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EPA Recognizes Western as Green Energy Leader

By Dee Johnson
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Western Washington University was honored in October with a national 2005 Green Power Leadership Award presented by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Energy and the nonprofit Center for Resource Solutions. The award was presented at a National Green Power Marketing Conference held in Austin, Texas.

The award recognizes the nation’s leading renewable power purchasers and suppliers. Western began purchasing all its electricity from renewable sources last fall.

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"This national award is a tribute to the leadership shown by our students and the unwavering support of Western's administration toward responsible actions," said President Karen W. Morse. "This vision of energy sustainability continues a long tradition of environmental stewardship at Western."

That tradition takes on an even more comprehensive emphasis at Western through the work of a Sustainability Committee appointed by Morse last spring. The committee is developing institutional policy and will coordinate academic and administrative efforts toward sustainable practices at WWU.

A core group of students, which included Ayre-Svingen and Athans-Schmidt, formed Students for Renewable Energy (SRE), an Associated Students club, in the spring of 2003. Their goal was to gain enough support across campus to get an initiative passed endorsing a student fee to offset the University's increased costs of purchasing renewable energy. They visited classrooms, gathered enough signatures to put the initiative on the ballot, and campaigned for its passage. In a spring 2004 election, the initiative passed with an 84.7 percent approval.

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Arey-Svingen says she is very proud of Western's commitment to leave a light footprint on our planet. "People can say they like renewable electricity, but until you put your money where your mouth is, it doesn't mean anything."

In October, and again in January, Western also was recognized as one of the "Top 25 Partners in the Green Power Partnership." The University of Pennsylvania was the only other educational institution included in the EPA's top 25 quarterly listing.

Western will purchase approximately 35 million kilowatt hours of electricity during the 2005-2006 academic year, comparable to the usage of about 2,900 homes. This represents about 30 percent of total renewable energy purchases by increasing the overall demand for power from renewable resources. In Washington state, most renewable energy is generated by wind turbines, which are expensive to build but economical to operate. As demand increases and more wind turbines are erected, the difference in cost for renewable energy purchases compared to traditional gas or hydroelectric purchases is expected to be significantly reduced.

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Lecture Series Dedicated to Walter Lonner

The International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP) is inaugurating a lecture series dedicated to Walter Lonner, professor emeritus of psychology. The "Walter J. Lonner Distinguished Lecture Series" will honor his contributions to cross-cultural psychology and his stewardship of the Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology.

Lonner is a past president of IACCP and in 1994 was named an Honorary Fellow. He taught psychology at Western from 1968 until his retirement in 2001 and was co-founder of Western's Center for Cross-Cultural Research, created in 1969. Lonner is the founding editor of the Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology, inaugurated in 1970, and has continued his involvement in editorial functions, working closely with an international advisory board. In 2004, Sage Publications of California paid Western $1.25 million to purchase the Journal's copyright. Part of the agreement will result in royalties in perpetuity of approximately $50,000 annually to IACCP and $50,000 annually to the Center for Cross-Cultural Research.

WWU Faculty Receive Awards for Teaching Excellence

Kristi Lewis Tyran and Zite Hutto are the College of Business and Economics' recipients of the 2005 Allette and Cayden Chase Franklin Excellence in Teaching Award. The award, made possible by a sponsorship from Opus CEO Chase Franklin ('84), includes a $1,000 honorarium for each recipient.

Tyran, assistant professor of management, was recognized for the successful development of a virtual mentoring program. Hutto, professor of accounting, received the award for an experiential approach to teaching tax accounting.

Remembering Wilson Library

I remember the Wilson Library, in 1938 before it was called the Wilson Library. I had a job, between quarters, dusting and cleaning in the library. Zoe Wilson, head librarian, would not tolerate anyone whistling on the job, even though the library was closed. She reprimanded a young fellow who was whistling while he was sweeping. I thought his whistling, which echoed up into the high vaulted ceilings, was beautiful.

I had the job of taking every book off the shelves and dusting each one during housecleaning. I knew every book in that library when I got through.

There was only Old Main, Edens Hall, an old wooden industrial arts building and the gymnasium when I attended.—Georgia M. Kunkel ('44)

Your Letters

In June of 1953, I was awarded my B.A. in Education and my general provisional certificate. My major was industrial arts, with a minor in science and math. I accepted a fourth grade teaching position in the Issaquah School District; the young woman from Western, whom I married one day before my graduation day, was going to be teaching a second grade class that fall.

There were several instructors at Western who influenced my final career choice: Mr. Rice taught drafting in the industrial arts department; Mr. Petty taught finance in the math department; Mr. Gelder taught several courses in taxation and accounting and has been involved in the TaxAide volunteer tax assistance program since 1991. She is a past recipient of the American Taxation Association/Arthur Andersen Teaching Innovation Award and was the first recipient of the College of Business and Economics' Excellence in Teaching Award.

