For the LOVE of TEACHING

Who was your favorite professor at Western?

We asked WWU graduates to tell us about the outstanding teachers and mentors they encountered during their Western experience.

What we received was an outpouring of affection, pride, awe, appreciation, gratitude and respect for faculty members who transformed the lives of their students in wonderful ways.

On the pages here and inside, and on the Alumni Association Web site, you can read about several generations of caring, dedicated faculty members who launched careers; coached athletes and struggling artists; inspired legions of teachers, musicians and scientists; and offered jobs, humor, energy and even a snack in the refrigerator.

Most of all, you told us how caring Western's teachers are.

If you would like to contribute your comments about an inspiring WWU faculty member, please write to alumni@wwu.edu.

The full text of these comments and more can be found at http://www.wwu.edu/~alumni.

My favorite PROFESSOR

Bob Keller, professor emeritus, Fairhaven College

Having officially retired from teaching in 1994, you could say that Bob Keller was a great teacher. With Bob Keller though, you have to ask if it is possible to retire from what you really are.

I first encountered Bob Keller when he co-taught a class at Fairhaven College, "Forest of the Pacific Northwest." That class turned out to be one of the most profound learning experiences of my college career.

By taking a complex and controversial topic, throwing in rigorous readings, difficult questions and stimulating discussions, adding 70 professionals representing a breadth of knowledge and opinion and logging 2,500 miles worth of field trips, Bob Keller helped shape the path to critical thinking and respectful learning. That was 1994, five years after his supposed retirement.

To this day, Bob continues to be a teacher and mentor. He asks tough questions that get me thinking about my assumptions. He encourages me to write, write, write and he is always assigning reading. He has a genuine interest in people learning from multiple sources including each other. And he fosters that learning by respecting all who have something to teach, something to say.

Bob Keller never really retired from teaching. He simply is a teacher and a great one at that.

— Bob Langan ('00) Bellingham

Charles Lappenbusch, coach, administrator and professor emeritus of physical education

More humorous than any comedian on TV.

— William (Mike) Clarke ('50)

Nancy J. Johnson, professor of English education

Rosemary Scott Vohs, communication department and Woodring instructor

These women each took me under their wing to be my mentor. Both loved literature and had a unique twist on bringing it to people in a fresh way. Nancy through literature circles, and Rosemary through storytelling. Being in their classes awakened my heart to the artistic use of words, but most of all, in their classes I felt cared about. Somehow, amidst hundreds of students, they managed to create warm spaces in which words, and hearts, mattered.

— Kristi Lentz ('00)

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Magazines rank WWU tops for academics

For the eighth year in a row, U.S. News & World Report has ranked Western second among public master's granting universities in the West, a region stretching from Texas to the Pacific. The U.S. News 2005 American college rankings place Western in 18th place among comparable universities — public and private — in the West. Western has been highly rated 16 of the last 18 years.

Western has also been ranked among the nation's top 50 best values for public colleges and universities by Consumers Digest magazine.

"Students tell us they choose Western because of its reputation for academic excellence and faculty who provide a challenging environment for learning, as well as the wonderful environment here in Whatcom County," said President Karen W. Morse.

The Consumers Digest rankings, published in the June issue, are based on attributes that define academic and educational quality balanced against cost of attendance. The magazine ranked 50 public and 25 private colleges and universities.

Faculty in program to evaluate learning

Woodring College of Education faculty members are the evaluators for a successful statewide program that seeks to improve math instruction through enhanced use of technology and mentorship. In the No Limit! (New Outcomes: Learning Improvement in Mathematics Integrating Technology) program, selected public school mathematics teachers receive funding for equipment and software over a two-year period. Improved access to technology allows teachers and students to better visualize, organize and analyze data, while also focusing on reasoning and problem-solving. Woodring received $200,000 last year.

WCE offers certification

Woodring College will begin offering certification for public school superintendents this fall in Everett. The two-year program is for aspiring superintendents and other school district leaders, such as assistant superintendents, executive directors and program managers.

Planet wins more awards

The Planet magazine, Western's award-winning environmental magazine, has earned recognition for the fourth consecutive year as the "Best Student Magazine" published more than once a year in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska. Students also won individual awards at the Society of Professional Journalists' regional meeting in April.

Students committed to sustainability

Some 85 percent of WWU students voted in April to assess themselves a fee to pursue renewable electricity options for campus. The Associated Students' board will spend this academic year working with administrators on the practicalities and exact cost of implementing a renewable electricity program at Western before taking the proposal to the Board of Trustees, which votes on whether to implement student fees.

Cars place in Tour de Sol

Viking 32 and Viking 23, the Vehicle Research Institute's experimental cars, placed third and seventh, respectively, overall in the annual national Tour de Sol competition in May. The Viking 32 took first in the autocross category and the 350-foot acceleration test. The Viking 23 placed first in lowest greenhouse emission category.

Building selected as architectural showcase

The Wade King Student Recreation Center will receive a Facility of Merit Award from Athletic Business. It was chosen from among 98 Architectural Showcase entries for 2004 and is one of 30 winning facilities that will be featured in the November issue of the magazine for athletic, fitness and recreation professionals.

