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Western students, faculty, staff and alumni are leaders in pursuing long-term economic, social and environmental solutions for sustainability.

Nowhere is the search for sustainable strategies more evident than at the renowned Vehicle Research Institute, founded in 1971 by Michael Seal ('65). As director of the VRI for the past 33 years, Seal and the thousands of students he trained have worked to produce innovative, fuel-efficient cars that have won international awards and captured the attention of top automobile manufacturers.

Seal retires in June after personally overseeing the production of some three dozen cars. After a family vacation, he plans to return to the VRI as a part-time volunteer and will work with Eric Leonhardt, the incoming director.

Seal's work at the VRI reflects the work of many departments at Western. Classes, clubs, committees and faculty groups exist to further examine ways to make Western, Bellingham, Whatcom County and beyond, a more sustainable place.

Inside this issue of Window on Western are more examples of how Western contributes to discovering sustainable strategies.
Fountain sculpature returns

The historic fountain sculpture "Rain Forest," first installed in 1960 outside Haggard Hall, has a new home near the main entrance to the Wade King Student Recreation Center. A major work and the first of Western's famed Outdoor Sculpture Collection, "Rain Forest" welcomes campus visitors and reminds them of the process of renewal through recreation and education. Installation of the relocated bronze sculpture, created in 1959 by Northwest artist James Hitzgerald, was completed March 26. The relocation was made possible by contributions from the families of Ted E. Gary (’48); by Western students; and through an art allocation for the recreation center, which opened for use in fall 2003. The center was also chosen in April for the Outstanding Sports Facilities Award by the National Intramural Recreation Sports Association.

Edie steps down as VP

Robert E. Edie, vice president for external affairs since 2000, stepped down from his administrative position in February due to continuing personal health issues. He remains at Western in an advisory role to the president until his retirement. "With more than 28 years of experience in state government and higher education, Bob has done an excellent job for Western," said President Karen W. Morse.

WWU is 'fertile ground' in Peace Corps rankings

Western has once again ranked high in the U.S. Peace Corps' list of top-producing colleges and universities. In the 2004 list, Western ranks sixth among medium-sized colleges, with 48 Western alumni representing the United States abroad. "Western has always been fertile ground for the Peace Corps," said Nicole Meinzer, Western's Peace Corps recruiter. "I think we have just the right mix of different kinds of people.

'04 election to be focus of Ralph Munro Seminar

This summer's Ralph Munro Seminar for social studies teachers and future educators will feature sessions on the 2004 campaigns and candidates, Native American tribal power and politics, and efforts to involve youth in government. The six-day seminar, "Politics and Government in the 21st Century: A Changing Process," begins July 11 on campus. Named after Ralph Munro (’66), Washington's former secretary of state, the seminar will have sessions led by WWU political science professors Don Alper and Gene Horgan as well as state legislators, party chairs, campaign consultants, judges and civic activists. For more information, call Alper at (360) 650-3469 or visit http://www.ac.wwu.edu/polisci/ralph_munro/.

Demmet wins award

Education professor William Demmert received the SPU medalion award from one of his alma maters, Seattle Pacific University, for his years of service and accomplishment in the field of Native American education. Demmert, in his 11th year at Western, was recognized during SPU's winter Homecoming celebration for his 44 years of service to the field of education.

Drama students read with playwright Tony Kushner

Two theatre arts majors received the thrill of their lifetimes when Pulitzer-Prize winning playwright Tony Kushner invited them to read on stage with him during a Distinguished Lecture Series presentation in January. Adam B. Shatzfiew of Newcastle and Lindsay Welliver of Port Orchard joined Kushner at the Performing Arts Center to read the first scenes from his new play, "Only We Who Guard the Mystery Shall Be Unhappy." Welliver's flare, Chad Evans (’03) also attended. A video of Kushner's appearance, including an on-stage interview by theatre arts professor Jim Lertz, is available for viewing in the Special Collections department of Wilson Library from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by appointment by calling (360) 650-3193. Lertz directed Kushner’s two-part, "Angels in America” and "Millennium Approachers" on WWU's Mainstage three years ago.

Window of Western

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-by Michele Girard and Katie James  
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Western's women's basketball team celebrated a historic season this year, breaking school records and making its seventh straight national appearance, the last six as a number of NCAA Division II.

