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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.

Western students Molly Ayre-Svingen and Erica Athans-Schmidt, accompanied by Eileen Coughlin, vice president for Student Affairs and Academic Support Services, and Tim Wynn, director of Facilities Management, represented the University at the awards ceremony.

"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.

Western was also recognized by the EPA as one of the Top 25 Partners in the Green Power Partnership.

Western was honored at a Seattle Seahawks home football game on Nov. 13 with a Power Player Award. The award, sponsored in conjunction with Seattle City Light and hosted by the Seattle Seahawks, recognizes those who have furthered energy conservation and environmental stewardship in the Puget Sound region. Western was nominated for the award by Puget Sound Energy. President Karen W. Morse accepted the award on behalf of the University.

Ayre-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 was also 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 through Puget Sound Energy's Green Power program.

Green power is electricity generated from renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, geothermal, biogas and low-impact hydro and biomass resources. These renewable energy sources are cleaner than traditional sources of electricity that generate carbon dioxide (CO2), a greenhouse gas linked to global warming, and other air pollutants.

Green power purchases support new development of renewable energy projects 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.
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 Hutton 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 Qpass 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. Hutton, 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. I also lived in the dormitories, at one point in my years at Western, I was elected class president.

In June of 1953, I was awarded my B.A. in Education and general provisional certificate. My major was industrial arts, with a minor in science and math. I accepted a fourth grade teaching position in the Isaquah 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 there that fall.

There were several instructors at Western who influenced my final career choice: Mr. Rice taught drafting in the industrial arts department; Mr. Smith taught finance in the math department; Mr. Gelder taught several courses in the math department.

After completing my military service in December 1955 (I was drafted into the army in January 1954), I enrolled in the University of Washington School of Engineering and was awarded a BSME in March of 1959.

In April of 1959, I started 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 afforded me the ability to provide a good living for my family—my wife of 52 years, our four children (all 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)

Howard Lincoln Appointed to WWU Board of Trustees

Gow Christie Gregoire has appointed Howard Lincoln, chairman and CEO of the Seattle Mariners, to Western's board of trustees.

He will complete Betty Woods' six-year term and will serve until 2010.

In addition to supporting the Mariners Care Foundation, Lincoln serves as chair of the Children's Hospital Foundation and was the 2003-2004 campaign chair of United Way of King County. He is a member of The Washington Roundtable and serves on the board of Arttrust, the Bellevue Boys & Girls Club, the Pacific Science Center and the Chief Seattle Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Lincoln was named chairman and chief executive officer of the Seattle Mariners in September 1999. He retired from his position as chairman of Nintendo of America Inc. to devote his full efforts to the Mariners.

Zite Hutton Receives WSCPA Award

The Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants (WSCPA) has named Zite Hutton, professor of accounting, as Outstanding Accounting Educator for Washington State. Hutton teaches 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.
Looking at Inner-City Schools

By Kristy Cochnour
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

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 Apartheid Schooling in America. With an audience of more than 1,000 people filling the Performing Arts Center and an overflow of approximately 75 people viewing the lecture via television in a closed-circuit conference room, Kozol elaborated on the regression of inner-city schools and the lack of opportunity students in those schools have to excel.

In a reference to Dr. King, Kozol told the audience his mission is to make sure the flame gets passed.

"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 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.

"The main effect is that we are training low income kids to obey orders and give predictable replies to scripted questions and educating the privileged kids to ask the questions," he said.

He noted that young teachers thrust into an environment obsessed with testing become disillusioned and leave the profession.

Kozol urged 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-III) 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 (NCSOP), 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.

An Invitation to Reconnect with WESTERN

By Karen W. Morse
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Did you know that there are 77,500 Western alumni scattered throughout Washington and the world beyond? You have busy, productive lives with families, friends, and a career, and you are an integral part of our campus history and culture. Your support, mentoring and advice can help current-day students in many ways, while your memories of your time at Western bring a human dimension to our campus history and add depth and context to what we are today.

Many of you are already involved with your specific college or department. Some of you serve on departmental or college advisory boards. Others serve on the WWU alumni board of directors.

