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## 33 years of GREEN cars



1971 VIKING 1

The Vehicle Research Institute was founded at WWU in 1971 and within one year, **Viking 1** won first place in the Urban Vehicle Design Competition, a student engineering contest.



1985 VIKING 6

In 1985, **Viking 6**, built for fuel economy and safety, won first place in the glass class at Three Flags Econorally, an international competition running from the Canadian border to the Mexican border on the West Coast.



1990 VIKING 20

The **Viking 20** solar vehicle, one of the VRI's most prominent cars, won first place in the two-person class and fifth overall at the 1990 World Solar Challenge after racing through 1,900 miles of Australian Outback. In 1991, **Viking 20** won second place in the GM Sunrayce.

Photo by Tom Reese/Seattle Times, copyright 1990

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.

The Washington State House of Representatives honored Seal in March

with a resolution recognizing his vast contributions to automobile innovation. Legislators also acknowledged the work of his wife, Eileen, who dedicated thousands of volunteer hours to the VRI as its top grant writer, organizer, bookkeeper and secretary.

Seal has won national acclaim as one of the country's top engineering faculty members and won the 1983 Ralph Teetor Outstanding Engineering Educator Award from the International Society of Automobile Engineers. He has also been recognized by *The Seattle Times* as one of Washington's five leading contributors in the field of science.

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.



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1996-2004 VIKING 23

**Viking 23**, a hybrid that has raced in several Tour de Sol competitions, is shown here with former U.S. Sen. Jack Metcalf (left) and VRI director Michael Seal (second from left) at the 1998 road competition for alternative fuel vehicles in Washington, D.C. The solar-electric-methane-powered car won first place in the hybrid-electric class in 1998; was named the "greenest vehicle" in 2002; and took third overall in the 2003 Tour de Sol, outperforming 21 vehicles, including the Toyota Prius. The car now sports a yellow body and runs on fuel derived from recycled vegetable oils and grease. It competed in the 2004 Tour de Sol in May.



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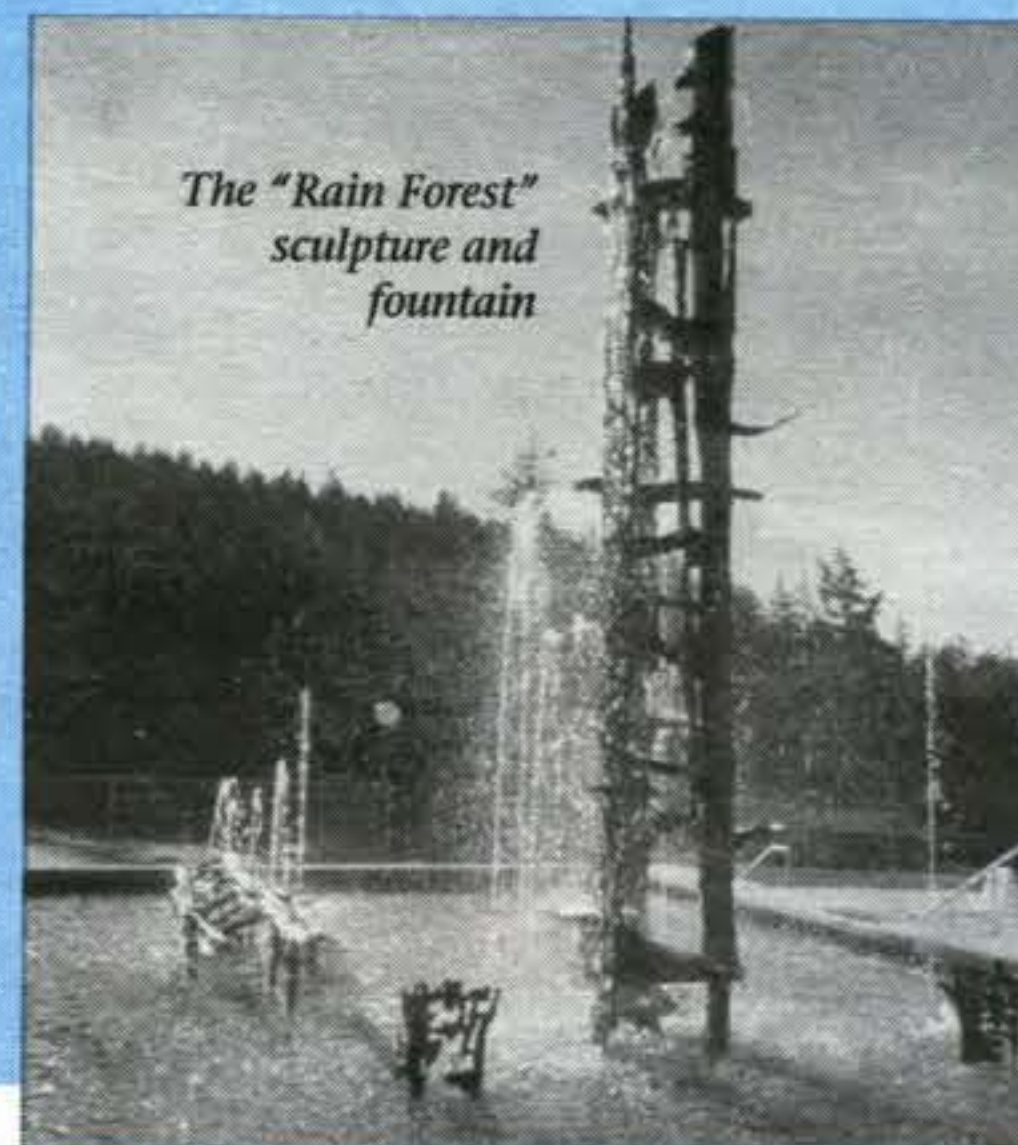
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## BRIEFLY

### 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 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 FitzGerald, 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.



Paul Brower photo

### Edie steps down as VP



Bob Edie

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.

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### Demmert wins award

Education professor William Demmert received the SPU medallion 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 El-Sharkawi of Newcastle and Lindsay Welliver of Port Orchard joined Kushner at the Performing Arts Center to read the first scene from his new play, "Only We Who Guard the Mystery Shall Be Unhappy." Welliver's fiancé, Chad Evans ('03) also attended. A video of Kushner's appearance, including an on-stage interview by theatre arts professor Jim Lortz, 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. Lortz directed Kushner's two-part, "Angels in America" and "Millennium Approaches" on WWU's Mainstage three years ago.