The Vikings became the 15th NCAA school to win 700 basketball games after a contest against Seattle University on Jan. 17. The Vikings have averaged 22 wins per season during the program's 33-year history, and a March 4 win over St. Martin's clinched a school-record seventh straight 20-win season.

Three Western alumnae coaches have played pivotal roles in the Vikings' success. Sara Nichols ('00), the 2004 season interim head coach, led the team to a 21-8 record. Nichols, a four-year letter winner as a player for the Vikings, has been part of Western's seven national appearances as either a coach or player.

Carmen Dolfy ('86-'99), who was on a one-year leave of absence this year, has a 278-105 record in 13 seasons at Western, and she has led the team to six straight national appearances.

Vikings athletic director Lynda Goodrich ('66-'73), the women's head coach for 19 years from 1972 to 1990, had a 411-125 record and was only the second NCAA women's hoops coach to reach the 400-win milestone in career victories.

Western collected 710 wins by the end of the season, including a first-round win in the West Regional tournament against Sonoma State University. A loss to nationally No.1-ranked Seattle Pacific University in a semifinal contest on March 13 ended the Vikings' season.

The women will lose only two players to graduation in the off-season, forward Tessa DeBoer and center Jenn McGillivray.

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Students, graduates, faculty shine throughout campus

by Karen W. Morse  
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

After the gray darkness of winter, the welcome arrival of spring brings new life and creativity to the campus. No event is more symbolic of this season than Western Showtime Family Weekend, May 14-16, offering outstanding performances, a nature and bird watching cruise and student events. It's a time to show off the campus, our students and their activities, and Bellingham in bloom.

Following immediately after Showtime weekend, Scholars' Week, May 17-21, offers students a chance to share their research and creative projects, achieved with talented faculty mentors, with the campus community. The week's activities included a stimulating national traveling exhibit, "Her Lab in Your Life: Women in Chemistry," highlighting women chemists' contributions to such fields as pharmaceuticals, materials, computer technology, cosmetics, and environmental science, and their impact on our everyday lives.

Speaking of creativity, the issue of sustainability with its many applications is emerging as an important topic of discussion both on campus and in the community. It offers our students and faculty a number of opportunities for community service with such alumni-directed organizations as the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association and the Westport Futures Group — a group of local citizens and businesspeople envisioning future development of the waterfront.

The BP Cherry Point refinery has provided a $10,000 BP Graduate Assistantship in Sustainability for a graduate student at Huxley College of the Environment to work at the Cherry Point Refinery in Blaine. The student will work with BP on ecological restoration of part of its Blaine property.

After commencement in June, many of our graduates will be continuing with their studies in doctoral and master's programs and law, medical and professional schools across the country. Representative of these grads is Valerie Nyberg ('99), an African-American student who did her undergraduate and master's degree work at Western in the English department after serving in the Navy. This wife and mother of three children has been awarded a full fellowship to the doctoral program in English education at the University of Iowa.

This is just a quick look at the breadth of creative endeavors by our faculty, students, staff and alumni.

You can read more about their accomplishments in this, and every, issue of Window on Western. But, please, return to campus and see for yourself — in spring, when the campus is in full bloom, in summer when the sun consistently shines, or in any season, for a leisurely walk to see our new buildings and the Outdoor Sculpture Collection. I'll look forward to seeing you.

Women's hoops team has historic season

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Ethnic Studies Association is moving to WWU

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Football team ready for second 'Battle in Seattle'

Western alumni, get ready to rumble with Vikings football on Saturday, Sept. 25, as rival Western and Central will square off in a rematch of last year's "Battle in Seattle," a fierce on-campus contest played at Seahawks Stadium.

Tickets for the second annual Wells Fargo "Battle in Seattle" presented by Comcast are available at prices ranging from $10 to $25 at Ticketmaster, the Seahawks Stadium box office or through the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association has secured a limited number of $25 tickets that will ensure you will have the best seats in the stadium for the 6 p.m. kickoff and no chance of getting stuck next to a Central fan. Call (360) 650-3353 or e-mail alumni@wwu.edu.

The Vikings will be the home team for this year's "Battle." Last year, the game drew 16,392 spectators, the largest crowd ever to attend a non-Division I football game in the state. Western fought hard in a 29-20 loss.

This year's battle will feature pre-game festivities with music and family activities for all Viking fans in the Seahawks Stadium Exhibition Center at 3 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

The "Battle" will be one of six home games on the Vikings' schedule this year.

