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Tradition, innovation, celebration

WWU tradition and innovation, celebrated with true "Viking Spirit" will mark an expanded Homecoming in October.

More than a week's worth of activities will be held on and near the campus, including a football game against archrival Central, a breakfast for seniors, fireworks, Fun Run, Cranium contests, salmon barbecue, live music and presentations by faculty.

Home economics alumnae launch the festivities with a reunion lunch Saturday, Oct. 18 featuring a private showing of their treasured chair collection, the department's gift to Western Gallery. Attending will be retired department chair Dorothy Ramsland, who began the notable collection in 1949, and former chair, now art department chair, Rosalie King.

Including sofas, chaises and companion pieces, the collection boasts a Who's Who of the greatest names in 20th century design. Just four are Charles Eames, Maya Lin, Eero Saarinen and Mies van der Rohe.

The general public can view a portion of the collection, paired with works by Northwest artists, in a Western Gallery exhibit, "A Sofa and...," running Oct. 6 through Dec. 6.

Current Western students will be available to answer questions about life as a Western student for those interested in applying to Western.

The collection continues to be used to teach students about excellence in design.

Dorothy Ramsland: "It was tough finding the money to build the collection, item by item," Ramsland recalls. "But it is a treasure."

On other days during the week, the WWU Alumni Association and co-sponsors plan various activities.

Following Cranium, the Office of Admissions invites future Vikings and their alumni families to get an insider's view of the admissions process. Learn about the factors that determine students' admission by reviewing previously submitted applications and better understand how the college application process works.

Career Services Center and the Alumni Association are hosting the senior breakfast, which will include an inspirational speaker and a special program to motivate seniors to start their job search and resume preparation.

Homecoming will also feature reunions, live music, fireworks, salmon barbecue, a sleep-over for the kids at the Science Center and tours of the new Campus Recreation Center, where the Fun Run begins at 10 a.m. Sunday.

See the events schedule on the back page.

For more information, contact Alumni House at (360) 650-3353 or (800) 676-6885.
ARCHIVISTS win election

History professor Randall C. Jimerson has been elected vice president/president of the Society of American Archivists, North America's oldest and largest national archival professional association with more than 3,400 members. Jimerson will serve as vice president in 2003-04 and as president in 2004-05. He currently directs the graduate program in archives and records management within the history department.

Elizabeth Joffrion, head archivist of the Center for Pacific Northwest Studies, has been elected vice president/president elect of the Northwest Archivists Association. Joffrion has been with WWU since 1999 where she teaches in the graduate program in archives and records management.

Archivists win election

New deans appointed

Arian D. Norman, former professor of chemistry and associate dean for natural sciences at the University of Colorado, Boulder, and Western's Ronald Kleinknecht have been named founding deans of two new colleges at WWU.

Western's Board of Trustees unanimously voted last December to form two new colleges to better meet the demands of the future and to better serve faculty and students. Kleinknecht, interim dean of the former College of Arts and Sciences since January 2000 and a Western faculty member since 1970, will lead the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

That new college includes the following departments: biology; chemistry; computer science; English; history; journalism; liberal arts; modern languages; and philosophy.

Norman will be dean of the new College of Sciences and Technology, which will contain the departments of biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering, technology, geology, mathematics and physics/astronomy as well as the science education program.

Student trustee named

Benjamin Casler (02), a graduate student studying mathematics, is the new student trustee appointed by the Board of Trustees last May. He will serve on the Board of Trustees until May 2004. Casler has served as a math fellow and tutor. He is also a member of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity, the Math Club, the Bellingham Bicycle Club, and the Breakers Rowing Club.

The Bellingham Review's Northwest Edition, published in October 2002, received a Notable Achievement Award from the Bellingham Arts Commission and Mayor Mark Armson (76) in April. It was selected by the Reader's Digest as a local literary journal by local writers and linking the local art community with the students of WWU. Assistant professor of English and the journal's editor-in-chief Brenda Miller said the award reflects the journal's mission to provide a "face" for Western in Bellingham.
Western honors faculty excellence, presidential scholars at Commencement

For excellence in teaching, research and diversity achievement, four Western faculty members were honored at Commencement ceremonies June 14.

Seattle's KING 5 news anchor Joyce Taylor (84) was the Commencement speaker, and seven graduates were named Presidential Scholars.

Excellence in Teaching awards went to secondary education professor Bruce Larson from Woodring College of Education and physical education, health and recreation professor Charles Sylvester from the College of Arts and Sciences.

History professor Alan Gallay earned the Olson Faculty Research Award and associate professor of environmental sciences Brian Bingham, director of Shannon Point Marine Center's Minorities in Marine Science Undergraduate Program, received the Diversity Achievement Award.

Bingham, the founding director of MMSUP and an associate professor of environmental science, has actively shaped the growing reputation of Western as an institution that successfully promotes the education of under-represented students in the sciences.

Sylvester has enthralled students with his enthusiasm for teaching for 19 years. A prolific writer and speaker, he works with Bellingham recreation therapists, developing community service opportunities for students and assisting professionals with continuing education.

