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Fifty-Fourth Annual Commencement To Be Held On June 11 at Western Washington College

Thursday, June 11, the College will hold its fifty-fourth annual Commencement. Dr. C. Clement French, President of the State College of Washington, will deliver the commencement address at the traditional ceremonials in the Auditorium-Music building.

The 1953 graduating class will number more than three hundred. This figure includes, in addition to the June graduates, those who will complete their work by the end of the summer quarter. Of the two hundred seventy-June graduates, one hundred sixty-eight will receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Education; thirty-five will receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts; the degree of Master of Education will be awarded to twenty-four.

The traditional series of events that make up the Commencement Week program will include Alumni Day, June 6, the Baccalaureate Service, June 7, and Class Day, June 9.

The Baccalaureate Service will be held in the Auditorium-Music building. The Reverend C. Elroy Shikles of the First Baptist Church, Everett, Washington, will deliver the address.

Dr. Hicks in 4th Year Of Poetry Broadcasts

"Poetry, orally interpreted, can bring larger numbers of people to a greater appreciation of this sublimest of arts." Dr. Arthur C. Hicks, Professor of English at Western, has carried this principle from the classroom to the airwaves in a radio broadcast which is heard each Sunday afternoon at 4:30 on KVOS during the school year. The impetus to continue year after year in the presentation of a program appealing to a relatively small, but intellectually discriminating audience, probably springs from a philosophy which was expressed so well by Shelley, one of Dr. Hicks' favorite poets, in his Preface to Prometheus Unbound: "My purpose has hitherto been simply to familiarize the highly refined imagination of the more select classes of poetical readers with beautiful idealizations of moral excellence; aware that until the mind can love, and admire, and trust, and hope, and endure, reasoned principles of moral conduct are seeds cast upon the highway of life which the unconscious passenger tramples into dust, although they would bear the harvest of his happiness."

CORRECTION

An error was made in the March issue of Western Reports in the reporting of fees for Summer School. The Board of Trustees has authorized the following fees:

For either term: 22.00
For the entire quarter: 28.00

Nationally Prominent Educators to Take Part In General Education Conference at Western

On the campus at Western on May 15 and 16 there will be held a conference on general education. In the conference last year the broad philosophical assumptions that underlie the movement were carefully examined. This year the conference will be centered on a consideration of practices that are effective in implementing a program of general education. Thusiasm engendered by last year's meeting are convinced of the soundness of the thinking back of general education but need help in putting theory into practice.

For the two days of the conference Paul Dressel and Lamar Johnson will serve as featured speakers as well as participants in various discussion groups. At the Saturday luncheon Paul Dressel will report on the progress of the N.E.A. national study of general education. Those who attended last year's conference will remember him as an unusually effective speaker. The other visiting speaker, Lamar Johnson, is an educator of national stature.

Dr. Johnson, in addition to having been director of instruction and libraries of Stephens College from 1931 to 1952, has been a visiting summer professor at the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, and the University of California, Los Angeles. In 1952 he became professor of education at the last university named. For many years he has been one of the most significant contributors as a writer and lecturer to the general education movement. During 1951-1952, Professor Johnson directed the survey of general education in the junior colleges of California.

This year, as last year, faculty members from Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and Montana will participate actively in the conference. The high level of discussion that made the Proceedings so much in demand last year will be maintained. This year the College has been fortunate in having William C. Brown Company, Publishers, offer to publish the Proceedings as part of its general education series. It has also received substantial help for the American Council of Education and from the National Education Association.

It is hoped that all alumni who receive Western Reports will consider themselves personally invited to the conference and will plan to come and participate actively. The conference offers an ideal opportunity for a visit to the College and for a stimulation of intellectual interests that sometime tend to become dormant during this season.

OLD GRAD CONTINUES RESEARCH

Guy Allison of Glendale, California, Class of 1907, traveler, columnist and lecturer, is planning an automobile trip around the country to see places of historical significance. He writes that he expects to visit southern Indiana where Abraham Lincoln lived as a boy, and Greensboro, North Carolina, where it is said the suit Lincoln was wearing when assassinated is kept.