Evans, Welliver and Kushner



Kushner and Lortz

Fran Maas photos

### 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 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/](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 15<sup>th</sup> 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, 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 third 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 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 (88.3). Senior guard Stefan Dickason also leaves the Vikings after four years of play.



Dan Levine photo

Dolfo, Goodrich and Nichols celebrate 700 victories.

## 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.

## 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, gives 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 Waterfront Futures Group — a group of local citizens and businesspeople envisioning future development of the waterfront.

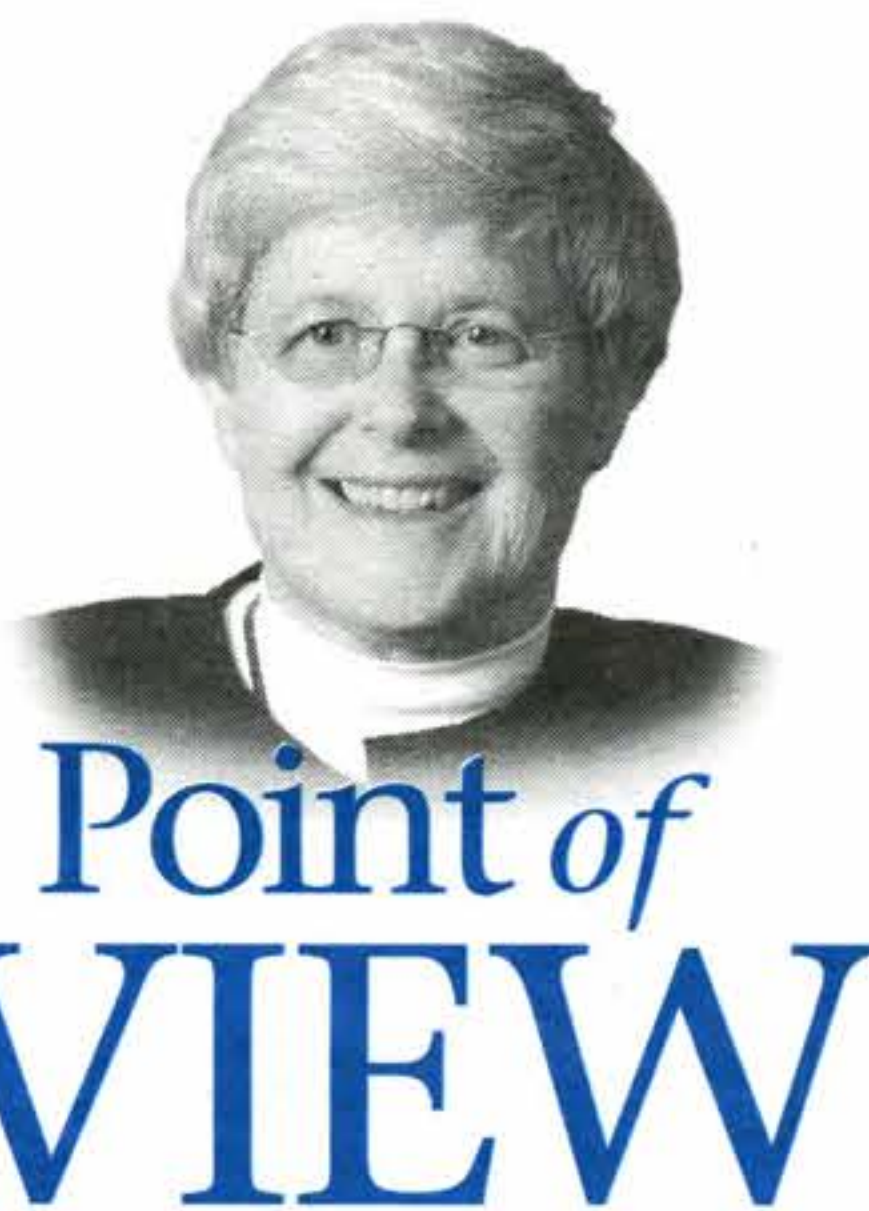
The BP Cherry Point refinery has provided a \$10,000 BP Graduate Assistantship in Sustainability for a graduate student at Huxley College of the Environment to work at the Cherry Point Refinery in Blaine. The student will work with BP on ecological restoration of part of its Blaine property.

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.



### Point of VIEW

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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, archrivals Western and Central will square off in a rematch of last year's "Battle in Seattle," a fierce gridiron 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. kick-

off 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 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."



Heggem (left) and Werder chat after a TLA session.

The university has been involved in teaching and learning research with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning since 1998 and officially formed the TLA in the fall of 2000. WWU participants in this scholarship have won national acclaim for involving students in a national dialogue about teaching and learning.

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

## 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 environ-

mental studies and design and allows for individualized tailoring according to students' interests.

**Fairhaven's Gary Bornzin** offered a course, "Visioning Sustainable Futures: Whatcopia" 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 impacting the People's Republic of China during a 10-day study tour in March. They studied transportation-related environmental planning and policy, with a focus on the 2008

Olympics in Beijing and the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai.

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 Christian, Ted Olsen, Mark Hamilton and Tyler Schroeder.*



David Scherrer photo



# INVESTMENTS in Excellence IN EXCELLENCE



(Left to right) Karen L. Payne, manager of environment, health and safety at BP, Dean Bradley Smith and Liz Daly, BP environmental supervisor.

## CORPORATE PARTNERS

further WWU's commitment to sustainability

By Michele Girard and  
Leslie White  
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Western's corporate partners have made significant contributions to the university's commitment to sustainable practices and strategies.

Many corporate gifts have supported Canyon Lake Creek Community Forest, an old growth forest in the Mount Baker foothills, and environmental research on a property near the BP Cherry Point Refinery.

The forest, pictured above, is jointly managed by WWU, Whatcom County Parks and Recreation and the Whatcom County Land Trust.

High on a remote mountain 25 miles from campus, this ancient forest had been virtually unknown for 1,000 years until a unique stewardship arrangement was formed in 1998. Fairhaven professor emeritus Rand Jack, a Land Trust member, was instrumental in the evolution of the partnership.

The forest consists of 2,300 acres of ancient trees, including 600 acres of old growth, one of the oldest forests in the Pacific Northwest. Some of the trees are up to 1,000 years old. Six miles of trails wind through the Pacific silver firs, Sitka spruce, red spruce, mountain hemlocks and Alaska yellow cedars as well as a 40-acre lake and five streams.

The first company to promote the preservation of the forest under the shared management was Recreational Equipment, Inc., of Seattle, whose president and CEO is Dennis Madsen, also president of the Western Washington University Foundation.

