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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.

2004 Viking 32
One of the last of the Michael Seal-era cars, the Viking 32 was built with $800,000 from the Federal Highway Administration and is the first four-seater, natural gas, and electric hybrid designed to withstand a 50-mph crash. It competed in the 2004 Tour de Sol in May.
Fountain sculpture 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 famous 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 family 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 G. 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 professor Don Alper and Gene Hogan 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/polsci/ralph_munro/.
**Women's hoops team has historic season**

**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 member 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 Dolfo ('86/'99), who was on a one-year leave of absence from the college for 19 years from 1972 to 1990, had a 411-125 record and was only the second NAIA 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.

The men's season ended on March 6 with a regular-season loss to the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. The Vikings completed the regular basketball season with a 17-10 record.

Team captain and guard Jason Burrell finished his Viking career with 1,032 points and set a school season record for free throw percentage (68.3%). Senior guard Stefan Dickason also leaves the Vikings after four years of play.

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**Ethnic Studies Association is moving to WWU**

The headquarters of the National Association for Ethnic Studies is moving to Western from Arizona State University.

The association, founded in 1972, provides an interdisciplinary forum for scholars and others concerned with the national and international dimensions of ethnicity. It promotes activities and scholarship in the field of ethnic and cultural studies and publishes a twice-yearly newsletter and a national journal, "Ethnic Studies Review."

"To house the national office will enhance Western's efforts to increase comparative research and continued dialogue centered on the issues of race and ethnicity in the Americas," said Larry Estrada, associate professor and director of the American Cultural Studies Program at Fairhaven.

Estrada, president of the NAES board of directors, said Western will provide office space and support through Fairhaven College and the Office of the President.

The move also will "reinforce Western's various diversity initiatives, the stature of ethnic/cultural studies on this campus and the quality of teacher education, as well as supporting Western's increasingly diverse student population," Estrada said.

"Selection of Western as the national home site of NAES also says a great deal about the quality of faculty and scholarship engaged in cultural and ethnic studies on this campus," he added.

We're pleased to support the work of NAES, an organization whose efforts in the area of ethnic studies underscore the mission of Fairhaven College," said Ron Riggins, dean of Fairhaven College.

Through mutual agreement with Arizona State University, the NAES board sought bids from other universities interested in becoming the host institution for the organization.

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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 a chance for students 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 Waterfront 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 Western's College of the Environment to work at the Cherry Point Refinery in Blaine. The student will work with BP on an ecological restoration project 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.
Western alumni, get ready to rumble with Vikings football! On Saturday, Sept. 25, archrivals Western and Central will square off in a rematch of last year’s "Battle in Seattle," a fierce 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."

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For more information on the TLA, call (360) 650-7329 or visit online at http://www.wwu.edu/dep/ruta.

**Football team ready for second ‘Battle in Seattle’**

**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 Bellingham.

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

Western has been among the forefront of universities offering classes, conferences and other expertise in sustainability to students and the community. While it would be impossible to print a comprehensive list, the items below and on page 7 represent a sampling of some new and recent offerings.

The Center for Canadian-American Studies has participated in a tri-university course in which students from Western, the University of British Columbia and the University of Washington work cooperatively to examine environmental issues facing the Georgia Basin/Puget Sound ecosystem. The transborder ecosystem is a priority for students of Canadian-American studies. Don Alper, director of the center who taught the course in fall 2002, says it is unique in the nation. Huxley professor Jean Melious taught the class in winter quarter.

Huxley College of the Environment and the engineering technology department will begin offering a new minor in the fall in sustainable design. The minor provides basic foundations in environmental studies and design and allows for individualized tailoring according to students’ interests.

Fairhaven’s Gary Bornzin offered a course, "Visioning Sustainable Futures: Whatapedia" during spring quarter.

Students in Huxley’s "Planning Studio" researched sustainable transportation systems for the campus in an environmental studies seminar during winter quarter. The class is taught by Nicholas Zaferatos ('79).

Huxley Dean Bradley Smith is co-chair of the Governor’s Sustainable Washington Advisory Panel and was named president of the Council of Environmental Deans and Directors. He will serve three years as the university liaison from the United States for the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

The Institute for Watershed Studies conducted free well water nitrate testing for Whatcom County residents last October, as part of national Make-A-Difference Day.

Students in a College of Business and Economics’ course gained global perspectives on cultural, business and environmental issues by conducting 10 business tours in China and 10 in the United States.

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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 hikers 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 student 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.
The best thing I think anyone can do is to be in this work for the long term".