Mr. Allison gave the College on Alumni Day last June a photostatic copy of each of the five drafts of the Gettysburg Address. These copies of the Address, which have been framed, are now hanging in the Library.

‘Martha’ Makes Debut At Western May 22-23

May 22 and 23, the Music and Speech departments of the College are presenting the opera “Martha.” This is the most elaborate production ever presented at Western and the first full fledged opera to be given at the College with an all college cast.

The opera is set in early 18th century England, the Age of Queen Anne. The stage sets and costumes have been carefully designed by Mark Flanders of the Speech department, to re-create with authenticity the costumes and scenes of that period of English history. More than fifty costumes are necessary for the opera. These have been made by students working under the supervision of Mr. Flanders and with his direct assistance. “Martha” is under the direction of Laurence Brewster of the Speech Department, and Dr. Frank D’Andrea, assisted by Bernard Regier of the Music Department.
The Legislature and The College

The two bills in the recent session of the Legislature that interested the College most were the tuition and appropriation bills. The former, Senate Bill 160, provided that the Colleges of Education should charge all resident students including Alaskans at least ten dollars each quarter, excepting summer, and all non-resident students seventy-five dollars each quarter. The bill failed in the house originating it by a good majority.

The proposed tuition legislation made the fee of ten dollars mandatory and permitted the Trustees to charge any fee above that amount. The danger in the proposal was obvious. Also, had the bill been enacted into law, non-resident students would have been eliminated.

The appropriations for this biennium include $1,587,324.00 for salaries and wages, $283,332.00 for operations, $69,708.00 for minor capital outlays, and $80,376.96 as a reapproriation for capital outlays. The total is $2,020,740.96. This amount falls short of the original asking, but it should be pointed out the increase in salaries, wages, and operations over that of 1951 is approximately nine percent.

The Trustees plan to raise salaries and wages insofar as the appropriation will permit, but austerity in expenditures for operations will be required. Capital improvements, other than the installation of fluorescent lighting, now in process, in the Main Building will be of a minor nature.

MEMBERS OF COLLEGE FACULTY HEAD EIGHT STATE PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

The members of the College faculty have traditionally demonstrated leadership in State educational affairs. The following list of faculty members who hold presidencies of State organizations in their field is convincing evidence that the College is providing leadership in the State:

J. Alan Ross, Department of Administration and Supervision of the Washington Education Association.


Patricia Minier, Washington State Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Frank L. D'Andrea, Washington Music Educators' Conference.

Pearl Merriman, Pacific Northwest Division of National Association of Student Teaching.


Bearnice Skeen, Delta Kappa Gamma.

COLLEGE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE ASSIGNED NEW HEADQUARTERS

Expanding slowly since 1939, the office of public information is now responsible for news releases mailed weekly from the College to approximately 200 newspapers and radio stations throughout the state. A new office, room 125, Main Building, became headquarters for the work in June, 1952.

More than 100 news stories of general interest have been released to date this year, with the chief emphasis on advance coverage. In addition, 1370 brief stories about student honors earned on campus have been mailed directly to the appropriate hometown papers.

A new service has been the photographing of groups of students coming from the same home town. The pictures, supplemented by names of the parents and other pertinent material, have been widely printed.

Mrs. Ruth Burnet, student publications adviser, has been in charge of the work since its inception and is now designated as co-ordinator of public information. John Willet, Leavenworth, is head student assistant for the current year.