In April of 1959, I finished my engineering career with an international petrochemical company. Until I retired in 1994, I did engineering work for four different firms, as well as being self-employed for seven years. This career choice enabled me the ability to provide a good living for my family—my wife of 52 years, our four children (all are college graduates and are married to college graduates) and our eight grandchildren. I have really enjoyed my career as an engineer.—John H. Morgan ('53)
Looking at Inner-City Schools

By Kristy Gochnour

In the struggle for civil rights in the 1960s, Martin Luther King Jr. urged the integration of schools so that all children would have the opportunity to embrace the benefits of a quality education.

Forty years later, author, activist and educator Jonathan Kozol continues to fight for educational equity. His research suggests that the United States has reverted to segregation of many inner-city public schools.

Kozol visited Western on Sept. 29 and lectured on the ideas contained in his new book, The Shame of the Nation: The Restoration of Apartheid Schooling in America. With an audience of more than 1,000 people filling the Performing Arts Center and an overflow of more than 1,000 people filling the Performing Arts Center and an overflow of more than 60 schools in the United States in the past five years and has observed that teachers in many inner-city schools have been compelled to use stick-and-carrot teaching methods.

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Kozol says this trend is further reinforced by pressure to conform to high-stakes testing. He has traveled to more than 60 schools in the United States in the past five years and has observed that teachers in many inner-city schools have been compelled to use stick-and-carrot teaching methods.

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"Don't read about Dr. King in order to bury him; read about him to emulate him," he said.

He contends that many administrators involved with inner-city public schools are moving away from providing children with an education and are advocating that schools focus on training suitable workers for production and service jobs instead. By their persistent acceptance of inequality and racial segregation, Kozol says these administrators are inducing niche learning foundations and ultimately condemning students to third-rate educations that develop "robotic skills rather than empowering skills."

Kozol urges educators and supporters everywhere to join with those throughout the country who are advocating educational reforms. He supports an educational amendment to the Constitution proposed by U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-Ill.) that would make education a constitutional human right and could aid in the fight to reverse public school inequities.

Kozol's presentation was sponsored by Western's Center for Educational Pluralism at Woodring College of Education, the Teaching-Learning Academy and the University's American Democracy Project, which promotes student involvement in public life.

Teachers on Special Assignment

Six K-12 teachers in Washington school districts are contracted this year as teachers on special assignment. They have been released from regular teaching duties to focus on deepening their own understanding of how students learn science and are sharing the results of their research and direct observations with teachers, principals and administrators in a number of Northwest school districts.

The teachers are participating in the North Cascades and Olympic Science Partnership (NCOSP), a five-year project funded by a National Science Foundation grant awarded to Western's College of Sciences and Technology. The six teachers are recording their experiences daily and providing those reports to the University.

The grant also funds a summer academy hosted by the College of Sciences and Technology for K-12 teachers.
By Paul Madison
WWU ATHLETICS

Robin Ross, who was defensive coordinator in the mid-1990s for two of the finest teams in Western’s history, has been named head football coach.

Ross was with Western in 1994 and 1995 but has spent most of the last three decades as an assistant at the NCAA Division I-A level. He also coached in the National Football League as line­backers coach with Oakland for two seasons, helping the Raiders have the ninth-ranked defense in the NFL in 2000 when they were 12-4 and reached the AFC Championship Game.

"This is a great opportunity for me, and I’m honored to be the head coach at Western," Ross said. "When I was here before, we were contending for a national championship. That’s what I want to get back to. This is a program that has come a long way, and I want to see it continue to grow. I’m looking forward to the challenge.”

This past season, Ross was linebackers coach at Oregon State University, where the Beavers led the Pac-10 in run defense. He spent the previous four seasons as special teams coordinator and tight ends coach at the University of Oregon. The Ducks won the 2001 Pac-10 championship, finishing second in the ESPN Coaches Poll after defeating Colorado in the 2002 Fiesta Bowl. He was also at Oregon as an assistant during the 1997 and 1998 seasons.

In 1994, the first season he came to Western, the Vikings led the NCAA Division II in scoring defense, allowing just 11.5 points a game and five times holding opponents without a touchdown. Western, which posted its first national playoff victory that season, ranked third nationally in rushing defense at 78.0 yards a contest and 10th in total defense.

In 1995, the Vikings finished 9-1, going 9-0 for the first undefeated regular season for the school in 57 years, and ranked No. 1 nationally in NAIA II for five weeks.

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Western will continue to play GNAC schools Humboldt State and Western Oregon, but just once each season. The four GNAC football teams played one another twice last season and will do so again in 2006.

The Vikings will remain a member of the GNAC in the sports of volleyball, softball, men’s and women’s cross country, men’s and women’s soccer, men’s and women’s basketball and men’s and women’s indoor and outdoor track and field. Western will also retain independent status in men’s and women’s golf and women’s rowing.

