 week-



end. 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.



Armstrong-Ryan

Lohr now lives in Tumwater and works in Olympia as a functional family coordinator

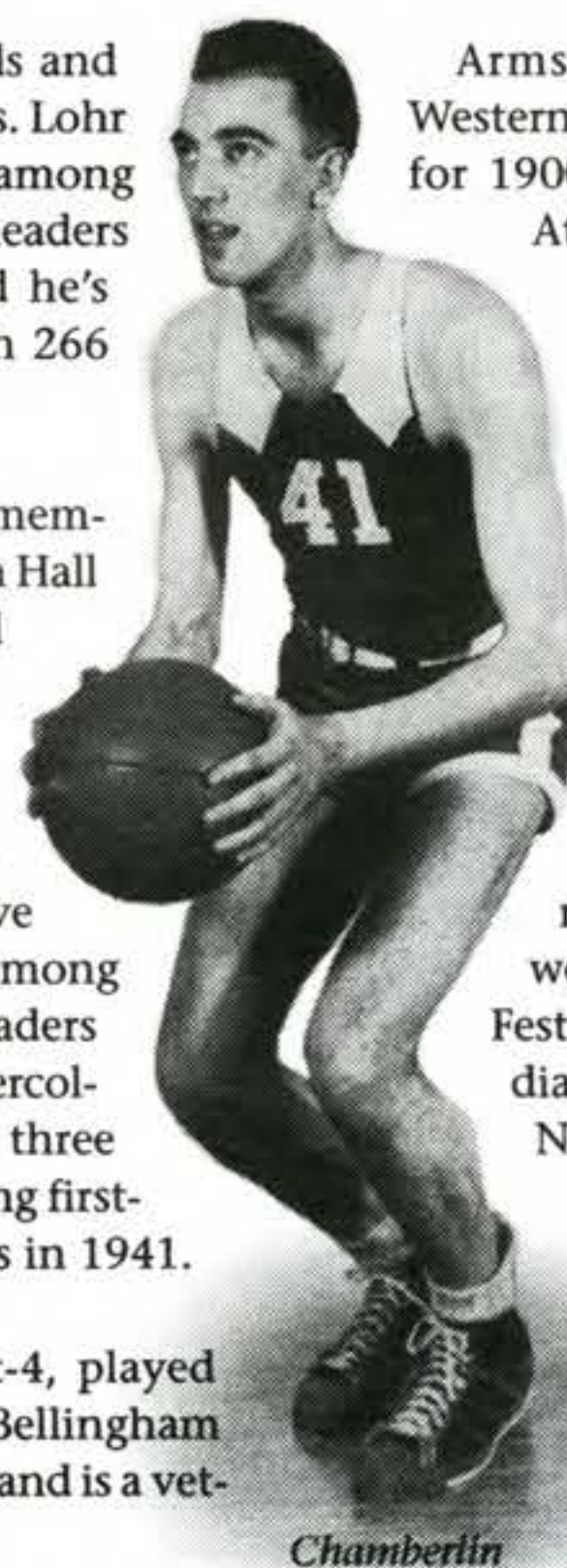
with the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration of the state Department of Social and Health Services. He set Viking season marks in 1989 that still stand,

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**, 83. 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 Fircrests 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 1900-99 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 lightweight 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.

An impressive 88 percent of the 802 graduates polled said they were interested in keeping up with the university, particularly by letter or through mailed periodicals like *Window on Western*.

Nearly as many - 86 percent - said they either read the quarterly newsletter thoroughly or at least skimmed it for articles about campus events, faculty research, academic offerings at Western, alumni achievements and other such news from WWU.

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

Orin 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/~foundatn/sbf>



Trustees and university administrators led WWU's "Capital Celebration" in October. Among the new capital projects is the largest academic structure ever built on campus, a four-story, 100,000 square-foot Communications Building, being built just south of the Environmental Studies Building. It will house the physics, computer science, communications and journalism departments when it opens in winter 2004. More than 40,000 cubic yards of dirt were removed to make room for the building. Pictured above are (first row, from left): WWU President Karen W. Morse, Trustee Board chair Betty Woods, Trustee Mary Swenson, (back row, from left) WWU Vice President George Pierce and Trustees John Warner, Brent Stewart and Kevin Raymond.



Wen Tseng and Jamie Foland-Tseng are strong supporters of WWU



Current Western students enjoy working for the annual phonathon.

Young alumni say: It's important to give back to WWU

The Young Associates Gift Club is a special segment of WWU's President's Club. Two young associates are Western graduates Wen Tseng ('96, Economics/Accounting), vice president and information security risk manager at Washington Mutual's corporate information security department, and Jamie Foland-Tseng ('96, Art History), senior manager of partner marketing at ShareBuilder Securities Corp.