REI donated \$25,000 in 2000 for footbridges and trail construction, to reclaim logging roads and to provide students and hikers access to the largest stand of old growth trees.

"Thanks to REI and others, limited development of the forest is now possible," said Bradley Smith, dean of Huxley College of the Environment. "We all will benefit from the effort."

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 visitors 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 hemlock fir 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, Alcoa 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-in-Seattle committee, and Dennis Madsen, CEO of REI and president of the WWU Foundation Board of Directors, have 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 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.

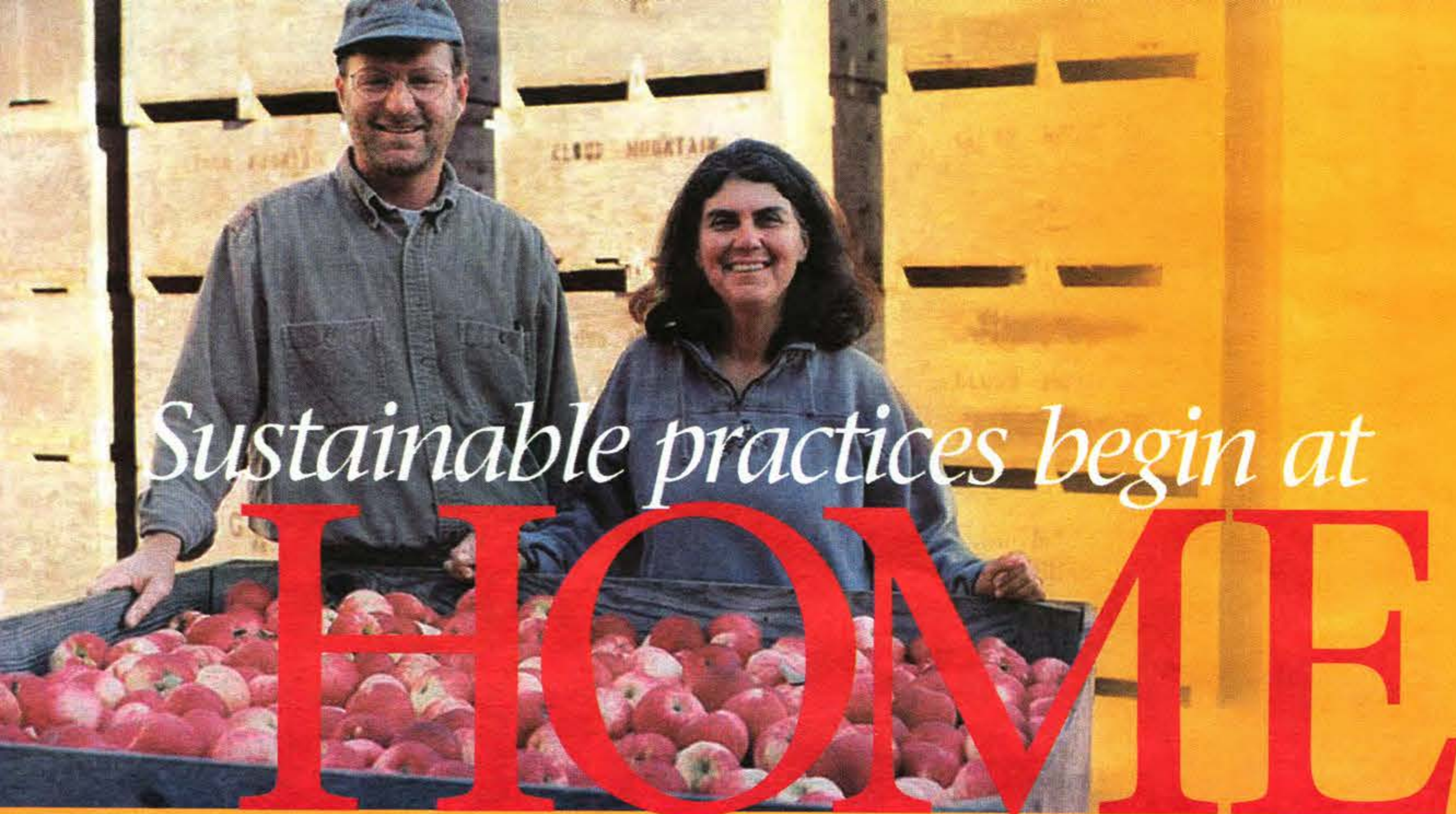
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At left: Madsen and Baker

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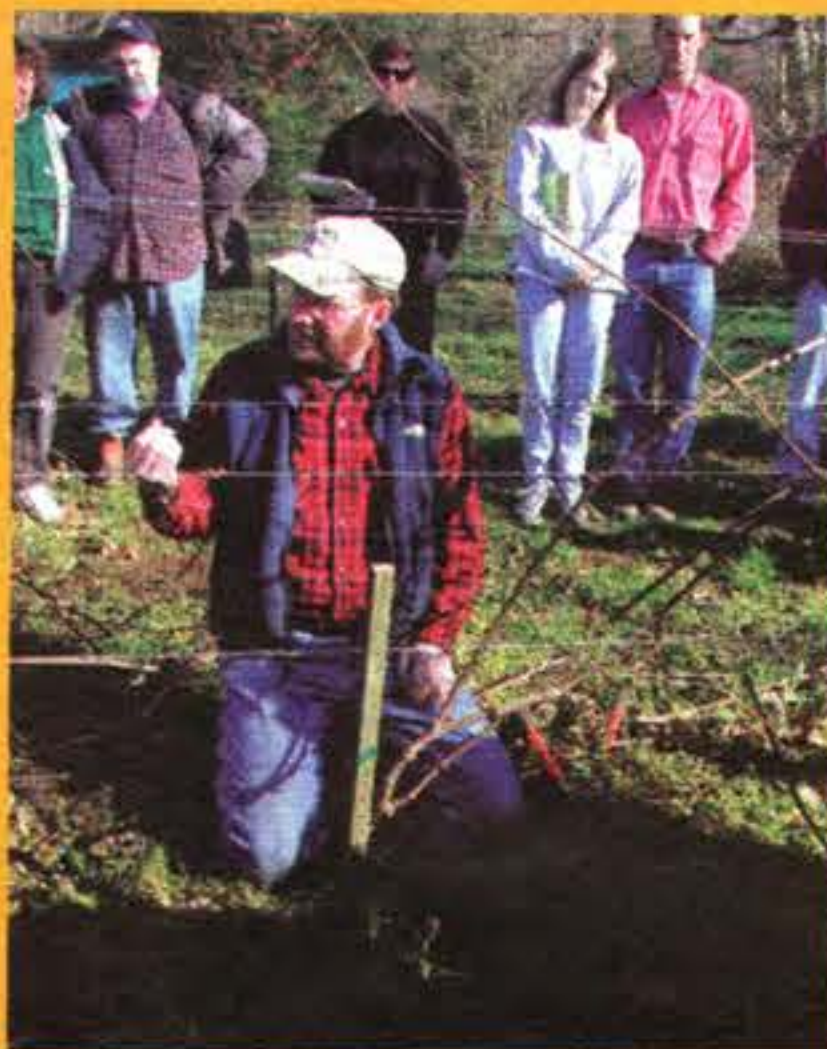
# HOME