There are also opportunities to serve on the steering committees of the alumni regional chapters, including those in Whatcom and King counties, South Puget Sound (Olympia), San Francisco and San Diego. You can help plan or host local alumni or prospective student family events or organize other local chapter activities.

Each year on Earth Day, the WWU Alumni Association hosts a Volunteer Day with the local chapters. You organize your local group to carry out a park reclamation or clean-up project in your area; we supply the T-shirts and encouragement.

For younger grads, we're creating some networking social events and, in Whatcom and King counties, we've developed a "Backpack 2 Briefcase" speaker series offering practical financial and money management advice as you make the transition from university life to the business and career world.

Reconnecting with Western offers students opportunities to connect with ideas and practices and the chance to pick up skills that you can carry forward into your careers.

And it's possible that through your involvement, your daughter or son will continue in your footsteps, creating a legacy enjoyed by many multigenerational families.

To reconnect, let the Alumni Relations Office know your email address and any current news about your lives, families and activities. Email us at alumni@wwu.edu or call (800) 676-6885.

If you wish, sign up for Western Wire, the monthly electronic newsletter that will let you know about upcoming events, including those in regional chapters or Seattle.
The excitement level has been high inside Carver Gym this winter, with two nationally ranked WWU basketball teams having great seasons.

The men's team, ranked as high as No. 2 nationally in NCAA Division II, begins February with a 16-2 overall record and a share of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference lead at 8-1. The Vikings had a 15-game winning streak, the second-longest in their history, earlier in the season. Senior guard Ryan Diggs is fourth nationally in NCAA II in scoring at 23.4 points a game, and forward Grant Dykstra is close behind at 22.2 a contest. Both should break the school's career scoring record. As a team, the Vikings are averaging a school-record 95.6 points a game.

The women's team has been ranked as high as second nationally. The Vikings enter February with a 17-1 overall and taking the GNAC at 9-0. They are also riding an 11-game winning streak. Senior forward Tina Donahue averages 14.1 points a game, with senior center Courtney Clapp and senior forward Kelly Dykstra contributing 13.9 and 13.1 points, respectively.

For schedules and updated information, check out www.wwuvikings.com.

Ross Returns to Western as Head Football Coach

"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 76.0 yards a contest and fifth in total defense.

In 1995, the Vikings finished 9-1, going 9-0 for the first undefeated regular season in school history and the most academically talented in its history. They were national champion the next two seasons as special teams coordinator and tight ends coach at the University of Oregon, but just once each season. The men's team, ranked as high as No. 2 nationally in NCAA Division II, begins February with a 16-2 overall record and a share of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference lead at 8-1. The Vikings had a 15-game winning streak, the second-longest in their history, earlier in the season. Senior guard Ryan Diggs is fourth nationally in NCAA II in scoring at 23.4 points a game, and forward Grant Dykstra is close behind at 22.2 a contest. Both should break the school's career scoring record. As a team, the Vikings are averaging a school-record 95.6 points a game.

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Western Attracts Record Number Of Applicants

The Admissions Office managed a record-breaking 8,843 first-year and 2,513 transfer applications for 3,250 available enrollment openings for the 2005-2006 academic year. This was the largest applicant pool in Western's history and the most academically talented and diverse. Recognizing that grades and test scores do not tell the entire story, Western is proud to have been the first public university in Washington to implement a comprehensive review of multiple factors in addition to factoring each applicant's GPA.

Team Joins North Central Conference

Western Washington University will begin establishing some new football rivalries in 2006, and it will do so with some of the top programs in NCAA Division II.

Western has formally been admitted 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. 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.

Ross, who was unanimously recommended for the head football coach position, takes over a program that began competing in the North Central Conference in 2006, one of the toughest NCAA II leagues in the country.
Western Is Custodian of Internationally Recognized Mongolian Collection

By Dee Johnson
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Professor emeritus Henry G. Schwarz first visited Mongolia in 1973. In the years that followed, he spent most summer vacations 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 Mongolian 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.