Wendy Scherrer, who has always been interested in how humans interact 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 Ananda Seebach ('02), Amanda Haralson, the WWU Foundation director of development for the sciences; David Hooper, assistant professor of biology at WWU; and Bert Thyme Catering; and Diane Brainard ('79), manager of the Old Town Cafe.

A comprehensive list of Sustainable Connections’ members would not be possible here, but a sampling of the group’s members includes: Craig Cole ('77), president of Brown and Cole stores; Tim Johnson ('89), editor of “The Bellingham Weekly;” Jessica Gillis ('99) of Ciao Thyme Catering; and Diane Brainard ('79), manager of the Old Town Cafe. A measure of these organizations’ 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.

"You have to have a sustainable organization," Scherrer says. "And you have to be in this work for the long term."
'Green' builders promote health, conservation

There are numerous alumni and friends of the university who work on sustainable development in their communities and in the world. These are just three.

George Swanson ('78), a certified building biologist, is an architect and president of Swanson Associates in Austin. 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 conservation and energy systems. He was listed in "Who's Who" in America in 1996 for his contributions to sustainable technology.

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WWU marine scientist finds many willing partners

By Paul Cocke
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Paul Dinnel believes the best way to protect and sustain fragile Northwest marine life is to develop and foster coalitions of interested partners to support such efforts.

Dinnel, resident scientist at Western's Shannon Point Marine Center, has been active with both local and regional organizations that blend well-founded science with a community-based grassroots approach to marine conservation.

As chair of the Northwest Straits Commission, he has worked with governments in Clallam, Island, Jefferson, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom counties where local Marine Resources Committees have been established.

The committees are now seeking to restore nearshore, intertidal and estuarine habitats; improve shellfish harvest areas; support salmon and bottom fish recovery; and identity and urge establishment of marine protected areas.

Dinnel has been particularly active with Skagit County's Marine Resources Committee, a group of appointed volunteers who protect marine resources through cooperative "bottom-up" projects with local residents, tribes, industry, community organizations and WWU students.

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Seed planting at Bay View State Park has served as an educational tool about sustainable oyster farming and an incentive to the nearby Bay View community to improve local water quality. Signs at each oyster enhancement site will inform the public about the projects.

Shannon Point Marine Center, the Shell and Tesoro refineries near Anacortes, the state Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation and Fish and Wildlife departments, Padilla Bay Reserve, Skagit County Conservation District, state and county health departments and volunteers from other groups all were part of one or more of the oyster-planting projects.

In addition, Dinnel is working with the Skagit MRC to investigate possible protected areas – called marine reserves – to provide marine sanctuaries for bottom fish, to allow them to recover from over-fishing during the last three decades. The committee also is involved with removing derelict fishing gear from local waters, surveying marina habitats and removing the invasive saltwater weed Spartina from along shorelines.
Don't miss this special issue:
Kevin Harris '92 is a right and left hand.

Kevin Harris '92 is the supervising producer for "The Apprentice," the reality TV show that follows contestants competing for a job with Donald Trump.

Harris, an accounting major, now lives in Los Angeles and is developing a new show, "The Casino," which airs this summer.

Harris used his accounting education to work his way up in the entertainment business. First, he was an accountant for TV shows and feature films such as "Austin Powers" and "Family Man."

"He has become quite a success in part due to the fine education he received," Diane Groves, Harris' mother said.

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**1934** - Wilfred Gunderson, a retired educator, a veteran and pastor and founder of evangeline community, turned 99 on Jan. 6.

**1952** - Richard Clark '70 of Blaine received the Nansen-Fellowship Award for his work with the United Nations in the Middle East.

**1965** - Craig Knowlton recently joined Professional Property Management, LLC, in tahoma as designated broker.

**1966** - Lynda Goodrich '73, WWU's athletics director, was inducted into the Lake Stevens High School Hall of Fame in February.

**1967** - Roger Laybourn is the city of Lakewood's first Parks and Recreation Advisory Chairman. He also enjoys refurbishing old bicycles and donating them to needy children in Pierce, Thurston and King counties.

**1970** - Linda Monahari, an orchestra teacher in District's orchesba program in February. The district has raised $4,770 grant in Longview for 27 years.

**1978** - Joyce Russell recently opened Clayworks, a pottery store in Bellingham.

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**1992** - David DeYoung is a financial representative with the National Association for Native Children of Alcoholics, Inc.

**1995** - Eric Carlsen was promoted to executive vice president and chief credit officer at Prime Pacific Bank in Lynnwood. ... to 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 & Assoc., Inc., a women's fitness center. ... Kauffman has served as executive director of the Seattle Indian Health Board in Seattle and founding board president of the National Association for Native Children of Alcoholics, Inc.