Opening this fall, the superb student-housing the Student Health Center and Campus Services facility, will provide classroom space and a new home for the physics, computer science, communications and journalism departments. All three buildings add to the architectural integrity and beauty of the campus.

The teaching and diversity awards include a $1,500 stipend to use for research, teaching and equipment and supplies or professional enhancement; the research award recipient receives $1,000.

About 1,506 undergraduates and 178 master's candidates received degrees in the spring.

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS
(Above) Karen W. Morse, university president, honored seven presidential scholars at the June Commencement. Seated (left to right): Ryan Masters, Christine Wright, Peter Johnson. Standing: Katherine Frankhouser, Nicole Bowerman, Morse and Karl Hendrickson. The seventh presidential scholar, Dan McClurg, couldn't make it to the June 14 Commencement. She gave birth on June 13 to her third child, Sius Kold McClurg.

Campus growth enhances the Western Experience

by Karen W. Morse
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

With the opening of this academic year, I will have completed my 10th year as president of Western. Looking back over the past decade, I realize how much the campus has changed and grown.

At the south end of campus, the handsome Campus Services facility, housing the Student Health Center and University Police, opened in 2002. Opening this fall, the superb student-financed Campus Recreation Center will be popular with students. Completion of the brick and copper-sheathed Communications Building, now rising rapidly just south of the Environmental Studies Building, will provide classroom space and a new home for the physics, computer science, communications and journalism departments. All three buildings add to the architectural integrity and beauty of the campus.

Campus development, while disruptive, is exciting. Even through this "dust bowl" period, you can see strong evidence that in a flagging economy the University has been willing to invest and accommodate our needs.

Indeed, the campus construction projects have greatly stabilized the local economy and provided needed jobs in this time of economic downturn.

This fall, two colleges created from departments in the College of Arts and Sciences will open. Western's Board of Trustees unanimously voted last December to divide the College of Arts and Sciences — with its 20 departments, 363 faculty members and 5,734 student majors — into the College of Sciences and Technology and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The new College of Sciences and Technology, led by Dean Alan D. Norman, contains seven departments and the science education program. The College of Humanities and Social Sciences, headed by Dean Ron Kleinkeen, contains 13 academic departments as well as interdisciplinary programs, a number of research, professional training and community service centers, and two clinics.

Western is nationally recognized as one of the leading academic institutions in the West, public or private. Entering Western students have an average 3.5 high school GPA and above average SAT scores, often coupled with community service and special talents.

Our faculty and programs continue to win recognition and awards.

This year's Homecoming Week, set for Oct. 18-21, promises to be bigger and better than ever. Festivities include the traditional salmon barbecue and bonfire, a football game against rival Central Washington University and many other activities planned by Alumni Relations staff.

I hope many of you will take the opportunity to return to campus, stroll through the familiar and new areas, and catch the football game. I'll look forward to seeing you here!

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Woodring alumni honored for education excellence
by Amber Blondin ('03)

CLASS Notes

1949 - John Terrey, Distinguished Alumnus in 1946 and Centennial Exemplary Alumnus, teaches at the Edmonds Community College's Creative Retirement Institute. Terrey's philosophy is (in part), always a teacher, ever a learner.

1951 - Bill Stendall was honored by the Woodring Alumni Association for his excellent athletic and academic abilities.

1959 - North Storms plays in the Clearbrook Connection, a Dixieland band in the Bellingham area. Several members of the band graduated from WWU, too.

1961 - Any Blankers retired from teaching math at Lynden Christian High School. Blankers spent his career, 41 years, in Room 16.

1965 - James Kuder retired from the University of Kentucky where he served as the vice chancellor for Student Affairs and professor of educational and counseling psychology.

Kuder was honored as a "Pillar of the Profession" by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators in 1975. The recipient is chosen from the western Washington region, were honored in 1985 by Woodring College of Education for their dedication to education and human services. The graduates include:

- Barbara Baar ('70), a retired middle school science educator with 32 years of teaching experience, is a volunteer working on assessment standards and methods. She serves on the Washington Assessment of Student Learning committee and the strategic planning team for science education reform.

- Gretchen Johansen ('74) a fifth-grade teacher at Woodring Elementary in Bellingham. The recipient is chosen from the western Washington region, were honored in 1985 by Woodring College of Education for their dedication to education and human services. The graduates include:

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- Kathleen "Katy" Wilson ('78) has been a model student teacher for 35 years and is the director of Hilltop Elementary's Learning Support Program. Under her direction, the program is a model in the broad range of intervention approaches used to support student learning and resolve conflicts.

- Guy Robinson ('83), has 22 years of experience in school administration. As principal in 2002, Guy organized an exemplary program, such as the Character Education Program, and focused on identifying and providing support for "gifted," "active," and "extraordinary," as well as the phrases used by principals and teachers to describe her.