By Kathy Sheehan  
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Ask Tom and Cheryl Thornton ('78) what kind of business they're in, and they're apt to tell you education. Or community building. Or sustainability. And that is exactly what these Fairhaven and Huxley College graduates have been doing for 25 years – while producing and selling fruit, fruit trees and ornamental plants at Cloud Mountain Farm in Everson.

The Thorntons are among a growing number of Western Washington University family members who are playing prominent roles in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of sustainable business, environmental, agricultural, educational, social and development practices.

As owners of the 20-acre farm that includes commercial orchards, a retail nursery and a landscape business at the foot of Sumas Mountain, the Thorntons recognize that they owe their success to being good stewards of the land and by providing customers with the information they need to be good citizens in a sustainable community.



Tom Thornton at Cloud Mountain Farm

The Thorntons promote shopping at local businesses and farming and gardening 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.

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 pesticides. "We 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 yards," 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 yards. ... It's an evolution of their awareness."

Another Huxley alumna, Wendy Scherrer ('76/'88), 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 acclimation 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 survived to make their final journey up the Nooksack in 2003.



Wendy Scherrer

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 Webber, a retired Huxley professor. Program coordinator Rachel Deryckx, project managers Darrell Gray ('84) and Shannon Moore and crew member John Hymas ('79) also have Western ties.

Scherrer, the Thorntons and other Bellingham-area residents are also members of Sustainable Connections, a business network in Whatcom County that supports a local living economy. With nearly 300 members, it launched a "Buy Local" campaign in December. The program

promotes a sustainable local economy by encouraging investment in Whatcom County and minimizing environmental impacts. Businesses that support the campaign use the "Buy Local" logo in their advertising and marketing.

Among the board members of Sustainable Connections are: co-founder Rick Dubrow of A-1 Builders in Bellingham, who attended WWU in the 1970s and whose son, Orin, attends WWU; Dean Fearing ('96), manager of the REStore in Bellingham; Cindi Landreth ('91) of Cindi Landreth Home Design; and Fred Berman, owner of Pastazza restaurant. Heather Johnson ('99) is the program and membership manager.

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 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.

"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 ('75)**, 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 appropriate technology and design. 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 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 stable 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.

## 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 sci-

ence 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 identify 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.

They have planted millions of oyster seed – of both Pacific and native Olympia oysters – in Fidalgo Bay, Padilla Bay and near Fidalgo Island.

For instance, at Fidalgo Bay, near Anacortes, the Skagit MRC planted native Olympia oysters to see if the native species can be brought back to harvestable numbers.

Oysters have many beneficial effects on the marine environment, Dinnel said, including filtering water to maintain water quality.

"Their shells also provide habitat for other animals, especially juvenile Dungeness crab, and settlement surfaces for both Pacific and native oyster larvae," Dinnel said.

The Swinomish, Upper Skagit and Samish tribes also are working with the Skagit MRC to plant Pacific oysters on Fidalgo Island beaches to provide enhanced opportunities for both tribal and non-tribal persons to harvest the popular shellfish.

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 shoreline habitats and removing the invasive saltwater weed *Spartina* from along shorelines.



Paul Dinnel







## '92 grad 'in the board room'

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.

**1934**—Wilfred Gunderson, a retired educator, a veteran and pastor and founder of Evergreen Community Church, turned 90 on Jan. 6.

**1952**—Richard Clark ('70) of Blaine received the *Record-Journal's* Thomas L. George Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award in Ferndale in January for promoting classical music in Blaine and for having written a history of the International Peace Arch.

**1965**—Craig Knowlton recently joined Professional Property Management, LLC, in Tacoma 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. ... Dennis Matson is retiring after 10 years as executive director of the Thurston County business organization. He previously worked for the state Department of Trade and Economic Development for 21 years.

**1968**—Owen Carter creates personalized crossword puzzles and is known as Bellingham's "puzzle man."

**1970**—Linda Monahan, an orchestra teacher in Longview for 27 years, won a \$4,770 grant from SWIFT (Southwest Washington Independent Forward Thrust), for the Longview School District's orchestra program in February. The grant paid for 37 stringed instruments plus bows and other accessories that the Hoquiam School District was selling. After her husband, Dan, refinishes and repairs the violins, violas, cellos and basses, low-income students in Longview will begin playing them in September. ... Craig Stoner is board president of Youthnet, a nonprofit organization in Mount Vernon that provides educational and social services to youth and families.

**1971**—Bill Arrigoni, who has taught math and computer classes for 33 years in the Auburn School District, won the Technology in Education Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award from Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass.,

for December 2003. He is also an adjunct professor at Seattle Pacific University. ... Rodger Teig is interim principal at Isom Intermediate School in Lynden.

**1972**—Janice (Amo) and Roman Stefaniw ('74) work for the Summer Institute of Linguistics as translation consultants and are relocating from Darwin, Australia to Chiang Mai, Thailand. They celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary in March.

**1973**—Allen Collins was named a vice president at Washington Federal Savings where he is branch manager in Mount Vernon. Collins has 24 years of banking experience. Bill Dietrich's new book, "Hadrian's Wall," was described as a "rousing adventure-mystery-romance story" by a reviewer for *The Seattle Times*. ... Spiro Manthou was elected to the Tacoma City Council in November. ... Thom Williams retired from the Meridian School District where he taught English for 31 years.

**1975**—Tim Lancaster, a third grade teacher at Prairie Elementary School in Yelm, has helped political campaigns since before he could vote. He chaired the Democratic caucus Feb. 7 at the Yelm Middle School. ... Anne Macartney Brooks has a renewable energy business, Brooks Solar, in Chelan with her husband Randy.

**1976**—Eric Carlsen was promoted to executive vice president and chief credit officer at Prime Pacific Bank in Lynnwood. ... Jo Ann 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 consulting firm. Besides being an ordained elder, 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.

