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EVERGREEN CONFERENCE CO-CHAMPIONS

Left to right: Ed Vadset, Ron Crowe, Gary Mose, Talis Abolins, Bud Bloch, Jim Greer,
Terry Clayton, Bob Gilda, Herman Washington, Ron Saltis, Derm Cunningham, Mike Kirk
New Faculty Appointments

Dr. Edwin Clapp, at present chairman of the department of English at the University of Utah, will be the chairman of the faculty in the fall. Dr. Clapp, the author of three books, and of numerous articles in the Western Humanities Review, will also be Mr. Vike, a 1952 WWCE graduate and now an assistant professor of Psychology at the University of Utah, will join the Western faculty in the fall.

Two One-Act Plays To Be Presented

Dr. Cederstrom, Prom. Prof. Marsh Display Creative Work

In an exhibition of local creative art which ran from March 7 to March 20, the Bellingham Art League presented a collection of ceramics and paintings by Gene Vike, Dr. Mylous Cederstrom of the department of English, and David Marsh of the department of Geography. The students will have the opportunity to see these works on display during the spring term.

Dr. Lucy Kangley, Miss Mira Booth to Retire in June

When Dr. Lucy Kangley, professor of English, finishes her last lecture in June of this year she will have completed 32 years of service to two generations of Western students. Dr. Kangley's tenure was broken only by the leave of absence she took in the mid-thirties in order to complete her doctoral studies at Columbia University.

Dr. Kangley came to Seattle from Illinois with her parents when she was nine, and took both her BA and her MA degrees from the University of Washington. She won a competitive examination for a fellowship at Columbia over hundreds of other applicants.

The most difficult time at Western, in Dr. Kangley's opinion, was the depression of the 30's when seven members of the staff had to be dropped. Aside from this unpleasantness, Dr. Kangley has enjoyed every moment of her association with the 'friendly' Western student.

Dr. Kangley will continue to live in the Bellingham area after her term has ended.

Assistant Professor of Chemistry; Mr. G. Dale Reu-....
Honors Presentation Reflects New Emphasis on Scholarship

The presentation of awards to four outstanding WWCE scholars at an All-College assembly last Dec. 11 marked the beginning of a new honors program at Western. The students, representing last year's freshman, sophomore and junior classes, each received a Faculty Award for Scholarship; the funds for the awards are contributed by the WWCE faculty.

The freshman and sophomore champions, David Sutherland and Don Treheway, respectively, are both biological science majors in the teacher education program. Mr. Sutherland is a graduate of Ferndale High School, and Mr. Treheway is a graduate of Knutsford High School, British Columbia.

A problem arose in the awarding of the junior class prize when Mrs. Anne Burneson, majoring in elementary education, and Miss Norma Rice, majoring in language arts, were found to have identical records. The college teachers solved the difficulty by doubling the award money.

The formal ceremonies were the expression of a keener interest in the scholastic achievement of Western students. In mid-February, it was announced by Professor Irvin Mayer, chairman of the newly-founded faculty honors committee, that eighteen top-ranking freshman students had accepted invitations from the faculty to participate in WWCE's first experimental honors program, a program which will begin in March at the onset of the spring term. The student group, according to Dr. Mayer, was selected on the basis of entrance examination scores, fall quarter grades, and individual interviews with the committee.

General Education Program Revised

The Western faculty, in its January meeting, approved a revision of the general education program. The general education committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Frank D’Andrea, had as its aim the broadening and intensifying of “the student’s understanding of the most significant aspects of man’s cultural heritage,” and also a stimulation of the student in the development of his “powers of aesthetic enjoyment and creativity.”

The most radical change in the new program is the creation of a new Humanities block of twenty-four quarter hours. These hours represent a four-quarter sequence of six credit hours per quarter, and will include work in History, Political Science, Economics, Literature, Philosophy, and Art and Music. The grade which the student will receive in the Humanities complex will be a composite of his work in the separate disciplines, with an emphasis being placed upon the integration of his acquired knowledge.

The number of general education hours under the new program will total fifteen, a substantial reduction from the present requirement. Both Teacher-Education and Arts and Sciences students will be required to take the prescribed courses, which will represent approximately one-half of the freshmen and sophomore students’ academic “load.”

College Departments To Be Reorganized

Western Washington College of Education will have a new departmental organization as a result of a plan approved at a protracted January meeting of the Faculty. The re-organization, initiated by the Faculty Council under the chairmanship of Dr. Herbert Taylor, provides for the establishment of four councils: a Council on Professional Education, a Council on Arts and Sciences, a Graduate Council, and a Council on General Education. Each of the Councils will be headed by a director, who will in turn be responsible to a co-ordinating Dean of Instruction.