Team Joins North Central Conference

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Western has formally been admitted as a member in football to the North Central Conference, one of the nation’s most prestigious NCAA II alignments. The Vikings, along with arch-rival Central Washington University, will begin playing a full slate of eight NCC games in 2006. They previously competed as part of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

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See page 12 for the 2006 Viking football schedule.
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Last year, the Center hosted both the U.S. ambassador to Mongo­lia, Pamela Sutz, and Mongolia’s ambas­sador to the United States, Radvan Bold. The Center also hosted an international working conference com­memorating the 800th anniversary of Mongo­lian statehood.

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Schwarz believes the study of Mongolia is particularly important now because Mongols represent a nomadic, agricultural lifestyle that will soon disappear. Dramatic cultural changes have already occurred in the southern region, under Chinese rule since 1911. The economy in Northern Mongolia, under Soviet domination until 1991, is more primitive. "It is still largely animal based," Schwarz says. "There is some farming, but very little of that because the climate isn’t suitable.” Social services in Mongolia were heavily subsidized by the Soviet Union, especially in the areas of education and health. Mongolia was also dependent on the Soviets for its industrial infra­structure. "Without that infrastructure, Mongolia no longer has the ability to process its animal products or mine its gold, silver and copper resources” Schwarz noted.

He is not optimistic about the near future because, while rich in natural resources, Mongolia lacks capital and the population base needed to build a strong economy. "The country is virtually empty,” he says. "The entire Republic of Mongolia has only 2.7 million people, fewer people than the Seattle metropolitan area. The people used to be well educated, but they are less so now, and they would have had a very tough time even if the same level of education could have been maintained after 1991. You do need a certain critical mass to establish whole new industries.”

In addition to Mongolian publications and artifacts, Western is the caretaker of an impressive collection representing other East Asian countries. Many of these materials also were dono­ted by Schwarz.

The collections, taken together, currently total 13,400 carefully cata­loged publications. Some are kept in the library’s Special Collections, but many are included in the circulating collection and are available through inter-library loan.

Ballmer Keynotes Seattle Business Forum

The Western Washington University Founda­tion will present the ninth annual Seattle Business Forum on Tuesday April 18, at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center. Steve Ballmer, CEO of Microsoft, will be the keynote speaker.

Over the past nine years, the Seattle Business Forum has become Western’s marquee event in King County. Last year, 600 guests gathered to hear Alan Mulally, President and CEO of Com­mercial Airplanes for The Boeing Co. At that event, $75,000 was raised to support scholarships for WWU students.

In 2006, scholarship support will again be the fundraising focus. Named annual scholarships and a table at the event are available for $2,500 each. Table sponsorships are available for $1,000. Each table seats nine guests; the 10th seat is filled by a WWU student or fac­ulty or staff member. Program and event sponsorship levels are also available.

For additional information or to reserve your table, please call the WWU special events office at (360) 650-3629 or visit www.foundation.wwu.edu/sbf.

By Dee Johnson

Professor emeritus Henry G. Schwarz first visited Mongolia in 1973. In the years that followed, he spent most of his time there, returning each time with materials he had collected.

"I would go into the markets, pick up books, bring them home and use them, and then pass them on to the library,” he says.

Those beginnings generated Western’s impressive Mongolian collection, which today totals nearly 7,000 titles. Besides the number of titles, the collection is significant because the northern and southern regions are fairly equally represented and the breadth of coverage is inclusive, concentrated not only on language, history and literature, but also on the natural sciences, medicine and music.

Western’s library is internation­ally recognized as the custodian of one of the largest acad­emic depositories of Mongolia resources. Schwarz has added substantially to the collection over the years and has encouraged other scholars in the field to contribute.

His most prized finds were often discovered in primitive, out of the way places, "a dirty little hut, perhaps, or a small village market. When I come across one of these volumes on the shelves, I’m almost there, in that par­ticular place again. It takes me back a few years,” he says.

Until his retirement in 1993, Schwarz taught courses on Mongolia and modern China. He is the founder of Western’s Center for East Asian Studies, established in 1975. From the beginning, the Center has been recognized as an important resource for Mongolian scholars. In 1978, the Center hosted the first North American conference on Mongolian studies.

The books pictured above are representative of the nearly 7,000 titles in Western’s Mongolian collection. Several date back more than 100 years. Professor emeritus Henry G. Schwarz has contributed a significant number of publications and has also encouraged other major scholars in the field to donate to the collection.
PRACTICING Stewardship

By Dee Johnson
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

When students approached Facilities Management Director Tim Wynn to find out what the additional cost would be if the University purchased green power for its electrical needs, they came prepared to pay the difference.

A year later, Western students approved an initiative endorsing a student fee to offset green energy costs. They were the first university students in the country to do so.

Western students have a long history of environmental leadership fostered by a university administration committed to sustainable practices.

Huxley College of the Environment, established in 1968, is one of the oldest environmental colleges in the nation. The college has won national and international recognition and has served as a model for other university programs.

