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By Anna Carey
NEW STUDENT SERVICES

Come to campus for Western's Really Big Weekend, Nov. 4 to 6, and you'll find many opportunities to connect with alumni and friends. Friday evening offers several choices, including a spirit rally at 7:30 p.m. that finishes with a shower of fireworks, a 7:30 p.m. Sanford Piano Series concert by internationally-acclaimed artist Yong Hi Moon, and free planetarium shows scheduled at 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Planetarium shows also are scheduled at 4:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. These offer an opportunity to see Washington's first fully digital planetarium theater, take a fantasy rocket trip that zooms you to faraway galaxies, and hear legendary stories about the stars.

Four Distinguished Alumni, profiled on page 15, will be recognized with a dinner in their honor at 5:30 p.m. Friday in the Wade King Student Recreation Center. Reservations are required. Tickets are $35, available at www.wwualumni.com

A reception at 10 a.m. Saturday will provide an overview of people, places and events on campus. Alumni who have been resident aides can meet here for a university resident staff reunion.

Campus presentations and departmental open houses are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. You'll want to attend as many of these as possible to reconnect with professors and learn about innovative programs being used to make learning fun and relevant.

Alumni, families and friends are all invited to enjoy a bratwurst tailgate barbecue, hosted by President Karen W. Morse, at 11:30 a.m. at Civic Stadium. At 1 p.m. WWU and GNAC rival Western Oregon University will meet in the final regular season football game for both teams.

"An Evening with Brandi Carlile" at 8:30 p.m. will bring her unique folk-rock sound and a whole lot of talent to the Performing Arts Center. Rolling Stone and Interview magazines have advised that this young performer is an "artist to watch." Her voice has been compared to Patsy Cline's; younger listeners have referred to her as a new Cheryl Crow.

Make time during the weekend to visit the Western Gallery. In partnership with the Northwest Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the Gallery is hosting an exhibition demonstrating the ways aesthetic design and space considerations can be accommodated to "green building" issues. The Western Gallery will be open Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

At the Western Gallery, you can pick up a guide to the Outdoor Sculpture Collection, which now includes 23 pieces representing some of the world's leading artists. Take a tour at your own leisure.

Free tours of the Wade King Student Recreation Center will be offered every 30 minutes from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Activity areas include a rock climbing wall, weight and cardio areas, a three-lane track elevated above a three-court gym, a six-lane lap and leisure pool, a 25-person whirlpool with outdoor patio space and two group exercise rooms. Discounted day passes will be offered for just $3.50.

There will be a moratorium on parking fees during Western's Really Big Weekend.

For information about specific events, call your Alumni Association at 650-3353 or (800) 676-6885 or visit www.wwualumni.com/ReallyBigWeekend.

On Friday, Nov. 4, the College of Business and Economics Center for Excellence in Management Education will host several afternoon workshops led by students, faculty and industry partners. The workshops will be preceded by a luncheon recognizing the two recipients of the 2005 Distinguished Teaching and Distinguished Research Fellowships. For information, contact associate dean Joseph E. García at (360) 650-3916 or ceme@wwu.edu.
DEMMENT WILL BE LEAD NEW ETS-FUNDED PROJECT

William Demment, professor of education, is heading up a pilot project that will assess the effectiveness of culturally-based education (CBE) using native language in instruction to improve academic performance. Curriculum-based measurements in reading and mathematics will be used in grades 2, 4 and 8 in partner schools, which include Panama Leo (Hawaii), Lower Kuskwim School District (Alaska), Tsehootsooi Din’Bohla (Arizona) and the Pigan Institute (Montana). The project is being partially funded by Educational Testing Service (ETS), a nonprofit institution with the mission to advance quality and equity in education.

Demment is the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) for his work in helping to develop federal legislation for education of Native students.

VERNACCHIA NAMED TO NASPE HALL OF FAME

Ralph Vernacchia, professor of physical education, has been inducted into the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) Hall of Fame. The NASPE Hall of Fame honors outstanding individuals who have achieved new levels of excellence in sport and physical activity and have inspired others by their example.

HUXLEY TO PARTICIPATE IN ELWHA DAM STUDY

Western’s Huxley College of the Environment and Peninsula College have received National Science Foundation (NSF) awards totaling approximately $500,000 each for an unprecedented study of the ecological effects of the removal of two major dams on the Elwha River.

The 45-mile-long Elwha River, which flows through the Olympic Peninsula, was once one of the most productive salmon rivers in the Pacific Northwest and was home to all five species of Pacific salmon. Construction of two hydroelectric dams in the early 1900s curtailed the river’s productivity and flooded important habitat sites, reducing or eliminating runs of salmon and steelhead and degrading water quality downstream.