Willy Hart tapped for WWU Residences

Willy Hart has been named director of University Residences, replacing Kay Rich '76 who retired in January. Hart joined WWU in 1991 as associate director of University Residences-Facilities.

"I believe Mr. Hart will ensure continued good stewardship of our housing and dining program, as well as provide leadership in new areas of direction for the Student Affairs and Academic Support Services division," said Ellen Coughlin, vice president of Student Affairs.

Sport science program wins endorsement

Western now offers an American College of Sports Medicine-endorsed program for students pursuing health and fitness or clinical exercise professions. ACSM said WWU meets the academic standards needed to prepare students for health, fitness and/or clinical exercise training and positions and for certification exams as an ACSM Health/Fitness Instructor®.

Correction

Students who gained global perspectives on cultural, business and environmental issues during a study tour to the People's Republic of China in March were enrolled in a course at Huxley College of the Environment, not the College of Business and Economics.
CFPA welcomes new dean: Carol D. Edwards

Carol D. Edwards, assistant dean of the School of the Arts at Kennesaw State University, has been named the new dean of the College of Fine & Performing Arts.

Selected after a nationwide search, Edwards succeeds Linda Smeins, who has been acting dean since 2002. Smeins, a professor of art, will return to teaching.

"We are looking forward to welcoming Dr. Edwards to Western," said President Karen W. Morse, "and we're pleased to have a person of her caliber as dean of the College of Fine & Performing Arts.

"This is a strong college with talented faculty and students. We anticipate that she will effectively work with the college to enhance its reputation and help it to become an even more powerful force for the arts on campus and in the community."

"Dr. Edwards brings an extensive background in art education and the visual arts as well as a strong record of administrative accomplishment to her new position. We are delighted she has decided to join us," added Provost Andrew Bodman.

"In addition, on behalf of the university community, I want to extend our thanks to Dr. Smeins for her exemplary service as acting dean since 2002."

Communications Facility plays host at Homecoming

By Kristie Lundstrom
ALUMNI RELATIONS

An open house in the newly completed Communications Facility kicks off the Homecoming activities this year.

Friday, Oct. 15, Alumni are invited back to see their favorite faculty and take in the beautiful architecture, cutting edge computer labs and new classrooms in the four-story building.

The departments of communication, journalism and physics will host receptions for their alumni on each floor of the building from 4 to 7 p.m.

Journalism graduates will depart a little early for a 6 p.m. banquet at the Wade King Student Recreation Center.

All Homecoming activities on Friday will take place on the south side of campus. There will be abundant parking and you can walk from one exciting event to the next.

At 7 p.m., the band "Andy O" will spice things up with some reggae music in the parking lot across from Fairhaven College where the fireworks show and bonfire will begin at 8 p.m. Enjoy the world famous Homecoming Raspberry Brownie, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, hot apple cider and hot chocolate, compliments of the WWU Alumni Association.

On Saturday, don't miss the Alumni Association tailgate party, with a beer and bratwurst barbecue and music by Bellingham's Walrus, at 11:30 a.m. at Civic Field. Then watch the Vikings take on Humboldt State at 1 p.m.

For more information on Homecoming activities, Oct. 15-16, see the back page or call (360) 650-3353, (800) 676-6885.

WWU has changed but retains unique character

By Karen W. Morse
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

They say that the more things change the more they seem the same. This might be seen as a guiding principle for Western as we grow, we are true to the niche and mission you saw as students.

Admissions Pressures: While the media has been focusing on tightening admissions in public colleges and universities around the state, we have continued to follow our strategic plan on issues of growth and enrollment, pursuing a careful path of moderate growth. New freshmen and transfer students are essential to the university's vitality and intellectual life. To maintain opportunities for future students, we have managed our space carefully so that Western will be able to enroll new students in both winter and spring quarters.

Providing a personal learning environment: Programs such as the Teaching, Learning Academy, an ongoing university dialogue about the scholarship of teaching and learning among faculty, staff and students, enhance the learning environment and help students be part of it. Developed in 2002 with a Carnegie Foundation grant, the Academy will continue this year with weekly discussion meetings. Other efforts, including First-year Interest Groups (FIG), Scholars Week and the Scholars Academy, bring more than 1,300 students into smaller, learning communities where they have an opportunity to integrate their learning, present original research, work on creative projects and discuss vital ideas across disciplines.

Promoting civic involvement and responsibility: New this fall will be the American Democracy Project, a multi-campus initiative sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities to create an intellectual experience of civic engagement for students. We are developing a project-related curriculum for one of our FIG clusters and planning a number of activities to enhance our students' understanding of civic responsibility. Nationwide, 180 institutions are involved.

A new way of looking at the stars: You may remember the early 1950s vintage planetarium upstairs in Haggard Hall. The planetarium has been remodeled and updated with the latest projector, sound system and ceiling resurfacing and will offer superb video and Dolby sound presentations.

