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"X's" Mark the Spots!

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SCIENCE BUILDING SITE CHOSEN

Building Will Go Next to College Library, Across From MRH;
Paul Thiry, Well Known Seattle Architect, Appointed

As the nation turns anxiously to science for leadership in a critical period, Western Washington College is busily working out plans for one of the most modern and best equipped science education plants in the Northwest.

By fall of 1960, according to current estimates, the new $2-million-dollar Science Building will be ready for occupancy. Three stories high and 225 feet long, it will provide facilities for chemistry, physics, geology, biology, and health sciences.

TWO MAJOR STEPS FORWARD

Since the last Western Reports, two major steps have been taken. First was selection by the Board of Trustees last summer of Paul Thiry, Seattle, as architect. It was Thiry's firm that designed the University of Washington's Electrical Engineering Building in 1949. Some of the structures for which he has been consulting architect are the Chief Joseph Powerhouse, a Navy depot in Tacoma, a women's dormitory at Washington State College and the Seattle Museum of History and Industry.

Second major step was selection of an area between the Library and the Men's Residence Hall as site for one of the new science buildings. (See cover). In choosing the site the trustees indicated approval of Thiry's recommendations regarding growth of the campus. The architect has urged that the College expand southward and eastward along Highland Drive, rather than northward along High Street.

Other considerations influencing selection of the site were the advantages of a relatively compact campus, availability of land, and nature of the subsoil.

PROVISION MADE FOR LATER GROWTH

According to tentative plans the building will face MRH. It will be expandable by addition of parallel wings at either end, extending toward the Library. Expansion of the Library a few years later would be similar, with wings extending toward the Science Building. Between them a courtyard would be developed.

Classified as "urgent" by the Legislative Budget Committee in 1954, the building was first approved by the State Legislature in 1955. A two-year delay resulted when the State Supreme Court later ruled that the proposed method of financing this and several other buildings throughout the state was illegal. This snag was finally hurdled during the 1957 session.

Perhaps one of Western's major contributions to the age of Sputnik and Vanguard will be the careful ground work being done this year by members of the Science faculty and the architect in planning the College's most elaborate structure to date.

WWCE Will Establish New Summer Camp at Whidbey

Strengthening its leadership in the field of outdoor education, Western Washington College has leased a 500-acre summer campsite on Whidbey Island.

The property will soon provide summer camp experience and training for children of five counties, and practice teaching experience for Western students. A similar program has been in effect for several years at Silverton in Skagit County.

The College will co-ordinate the summer program, maintain the lease and provide supervision and teaching personnel. Development of the site will be undertaken through volunteer efforts of the various school districts.

Page Two
College Union Loan Approved; Building Site Tentatively Set

COMMITTEES WORKING HARD TO DEVELOP PLANS

Several significant steps have been taken in recent months toward fulfillment of a student and alumni dream—a College Union Building at Western.

First and most vital, the loan of $475,000 from the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency has been given final approval in Washington, D. C. Second, a site has been tentatively selected across High Street from the knoll, on the corner of High Street and Garden Terrace.

DIRECTOR ALREADY ACTIVE

Third, a new position, Director of Student Activities, has been created and filled. (See story at left.) Finally, six special subcommittees have been formed which are working intensively on specific planning problems.

Formed from the former student-faculty committee, they will deal with problems of providing a lounge, coffee shop, publications area, recreation space, student organization offices, and student services. After specific suggestions have been made by the subcommittees, the overall committee will blend them into a total plan for consideration when the next set of architectural drawings is produced.

C.U.B. READY BY 1959?

It is hoped that the C.U.B. will be ready for occupancy by the fall of 1959. Plans call for expansion of the building later to add other facilities as enrollment grows.

Alumni, many of whom worked hard in the early stages of planning, will be interested to note that the building will be known as the College Union Building, in recognition of its role as a center for the whole College community. To further understanding of that role, the following is reprinted from the annual report of the Associations of College Unions:

ROLE OF THE COLLEGE UNION

1. The union is the community center of the college, for all members of the college family—students, faculty, administration, alumni and guests. It is not just a building; it is also an organization and a program. Together they represent a well-considered plan for the community life of the college.

2. As the "living room" or "hearthstone" of the college, the union provides for the services and conveniences and amenities the members of the college family need in their daily life on the campus, and for getting to know and understand one another through informal association outside the classroom.