CARMEN WERDER NAMED CARNEGIE SCHOLAR

Carmen Werder, director of the Teaching-Learning Academy, has been selected by the Carnegie Academy for Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CASTL) as a 2005 Carnegie Scholar. Werder is one of 21 outstanding faculty members selected from more than 300 U.S. and international applicants.

Under Werder’s direction, Western Washington University affiliated with CASTL in 1998 and launched an initiative to incorporate student voices in the study of teaching and learning.

SCHWARTZ EDITS NEW ENCYCLOPEDIA

Maurice Schwartz, geology professor emeritus, is the editor of “The Encyclopedia of Coastal Science” published by Springer Publishers. The interdisciplinary encyclopedia includes contributions by 245 well-known international specialists.

DR. HOWE RECEIVES SPORTS MEDICINE AWARD

Dr. Warren Howe, Western Washington University team physician, has been selected to receive a 2005 "Citizen Award" from the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM). The award recognizes significant and important contributions to sports medicine and/or exercise science.

WWU HOSTS NSF-FUNDED SCIENCE ACADEMY

In August, Western Washington hosted the second Summer Academy designed to help teachers enhance their understanding of key ideas in science, foster collaboration across school districts and strengthen teaching practices to help students learn science. The Summer Academy is a central component in the North Cascades and Olympic Science Partnership, a five-year NSF-funded project awarded to WWU in 2003. This year’s academy, focusing on biology sciences, was attended by more than 160 K-12 teachers.

Send your letters to Window on Western, MS-9011, WWU, 516 High St., Bellingham, WA 98225-9011. Letters are sometimes edited for length.

LETTERS
Looking at natural disasters

Faculty and staff at Western have been generous in sharing carefully researched information about disaster response and preparedness. Following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, Gigi Berardi, chair of environmental studies, organized a seminar on natural disasters. Presentations have been scheduled each Thursday at noon and are free and open to the public. The following topics are being discussed now. For a complete listing, visit www.wwu.edu/katrina.

- "On site in Lafayette with Disaster Relief Efforts, Sept. 8 to 19," by Edye Coletto-Morton, professional photographer, Oct. 27
- "GIS and Emergency Management," by Stefan Freelan, environmental studies, Nov. 3
- "Media and Media Response," by Brad Howard, associate professor of journalism, and Michael Medler, assistant professor of environmental studies, Nov. 10
- "Emergency Management at Western," by Gayle Shipley, WWU director of environmental health and safety, Nov. 17
- "Ways Forward – Katrina’s Long-term Effects on Emergency Planning and Preparedness," a discussion with Dan Wood, federal (interagency) emergency response team staff, Dec. 1

A Turning Points lecture on Oct. 19 by Wendy Walker, assistant professor of environmental studies, will look at how hurricanes and sudden natural events affect other species.

Hurricane relief fundraising activities, organized by Associated Students of Western in partnership with university officials, have been ongoing.

### Western Cares: Hurricane Relief; Western Projects

By Karen W. Morse

**UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT**

With its strong tradition of community service and volunteerism, Western is working to help Gulf Coast area students and others in need following the damage wrought by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Our hearts go out to the tens of thousands of people who have suffered such loss and devastation. We are contributing our support to the nationwide effort to help those affected by the hurricanes and their aftermath. As a university community, we already have a strong reputation for outreach and service to others. We have accepted six displaced students who were studying at universities in New Orleans. Through our Western Cares: Hurricane Relief project, fundraising and discussion events, classes and presentations are being planned. For details go to www.wwu.edu/katrina.

With fall, the campus has been energized by the bustle of new and returning students. As the campus community participates in the invigorating challenge of academic life and the fun of outdoor sports, we are tackling some interesting projects that you will want to watch unfold. This is a great time to be part of the Western community!

### Scholarship:
The WWU Foundation has completed a successful $8 million scholarship campaign. Our next Foundation effort will support the student-faculty interaction that is essential to our mission, character, values and reputation.

### Reputation:
Western's reputation continues to grow. For the ninth consecutive year, US News & World Report has ranked Western the second top master's-granting public university in the West and 18th among private and public schools in the region. Western's scholar-athletes helped Western rank seventh nationwide in the NCAA Division II annual Collegiate Power Rankings, which assesses academic-academic performance based on averaging the U.S. News & World Report and U.S. Sports Academy Director's Cup rankings and student-athlete graduation rates. Best of all, Western continues to be esteemed by students, potential students and their families.

I encourage you to visit campus this fall. This year, Homecoming and Fall Family Weekend have been combined into Western's Really Big Weekend with many academic, cultural and athletic activities planned for Nov. 4 through 6. The Vikings take on Western Oregon University that Saturday afternoon at Civic Field. See you at the game!
Study analyzes gender differences in life choices

By Dee Johnson
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

A study coauthored by sociology department associate professor Karen Bradley and Maria Charles, sociology professor at the University of California, San Diego, has received international attention in academic and mainstream media.