New space for students and faculty: If you've visited campus lately, you've noticed big differences on the south campus. Our new brick and copper Communications Facility will be in full use this fall, with state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories. The building houses the physics, computer science, communication and journalism departments.

Come to campus this fall to visit and see how we've changed, even while maintaining the character of your alma mater. There are many activities for you, including visits to academic departments and athletic events. Homecoming will be Oct. 15 and 16, and your Vikings will take on Humboldt State at Civic Field Saturday afternoon. See you there!
and a retired teacher.

1945 - Virginia Aller and her husband Leon Aller were honored by the Snohomish City Council with a citywide recognition day in March for their outstanding philanthropic work. The couple started Hands for Feeding, a program dedicated to helping solve poverty, illiteracy, illness and unemployment in 40 countries including Guatemala, Ethiopia, South Africa, South Korea and Taiwan. Virginia also started Snohomish's first kindergarten program. The Allers are active in Snohomish Rotary and have been foster parents to more than 80 children, including seven they adopted.

1954 - Dale Hoggins was named the 2004 "Citizen of the Year" in Edmonds.

1958 - Jean Dunham published her first book entitled "Two Women in Africa: The Ultimate Adventure." Her book is a humorous, fast-moving account of the rigors she and a friend faced while on safari. Dunham retired as a school principal in 1991 after 32 years in the field.

1964 - David Benseler has retired from the Washington State University Business School and has been designated the Emil C. B. de Sautel professor emeritus of modern languages and literatures.

1970 - Mark Venn became the new school chief for Sedro-Woolley in April. Venn was previously the assistant superintendent of Bellingham School District in Whatcom County....

1971 - Roger Braden was hired in May as assistant director for energy at the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission....

1972 - Lynn MacDonald taught English, Spanish and journalism for 25 years throughout Puget Sound. She has changed her career and is now a UnivServ representative for the Washington Education Association in the southeast region of the state. ... Dave Swanson co-edited The Methods and Materials of Demography, 2nd Edition, which was released by Stenhouse in February. Swanson was appointed editor of Population Research magazine. Research papers were in "a strike for the record days last fall...."

1973 - John Assens is the vice president and business banking team leader for the South King County Sterling Savings Bank....

1976 - Mary Lucile Teller, after 31 years in education, the last eight as assistant director for energy at the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, was awarded the 2004 College of Liberal Studies Faculty "Recognition of Excellence" Award for Teaching. Lake is taught at UW-Lake City since 1999. Previously, she taught in the department of modern and classical languages at Western.

1979 - Robin Leecher, a forest ecologist for the U.S. Forest Service in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, discovered a new species of moss on Snowking Mountain in the North Cascades in 1999. The tiny "grimmia lecheae" was named in her honor and is now listed along with other known members of mosses.

1980 - Barry Parish and Margaret Parish celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Aug. 6. Parish is retired from the Bumby, B.C., School District for five years.

1988 - Dr. Louis Du Brey, an audiologist practicer in Marysville, Wash., was awarded a doctor of audiology degree at A.T. Still University and the Arizona College of Health Sciences....

1989 - Kevin Bell of the Washington State Patrol and his wife, Pionineer Kivianan in Shelton on May 17 about to finish his driving and seatbelt enforcement in Mason County....

1990 - Benjamin Kornell directs the School Marder College Concert Choir in Iowa. Kornell recently had two books published by Harrock Music Hall.

1991 - John Belcher was hired as principal at Centralizing Middle School in Everett. Belcher was an administrative intern at Ingemar High School in the Northshore District near Seattle. He has taught high school and junior high science and biology....

1994 - Conrad Demaree was named senior director of Big Box Entertainment in Burnaby, B.C., School District for five years.
Western this fall. His plan is to teach environmental restoration and computer skills to others in his village.

Part of his dream is to establish an eco-garden in Kenya. The project would enable him to teach his villagers how to grow their own food using sustainable farming practices.

Without help from the community here, Wanambisi would not have been able to stay at WWU. Community members worked together to raise money for his tuition and books and he was awarded several scholarships.

He is the recipient of an Alumni Association Scholarship, The Bellingham Herald Diversity Scholarship and the Multicultural Achievement Program Scholarship.
Henry "Hank" Howe ('54), Lorene Bergmann Halleck ('55) and Larry Offut ('54) with a 1954 Klipsun showing Lorrene as one of the Homecoming court princesses.

Golden Vikings Reunion Committee members Ruby Smith ('51) and Cec and June Thomas ('51) at the June reunion.

Golden Vikings celebrate return to campus

by Kristie Lundstrom
ALUMNI RELATIONS

The Alumni Association and the Reunion Committee welcomed back to campus 94 graduates of 1954 and earlier for the 2004 Golden Viking Reunion in June.

Morris "Spud" Miller ('54) served as master of ceremonies for three days of events, including a welcome reception; brunch with President Karen W. Morse; campus and community tours; and, the highlight of the weekend, the Golden Memories Banquet.

Miller and his wife, Joyce ('54) traveled from Arizona to celebrate not only the Golden Vikings, an alumni group honoring those who graduated 50 years or more ago, but a golden wedding anniversary.