A major feature of the re-organization calls for a breaking-up of the former Social Science division into several discrete departments. Sociology and Anthropology will be combined in one unit, and Economics, Business and Government will be merged into one department. Other departments created under the plan will be those of History, Philosophy, Geology, and Geography. In the sciences the department of Biology will be distinct from the new Physics and Chemistry department.

The most controversial item on the Faculty Council's list of recommended changes was the creation of a Psychology department and a department of Education-Teacher Training. In the discussion following the introduction of this suggestion the Faculty Council revealed that it was the opinion of the psychologists that such a distinction should be made. The Teacher Training group, however, maintained that psychology should logically be a part of their division. The final vote of the faculty approved the Council plan, with the proviso that the Education division would be known as the Department of Professional Education.

The faculty agreed that there would be no change in the departments of Art, Industrial Arts, Music, Home Economics, Men's and Women's Physical Education, Mathematics and Language Arts, and that the Director of Men's Athletics would be designated as a regular member of the Men's Physical Education department.
No more will the cry of "no space," the chronic lament of the bookstore manager, ring on Western's campus, for construction will soon begin on a modern 8,000 sq. ft. building, to be situated just west of the Viking Union Building on High Street. With the signing of the contract in March a construction period of about 200 days will begin, insuring occupancy of the building by January of 1961.

The proposed building will have two floors of approximately 4,000 sq. ft. each. The basement floor will be devoted to textbooks, both new and used, with modern turnstiles insuring the efficiency of the self-service system. In addition to textbooks, a large section of the basement will house a Sports Shop, featuring skiing equipment and a full line of sporting goods. Doug Lewis, WWCE junior, will be in charge of tennis racket re-stringing.

Ray Knabe, manager of the WWCE bookstore, is enthusiastic, too, over plans for the ground-level floor, where general merchandise and pocket-books will be displayed. In order to cope with the problems of a constantly expanding enrollment, Mr. Knabe has added Mrs. Juanita Seager to his staff. Mrs. Seager will be the general merchandise manager for the store, and John Holm will be in charge of the textbook division. Mrs. Cecil Hite will assist Mr. Knabe as bookkeeper for the entire operation.

 Provision has been made for the extension of the building to the alley, should enrollment increases warrant such a change.

Trustees Discuss Dormitory Financing

The pressing need for more dormitory space to house Western's ever-expanding student body was a major topic of discussion at the March meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Board reviewed a faculty recommendation calling for occupancy by the fall of 1962. In order to finance this project it was decided to increase student fees at the rate of $2.00 per month for room charges and an additional $9.50 per quarter for building expenses. The fees will be assessed beginning in the fall of 1960.

In addition to approving the levying of the fees, the trustees authorized President Jarrett to submit an application for a loan of $1,800,000 to the Housing and Home Loan Finance Agency for the construction of the proposed dormitory.

Summer Session to Attract Scholars

Students attending Western's summer session, which will begin on June 20th this year, will be rewarded with instruction from some of the most respected names in American education, according to Dr. J. Alan Ross, professor of Education and Dean of the Summer Session.

Foremost among the visiting faculty will be Dr. J. P. Guilford, professor of Psychology at the University of Southern California. Dr. Guilford, who has been a past president of the American Psychological Association, gave the 1959 Walter V. Bingham lecture on "The Nature of Intelligence." He is presently directing a 10 year study of the nature of creativity for the U. S. Navy.

Another prominent visitor to the campus will be Dr. Arthur Combs, professor of Education at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Dr. Combs has specialized in perceptual psychology and will give a course in that field during his six week stay. He is a co-author of Individual Behavior, one of the most widely used textbooks in Educational Psychology.

Dr. Louis M. Myers, head of the Division of Language and Literature at Arizona State University, Tempe, has been engaged to teach courses in both the History of the English Language and in Structural Linguistics.

In addition to the on-campus instruction, Western will offer the traditional Birch Bay Music Workshop under the direction of Dr. Frank D'Andrea. The three week session will be devoted to work in Orchestra and Chamber Music, Band, and Choral techniques.

Two departments will offer classwork outside the country. The Art Department under the guidance of Miss Ruth Kelsey has scheduled a summer workshop in Mexico, where the local arts and crafts will be studied. Another foreign workshop will be offered by the Home Economics Department, with Miss Dorothy Ramslan, head of the department, directing a group of students in an intensive study of the home furnishings, arts and crafts of nine Western European countries.