- Mary Ann Reynolds ('84) is a special education teacher whose knowledge of human behavior and neurological and cognitive development is based on her work in the training and teaching his staff and in the individualized training equipment he builds. In the two years he has been in charge of the life skills program, he has had measurable success with all of his students.

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- Alan Doud ('88), a Squailum High School physics teacher who has successfully taught physics since 1994. "High Schools of the Future," was instrumental in drawing architects nationwide to build on designing a new high school. Fittingly, four years later, he joined the new Squailum faculty as a model physics teacher and head coach for cross-country and track.

- Lisa Lockwood ('89), a fifth-grade teacher at Skykomish Elementary, leads her students in developing an education program called "Hands Across the Border," a Canadian-American friendship organization.

- Deb Cummings ('94), a Regional Director for the U.S. Department of Education, leads a monthly county principal's group, directs the Blaine Intermediate School, and works with parent and community groups such as "Hands Across the Border," a Canadian-American friendship organization.

- Roderick "Rory" Freeman ('90) is a former Woodring College of Education alumnus who has worked for the United States Department of Education.

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With Friedericks pulling the bow-oar, the United States men's eight led from start to finish, covering the 2,000-meter course in 5:43.61 to finish 2.52 seconds ahead of Canada. Friedericks also helped the U.S. win the silver medal in the four-oar competition.

Friedericks, a four-year letter winner for the Vikings from 1996 to 1999 and a Port Townsend native, competed on his team for the National Rowing Team at the 2002 World Championships.

Send short items of interest, address changes, news about alumni and photos of alumni wearing their Western shirts, hats, etc., to: Alumni House, MS-9199, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9199.
1985 - Sean Quinn is a kitchen choreogra-
pher (chef) at El Gaucho in Tacoma.... Kelly
Stewart is a sixth grade teacher at A.J. West
School in Aberdeen. Stewart was named
Aberdeen’s Teacher of the Year for 2003.

1986 - Patrick Burns is serving in Moldova
with the Peace Corps for two years to improve
school children’s English skills.... David
Clement is senior director of Oracle
Corporation in Japan. He can be
reached at david.clement @oracle.com....

1987 - Christine Anderson is the vice
president and human resources manager for
Horizon Bank in Bellingham.... Lisa Edwards
Fletcher, executive director of the Pierce
County Careers Consortium, has received the
prestigious Star of Education Award from
the National Association of State Directors
of Career Technical Education. Fletcher
receives the award annually to a state
director for distinguished service, leadership,
vision and achievement in career and technical
education.

1988 - Susan Tinkler Weak is a real estate
agent with Coldwell Banker Miller-Anna
cos in Bellingham.... Allan Wright is mounting
an Internet led campaign for the presidency of
the United States. Wright announced his
candidacy as an independent candidate on

1989 - Dr. Timothy Berney was a featured
speaker at the Guys Harbor Community
Hospital. Berney is an orthopedic physician....
David Hutchison from Ferndale High
School was named the 2003 High School
Principal of the Year by the Association of
Washington School Principals.... Chris-
opher G. Isenberg is the new Pulp
Manager for Kimberly-Clark Corporation in
Everett. Isenberg and his family will move
from Wisconsin to Snohomish, Wash.... Sher
(Thoreau) Isenberg’s artwork was recently
exhibited in the Baker’s Dozen College Show
in Osaka, New Zealand. Another of her
pieces is in the spring edition of Artitude....

1990 - Brad Haggan was promoted to vice
president in charge of new business at
Haggan.... Becca Mendes and Eric Shev
(‘93) are partners in Shew Design in
Bellingham....

1991 - Kenny McMahon works in the
Madinian AIDS clinic at Harborview Medical
Center.... Susan Sandberg was promoted to
vice president and advertising manager at
Pacific Northwest Bank in La Conner.... Julia
Villaflor is stationed in Kuwait with the
U.S. Coast Guard.

1992 - Shannon Fowler Awker is a program
analyst - web development for Connection by
Boeing.... Jenni Colyer bakes four dozen
cookes every day and mails them on
Mondays to soldiers stationed all over
the world. Colyer’s own son, Ian, is a
soldier in the U.S. Army and is stationed in
Iraq. Colyer had a “Nana Camp” this summer
and taught her grandchildren to bake cookies....

1993 - Coll Thurnh earned his Ph.D. in history at
the University of Washington in December
2002. Thurnh joined the faculty of the
Program on the Environment at the UW and is
also an independent historical consult-
ant, working primarily with tribes and
not-for-profits in the Puget Sound area.

1994 - Kimberly Ketcham is a gay columnist
with the Peninsula Gateway. Ketcham is a stay-at-
home mother with four children, and her
family operates a Christmas tree
farm on Fox Island....

1995 - Angelica Davis is an adjunct
lecturer at Seattle University and teaches
minority rights and the U.S. law.

1996 - Michelle Atkin finished her master of
degree in science research in management/
societal safety in June 2002 at Staveren
University College in Norway.... Mark Bleda
graduated from officer training school at
Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala.,
and was commissioned a second lieutenant
in the Air Force.... Amy Gordon performs
with the Dendrelle Opera Company.... Rob
Sawatzky is the interim principal of Central
School for the 2003-04 school year.