**1977**—Richard Widerkehr wrote *Sedimental Journey*, a novel about a geologist, published by Tarragon Books in Bellingham.

**1978**—Joyce Russell recently opened Clayworks, a pottery store in Bellingham's Fountain District.

**1981**—Robin Martinez owns Bright Beginnings, a child care facility, and 30 Minute Fitness, a women-only workout center. Both businesses are on Main Street in Ferndale. ... Kevin Olden has been promoted to vice president of engineering for ProVideo Systems, Inc. in Perrysburg, Ohio. As director of engineering, Olden oversaw SD/HDTV upgrades to PBS station WNEO 49 in Kent, Ohio, and the implementation of Medical College of Ohio's Center for Creative Instruction. Olden also freelances for the Outdoor Life network, SPEED and various other networks as technical manager/senior video engineer. ... Jill Rouw, owner of Jill Rouw and Associates' accounting office in Mount Vernon, won Skagit County Business Pulse's "People's Choice" award for best accountant for 2003. ... Carol Whitehead, superintendent of Everett Public Schools, is Washington state's superintendent of the year. Whitehead is also an adjunct instructor at Western and instructor for the Danforth Principal Program at University of Washington.

**1982**—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.

Donald Trump, left, fires all but one "Apprentice" contestant in the board room. Kevin Harris ('92) is at right and at inset, left.

**1983**—Debora Juarez, a former Superior Court judge and executive director of the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs, has joined Williams, Kastner & Gibbs in Seattle.

**1984**—Mitch Evich published a short novel, *The Clandestine Novelist*. ... Kurt Lamm joined Merrill Lynch's Tacoma office as a financial adviser. ... John Swapp is the president of JetPoint Technologies, a company which uses high-pressure water to cut metal.

**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 Abreast team. ... Michael Mayer teaches at the Canadian International School of Hong Kong. ... Jan Rystrom is manager of whole health at Haggen, a newly created position designed to help customers with special dietary needs.

**1988**—Kendall Jones and friends began 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.beerchurch.com>.

**1992**—David DeYoung is a financial representative with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network.

**1994**—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 Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charterholder designation. He can be reached at [patricktdrum@hotmail.com](mailto:patricktdrum@hotmail.com). (WWU regrets that a class note in the winter issue of *Window on Western* misspelled Drum's name and contained incomplete information.)

**1995**—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.

**1997**—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 ('98) live in Shoreline "with our big dog and aloof cat." Hickey is helping to coordinate a reunion of WWU resident advisers in August.

**1998**—Trooper Tyler Drake received the State Patrol's Award of Merit for saving the life of Bunnie Arntzen, who was kidnapped by a former boyfriend. ... Reuben McKnight is

now Tacoma's historic preservation officer. ... Alyssa Powers works for the Fremont Public Association in Seattle as an AmeriCorps/VISTA Program coordinator. She and Daniel Hickey ('97) were married in August 2001. ... Amy and Mike Puderbaugh are now trading assistants for ebay.

**1999**—Wendy Giroux is the city reporter for the *Mercer Island Reporter*. ... Joshua Hardina was awarded a Dean's Fellowship to attend 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.

**2000**—Michael Brown won the 58th annual College Photographer of the Year competition, for his portfolio of 26 photographs taken in the Athens, Ohio, area. ... David Toyer is the new vice president for government affairs for Barclay's North, Inc. Previously, Toyer served as Snohomish County manager for the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties.

**2001**—Corey Eichner was the winner of a contest for a weekend of campaigning with presidential candidate, Sen. John Kerry. ... Thaddeus Kerkhoff is a member of the 4th Military Police Company, and was given the duty of escorting the \$750,000 found with Saddam Hussein. ... Jason Moyer is a teacher for the Lower Valley Day Reporting program in Sunnyside, an alternative school for youth on probation or parole. The program is designed to help at-risk youth transition back into a traditional educational setting. ... Sherry Reichert has accepted the position of director of communications and marketing at Highline Community College. ... Patricia Relay is the program coordinator at the Washington Arts Consortium and recently coordinated a Patrick Dougherty installation sculpture now located in Centennial Park in Lynden.

**2002**—Mary Baldwin joined the Skagit County Planning and Permit Center as customer service manager. ... Lara Gunderson has accepted a two-year assignment with the Peace Corps to serve as a community health volunteer in Nicaragua.

**2003**—Michelle Goelzenleuchter is a page at Bellingham Public Library's children's department. She presented a program titled "Exploring Mars" for families with kids in February. ... Bronlea Hawkins is the education reporter for the *Record-Journal*. She also works at the Skagit Valley Casino and is a practicing black belt in Taekwondo. ... Timothy Lusk works as an exhibit designer in Poulsbo at Steelhead Productions.

## 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, "Shared Land/Conflicting Identity: Trajectories of Israeli and Palestinian Symbol Use" (Michigan State University Press, 2002).

Frank, a graduate assistant and assistant director of forensics while at West-

ern, has published many books, book chapters and articles in academic journals, and teaches classes on argument in public and advanced forensics. Frank's research interests include the rhetoric of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the rhetorical theory of Chaim Perelman and forensic education. He is married to kindergarten teacher Marjorie Enski and has two sons, Michael, 9, and Justin, 6.



## 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 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 Cravens** ('99), **James Sullivan** ('99), **Brad Snowden** ('99), **Anne Erlandson** ('89), **Jon Hansen** ('90), **Don Pringle** ('03), **Scott J. Smith** ('77), **Willow (Webb) McLaughlin** ('97) and **Steve Lawrence** ('93).

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

Two options are offered: Basic adventure will send youths on day trips hiking, biking, 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 6 to 8. The second High adventure session is for grades 9 to 12. **Andrew Cull** ('01) and **Randy Rydel** ('02), 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, obser-

vation 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.Ed., 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](mailto:adventures@wwu.edu) or visit online at <http://www.wwu.edu/~adventur>.

## WEDDINGS

**1986** – **R. Ricardo Garcia** and Valerie Laasri, Oct. 5.

**1993** – **April Backlund** and Jere Meyer, Dec. 31. ... **Mark Eichhorn** and Melissa Pearson, Aug. 2.

**1994** – **Tony Paolozzi** and Alison Otto, Aug. 21.

**1996** – **Jeffrey Balam** and Diane Lehmann ('98), Nov. 11. ... **Mary-Elizabeth Dynes** and Christopher Pearson, Aug. 22. ... **Jennifer France** and John Talvitie, April 11.