The study, presented in August at the 100th annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in Philadelphia, analyzed data compiled in 2004 by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) on higher education degrees awarded in 2001. Data examining seven fields of study in 21 industrialized countries was considered.

In analyzing the data, Bradley and Charles found that women continue to predominates in traditionally female-typed fields, such as education and health, and lag behind in stereotypically masculine fields, such as engineering, math, physical sciences and information technology.

Although differences can be found in male-to-female ratios from country to country, these differences were not attributable to the level of economic development in a country or to broader endorsements of gender equality in society. The results suggest that commonly held beliefs about gender-differentiated academic preferences and abilities had the most direct influence on women's choices of college majors and careers. Bradley and Charles also found a higher representation of women in math and science fields in countries where substantial math and science coursework was mandated. "Our research suggests that policy-makers interested in increasing the participation of girls and women in information technology endorse mandatory coursework in math and science throughout secondary school," said Bradley.

Their research has highlighted the paradoxical notion of "choice" as a democratic ideal in education. The more choice offered to students, the greater the opportunity for gender-biased beliefs to influence the course-taking of capable girls, often away from advanced math courses. This has been found to be particularly consequential during the middle and secondary school years, when students are actively forming their gender-based identities. This notion of choice becomes even further expanded at the college and university level where a virtual explosion of course offerings draws in more students than might otherwise attend—for example, courses associated with the hospitality industry and early childhood education—but leads to the entrenchment of female "niches" within the curriculum.

Kay Rich returns as interim Alumni Association director

Kay Rich has accepted a temporary appointment as executive director of Alumni Relations at Western.

"It is always an honor to serve Western and its constituents," Rich said. "I welcome this opportunity. My focus will be oversight of staff and events, making sure we continue the service and support for the board of directors and our 80,000 alumns."

Rich will serve as interim director while the search for a permanent executive director occurs. She has been at Western for close to 30 years. For 18 years, until her retirement in 2004, she was director of University residences. Rich earned her bachelor of arts in English at Washington State University and her master's in higher education/student personnel administration at Western.

This research was supported by grants from the National Science Foundation, the Spencer Foundation and the American Educational Research Association. The study will be published by MIT Press as a chapter in "Women and Information Technology: Research on the Reasons for Underrepresentation."

If you are an alumna who chose a major at Western in engineering, math, information technology or one of the physical sciences, we'd like to hear what factors influenced your choice. If you had an interest in one of these fields but chose a different major instead, we'd also like to know how your choice of a major was decided. Send your story to WWU Alumni Association, 516 High Street, MS 9199, Bellingham WA 98225 or email dee.johnson@wwu.edu.

Vikings bring home NCAA II championship

By Paul Madison
WWU ATHLETICS

After four years of knocking, the door to a national title finally opened for Western Washington University at the NCAA Women's Rowing National Championships on May 27-29 at the CSU Sacramento State Aquatic Center on Lake Natoma.

The Vikings won the school's first NCAA II national crown in any sport and just the second overall. Western's softball team took a NAIA National Championship in 1998.

"After being a bridesmaid for so long, I feel like Phil Mickelson did last year at The Masters... to finally win this thing," said Western coach John Fuchs. His charges placed third at nationals last year after coming within 400 meters of victory, and second the two previous seasons.

The Vikings were victorious in both the fours and eights grand finals, finishing with a perfect score of 20. Defending national champion Mercyhurst placed second with 12 points, followed by Nova Southeastern 11 and Florida Tech 7.

Western's eight, ranked No.1 in the USRowing/College Rowing Coaches Association NCAA II Poll nearly the entire season, held off Nova Southeastern, winning by 1:12 lengths. The Vikings completed the 2,000-meter course in 6:48.72. Nova Southeastern was clocked in 6:55.91, followed by Mercyhurst (6:59.92) and Barry (7:07.33).

Leading by a boat length with 1,000 meters to go, Western was briefly chal-
Volunteer Day wasn’t only about work. Alumni also took time to reconnect with each other and to enjoy the sunshine.

Alumni Happenings

Summer Send-offs

Continuing a Western tradition, your Alumni Association hosted a series of summer send-off picnics for alumni and incoming Western students. A great way to connect with alumni living in your local area, send-off picnics also give incoming students an opportunity to find out about Western—all the places to go, things to do, opportunities to explore—from those who have been there.

Summer send-off picnics were held in August and September in Spokane, Redmond, Mercer Island, Vancouver and Olympia.