Concert Chorale Tour is Announced

The renowned Concert Chorale of Western's Music Department, composed of forty selected members of the larger College Choir, will make a spring tour of Northwestern Washington, according to Bernard Regier, director of the group. The schedule follows:

- **MONDAY, April 18**
  - Everett H. S. 12:30 a.m.
  - Monroe H. S. 2:40 p.m.
- **TUESDAY, April 19**
  - Ingraham H. S. (Seattle) 9:00 a.m.
  - Foster H. S. 2:00 p.m.
- **WEDNESDAY, April 20**
  - Roosevelt H. S. (Seattle) 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.
  - Evergreen H. S. (Highline) 1:40 p.m.
- **THURSDAY, April 21**
  - Franklin Pierce H. S. (Tacom) 10:30 a.m.
  - North Thurston H. S. (Lacey) 1:20 p.m.
  - Raymond H. S. (Public Concert) 8:15 p.m.
- **FRIDAY, April 22**
  - Hoquiam H. S. 9:00 a.m.
  - Weatherwax H. S. (Aberdeen) 10:35 a.m.
  - Montesano H. S. 1:30 p.m.

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Cagers Share Evergreen Crown with PLC; Win NAIA Bid

Although the Vik basketball team was forced to share the Evergreen championship with its Tacoma rival, Pacific Lutheran College, the 1959-1960 basketball season was the most successful one in recent memory. Compiling an over-all record of 19 wins and 7 losses, Coach Jack Hubbard's mixture of five transfer students, three lettermen, and four freshmen proved, in the course of the season, that they were very much a team.

While the regular season had its exciting moments, they were nothing in comparison with the bedlam that broke loose when the Viks and Lutes tangled for the right to represent the Northwest in the NAIA finals at Kansas City. After losing the first game, 81-71, the Tacoma team rallied for a second night victory, only to have their work go for naught in a tense rubber game which the Viks eventually won, 82-76. In addition to their wins over PLC, the Viks had beaten Seattle Pacific to qualify for Northwest District No. 1 representation.

Ron Crowe, Western's candidate for Little All-America honors, was the star of the team. In scoring 316 points he narrowly topped Chuck Curtis' old record of 314 points.

In the four-game tournament which preceded the trip to Kansas City, Crowe garnered 79 points. Good as was Crowe's record in the series, however, it was the sparkling play of Herman Washington, a freshman, and Ron Saltis, a junior, which inspired the Viks. In the final Lute game Washington managed to grab 13 rebounds off the board, while Saltis scored 39 points in the four games. The top scorer in the final game was Jim Greer with 24 points.

A great deal of credit for the team's fine performance must be given to Coach Jack Hubbard. The hard work which went into the development of this year's champions should be partly repaid next fall, for only four men—Ron Crowe, Jim Greer, Ed Vadset, and Derm Cunningham—will be missing when the basketball season resumes.

Trampoliners Bounce

With competitive sports absorbing the interest of most students, little consideration is given gymnastics in the athletic curriculum. An attempt was made, early in March, to correct that situation with the holding of a trampoline clinic in conjunction with the regular class in Gymnastics and Tumbling.

Miss Ruth Hull, gymnastics instructor at WWCE, arranged to have five trampolines displayed for the use of teachers and students in the Whatcom county area. Rich Harris, a former gymnastics coach from California, demonstrated a variety of trampoline stunts which the students, many of them from neighboring senior and junior high schools, quickly aped.

Spring Sports Schedule Announced

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Rugby Team Plays Set in California

The Western Rugby team climaxcd its 1960 season with a tournament trip to California during the spring vacation. Although not recognized as an "official" WWCE sport, rugby has become popular with local spectators for its fast, rough action, when the team received an invitation to compete in Monterey against such schools as Stanford and UCLA. Coach Lorne "Joe" Davies and his players tuned to the school for the necessary funds. With almost $1,000 in the coffers, Davies, who doubles as Varsity football coaching assistant, and Jack Sim, a Little All-America football honorable mention, raised enough additional money from the team members to make the spring bus trip a reality.

Swimmers Take Second In Conference Meet

Western's tankers, after a so-so season of two wins and two losses, gained face with a strong second place finish in the conference meet held on March 4 and 5 at the University of Puget Sound.

Starring for the Vik team were Dean Aspinal, Don Hanna, and Carl Zapfe. Aspinal, a Little All-America in 1959, had received Little All-America honors in their freshman and sophomore years at Fullerton, California, Junior College. Hanna, with a surprising 24 point margin, was clearly the best diver in the meet.