Anna Ullin Announces Retirement This Year

Mrs. Anna Ullin of the Foreign Language Department retires this year after more than forty-two years of teaching, thirty of which were spent at Western Washington College of Education. She began her teaching career in a rural school in Michigan. Later she moved with her family to Seattle where she attended the University of Washington and rowed on the women's crew under Coach Conibear. After completing her work at the University, she taught at Marysville, Seattle, and New York City. Later she did graduate work at Columbia University, the Sorbonne and Oxford. Beside her devotion to language and literature, Miss Ullin has had a life long interest in antiques and in outdoor life. She plans to keep her apartment in Bellingham and make frequent visits to friends and relatives in Seattle.
Important Aspects of Proposed Reorganization
Discussed by Alumni Association President

Alumni and Friends:

Fortunately your officers were granted nearly a year in which to prepare a constitution for the Alumni Association of Western Washington College. Fortunately, I say, because the formal organization of the association that is to represent the alumni body both in the immediate and foreseeable future cannot be done casually.

As I have talked with alumni in various parts of the state I have become aware that a range of opinion exists as to the desired nature of the organization that is to be founded. However, I have yet to speak to an alumnus who seriously felt that our Alumni Association should concern itself with the tenure of the College coaching staff. As a rule, the alumnus was desirous of finding out how the proposed constitution would affect the Alumni Association's strength. Generally there was a feeling that a more formally structured organization would benefit both the College and the alumnus.

The pivotal question is the degree of autonomy desirable. The fundamental problem is to provide, constitutionally, for the degree of autonomy considered healthful, and, further, to provide for ease of modification as the nature of Western alumni group changes.

If a body in society is to make significant decisions, and if it is to affect policy, it must be responsible. Responsibility is a primary pre-requisite. How much responsibility do we want? To what degree can we consider becoming responsible within the framework of our financial resources?

These questions are not wholly academic; in fact, they are tough-minded questions in one very real sense. That is, we must render judgment on them before we can intelligently consider the problem of financing the Alumni Association.

Responsibility, autonomy, and financial reliability are immutably interrelated. With this premise as their guide, your officers will prepare the final draft of the constitution that will be presented to you on June 6. Please feel free to contact your regional chairman regarding the constitution or the Alumni Association's activities.

We do not wish to make the Alumni Banquet a Constitutional Convention; however, due to the importance of the constitution, provision will be made for ease of modification as the nature of Western alumni group changes.

Before closing I desire to focus attention on Western Reports that brings you information about the College and the Alumni; and to thank last year's editor, Dr. Albert Van Aver, and the present editor Mr. Halldor Karason, for their efforts on behalf of the Alumni Association.

With good wishes for the year's closing, I am

Your fellow alumnus,
Bill Wilder
President, Alumni Association.

Carl M. Lowe to Speak
At Alumni Banquet

The main speaker at the Alumni Banquet, June 6, will be one of Western's prominent alumni, Carl M. Lowe, Director of Field Services of the Washington State Department of Civil Defense.

Mr. Lowe received a B.A. in Education from Western in 1935. He taught for a time in the Seattle public schools but left teaching to become Assistant Director of the Seattle-King County Community Chest. Before accepting his present position, he also was for a number of years Managing Director of the Seattle Safety Council.

From Your Secretary...

You will doubtless be as surprised as I was to learn that our Alumni Scholarship Fund is quite a bit behind what it usually is this time of year. I am certain this does not indicate a lack of appreciation of the importance of the Fund. More likely the press of our own concerns is such that the mailing of a contribution gets put off till we have a little more time. Really, though, it wouldn't take long to tuck a bill or a check in an envelope and mail it to the Alumni Scholarship Fund at Western Washington College.

Most of us earned at least a part of our way through school and are in a position to realize how much a $100 scholarship could mean. Just one dollar from eight hundred people will help eight freshmen get started on one of the most satisfying and important careers to be had. Please do your part—there just aren't enough Georges.

Best personal wishes.

Cordially yours,
Marjorie Kingsley
Secretary-Treasurer
Alumni Association.

Contributors to this issue include: President W. W. Haggard, Dr. R. F. Hawk, Dr. Lucy Kangley, Paul Herbold, Donald Ferris, Ruth Waythman, Dave Gay, Colleen Sullivan, and Roger Grovdahl.