"This is a very balanced schedule," said coach Rob Smith, who begins his 16th season as head of the football program and who will be going for his 100th career victory in the season opener on Sept. 4 at Civic Stadium. "We're excited to be back at Seahawks Stadium for the Battle in Seattle."

All 10 games on the schedule are against NCAA Division II competition, including the Oct. 16 Homecoming game against Humboldt State.

"The NCAA II playoffs expand to 24 teams this year," Smith said. "Having all Division II opponents means that if we do our part, we'll be positioned for consideration for a playoff berth."

Academy promotes active community of scholars

by Kathy Sheehan
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Amy (Senger) Heggem ('98) is the first WWU graduate, not otherwise connected to the university, to join the Teaching-Learning Academy at Western. The TLA is a campus forum primarily for faculty, students, administrators, and staff — as a community of scholars — to study and enhance the learning culture at Western. But alumni and parents of students are also encouraged to join TLA study groups, which meet every other week to promote dialogue on effective approaches to academic life.

Heggem, a former Writing Center assistant who keeps in contact with her WWU faculty mentor, Carmen Werder ('68), joined the TLA during fall quarter. Werder is director of the TLA and invited Heggem to sit in on a discussion group during one of her visits to Western.

Heggem said she was immediately hooked by the academic stimulation and with the opportunity to give back to her alma mater.

"The discussion is so good," said Heggem, who owns and operates Amy E. Heggem Tutoring in Redmond. "I come up, and I just feel rejuvenated." Heggem says she looks forward to driving to Bellingham every other Friday to participate in one of several TLA study groups.

"For me, that's giving back, and that's what I can do to give back."

Faculty, students show commitment to sustainability

by Kathy Sheehan
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

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A $1.9 million grant from the National Science Foundation will help recruit the nation's top student scholars to conduct graduate research in science and work in middle school classrooms in Whatcom and Skagit counties. The grant, "Catalysts for Reform: A University-Schools Partnership in Northwest Washington," covers tuition and stipends for eight WWU graduate student fellows per year for the next three years. Five advanced undergraduates will also be selected each year.

Assistant professor Nicholas Zaferatos discusses possible ways transportation can be improved around Western's campus with students. From left: Nick Bond, Zaferatos, Seth Christiansen, Ted Olson, Mark Hamilton and Tyler Schneider.
Students of land and wildlife management now use Canyon Lake Creek Community Forest for research and study. “Western takes pride in being able to offer students and faculty use of the forest for both research and recreation,” said WWU President Karen W. Morse.

Three years after the REI donation, ConocoPhillips of Ferndale contributed $15,000 for a gateway bridge to the signature trail around Canyon Lake Creek. The bridge, to be built this fall, will make the forest accessible for veterans with limited hiking ability so they can experience a 1.5-mile trail instead of hiking to the ridge, which is an eight-mile round trip.

The bridge will use steel beams, pressure-treated lumber and galvanized hardware to withstand weather. “ConocoPhillips is especially pleased to contribute to such a broadly based partnership effort to conserve natural resources, particularly by increasing public access to old growth trees,” said Gary Goodman, refinery manager for ConocoPhillips and member of the WWU Foundation board of directors.

Another local company, Alaska Primary Metals, has contributed $10,000 to fund research and interpretive materials.

In Blaine, a generous contribution from BP Cherry Point Refinery has benefited habitat preservation and student research. BP has set aside funds for Western students to assist with efforts to promote sustainability issues. The company awarded $10,000 this spring for a graduate assistantship in sustainability.

A Huxley student will work with BP on ecological restoration of part of a BP property in Blaine. More than 900 acres near Grandview Road have been designated by the BP refinery as land to dedicate to habitat preservation.

The property includes pasture, wetlands and forest and is home to several native species, including coyote, deer, heron and waterfowl. Terrell Creek bisects the property.

“BP has had a long-time relationship with Huxley,” Smith said. “Many of our students have gained valuable experience working as interns for BP Cherry Point Refinery and are now alumni who work there.”

“This assistantship is a wonderful opportunity for a Huxley graduate student and for preservation of the area.”

The graduate student will work with BP Cherry Point Refinery staff, wetland biologists and ecologists to study how water flows through the property and how animals use the area.

BP would like to transform the area so it meets its original ecological function and is sustainable.