Alumni celebration at Microsoft

Western alumni who work at Microsoft got together for a picnic lunch hosted by the Alumni Association on Sept. 14. This was a great networking event, bringing together old and new friends.

Lunch at Anne Amie Vineyards

Oregon alumni got together on Aug. 27 for a catered picnic lunch under the grape arbor on the estate of the Anne Amie Vineyard (formerly the historic Chateau Benoit Winery) in Carlton. We started our day with a tour of the winery and sampled some great wines while we learned about the delicate, and not always delicate, processes that wine masters worry over. Not wanting to hurry any of this experience, we lingered over a very satisfying lunch, taking time to enjoy the spectacular views of the valley below.

Salmon BBQ

As expected, the 8th Annual Salmon BBQ at Burfoot County Park in Olympia, held Sept. 10, brought together a fun group of alumni, family and friends. This event just seems to get bigger and better every year. There were enough games to keep everyone busy and door prizes to share all around.

Alumni clean up

Alumni in the Seattle area scheduled a cleanup of the Green Lake Habitat Area to mark the beginning of the 2005 National Volunteer Week. Like other WWU alumni volunteers, they had planned to work on Saturday, April 16.

Rain poured that day. Cleanup of the Green Lake Habitat Area was postponed to May 21, which proved to be an ideal day for getting together with alumni, family and friends to do some needed work and enjoy time together.

Alumni teams from the Bellingham, Yakima, Olympia, Vancouver/Portland and San Diego areas also participated in this year’s Volunteer Day program, donating time and energy on April 16 to clean trails, areas parks and natural habitat areas.

The WWU Volunteer Day alumni team program was introduced last year. As a way of saying “thank you,” your WWU Alumni Association provided each volunteer (family and friends included) with a WWU alumni T-shirt.

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and is sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation.

Seattle area alumni and friends clean up the Green Lake Habitat Area.

At the time the ink on this issue of Window on Western was drying, WWU and Central Washington University were preparing for Battle in Seattle on Oct. 8. Everyone was ready. Your Alumni Association was hard at work planning pre-game celebrations for all ages to enjoy and arranging special group rates at the Marriott Springhill Suites in downtown Seattle for alumni and their families.

This contest, sponsored by Wells Fargo and Comcast, gives Western and Central supporters the opportunity to see their teams face off in mega-stadium action. If you missed it this year, start making plans for next year’s Battle in Seattle. If you were there this year, we’re sure to see you again!

WWW wrestlers who competed in the late 1960s and early 1970s had a reunion this spring at the home of Lee and Julie Anderson in Ferndale. Pictured, left to right, arc; (front row) Randy Tomasun, Jeff Michaelson, Lanny Bryant, Darrell Gleason; (second row) Jerry Bailey, Randy Deming, Tom Tripple, Lee Andersen, Terry Beckstead; (third row) Bill Hunt, Karli Rusch, Rick Bowers; (last row) Dexter Beckstead, Mike Compton; (not shown: John Hymas).
What is this?
Nick Bond ('68) and his wife Cecelia ('68) are collecting materials and instructional aids used by his father, Elias Austin Bond, professor of mathematics from 1907 to 1947. Some of these artifacts will be displayed in Bond Hall when renovations that are currently being done are completed.

Pictured below are photos of a six-pyramid cube that belonged to Dr. Bond. If you know anything about this cube and how it was used, your help would be very appreciated. Email nickwbond@yahoo.com or call (360) 866-0833.

Golden Vikings spend a week on campus

By Kristie Lundstrom
ALUMNI RELATIONS

Golden Vikings came back to campus in July for a reunion, their first ever five-day Golden Vikings event. The week was filled with seminars, tours and cultural events. A Wednesday evening reception hosted at the Wilson Libraries provided an opportunity to reminisce and connect with old and new friends.

Highlights included a breakfast with President Karen W. Morse, a guided tour of the Outdoor Sculpture Collection led by Sarah Clark-Langager, director of the Western Gallery, and lunch in the Viking Union Hall of Fame room with athletic director Lynda Goodrich and WWU coaches. Golden Vikings also enjoyed a noon concert and College of Fine and Performing Arts Summer Stock productions. Planetarium shows and a tour of the Viking car exhibit led by Eric Leonhardt, were hosted by the College of Sciences and Technology.

Woodring College of Education offered several seminars, including a demonstration of how to use the internet for research and for sharing photos, a presentation by instructor Bob Keiper demonstrating the power of laughter for healing and motivation, and memory techniques and tips for maximizing brain power offered by dean Stephanie Salzman.

The Golden Vikings Reunion Committee met several times this year to plan events for the week. Serving on the committee were Danny Beatty ('55), Joan Wolgemuth ('55), Jim Shook ('51), Arthur Heald ('54), Persis Shook ('50), Ruby Johnson Smith ('51), Don Davis ('52), Kappy McMullen Britain ('52) and Roger Pederson ('51).