1997 - Mary Dickson is the government
affairs director for the Building Industry of
Whatcom County.... Scott Flanders is the
school and head coach at Lake Stevens
High School. Flanders was named
coach of the year.... Gabriel Galanda is serving
in second term as president of the Northwest
Indian Bar Association. He is
chairman-elect of the Washington
State Bar Association’s Indian Law
section and an associate in the
Seattle office of Williams, Kastner &
Gibbs PLLC.

1998 - Kelly Lee, a Washington state trooper,
was hailed a hero on May 13 when he rescued a
woman who had been abducted by an armed
kidnapper.... Jana Hill is the assistant editor for
“New Age Retailer” in Bellingham.... Sunni McCullum is the office
manager for Stewart & King Architects in
Bellingham.... Scott Moore is writing for the
local section of The Everett Herald.... Jerry
Schackette was promoted to associate
professor at College of the Creeks in Point

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Trio added to WWU Athletic Hall of Fame
Rowing coach, basketball and volleyball stars to be inducted at Homecoming

by Paul Madison (‘71) SPORTS INFORMATION

A rowing coach who took the program to a standard of excellence, a basketball standout who fashioned the most successful career in school history, and a volleyball player who played a key role in the Vikings’ greatest season are the newest members of the WWU Athletic Hall of Fame.

The inductees are men’s rowing coach Bob Diehl, women’s volleyball setter Kim Kolody-Bjorklund (‘90), and men’s basketball guard Manny Kimmie (‘90).

The trio will bring the hall’s total membership to 100 when they are formally inducted Saturday, Oct. 25, with ceremonies in the Viking Union and during halftime at Western’s Homecoming football game against Central.

Kimmie, 35, an employee at ABC/ESPN in Fernsdale, finished his career as the school’s all-time leader in points (1,624), assists (430) and steals (282). He was the only Western men’s basketball player to be a part of 100 victories (101-37) and on four teams that reached the NAIA District 1 finals.

Kolody-Bjorklund, 35, who is beginning her third season as head girls volleyball coach at Bellingham High School, helped the Vikings place third at the 1990 NAIA National Tournament, setting a school single-season record with 1,500 assists.

Kolody-Bjorklund earned NAIA All-America honorable mention and second-team NAIA national all-tournament team recognition in 1990, helping Western to a 34-10 record, district championship title, and the school’s first national tournament appearance.

He went on to play for an Ipswich Eagles club team in Brisbane, Australia, as well as the Yakima Sun Kings in the Continental Basketball League (1992-93) and the Calgary 88s in the World Basketball League (1993-94), each for one season. He also competed at the 1991 U.S. Olympic Trials in team handball.

Kolody-Bjorklund still ranks third among the school’s career assist leaders with 1,500 assists. She also led the team in service aces with 79, which ranked No. 17 nationally, and was second in digs with 298.

Despite playing just two seasons at Western, Kolody-Bjorklund still ranks third among the school’s career assist leaders with 2,246.

Diehl, 64, the third-generation president of Diehl Ford in Bellingham, was crew coach from 1970 to 1976.

He had varsity eight shells win Northwest small college titles four times in his six years as crew mentor. A varsity four placed fourth at the Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship under his leadership, and two of his rowers competed in the Olympic Games.

In 1972, he introduced the Viking Invitational Regatta, which included virtually every Northwest rowing program and continued for 13 years.

Diehl is now a member of the Viking Athletic Advisory Board and past president of Western’s Coaches Car program.
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Anna Makanju (*98) received the Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans graduate study.

Vanessa Keverkamp is the coordinator for Desautel Hege Elementary School there for her excellence in acting and English Crossing Elementary first year teaching social studies at a middle school.

In 2001 - Tim Boyd was a accounts representative with Inside Design Carpet One in Wenatchee.

In 2000 - Ryan Bentz is a real estate agent with Fairhaven.

Erin Walcon is the national purchasing agent, in Bremerton May 2.

Rod Cann is the director of the American Dietetic Association.

In 1999 - Lindsey Isaacs is a real estate agent with Fairhaven.

In 1998 - Marie Barker, 92, a retired teacher and superintendent of schools, in Bellingham March 1.

In 1997 - Alfrieda Hollander, 74, a retired teacher and Christmas tree farmer, in Sequim.

In 1996 - Marie Morley, 55, in Whidbey Island.

In 1995 - Stephen Keeton, 50, a retired music teacher who taught at Whittier High School, died of cancer, Whidbey Island.

In 1994 - Bettyjane "Bj" Pedersen, 75, an active member of the Friends of WWU’s Music Library, June 13 in La Conner.

Richard O. Starbird, 78, who taught education for 28 years at WWU, June 8, in Florida.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Richard Starbird Scholarship Fund through the WWU Foundation, MS-9054, Bellingham, WA 98225-9014.

