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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.

“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.”

"So much of what makes people laugh is in the moment,” she says. “It’s the look on someone’s face or the way someone’s eye or head moves. People in my audiences, ‘just think: What if there’s a funny commercial on the radio? What if someone’s dog jumps on them? What if a baby’s diaper had just fallen?”

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 provost’s title came out as pervert instead of provost.

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Three new trustees appointed by governor

Gov. Gary Locke has appointed three new trustees to Western: Everett resident Brent A. Stewart, president of United Way of Snohomish County; Phil Sharpe, a partner in the law firm, Addelman, Shear & Senka 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 Way. Stewart's term will end Sept. 30, 2007. He replaces Erik Pearson.


Applications set record

Following a record-setting year for applications, admissions directors 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 Western’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 for admission in September, 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 Parent Foundation. Smith is a 19-year career providing leadership to non-profit organizations, including United Way. Smith's term will end Sept. 30, 2006. He replaces Erik Pearson.


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 and 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 Freerice 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, such as sports, 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.
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, Whatley'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 pursuing 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

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 this model 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 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 Conrado, July 13. ... Joshua Godfrey and Sarah Potter, June 15, ... Sarah Millington and Joseph Reyes, May 25. ... Adrienne Sloboden and Scott Caulfield, June 29. ... Carol Weltheimer and William Hawk (’97), Aug. 23.

1999 - Katherine Christensen and Aaron Rockwell (’92), Aug. 10. ... Brent Clark and Kristine Winter, Nov. 17. ... Shane Craven and Adrienne Abbey, Aug. 3. ... Marianne Faby and Ryan Colvin, July 13. ... Christopher Franklin and Ava Nielson, May 12. ... Evan Furtick and Sarah Rosinbloom (’99), July 20. ... Allison Hisatom and Robert Zarks (’00), June 2. ... Matthew Johnston and Sarah Brooks (’92), June 29. ... Gabriella Lam and Jasen Schmidt (’92), June 17. ... Jessica Montgomeri and J.D. Basar, Aug. 10. ... Christy Simmons and Jonathan Miller, Aug. 3.

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2001 - Shannan Binning and Ryan Kettman (’01), Aug. 3. ... Thomas Dillen and Nicole Prox (’02), July 27. ... Heather Hart and James Bailey (’02), July 27. ... Matthew Henderson and Alex Bajena (’02), June 28. ... Kacie Kammenga and Becky Bundy, Aug. 3. ... Anna Peck and Ryan Knops (’92), Aug. 11. ... Ingrid Pyott and Mark Rigby (’01), July 22. ... Scott Richards and Alison Haaksa (’99), March 2. ... Christy Robertson and Kyle Johnson, June 12. ... Kristen Weatherford and David Dorin, Sept. 7.

2002 - Kristie Aikou and Seth Myers, July 27. ... Regine Barbier and Matthew Johnston (’00), June 29. ... Jennifer Dalley and Brent Dillson, July 20. ... Ryan Knopf and Anna Peck (’01), Aug. 11. ... Brett Milleski and Stacy Trombley, Aug. 31. ... Nicole Peers and Thomas Dillen (’01), July 27. ... Gary Schenck and Andrea Urso (’94), July 27. ... Jasen Schmidt and Gabriella Lam (’99), June 17.

2003 - Katherine Oldroyd and her husband, Ralph, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 13.

1996 - Reed Tindall retired from the Shelton 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.

1979 - Deannie Dunbar is the 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 truly intends to continue working in that tradition.

1975 - Annette Untalasco works for the Forest Service in Ferndale and was the recipient of the Golden Apple Award in teaching. ... Jim Bowman is the Northwest regional specialist for Brown & Cole Stores.

1982 - Allene "Toni" Russel spoke at the Phi Delta Kappa Summer Conference. Russell is the author of Mquipologies, Protecting Your Group on deployment with the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf.

1984 - Lt. Col. Wes Weston is one of 4,000 Atlantic Fleet sailors and Marines aboard ships of the U.S. Naothass Amberly Ready Group on deployment with 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 as a teacher in special education in the Bellevue 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.

