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March 26, 1968, Dr. Charles J. Flora was appointed the eighth president of Western Washington State College by the Board of Trustees. A faculty member for over ten years, Dr. Flora was chosen from more than 125 candidates from throughout the United States. Five candidates, screened from the original list, were interviewed by the college trustees, a faculty committee, and a special student committee, prior to the final selection.

In announcing Dr. Flora's appointment, the Trustees stated: "Many factors led to the decision to appoint Dr. Flora. Among them were his unquestioned intelligence, his energy and initiative, and, perhaps most important, his complete devotion to the college and its future development. We look forward with confidence to a developing institution which will always maintain the highest standards of academic and intellectual excellence."

Dr. Flora, who considers himself a "Western lifer," said he became a candidate because the college, in searching for a man to fill any important post, "...should look both inside and outside the institution." Currently listed in *Who's Who in American Education, American Men of Science, American College Deans and Presidents*, and a member of several honors societies, Dr. Flora was recently appointed to the Washington State Higher Education Facilities Commission by Governor Evans. Dr. Flora lives on a forty-acre farm just outside Bellingham with his wife and four children, two boys and two girls.
We Came...
Saturday, April 27, Western students descended upon the snowy slopes of the Mt. Baker Ski area, for skiing and tobaggon races. The Snow Festival, an annual spring event, offers a weekend of release midway in the quarter. Plenty of improvised tobaggons... plenty of beer... plenty of wine... plenty of...
Mothers Weekend

Dorm entertainment kicked off the Mother's Weekend activities the evening of Friday May 3. Saturday activities included dorm open house, and tours of gym facilities and art and home economics displays, followed by a reception in the VU Lounge. "If every blossom had a voice, we could not bear the sound of spring." was the theme for the weekend festivities. Also included in the Mother's Weekend activities were a fashion show featuring both men's and women's fashions, a bed race, sponsored by the Activities Commission; and "Oriental Night" presented by Club 515 with the help of the Hiawian Club. General Chairman of Mother's Weekend was Barbara Snyder.
Kappa

Playboy Night
Grotto

Club 515
Mixers
Dr. Flora, in his opening address to the ASB spring nominating convention, told the delegates that students must do everything in their power to encourage "diversity of opinion" among students in a college environment. At the conclusion of Dr. Flora's talk, ASB candidates gave nomination acceptance speeches, fully demonstrating the diversity of their opinions. As the evening wore on, delegate votes swung in favor of ASB presidential nominee Greg Jones, over Noel Bourasaw.

During the week that followed, however, Bourasaw drew increasing support from student voters, stressing student involvement in student government, the establishment of a "free university," and an "open door" policy if elected.

On election eve, candidates concluded the week's campaign with a Popcorn Forum in the Coffee Shop, where they were given equal time to address the students present and to answer questions and accusations fired at them from the crowd.

The following day, students voted not only for campus officers, but for Choice '68 subjects, ranging from U.S. Presidential hopefuls, to preferred courses of military action in Vietnam, and policies related to the "urban crisis." WWSC Choice '68 ballotting reflected the tendencies of college and university students across the nation.

Results: Noel Bourasaw, President; Dave Davis, V.P.; Legislators, Al Doan, Bob Hicks, Steve Cooper, Ruth McConnell, and Gordon Kalich.
AS Elections
Under the tutelage of a new coach, Conrad Hamilton, WWSC class of '58, who had only six returning lettermen to build around, Western's team showed great improvement over the 1967 record of 1 win and 19 losses. Strong pitching and weak hitting were the dominant, contrasting factors in this year's campaign. Led by sophomore Mike Clayton, E.R.A. 1.63, and junior Russ Lee, E.R.A. 1.76, who had 33 strikeouts in 31 innings, the pitching staff was strong and competent; team hittings averaged only .191, with Rich Hill the only consistent batter at .296. Team fielding averaged .925, but the errors tended to come in bunches. Paul Hallgrimson and John Becvar will be lost to graduation, but with an 8 - 12 season, 2 - 10 in conference play, and an experienced young club, prospects for next season are good.
Baseball
Tennis

Members of the 1968 tennis squad were (Back Row) l. to r.: Roger Fisher, Steve Reibe, Greg Row, Jay Taylor, John Leighton. (Front Row) l. to r. Coach Wiseman, Steve Dorrer, Steve Adelstein, Chuck Dearing and Doug Snow.