Industrial Technology Education Association, …Keller Versi was promoted to senior tax accountant with Moss Adams LLP.

2003 - Eric Blankenship is the managing director of the Parkside Special Care (Alzheimer’s) Facility in Mount Vernon, Wash.

In 2002 - Eric Blankenship is the marketing manager at the Parkside Special Care (Alzheimer’s) Facility in Mount Vernon. Nick Hartlich is the events coordinator for BIA in Bellingham.

In 2001 - Ryan Benzi is an account coordinator for Desulte Hege Communications in Spokane.

Priscilla Brady is the principal at English Crossing Elementary School in Lakewood.

Rebecca Hull works with the Family and Community involvement Team at the Amercorps program in Sunnyside, Wash.

Vanessa Kerken is the department manager at the flagstop Norths in downtown Seattle. Ross Short was named "Rookie Teacher of the Year" by the Washington State Department of Transportation at the MATS building. One is planned especially for children of alumni on Friday, Oct. 24.

Other alumni instructors for programs for high schoolers included (left to right in photo at left), joined with (left to right next to Cancilla) John Stockman (*02), Willow McLaughlin (*97), Heather Farren (*01), and Karen Mahaffey (*92) to teach middle-schoolers who were getting a taste of college life.

Youth programs at WWU scheduled for the fall include two sleepovers at the Learning Resource Center in the Science, Math and Technology Education building. One is planned especially for children of alumni on Friday, Oct. 24 during Homecoming Week. The other will be Nov. 7 during Family Open House. For information, contact Debbie Gibbons (360) 650-6820 or abenstein@wwu.edu.

Alumni Adventures

Many of Western’s alumni serve as instructors for the Adventures in Science and Arts and Sleeping Over with Science programs. During July 2001, several alumni provided learning and fun on subjects ranging from illustration and the social history of rock ‘n’ roll to marine science and film.

During one week’s program, Devon Cancilla, director of scientific technology services (from, left in photo at left), joined with (left to right next to Cancilla) John Stockman (*02), Willow McLaughlin (*97), Heather Farren (*01), and Karen Mahaffey (*92) to teach middle-schoolers who were getting a taste of college life.

IN MEMORIAM

1995. - Domenic “Kate” Del Duca, 103, a retired music teacher who taught at Whittier Elementary School in Ballard, June 9.


1993 - Maxine Swanson, 75, a retired teacher, May 17.


1990 - Virginia Womak, 74, a retired teacher and principal, in Bellingham on April 3.

1989 - John Vincent is the national chairman for the Richard Starbird Scholarship Fund through the WWU Foundation, MS-9054, Bellingham, WA 98225-9014.

Kelly Colgan, 20, a work-study student with Alumni Relations, died of cystic fibrosis on June 12.

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Alumni sponsor contest, help WWU and hospice

What do Western students, furniture, Whatcom Hospice and plywood company Mount Baker Products all have in common? Two generous Western alumni, Ken Durland ('99) and Josh Perry ('02), do.

Durland, a lean manufacturing manager, and Perry, a project specialist, are both Mount Baker Products employees. This spring they organized a company-sponsored furniture design contest and invited Western industrial design and technology education students to apply.

Using more than $4,000 worth of donated plywood from Mount Baker Products, students submitted such creations as chairs, desks, a Barbecue Buddi that provides additional preparation space and a credenza for flat screen televisions.

The designs were displayed at the Northwest Washington Fair in August. Students in the sophomore industrial design studio course usually buy their own materials, according to Arunas Oslapas, director of the Industrial Design Program. "This was an unbelievable opportunity," he said.

The winning designs, chosen by a panel of local business owners, will be reproduced by professionals at Mount Baker Products and auctioned at the Whatcom Hospice Gala on Oct. 11 at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal. Students may also donate their designs for the auction.

Auction organizers hope to raise $50,000 at the event.

In addition to organizing the contest, Durland and Perry also convinced company president Rod Remington to donate $3,000 in scholarships to the top three contest winners. The company plans to make the contest an annual event.

Durland and Perry graduated from the Manufacturing Management Program.

Information from: WWU Office of University Communications and The Bellingham Herald

Distinguished Alumni Awards nomination deadline Jan. 31

by Christine Schadt

UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Nominations for the 2004 Distinguished Alumni Awards and the Distinguished Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award are due by Jan. 31.

Peers, colleagues and associates are invited to nominate an alumnus or alumna who has demonstrated success in his or her professional accomplishments, involvement with Western and community service.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes achievement during a shorter period of time, contributions to the University or a noteworthy accomplishment. One or more recipients may be selected.

Winning applicants must be able to travel to WWU, participate in university activities and attend the annual Distinguished Alumni dinner in spring 2004.

Application materials may be obtained from the Alumni Association office:

Alumni Relations, WWU, 516 High St., PO Box 9195, Bellingham, WA 98225-9195. Phone: (360) 650-3333 or (800) 676-6885. Or e-mail: Kathi.Howard@wwu.edu.