“This property has tremendous potential for restoration,” said Karen Payne, manager of environment, health and safety at BP Cherry Point refinery.

Board members issue $100,000 challenge

Sam Baker, partner of the law firm Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker and chairman of the Western Washington University Foundation Board of Directors, has established a $100,000 challenge grant.

Through their generosity, all new and increased President’s Club gifts at the $1,000 level or higher ($500 for those 39 years or younger) received by December 31, 2004 will be matched, up to a total of $100,000.

As always, donors gifts will be distributed according to their designation while the matching portion primarily benefits scholarships.

President’s Club gifts can be designated to the department, program, scholarship or athletic team of your choosing. One hundred percent of every gift benefits the area designated, and as a President’s Club member, you will receive a variety of benefits, including invitations to special WWU events and a campus parking permit for special events.

For more information, call (360) 650-8927 or e-mail president@wwu.edu.
Although many of their farming practices and products are organic, the Thorntons are committed to the larger issue of sustainability. “We are talking about health and the environment,” says Cheryl Thornton, a member of the Nooksack Valley School Board.

For example, Cloud Mountain Farm’s pest management program doesn’t solely rely on organic pesticides.

“Organic sprays are designed to kill things. It’s not OK,” she says. Instead, the Thorntons evaluate and use the best products from both organic and conventional gardens who look at long and short-term environmental issues, proper timing for application, stream buffers and planting for wildlife. That’s pest management,” she said.

“There are bigger issues here,” adds Tom, and that kind of information needs to be passed on to their customers.

The Thorntons see their customers not as people who spend money at Cloud Mountain Farm, but friends and neighbors who can help them create sustainable environments, from the family level to global corporations. That’s why they consider education such an important part of their business.

“We give you the plants. You pay for the information,” Tom says, only half in jest.

Though the occasional Cloud Mountain Farm customer can’t be persuaded that fruit trees are not yard furniture and that food doesn’t really come from the grocery store, Tom Thornton, a 1978 Fairhaven graduate, says that their work educating consumers about gardening, food, health and natural resources pays off in big ways. A board member of the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association, he says he frequently sees his customers volunteering to plant or weed in the Nooksack River watershed after they’ve purchased fruit or ornamental trees from his farm.

“The best thing I think anyone can do for sustainability is to (first) work in their yard,” adds Cheryl Thornton, a Huxley graduate who took classes at Fairhaven College, where she met Tom. The two worked at the Outback Farm in the 1970s.

“If they have those connections, that transfers beyond their yard… It’s an evolution of their awareness.”

Another Huxley alumna, Wendy Scherrer (’76’90), executive director of NSEA, sees that type of awareness and community connections growing as well. The organization, which formed in 1990, now works with 200 volunteer stream stewards, 2,000 other volunteers and the state Department of Fish and Wildlife to recover the genetic stock of Spring Chinook salmon, a threatened species, in the Nooksack River. In 1990, fish experts counted only 10 fish returning to spawn in the river. With the establishment of a Spring Chinook reclamation program in which fry are released to the wild in the Upper North Fork of the Nooksack near Glacier, more than 3,500 Spring Chinook survive to make their final journey up the Nooksack in 2003.

Scherrer, who has always been interested in how human interactions with natural systems, has made her job her life’s work.

“I want to leave the world a better place for my children and grandchildren,” she says.

Many of Western’s family members support the stream restoration, including NSEA board members Amanda Seebach (’02); Amanda Haralson, the WWU Foundation director of development for the sciences; David Hooper, assistant professor of biology at WWU; and Bert Moore and crew members include: Craig Cole (’77), president of Brown and Cole stores; Tim Johnson (’90), editor of “The Bellingham Weekly”; Jessica Gillis (’99) of Ciao Thyme Catering; and Diane Brainard (’79), manager of the Old Town Café. A measure of these organizations’ and businesses’ success is that the organizations, themselves, are sustainable in that they are supported by and rely on community members for sustenance. The organizations are membership-based and derive significant portions of their budgets from donations from community members.

“People have to have a sustainable organization,” Scherrer says. “And you have to be in this work for the long term.”

The Thorntons promote shopping at local businesses and encourage people to get involved in sustainable living practices that have minimal impacts on the environment. They support community institutions in Whatcom County, including local schools. There, they try to foster awareness of the connections between the foods that children eat and their ability to learn and stay healthy.
Shannon Point Marine Center, has been active with both local and regional organizations that blend well-founded scientific research with a community-based grassroots approach to marine conservation.