**1997** - Richard Widerak was Sedan Journal/Daily Record's most influential person of the year, as determined by Targoon books in Bellingham.

**1998** - Owen Carter creates personalized crossword puzzles and is known as Bellingham's "puzzle man."

**1999** - Kevin Harris is a right and left hand.

**2000** - Michael Brown won the 38th annual College Photographer of the Year competition.

**2001** - Eugene Eichler was the winner for a contest for a weekend of campaigning with the Democratic governor candidate.

**2002** - 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 & Assoc., Inc., a women's fitness center. ... Kauffman has served as executive director of the Seattle Indian Health Board in Seattle and founding board president of the National Association for Native Children of Alcoholics, Inc.

**2003** - Michelle Goelzenleuchter is a page at a New York Times bureau.

**2009** - Eron Berg is president-elect of Youthnet, a nonprofit organization that provides services to youth and families in the Northwest. He takes over in October.

**2010** - 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 Powerers, live in Seattle with their big dog and a large cat. Hickey is helping to coordinate a reunion of WWU residents advised in August.

**2011** - Michelle Goelzenleuchter is a page at a New York Times bureau.

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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 tolego engineering. Students will delve into their favorite science subjects 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 Crawford, James Sullivan, Brad Sonnenberg, Jon Hansen, Don Pringle, Scott J. Smith, Willow (Webb) McLaughlin and Steve Lawrence.

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

Two options are offered: Basic adventure trips including youth on day trips biking, hiking, sea kayaking and rock climbing. While the High adventure will be sea kayaking and camping for a week throughout the San Juan Islands. The basic adventure session and the High adventure's first session are for grades 5 to 8. The second High adventure session is for grades 9 to 12. Andrew Calland and Randy Rydel, both passionate and accomplished outdoor educators, will lead the program.

"College Quest" has high school students experience what it is like being a student at Western. Students will complete a course on environmental studies that includes field research, observation and filmmaking while exploring all that Western's campus and surrounding community has to offer. Experienced environmental filmmaker Katie Fleming, who graduates in June with an M.S., will co-teach with Western faculty member Wendy Walker.

Priority application deadlines are June 1 for Outdoor Adventure and Adventures in Science and Arts and June 15 for College Quest. For more information or to register, call (360) 650-6822. e-mail adventures@wwu.edu or visit online at http://www.wwu.edu/adventur.

FACULTY, STAFF & FRIENDS

Marven Egget, R3, a former WWU trustee and Whidbey Island labor leader, March 13.

Herbert R. Hearsey, 97, who retired in 1974 as associate director of Wilson Library after working there 35 years, April 18 in Bellingham. He was elected to the WWU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1981. Memorials may be made to the Herb & Beth Hearsey Scholarship Fund, c/o the WWU Foundation, MS-9034, 516 High St., Bellingham, WA 98225-9034.

Ivy May Sinclair, 75, who was head administrator of the Seattle Thrift Store for Children's Learning World, in Scott Lake, Vaux, Aug. 23.

Ramasland

Mark F. Jarrett, 96, a retired teacher, in Seattle Dec. 7.

Margaret Roseanne Jacob Eldred Lowe, 81, a retired teacher, in Port Townsend Jan. 28.

Paynard


Mark F. Jarrett, 96, a retired teacher, Oct. 30 in Milwauk, Ore.

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"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."

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Builders of Bellingham

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Steven Adelstein ('71)
Pam Ames ('72)
Bob Ames ('67)
Joan Beardsley ('86)
Jennifer Cates ('95)
David Christensen ('75)
Craig Cole ('77)
Sharon Cox ('66)
Jim Cozad ('74)
Fran Dodson ('78)
Sheri Emerson ('79)
Tad Gorman ('77)
Bill Gorman ('90)
Brad Haskins ('90)
Eiste Heinrick ('76)
David Henley ('88)
Janet Jefferson ('84)
Christine Jenkins ('96)
Jeff Jewell ('84)
Nate Johnson ('63)
Maureen Kane ('91)
Tony Larson ('98)
Kathy Lovdahl ('89)
Polly McKee ('67)
Darcie Nielsen ('82)
Wilma Ollis-Perry ('89)
Janis Olson ('72)
Kathy Pierre ('61)
Vic Randall ('71)
Mary Shea ('74)
Tim Shue ('97)
Matt Snyder ('92)
Bill Uren ('76)
Richard Vandenbure
Tim Wahl ('77)
Delores West ('71)
Nancy Wilson ('79)
Kathy Bovenkamp-Wilson ('92)
Joe Wooding ('95)
Nicholas Zafaratos ('79)
Frank "Moose" Zurline ('50)

WWU graduates recognized as "Builders of Bellingham:"


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Pebble Griffin ('71), elected to the Bellingham City Council from 1974 until 1982 (No photo available)

Barrie Hall ('72), who was elected to the Blaine School Board in 1999

Stephen Jones ('74) a member of the Nooksack School Board since 1989

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Angelique Davis is new Alumni Association president

by Michele Girard
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

When Angelique Davis (’95), 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.