WWU students provided background music for the Friday evening reception while alumni took in a spectacular view of Bellingham Bay.

The golden thread through the weekend was one of fond memories, remembering the great times on campus, the wonderful life-long friends and remarkable faculty.

"The informal fun of the reception and visiting folks we had not seen for many years, ... and just being back on the campus made this reunion a highlight of our summer," said Chuck LeWarne ('55), who attended with his wife Pauline ('54).

The Reunion Committee of Kappy Britain ('52), Joan Clyde ('52), Britt Lee ('53), Harry ('51) and Carol Pagens ('52), Dick Pedersen ('52), Jim ('51) and Persis Shook ('51), Ruby Smith ('51) and Cec and June Thomas ('51) have been an inspiration in their planning over the past four years. The Alumni Association could not have done it without them.

The Reunion Committee will be joined by new recruits Donald Davis ('52), Danny Beatty ('54), Joyce Gil- lilie ('46) and Art Heald ('54). If you are interested in joining the Reunion Committee, please phone the Alumni Relations Office at (360) 650-3353.

Plan to attend next year's celebration. Watch for information about the 2005 reunion coming in your mail in December.

Whatcom County Alumni at Volunteer Day

Nearly 200 WWU alumni of all ages made a difference in their local communities during National Volunteer Week in April.

Whatcom County alumni, including Alumni Chapter co-president Maureen Christman ('88), bottom, right, and Alumni Association Board member Ray Foster ('88), top, right, worked on a clean-up project at Padden Creek near Interstate 5 and Old Fairhaven Parkway on April 24. They cut down blackberry bushes and spread cardboard on the ground to form a new trail.

Volunteers in Olympia removed ivy from Priest Point Park on April 17, and graduates from Snohomish and King counties spent the morning of April 24 cleaning up the habitat around Green Lake in Seattle.
Alumni work to formalize new career network

By Bill Farkas
ALUMNI RELATIONS DIRECTOR

Many years ago, in the long history of Western Washington University, one alumna helped another obtain a job, probably doing so as a favor. Whatever the motivation, it was the beginning of a remarkable and often invisible process called "alumni networking."

The ingredients are simple. Consider the talents, energies, loyalty and spirit of all those undergraduates and young alumni who are or have attended Western. Mix that with a large alumni population whose members have life experience and are putting their education to good use.

Combine that common bond, and it leads to a mutually beneficial meeting of members of the Western family.

I have seen this process in action as the director of alumni relations and, in fact, I’ve already had the opportunity to use it.

A couple of months ago at an alumni gathering in Seattle, I saw this informal networking taking place.

I watched young alumni taking time from their busy lives to mingle with more established alumni, who had also taken time from their busy schedules to attend. It was indeed satisfying from my perspective and certainly enriching from theirs.

This notion was recently tested from another perspective, and I think it is a perfect illustration of what alumni networking is about and why the alumni of Western need to assist us in building a more formalized alumni network.

One senior was about to graduate and was interested in marketing. One of our alumni volunteers works in marketing for a major Seattle corporation. A quick call revealed that this alumnus was more than willing to meet with this recent grad and assist in the job search process.

As the number of Western alumni increase and their geographic dispersion expands, this networking process will become more and more important.

A recent New York Times article tells of the increase of alumni turning to their alma mater for help in finding a new job.

The Alumni Association and the Alumni Relations Office want to formalize the networking process. To do this we need your help.

If you are in a position to give of your time to help fellow Western alumni, take a minute to fill out the form on this page or go online at http://www.wwualumni.com.

With this information, we will create the first WWU Alumni Career Networking Directory and distribute it to current Western juniors and seniors. It will only be available to members of the Western family and its use limited to career guidance.

To those of you who have been part of this informal networking process by assisting another Western alumnus, thank you.

To those of you who have perhaps received assistance through this process, remember how it happened.

And to those of you who want to be part of the networking process, we eagerly await hearing from you.
Scholar-Athletes earn season’s accolades

Volleyball setter Liz Bishop ('04) was named Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year for the third straight time, and football strong safety Rob White earned Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year accolades for 2003-04.

The WWU scholar-athlete award recognizes Viking student-athletes who best demonstrate excellence both on the playing field and in the classroom.

The pair were also named the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Female and Male Scholar-Athletes of the Year for the 2003-04 season.

Kurt Hartmaier, Nicola Parker ('04) and Josh Griesse shared WWU Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors and will have their names added to the G. Robert Ross Memorial Trophy.

Bishop, with a 3.89 GPA, was the Outstanding Graduate for the secondary education department, a four-year letter winner and the GNAC Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

White, a senior from Woodinville, is a biology/anthropology major with a 3.78 GPA. He was an academic all-star for the league and the College Sports Information Directors of America District VIII, both for the second straight year.

Parker, a libero from Auburn, was selected WWU Female Athlete of the Year. She led the volleyball team to the best second in school history and a third straight GNAC title.

Hartmaier placed 41st at the NCAA II National Cross Country Championships to earn All-America recognition, becoming just the second Viking to earn that distinction. He also was a four-year letter winner in track.