Zapfe's tie for first in the 200 meter individual medley, and Aspinal's win in the 100 meter backstroke, contributed to Western's total score of 113 points. UPS, always a contender in any swimming meet, squeaked by this time with a total of 113 points.
The 1960 Western student is apparently more mature than his counterpart of a generation ago, if we are to judge from the capture on a copy of the 1928 WWCSE Student and Faculty Directory. In that year students were listed under the headings of "girls" and "boys." Five faculty members listed in the directory are still as associated with the college: Lucy Kangle, Ruth Platt, Florence (Johnson) Kirkpatrick, Hazel Plymouth, and Leona Sundquist.

1903 Mrs. Ida F. (Pillman) Millikan writes to tell of her delight in seeing a photograph of Western's first faculty, for "I had classes under each of the teachers in this picture." Mrs. Millikan graciously corrects us for giving Mrs. Miller's name as Aradana rather than Avadana. We agree with Mrs. Millikan that Miss Millet was a very beautiful woman; her fine features above a high-collared blousc indicate that Western had its own Gibson Girl 60 years ago. We wonder, too, how long it has been since a Western student has been able to take a course from every teacher on the faculty, Classes of '10 through '20 please note.

We in the alumni office welcome these old pictures. And while we're on the subject of history, perhaps some of our readers can explain to a curious new Westerner just how a tardy student got his one horse-power buggey up High Street on an icy day back in "taughty-aught." Did horses wear ice shoes?

1946 Word has been received that Charlene Patmore was married recently in Cairo, Egypt, to Ed Peattie, a petroleum engineer. Charlene's honeymoon trip included stops in Rome, Spain, Switzerland, and Lebanon. The Peatties will make their home in Abqaiq, Saudi Arabia. Mr. Peattie is well known for his work in the science fiction field, and Charlene recently took first place in the summer art show of the Dhahran Art Group.

1947 Dick Sanders writes that he is working for his Ph.D. degree in psychology at the University of Arkansas under a Fellowship from the National Defense Education Act. Dick taught in the Denver Public School system, and also in Wyoming and Arizona. He intends to teach at the university level for a few years before going into the field as a Public School Psychologist.

1949 Ann Theg Brown writes from Panama City, Florida, that she misses the Northwest. She's secretary of the Panama City branch of the American Association of University Women and consultant to a magazine published by Tyndall Air Force Base Officers' Wives' Club.

1952 Paul Norman is finding that his work with the Inter-American Geodetic Survey keeps him pretty much on the go. When he was a senior, Paul obtained an interview with the Interior Department, and was offered a position with the government on the Geodetic Survey.

1954 Mal Schell studied at the University of Washington last summer under a $975 grant from the Newspaper Fund, Inc. Mel, who was in the first group of 25 to receive the Wall Street Journal grant, is teaching in the Missoula, Montana, schools in what he refers to as "a beautiful plant."

1957 Roland G. Buchler, M.Ed. '57, was recently appointed Curriculum Assistant in Charge of the Instructional Materials Center in Claremore, Oklahoma. Public School System Mr. Buchler had taught at Port Angeles from 1952 to 1959.

1958 R. N., "Dick" Hall, M.Ed., is teaching Industrial Arts, with the rank of assistant professor, at the State University of New York Teachers College in Oswego.

1959 Jon MacKinnon writes that he has been working since last fall as a Recreation Consultant to the Community Program Branch, Department of Education, East Kootenay, B.C. Jon is busy conducting leadership schools, clinics, and workshops, a new idea in British Columbia. In January he married a nurse in Victoria, B.C., and she is now working in the Cranbrook, B.C. hospital.

Karen Olson, a first grade teacher at Brookside Elementary School, Shoreline School District, assisted in the school dedication ceremonies on Feb. 3. Miss Olson presented a brief essay on "What a School Means to Me."

Lois Souda participated in a panel discussion at the APSS Puget Sound regional meeting on January 21. Miss Souda represented the beginning Junior High School teacher and discussed the pre-service and in-service needs of first year teachers.

Western Finds Charley

"Where's Charley," the musical comedy made famous by Ray Bolger, was presented in the College Auditorium on Feb. 18 and 19. Tom Aston, as Charley, was the star of the show, and Gladys MacLean was a particularly effective foil in the role of Amy, Charley's girl friend. Jim Hamilton appeared as Jack, Martha Hinchcliff as Kitty, and Dave Hubert was Sir Francis. The zany antics of Spettigue were delightfully rendered by John Schermehorn.

Assisting Dr. Gregory in the direction of the show were Mark Flanders, technical director, Dr. Gerald Cohen, choreographer, and Bob Duvall, musical director. Immediately after the show Dr. Gregory went to Detroit, where he will direct an experimental theater group during his leave of absence from Western.