Coach Don Wiseman, in his fourth season as head tennis coach at WWSC, brought his squad through with 6 wins and 5 losses in dual matches, a great improvement over last year’s 3 - 9 record. The 1968 squad was built around returning letter-men John Leighton, Roger Fisher, Steve Reibe, and Doug Snow, with Jay Taylor, Steve Adelstein, Steve Doerrer, and Chuck Dearing seeing plenty of action. Taylor improved rapidly through the spring, becoming one of the best in singles play by the end of the season. The loss of seniors Leighton and Reibe will be sorely felt, but Coach Wiseman can look forward to the return of a host of seasoned competitors next spring.
Steve Lapsley and returning lettermen Woody Heron, Larry Evans, Wayne Foote, and Steve Kline played well for Coach Fred Emerson, in his first year as golf coach. The team completed the season with a better overall record, 7 wins, 7 losses, and 1 tie, than last year's team, but was unable to capture the Evergreen conference title, which Western teams had collected the last six years in a row. Western's golfers played their home matches at the Peace Portal Golf Club near Blain this year; WWSC golf teams had played their home matches at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club links for many years. The Peace Portal course is a 6,325 yard, 18 hole layout, with five par 3, ten par 4, and three 500 yard plus par 5 holes.
Coach Boyde Long completed his first year as head track coach at WWSC by taking nine men to the annual NAIA Championships at Albuquerque, New Mexico, May 30 to June 1. Accompanying Coach Long: John Hunt, long-jump; Dick Perferment, triple jump; Dave Vander Griend, javelin; Jin Shephard, 5,000 meters; Bill Cliff, 1500 meters, Larry Anderson, Dave Anderson, Ron Jackman, and Jim Kuhlman, mile relay; all consistent point winners throughout the season. At the NAIA District 1 meet, May 25, Vander Griend placed second to Andrew of CWSC, but came on strong at Albuquerque, winning the javelin event with a throw of 238' 4". Earlier in the season he had established a WWSC and Evergreen Conference record, 241' 4". Also setting WWSC records this spring: Dave Anderson, 100 yd. dash, 9.7; Larry Anderson 440, 48.6; Bill Cliff, mile, 4:13.6, two mile, 9:11.3; Larry Nielson, six mile, 32:24.1; John Hunt, pole vault, 13' 7". Other consistent point winners this season: Joe Barker, discus; Dick Behrens, high jump; Bruce Oldham, shot put; Bill Reniecke, javelin; Al Wright, distance events.
Track
Rugby

Some people claim that football is the toughest sport alive. But there is one sport at Western moving up on the popularity scale that its participants contend to be the toughest sport alive, if you live through it! The sport is Rugby, the contact sport that doesn't allow for pads, or substitution. A player injured must continue to play, or sit out -- his team surging on with one less player.

Ten years ago Rugby began as an intramural sport and in 1960 progressed to the Varsity field. Finding this department difficult to function under it is now one of WWSC's most active clubs. Rugby is a violent game -- just try watching it.
What's Left
We Saw...
“Welcome to Bellingham, armpit of the Northwest,” one of the Harper’s Bizarre members greeted the audience, May 2 at Carver Gym, and the group maintained a constant flow of surprises throughout the two hour show. Displaying a versatility unfamiliar to some of the students present, they did many of their own hit recordings, including “Anything Goes,” “Fellin, Groovy”, “Come to the Sunshine,” and “Chattanooga Choo Choo,” and also interpretations of other works. A medley of Rogers and Hammerstein hits brought gales of laughter from the crowd, but there were times of seriousness, too, as when they did “What the World Needs Now,” a song one of the group said was the best statement of how they wish things could be.