George Swanson ('78), a certified building biologist, is an architect and president of Swanson Associates in Austin, Texas. The firm specializes in environmentally-conscious building design and construction. He has completed more than 40 low-toxic, fully "breathing" buildings in 11 states, including homes and commercial buildings using wetland septic systems, roof-top water collection systems, and solar voltaic energy systems. To make the buildings "breathe" and have little to no effects on the occupants' health, Swanson uses straw bale, rammed earth, "Faswall," woodchip clay block and "Hebel" aerated concrete block wall systems. He was listed in "Who's Who in America" in 1996 for his contributions to sustainable technology.

Jeffrey Utter ('87) has been working on alternative and renewable energy solutions and energy conservation since he designed his liberal studies major around environmental studies and energy conservation. He is currently board president at the Center for Renewable Energy Solutions in Bellingham and the founder of a new specialty contracting business in Van Zandt County called Home and Energy Solutions, which takes a holistic approach to home repair and remodeling.

Rick Dubrow, president of A-1 Builders in Bellingham, attended Western in the 1970s to obtain a biology endorsement for his teaching credentials so he could teach ecology. But he abandoned his teaching career when he bought the construction firm that has since won awards for sustainable construction and pollution prevention. A-1 Builders specializes in remodeling, what he calls "the oldest form of green building," and donates salvaged items from remodeling jobs to the ReStore, a Bellingham company he helped found. Dubrow is a founder and board president of Sustainable Connections, a business network in Whatcom County that supports a local living economy, and he is on a steering committee for Pro-Whatcom, an organization promoting sustainable population and building growth.

Western students and other community members work on a restoration project at the mouth of Whatcom Creek for the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association. For a list of recent course offerings that show Western's commitment to sustainability, please see page 4.
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1973 - Allen Collins was named a vice president at KeyCorp Regional Federal Savings and Loan. He is branch manager in Mount Vernon. Collins has 24 years of banking experience. Bill Dietrich's new book, "Head's Wall," was described as a "rousing adventure-mystery-romance story" by a reviewer for The Seattle Times. ... Spiro Manthou was described as a "rousing adventure-mystery-romance story" by a reviewer for The Seattle Times.

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1976 - Eric Carlson was promoted to executive vice president and chief credit officer at Prime Pacific Bank in Lynnwood. ... Anna Kauffman has been appointed to the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees by Gov. Gary Locke. Kauffman is the owner and chief executive of Kauffman & Assocs., Inc.; a local CPA firm. She was the ordaining elder, Kauffman has served as executive director of the Seattle Indian Heath Board in Seattle and founding board president of the National Association for Native Children of Alcoholics, Inc.

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1979 - Linda Montgomery, an orchestra teacher in Longview for 27 years, won a $4,770 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Montgomery is a member of the Longview Civic Symphony. The grant is the largest given to any arts organization in the state.

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1986 - William Drath is a park ranger for Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. Drath is the assistant manager of the soon-to-be-completed Bogachiel/Hoko River State Park Area.

1987 - Mary Connelly participated in a breast cancer survivor race in South Africa in April as a member of the Canadians Abroad team. ... Richard Widerkehr wrote the first Beer Church, which now has 100,000 members. The church meets to drink beer, engage in debate and raise money for charity. See: http://www.firstbeerchurch.com.

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1989 - Eron Berg is president-elect of Youthnet, a nonprofit organization that provides social services to youth and families in the Northwest. He takes over in October.

1990 - Daniel Hickey, who got his MPA from Seattle University in 2001, works as a field investigator for the National Labor Relations Board in Seattle. He and his wife, Alyssa Powers ('79) live in Shoreline "with our big dog and alol cat." Hickey is helping to coordinate a reunion of WWU resident advisers in August.

1991 - Jason Ford rode his bike in the AIDS Lifecycle in June 2003 from San Francisco to his home in San Diego. Ford plans to do the ride again this June.

1992 - Patrick T. Drum was busy the last week of May 2003 with the birth of his first child, Emily Marie Drum, and the successful completion of his final examinations to earn his Chemical Engineering degree. He can be reached at patricktdrum@hotmail.com. (NWG) nwtimes.com.