**1997** – **Susanne Balsiger** and Shawn Thornton, Sept. 27.

**1998** – **Diane Lehmann** and Jeffrey Balam ('96), Nov. 11. ... **Joy Rickey** and J. Aaron Stenehjem, Aug. 23.

**1999** – **Susan Bishop** and Brian Anastasiadis, Dec. 6. ... **Betsy May Blair** and Michael Volm, Sept. 29. ... **Amy Vandall** and Christian Kuiuwa, Oct. 25.

**2000** – **Brian Causey** and Shauna Duncan, Aug. 23. ... **Justin McPherren** and Melissa Vaux, Aug. 23.

**2001** – **Allison Bachelor** and Anthony Pass, Oct. 4. ... **Ty Botts** and Chelsea Weimer, June 28. ... **Susan White** and Peter Moore, Sept. 6.

**2002** – **Melissa Anderson** and Jeffrey Brown, Aug. 2. ... **Brooke Bruner** and Peter Sherry, Aug. 3. ... **Jana Clapp** and Bryan Paige, Nov. 22. ... **Jennifer Loveridge** and Kyle Wallace, Sept. 13. ... **Tyson Meyer** and Ashley Owens ('03), July 26. ... **Christina Rhodes** and Kevin Lynch ('03), Sept. 13.

**2003** – **Jennifer Carroll** and Adam Brizendine, Aug. 30. ... **Kevin Lynch** and Christina Rhodes ('02), Sept. 13. ... **Ashley Owens** and Tyson Meyer ('02), July 26. ... **Rashel Russell** and Corey O'Neil, Sept. 21.

## Where do you wear your Western gear?

**Roger Flescher** ('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.



## IN MEMORIAM

**1924** – **Florence Ring**, 103, a retired teacher, Nov. 24.

**1925** – **Mildred Lyons**, 95, Nov. 23. ... **Jessie Mercer Knechtel Payzant**, 96, a children's book author who wrote under the name Terry Shannon and a Distinguished Alumna during WWU's Centennial, North Bend, Ore., Dec. 26, 2002. She won the Alaska Centennial medal for "Kidlik's Kayak and "A Dog Team for Ongluk."

**1927** – **Eugenia Fairbanks**, 94, a retired business education teacher at Yelm High School, Oct. 27, 2001, in Federal Way.

**1931** – **Hazel Hammett Pflugmacher**, 96, a retired teacher, in Seattle Dec. 7.

**1932** – **Winifred DeWitt Anderson**, 91, a retired teacher, in Seattle Jan. 17.

**1934** – **Mark F. Jarrett**, 96, a retired teacher who traveled the world, March 20. He and his wife Dorothy visited all seven continents, including Antarctica, backpacking in Scotland, snorkeling in Belize, staying in a yurt in the Gobi Desert and dancing a polka for children in China.

**1937** – **Margaret Roseanne Jacob Eldred Lowe**, 81, a retired teacher, Oct. 30 in Milwaukee, Ore.

**1942** – **Eloise Whitcombe Hennig**, 85, June 30.

**1945** – **Keith Lindfors Barrett**, 85, a retired operations manager for the state Employment Office in Mount Vernon, March 4.

**1949** – **Henny Snook**, 92, a retired teacher, in Port Townsend Jan. 28.

**1950** – **William August Eastman**, 88, teacher and principal and president of the Washington/Oregon School Supply, Learning World, in Scott Lake, Wash., Feb. 9.

**1951** – **Everett Dahl**, 78, Dec. 2.

**1952** – **John "Wally" Rants**, 72, a retired music teacher, Navy veteran and former mayor and City Council member of Tukwila, in Port Orchard on Dec. 2. ... **Oscar Edwin Olson**, 73, a medical technician from Calistoga, Calif., June 12, 2002.

**1953** – **S. Maxine Pederson**, 88, a retired teacher in Tenino and Seattle, Feb. 22.

**1956** – **James Aldrich**, 69, a cartographer for the CIA, Feb. 21 in Bellingham. ... **Franklin Nielsen**, 69, retired teacher and musician, Lynnwood, Jan. 10.

**1963** – **Jerry Lloyd Joyce**, 64, a retired Puyallup High School teacher and Western's Athlete of the Year in 1960 for his feats in track, wrestling and football, April 10. He was a track and cross-country coach and wrestling official for many years.

**1968** – **Carol Brooks**, 58, an educator, Dec. 19.

**1969** – **Diane Holland Gould**, 55, a teacher for 25 years and the humanities chair at Shoreline Community College in Seattle, Feb. 26.

**1970** – **John Donovan**, 57, a retired secretary-treasurer of Local 38 of the Teamster's Union, Jan. 1 in Aptos, Calif. ... **Jerry Killgore**, 59, an educator, Feb. 29 in Marysville. ... **Stephanie Parke**, 55, retired man-

ager of the Seattle Thrift Store for Children's Hospital, Dec. 12 in Mill Creek.

**1971** – **Craig "Chip" Caldwell**, 56, a food and beverage manager in four states, Dec. 14 in Wenatchee.

**1972** – **Pat Odlaug**, 59, a history teacher and coach in Mukilteo, Feb. 7 in Seattle.

**1978** – **Tom Wiley**, 57, a history teacher, coach and athletic director in the Shoreline School District, Dec. 12 in Kingston.

**1979** – **Art Watts**, 50, a development and exploration geophysicist with ARCO Alaska, June 2, 2003.

**1983** – **Raynette Finkbonner**, 51, chief administrative officer and lobbyist for the Lummi Indian Business Council and owner of her own consulting business, Dec. 26 in Lummi. ... **Wayne Iverson**, 50, a biologist who taught at Newport High School in Bellevue, of brain cancer Jan. 30.

**1985** – **Robert Wright**, 41, in Lynnwood Feb. 28.

**1986** – **Polly Head-Corliss**, 37, an elementary school teacher in Cashmere and Seattle, Dec. 31. ... **Susan Marie Loomis**, 40, an auditor with Defense Contract Audit Agency, of cancer March 17.

## FACULTY, STAFF & FRIENDS

**Marven Eggert**, 83, a former WWU trustee and Whatcom County labor leader, March 13.

**Herbert R. Hearsey**, 93, who retired in 1974 as associate director of Wilson Library after working there 33 years, April 18 in Bellingham. He was elected to the WWU Athletic 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.

**Dorothy E. A. Ramsland**, 83, professor emerita who taught home economics at Western for 37 years before retiring in 1986, April 15 in Bellingham. Her extensive art and design tours and field trips abroad enabled her to estab-

lish an enviable teaching collection of furniture, art, textiles and art objects. Her outstanding chair collection is now preserved in the Western Gallery. Memorial gifts may be sent to the Chair Collection, c/o the WWU Foundation, MS-9034, 516 High St., Bellingham, WA, 98225-9034.