3. The union is part of the educational program of the college. As the center of college community life, it serves as a laboratory of citizenship, training students in social responsibility and for leadership in our democracy.

4. Through its various boards, committees, and staff, it provides a cultural, social, and recreational program, aiming to make free time activity a cooperative factor with study in education.

In all its processes it encourages self-directed activity, giving maximum opportunity for self-realization and for growth in individual social competency and group effectiveness. Its goal is the development of persons as well as intellects.

5. The union serves as a unifying force in the life of the college, cultivating enduring regard for and loyalty to the college.

MANY DEPARTMENTS ADD NEW FACULTY

A total of 37 new names was added to the faculty roster this fall, 24 additions and 13 replacements. The faculty now numbers 137. Seven of the new members, the largest number for any one department, are in social studies, which has been enlarged to include business education: Drs. Elbert E. Miller, Frank W. Neuber, Richard F. W. Whittemore; Misses Nona Glazer and Virginia F. Templeton; Harley E. Hiller and Arthur L. White.

The education department ranks next with five new staff members: Drs. Henry L. Adams, William B. Knox, and Robert W. Zaslow, Elvet G. Jones and Dewey A. Slough. Dr. Zaslow will devote half his time to teaching and half to counseling.

The departments of science and music have four each: Drs. Calder T. Bressler, Lowell P. Eddy, Charles J. Flora and Miss Meribeth J. Mitchell in science; and James E. Brauninger, Joe Chesarek in music. Mr. Vollstedt is replacing David E. Marsh in the staff.

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Six Coeds for Every Man
In 1907, Alum Recalls

Life at Western (then Bellingham Normal) some 50 years ago was vividly described at the 1957 Alumni Banquet in Edens Hall last May by Guy Allison, class of '07. Allison was one of three principal speakers.

Contrasting his class with the predominantly male graduating classes of recent years, he reported that there were only six men in the 1907 group, and 35 women. “I went steady with a whole sorority!” he said wistfully.

Allison, a noted historian and author, said he was grateful to his professors for forcing him to train his memory. “The last decade has brought me the greatest pleasure and satisfaction of my life, because of the useful things I learned at this Normal School,” he declared.

Cecil Hannan, class of 1950 and president of the Washington Education Association, described the challenge to American education posed by the vast numbers of technicians and scientists now being trained in Russia, 98 per cent on government scholarships.

President W. W. Haggard spoke of rapidly growing shortages in this country of trained scientists, technical personnel and teachers, particularly college teachers. He described the expansion the College must undergo to reach projected enrollments of 3,400 to 4,200 by 1965 or 1970.

Among the 275 people gathered for the event were 10 from the class of 1912, one of the largest groups represented.

A highlight of the banquet was presentation of the Kappa Delta Pi award to the outstanding teacher from the 1955 graduating class—John C. Hill, teaching at Burlington-Edison High School.

Art Runestrand, new Alumni Association President, presided.

WHY FIGHT IT?

WWCE Romance Blossoms
Again After Half a Century

Spring at Western is still irresistible.

Consider the case of Walter R. Nichols and Mary Grace Waikle, classes of 1907 and 1909. Fifty years ago they were both attending Bellingham Normal, and were “going steady.”

But after leaving the college they drifted apart. Miss Waikle was a teacher for a couple of years in Bay View. Then for 39 years she taught in the primary grades at Sedro-Woolley.

Mr. Nichols became a principal, and then a superintendent. He has served in those offices in various west coast towns ever since. Currently he is San Juan County Superintendent of Schools for the second time. His first term in that office was in 1916.

Last May at the Alumni Banquet they met again after 50 years. The old campus magic was as powerful as ever.

Last August 7, they became Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Nichols.

YEAR BY YEAR

'02 Mrs. John F. Joseph (Stella Prouty) visited the campus after more than 50 years last summer. She said she “wouldn’t have known the place.” In those days the College consisted only of the central portion of Old Main. And there wasn’t any campus—just stumps and mud in front of the building. She would like to hear from former classmates. Address: 318 Emery St., Eau Claire, Wis.

'07 Guy S. Allison of Glendale, Calif., is a newspaper columnist and a member of the Glen­dale Historical Society. (See Banquet story.)

Mrs. Ada Myers Hanscom reports that she is corresponding secretary of the Seattle Retired Teachers Association.

Miss Bern Tina Wahl is retired and living in Seattle where she is a member of the AAUW.