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1995 - Wendy Giroux is the city reporter for the Mercer Island Reporter. ... Joshua Hardina was awarded a degree from the University of California, Riverside, to pursue an MFA in creative writing. ... Joel Phillips plays a key role as the assistant carpenter on The Learning Channel's "Clean Sweep," a home improvement show.

1996 - Michael Brown won the 35th annual College Photographer of the Year competition for his portfolio of 26 photographs taken in Athens, Ohio, area. ... David Toyer is the new vice-president for government affairs for Barclays North, Inc. Previously, Toyer served as Snohomish County manager for the National Forest Association in Chelan and Snohomish Counties.

1997 - Craig Koenig recently joined Professional Property Management, LLC, in Tacoma as designated broker.

1998 - Nicola Whitehead, superintendent of Everett Public Schools, is Washington state's superintendent of the year. Whitehead is also an adjunct instructor at Western and the assistant for the Darfords Principal Program at University of Washington.

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Grad wins prize for rhetoric book

David Frank (78/79), professor of rhetoric and communication studies at the University of Oregon, has been awarded the $10,000 Kohrs-Campbell Prize in Rhetorical Criticism for his co-authored book, "Land/Conceptualizing Identity: Trajectories of Israeli and Palestinian Symbol Use" (Michigan State University Press, 2002).

Frank, a graduate assistant and assistant director of the Center while at Weste...
Alumni serve as teachers for 'Adventures' camps

by Erik Robinson

UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Western alumni have plenty of activities awaiting adventure-seeking young adults at Western this summer, including sea kayaking, field research and scientific investigations.

Western's "Adventures in Science and Arts," "Outdoor Adventure" and "College Quest," offered throughout the summer, will provide youths the opportunity to learn while having enormous amounts of fun.

The first program offered this summer is "Adventures in Science and Arts," a set of week-long workshops exploring everything from photography to LEGO engineering. Students will delve into their favorite subject sciences to learn hands-on about the world around them.

Students sign up for different sessions according to age.

A number of Western alumni will teach the sessions, including Jessie C rawn '99, James Sullivan '99, Brad Sonnentag '89, Jon Hansen '90, Don Pringle '03, Scott J. Smith '77, Willow (Webb) McGlaughlin '97 and Steve Lawrence '93.

"Outdoor Adventure" will give students an opportunity to learn and grow through outdoor adventure activities.

Where do you wear your Western gear?

Roger Fletcher ('71) proudly stands by his race car wearing a WWU Alumni sweatshirt. He participated in the 2004 Southern Festival of Speed in New Zealand in February.

FACULTY, STAFF & FRIENDS

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Western's Alumni Association honored 17 current and former elected officials of Whatcom County as Distinguished Alumni for 2004.

"These distinguished graduates of Western represent the commitment to public and community service exemplified by generations of WWU alumni," said William Farkas, executive director of the Western Alumni Association.

"We honor them during this 100-year celebration of the city of Bellingham for their leadership and contributions to this community, recognized nationally as among the best places to live."

The elected officials were honored at a May 7 banquet on campus, along with a number of "Builders of Bellingham" who have played significant roles in shaping the city that it is today.

Bellingham's Centennial is an 18-month-long celebration of the city's history, concluding at the end of this year.

Western is participating in the Bellingham Centennial in a number of ways. The Center for Pacific Northwest Studies, for instance, designed a special curriculum package on local history for students and teachers in the Bellingham School District.

"This community resource gives a firsthand sense of life in Bellingham a century ago," said Elizabeth Joffrion, archivist at the Center for Pacific Northwest Studies.

The Distinguished Alumni listed here are those whose names were known by the deadline for this issue. Those honored are:

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Angelique Davis is new Alumni Association president

By Michele Girard
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

When Angelique Davis (’84), attended Western as an undergraduate, she received some much needed scholarship support. Now, as the new president of the WWU Alumni Association, she plans to be involved in fund raising for scholarships so current students may have the same opportunities she did.

I wanted to give back,” she said.

Davis will now be traveling to Bellingham at least once a month as the new president of the Alumni Association.

“I thought it would be good for Western to reach out more to the segment of its alumni population who live in the Seattle metropolitan area,” she said. She also wants to increase the diversity of alumni who are actively involved with Western.

Davis succeeded Cheryl Dickerson (’80), as president in May. Dickerson served as president for two years.