Golden Vikings reunion photos were provided by Harry Pagels ('51).

George Booker comes back to Western

George Booker ('93) has returned to Western as the Vikings' defensive line coach. A four-year letter winner and three-year starter as defensive tackle at Western, Booker received all-Columbia Football Association honorable mention in 1992 and helped the Vikings reach the NAIA Division II national playoffs that season.

Booker is returning to coaching after a two-year absence. He brings 10 years' experience as a coach, nine of those working with the defensive line, at either the NCAA Division I or I-AA level. He last coached at the University of Idaho. Before that, he coached at San Diego State University where he mentored five student athletes who reached the National Football League.

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The Western Washington University Foundation and Western Washington University are pleased to recognize the generous private financial support received during the 2004-2005 year (July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005).

During the year, 11,108 alumni, parents, friends, and businesses contributed more than $6.8 million to Western. You gift enhances all university programs and provide significant advantages to both faculty and students.

Listed on these pages are the names of donors contributing $100 or more.

Each contribution is more deeply appreciated. On behalf of all who teach and learn at WWU, thank you to all who invest in Western Washington University. You are making an impact.

**INVESTMENTS in Excellence**

Generous support from President’s Club members provides funds that are essential to maintaining Western Washington University’s leadership in undergraduate education.

President’s Club level gifts may be designated to the Campus Endowment Fund, which supports the most critical needs of campus-wide programs and projects, or to a specific college, department or program. For information on how you can support Western through the President’s Club, please call Angie Vandenhauk at (360) 650-7647 or email angela.vandenhauk@wwu.edu.

President’s Club levels of participation include:

- **Benefactor** — cumulative commitments of $100,000 or more (listing is carried in perpetuity)
- **LifETIME** — cumulative total of $25,000 or more (listing is carried for life)
- **Honor Council** — annual gift of $5,000 or more
- **Annual** — contribution of $1,000 to $4,999
- **Young Associate** — contributions of $500 to $999 from individuals aged 19 or younger

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"Education was very important in my family," H. Stewart Ross says. His mother, Helen May Ross, earned her teaching certificate at Washington State Normal School in 1911. Both parents fostered a love of learning.

Ross enjoyed the stories his mother shared about her college experiences. "When she passed away, I wanted to do something and would also pay a high rate of return, providing income for the university," he says. Because of this, Ross decided to make a gift totaling $104,250 that would also establish a high rate of return, providing income for the university. The endowment would create a charitable gift annuity that will ultimately balance was put into a charitable gift annuity that will ultimately provide income for the university.

The board of directors and administration at Washington State Normal School, later Washington State University, established the Helen May Ross Endowment to support the university's library acquisitions. The balance was put into a charitable gift annuity that will ultimately establish the Helen May Ross Endowment to fund scholarships for Western students.

How Charitable Gift Annuities Work

When you give securities or cash as a gift annuity, the Western Washington University Foundation sends you a guarantee payment every year for the rest of your life. You can establish a gift annuity with a minimum gift of $10,000. Current annuity rates, determined by the age of the income recipient, are reflected below:

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Celebrating History and Your Favorite Places

By Dee Johnson
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

In the weeks before classes began this fall, several windows measuring 54 inches across and 8 feet 4 inches tall lined up against walls on the third floor of Old Main. They waited there to be hoisted into places previously occupied by non-insulated glass. Too large to fit into elevators, the windows were manually carried up the stairs by pairs of workers who referred to the process as "the Armstrong system."

When New Whatcom Normal School, now Western Washington University, opened in 1898, the windows in Old Main offered a view of a swamp crisscrossed with rough split-timber pathways. In the "Perspectives on Excellence" history published during Western's centennial year, Lynne Masiand and Linda Smeins described the rest of the panoramic view. "The nearest street was two blocks away and, much to the consternation of the citizenry, cows wandering at will continued to foil the panoramic view. "The nearest street was two blocks away and, much to the consternation of the citizenry, cows wandering at will continued to foil the panoramic view."

Some local residents complained about more than the landscape. The new school was built with brick; a material rarely used in the western states in the late 1800s, and the design was more functional than showy. The fashion of the day dictated architecture festooned with cupolas and meticulously detailed gingerbread. Drawing attention to the trustees' lack of taste, a disgruntled architect posted a drawing in the post office depicting his ornate vision for the new school. Next to his drawing was a newspaper clipping of the accepted design. Banners posted below said simply, "This is what you might have had. But this is what you get."

In spite of some controversy, the new school thrived. The windows in Old Main now overlook mature trees giving testament to generous rainfalls and usually mild temperatures.