WWU grads and Pepsi combine to provide scholarship funds

Think deals with soda companies only go to athletes and pop stars?

Think again.

Through Alumni Vend, an element in Western's contract with Pepsi, anyone touched by Western can donate a percentage of their commissions from Pepsi vending machines in their business to the WWU scholarship fund.

Local businesses such as Bellingham Cold Storage already participate in the program.

The WWU Alumni Association is searching for a new executive director who will be responsible for developing programs for nearly 80,000 graduates and former students of the university.

Candidates for the full-time position should submit their applications by Sept. 25 for full consideration.

Requirements for the position include a bachelor's degree and five years experience in alumni relations or higher education external affairs.

For a complete description, see http://www.wwu.edu/~wwujobs.

If you are interested in working for your alma mater, or know an outstanding professional who can lead the Alumni Association, submit a letter of interest addressing desired qualifications, a complete resume, and names and phone numbers of three references to: Dr. Al Froedereberg, chair, Alumni Search Committee, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, 98225-9034.

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Alumni director sought

Jim and Donna Selzer ('69) enjoy a sail on Elliot Bay in July with Alumni events manager Keilitte Lundstrom (right) and other friends and graduates. Susan Baker photo
Visionary composer and pianist Philip Glass performed in the Viking Union in the early 1970s. He returns to Bellingham Jan. 17. All PAC Series performances are at 7:30 p.m. and all except "Behind the Broken Wood..." are in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets ($10-$22) on sale Sept. 23 with season and pick-three series discounts available. Call the PAC Box Office at (360) 650-8466 or see http://www.pacseries.wwu.edu.

2003-2004
Performing Arts Center Series

Oct. 18: Eighth Blackbird (Contemporary chamber music)

Oct. 28: Angela Jia Kim (The Sanford Piano Series)
Proceeds from tickets, priced separately from the PAC Series at $5-$14, benefit the music department's piano scholarship fund.

Oct. 30: Burhan Ozyildiz and the Istanbul Oriental Ensemble (Turkey's finest Roma musicians)

Nov. 8: Ghazal Ensemble (Persian and Indian improvisations)

Jan. 15, 16, 17: Composer Philip Glass "Glass Works," a collaboration of Western's dance and music faculty, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday Jan. 15 and 16, sets the stage for Glass's Jan. 17 appearance at the PAC. Week-long celebration of his work includes selected film showings with the Pickford Cinema.

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About 100 WWU graduates from the class years 1928 to 1954 returned to campus for a weekend of “Golden Memories” in June. Most were inducted into the Golden Vikings Society, a new alumni group which honors those who have been WWU alumni for 50 years or more. The “goldenest” Golden Viking attending was Sarah Adelaide Dale ('28) (not pictured).

Reunion committee members worked with Alumni events manager Kristie Lundstrom, left, on the June reunion and induction of the first group of “Golden Vikings.” Committee members included (left to right after Lundstrom): Persis Shook ('50); Britt Marie Sander Lee ('53); James Shook ('51); Cecil Thomas ('51); Carol and Harry Pagels ('51); Ruby Johnson Smith ('51); June Thomas ('51); Kathleen “Kappy” Britain ('52); and Dick Pedersen ('52).

Marriages are made at WWU

The Rev. Henry “Jim” Lowe ('34) met Margaret (Jacob) Eldred Lowe ('31) when both worked at Edens Hall. They lost touch after graduation and both married other people a month apart in 1937.

When a completely refurbished Edens Hall reopened as a residence hall in 1994, both had been widowed. The two wrote separately to the university to share their memories of the time they spent in Edens, including Margaret’s three years living there.

Henry went a little further, asking the Alumni office to put him in touch with his old friend. Staff there did, and a friendship was rekindled. They were married Jan. 4, 1997.

Counterclockwise from top right: Janis Peterson ('53) and Eleanor Ward ('53) enjoying a reception at Edens Hall; June Hardin Thomas ('66) holding a yearbook; Joyce Dowling Miller ('54); Morris “Spud” Miller ('54) and Nell Kampman Hepburn ('53) at the Golden Vikings dinner. The Millers will become members of the Golden Vikings Society next year.

Ernie Hinds ('40) attended the Golden Vikings reunion with his mother, Evelyn Wellman ('52), a sometime professor emeritus of music.

Other faculty members attending (but not pictured here) were Laurence Brewster, Bob Memmeh, Dorothy Bumsland, Beartise Skenes and Roberta Bonner ('59-62).

Also spotted at the reunion were (above, left to right): Arthur Heald ('54); Ted White ('48); and former faculty member at Wilson Library, Herb Hearsey who remembers Wilson Library when there was “no elevator and one telephone.”