In other athletics honors, senior Laurel Kaminski, the bow stroke in Western's nationally ranked women's varsity eight crew, was named a College Rowing Coaches Association/NCAC Division II National Scholar-Athlete for the second straight year.

Political science professor Ken Hoover earned the Olicamp Faculty Research Award and Huxley College of the Environment professors Gigi Berardi and Lynn Robbins received the Diversity Achievement Award.

The teaching and diversity awards include $1,500 stipends to use for research, teaching and equipment and supplies. Hoover received $1,000 as the research award recipient.

Faculty honored

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

Excellence in Teaching awards went to philosophy professor Ned Markosian from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and economics professor Paul Storer from the College of Business and Economics.

The Vikings' eight, ranked No.1 nationally all season long, was forced to come to a complete stop and finished fourth.

Western finished third in the team standings at the third NCAA Division II Women's Rowing National Championships at the CSU Sacramento Aquatic Center in May.

Crew team so close to first NCAA title

With 600 meters to go in the varsity eight grand final, Western's women's crew team appeared to be on its way to victory and capturing the school's first NCAA Division II National Team Championship.

Then misfortune struck. A WWU rower's oar got stuck in the water on the recovery portion of a stroke, and the dream was over.

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“Skyviewing” book recounts symposia

A new book recounts the symposia, guest lectures and other proceedings that took place during Japan Week 2003.

The copyright for WWU’s Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology was purchased by Sage Publications of California in May. Sage, a leading independent publishing company, paid Western $1.25 million and will pay annual royalties averaging $50,000 in perpetuity.

For more than 35 years the Journal, under the leadership of founding editor Walter J. Lonner, has been the main activity of Western's Center for Cross-Cultural Research, housed in Western's psychology department.

Established in 1969 by now retired Western professors Robert D. Meade and Lonner, the center has involved various members of the psychology department in cross-cultural research and scholarship over the years.

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Footnotes:

*Isamu Noguchi and Skyviewing Sculpture, Proceedings of Japan Week 2003* is edited by Sarah Clark-Langan, director of the Western Gallery and curator of Western’s Outdoor Sculpture Collection, and Michiko Yusa, professor of Japanese and East Asian studies at Western.

Two photos of Noguchi’s “Skyviewing Sculpture,” which was the focus of Japan Week in 2003, grace the cover of the book. The sculpture was installed on Red Square in 1969.

The book, produced through WWU’s Publishing Services, is available at the Western bookstore. It was made possible through a number of campus offices and the support of H.A. Barney Goltz and an anonymous donor.

*Scanned are founding editor Walter Lonner, WWU President Karen W. Morse and Blaice Simqu, executive vice president of Sage. Standing are Graduate School Dean Melob Ghadd, Sage acquisitions editor Michael Williams and Andrew Bodman, provost.*
Faculty continue the legacy of excellence by providing scholarships for WWU students

by Shauna Bakkensen ('04)
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Professors and staff at Western are more than willing to help students succeed in obtaining a college education. Through countless hours of teaching, advising and guiding, Western faculty and staff help young people reach one of life's most rewarding milestones.

Faculty members feel a special connection to Western because of the time they invested in students and the university. They want to continue the legacy of excellence and help promising students succeed.

Western is a part of both work and family life for many retired faculty, and their families observe and honor these individuals' commitment to education.

Proving education can be a life-long commitment, many of Western's retired faculty and staff continue to support students by providing scholarships.

Radke endowment

The children of August "Rad" and Carol Radke gave their parents a unique 50th wedding anniversary gift; they created the August and Carol Radke endowment at the WWU Foundation.

The Radke children wanted to commemorate Rad's 36 years of teaching history at Western, and Carol's 20 years of working on the Bellingham School Board. The Radke children are all graduates of Sehome High School, and the endowment is awarded to a Sehome graduate who is entering Western as a freshman.

"I am very devoted to public education, and I feel thankful our children would honor us in such a way as to establish a scholarship," Carol said.

She has the privilege of presenting the scholarship to the recipient at an assembly in June. This year, the endowment had grown so much that two students were awarded $1,500 each.

Bob and Marilyn Monahan also honored a family member by creating the Patrick L. Monahan scholarship endowment in remembrance of their son.

Bob is a WWU professor emeritus of geography and environmental social sciences and Marilyn is retired Western staff.

The Monahans established the scholarship in 1974, and through continuing support from friends, family and geography graduates the scholarship has continued to grow.

Bob, who began teaching at Western in 1955, has seen many students struggle with rising tuition and book costs. He said scholarship winners are grateful for the financial help but more importantly, students gain confidence and self esteem because someone believed in them.

"Marilyn and I support deserving students," he said. "We help those who are having a tough financial time and recognize those who use their minds effectively. We want to attract individuals who will make a contribution to Western and to society in general."

Industrial design scholarship

Marvin A. Southcott has spent the meaningful contributions his students have made to society and supports students through the industrial design scholarship.

Southcott, associate professor emeritus of technology, meets scholarship winners at the scholarship luncheon, and he has seen many of the industrial design graduates accomplish great works. He continues to receive phone calls from students who thank him, after years in the field, because they are still using information he taught them.