Last year, the Center hosted both the U.S. ambassador to Mongolia, Pamela Slutz, and Mongolia's ambassador to the United States, Ravdan Bold. The Center also hosted an international working conference commemorating the 800th anniversary of Mongolian statehood.

Schwarz says a comparison of Mongol history and current influences reveals significant parallels. "Several key elements of globalization today, such as the relatively free movement of goods, extensive cultural interchange over large areas of the globe and the de facto emergence of one language as the predominant language of communication were part and parcel of the Mongol world empire."

For 30 years Western's Center for East Asian Studies has offered courses focusing exclusively on Mongolian history and culture and has included a Mongolian component in its large introductory course. More recently, the Center began offering a course in Mongolian language. At the time of his retirement, Schwarz created an endowed fund to support Mongolian Studies at Western in perpetuity.

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 donated 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.
**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 highly active catalytic 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. “Taking 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.”

Like the garden shown here, four test areas on Western’s campus are completely pesticide-free.

Lead gardener Randy Godfrey is using several alternatives suggested at a landscaping sustainability workshop. The University does not use insecticides anywhere on campus and has reduced the use of herbicides.

One change introduced this year was to substitute wood chips for buck mulch. Godfrey notes that, compared to buck, wood chips are not as attractive initially, but they eventually take on a more pleasing silver hue. They also provide better insulation, which enhances moisture retention and keeps ground temperatures more constant.

**SUSTAINABLE Living**

Colleen (Majors) Berg ('88) is the executive director of Lummi Island Community Land Trust and has guided the construction of the Cedrus Cooperative Housing project. Following the trust’s mission to cultivate sustainable economic activity and nurture an ethic of environmental stewardship, Berg and volunteers have shown the families who moved into the project’s nine houses how to put good conservation into practice. One result is that although the project is allowed to draw 5,000 gallons of well water each day, residents use less than 5,000 gallons per week. To further reduce this usage, the trust is working with the state to obtain water rights to install 1,000-gallon rainwater harvesting systems for each house for non-potable use (toilets, laundry, irrigation). Families living in the Cedrus Cooperative Housing project agree to abide by strict covenants that protect the environment, including a prohibition against using pesticides. The amount of equity they may take if they sell their homes also is restricted, ensuring that the homes remain permanently affordable.

The five-acre parcel where the homes were built includes areas of protected or semi-protected wetlands. The homes were clustered together so that only about half the acreage was developed. Project developers also designed a site-specific stormwater runoff system that keeps the wetlands fed. The hope is that builders will study and copy the design.

**Western’s Distinguished Lecture Series**

Western Distinguished Lecture Series brought climatologist Konrad Steffen to campus on Jan. 25. Steffen, director of the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Studies at the University of Colorado, Boulder, has studied the impact of climate on polar and high alpine regions for three decades. In 1990, he set up a research station on a platform drilled into Greenland’s ice sheet. His observations there, confirmed with satellite imagery, show an expanding melt area, including unprecedented melt in recent years, especially 2002 and 2005. NASA images show melting to a record elevation of 6,500 feet as well as melting in areas where it had not occurred since satellites began mapping the ice sheet in 1978.
Western's environmental education master's program. A few years later, in 1999, they began conducting 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 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.

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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 studies course, documenting their research in a video that is showcased at the Hazel Wolf Environmental Film Festival. For information, visit www.wwu.edu/youth.

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.

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College Quest More Effective Than My Motivational Speeches

By Jim Miilenos
CLASS OF 75

Everyone has concrete proof that their child is special, and I am no exception. My 13-year-old daughter's intellect, her capabilities and the promise she brings to her own life and to our world far exceed what my own were at her age. Yes, I am a very proud parent. My daughter Arielle is a great human being.

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 good college motivational mini-lecture just wasn't working.

Serenity 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 now 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.

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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!
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.

1987 - Gerry Staley is the author of "Just Walk It." The book, for individuals interested in undertaking a self-directed walking vacation in Britain, is available at www.justwalkit.com. ... Phyllis Textor, who did sales for Specialty Disease Management Services Inc. in Jacksonville, Fla.