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1971 - Corbin Ball (MA ‘79) received three major awards from the meeting industry in July. ... John Servals created Fairhaven.com to promote the Fairhaven business and historic district. Servals 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 specialist for Brown & Cole Stores.

1974 - William Hawk and Carol Wetherill (’97), Aug. 29. ... Daniel Buckner and Jennifer Falc- sloter, June 1. ... Jeffrey Thompson and Sarah Johnson (’99), July 20.

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

Golden star Art Lee (’53) was assigned to escort Princess Beverly Barr during Western’s 1951 Homecoming. They celebrated 50 years of marriage on Nov. 14.
IN MEMORIAM

Memorial funds established for James W. Davis and Les Spanel

Family, friends and colleagues of James W. Davis and Les 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 (Cambridge University 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 one great-grandchild.

Les Spanel, 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 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, Wash. 98225-9034.
customers alike. "It's Halloween, when our thoughts all turn to Christmas ..."

The trick made things just a little easier for everyone in tears 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," Woodring College of Education, tells future teachers that humor can put 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.

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 at a substitute in Mukilteo, West 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.

"When you see your Dad impersonate Marilyn Monroe or your mom sculpt a golf course out of clay ..." Locke says. The students often ask, "What was the name of Andrew Jackson's horse?

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 standing up, saying, 'What's the name of Andrew Jackson's horse?"' 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.

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 diseases or triggers the release of endorphins, 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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GOOODBYE 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 disappar-ing during a year-long building restora-tion 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 re-placement options for the ivy once the restoration is finished in June.

The building, which now houses class-rooms, 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 $300,000 project comes from additional capital budget money appropriated by the state Legis-lature in March as part of a statewide job creation and economic stimulus pack-age.

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, 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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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.

"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."

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 encouraging prospective students and with business leaders offering jobs, volunteer opportunities and internships for current students.

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.

Peggy Zoro, vice president for development at the University of Maryland's Smith School of Business, has been appointed vice president for university advancement of the Western Washington University Alumni director, vice president appointed

Alumni director, vice president appointed

By Ted Pratt ALUMNI AFFAIRS

Håla, Bonjour, Taloto Iawa, 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 you 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.
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.

Rachel Corwin, a Western freshman

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.

Kevin Rupp

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 science major, more 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-physics therapy degree.

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 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 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 lead a companion tour for alumni, friends of Western, and choral music lovers.

Contact Richardson for more information at richardl@yahoo.com.
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 inductions 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 weekend. They were also honored at halftime of the Homecoming/Hall of Fame Football Game against Western New Mexico, which Western won on to win 62-13.

Lohr, who celebrated his 35th birthday October 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, ‘81. Chamberlin not only led the Vikings in scoring for two consecutive seasons, but he 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 Filmcasters 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.

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.

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.

October 22, 2002

Window on Western
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.

Cranium inventor provides insights at Bellingham Forum

Laughter filled the jam-packed Bellwether 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 to managing a Seattle company with 15,000 games — and nowhere to sell them — in 1998 to “Grand Fusion” 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 rollin' good time as well."*
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 Town Hall at Capital Playhouse, Olympia
21 Seattle Business Forum, with Orin Smith, CEO Starbucks, as keynote speaker. The Westin Hotel, Seattle.

Tickets & Information
http://calendar.wwu.edu

Alumni events
(800) 676-6985
Athletics
(360) 650-3109
Box Office for PAC/Theatre Arts
(360) 650-6146

Awards
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, Woodinling College of Education, on campus.
5 San Diego Alumni Chapter - tour and dinner at the Marsten House
17 Distinguished Lecture Series presents Frank Deford
19 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

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

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

The Arts
At the Western Gallery

January 30
Habib Koite and Bamada

March 1
Karan Casey Trio

March 26
Montreal Danse

All shows are at 7:30 p.m. at the PAC Concert Hall or PAC Mainstage, except Montreal Danse, 8 p.m.

Ticket information: (360) 650-6146

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