Thanks to the generosity of hundreds of Western alumni, parents and friends, the WWU Foundation has eclipsed its original goal of raising $5 million in scholarship support by the end of 2004.

Foundation Board President Dennis Madsen has announced that the goal has been extended to $8 million by Dec. 31.

"We are extremely pleased with the response to this initiative," said Madsen. "With the continued increase in higher education costs, scholarships are extremely important, and it is gratifying to see so many step up and make a commitment to help Western students."

Southcott taught his students many lessons during his career, including two lessons he continually emphasized.

"I always told my students, 'You do not make mistakes; you make opportunities for adjustment.' And 'Design is an invention of relationships that are appropriate for the situation,'" he said.

Southcott not only created the industrial design scholarship for promising industrial design students, he also created, in 1974, the industrial design program at Western, which has been recognized world wide. Students from all over the world applied to the WWU ID program.

"We want to attract individuals who will make a contribution to Western and to society in general."

Bob Monahan

Bob Monahan endowment

He retired in 1991, after 26 years of teaching, and wanted to provide talented students with an advantage.

Southcott, the Radkes and the Monahans are just a few of the dedicated faculty and staff, current and retired, who encourage and champion students through the educational process. Providing scholarships goes beyond the daily commitment to students and is a testament to their interest and desire to help young people realize their potential.

For more information on contributing to or creating a scholarship, please contact Mark Bagley at (360) 650-3612 or mark.bagley@wwu.edu.

Goal is $8 million Scholarship campaign extended to Dec. 31

Over the next three months, the Foundation will continue to focus on raising funds for scholarships. They will be earmarked for four areas: recruitment scholarships to attract the best and brightest to Western; scholarships for upper division students; scholarships for geometric edge students who have declared a major; scholarship to encourage diversity and access; and athletic scholarships.

If you would like additional information on scholarships, or to make a gift, please call the WWU Foundation at (360) 650-3027 or e-mail mark.bagley@wwu.edu.
Herbert C. "Bud" Taylor

professor emeritus, anthropology

Dr. Taylor was a professor in the anthropology department from the early 1930s until his retirement in 1987 and death in the early 1990s. He was the quintessential southern gentleman and always respected his students by calling them ladies and gentlemen — and meaning it!

Like many of his generation, he interrupted his academic studies to serve his country during World War II. Later, he continued by serving as an officer in the Washington State Air National Guard.

He was a great mentor and I feel that my professional and personal relationships with Dr. Taylor started me on a path to become a professional anthropologist and archaeologist with the U.S. military, where I work as a forensic anthropologist/archaeologist with the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command on Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii.

Besides anthropology, what did I learn from Dr. Taylor? Here’s a partial list: 1) Try to maintain a compassionate objectivity for the people we study and work with; 2) a sense of humor is essential; 3) a little knowledge about wine is a good thing; 4) duty to our human situation.

— William R. Belcher ('84/85) POVM/MIA Accounting Command

Janet Mock

mathematics

She treated each of us as professionals, and this automatically raised the bar in what she expected from us in terms of our time, effort and dedication to the course. She was a rare individual able to balance kindness and discipline with perfection.

— Lisa Dills ('03) second grade teacher, Seattle Woolley

Harley Hiller

professor emeritus of history

Harley Hiller taught Canadian history, and I ended up taking several classes from him. What he gave me was an infectious enthusiasm for his subject, so that one could not help but be swept along by his energy. He had a pet phrase that I still use today, "close enough for jazz" when he approximated something. Many years later, a professor myself, I try to emulate that amazing enthusiasm and love for teaching that Harley Hiller imparted to me. I like to think that I honor his memory with my own teaching every day.

— Diana Knauf ('83) faculty member at Shoreline Community College in Seattle

Howard Harris

professor emeritus of anthropology

Mr. Harris taught me that kindness is not weakness; that a whipper can be more powerful than a shout; that standing up for your convictions is always the right thing to do; and that there is humor to be found in just about every human situation.

These are lessons that have stayed with me throughout my life. I am lucky to have been his student.

— Sandra "Sam" Thompson ('79) projects analyst at an international law firm in Seattle

Howard Critchfield

professor emeritus, geography and regional planning

Often times, you remember the professors you liked the most, but you also remember the ones who terrified you the most. In both cases, Dr. Howard Critchfield comes immediately to mind. He was an institution at Western by the time I got there in the late 1970s. I took several geography courses from him, such as climatology and geographic thought and writing, which was considered the toughest course in the major. I earned an "A" in thought and writing, and I remember thinking that my grade in any other course did not matter after that laurel.

Dr. Critchfield did more than just teach geography. He taught how to learn. On the first day, he would say, "Write your name and the city you were born in, or something apparently simple. Most of the students would get it wrong, writing his name or the state they were born in, for example. His point was that most people don't listen and can't follow even simple instructions. I have a few choice books on my desk at home in San Diego to this day. Some Barbara Tuchman history books, Clark, and Critchfield's "General Climatology" textbook.

— Ryan Patten ('90) Ph.D. candidate in criminal justice at WUW.