Roger Williams is farming in Maple Valley. His three daughters all attended Western.

'08 Miss Ethel S. Nichols, Bellingham, is retired after having taught in high school, been credit manager of a wholesale hardware company and office manager of a logging company.

'12 Miss Sylvia J. Cole writes that several members of the class of 1912 met last March at the home of Mrs. Reasoner Smith in Seattle. Present were Mrs. Grace Headrick Budde, Mrs. Violet Payne Jansen, Mrs. Frances McCoubrey, Miss Martha Tiffany, Mrs. Mae de Crane Zubi, Miss Cole and Mrs. Smith. All of them subsequently attended the Alumni Banquet last May, along with Mildred SoRelle Barnhart, Mrs. Ida Zobrist Everts and Mrs. Agnes Pitsch Heller. Miss Tiffany, Bremerton, is president of the Kitsap County Unit of Retired Teachers.

'15 Mrs. Frank M. Reasoner (Donna Pratt), Bellingham, is active in several organizations. She and her husband were formerly house parents for the “Huckleberry Lane” Youth Hostel.

'18 Mrs. Lyda Nichols McCormick is a teacher at Carl Cozier school in Bellingham. After nearly 40 years she was back at Western last spring as a student. She hopes to get her degree next summer.

'20 Clyde A. Bancroft, Lake Stevens, is active in the American Legion, Retired Teachers, and Grange.

'24 Mrs. Helen Fraser Anderson was a “coed” again last spring after 31 years. She lives in Bellingham.

'25 Mrs. Hazel Ekstran Nobles is teaching in Anacortes.

'26 Walter Kelley is farming at Clearbrook, Wash. He is active in the Legion and the Grange.

'28 Bryan Buchanan recently published his second collection of poems, “The Fiddler of Colin McLean,” about construction projects and the men who build them. His first volume was entitled “Grumpy Men.”

'30 Verna Norell Scrimsher Bresler is a primary teacher at Battleground, Wash.
Should Auld Acquaintance . . .

OLD TIMES WERE NOT FORGOTTEN during the alumni coffee hour last November. Reminiscing above with Dr. Keith Murray, right, are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Borek (Gladine Simpson), ’50, standing; and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hash (Marilyn Young), ’53 and ’55, Enumclaw. Sharing recollections of college days, below, are six happy alums: Miss Linda Keaton, ’57, Kelso; Miss Nellie Kamperman, ’53, Highline; Carl Linde, ’57, Seattle; Mrs. Carl Linde (Janet Glass), ’57, Seattle; Denny White, ’57, Auburn; and Miss Junette Jacoby, ’52, Kelso.

Judson Lloyd reports from Thailand that he, Mrs. Phungchai Sindhowananda, Mrs. Temsiri Punyasingh and Snoh Mettichavalit, recently of Western are planning a Thailand branch of the WWCE Alumni Association. He says Snoh will be supervisor of secondary education for the country for a year, and that Temsiri is now principal of a secondary school.

David Benjamin Pedersen received his commission as ensign at Newport, Rhode Island last May.

Gene Staggs is teaching sixth grade in Mount Vernon.

Jesse (Jake) Thomas, Jr., is teaching in Enumclaw.

Miss Irene Brodie is teaching fourth grade at Mukilteo.

William Elwood is teaching at Shoreline, living in Edmonds.

Miss Carol Holstine is teaching in Bellevue.

James Kreiss teaches at Shoreline High, Seattle.

Mrs. Bette McGuire Mafi is teaching in Sedro-Woolley while husband, Art, teaches at WWCE.

Frank C. Russell, Jr., is teaching in elementary school at Port Angeles.
Beauty and the Alums...

CAN THESE BE OFFICERS? The one with the corsage, we regret to say, is not; the others are. Decorative Sharon Andreasen, Homecoming Queen, is flanked by Bill Wilder, '48, and Art Runestrand, '50, both of Bellingham. Wilder was formerly an alumni president; Runestrand presently holds that office. In the background other alumni officers are George Fallis, Tacoma, '51; Chet Ullin, Bremerton, '37; Ed Bailey, Highline, '53; Pat Allan (Alumni Secretary), Bellingham, '35; and Harvey Culbertson, Longview, '51. Scene is the Coffee Hour at Highland Hall during Homecoming weekend.