ALUMNI DAY, SATURDAY, JUNE 6
Afternoon: Informal visiting on Campus.
5:30 p.m. Alumni Banquet, Edens Hall dining room. Address by Carl M. Lowe, Director of Field Services of the State Department of Civil Defense.
8:00 p.m. Informal Social hour, Edens Hall dining room.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!
State Office Directive Clarifies General Certificate Regulations

Many of last year’s graduates are now making plans to begin their fifth year of study for the standard general certificate. A recent communication from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction clarifies the regulations and is reproduced here because it is of vital concern to these graduates.

“Renewal of the provisional certificate by registration with county superintendents of schools at the beginning of the 1953-54 school year will depend upon:

1. Presentation of evidence from the school or college of education of a Washington teacher education institution that summer school studies have been completed, or in case of an exception,

2. A statement from the teacher’s superintendent of schools that he has made definite plans with his college advisers for fifth college year study during the 1953-54 school year and/or 1954 summer session . . .

. . . Although no specific number of credit hours is required for renewal of the certificate, it is believed that seven quarter hours of study normally should be a minimum summer program. Teachers should make plans with their college advisers for studies which will help them most to become better teachers.”

V.A. Revises Policy to Fit Demands of State Teacher Training Plan

The Veterans Administration has recently made an important change in its policy regarding the stated objective of graduate students in education. It is now possible for a veteran teacher to pursue a course during successive summers which leads to the fulfillment of state requirements for a teaching certificate or credential. Previously such opportunity was available only to candidates for a master’s degree.

Veterans who are currently working toward a master’s degree who, in fact, want only to take such subjects as would qualify them for a standard general certificate, may request such change of program. The Department of Student Personnel Services, WWCE, asking for complete details. Necessary forms for accomplishing the change will be sent to interested veterans immediately.

Western Offers Course In Outdoor Education

Again this summer, Western offers a laboratory course in outdoor education in connection with the Snohomish County school camp. For the past five summers, teachers needing to meet student teaching requirements have been able to earn part of them by serving as counselors in the outdoor education program.

A college supervisor carries on a seminar type class for the counselors and acts as program director for the camp. The counselors work in teams of two and handle a children’s group of 11-15.

Children come from school districts of Snohomish county, arriving at camp on Monday forenoon and leaving Friday afternoon. Their program of work is centered around the history, geography, and natural sciences illustrated by the area. Much emphasis is placed upon developing individual leadership by the children and group planning and control of the daily program.

In former years, most of the counselors were meeting student teaching requirements. This year, the course is open to any qualified person. The course number is TT448, carries 8 credits, and may be taken either during the first or second term. It is possible, by special arrangement, to enroll for two weeks of the course, earning 3 credits. The fee for this two week program is $5.00. The cost for board is very low and lodging is free. This course may be useful to meet some of the fifth year requirements for recent graduates. For details, write Dr. R. F. Hawk, Campus School.
Looking Backward With Bellingham

Bellingham was a frontier lumbering town in 1903 when the four young men and twenty-nine young ladies pictured on the back cover were graduated from the Normal School and "The Normal" is Western Washington College of Education. For news of the latest commencement, see page 2.

Center picture, back cover: Class of 1903, front row (I to r): Ida Iverson*; Lucy Voss*; Ethel Nelson; Mary Patric Green, Glendale, Calif.; Margarette Fleming; Effie Bates*; Margaret Schneider Sturrock, Port Townsend; Mae Knox Brand, Ferndale. Second row: Ben F. Hovius*; Irene Smith; Minnie Sapp Blair, Art Commissioner, Pet. Center, left: The Art department in 1903. Freda Long; Olive McGinnis. Third row: Evelyn Jones, Belle Williams*; Josephine Snyder Wallace; Ella Rucks, Tacoma; Bertha Ross Winds*; Emma K. Gruber*; Fannie Copefield; Alice Carmen; Grace Corbin, Port Orchard; Lou Dobler Doherty, Seattle. Back row, left: Effie Bear Knepp; Olive McGinnis. Fourth row: Mary Lou Fagerson, Bellingham senior, accompanied by Debate Coach Paul Herbold, travelled by rail to Kalamazoo College for the biennial National Convention and Tournament of Pi Kappa Delta National Forensic Honor Fraternity, held April 5-9. Miss McDonald won a rating of "superior" in discussion, Miss Fagerson an "excellent" in oratory, and Mr. Aandahl a "good." Just missing "excellent!" by one point. One hundred twenty-two colleges from all sections of the United States were represented at the Kalamazoo convention and tourney.