Programs developed by the College of Sciences and Technology also have received international attention. The college recently was awarded a $270,000 National Science Foundation grant to support the chemistry department’s ongoing development of high-energy catalyst materials for the production of ultra-clean transportation fuels.

The College of Sciences and Technology Vehicle Research Institute (VRI) has long been recognized for development of award-winning experimental automobiles known for fuel economy, low emissions and safety. Established in 1972, the VRI has propelled some of the most important advances in automobiles on the road today.

A Huxley College of the Environment and College of Sciences and Technology interdisciplinary faculty-student team has earned national honors from a collaborative of Procter & Gamble and the Industrial Designers Society of America. The team is designing a safe drinking water system useful for isolated communities that depend primarily on rainwater. Faculty support is being provided by Arunas Oslapas, associate professor of engineering technology, and Nicholas Zeferatos, associate professor of environmental studies.

One community identified as needing this water system is a small village on the Greek island of Kefalonia. Huxley College of the Environment students are involved in reconstruction of this village, which was destroyed during a 1953 earthquake. Planning is taking into account sustainable design, urban planning, environmental impacts, landscape design and architecture, natural resources management, community and cultural development, social anthropology and sustainable economic development.

The World Institute for a Sustainable Humanity—Hellas (AWISH—Hellas) is providing site organization support for this program. AWISH—Hellas is a recognized partner of the Community Sustainable Development program of the United Nations and a member organization of the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development.

Brad Smith, dean of Huxley College of the Environment, says an interdisciplinary approach and collaboration with government and community agencies are characteristic of the programs Western supports. "Planning care of the environment is not something that happens in isolation. Our goal has always been to foster development of good stewardship practices that students then take out into the world."
ECO-TOURS SUPPORT Indigenous Communities

Chris Mackay ('93) and Tammy Leland ('94) connected when both were enrolled in Western's environmental education master's program. A few years later, in 1999, they founded Crooked Trails, a community-based eco-tourism organization dedicated to helping people broaden their understanding of the planet and diverse cultures through education, community development and responsible travel. Crooked Trails was incorporated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit in 2003.

In cooperation with other non-governmental organizations, Crooked Trails has conducted a series of travel programs in support of the indigenous peoples of Thailand, Nepal, India and Peru. Rather than staying in modern hotels with all the conveniences they left behind, participants live with host families, learn about the history and culture of the area they are visiting, and become actively involved in local community projects. Recent projects tourists have been involved with include constructing a school, creating a map, and building toilets. A portion of each tour fee is donated to the host community.

In addition to leading eco-tours, Crooked Trails offers educational programs at home geared to encouraging responsible travel and supports several educational and training programs in indigenous communities.

For the past three years, Crooked Trails has led groups of Western students to Peru. This year's five-credit exploration seminar, a 22-day program (Aug. 30 through Sept. 20), will take students into four distinct areas where they will examine the positive and negative environmental, cultural, social and economic impacts of tourism, explore the Sacred Valley of the Incas, hike the Cordillera Blanca (White Mountains), visit the Amazon rainforest, and live and work with families in the Quechua community. The final week will be spent working with San Marcos University students in the central jungle Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve. For information, visit www.crookedtrails.com/peru_wwu.htm.

College Quest More Effective Than My Motivational Speeches

By Jim Miilenos

College Quest, a summer program open to high school students, provides a one-week immersion in college life. Students live in WWU residence halls and take a one-credit environmental sciences course, documenting their research in a video that is showcased at the Hazel Wolf Environmental Film Festival. For information, visit www.wwu.edu/youth.

Having the perfect daughter doesn't always mean that life runs perfectly for her, for me, or for her mother. Last year was a challenging year in high school. It was easy for me to justify why she should excel in a class that did not interest her. It made perfect sense to me why she should work hard for a teacher she could not relate to. But for Arielle, my get into a college motivational mini-lecture just wasn't working. Serendipity is a wonderful thing. Answers show up in unexpected places. In a quick visit to the WWU website alumni directory last May while looking for my college buddy Mike Farina, I saw the ad for the WWU College Quest program. I had found my answer!

Selling the program to Arielle was easy. If any activity has more freedom, she's sold no matter what else it includes. My wife and I were easily convinced, too. There was something that felt very special and safe about sending our child to the college we both attended. Debbie Gibbons, the WWU Extended Education and Summer Programs Director, closed the deal on my first phone call. Arielle would go to WWU for one week in July to study and live as a college student.

Before I knew it we were dropping her off in Bellingham.

So how did it go? Imperfectly perfect. Arielle got it. She got a snippet of college life, enough to create her own vision of a future she herself could create—not because I told her it was there, but because she had lived it.

She went to college, lived on a beautiful campus and experienced the energy and magic that focused learning environments create. She felt the excitement of working in a motivated group of peers, both in the classroom and out in the field. Through her female instructors, she witnessed women excelling in their world and in science. And she did this with sleepless nights of study filled with coffee and junk food and, most importantly, freedom. Yes, it all translated to a high mark at week's end in a consciousness-raising topic focusing on environmental sciences. The learning that went on under the topic was life changing.

