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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 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. 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 North-West 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. For information, contact associate dean Joseph E. Garcia at (360) 650-3916 or ceme@wwu.edu.

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DEMMERT WILL LEAD NEW ETS-FUNDED PROJECT

William Demmert, professor of education, is leading 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 in both native language and English will be used in grades 2, 4 and 8 in partner schools, which include Panama Loo (Hawaii), Lower Kuskowin School District (Alaska), Tsehootsoot Dn Bhova (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.

Demmert 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.

VERNACCIA 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 only 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 "Citation 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.

LETTERS

To the Editor:

I graduated in June 1994, was hired as a part-time reporter at the Lakewood Journal, and worked my way up the ladder to the position of editor. I am now editor of the Business Examiner in Tacoma.

As editor of the Lakewood Journal, I kept having folks drop off photo albums of “old Lakewood.” There was no museum or historical society to keep such things, so I formed a historical society. Membership growth was slow—for the most part, just me and a handful of 70-year-old women who wanted a museum. I was younger than many of their grandchildren, which sometimes made the meetings a bit awkward.

Lakewood’s incorporation day in 1996 created a sense of community and membership rose, but there was nothing to rally behind. I suggested that we needed a book to get people interested in the area and build a base for a future museum. Work on the book was supposed to take two years; the publisher gave us nine months. My former boss and I accepted the challenge and wrote a book on nights and weekends to meet the crunched deadline. We made it with three days to spare. It will be on the shelves, on Amazon.com and Borders.com, in time for the holidays and the tenth anniversary of Lakewood’s incorporation as a city.

I want to thank Western’s Journalism Department for the guidance I received as a student, which planted the seed that is now a book and will in turn grow into a museum for Lakewood.—Steve Dunkelberger (’94)

Send your letters to Window on Western, MS-9011, WWU, 516 High St., Bellingham, WA 98225-9011. Letters are sometimes edited for length.
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, will look at how nature disasters are associated with the Western community.

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!

Scholarships: 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-athletic 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 predominate in traditionally feminine 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 taking 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 coursework 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.

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.

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 alumni."

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."

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 600 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/Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association NCAA II Poll nearly the entire season, held off Nova Southeastern, winning by 1-1/2 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 chal­lenged by Nova Southeastern before pulling away at the end. "We knew that eventually someone was going to move on us if we had the lead," said Fuchs, who was named NCAA II National Coach of the Year. "We were prepared to give up a little bit, and then we just countered it and slowly walked away at the finish."

Seated in the Vikings' eight were cox­swain Krisay Whaley (Sr., Woodinville), stroke Julia Gamache (Jr., Seattle), No.7 Staci Reynolds (Fr., Vancouver), No.6 Lindsay Mann-King (So., Colville), No.5 Kailyn McGrath (Jr., Fillmore, CA), No.4 Metta Gilbert (Fr., Everett), No.2 Amelia Whitcomb (Fr., Spokane) and bow Stephanie Parker (So., Marysville).

"We just stuck to our race plan," said Gamache, a two-time CRCA All-American. "Nova (Southeastern) walked up to us in the middle of it, but we stuck with it because we knew if it came down to the wire that we have an amazing sprint and were going to take it."

"We broke down a wall that we had been working on all year," added Mann-King, who also received All-­America recognition. "We came here prepared and did everything that we had planned to do. The feeling in the boat was calm confidence and we really pulled that off and stayed within our race plan."

Western's four got off to a fast start, winning by a huge margin of nearly six boat lengths. The Vikings' winning time was 7:46.82, followed by Mercy­hurst (8:07.78) and Florida Tech (8:09.34).

Seated in the Vikings' four were cox­swain Elisabeth Johnson (Jr., Seattle), stroke Courtney Moeller (Sr., Walla Walla), No.3 Samantha Marikis (Fr., Republic), No.2 Tanya Kaufman (Fr., San Anselmo, CA) and bow Jordan Tobler (Fr., Langley).
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.

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!
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 McMillen 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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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 Enrichment 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 Vandenhaak at (360) 650-7647 or email angela.vandenhaak@wwu.edu.

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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 gifts enhance 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 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.
The Old Main Society recognizes alumni and friends who have made arrangements so we can also recognize and thank you for your commitment to the University in your estate plans, please notify us so we can also recognize and thank you through the Old Main Society. For information, contact Deborah DeWeese at 668-630-3022 or email Aluminaid@wwu.edu.

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The Older Main Society recognizes alumni and friends who have made arrangements...
Investments in Excellence

“Education was very important in my family.” H. Stewart Ross said of his mother, Helen May Ross, who graduated from Whatcom State Normal Teachers College, later named Western University. Both parents fostered a love of learning and commitment to charitable giving.