Bob Niegemann ('50), in top left photo, and Chuck Odell ('52), in top right photo, hadn’t seen each other since they hitchhiked across the country in 1951. They reconnected for the first time in 50 years when they attended the Golden Vikings reunion in June.
Western Alumni’s first float entry in Bellingham’s Ski-to-Sea parade earned the Alumni Association the Mount Shuksan Award. Industrial design students and their professor, Ananas Oslapas, worked for several weeks designing and building Viking “horns” to fit over a silver VW bug loaned by Roger Jobs’ Motors. University president Karen W. Morse and Joseph Morse rode in another car loaned by Roger Jobs. Two other floats were built in Michael and Susan (’88) Bakse’s driveway. Funding and other assistance for the floats came from the Whatcom County Alumni Association Chapter, Western Forest Products and dozens of WWU graduates, students (including the Viking Pep Band) and future students who walked or rode the parade route in downtown Bellingham on May 24. An unknown number of other alumni participated in the parade under other banners. The “Viking/VW helmet” will make another appearance during Homecoming.

WWU Alumni Association had three race teams

Western’s Student Alumni Association joined with two other WWU Alumni Association teams to race the grueling 82.5-mile length of the Ski-to-Sea race over Memorial Day weekend. Canoers were just part of the course. Other legs included kayaking, bicycling, skiing and running. The student team (in blue above) placed 371; “Caution: Vikings Crossing” (in orange) came in 292; and the “WWU Alumni Golden Girls” (in yellow) placed 333rd. Congratulations, finishers!
Faculty propose monstrous joint course

By Ann Carlson
UNIVERSITY PROVOST'S OFFICE

One constructs his world view through words and rhythm. The other uses facts and physical laws.

One relies on what can be hypoth­esized, tested, and quantified. The other uses poetry as a way to give form to what is shapeless, sensed and riddled with enigma.

One, you’ve probably figured out by now, is a scientist, more specifically a paleontologist and geologist. In this case, it’s Thor Hansen of the geology department. The other, Bruce Beasley of the English department, is indeed a na­tionally recognized poet.

Despite their dis­parate disciplines and pedagogical differences, the two have something really big in common: Monsters.

In winter quarter 2004, the two pro­fessors will team up to teach an inter­disciplinary studies course, The Monstrous Body. Stu­dents will co-enroll in the 3-credit Ge­ology 204, Geo­logy and Society; and the 5-credit English 238, Society Through Its Literature. The course will examine mon­sters and monstrous behavior through both scientific and humanistic lenses.

The Monstrous Body evolved slowly. The two professors — long-time friends — had occasionally discussed their mutual interest in monsters. Hansen admits his content for the Geology 204 course (which he will teach for the first time) grew from his fascination with nature’s monsters.

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A pivotal event that finally spurred the two to actually develop an inte­grated monsters course was the restruc­turing of the colleges. Two new colleges, one for humanities and social sciences, the other for sciences and technology, will take the place of the College of Arts and Sciences this fall.

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Another unit will talk about gigan­tism: Beasley will examine the “mon­strosus as excessive” through monster films, fairy tales and ancient poems: Hansen will do units on the physics of large size.

Both will discuss the origins of myth­i­cal monsters such as griffins and dragons.

A key to all units, Hansen asserts, is that both he and Beasley will be in the classroom together all the time, “which will allow us to model for the students the interaction between humanistic and scientific perspectives.”

Whatever happens, they both feel good they were able to surmount their own disciplinary constraints to create what they hope will become a model interdisciplinary course.

“You just decide you are going to do it and find a way,” Hansen added.

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Football team's schedule challenges players, Smith

By Butch Kamena ('89/'93) SPORTS INFORMATION

In a century of football at Western, no coach has had the level of sustained success Rob Smith has had.

With a career record of 95-46-1, Smith is already Western's leader in coaching victories and winning percentage (66.7%). Now he has a chance to become the first Viking football coach to reach 100 victories.

To do that, Western needs five victories, a mark it has achieved in 13 of Smith's 14 seasons. Five offensive and six defensive starters, along with All-America punter/kicker Michael Koenen, a junior from Ferndale, return to help the Vikings.

The team, 6-4 overall last year and 2-1 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, is chasing its 13th consecutive non-losing season and fourth conference championship in five years.

Standing in the way is what Smith calls "the most challenging schedule" in school history. The Vikings play three NCAA I-AA schools, two of which, UC-Davis and Northern Colorado, are beginning their first year of provisional status after being longtime NCAA II powers.

There are two games against teams from the rugged North Central Conference -- the opener Sept. 4 against St. Cloud State, which was 9-2 last year, and a visit Sept. 20 to Nebraska-Omaha, which has had seven straight winning seasons.

In addition, the Vikings have two regular-season matchups with archival Central Washington, which was 10-1 last year. One of those games, on Oct. 4, is at Seahawks Stadium. (See back page.)

Women look to extend win streak in volleyball

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Private contributions provide immediate, long-term support for Western students

Gifts to the Western Washington University Foundation to support WWU programs reached $5.2 million in the 2002-03 fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. Highlighting the year was the receipt of $4.9 million in cash gifts, making it the largest cash donation year ever. In all, 9,862 alumni, parents, friends, corporations and foundations made a gift to Western last year, a 7 percent increase from the previous year. Gifts via both the Alumni and Parent Phonathon reached all-time highs, with more than $405,000 received as a result of Western students calling on WWU’s behalf.