1959 - John Iwane is the founder of Washington Speech and Hearing Association HONORS in October in recognition of her band now live on a two-acre coffee farm. ... Death Cab for Cutie, with Ben Gibbard on vocals and vocals, and Nick Harmer ('97) on bass, reached No. 4 on the Billboard 200 this year and made a "Saturday Night Live" debut in January. ... Clint Romig is the author of "Just Walk It." The book, for individuals interested in undertaking a self-directed walking vacation in Britain, is available at www.justwalkit.com and www.amazon.com and www.barnesandnoble.com. For a signed copy, visit www.clintheromig.com.

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1992 - Noah Ashenhurst is the author of "Food, a novel available at www.football.com. ... Rance Caldwell is a financial advisor in the Bellingham office of Waddell & Reed and specializes in financial planning and retirement/education funding.

1995 - Todd Bunker has published his second novel, "The Champion," released by Upset Publishing in Seattle, ... Jennifer Hatton was named Outstanding New Member of the Year by the Puget Sound chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA). ... Jenny Lommers has joined MarketEast, an advertising agency in Bellingham. She will work for Pharmco, which handles Swanson vitamins and other products. ... Death Cab for Cutie, with Ben Gibbard on vocals and vocals, and Nick Harmer ('97) on bass, reached No. 4 on the Billboard 200 this year and made a "Saturday Night Live" debut in January. ... Clint Romig is the author of "Just Walk It." The book, for individuals interested in undertaking a self-directed walking vacation in Britain, is available at www.justwalkit.com and www.amazon.com and www.barnesandnoble.com. For a signed copy, visit www.clintheromig.com.
2000 – Gregory Gilday joined the law office of Cole & Cole, P.C. in Stanwood. ... Brian Paxton joined the John N. Zasumka CPA PLL in Bellingham. ... Alicia Shafer received her Master of Divinity from Fuller Seminary in June 2005. ... Dan Shafer finished his MFA at California College of the Arts in May 2005 and is now working at Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle. ... Rob Van Loo has joined Bellingham-based Varner Sytsma & Hernandez LLP as a staff accountant.

2001 – Andrew Bellingshaw is an employee benefits specialist with The Unity Group in Bellingham. ... Sadie Boge is substitute teacher at Boulevard Middle School. ... Sherry Haynes is a nurse at California College of the Arts in May 2005. ... Paxton joined the John N. Zaremba CPA PS in Bellingham. ... Sheryl Haynes received her Master of Journalism from Emerson College. ... Stephen Copson is a professional at the prestigious Merlefest Americana Festival in North Carolina last year. ... Emily Santolla has earned a master's degree in business management and has returned to Bellingham to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts in dance.

2002 – Tonya Crawford is the university archivist at the University of Idaho. ... Noah Ketcher has traveled to the Caribbean and Alaska since graduating and is working for a local and Central American initiative to work for humanitarians. Ketcher can be reached at cruisesbyadly@yahoo.com, and would love to connect with other students that have traveled there. ... Dan McCabe is the school supervisor of business and technology for Tacoma Rail. ... Jaime Monsel is an instructor at Northwest Plates and Bodywork Studies in Mount Vernon. ... Michael Downes is a writer and publisher of the Alpinist Magazine, a quarterly outdoor magazine focusing on mountain climbing/adventure travel and technology. ... Michael Downes has earned a master's degree in dance. ...

2003 – Stephanie Koosman is a staff reporter covering the Burlington, Mount Vernon and surrounding central valley area for Argus Newspaper. ... Fran McCarthy is principal at Coupeville Elementary School. ... Marion Murray joined the John N. Zaremba CPA PLL in Bellingham. ... Virginia Spooner is the fitness director at Fairhaven Fitness in Bellingham.