National President Roy Mahaffey of Linfield College presented the Western delegation with the official charter for Zeta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, the local chapter on the campus.

On April 10-11, nine other students of the forensics squad, accompanied by Dr. Sene R. Carlile, Chairman of the Department of Speech, and Mrs. Carlile, participated in the Tau Kappa Alpha Northwest Invitational Tournament held at Montana State University, Missoula. The nine students were: Lyla McVor, Kirkland senior; Wil Knutsen, Everett, Cliff Marcro, Burlington, and Bonnie Hudson, Bellingham, all juniors; Floyd Jackson, James Siman, both Bellingham sophomores; and Charles Dennis, Bellingham, Dave Northrup, Cashmere, and Jacqueline Bomy, Portland, all freshmen.

Miss McVor entered the final rounds of both Interpretation and Oratory, placing third and fourth respectively; Miss Bomy reached the final-round of Interpretation and placed fourth. Mr. Knutsen travelled to Idaho, accompanying the Western Debate team of Knutsen and Jackson, and Dennis and Northrup each won four out of six rounds of debate, the latter team being eliminated in the quarter finals by Gonzaga University. Twenty-four colleges participated in the meet.

All of the students participating in these and earlier tournaments are eligible for membership in Pi Kappa Delta and will be initiated into the organization at the annual banquet to be held this spring.

REPORTS FOR WESTERN

My Name __________________________

My Class __________________________

My Address _________________________

My Occupation _____________________

My Recent outside activities ________

My Hobbies _________________________

My family members are: ____________________________
Straight Line Football Will Tend to Compensate for New Substitution Rule

By COLLEEN SULLIVAN '54 and ROGER GROVDAHL '56

Charles Lappenbush, head football coach at Western, does not favor the new substitution rule in football, which makes it necessary for team members to play both offensive and defensive ball.

Lappenbush believes, however, that coaches using his straight line philosophy will do better than others under the new ruling, provided the physical condition of the men is good.

Twenty men will return for the 1953 football season, according to present plans. They are: Bud Hood, Montesano; Bill Karwacki, Sedro-Woolley; Dale Mansur, Bellingham; Keith Cabe, Arlington; Harvey Burger, Mount Vernon; Larry Padgett, Everett; Ken Swalwell, New Westminster; Don Wallace, Sedro-Woolley; Paul Lang, Ralph Squillice, and Jack Sheehan, Seattle.

Other men returning are: John Smithers, Aberdeen; Gerald Peterson, Seattle; Jim Gard, Enumclaw; Marion Bogdonovich, Montesano; Norm Richardson, Bellingham; Don Jangard, Seattle; Bob Hansen, Toledo; Bob White, Vashon; and Frank Conger, San Diego, California. These are all men who played on last year's team and can play on the '53 football team. Some are lettermen; many are not.

Blue Barnacles Water Show Feature Of W.R.A. Spring Quarter Program

This spring the Women's Recreation Association is very active in sponsoring and participating in a great number of sports activities.

On Friday, April 24; the sixteen high schools of Whatcom, Skagit, and San Juan counties came to the W.W.C.E. Campus for the annual High School Play Day. The girls participated in volleyball, softball, folk and square dancing and swimming. The W.R.A. members put on a demonstration of the individual sports of badminton, fencing, trampoline, and the Blue Barnacles Swim Club did a short water show. A tea in Eden's Hall club room completed the day.