Davis, an attorney in the employment section of the Seattle City Attorney’s office, said the main reason she chose to attend Western as an undergrad was because Western offered her the scholarships she needed to enroll. Her appreciation for the help she received is what prompted her to become involved in the Alumni Association. She has been on the board for four years.

“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.

She said she is excited to work with the new alumni director, Bill Farkas, and hopes they can work to increase the visibility of Western events so that more alumni can get involved. She also wants to target Western grads working in Seattle who aren’t currently involved with the Alumni Association but who have expressed an interest in becoming involved with the university.

“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

Within a month of arriving at 709 High St. and the Alumni House at WWU, I uncovered one important, certain thing about WWU. Every alumnus who has graduated from Western should be very proud — proud not only for the educational experience you received, but proud of the beautiful campus (which I now get to walk through every day), proud of the high-quality faculty who are radiating from every student and alumnus I have met so far.

It will be that pride that I hope to put to good use in my new position.

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

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 by phone (800) 676-6885 or (360) 650-3355.

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 Lundstrom at (800) 676-6885 or (360) 650-3598.
June 3: WWU Alumni Night at the Ballet for the performance of "A Midsummer Night’s Dream," Marion Oliver McCaw Hall, 321 Mercer St., Seattle, 6 p.m. reception, 7:30 p.m. performance, $38

June 11: Alumni Association hosts awards ceremony and reception for outstanding graduates, 7 p.m. at the PAC

June 12: Spring Commencement, 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Carver Gym

June 18-20: Golden Vikings Reunion, with various events on campus for Western alumni who graduated 30 or more years ago

June 20-25: Study Canada Institute for K-12 teachers, on campus

July 7-11: National Storytelling Institute on campus

July 11-16: Ralph Munro Seminar for Teachers, on campus


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.wwuwikings.com

Aug. 7: Alumni Hike at Twin Falls near North Bend, Wash., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Aug. 21: Summer Commencement

Aug. 28: Reunion for RAs and RDs from the 1993 to 1997 era, in Fairhaven Residence Hall Stack One. Contact Dan Hickey at (206) 366-0438 or daniel.hickey@nhrb.gov for information

Aug. 28: Seattle Alumni Chapter’s Fall Send-off Picnic/BBQ for WWU alumni, new and current students and their parents, St. Edward’s Park

Sept. 9: Key Bank Viking Night, dinner and sports auction, 5-9 p.m., Carver Gym, $75 per person, $600 per table of eight

Sept. 11: Olympia Alumni Chapter’s Fall Send-off Picnic/BBQ for WWU alumni, new and current students and their parents, parents, St. Edward’s Park

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

Alumni events/Homecoming: "Battle in Seattle" (360) 650-3353 or (800) 676-6885

"Adventures" Camps (360) 650-6822

Athletics (360) 650-3109

Marrowstone Festival (360) 362-2300

Box Office for PAC/Summer Stock (360) 650-6146

Munro Seminar (360) 650-3469

Study Canada (360) 650-7370

Summer Stock (360) 650-3876

Western Gallery Info Line (360) 650-3900

Wilson Library Hours (360) 650-3049

The online community is the most extensive part of the new alumni Web site, and can be used by simply logging in with your Western alumni ID and password. Checking the mailing label on this issue of Window on Western for your Western ID number, which begins with a W. That will allow you to search for your name and update your personal information.

The online community offers unrestricted access to areas such as jobs and networking, where alumni can post business cards and resume profiles; message boards, where goals can discuss a broad range of topics; an alumni chat room; store; events calendar; dues information; and news.

In addition to being able to start conversations with old classmates and find out what exciting alumni events are coming up, the site features photo albums with pictures from alumni events such as the annual ski trip, the Ski-to-Sea parade and race, Homecoming and chapter events. Personal alumni photo submissions are also accepted and can be viewed on the site. Two groups have already been set up for the rowing team and journalism graduates.

Contact Kathy Patrick at (800) 676-6538 or Kathy.Patrick@wwu.edu with questions.

The online community can be found at http://www.wwualumni.com.

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