**Ivy May Sinclair**, 75, who was head controller at Western for 25 years, Jan. 6.

**George E. Witter**, 80, who taught mathematics and computer science at Western from 1955 to 1985, Jan. 9. He was the first director of Western's Computer Center and played a major role in introducing computer science as an academic discipline on campus.



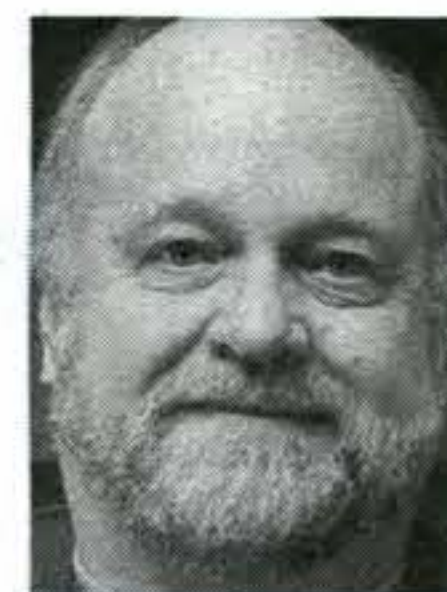
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## DISTINGUISHED Alumni



Mark Asmundson ('76)



Bruce Ayers ('79)



Louise Bjornson ('91)



Laurie Caskey-Schreiber ('84)



Pebble Griffin ('71)



Barrie Hull ('72)



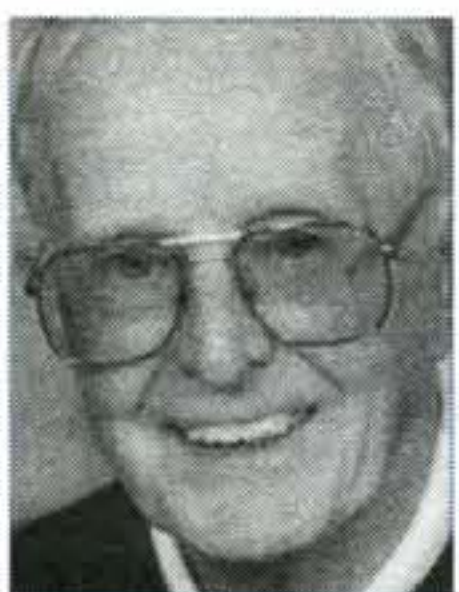
Stephen Jones ('74)



Joy Keenan ('80)



Betty Kiner ('81)



Kenneth Mc Aulay ('42)



Justin Mc Kay ('02)



Stuart Mc Kay ('72)



Dan Mc Shane ('83)



Cheryl Thornton ('78)



Shirley Van Zanten ('71)



Keith Willnauer ('78)

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 first-hand 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:

Bellingham Mayor **Mark Asmundson** ('76), who served on the Bellingham City Council from 1985 to 1993 and who was elected mayor in 1995 and re-elected in 1999 and 2003

**Bruce Ayers** ('79), a Bellingham City Council member from 1994 through 1997

**Louise Bjornson** ('91), a Bellingham City Council member since 1988

**Laurie Caskey-Schreiber** ('84) a Whatcom County Council member since 2002

**Pebble Griffin** ('71), elected to the Blaine School Board in 1997

**John Herrmann** ('64), who served on the Bellingham City Council from 1974 until 1982 (No photo available)

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

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

**Joy Keenan** ('80), who served on the Bellingham City Council from 1990 through 1993

**Betty Kiner** ('81), who served as a Bellingham City Council member in 1988

**Kenneth Rowe Mc Aulay** ('42), who served on the Port of Bellingham Commission from 1972-1993. McAulay died May 4.

**Justin Mc Kay** ('02), a Ferndale School Board member since 2003

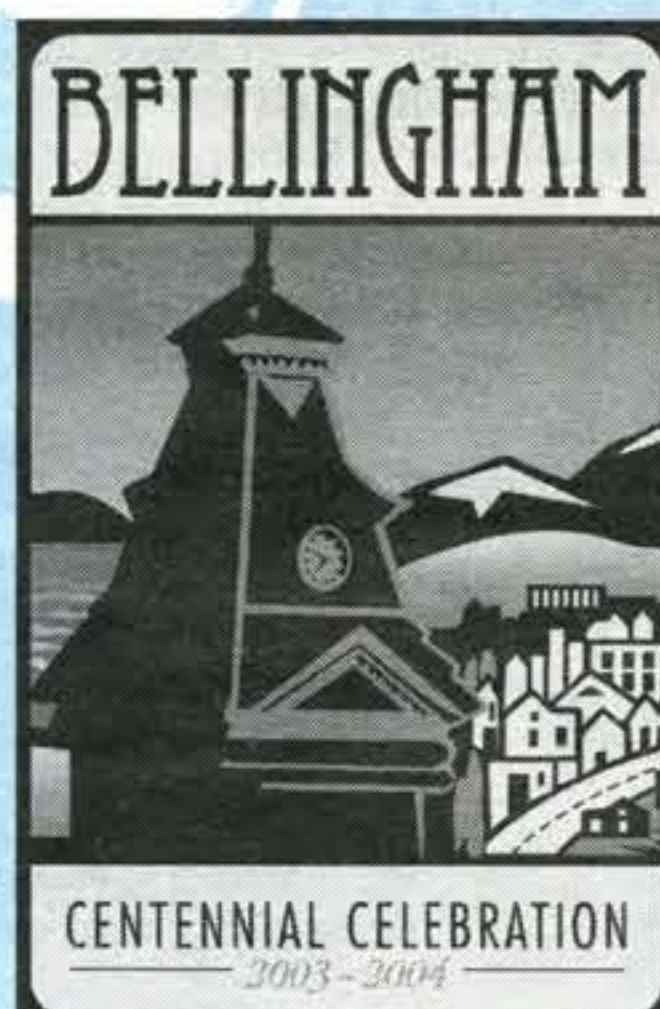
**Stuart Mc Kay** ('72), who has also been a Ferndale School Board member since 2003

**Dan Mc Shane** ('83), a Whatcom County Council member since 2000

**Cheryl Thornton** ('78), a member of the Nooksack School Board since 1995

**Shirley Van Zanten** ('71), the former Whatcom County executive who served 12 years after being elected the first woman county executive in Washington in 1983. Van Zanten was a WWU Distinguished Alumna in 1999.