Lynn Robbins

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

I fell in love with teaching when I heard a professor of philosophy lecture on and discuss how we know what we know. These are lessons that have stayed with me throughout my life. I am lucky to have been his student.

— William R. Belcher ('84/85) POVM/MIA Accounting Command
Charles Sylvester
professor, physical education
health and recreation

Charlie always has the best interest of his students in mind. For example, when it came to selecting internship sites, Charlie was extremely particular. He made sure that the person the student would be interning under had good experience and was an excellent professional in the field. He would tell you if he didn't think someone was qualified to mentor an intern.

He always took time before/after class to talk with students. His door was always open in his office, too.

— Karen Klokkevold (Burkhart) ('97), a Birch Bay resident who works as a funeral director/enembalmer at Jones-Moore Funeral Home, Bellingham

Jennifer Louis
assistant professor of sociology

She taught me that it is important to pay attention to what is going on in the culture because it has a major impact on the future.

— James Junior ('04)

Patricia McCormick
professor of art

As my ceramics instructor, he advised me to "put more of myself" in my work. This changed the course of my career from pursuing the life of a production potter to that of a fine artist.

— Quentin Walter ('81)
Florida artist

For the individual trusted with the responsibility of guiding emerging artists through the rewards and pitfalls of a career in art, dedication to the craft of teaching is paramount. The professor I admire the most in this respect is Patrick McCormick, for his incredible work ethic, his grace, his sense of humor, and his ability to write great recommendation letters within a moment's notice!

The example that he set as a consistently working professional artist inspired me to let art consume my life. He is the one who taught me that artistic growth happens through the process of working rather than the lure of the finished object.

He constantly urged me to examine the possibilities of the artwork I was creating. This was accomplished through critique, and at times through anecdotes. I am sure all of his students would agree Pat is quite a storyteller.

Sometimes I would get too caught up in the "seriousness" of what I was doing, and Pat would remind me that life is hilarious and fun too.

Since graduating with a BFA in 1999 I have taught high school art, earned a master's degree and exhibited my artwork regularly. I am finding out it is rare to know someone who, after 30 years in the field, is still excited to go to work every day.

I am encouraged to know that Pat honestly looks forward to the start of every quarter and the chance to work with new students. Pat is not only one of the finest educators, he is also a fantastic human being, one of the best I know.

— Keri Straka ('99), Outstanding Graduate, art department, ceramics teacher, Massachusetts College of Art

Michael Mishakovich
professor emeritus of economics

His "Money and Banking" course was positively terrifying. Getting an "A" in that course was the single most gratifying experience of my entire college career, which spanned the Universities of Wisconsin and Missouri, WWU, University of Washington Law School, and the WWU and Seattle U. grad schools.

— Don Wittenberger ('68)

Ron Riggins
dean, Evergreen College
professor of physical education, health and recreation

Ron Riggins is one of the reasons I decided to go to Western. I had traveled all the way up the coast looking for a school and a program. Ron talked to me about the program and we discovered that he had been my 6th grade camp trail guide back in California. That began an excellent journey to my B.A. in parks and recreation.

Ron's classes were always challenging and he strove to get the best from each one of us. One end of quarter, he came to class with grocery bags full of various items.

He started in on all these things that he felt he had not had time enough to delve into, using the items in the grocery bags as props. Then he started taking off his clothes.

Underneath, he had a Superman outfit on. He wanted us to know exactly what he would have to be Superman to do. I believe that he is Western's own Superman.

— Kyla Bates (Cynthia) ('83)
acting Distance Learning manager, Spokane Falls Community College

Harold O. Palmer
professor emeritus, business education

Dr. Palmer was a sincere mentor beginning with freshman orientation and continuing when I was his student assistant (even though I switched to home economics). He was a serious taskmaster when it came to the fine art of typing. Speed and accuracy were developed through the use of an odd contraption called a "tachistoscope." He believed in the importance of going beyond the concept of "kkk ll mm mqq nrr," grasping groups of random letters and then remembering strings of words. I discovered this method improved my reading skills as well as my typing.

For the past 40 years, my career path has taken many interesting turns because I was taught to type properly, with accuracy and speed. Harold Palmer, I feel, believed that a fast finger on the keyboard was a talent to be developed, much like a concert pianist. And the key to success was always practice, practice, practice.

— Martha C. Cummings ('69)
VNC, USNR, Ranger

Raymond Hawk
professor emeritus, education, director of student teaching

He was my adviser. Coming directly out of 10th grade (and the U.S. Navy) into college, you can imagine I was having a difficult time with certain issues. My first grading period was horrific. I just felt like saying, "Well, why waste any more time here?"

So I went to him, and he says, "Tough. That's not going to happen."

... He worked out a system where every Thursday I'd go to his house, and if he or Mrs. Hawk or their son would have a good right in, check the refrigerator, see if there's a little snack there or something, and wait for them to get home. And he would then go over my studies for that week.

... And it was through him that I determined to stay (at WWU).

