Storytelling and More

Readers of the Fall 2004 edition of Window on Western may have noticed that Rosemary Volts was listed as one of Western's favorite professors. For 20 years this professional storyteller and speaker has brought her talents to bear in the WWU classroom, teaching the art of storytelling to an eager audience.

This summer, teachers have two opportunities to enhance their skills through courses offered by Volts. In The Art and Power of Storytelling (LIB 445B), Volts demonstrates how teachers can put stories to use in all parts of the curriculum. Good teachers can become great ones as they boost their ability to tell tales. The course focuses on folklore from around the world, and shows how multicultural material can inspire cultural understanding and further the oral tradition.

Elementary children are at a pivotal age for learning good presentation skills, to discover that public speaking need not be a knee-knocking occasion. In LIB/ELED 445A: Teaching Oral Communication Skills in the Elementary School, teachers will be provided with vital tools to impart public speaking skills to youngsters, giving them lifelong confidence and abilities.

"Nobody should graduate from Western without having taken one of Rosemary's classes," said a former student. If you missed your chance earlier, now is the time to learn from a seasoned master.