Arielle now has her own reason for working hard in high school. She knows what it looks like over the rainbow, and I can retire my old motivational speech. She is determined to go to a good college, and she now knows why. In the next year we are going to start looking hard at what college that might be. I can't tell yet, but I have a hunch that her parents' alma mater has a very special place in her heart. I hope so.

In hearing the results trickle out as I'm looking at the many things she has accomplished, I believe that the WWU College Quest program is a treasure and deserves alumni support for all that it accomplishes. And while I believe this program has great value for all teenagers, I believe it creates a special bridge and a special possibility for teenagers with WWU alumni as parents. Consider sending your high-school-aged kids to College Quest. Check it out online. Call the WWU Extended Education and Summer Programs Office and discuss it with Debbie. This program fulfills its mission and much, much more.

Still, there is one unresolved issue, and I could use your help: I never did find Mike Farina and that still bums me out. If you know where he is, would you please have him contact me at jim@assetresearch.com. I think he still has my favorite dive mask. Carpe Diem!
BRYANT IS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Kevin Bryant ('80) was named Athletic Director of the Year by the Oregon Athletic Directors Association. He has also been recognized as a Certified Master Athletic Administrator, the highest certification awarded by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. Bryant played varsity basketball at Western for four years. He is athletic director and assistant principal at Tigard High School.

1953 - Richard Brock was inducted into the Montesano High School Hall of Fame in October. He guided players to five state tournaments before retiring in 1982 and was inducted into the Washington State Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2002.


1969 - Jo Ann (Kohatsu/Izawa) Iwane retired in 2002 after a 30-year elementary school teaching career. She and her husband now live on the farm. She is employed part-time by the University of Hawaii at Hilo as a student-teaching supervisor. (2001) Julee Neuhart was awarded a rear admiral in the U.S. Navy after nearly 32 years of service. She was a member of the Division II Court of Appeals in Tacoma.

1970 - Ray Poorman retired in 2002 after a 30-year elementary school teaching career. He guided players to five state tournaments before retiring in 1982 and was a guest speaker last year at a National Association of Hispanic Lawyers conference held in Washington, D.C.

1973 - Shelley Burgett has been promoted to general manager for the Callam County Public Utility District.

1976 - Kyle Kinoshita is principal of Meadowdale Elementary School in Edmonds and also teaches the class in the WWU Principal Preparation Program. He is the 2004 recipient of the Northwest Education Administration award presented by the University Council for Educational Administration. (2001) Richard McCollum was re-elected to the Seattle City Council and chairs the Finance and Budget Committee. (2001) Wendy Schererrer is Executive Director of the Nookack Salmon Enhancement Group and earned the Bellingham Western Salmon Hero Award.

1977 - Ralph Nelson is the owner of R. W. Beck, Inc., a management consulting and engineering firm providing services to both public and private sectors in the areas of energy and water/waste resources. (2001) Matt Hoidal was appointed by Gov. Gary Locke at Enumclaw High School, are the proud directors of the Pacific Northwest Ballet. Parce is also the choir director at Mercer Island Concert Chorale. Services Division of the School Employees' Retiree Association.

1978 - Julee Neuhart was awarded a rear admiral in the U.S. Navy after nearly 32 years of service to the association as communique editor, convention chair and president.

1980 - Richard Hedges has been named vice president of the non-profit Washington News Council. He oversees crisis communications at the northwest division of Hill & Knowlton, a public relations communications firm.

1981 - Bryant is Athletic Director of the Year.

1982 - Bob Bryan is the supervisory special agent at the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Los Angeles Resident Agency and is a frequent technical advisor for the "NCIS" CBS television show. (2001) Mark Vernon is a partner at Smith, Thacher & Bird in Bellingham.

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1984 - Marka Riddle Byrkett has been promoted to associate professor with tenure. She is the faculty member in the elementary education department, as well as the supervisory director at Western's Woodring College of Education. (2001) Marcia Digras is employed by International Business Journal at the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Los Angeles Resident Agency and is a frequent technical advisor for the "NCIS" CBS television show. (2001) Mark Vernon is a partner at Smith, Thacher & Bird in Bellingham.

1985 - Paula Henry has been promoted to superintendent of Tocoma-Rai.

1986 - Paul Diep is the owner of two Seattle businesses, "Innovations in Green Unlimited," an interior plantscape company, and Pottery Time, an import business featuring Vietnamese pottery. He is extremely creative and working to preserve the pottery culture of Vietnam.

1987 - Monica Jerbi is the director of communications and development for the U.S. chapter of Transparency International.