Ross enjoyed the stories his mother shared about her college experiences. “When she passed away, I wanted to do something to honor her love of education, books and teaching,” he says. Ross was pleased to discover how this endowment fund would be established through the Western Washington University Foundation that would ultimately create an endowment in his honor and his mother would also pay a high rate of return, providing income during his lifetime.

Ross decided to make a gift totaling $104,230 that would also honor his wife, Jean. Half was used to create the Jean Ross Memorial Endowment supporting Western’s library acquisitions. The balance was put into a charitable gift annuity that will ultimately establish the Helen Ross Endowment to fund scholarships for Western students.

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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 Masliah 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 Vil­

ern's centennial year; Lynne Masland 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 vil­

age improvement" Arbor Day attempts to have tree-lined streets. The animals evidently found the tender young trees delicious.

Some local residents complained about more than the landscape. The new school was built with brick; a mate­

rial 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 esteezed

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 de­
sign. 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 giv­
ing 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 construc­
tion 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. Popu­

lation 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 3,000 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, labora­
tories and clinic space.

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 36 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."

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.

Justin Hogel ('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 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. 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.

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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 Mottola
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

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

Many years later, that visit would influence the development of Red Square. In designing the Humanities Building, which was completed in 1962, Bassetti situated the new building as close to Old Main as practical, leaving space open between Old Main, the Campus School (now part of Miller Hall), and Caryer Gymnasium for what would later become Red Square.

The Italian influence was strengthened in the late 1960s when Western's landscape was changing to accommodate a rapidly expanding student body and the campus was shifting south from the throne of Old Main. Facilities planner George Bartholick wanted to create "a new center of gravity" on campus and sent Seattle architect Ibsen Nelson to Italy to research courtyards and plazas and study how a quadrangle raised above grade could satisfy the unstable nature of the student body.

Ibsen came back with plans for colonnaded walkways, sheltered windows and balconies facing the square and a fountain commemorating Western's fourth president, Dr. Charles A. Fisher, that replicated fountains centered in Italian plazas. The installations of the fountain and outdoor artwork were intended to improve the academic environment for students.

Artistic design coincided with practical accessibility. "Our main objective was to empty and fill classrooms and maintain 10-minute passing periods," said Barney Goltz, who came to Western as facilities planner in 1957.

Richard Lee Francis, professor emeritus of English and a former chair of the art acquisition committee, remembers coming to Western's campus in 1969 when "they were still, I think, sweeping that dirt out of the bricks in Red Square because they had just finished laying them all. I was stunned by how beautiful it was. There was not enough money to finish [the Humanities Building] as Bassetti had designed it...but it struck me that it was a marvelous re-creation in American idiom of a Venetian palazzo with that wonderful sense of those eyebrows over the windows and the pilasters that are on either side of its center entrance." Early plans called for crenelating walkways leading to the square's numerous exits. Finally plans called for brick covering the entire plaza.

Graduate student Leonard Davis, in a letter to the Western Front newspaper on April 23, 1968, commented on the abundance of brick:

"Now I'm sure that at some point in your scheming 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. "I 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.

Elisa Claassen ('86) 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 where 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 Vi ('94) is director of MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center at San Jose State University. She and her fiance 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.
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"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.

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Ryan Finne ('94), pictured here with dean Dennis Murphy, donated a Medtronic automatic external defibrillator unit to Western's College of Business and Economics. Finne is employed at Medtronic, in Redmond, and earned the right to make the donation by being the company's highest individual fundraiser for the American Heart Association's Puget Sound Heart Walk campaign.
When Western needed Microsoft Office 2003 Pro software, alumni working at Microsoft answered the call again, just as they have done before. Responding to a challenge from Microsoft senior vice president Al and Beverly Franko, 56 alumni made cash contributions to WWU to match cash contributions to WWU and requested matching software donations from Microsoft. The matching contribution of 2,100 Office Pro software licenses allowed the software to be installed on campus-wide. The WWU support campaign was coordinated by Brian Daugherty (’94), a Microsoft software developer.

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Sigma Iota Epsilon honors two alumni

Chase Franklin (96), 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, the award, 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 other alumni and students. Franklin co-founded and now leads Qapas. The company's software provides management and delivery of mobile content and services, working as an overlay to existing business systems to speed service innovation 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 Alumnus Award in November.

Sigma Iota Epsilon is a national honorary and professional management society.

Dennis Anderson was recognized with a Distinguished Alumnus Award.
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's Children's Hospital, on Aug. 10. Heiner, who lives with his wife, Stormy, three-year-old son Gyprian and infant daughter Tenpet, 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.

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1970 - Kathryn Davidson retired from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in May after a 33-year career and was presented with the agency's Distinguished Career Award. Davidson's most recent position was as acting assistant regional administrator for management.

1971 - Rick Tremain is chairing the Territo­rial Courthouse Restoration Committee of the Whatcom County Historical Society. The committee is working to restore the Richards Building. Dating back to 1838, it is the oldest brick building in the state of Washington and may be the oldest functional brick building north of San Francisco. The estimated cost for the project is $156,000. The committee expects to have work completed in time for the building's 150th anniversary.