The following is an excerpt from an interview with the WWU Foundation:

WWU Foundation: What brought you to WWU?

Jamie: Western has a beautiful campus in a small, friendly town. Because of the smaller class sizes, I knew that I could get to know my professors and classmates and they would know me.

WWU Foundation: What special memories do you have of your time at WWU?

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, profits 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.

WWU Foundation: When did you decide to support Western financially and why?

Wen: I started giving to Western the year after I graduated because I wanted to make sure Western continued to provide an exceptional education for students. And probably because I used to be a Phonathon caller for the Foundation and I just couldn't resist supporting the cause!

Jamie: We continue to support Western because we feel it is important to give back to a school that gave us such great educational opportunities and life experiences. I'm happy that we are in a position to give back to Western. I feel it's important to support our state's colleges, especially during the time of a recession.

WWU Foundation: How did your education at WWU prepare you for your current jobs?

Wen: Western provided me with baseline knowledge of how companies work and how the local and global economies work. Western taught me necessary communication skills and the most important thing of all: How to keep learning.

Jamie: The creative writing skills I honed at WWU are invaluable to me every day in my job. Writing research papers about artistic styles, artists and art pieces gave me a good foundation in grammar, creative thinking and expressing my thoughts in a concise way.

WWU Foundation: How would you encourage other WWU graduates to support the university?

Wen: Most of the people I graduated with are always talking about how much they loved the time they spent at Western. I think it's very important for alumni to show their support and help make sure Western continues to be that same wonderful university that we attended.

President's Club member benefits include a courtesy campus parking permit; printed recognition in the WWU "President's Report" and Honor Roll of Donors; reserved seating at the Distinguished Lecture Series; and invitations to events hosted by President Karen W. Morse.

There are many ways to make a gift to Western, including online at the address below. The easiest is to write a check to the WWU Foundation, or use your VISA or MasterCard. Every gift has a place and every gift makes a difference.

For more information, call Mark Bagley, director of annual giving, at (360) 650-3612 or write him c/o WWU Foundation, 516 High Street, Bellingham, WA 98225-9034. He can also be reached at mark.bagley@wwu.edu

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 screen saver, visit <http://www.foundation.wwu.edu>. If you have recently moved or changed your phone number, please e-mail your updated information.

Cranium inventor provides insights at Bellingham Forum

Laughter filled the jam-packed Bellingham Hotel ballroom Nov. 14 as Richard Tait, co-inventor of the board game, *Cranium*, shared his success story with the Bellingham Business Forum audience. He told of rising from partner in a Seattle company with 15,000 games – and nowhere to sell them – in 1998 to "Grand Poo-Bah" of the fourth largest game company in the world.

Sponsored by the Western Washington University Foundation, business forums in Bellingham and Seattle (see page 10) offer presentations by outstanding business leaders. "Through exhibits and informal conversations with representatives from Western, they also provide insight and connections to Western's programs," said Stephanie Bowers, vice president for university advancement.

"With Richard Tait, we got a rollicking good time as well."

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CALENDAR 2003

February

- 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 Tommy at Capital Playhouse, Olympia
- 21 Seattle Business Forum, with Orin Smith, CEO Starbucks, as keynote speaker. The Westin Hotel, Seattle.

May

- 1 Career Fair on campus
- 2 WWU Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award Banquet
- 3 Alumni Board Meeting: on campus
- 3 Reunion for the Human Services Program, Woodring College of Education, on campus.
- 3 San Diego Alumni Chapter - tour and dinner at the Marsten House
- 5 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
- 20-22 Reunion for Classes 1952, '53, '54 and before, on campus
- 30 Woodring Hospitality Reception, WASA/AWSP Conference, Spokane

TURNING POINTS Faculty Speaker Series

- Feb. 20 David Nelson
Economics
- March 13 George "Pinky" Nelson
Science Education
- April 24 Dana Jack
Fairhaven College

Free, 5:15 p.m. in SMATE 150
<http://www.wwu.edu/~lectures>

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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

Free, but tickets required. For general public and others without WWU ID, mail order only. Send self-addressed, stamped envelope to WWU Lecture Series, 516 High St., Bellingham, WA 98225-9109BX.

PAC Series

January 30
Habib Koite and Bamada

March 1
Karan Casey Trio

March 26
Montréal Danse

April 26
Buglisi/Foreman
Dance Company

May 17
Don Byron

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



Walk Ways: Detail from Nancy Spero's "Vietnamese Women," 1985. Courtesy of Galerie Lelong, New York.

The Arts At the WESTERN GALLERY

Jan. 7 - March 1

Walk Ways, a diverse group of sculptors, painters and other artists focusing on the theme of walking

April 1 - June 7

Surface Tension, an exhibit by seven Bay Area painters



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