1990 - Paul Cullen, James, and Jonathon Hefford-Anderson, on Aug. 20, 2003; Jennifer Cox ('02), and Andrew Fletcher, on May 1; Matt Hoidal was appointed by Gov. Gary Locke at Enumclaw High School, are the proud directors of the Pacific Northwest Ballet. Parce is also the choir director at Mercer Island Concert Chorale. Services Division of the School Employees' Retiree Association.


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2001 – Andrew Billingsley is an employee at California College of the Arts in May 2005 teaching in Mount Vernon. Sheryl Haynes has released "King of Hearts," his Western to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts in dance.

2002 – Tonya Crawford is the university benefits specialist with The Unity Group in Bellingham. ... Sadie Boge is substitute Support Center in Bellingham. ... Korby works for humanitarian projects. Kercher can be reached by email at sandmanscs® aol.com.

2004 – Matthew Anderson is employed at REI in Glendale, Calif. the new Coordinator for Industrial Credit Union in Bellingham.

2005 – Dave McKechnie is an English professor at City-Elim High School. ... Chris Pramoumeton is an assistant professor at the Island Museum of Art in Friday Harbor. ... Matt Wilby is the advertising and marketing intern at K2 Snowboards magazine.

2006 – Carolyn Slem is the new executive director for the Island Museum of Art in Friday Harbor. ... Lindsay Wahman moved to Florence, Italy and is living with a family as their au pair. Wahman is also teaching English to children and will be taking Italian classes.

2011 – Erwin S. Mayer, 82, a senior professor of economics at WWU, has funded two new scholarships to be awarded annually to exceptional journalism students attending WWU. The first two David McNiss/PRWeb Scholarships in Online News and Public Relations, established through the Western Foundation, will be awarded in the spring of the 2006-2007 academic year. PRWeb has pledged a five-year commitment to the Foundation.

2012 – PRWeb CEO and founder David McNiss says, "I have found that graduates of WWU are part of an important and talented labor pool in Whatcom County. I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to help promising students with financial need to complete their education." Kathy Sheehan, former editor of Window on Western, was hired last year as managing editor of PRWeb to help guide the company through a period of exceptional growth...
Robert "Bob" Ames ('67), one of the finest high school gridiron coaches in the state of Washington, Paula French ('85), a pioneer in women’s soccer, and Jeff Van Kleeck ('92), a distance runner who earned All-America honors in two sports, are the newest members of the Western Washington University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Ames lettered as an offensive center in football at Western in 1964-67 and also earned two letters in soccer and one in track. He has compiled a record of 214-109 in 31 years as head football coach at Meridian High School and has directed his teams to four-state championship games, winning in 1999 and 2003, and being runner-up in 1984 and 2000. He led three other teams to state semifinals, in 1992, 1995 and 1996. Ames ranks No. 3 in victories among the state’s active high school football coaches in all classifications. His teams have won 11 league titles. He has been named league Coach of the Year four times.

Ames and wife, Pamela (Jones) Ames ('75), have three sons and two daughters, three of whom are WWU graduates. All three sons played football at the collegiate level.

Four-year letter winner Paula French scored 19 career goals in women’s soccer at Western and helped the Vikings to a 49-5-5 record. During that stretch, Western outscored its opponents, 212 to 26. In 1983, the Vikings posted a 38-game winning streak and held a perfect 14-0-0 record over the final three seasons.

The Vikings, who were the NCSC champions in 1982, captured District 1 titles in 1983 and 1984, and reached the NAIA Region 1 playoffs in 1984.

While at Western, French played on the Cougars club team, coached by Booth Gardner, governor of Washington state from 1980 to 1993. That squad toured Europe and placed second at the U.S. National Tournament in 1983. She also played on club squads that won two West Regional titles and seven state championships, placing second at the U-19 girls national tournament in 1981.

Last June, French competed on a women’s over-40 team that won the National Veteran’s Cup Tournament held in Wilmington, N.C.

French, who is working on her national coaching license series, coached the Bellingham High School girls’ soccer team for four years (1987-90) and has coached Whatcom Development League and Ranger girls’ squads. She is the purchasing agent for Aluminum Chambered Boats in Bellingham.

At Western, Van Kleeck was named Western Male Athlete of the Year for 1991-92, earning NAIA All-America honors in both cross country and track as a junior and senior.

Van Kleeck set track records that still stand in the 3,000 and 5,000 and ranks among the top six Western times in the 1,500 and 10,000. He was the NAIA District 1 cross country champion in 1991, being a two-time district all-star. He placed fourth in the 5,000 meters at track nationals in 1993 and sixth in 1992. He finished 23rd at cross country nationals as a sophomore and 25th as a junior. He earned four letters in both cross country and track.

Van Kleeck missed the 1991 track season because of a foot injury sustained in the steeplechase. That spring he concentrated on snowboarding and was the national amateur champion.

Van Kleeck graduated with a bachelor’s degree in visual communication and later earned a master’s degree in fine arts at Central Washington University. He taught one year of photography at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is currently completing his second year as a visiting professor at the University of Redlands in California. He and wife Charmaine have one son, Lalo, born last April.