1972 - Irvor Hogland retired from the Lewis High School District after 32 years of teaching. David Swanston was appointed by the director of the U.S. Census Bureau to a three-year term on the Census Advi­sory Committee of Professional Associations, representing the Population Association of America and the American Sociological Association. The committee was established in 1994 to advise on the full range of census bureau programs. Swanston is also chair of sociology and anthropology at the University of Miss.

1973 - Ken Benny, a life-long resident of Washington State, has moved to Marin County, Calif. Benny was selected earlier this year to become the new superintendent of that community's Mill Valley School District.

1977 - Michael Downes retired from the University of Miss. He is the University's department of psychology and Education" monograph published by the American Psychological Association. Downes is the oldest functional brick building in the state of Washington, a book that highlights wildlife, weather and Washington cities and towns and includes a series of stories that discover facts about the state in which they live. The book offers a fun way to learn that is challenging to residents and visitors.


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1990 - Rob Beidler, a sergeant in the Snohom­ish County Sheriff's office, has announced his candidacy for the seat in that county. The position will be open in 2007. Dahl has been promoted to assistant director of the Bellingham Symphony Association. Dahl has been the orchestra's saxophonist and last year served as associate director of the Kitsap Symphony. Steve McBee, owner of McBee Strategic Consulting, is the 2001 recipient of the National Female Service Award presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Davidson's most recent position was as acting assistant regional administrator for management.

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1995 - Linda Lowe, owner of Wineglass Cellars, was elected to the board of directors of the Central Washington Fair Association. Lowe also is treasurer of Washington State Democrats.

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Christy Johnson (’91) has been named 2005 National Teacher of the Year by Junior Achievement, an international organization dedicated to teaching young people about business economics. Johnson created a multi-disciplinary economics program at Bellingham High School that emphasizes decision making in all areas of life. She is currently pursuing a master's in business administration with a focus on social entrepreneurship.

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• 3rd Annual Senior Breakfast, 9 a.m., Viking Union
• Distinguished Alumini Banquet, 5:30 p.m., Wade King Student Recreation Center
• Sanford Piano Series, Young Hi Moon in concert, 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center
• Opening Reception, 10 a.m., Viking Union
• WWU Football vs. Western Oregon University, 1 p.m., Civic Stadium
• Campus presentation and departmental open houses, 11 a.m.
• Spirit Rally with bonfire and fireworks, 7:30 p.m., south campus parking lot
• Ethnic Student Center 15-year Anniversary Reception, 4 p.m., Viking Union
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• Distinguished Alumni Banquet, 5:30 p.m., Wade King Student Recreation Center
• WWU Women's Volleyball vs. Western Oregon University, 7 p.m., Civic Stadium
• An Evening with Brandi Carlile, 8:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center
• Beyond a Thousand Islands-Filipino Heritage Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Viking Union
• WWU Women's Volleyball vs. Western Oregon University, 7 p.m., Carver Gym
• WWU Women's Soccer vs. Central Washington University, 7 p.m., Civic Stadium
• Legacy Brunch, 10 a.m., Fairhaven Commons O'Keefe Room
• Tour and Service Project, 10 a.m., Sehome Hill Arboretum Learning Center
• Alumni Day at the Theatre, 2 p.m.

Performing Arts Center Series

Sanford Piano Series
Yong Hi Moon
Friday, Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m
PAC Concert Hall - Tickets: $8-$15

Jane Coop
Saturday, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m
PAC Concert Hall - Tickets: $8-$15

Logan Skelton
Friday, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m
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Quartetto Gelato
Friday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m
Quartetto Gelato celebrates the original journey of the Orient Express with dazzling musical virtuosity and sophisticated humor expressed through traditional and classical favorites from London to Istanbul.
PAC Concert Hall - Tickets: $15-$22

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.
PAC Concert Hall - Tickets: $15-$22

Biava Quartet
Friday, Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m
Winner of the 2003 Naumburg Chamber Music Award and a 2005 Ioriicani International String Quartet Competition prizewinner, the Biava Quartet is praised as "an ensemble of unusual communicative powers."
PAC Concert Hall - Tickets: $15-$22

Montréal Danse
Saturday, April 8, 7:30 p.m
With a winning mix of internationally acclaimed choreographers and dancers, Montréal Danse is creating vibrant new works that take risks and explore new territory to capture the imagination of our time.
PAC Mainstage Theatre - Tickets: $15-$22

Inti Illimani
Saturday, April 29, 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.
PAC Concert Hall - Tickets: $15-$22

Inti Illimani
Friday, May 12, 7:30 p.m
With a winning mix of internationally acclaimed choreographers and dancers, Montréal Danse is creating vibrant new works that take risks and explore new territory to capture the imagination of our time.
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