On Saturday, April 25, the W.R.A. sent a team of the individual sports, archery, badminton, and tennis to participate in the College Individual Sportsday at Central Washington College of Education in Ellensburg. The archery team was made up of Pat Baxter, Port Orchard; Wilma Shannon, Lynden; Beverly Manely, Bellingham; and JoAnn Gloman, Bellingham. The tennis singles player was Alice Whipple, Winthrop; and doubles players were Pat Ingram, Seattle and Carmela Federico, Monroe. The badminton singles player was Lois Romer, Sedro-Woolley; and doubles players were Margaret Cole, Bellingham, and Loretta Stibbe, Seattle. The girls competed in a single elimination tournament against the other colleges in Washington.

May 8 is the Blue Barnacles Water Show. The theme this year is "Dreams in the Deep" with a coronation of King Neptune as one of the featured acts. There will be eight acts plus a modern dance number on the deck of the pool. The stage manager and costume designer for the show is Elaine Ondracek, Seattle. A total of twenty-four girls will participate.

LUCKY THIRTEEN for Ciszek. 1953 track men (1 to r), front row: George Friesa, Sedro-Woolley; Ted Whan, Victoria, B. C.; Mopris Peterson, Seattle; Darrell Jones, Sedro-Woolley; Jerry Swan, New Westminster, B. C.; Back row: Pete Garrett, New Westminster, B. C.; Rodney Maxwell-Muir, South Burnaby, B. C.; George Hinderman, Everett; Don Burgess, Victoria, B. C.; Gene Edwards, Aberdeen; George Galloway, Seattle; Jim Sager, Ferndale; Jack Berry, Everett; Coach Ray Ciszek.

Viking Varsity Teams Show Promise In Intercollegiate Spring Sports

By DAVE GAY, '56

Viking spring varsity sports are really under way, with all teams having opened play.

Track was the first to open, and Ray Ciszek's boys have showed fine form so far. Distance man, Jerry Swan, New Westminster, B. C., has turned in many winning times so far for the Viks as have sprint men Ted Whan, and Modris Peterson, Seattle. Ken Swalwell, discus and shot putter, New Westminster, B. C., and Jim Sager, javelin man, Ferndale, have also piled up some points for the Viking cause.

The Viking thudlads won their first meet, an indoor one at UBC, did well against some much larger teams at Fullman, and downed Seattle Pacific College this year.

In baseball, the Vikings have played but three games, winning the first from UBC, 17-11, losing their second to UBC, and dropping a close one to the U. of W. 4-3 in extra innings. Errors have plagued the Viks so far, but the pitching seems to have settled down. Bob Hansen, Poulsbo, a big right hander, went the distance on the mound in the big one against the Huskies. Jim Gard, Enumclaw, and Chuck Lindberg, Redmond, have both shown strong hitting for Coach Joe Martin.

Sam Carver's golf men have made a .500 score so far this season, losing to the strong Seattle U. (which numbers Pat Lesser on the team), and beating the CPS Loggers on their own links. Two Westminster, B. C. freshman brothers. Bob and Bennie Doyle, are mainsprings on the team, but the others, Roger Stearns, Bellingham, Fred Carbonatto, Seattle, and Earl Peterson contribute points to the Viking cause, too.

Tennis hasn't been too successful so far to date. The Vikings have lost both their contests so far this year. The first was dropped to Seattle U., but the Viking's Carl Linden, returned Korean veteran, took the first singles match. Western traveled to CPS for the second meet and bowed low there, Jack Anderson, Arlington, taking a singles match for the Vik's only win that day.

PLAUDITS TO PUNDITS: Coach Lappenbush (center) congratulates two of his former disciples on their wins at the state class A basketball tournament. Left, Boots Wooten, Walla Walla; right, Joe Moses, Longview.
Looking Backward with Bellingham--City Centennial, 1853 to 1953

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