Western's campus is graced with several plazas and greenways. Edens Hall, built in 1921 to replace an earlier wooden structure, steps out in front of Old Main to frame a quadrant that was completed in 1928 with the construction of the Mabel Zoe Wilson Library. This village green, like other open spaces that followed, was designed to function as a gathering place for students.

From the beginning, facilities planning that would accommodate growth and encourage a collegial atmosphere has been a priority. The only enrollment decline Western has ever seen occurred during the years of World War II. Population soared in the years immediately following the war, plateaued just a bit in the 1950s, then escalated again in the decade following 1959, growing from 2,500 to over 8,600 in just 10 years.

Western currently is home to approximately 13,000 students, and we continue to plan for growth. A fence bordering part of the south campus area has been erected to separate machines and debris where construction of a new Academic Instructional Center is soon to be underway. The center will provide 700 additional classroom seats, laboratories and clinic space.

My favorite place on campus is a table on the fifth floor of Wilson Library that became my "view office." I studied there every day while I was at Western. I could see the water and the Mark di Suvero sculpture in front of the Performing Arts Center.

Angélique Davis ('95) is a political science professor at Seattle University and director of the pre-law program.

Justin Hagel ('97) is a computer consultant at Western. Bay View Station, by George Trakas, was added to the Outdoor Sculpture Collection in 1987.

My favorite place is the Bay View Station plaza and sculpture below the Performing Arts Center. It's peaceful and serene, a really nice place to read. It's close to campus, but when I went there I always felt I was getting away. I spent a lot of lunch hours there, reading or just hanging out.

Mark di Suvero sculpture in front of the Performing Arts Center. My daughter Asia is in first grade now and says she is going to Western. I am already suggesting to her that she will need to have a regular place to study.

My favorite place was at the base of Sehome Hill near what is now Huxley College of the Environment. I drove there in my 1961 Ford Falcon, and that is where I read "Candide" by Voltaire. I shall always remember the book for that beautiful spot. I guess this illustrates how important are our ties to the past. If we don't pause once in a while to look back and appreciate where we've been, how can we possibly make intelligent choices for the future?

Nick Bond ('68) says one or two lines is not enough to describe himself. "I was born on the Olympic Peninsula, Bremerton. My wife of 34 years, Cecelia, an alumna, was born on the Olympic Peninsula, Port Angeles. We live on the Olympic Peninsula. I suspect that is not all just coincidence."

The walkway that takes you straight up to Old Main is my absolute favorite place. I remember when I first saw that building, covered with ivy, and the impression that made on me. When I am at Western on alumni board business, I still allow time to take a walk through that same area—very nostalgic, even without the ivy.

Kay Hovde ('84) is the 2005 negotiations project manager for the Boeing Co.
Italian Design Influenced
Western's Red Square

By Paolo Mattorla
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

When Fred Bassetti's father sent him to Italy in 1932 to visit his grandmother, Western's campus included only a few buildings: Old Main, Edens Hall, Wilson Library and Carver Gymnasium.

Many years later, that visit would influence the development of Red Square for designing the Humanities Building, which was completed in 1962. Bassetti was involved in the new building and when he saw the plaza, it was designed to be a square.

The Italian influence was strengthened in the late 1960s and 1970s. Many buildings on campus were designed with Italian influence to complement the architecture of the Humanities Building. Facilities planner George Harkness wanted to create a "new center of gravity" on campus and sent architect Helen Nelso to Italy to research courtyards and plazas.

The Humanities Building was designed to include balconies facing the square and a fountain located in the middle of the plaza.

Early plans called for crisscrossing walkways leading to the square's numerous exits. Final plans called for brick covering the entire plaza.

Graduate student Louis Davis, in a letter to the Western Front newspaper on April 23, 1968, commented on the abundance of brick: "I'm sure that at some point in your planning it must have occurred to you that a little grass and some flowers, and maybe a few more trees might have been nice." Davis wrote, "It find it hard to believe that nightmares of a hippie colony on the green scared you away from that idea."

My favorite place on campus? I liked being around the fountain in Red Square. There was always something to watch, especially people. You could see people singing, playing hacky sack, protesting, etc.

Elsa Claassen ('96) is a reporter for the Lynden Tribune and editor of Northwest Events.

A home away from home

I can only speak for myself, but I can attest that many others share the same sentiments about the Ethnic Student Center (ESC), which was first opened in 1991. I was one of the fortunate students who got to experience the ESC right from the beginning.

It continues to be my favorite place to go back and visit whenever I'm on campus. Some of my dearest friends today are people I met at the ESC. In fact, several of us for the past five years have had an informal ESC reunion during the extended holiday period in December. Some of us live outside of Washington state but continue to keep in touch through our shared experiences and bonding we did at the ESC. It was a place we could study, socialize with our friends, meet people from other cultures—a place that provided comfort, community building and, most of all, a safe place for us called "home away from home." I have so many good memories of being at the ESC. I can't stress how important the ESC was to me and how it significantly contributed to my success at Western.