In Memoriam
Mr. Kibbe Dies at 79

Alumni will be saddened to learn of the death last October 20 of Lynus Alonzo Kibbe, professor emeritus. Mr. Kibbe had taught education and psychology at Western for 28 years prior to his retirement 12 years ago.

Perhaps he will be best remembered, however, for his outstanding historical library of Northwest lore. Mr. Kibbe had received national recognition for his library, and had been made a curator of the Washington Historical Society.

At first a hobby with him, Northwest history became gradually almost his life. During his last years he spent most of his money on books, and accumulated one of the finest libraries of its type in the state. His collection was always available to Western students.

Mr. Kibbe retained an active interest in the College long after his retirement. Every Sunday he would have at least two or three students over for dinner. He had a special soft spot in his heart for Whidbey Island students as he had once taught there.

An active sports fan, Mr. Kibbe loved to attend games and climbed Mount Baker many times during his 58 years in Bellingham. He was 79 at the time of his death.

Heart Attacks Claim Two

Heart attacks claimed the lives of two Western alumni this fall. Robert Heaton, 55, class of 1938, died in October. Recently a teacher of Spanish at Auburn High School, Mr. Heaton was one of several members of the same family who attended Western.

Louis Granger Hill, 35, died early in September. Mr. and Mrs. Hill (Ruth Wilcox) were packing to move from Bellingham to Shelton when Mr. Hill suffered a heart attack. Mrs. Hill is teaching at Skokomish.

Archie Binns, Famed Author Joins WWCE English Staff

Archie Binns, prominent Northwest novelist, is teaching at Western this year. He will offer classes in creative writing and in regional literature during the winter quarter.

Mr. Binns is the author of several novels, ranging from early works such as Lightship or The Laurels are Cut Down to his most recent publication, The Headwaters. His professional experience covers a period of thirty years or more; the range of his production extends from fiction to juveniles to biography. In the creative writing field Mr. Binns brings a wealth of professional experience to Western's students.

Previous to his employment at Western, Mr. Binns spent several years on the faculty of the University of Washington.

Festival Board Richly Spread...

In uncustomed roles—demonstrating their versatility at the Alumni Smorgasbord at Homecoming, Dr. Moyle Cederstrom and Dr. August Radke seem to be enjoying themselves. Two alums wait hungrily. Dozens of alumni packed Edens Hall for the feast prepared by Mrs. Luva Pelkey, dietician, and her efficient crew.

Miss Hopper Coming Back

Miss Elizabeth Hopper who resigned in 1954 will return to Western as Appointment Bureau Director and Alumni Secretary for winter and spring quarters. She will be substituting for William Hatch, who is ill.

Mr. Hatch had been scheduled to replace M. A. (Pat) Allan for the year. Mr. Allan is attending the University of Washington.

Engineer Retires

Mr. George Sperry, engineer for the college for 37 years, retired this fall. He is sorely missed by all the old timers who have learned to look with friendly interest on both Mr. and Mrs. Sperry. Though not officially employed by the college, Mrs. Sperry was almost always on hand to help her husband with the endless routine of paper work and to answer the telephone. It was usually her voice that answered when a harried faculty member called to report some difficulty.

The Sperrys plan to remain in Bellingham. Mrs. Sperry's health is not good, but Mr. Sperry's kindness and devotion will go a long way toward making her comfortable.
Eight Attend WWCE With Scholarships from Alumni

Funds for eight freshman scholarships to Western Washington College were contributed by the Alumni Association this year. Two of the recipients were selected by regional alumni groups: Joy Halvorsen, of Shelton, chosen by the Pierce, Thurston and Mason Counties association; and Janet Pullen of Seattle, a Foster High School graduate, selected by the South King County association.

Other freshmen were chosen by the College Scholarship Committee in co-operation with the Alumni Association. They are: Judy Orr, from Lincoln High School, Seattle; Joan Patton, Longview; Jean Alice Rey, Auburn; Nancy Sherman, Port Angeles; Marilyn Stedman, Arlington; and Glenda Tuttle, Renton.

In addition, friends of Don Brown, a Western alumnus and a member of the faculty until his untimely death some years ago, contributed to a special scholarship fund in his name. Bill Wilder organized the plan for this Memorial and worked in its behalf. Recipient of the scholarship is Marilyn Markow of Bremerton.

A recent $50 donation to the WWCE Alumni Scholarship fund was made jointly by Emerson Duerksen, '49, and the General Electric Corporation. Under a special GE program the company matches employee donations to educational and charitable institutions.