Harpers Bizarre
Claude St. Denis

April 2, Claude St. Denis gave a pantomime performance, under the auspices of the Arts and Lectures Committee, in the music auditorium. Mr. St. Denis, Canada's leading mime, performed nineteen pantomimes, including "The Sculptor," "The Dentist," "The Weight Lifter," and "The Tree," in which he drew comparisons between the ages of tree, and of men. The acts ranged from views of human frailties, stripped of normal protective covers, to brilliant satires on society and polities. A mime for over 12 years, St. Denis believes that a performer must "put his heart into each performance, or be put off the stage."

David McReynolds

An outspoken critic of the U.S. role in the Vietnam war, David McReynolds spoke April 3 in the VU Lounge. A field representative of the War Resisters League, the 38 year old UCLA graduate has been jailed several times for participating in anti-war demonstrations. An avowed Marxist, McReynolds said the U.S. is losing the war in Vietnam, a war we "Cannot justify," a war that "the bastard who shall remain nameless" has escalated in the name of peace, and a war that drains the U.S. economy of monies that should be used to eliminate America's slums and ghettos. He also stated that the U.S. is an imperialistic nation, not in a physical but in an economic sense, citing as examples U.S. support of Latin American dictators in countries where U.S. military intervention in foreign revolutions "not because the revolutions pose a threat to democracy, but because they pose a threat to our economic empire."
Beginning with an arrangement expressing the theme of The New Dawn Singers, they presented a concert on campus for all Westernites. The group of four Western students, composed two-thirds of the songs they sang. Ken Finley, singer-guitarist, adds outstanding talent in his range and depth of voice quality. Rounding out the group are Julie O'Connor, Joe Keefe, Sharon Scharnhorst and Ken Sanders. Little was added to their performance by the comic relief of a sweeping "Scrubwoman" who crossed the stage several times shouting "here comes the judge." However, the audience broke up when the "judge", Dean Mac, appeared on stage on a tricycle.

The New Dawn also entertained men aboard the Navy tank USS Polk County Friday, which docked in Bellingham, May 25.

May 25, Pat Paulsen, presidential candidate gave a performance in Carver Gym. Paulsen, representing the STAG (Straight Talking American Government) Party, said his party stands up for "freedom, truth, art, nature certainty, brotherhood, mom, and apple pie." His decision to run for president was not made without second thoughts, but he finally decided to run because he wants to get some "inside information...to find out whose side the government is on." When questioned as to whether he would stop the war in Vietnam, lower taxes, solve racial problems, and step up the space program, not necessarily in that order, he replied, "Why not?". Paulson was accompanied by a middle-aged rock group, "the Fathers", who say they are "really where it's at".
Lewis and White, who recorded blues while the rest of the nation was caught in the whirl of flappers and tin pan alley, appeared in the VU May 19.

Lewis and White (whose real name is Booker T. Washington White), although emerging from the same ethnic and musical background, differ greatly in style. White relies on spontaneous imagination -- he makes up his songs as he sings them. He calls them sky songs: "I just reach up and pull them out of the sky." His songs seem to flow in a seemingly stream-of-consciousness manner. White, on the other hand, is more of a traditionalist. He sings, in addition to his own songs, standards such as John Henry, St. Louis Blues and Stackerlee. His quietness of approach is reflected in his bottleneck guitar playing, in contrast to White's pounding, violent steen guitar.

Dick Gregory, comedian-turned-Black Revolution Leader, spoke in Carver Gym the afternoon of April 11, the 44th day of his 47 day fast protesting the war in Vietnam. "You make LBJ quit his job," Gregory told a large assembly of Western students. Suggesting that more concerned students join the active dissenters on the Vietnam war issue, and that more whites become involved in civil rights movements. Gregory told the students that the moral obligation is their's and that they must do something to solve the numerous problems this country faces. The U.S. government, Gregory said, has placed more emphasis on the war than on its own internal problems. Predicting more violent riots this summer, he denounced the snail-like pace with which civil rights legislation has been implemented. "Don't give me my civil rights on the installment plan," he warned. "we're tired of these games this country's been playing with us." Arrested in 1966 for illegal protest fishing with Nisqually Indians near Tacoma, Gregory's conviction has been upheld, and, as the Klipson goes to press, he faces a 90 day jail sentence, during which he will again fast, protesting the decision of the State Supreme Court.
Beauty
And
The Beast