**Keith Willnauer** ('78), who serves as the Whatcom County assessor. He was first appointed in June 1989 and elected in November 1989.



## Builders of Bellingham

WWU graduates recognized as "Builders of Bellingham:"

Debbie Adelstein ('70)  
Steven Adelstein ('71)  
Pam Ames ('72)  
Bob Ames ('67)  
Joan Beardsley ('86)  
Shannon Carey ('95)  
David Christensen ('75)  
Craig Cole ('77)  
Sharon Coss ('86)  
Jim Cozad ('74)

Fran Dodson ('98)  
Sheri Emerson ('99)  
Taimi Gorman ('77)  
Bill Gorman ('80)  
Brad Haggen ('90)  
Elsie Heinrick ('76)  
Dale Henley ('68)  
Juanita Jefferson ('84)  
Christine Jenkins ('98)  
Jeff Jewell ('84)

Nate Johnson ('03)  
Maureen Kane ('91)  
Tony Larson ('88)  
Kathy Lovdahl ('89)  
Phyllis McKee ('67)  
Darcie Nielsen ('82)  
Wilanne Ollila-Perry ('89)  
Janis Olson ('72)  
Kathy Pierre ('01)

Vic Randall ('71)  
Mary Shea ('94)  
Tim Shea ('87)  
Marty Snyder ('92)  
Bill Unrein ('76)  
Richard Vanderway ('71)  
Tim Wahl ('77)  
Delores West ('71)  
John Whitbeck ('85)

Russ Wilson ('79)  
Kathy Bovenkamp-Wilson ('92)  
Joe Wooding ('03)  
Nicholas Zaferatos ('79)  
Frank "Moose" Zurline ('50)



## 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.



Angelique Davis

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.

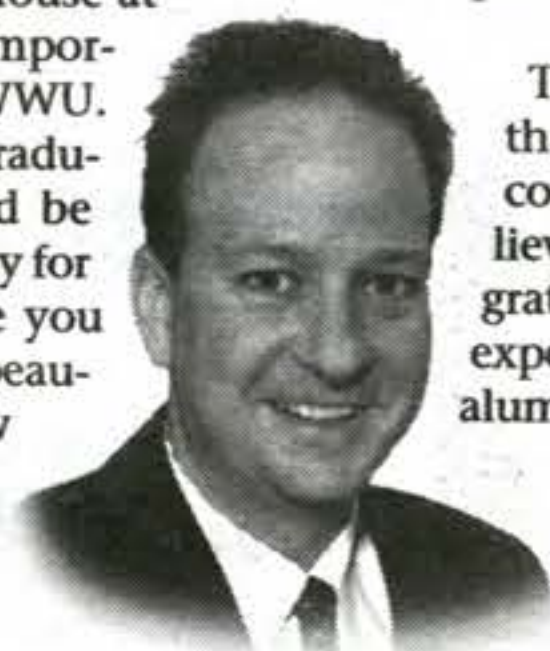
"I thought it would be good for Western to reach out more to the segment of its alumni population who lives in the Seattle metropolitan area," she said. She also wants to increase the diversity of alumni who are actively involved with Western.

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 gathered here and proud of the special feeling that radiates from every student and alumnus I have met so far.



William Farkas

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.

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.

## Interest sought for Homecoming "Viking Express" train

By Susan Bakse ('88)  
ALUMNI RELATIONS/WWU FOUNDATION

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.

Alumni would likely arrive in Bellingham on Thursday, Oct. 14. Guests would have time on Friday to visit the campus and reacquire 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 and possibly a special dinner for the adventurous travelers.

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 \$320 for a sleeper compartment. Prices drop proportionately for departures north of San Diego.

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.

## 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.

HOMECOMING  
OCTOBER 11-17 2004



# CALENDAR 2004

**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 50 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 6 - Aug. 21: Summer Stock.** Shows on campus and off campus include "Some Enchanted Evening," "Peter Pan," "The Rimers of Eldritch," "A Raisin in the Sun" and "Big River: Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." See <http://www.wvu.edu/depts/theatre/>

**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.wvuathletics.com>

**Aug. 7: Alumni Hike** to 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@nlrb.gov](mailto:daniel.hickey@nlrb.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, Burfoot County Park

**Sept. 18: Whatcom County Alumni Chapter's Fall Send-off Picnic/BBQ** for WWU alumni, new and current students and their parents, on campus

**Sept. 22: Fall classes begin**



**Sept. 25: "Battle-in-Seattle:"** WWU vs. CWU in Seahawks Stadium, 6 p.m. Pre-game party in Seahawks Exhibition Center at 3 p.m.

**Oct. 11-17: Homecoming** - Alumni Association event with various activities during the week.

- **Friday, Oct. 15** - Bonfire and Fireworks, on campus
- **Saturday, Oct. 16** - Homecoming football game, Civic Field

## Tickets & Information <http://calendar.wvu.edu>

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

**"Adventures" Camps**  
(360) 650-6822

**Athletics**  
(360) 650-3109

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

**Marrowstone Festival**  
(360) 362-2300

**Munro Seminar**  
(360) 650-3469

**Study Canada**  
(360) 650-7370

**Summer Stock**  
(360) 650-3876

**Western Gallery Info Line**  
(360) 650-3900

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### Alumni & Community

Thank you for visiting the Western Washington Alumni Association [www.wvu.edu/~alumni](http://www.wvu.edu/~alumni). This is your opportunity to contact old friends, find out what is happening at Western, connect with new friends at Alumni events or in chat rooms. You can even become a mentor for a new graduate or post your own resume online. Keep checking our new Alumni community for new campus pictures. You will also want to see who has updated their own information. Let us know what you think and thanks for reconnecting with Western Washington University through your Alumni Association.

William F. Jones, Director of Alumni Relations



I welcome you to the Alumni website and invite you to visit our new [www.wvu.edu/~alumni](http://www.wvu.edu/~alumni). I am honored by the opportunity to represent more than 80,000 graduates and former students of Western and

By Erik Robinson  
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Should the urge strike to look up an old friend from back in the day, start a conversation about the Western women's basketball team or contact local WWU alumni in your area, Western graduates need look no further than the recently redesigned WWU Alumni Web site.

The site at <http://www.wvu.edu/~alumni> now has more content and features than ever before.

Beginning with welcome messages from the Alumni Association president and the director of alumni relations, the site has streamlined much information into 10 different features.

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. Check 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 grads 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) 676-6558 or [Kathy.Patrick@wvu.edu](mailto:Kathy.Patrick@wvu.edu) with questions.

The online community can be found at <http://www.wvualumni.com>.

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