Another donation was made last summer by Mrs. Aileen (Whetstone) Cooper, '40, in memory of the son of Bill Tiffany, '41. The boy was killed in an accident.

Dr. Woodring's Book
A 'New Synthesis'

"Paul Woodring's 'A Fourth of a Nation,' published in September by McGraw-Hill, tells the layman what many of us in education want to say: that we think school children—and their teachers—ought to know something; that we wish the American people would make up their minds as to what they want the schools to accomplish."

"So writes Pat Allan, Alumni Secretary, in a review for Western Reports. We regret we have room for only a fraction of the review here."

"The book makes a unique and solid contribution to educational thought," Pat goes on. "In his discussion of a 'new synthesis' of educational philosophy, Woodring has drafted a statement of the solid core of agreement among all Americans interested in education as to the proper place and function of the schools in this country."

Paul Woodring's idea for reorganizing the American school system, but seems dubious about the chances for accomplishing such reorganization. "The first question," he suggests, "is not 'Where do we go?' but 'Where do we go from here?'"

As a footnote Pat enthusiastically recommends that every alumnus read the delightful letter from Rocky Cove Teachers College beginning on Page 196.

MISS CHURCH RESIGNS

This fall Miss Ethel Church resigned because of continued ill health. In her position as secretary to the president she has had frequent and friendly contact with students, teachers in the field and other alumni. Her special interest has been in the Artists and Lecturers Series.

Miss Church has been with the college 27 years. Returning students will miss her friendly greeting but will be pleased to learn that she is now sufficiently recovered to enjoy the leisure her retirement allows her. She is remaining in Bellingham and hopes soon to be strong enough to participate in social affairs.

Grid Squad Finishes Third With 4 Wins, 2 Losses

In 1957 Viking prospects for future gridiron championships brightened considerably. John Kulbitski's Viks compiled a 4-2 league record while finishing third in Evergreen Conference competition. Last year the squad ended with a 2-6 won-lost record.

The Sehomers gave an early indication that they were going to rely on speed and hustle as they beat Whitworth. The Pirates were ranked the number one small college passing team in the nation, but the Viks outpassed the visitors to win 20-13 on Battersby Field.

CPS MARS VIK RECORD

CPS' massive Loggers took advantage of a muddy turf to stop Western's "pony backfield" of Al DeCoria, Dennis Sheppard, Fred Emerson and Sam Martin. The Loggers edged the Vikings 13-7.

Emerson scored four touchdowns as Western picked up its second win, smothering the Thunderbirds of UBC 39-7.

Capitalizing on two PLC mistakes early in the game, Western delighted a Homecoming crowd of Alumni and students by registering a 20-13 victory.

THE TOUGHEST IS LAST

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The stage was now set for the season final with the Wildcats. Western had to win this game in order to capture a share of the Evergreen title. Although the Vikings were beaten 26-7 by an inspired Central squad, Emerson cinched the Conference's Total Offense honors.

Western's football future looks good as the entire backfield will return next year, and only three regulars will be lost through graduation. In comparison, most of the other teams in the league will face a rebuilding job.

REMAINING HOOP SCHEDULE

Jan. 3—at St. Martins
Jan. 10—at CPS
Jan. 11—at PLC
Jan. 12—Central
Jan. 17—Eastern
Jan. 18–Central
Jan. 21—at Seattle Pacific
Jan. 25—Whitworth
Jan. 31—UBC
Feb. 1—at UBC
Feb. 7—PLC
Feb. 8—CPS
Feb. 13—at Central
Feb. 15—at Eastern
Feb. 24—at Whitworth
Feb. 25—at Gonzaga

CRUCIAL MOMENT—Fullback Dennis Sheppard breaks over scrimmage for a five-yard gain against Pacific Lutheran. A crowd of 3,500 Homecomers watched the Vikings down the visitors, 20-13.
The Following Excerpts Are Taken From President W. W. Haggard’s “State of the College” Address, Delivered at the Faculty Banquet, October 23:

For many years this banquet has been the main social event for trustees and faculty from October to October. The banquet of 1957 is unique. Never before have four new trustees and 37 new faculty members been presented on this occasion. The largest number of new trustees presented has never been more than two and the number of new faculty members usually from 10 to 15. Never before has hospitality been so important, but may I say it has been easy to extend hospitality to our new people. It has been said that a healthy educational organization is always receiving new blood; I would add, provided the new blood, according to the accrediting agencies, is not due to a devastating faculty turnover.