— Charles Odell ('52)

Carl U. Schuler
associate professor emeritus, history

For demonstrating that learning, even about the Ancient Near East, can be entertaining as well as enlightening for the present.

And for having the unique ability to be "real human being," interested in sports even — if I remember correctly — being quite an athlete himself.

He also had a deep and abiding interest in his students and showed — with integrity — how to live a full and honorable life.

— Robert B. Wade ('65)

Robert Kim
professor emeritus, educational foundations

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Dr. Kim played a critical role in helping us coordinate, raise funds, and market our efforts to the greater Seattle Korean community for their support. Remarkably, we raised all the funds to start the Korean language course within a year.

— Robert Kim
I can honestly say as a student of color, my experience was positive and wonderful because of people like Dr. Kim. He definitely helped shape the path I took after college.

— Hyon Chu Yi ('94)
director of MOSAC, Cross Cultural Center, San Jose State University

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Oct. 8  Manufacturing Operations Management Alumni reception, 5:30 p.m., at Red Hook Brewery, Woodinville
Oct. 10  Alumni Run, 9 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. start, Wade King Student Recreation Center
Oct. 13  Student Alumni Association Comedy Night, 7 p.m., Amtzan Hall 100
Oct. 13  King County Alumni Chapter meeting, 6:30 p.m., Marie Callender’s, near Northgate Mall, Seattle
Oct. 26  Alumni Association Networking/Happy Hour, 6 p.m., Wenner American Grill, Tukwilla

**CALENDAR 2004-05**

**Oct. 13 Homecoming Events:**
- Sonser Breakfast, 9 a.m., VU Multipurpose Room; Communications Faculty Open House, 4-7 p.m., journalism department reunion banquet, 6 p.m. at Wade King Student Recreation Center, Homecoming
- reggae music and fireworks, 7 p.m. in parking lot across from Fairhaven College.
- Oct. 16 Homecoming football game, 1 p.m., Civic Field, tailgate party at 11:30 a.m.

**Western Performing Arts Center**

Music and dance highlight Western’s 2004-2005 Performing Arts Center Series. An abbreviated season of three events is complemented by the music department’s Sanford Piano Series, listed below. Season tickets to the PAC Series, which range from $35-$50 for all three events, and single tickets to PAC Series and Sanford Piano Series events go on sale Sept. 22 at the PAC Box Office: (360) 650-6146. For more information, visit: http://www.pacseries.wwu.edu.

The 2004-2005 PAC Series is sponsored by The Bellingham Herald, Bellingham Weekly, Best Western Lakeway Inn and the Kukes Endowment.

**Paul Rosenthal & Friends**
- Saturday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. PAC Concert Hall
- Tickets: $10-$16

Violinist Paul Rosenthal is joined by an ensemble of WWU faculty for an evening of intimate chamber music featuring works by Locatelli, Mozart and Brahms.

**Sergio & Odair Assad**
- Saturday, Jan. 15, 7:30 p.m. PAC Concert Hall
- Tickets: $16-$22

Brazilian-born Sergio and Odair Assad are today’s preeminent guitar duo. They have led a revival of contemporary music for guitar duo with an exciting blend of musical styles, periods and cultures.

**Sanford Piano Series**

The Sanford Piano Series is sponsored by the Spirit Fund of Whatcom Community Foundation. Proceeds from this sub series support the music department’s Arthur Hicks and Ford Hill Piano Scholarships.

**Nov. 4**  Bellingham Business Forum with Bob Goodman, executive producer of The X-Files, as keynote speaker, 12 noon, Hotel Bellwether. $35. Call (360) 650-4825.

**Nov. 6**  Alumni Legacy Dinner, 5 p.m., on campus

**Nov. 11**  Alumni Association Networking/Happy Hour, 6 p.m., Rock Bottom Brewery, Bellevue

**Nov. 12**  Alumni Association Event: Bottle Your Own Wine, 7 p.m., Silver Lake Winery, Woodinville

**Jan. 6**  Alumni Association dinner before men’s basketball game at Lacey, 3:30 p.m., St. Martin’s College

**Jan. 13**  Whatcom County Alumni Chapter Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Wade King Student Recreation Center

**Jan. 15**  Alumni Association gathering prior to men’s basketball game at SPU, 5:30 p.m., on SPU campus, Seattle

**Feb. 2**  Alumni Association rally before CWU vs. WWU men’s basketball game, 5:30 p.m., SMATE

**Stephen Drury**
- Tuesday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m. PAC Concert Hall
- Tickets: $8-$14

Twentieth-century music champion and award-winning pianist Stephen Drury will perform Charles Ives’ “Concord” Sonata and other works.

**Paul Roberts**
- Friday, Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m. PAC Concert Hall
- Ticket: $8-$14

Paul Roberts is one of Britain’s most exciting and astute interpreters of French piano music and will be performing works by Ravel, Messiaen and Liszt.

**Natasha Paremski**
- Saturday, May 14, 7:30 p.m. PAC Concert Hall
- Tickets: $8-$14

Russian-American pianist Natasha Paremski, a quickly rising star, will perform works by Mozart, Schumann, Corigliano and Rachmaninoff.

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