Kay Hovde ('84) assumed the duties of Alumni Association Board President in January. She succeeds Angelique Davis ('95), who stepped down from the position a few months early due to an unexpected increase in her professional commitments.

“We are extremely grateful for Angelique Davis’ past leadership and look forward to Kay Hovde’s strong, capable guidance as we continue to increase the WWU Alumni Association’s visibility in the state and across the country,” says interim Alumni Association Director Kay Rich.

Hovde has served as president-elect for the past year.

July 13-16
Golden Vikings Reunion

Did you graduate in 1956 or earlier? Then you’ll want to join the Golden Vikings for a marvelous four-day reunion, July 13 to 16, that will include Woodring College of Education workshops, campus and community tours, a beautiful Bellingham Bay history cruise, planetarium shows and cultural events. Edens Hall will be the focal point for many social events, a setting that will bring back memories as you spend time reminiscing with classmates and new friends.

Study Canada Goes to BC

The Study Canada Summer Institute for K-12 Educators, offered by Western’s Center for Canadian-American Studies, gives participants a global perspective on current world issues by offering contrasts and comparisons of the parallel histories of Canada and the United States and critically evaluating the values and beliefs that shape our laws and policies.

The Study Canada Summer Institute has been offered annually since 1978 but will be hosted for the first time this year, from June 25 to June 30, in Vancouver and Whistler, B.C., the host cities for the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Participants will attend sessions addressing environmental concerns and other issues facing this region, hearing a variety of perspectives from guest speakers representing government, First Nations and area universities. Attendees will also experience Canada’s history, culture and environment through museum visits and a Tree Trek Eco-tour.

The deadline for applications is April 1. Travel scholarships are available. For information, email tina.storer@wwu.edu or call (360) 650-7370.
Alumni Happenings

Fun in the Sun
March 25-27 — WWU alumni are excited to be heading to Phoenix, Ariz., for some “Western Fun in the Sun” that will kick off with lunch at Peoria Stadium in our private Alumni Association tent. We'll be joined by Athletic Association Director Kay Rich. We'll spend the afternoon with other fans watching the Mariners vs. Oakland A's game. On Sunday, Coach Ross will set the pace for a challenging game of golf. On Monday, we'll attend a celebration reception and meet the Viking women's golf team. Watch for your invitation or call (360) 650-3353 or (800) 676-6885 or email alumni@wwu.edu.

Annual Meeting
April 22 — All WWU alumni are invited to the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association Board of Directors on Saturday, April 22, 2006 on the Western campus. For details, please contact the Alumni Association at (360) 650-3353 or (800) 676-6885 or email alumni@wwu.edu.

Ski to Sea
May 26-28 — Western is prepared to make another standout impression this year at Bellingham’s Ski to Sea celebration and relay race, an internationally recognized event that draws over 12,000 serious and weekend athletes.

The WWU parade float has taken first place in the last two out of three years, and we expect to be best again. To make that happen, we'll need lots of volunteers to plan the design, put it together—and keep the fun going.

Those of you who want a rigorous athletic challenge can join a WWU alumni team. We will need cross-country and downhill skiers, runners, road and mountain bikers, kayakers and canoeists. We'll begin training several weeks ahead of the race, so call now for information.

Contact Susan Bakse (888) at (360) 650-7283 or email alumni@wwu.edu.

4th Annual Battle in Seattle
Oct. 21 — The competition will be fierce when the Vikings and Wildcats meet at Qwest Field on Oct. 21 for the fourth annual Battle in Seattle. This contest, sponsored by Wells Fargo and Comcast, gives thousands of Western and Central supporters the opportunity to witness mega-stadium football between two legendary rivals. This will be their only match in 2006.

The fun starts with pre-game festivities for all ages arranged by the Alumni Association. Bring your Western gear and Western pride and help cheer our team to victory!

Ticket sales and details about pre-game activities will be available this summer. For information, call Alumni Relations at (360) 650-3353 or (800) 676-6885 or email alumni@wwu.edu.

Campus School Revisited
June 10, 2007 – Jan. 6, 2008 — Were you a student, faculty member or student teacher at the Campus School? If so, Western’s Woodring College of Education, in cooperation with the WWU Alumni Association and Western Libraries, would like to talk to you about participating in a Campus School Reunion and Whatcom Museum of History and Art exhibit featuring the Campus School Experience. Materials for the exhibit, which will run from June 10, 2007 to Jan. 6, 2008, are being collected now. We’re looking for oral and written memories, photographs, student work, curriculum materials and any other memorabilia associated with the school. Items may be donated to Western’s Special Collections or loaned to the Whatcom Museum of History and Art specifically for the exhibit.

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Women now represent about 38% percent of faculty in Western’s College of Sciences and Technology Geology Department. Fifty percent of current graduate students are women.