Our 37 new faculty members, 24 of whom are additions, represent 28 graduate schools extending from Washington to Florida, and from Southern California to Connecticut. There are 11 doctors and five “near doctors” among our new faculty members.

Mr. Archie Bims, one of our additions, is the Pacific Northwest’s best known writer. I believe one of the significant achievements of the past year is the recruitment of our new faculty members, in which many have had a part.

SALARIES SHOW IMPROVEMENT

Because of the generosity of the 35th Legislature, salaries and retirement provisions for both the faculty and the non-faculty have been improved significantly since the banquet of last year. Had it not been for this improvement, the engaging and retaining of personnel would have been difficult; some have said, well nigh impossible.

In the fall of 1956, we enrolled 302 new students transferring from other colleges and universities. This was a spectacular increase in transfer students, indicating, according to some people, a dangerous trend. We announced this past year that transfers with a grade point average below 2.0 (C), beginning this past spring and summer, would be required to petition the Faculty Scholastic Standing Committee before admission. It was also announced that the petition would have to be submitted before September 1. The number of new transfers enrolled this fall is 278, smaller than the number of 1956. We believe, had it not been for this change in policy, the enrollment of new transfer students this fall would be at least 328. This change in policy, we believe, will eventually attract students.

Another significant step in the advance of the College of the past year is the Science Building costing $2,388,800.00 and providing 90,000 square feet of floor space. An excellent architect has been chosen and he is hard at work preparing plans. The selection of the site of this building was not easy, and the trustees are to be commended for facing the issue in September and reaching a decision. Also, I should add to the Science Building the College Union Building, costing $575,000.00. (The loan of $475,000.00 was approved by the federal government November 5, 1957).

WESTERN GRADUATES RATE HIGH

I am pleased to report another item to you. The Educational Testing Service (known as E.T.S.) of Princeton, New Jersey, is now administering its Graduate Record Examination (G.R.E.) Institutional Testing Program in more than 400 colleges and universities. I shall quote from the Handbook of Deans and Examiners:

“The Graduate Record Examination Institutional Testing Program offers tests to assist the college in evaluating the progress of its students toward the attainment of liberal arts and specialization goals. The Area Tests are designed to assess the broad outcomes of education in the liberal arts. The Advanced Tests yield measures for evaluating mastery in selected major fields of study.”

Since the summer of 1956, five quarters, 127 of our graduate students, all but 17 holding our degree of Bachelor of Arts in Education, have written the area and advanced education tests. The area examinations were standardized on the results of 19 institutions and the advanced tests in education on 34 institutions.

Please keep in mind that only our Bachelor of Arts in Education graduates have written these tests (G.R.E.) and that comparisons have been made with liberal arts and education graduates of reputable colleges and universities.

Now for the comparison. The mean or average score of our students is at the 52nd national percentile in the social sciences, 51st in the humanities, 58th in the sciences, and 72nd in education.

This is the first valid measurement of our undergraduate program except the check made at the graduate schools at the University of Washington and Columbia University a few years ago. Approximately 90 per cent of the marks earned by our graduates in these two graduate schools were A's and B's, but those two records are less meaningful than the G.R.E. results of E.T.S. because of greater selectivity of the graduates enrolling at the University of Washington and Columbia University.

FIVE YEARS AHEAD IN ENROLLMENT

At this banquet in 1952, I discussed planning for enrollment of 2,045 in 1961—the projection of the Washington State Census Board at that time. The projection for 1962 was 2,113, forty-seven fewer than the present enrollment of 2,163. We are still more than five years ahead of the 1952 projection, due, of course, to the spectacular increases of 1954, 1955, and 1956. The increase this year is only 4.4%. This reminds one of the increases of 4.9% and 3.1% of 1952 and 1953. A most heartening feature of the enrollment is that the score on the A.C.E. intelligence test taken by the new group this fall is better than the score last year and better than the cumulative weighted mean; also appreciably better than the E.T.S. national mean for freshman students in teachers colleges.

Growth means problems. Beyond and including this coming year are the problems of goals of the College, an evolving program, the recruitment of professional personnel, attracting more promising students, plant expansion, including self-liquidating housing and dining facilities, public relations, and not the least of all, appropriations.

W. W. HAGGARD
President