Hodge, The Wizard ........................................... James Korski
Mikey, The Dragon ............................................ Sherry Kam
The Prince .................................................... Joseph Grant
Mr. Clement ................................................... Gary Ramey
Jessamine ....................................................... Sandra Van Araam
Jonquiline ..................................................... Linda Kettel
Jane (who is called Beauty) ............................... Pam Beckman
Imaginary Invalid

Cast

Monsieur Argan.................. Larry Hopp
Toinette, the maid............. Carolyn Olberding
Angelica,
  Argan's elder daughter ...... Ann Jacobson
Beline, Argan's wife .......... Ellen Cantrell
Monsieur Bonnefoy,
  a lawyer .................... Forrest Goldade
Cleante ........................ Bryan Brown
Dr. Diaforus ................... Ross Rowell
Dr. Thomas Diaforus,
  his son ..................... G. Ellison Ross
Louise,
  Argan's younger daughter .. Ellen Johnson
Monsieur Beralde,
  Argan's brother ............ Ron Tangye
The Apothecary .............. Charles Timblin
Dr. Purgon ................. Randel Williams
We Conquered...
Seniors

Laurie Ackerman
Dale Adkins
Al Anderson
Barbara Anderson
Steve Anderson

Richard Apple
Robin Arden
Tim Ash
Steve Auguston
Mary Ballard

Steve Balough
Valerie Barger
Nancy Bartell
David Bartuff
Judy Baxter

Robert Baxter
Pam Beckman
Richard Belka
Vicki Berkland
Mureil Bennink

Diane Berreth
Nikki Beveridge
Jeanne Black
Charlotte Blatt
Judy Bloomfield
Rod Blume
Margie Bolton
John Borden
Belt Bovenkamp
Phil Bransfrad

Melva Bratcher
Jennifer Bridgeman
Sharon Bullington
Kathrine Burlinger
Ellen Buurman

Barbara Chenaueth
Nova Chinn
Veraun Chipman
Sandra Churchill
Steve Clancy

John Clark
Kay Clark
Nile Clark
Pat Cleeland
Joyce Clyde

Joann Colley
Norene Conover
Margaret Corcoran
Barbara Couden
Lynn Cowe
Lynda Gerry  
Diane Gill  
Marilyn Glynn  
Tammy Goggin  
Frank Gold  

Linda Gold  
William Gold  
Darcy Gravelle  
Cathy Crecco  
Martha Gregory  

Irene Gunnette  
Gretchen Gustafson  
Gerald Hailberg  
Alice Hale  
Charles Hall  

Mike Hall  
Jane Hallengren  
Dennis Hasko  
Lea Hassel  
Ken Hathaway  

Judi Hatt  
Barbara Hawkins  
Zoann Hedman  
Grace Hennecck  
Richard Herbert
Sue Hiatt
Russel Hibbler
James Higbee
Diane Higgins
Richard Highland

Ellen Hill
Maureen Hirano
Nancy Hollingsworth
Marsha Holmes
Paula Holroyde

Judith Hordyk
Dale Hulbert
Sally Hunt
James Hutchins
Gary Iverson
Pat Legros
John Lentz
Susan LeVering
Marcia Limbaugh
David Little

Barbara Lockhart
Kay Loertscher
Lynne Loomis
Donna Lormor
Mary Lubach

Gene Luppold
Nancy Luppold
Leonore Maitland
Steve Mallory
Eileen Martin
Anitra Oliver
Robert Ollikainer
Judy Olson
Trudy Olson
Katie Omdal

