

WESTERN GALLERY 2005-06

"Sustainable Built Environments in Northwest"

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Registered for LEED certification, Wade King Student Recreation Center, WWU.
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Sustainability applies to our culture, the environment and economics; success is tied to their integration. Part of the University's long history of focusing on the environment has been the relationship of art in the landscape as exemplified by specific works in the Outdoor Sculpture Collection. Convinced that the great rules of architecture - aesthetic design and space design - can be integrated with "green building" issues, the Western Gallery in partnership with the NW Chapter of American Institute of Architects has organized this architectural exhibition.

The United States Green Building Council has established the LEED [Leadership, Energy and Environmental Design] program wherein architects integrate built and natural systems. Seeking sustainable, environmentally sound building, the LEED program certifies an architectural project by looking at its performance in the following categories: sustainable site; water efficiency; energy and atmosphere efficiency; and indoor environmental quality. To date, approximately 50 projects in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia have been certified under this program; many have won LEED's awards as well as the AIA's Committee on the Environment Award. The exhibition highlights these projects and provides demonstrations of such strategies as reduction of urban sprawl, onsite water treatment, renewable energy, and recycling of materials