Hyon Chu Yi (94) is director of MOSAiC Cross Cultural Center at San Jose State University. She and her fiancé are planning an April wedding.

The Ethnic Student Center will host a 15-year anniversary reunion July 22 to 23. Activities will include a barbecue, casino night, reunion dance and oral history projects. For updates visit http://www.ac.wwu.edu/~esc.
U.S. News ranks WWU 2nd in West

For the ninth year in a row, Western Washington University is ranked second among public master’s-granting universities in the West, according to the U.S. News & World Report college rankings. Only two public universities are ranked in the top 20 among master’s-granting universities in the western region, an area stretching from Texas to the Pacific.

“We have envisioned Western as one of the best public master’s-granting universities in the country,” said President Karen W. Morse. “Students tell us they choose Western because of its reputation for academic excellence and faculty who provide a challenging learning environment. Their Western experience prepares them for a meaningful life—in their work, with their families and in their communities.”

In the U.S. News ranking, which measures academic excellence, Western is tied for 18th place among comparable public and private schools in the West.

Western Washington University was ranked seventh on a nationwide list of the top academic and athletic colleges at the NCAA Division II level, the top 100 ranked Division II school in the Northwest.
When Western needed Microsoft Office 2003 Pro software, alumni working at Microsoft answered the call again, just as they have done before. Working at Microsoft, Jeffrey Franklin worked at Microsoft to install the software on computers campus-wide. The WWU Development Office has made cash contributions to WWU and requested matching donations from the Microsoft Foundation. The matching contribution of 2,100 Microsoft Office software licenses allowed the software to be installed on computers campus-wide. The WWU support campaign was coordinated by Brian Daugherty (‘94), a Microsoft software developer.
Honoring Our Distinguished Alumni

The Western University Alumni Association is proud to announce the Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Alumni Lifetime Achievement Awards for 2005. The following alumni will be honored Nov. 4 at a banquet at the Wade King Student Recreation Center.

Jack Bowman
Distinguished Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award

Jack Bowman is a retired chairman for Johnson & Johnson, Company Group. He received his BA in elementary education in music and his teaching certificate from WWU in 1954 and completed the Stanford University executive and financial management program. Bowman is a director for the Food and Drug Law Institute, serves on the Biomedical Engineering Advisory Council and is a former Johns Hopkins University board member.

Donna Thompson
Distinguished Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award

Donna Thompson is professor of health, physical education and leisure services at the University of Northern Iowa. Thompson received a BA in physical education exercise and sports science from WWU in 1981. She is the Executive Director of the National Program for Playgound Safety, a nonprofit organization aiming at making America's playgrounds safe.

Rick J. Anderson
Distinguished Alumni

Rick J. Anderson is the chairman and chief operating officer of Ads Morass LLC, a company that holds the enviable position as the 12th largest accounting and consulting firm in the nation. Anderson also is the recipient of a Distinguished Executive Award presented in June by Western's College of Business and Economics Sigma Iota Epsilon (SIE) honor society. He received his BA in accounting from WWU in 1973.

Heidi Grant-Murphy
Distinguished Alumni Award

Heidi Grant-Murphy is a lead soprano with the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. She has performed with many of the world's finest opera companies and symphony orchestras, including the New York Philharmonic and Vienna Philharmonic. Her recording, with Placido Domingo, of Mozart's "Idomeneo," has been critically acclaimed. She opened this year's Bellingham Festival of Music. Grant-Murphy earned a BA in music performance at WWU in 1987.
Sigma Iota Epsilon honors two alumni

Chase Franklin (’84), CEO of Qapas, received a Distinguished Executive Award in June presented by the Western Washington University College of Business and Economics Sigma Iota Epsilon (SIE) honor society, presented for the first time this year, recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves as executives in terms of career achievement, management success and as role models for alumni who have distinguished themselves as executives in terms of management success and as role models for business systems to businesses and services, looking as an over to existing business systems to businesses and services and provide greater flexibility for new offers.

A Distinguished Executive Award also was presented to Rick Anderson (’73), chairman and CEO of Moss Adams LLP. Mr. Anderson will be recognized with a Distinguished Alumni Award in November. Sigma Iota Epsilon is a national honorary and professional management society.