Top-level alumni program is goal of new director

By Bill Farkas
ALUMNI RELATIONS/DIRECTOR

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Alumni would likely arrive in Bellingham on Thursday, Oct. 14. Guests would have time on Friday to visit the campus and reacquaint themselves with Bellingham. On Friday evening, alumni could enjoy dinner together, followed by WWU’s traditional Homecoming bonfire and fireworks display.

Activities on Saturday, Oct. 16 include the Homecoming tailgate party and football game against Humboldt State, a picnic at Lakewood.

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It is a bond that should begin at commencement, not end, which is really what commencement means: a “beginning”—the beginning of a lifelong relationship.

I am excited about the opportunity that I have been given at Western and look forward to meeting and working with the Viking alumni to make Western the very best.

I encourage you to contact me or anyone in the Alumni Relations office. I can be reached at William.Farkas@wwu.edu or by phone (800) 676-6885 or (360) 650-3353.

One might wonder how an alumni director can be effective, not being an alumnus of the institution where he works.

The answer lies in the belief that I have in higher education, coupled with a university I believe in. This combination, integrated with 15 years of alumni experience, will create a top-level alumni program.

Western has an incredible leader in President Karen W. Morse. The faculty and staff are here because of their passion for the students—ah, yes, the students: amazing, they truly are. It is a special place, and I challenge anyone not to get excited about working in this environment. I know alumni programming. My challenge will be to learn Western’s culture, and I ask each of you to help me with that task.

In future articles, I would like to share with the Western family ways that alumni can become reconnected and involved in the life of their institution. These opportunities will take various forms and will be available for alumni no matter where you call home.

In the beginning of any new relationship, it is good to establish expectations and I hope to expand upon what you can expect from your Alumni Association, the Alumni Relations staff and, in turn, what your alma mater should expect from you.

If you are interested in this potential opportunity to travel to Bellingham on the “WWU Viking Express,” contact the Alumni office at (800) 676-6885 or e-mail Kathi.Howard@wwu.edu.

If enough people are interested, the planning will move to the next phase to ensure the trip is a delightful adventure for all.

Interest sought for Homecoming “Viking Express” train

Calling all WWU Alumni on the West Coast!

The Alumni Association has the opportunity to charter one or more of Amtrak’s Coast Starlight Train cars at special group rates during Western’s Homecoming week, Oct. 11-17, 2004. Imagine riding the rails to Bellingham on the “WWU Viking Express.”

The idea of chartering a train car is in the initial planning phase, and Alumni staff needs to know how many people would be interested in pursuing this further.

Here’s the plan:

The “WWU Viking Express” would leave San Diego, Calif., on the morning of day one and travel up the coast, making numerous stops along the way for WWU alumni to hop on board.

On the evening of day two, the train completes its journey in Seattle. A deluxe motor coach will meet the train and deliver the WWU Vikings to a Bellingham hotel.

On Sunday, Oct. 17, the Alumni Relations Office will host a farewell brunch for the travelers and others in the community.

Travel arrangements for the return trip would be made on an individual basis since some folks may want to remain in Bellingham for a few more days or take a side-trip to Seattle or Vancouver, B.C.

Estimated cost for the one-way trip with a San Diego departure is less than $100 for a reserved coach seat and $120 for a sleeper compartment. Prices drop proportionately for departures north of San Diego.

Golden Vikings

Reunion June 18-20 for “Golden Vikings”

Western’s “Golden Vikings” will be honored during Reunion Weekend this year with a banquet, campus tours and a picnic at Lakewood.

All WWU graduates who have been alumni for 50 years or more are eligible to be inducted into the Golden Vikings Society at a June 19 banquet at the VU Multipurpose Room.

For more information, contact Kristie Landstrom at (800) 676-6885 or (360) 650-3598.
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| **July 11-16:** Ralph Munro Seminar for Teachers, on campus | **August 7:** Alumni Hike to Twin Falls near North Bend, Wash., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. |
| **July 17:** Alumni Sunset Sail from Seattle waterfront, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., $40 |
| **July 25-Aug. 15:** Marrowstone Music Festival, summer program with Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestras, on campus |
| **Aug. 6:** Athletics/Alumni Golf Tournament, 1 p.m. at Avalon Golf Club, Burlington. $125 covers all fees, prizes, dinner. See [http://www.wwu Vikings.com](http://www.wwu Vikings.com) |

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