Sandy Onizura
Shirley Pace
Nancy Palich
Donna Patrick
Alice Patterson

Gary Patterson
Mary Pattie
Kmarcella Patton
Pat Patzkowsky
Sue Paulson

Didge Pearson
Pam Pearson
Richard Perfrement
William Perry
Cheryl Peterson

Darrell Peterson
Flora Price
Dan Pugerode
Robert Putnam
Robert Quinn
Sarah Westail
Norma Whitacre
Scott Wicklund
Gerald Wickman
Steve Wiitala

Darlene Wilder
Margret Williams
Nancy Williams
Kathy Windus
Sandra Winger

Nancy Witte
Carol Wolfe
Carolyn Wolfe
Denise Wray
Andrew Yackley

Tawney Yonich
Bill Young
Claudia Zeits
MY THING IS SCHOOL

by

Ed Monk

So here I am wrapped up in my life again, working away for the golden fleece or sheepskin or somesuch. Now wrapped up in biology tests and sociology concepts and new exciting faces, some indifferent, all now relaxed after the purge of finals.

Another quarter starts and once again you look into new faces and evaluate your surroundings anew. Here is the warmth of friends without demands, without hangups or interests past tomorrow, past the end of the quarter or past graduation. Friends that you will say goodbye to without a tear or even a shrug, just a momentary click of a lock on memories that may never be touched again.

School is the learning to feed yourself and drink beer and maybe stronger influences such as pot, or hate, or communism or peace or a mate or new needs.

School is growing up, to what ya can't say. It is a time for new worries. Interests in elections because now you're 21, interests in foreign affairs because now you may be asked to shoot at someone from some corner and you may want to know why you are pulling the trigger.

School is watching the good guy freak out in Registration line, Campbell's soup and a can of beans in a torn paper bag, beard, hair parted in middle, eyes not focusing from too much influence of something, on a trip to escape 1A rating, and he will not go--

School is a lonely desk where you should spend more time, but studies can wait, it's spring, the sun is shining, pretty girls are everywhere, you adopt the philosophy young men have always had, "live right now---youth is slipping away and freedoms are fewer, live and love hard, fast, strong and right now, don't waste it, it's too precious!"

School is finding out old musics no longer are cool and new ones hardly ever stay very long.

School years are years you look ahead, seldom back. Years you learn to do silly important things like fly kites and hot wire cars and pray "please God if you'll just help me get out this jam I'll... I'll... I'll..."

School is short snatches of nature, paddling around in a Lakewood canoe, skiing on snow and water or just walking a path where you can box with sunrays and smell green things.

School is Excedrin, No Doze and other kinds of pills depending on where you buy them.

It is sales at a grocery store that has higher prices because it is the only close one to college. It is eating T.V. dinners that cost 33¢ each at a retail store, and drinking low fat milk because it's cheaper.

School is rugby games where you get mud splashed on a clean jacket, and P.E. courses where you feel uncoordinated.

School is the extremely loose feeling of keggers on a sunny Washington beach with people who only want to smile 'cause warm weather has been so damn long in coming.
School is being hurt by people you care about and hurting people you don't care about.

School can be lonely waiting to hold a memory and a picture come to life again, short reunions with one who is yours but lives so many miles away.

School is packed dances and hard rock beat, 16 year olds playing for 20 year olds who leave the dance floor and their partner behind on waves of sound and beer.

School is finding out there is not right or wrong, or it can be finding there is right and wrong.

School is going to athletic events and watching athletes that you won't recognize in the union or at dinner, but might hear about in dormitory rooms or over coffee.

School is intense living, a complete transition from youth to middle age or youth to old age or maybe old age to youth...

Dick Gregory said you're blowin' it if you're just goin' to school to learn how to make a living. He said to use these four beautiful years to learn how to live, as well as how to make a living. He's right, school is the dry run, the practice field for the big game ahead. The way to get ready isn't just at SAGA or in class or with room-mates, it's 6000 other cats that you should be checking out and learning to live with.

School is a bridge, a battlefield, a warm bed and warmer memories.

School is the calm before the storm or the eye of the hurricane or the heat of battle.

Some is different somehow from anything ever again.

School is a happening.

School is now, make the most of it...