Unconventional Choice Led to Satisfying Career

By Brenda Eskelton
CLASS OF ’76

I read the article in the latest issue of Window on Western about the recent study (by Maria Charles and Karen Bradley) analyzing gender differences in life choices. This is a question I have often pondered. I was the only woman in many of my classes in school and have often been the only woman in meetings I attend at work.

I graduated from Western in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science in Geophysics. I spent nearly a year looking for employment and ended up moving to Houston to work in the oil industry. I found oil and gas exploration quite fascinating and soon was working for my master’s degree in geophysics at night and applying what I learned at work during the day. Nearly 30 years later, I am still in the oil industry applying geophysical techniques integrating borehole and seismic data to reduce risk in prospecting.

Early in my career I worked with more women, perhaps as much as 25 percent of my peer group, but the attrition rate has been very high. The Society of Exploration Geophysicists recently released figures that showed only seven percent of its membership is female. Many women I knew left the field when they had families and many left when industries were merging and downsizing.

My parents divorced when I was 11 years old. My mother did not have a high school diploma and worked several low paying jobs, often at the same time, to support our family. Her example led me to expect that I would always have to take care of myself. I decided that if I was going to work all my life, I better get something I really wanted to do.

I adored mathematics, at that time I thought of me and put my energies into what I could do. I read a lot. I was a good student. When I first heard there was such a thing as college, I knew I would attend.

I had rather romantic and idealistic notions then about the purity of the physical sciences, with laws made by the universe—unlike subjects such as political science, economics and sociology, with laws made by humans. I was taught about faith in science challenged me. While I adored mathematics, at that time I considered it an adjunct to science.

On a lark, I took geology my first year in college. Continental drift and sea floor spreading were just becoming accepted in the field. Fascinating new research being done eventually led me into geophysics.

At Western, I was the only female in the geophysics department. I hope that has changed by now.

With rare exceptions, in college and throughout my professional career, my choices have been encouraged and respected. Many thought I would quit when I had children, but that thought never entered my mind. This is what I want to do. My work challenges and engages me. It also doesn’t hurt that I am very well compensated. Oil industry salaries are at the highest end of the salary range for all geoscientists.

I don't know if my own daughters will go into math and science. I make sure they are getting a good education in those subjects, but I encourage them to try all sorts of things. I want them to discover what they are truly interested in as I believe that is key to having a satisfying career. But I hope in my own way I can serve as an example for making unconventional choices as much as my own mother did.
March
25-27 Alumni Association: Western Fun in the Sun, Saturday lunch at Peoria Stadium before the Mariners vs. Oakland game, Sunday golf, Monday reception, Phoenix, Arizona
26 Alumni Scholarship Celebration Dinner, 6 p.m., Riverview Golf Club, San Diego, Calif.

April
1 Annual South Puget Sound Alumni Theater Performance and Dinner, Little Shop of Horrors at 2 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m., Olympia
8 Performing Arts Center Series, Ana Vidovic at 7:30 p.m., on campus
12 Turning Points Faculty Speaker Series, Fallou Nagpm, on campus
18 9th Annual WWU Seattle Business Forum, 11 a.m. reception for scholarship sponsors, 12 noon luncheon, 12:45 p.m. keynote presentation by Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer
22 Alumni Association Board of Directors Annual Meeting, on campus
22 Annual Alumni Volunteer Day, held in concert with Earth Day, various locations
25 Distinguished Lecture Series, Major Brent Beardsley, on campus, free but tickets are required
29 Alumni Association: Champagne Reception and PAC Series Performance, reception at 6 p.m., Montreal Danse performance at 7:30 p.m., on campus

May
5 Sanford Piano Series, Logan Skelton at 7:30 p.m., on campus
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PAC Mainstage Theatre
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Una Noche en Buenos Aires
Taste of the Arts Gala
Benefit fundraiser for the College of Fine and Performing Arts
Friday, March 3
5:30 p.m. gala, Viking Union
8:00 p.m. performance, PAC Theatre
Tickets: $75

Naku Tsuru and the Samurai
May 25-27, 7:30 p.m.
May 28, 2:00 p.m.
June 1-3, 7:30 p.m.
June 4, 2:00 p.m.
PAC Mainstage Theatre
Tickets: $10

Tickets
(360) 650-6146
www.tickets.wwu.edu

KEYS TO THE KOOP
January 9 – March 11
The Western Gallery
Keys to the Koop: the current exhibit at The Western Gallery, offers an irreverent look at contemporary culture seen through the eyes of 16 British and American artists who use printmaking as the medium for unique expressions of satire and humor. The exhibit includes more than 60 works from the collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and his family foundation.

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March 28 – April 22
The Al and Vera Leese Collection
This collection, begun during the Depression years, includes over 100 works from Northwest, American and European artists. The collection is a recent gift from Marian Boylan, daughter of Al and Vera Leese.

For information about exhibits, visit www.westerngallery.wwu.edu

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