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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.

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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, “For­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­…
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 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 earns status as an ACSM Health/Fitness Instructors®. 

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.”

WWU has changed but retains unique character

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 Process: 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 AmeriCorps VISTA program, where they have an opportunity to integrate their learning, present original research, work on creative projects and discuss vital ideas across disciplines.

WWU President Karen W. Morse

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 retractable roof 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!
1941 – Mary Lucille Teller was a volunteer in the Camp Fire USA museum in Seattle and a retired teacher.

1945 – Virginia Aller and her husband Leoon Aller were honored by the Snohomish City Council with a citywide recognition in May for their outstanding philanthropy work. The couple started Hands for Peace-making of toys 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.


1964 – David Benseler retired from the Department of Commerce in September and was appointed editor of Population Research in 1964. Prior to that, he was an assistant professor at the Population Research Center.

1970 – Mark Venn became the new chief for Sedro-Woolley in April. Venn was previously the assistant superintendent of the Snohomish School District.

1974 – Elaine Hanson retired after having taught math, science and physical education for 30 years at Marysville Junior High and Marysville-Pilchuck High School. She served two years as president of the Marysville Education Association, whose members were in strike for a record of days last fall. Jane Van Voorst was promoted to senior vice president of Horizon Bank. Van Voorst oversees all aspects of retail sales development, working directly with the retail branch staff and management.

1975 – Shahn Farvan Ameli is vice president and bank manager for Union Bank of California in Los Angeles. Ameli also teaches at the college level. Craig Crock is a volunteer in the Camp Fire USA museum in Seattle.

1976 – Jeanne Engelhardt is a volunteer in the Camp Fire USA museum in Seattle.

1978 – Darlene Lake, a Spanish professor at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, was awarded the 2004 College of Liberal Studies Faculty "Recipients of Excellence" Award for Teaching. Lake has taught at UW-La Crosse since 1999. Previously, she taught in the department of modern and classical languages at Western.

1979 – Robin Lesher, 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 ‘gimminia lesherae’ 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. 8. Barry Parish is vice president and co-owner of Big Box Entertainment in Seattle.

1988 – Dr. Louis Du Brey, an audiologist and researcher in Menlo Park, Calif., was awarded a doctor of audiology degree at A.T. Still University and the Arizona College of Health Sciences. Dr. Daniel Kowalski joined Medora Medical Group in Bellevue as a pediatrician.

1989 – Mike Perry was named senior vice president for investments at the Bellingham office of Wachovia Securities. Perry joined the firm in January.

1993 – Anne Bernhard was appointed to a faculty position at Connecticut College in 1993. Bernhard is a microbiologist, was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Washington. She hopes to develop cooperation with local scientists that will frame ecological questions regarding microbial populations.

1997 – Craig Anderson now practices law at Morse & Brett in Vancouver. He recently remarried Connie Demarest and is now step-father to Hannah, 16, and Ariana, 11. Neal Wernick is vice president and co-owner of Big Box Entertainment in Seattle.


2004 – Robin Lesher was elected to the Oregon Academy of Science.

2005 – Mary Lucille Teller was named the 2005 "Citizen of the Year" in Edmonds.
Kenya native, years for home

Edward Wanambisi Wesakania (’94) was inspired by his Kenyan homeland to study in America. The Kenyan native and father of six came to Bellingham four years ago to gain the knowledge and skills to protect his Kenyan village from environmental degradation.

After getting his bachelor’s degree in environmental conservation technology, he will pursue a master’s degree at 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 people 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), Lorrene 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

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.

“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 Gillie ('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.
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 alumnus 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 increases 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.