The WWU Foundation thanks all who made a commitment to support Western’s mission of excellence in education.

Celebrating the greatest cash donation year ever, it is important to note that cash gifts impact both the university’s immediate and long-term needs. Gifts received via the Phonathon, special mail projects and the President’s Club are utilized by the designated departments to support scholarships, equipment needs and faculty enrichment.

Scholarship recipients at Western have a tradition of meeting with the generous benefactors who fund the scholarship program. At the annual scholarship luncheon on campus this spring, Haley Pugsley (left), recipient of the Verna Alexander Price Chemistry Scholarship, and Melissa Pease (right), recipient of the Jerry Price and Nancy Sherer Scholarship, dined with donors Nancy Sherer (*90) and Jerry Price (*68) at center.

These annual gifts provide much-needed flexibility and provide resources that cannot be met through the state budget.

Other cash gifts, the majority realized through estate or planned gifts, are typically placed in endowment for long-term growth. These endowments work in perpetuity, providing an annual stream of funding from interest earnings. In some instances, certain planned gifts can benefit both the university and the donor, providing tax relief and annual income.

Last year, more than $3 million was realized from estate and planned gifts.

For more information on the advantages of making a planned gift, or to make arrangements to mention Western in your estate plans, contact Al Froderberg, director of planned giving, at 360-650-4499 or al.froderberg@wwu.edu.

Denny Organ (*73), director of international marketing at Starbucks, receives the WWU Foundation’s Alumni Volunteer of the Year Award at the President’s Club Dinner. He actively raises funds for the manufacturing and supply chain management program, serves on that board, and is an advocate for WWU programs. The Foundation Volunteer of the Year award is presented annually to an alumna, community member and campus partner in recognition of his or her commitment to furthering fund-raising at Western.

The WWU Foundation Board of Directors has made scholarship support one of its top fund-raising priorities over the past 15 months. By December, 2004, the board intends to raise $5 million in scholarships for Western students.

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HOMECOMING EVENTS

October 18
- Reunion for home economics alumnae at Western Gallery, 10 a.m. Tours, lunch and program
- Sailing regatta at Lakewood, 10 a.m.

October 20
- Kick-off in Red Square at noon with refreshments and games

October 21
- Play Cranium in Red Square from 11 to 1; Future Vikings' tour and info session, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

October 22
- Senior breakfast for students and parents, 9 a.m. VU Multipurpose Room
- Bonfire, fireworks, food and live band (Walrus) at Joe Martin Stadium, 7 p.m.
- Sleeping Over with Science for children of alumni and community members, grades 3-8, after the bonfire, SMATE Building

October 23
- Faculty presentations, 10 a.m. to noon, VU

October 24
- Induction of WWU Athletic Hall of Fame members, 10 a.m. Location TBA

October 25
- Faculty presentations, 10 a.m. to noon, VU
- Multicultural dinner-dance, Hampton Inn, 7 p.m.
- Formal Homecoming Dance, 9 p.m., VU

October 26
- Fun Run to raise money for scholarships. Registration at 9 a.m. at the new Campus Recreation Center. Run/Walk begins at 10 a.m.
- Volunteer/mentor brunch for students and mentors, 10 a.m. Location TBA

Info & Registration for Homecoming activities
- Home economics reunion: 650-3353
- Faculty presentations: 650-3353
- Athletic Hall of Fame: 650-3109
- Football game: 650-2804
- Tailgate barbecue: 650-3353
- Youth overnight program: 650-6820
- Fun Run: 650-3353

Battle in Seattle

The football rivalry between Central and Western soared to a new level when the two NCAA Division II schools met in Seahawks Stadium Oct. 4.

Western will play Central twice this year, in the 67,000-seat Seattle stadium Oct. 4 and at Civic Stadium in Bellingham during Homecoming, Oct. 25.

The Oct. 4 game, billed as "The Battle in Seattle," brings the biggest game of the Vikings' season to Seattle where many alumni, parents and friends are within easy driving distance. "For the spectators, student-athletes and coaching staff, the opportunity to play in a venue like Seahawks Stadium is one that can't be matched," said Western athletics director Lynda Goodrich ('66).

"I'm hoping that we will challenge the record for attendance at a Division II football game," Goodrich said.

Kickoff in Seattle is at 6 p.m., and tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster and at the Seahawks Stadium box office. They are priced at $25, $30, $50 and $10. Only the 100 and 200 sections in the lower bowl will be sold, with Western fans sitting on the west side and Central supporters on the east side. The end zones will be used for overflow.

Western students can purchase a season pass to all Viking athletic events for $50 that includes a $10 general admission ticket to the Seattle contest.

The two schools first met in 1922 and have played every year since 1946, but this is the first time they have met twice in regular season since 1970.

For more information, call (360) 650-2804. For tickets, contact Ticketmaster, (206) 628-0888.