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Miracle Miles takes Heiner coast to coast

In July, Jason Heiner ('01) began a 3,316-mile bike trip going coast-to-coast from Portland, Maine to Portland, Ore. He completed the 26-day "Miracle Miles" marathon, which raised $6,000 for Vermont Children's Hospital, on Aug. 10. Heiner, who lives with his wife, Stormy, three-year-old son Gryphen and infant daughter Tentpest, received his MD from the University of Vermont's medical school in May. His goal is to provide compassionate medical care for underserved and needy populations. In September, he reported for a tour of active duty and is assigned to Fort Lewis hospital emergency department. For more information about Miracle Miles, go to http://mervin.bspin.org/miraclemiles.

1994 - Dale Hoggins received the Peter Puget Chapter Excellence in Community Service Award presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution.


1996 - J. Berry Roberts, for the second time in the last three years, has been announced as a finalist for Arizona State Official of the Year by the Arizona Interscholastic Association. Roberts, a 39-year veteran of high school sports, officiates football, basketball and volleyball.

1998 - Richard Clark recently published "Sam Hill's Peace Arch: Reminiscence of Dreams Past," available in paperback at internet sites for Authorhouse, Amazon and Barnes & Noble. He is also the author of "Point Roberts, USA: The History of a Cana-dian Enclave" and is working on a book about Andrew Jackson Loomis. ... Alec McDougall was recognized last spring with an Exceptional Faculty Award. In 1998, McDougall retired as a professor of sociology and is working on a book about life in Clark County. Copies are available in paperback at Barnes & Noble and online at www.amazon.com.

WEDDINGS

1939 - June Berg and William Wellen, on Apr. 2...
1970 - Kathryn Davidson and Chuck Shenk, on May 21...
1997 - Amy Silbernagel and judd McCaffree, on Aug. 6...
1998 - Tyler Crane and Allison Young, on July 10...
1999 - Stacey Simen and Charles Arnold ('70), on June 26...
2001 - Erin Bouma and Wesley Wierman, on Mar. 4...
2001 - Elizabeth Cliff and Robert Jones, on May 29...
2001 - Heather Green and Brian Damon ('03), on Oct. 30...
2002 - Anna Gault and Christopher Parker, in April...
2002 - Megan Seal and Tony Newhouse, on Dec. 18...
2002 - Rebecca Telehik and Kelly Gordon, on Apr. 9...
2003 - Geri Bell and Robert Wunschel, on Mar. 17...
2004 - Troy Bemis and Carrie Allen ('05), on July 23...
2004 - Erin Sigau and Clint Delfoco, on July 23...


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October

- 27 Backpack/Briefcase, 6 p.m., Bellingham
- 31-32 Western Cares-Hurricane Relief, weekend series of events on campus focusing on hurricane relief efforts. Updates posted at www.wwu.edu/Satina

Western's Really Big Weekend
November 4–6

- 4 Third Annual Senior Breakfast, 9 a.m., Viking Union multi-purpose room
- 4 Distinguished Alumni Banquet, 5:30 p.m., Wade King Student Recreation Center
- 5 Sanford Piano Series, Young Hi Moon in concert, 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center
- 5 Spirit Rally with bonfire and fireworks, 7:30 p.m., south campus parking lot
- 5 Opening Reception, 10 a.m., Viking Union
- 5 Campus presentation and departmental open houses, 11 a.m.
- 5 Viking Tailgate BBQ hosted by WWU President Karen W. Morse, 11:30 a.m., Joe Martin Field next to Civic Stadium
- 5 WWU Football vs. Western Oregon University, 1 p.m., Civic Stadium
- 6 Legacy Brunch, 10 a.m., Fairhaven Commons O'Keefe Room
- 6 Tour and Service Project, 10 a.m., Sehome Hill Arboretum Learning Center

Performing Arts Center Series

For information about other Season of the Arts events, visit www.ac.wwu.edu/~cfpa.

The 2005–2006 Performing Arts Center Series brings internationally acclaimed artists from around the world to Western. Tickets are available at the WWU Box Office, (360) 650-6146, and online at http://tickets.wwu.edu. Season tickets range in price from $81 to $128 for all seven Performing Arts Center Series events and $24 to $45 for the three Sanford Piano Series performances. New this year: discount prices are available to WWU Alumni Association members. For more information, visit www.pacseries.wwu.edu.

Donald Davis Storyteller
Friday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m.
One of the most beloved storytellers today, Davis captures the hearts and imaginations of audiences of all ages with tales that range from the hilarious to the sublime.

Imani Winds
Thursday, Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m
With dynamic playing and innovative programming, Imani Winds is expanding the boundaries of the classical wind quintet and exploring the links between European, African and American music traditions.

Montreal Danse
Saturday, April 8, 7:30 p.m
With a winning mix of internationally acclaimed choreographers and dancers, Montreal Danse is creating vibrant new works that take risks and explore new territory to capture the imagination of our time.

Tickets & Information

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