Alumni Career Network INFORMATION FORM

Name:__________
Class Year:__________
Home Address:__________
City, State, Zip Code:__________
Home Phone Number:__________
E-mail:__________

I am willing to: (please check all that apply)
☐ Provide Mentoring Opportunities
☐ Provide Internships/Externships
☐ Hold Phone/E-mail Conversations
☐ Host WWU Students for a Work Shadow Day
☐ Conduct Informational Interviews
☐ Provide Tours at Work Setting
☐ Review Resumes
☐ Other:__________

Employer:__________
Type of Company:__________
Job Title:__________
Description of your job:__________

Company Address:__________
City, State, Zip Code:__________
Work Phone Number:__________
Work E-mail:__________
Company Web Site:__________

Please fax to the Western Washington University Alumni Relations Office at (360) 650-6555. Or mail to WWU Alumni Relations Office, 516 High Street, Bellingham, WA 98225-9199.
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 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 liberio 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.

Parker was also a three-time GNAC academic all-star and Western's Outstanding Graduate for the math department.

WWU Male Athletes of the Year were Hartmaier of Woodinville, who earned All-America honors in helping the cross country team to 13th place at nationals, and Griesse of Monroe, who helped the men's varsity four to a grand final triumph at the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships.

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.

Political science professor Ken Hoover earned the Olscamp 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.

“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.

The Journal will continue to be associated with Western’s psychology department and Center for Cross-Cultural Research. Lonner will continue his involvement, holding the title of founding and special issues editor.

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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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.

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.

Hartmaier placed 41st at the NCAA II National Cross Country Championships to earn All-America, 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/NCAA Division II National Scholar-Athlete for the second straight year.

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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.

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Faculty continue the legacy of excellence by providing scholarships for WWU students

**Monahan endowment**

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 seen 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 Madson 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 Madson. “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.”

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 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.

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**Soutcshett 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 worldwide. Students from all over the world applied to the WWU ID program.

**Goal is $8 million**

Scholarship campaign extended to Dec. 31

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.
Herbert Taylor distinguished service professor emeritus, anthropology

Dr. Taylor was a fixture in the anthropology department from the early 1950s until his retirement in 1987 and death in the early 1990s. He was the quintessential southern gentlemen 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 country can be done in many ways;
5) if you entertain your students, they may learn more about life as well as the subject matter of the course; there are many, many ways to cook salmon; and,
7) while bulldogs constantly drool, they are extremely loyal pets.

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

Bearnice Skeen professor emeritus of education

For making me aware of taking time for yourself and life around you.

Dorothy Ramsland professor emeritus, home economics

For helping me find self-confidence in my own judgment.

— Jane Marianne Hancock Hawkins ('34) retired teacher in California

Janet Mock mathematician

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, Sedro Woolley

Harley Hilker professor emeritus of history

Harley Hilker 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 Hilker 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 whisper 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. The first was climatology and geographical 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 me 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, Stephen Ambrose’s book on Lewis and Clark, and Critchfield’s "General Climatology" textbook. I hope to one day be an effective and insightful professor as she is.

— Jason Ford ('82) ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

PETRA FIERO

associate professor of German

With her, every one of her students has a one-on-one dialogue. She influenced me to go on to graduate studies in German and pursue a Ph.D. in German and Linguistics. I hope to one day be an effective and insightful professor as she is.

— Abram Bergstrom ('62) teaching assistant, Portland State University

Read more about favorite professor Comments by Odell and Hawkins are in the questionnaire for "about Special Collections."
Charles Sylvester professor, physical education, health and recreation

Charles always has the best interest of his students in mind. For example, when it came to selecting internship sites, Charles 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.

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

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

Dr. Robbins shared the 2004 WWU Diversity Achievement Award with Gigí Robbins.

Hans Borstron, professor of environmental studies

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

Jennifer Lloyd assistant professor of sociology

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

— James Junior '04

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 "tactiscope." He believed in the importance of going beyond the concept of "kik ill mmm qqq rrr," 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. Cummins '69

YNC, USNR, Bangor

Raymond Hawk professor emeritus, education, director of student teaching

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**Violinist Paul Rosenthal is joined by an ensemble of WWU faculty for an evening of intimate chamber music featuring works by Borcherini, 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.**

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- PAC Mainstage Theatre
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