2004 – Matthew Anderson is the new editor of The Record Journal, published in Ferndale. ... Nick Bond works for the city of Eatonville and is responsible for building and planning needs. ... Kevin Colyar is a software developer at MobileInc., a global provider of mobile and wireless technology. ... Michael Downes is a judge on the Snohomish County Superior Court. ... Michael Kuroda is a software developer at MobileInc., a global provider of mobile and wireless technology. ... Peter Loruas is the new manager for the knowledge and experience that makes him marketable in this field. ... Carly Sleem is the manager for the Island Museum of Art in Friday Harbor. ... Matt Wilby is the advertising and marketing intern at KZ Snowboards magazine. ... Lindsay Wahiman moved to Florence, Italy and is working with her family as an au pair. ... Wahiman is also teaching English to children and will be taking Italian classes.

2005 – Dave McInnis is an English teacher at Cle Elum High School. ... Chris Pramoulmetar is on temporary assignment as a planner for the State of Hawaii Office of Conservation and Coastal Land. He also maintains the office’s GIS system and has been teaching coworkers how to use ArcGIS 9.0. Pramoulmetar credits his Western education for the knowledge and experience that makes him marketable in this field. ... Carly Sleem is the new manager for the Island Museum of Art in Friday Harbor. ... Matt Wilby is the advertising and marketing intern at KZ Snowboards magazine. ... Lindsay Wahiman moved to Florence, Italy and is working with her family as an au pair. ... Wahiman is also teaching English to children and will be taking Italian classes.
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 school 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 I 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 senior 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 cross country 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, Lain, born last April.

Ames lettered as an offensive center in football at Western in 1964-67 and also earned two letters in rugby 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 NSC champions in 1982, captured District I titles in 1983 and 1984, and reached the NAIA Region I playoffs in 1984.

While at Western, French played on the Cougars club team, coached by Booth Gardner, governor of Washington state from 1986 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.

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.

Hovde Steps into Board President Position

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.

Refresh Your Memories

Copies of Western Washington University: One Hundred Years are now available at a discounted price, just $10 at the Associated Students bookstore on campus or from your Alumni Association. This pictorial history takes you back to 1893 and into the new millennium. For information, call (360) 650-3353 or (800) 676-6885 or email alumni@wwu.edu.

Study Canada Goes to BC

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.storen@wwu.edu or call (360) 650-7770.
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 Director Lynda Goodrich, Head Football Coach Robin Ross and interim Alumni 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.

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 watch 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.

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 canoers. 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.

Unconventional Choice Led to Satisfying Career

By Brenda Eskelson
CLASS OF ’76

I read the article in the last 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 still am 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 start doing now. I had little 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 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 them in 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., Riverwalk 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 Ngom, 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 Geist, on campus, free but tickets are required
29 Alumni Association: Champagne Reception and PAC Series Performance, reception at 6 p.m., Montréal Danse performance at 7:30 p.m., on campus

May
5 Sanford Piano Series, Logan Skelton at 7:30 p.m., on campus
6 Alumni Association: Kentucky Derby Day at Emerald Downs, pre-game strategy at 1:30 p.m., first race at 2 p.m., buffet at 3 p.m., Auburn
12 Performing Arts Center Series, Inti Illimani at 7:30 p.m., on campus
27–29 Ski to Sea Relay Race Weekend, Whatcom County

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July
13–16 Golden Vikings Reunion, on campus, Edens Hall

2006 Viking Football Schedule

September
2 at Humboldt State University, Arcata, Calif. 6 p.m.
9 Washburn University, at Civic Stadium 6 p.m.
16 University of Nebraska, Omaha, at Civic Stadium 6 p.m.
23 at North Dakota University, Grand Forks, N.D. TBA
30 University of Minnesota, Duluth, at Civic Stadium 6 p.m.
7 at St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, Minn. TBA
14 South Dakota University, at Civic Stadium 1 p.m.
21 Central Washington University 6 p.m.
28 Western Oregon University, at Civic Stadium 1 p.m.
Nov. 4 Augustana University, at Civic Stadium 1 p.m.
Nov. 11 at Minnesota State University, Mankato, Minn. TBA

Blue color indicates North Central Conference contest

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.

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

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Evita
March 2, 8, 4, 7:30 p.m.
March 3, 8:00 p.m.
March 5, 2:00 p.m.
March 9–11, 7:30 p.m.
PAC Mainstage Theatre
Tickets: $10

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

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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.

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