Recently the Alumni Scholarship Fund at Western received a contribution in honor of Mrs. Francis M. Cory from Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Kaufman and Mr. and Mrs. Marion O. Turner. Mrs. Cory, nee Ivy Shaw Birney, taught in the Bellingham area about 60 years ago.
Alumni Banquet To Be Replaced By Class Reunions

Informal class reunions will replace WWC's Annual Alumni Banquet, beginning immediately.

The decision to eliminate the Annual Alumni affiay from the college schedule was recommended to the college administration by the Faculty Alumni Committee, and was approved by the Alumni Board at its meeting in Seattle on Saturday, March 19.

The College Alumni Office will make every effort to assist groups of alumni who wish to plan reunions of classes and groups of classes, not only in the spring, but throughout the year.

This assistance can be offered in several ways. Since the alumni mailing list is identified by years, any group planning a banquet can send an announcement to class members through the college alumni mailing facilities. The Alumni Office will make arrangements for space, and will make meal reservations if advance payment for tickets is planned. Speakers from the college faculty can be provided. Any alumni who is interested can get further information by writing to M. A. Allan, Alumni Director at the College.

The recommendation that the Annual Alumni Banquet be suspended was made by the Faculty Alumni Committee after an examination of the attendance records of the past five banquets had shown that only from 40 to 60 alumni had been on hand for the affair.

Alumni officers will attend the annual Senior Banquet June 3, to welcome the Class of 1960 into the Association. President Harvey Colbertson was instructed by the Alumni Board to see that a delegation of alumni officers was in attendance.

Alumni Board Requests

Office Space at College

Members of the Alumni Board, the college faculty, and a delegate from the Associated Students spent a busy morning together on Saturday, March 19, at the regular spring meeting of the officers of the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association officers drafted a request to the Student Union Board that office space be set aside in the Union Building for the Association, and that Room 6 in the lower floor of the building be made available as a place to keep alumni momentos and upon occasion for small alumni gatherings. If this request is granted, Western's Alumni will have a home of their own on the campus for the first time. An additional request for space to be assigned permanently as an Alumni Office and Lounge from the area on the ground floor of the College Commons was also transmitted to the college administration.

The Board discussed the change from an Annual Alumni Banquet to a series of class reunions and representation at the Senior Banquet with Pat Allan, Stewart Van Wingerden, and Clark Brown, members of the Faculty Alumni Committee; with Dr. August Radke, Commencement Chairman; and with Jack Rebourn.

The Board heard a report from Art Runestrand, chairman of the Homecoming cabaret dance, that the second such dance, held last fall, made a profit. This profit was turned over to the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

SUMMER REGISTRATION

ADVISEMENT AND SCHEDUling:

For Graduates on campus, beginning on May 7, by appointment only.

For Undergraduates (by mail), May 16 to June 10. The registrar's office will be open on Saturday mornings during May.

Payment of fees and completion of Registration for all will take place on June 20. Classes will begin on June 21.

Highline Region Alums Hold Cabaret Dance

WVC Alumni have held their first regional cabaret dance.

Ed Bailey, chairman of the Highline unit reports that ex-Vikings in his area who attended the affair enjoyed themselves so much that they plan to repeat the affair annually.

The dance, held February 6 in the Junior Chamber of Commerce Hall in Kent, was attended by 35 couples. Purpose of the event was to initiate a campaign whereby alumni in the area will sponsor a WVC scholarship.

Members of the dance committee were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Armbrust, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Minahan.

The Highline region alums are planning a picnic in the spring. All WVCCE grads in the area who would like more information about this event, or who want to become a member of the Highline unit are asked to write to Ed Bailey, 1503 West Thistle St., Seattle, or telephone Ed at Seattle, WEst 5-9004.

How about units in other areas planning such affairs?

To Bring the BEST to Western...

Faced with keen competition from other higher institutions For the matriculation of highly capable young people, Your College is reminded in yet another way That you have to pay more for the best.

President Jarrett asks on page 8 for a contribution To bring truly outstanding students, The cream of the cream, To your College. Will you help generously — to bring the best to Western?

Please tear out the coupon on the dotted line, Fill it in, And mail it to the Alumni Office with your check.

Western Concert Band Tours During Vacation

The WWCE Concert Band appeared before an estimated 10,000 high school students in presenting their annual tour from March 21 to March 26. Under the direction of Jerome Glass of the Music department, the students gave fourteen concerts in thirteen communities of Western Washington.

The band's itinerary included stops in Bothell, Bellevue, Highline, Kent, Winslow, Silverdale, Poulsbo, Castle Rock, Longview, Chehalis, Centralia, Olympia, and Amanda Park. The only evening performance of the entire tour was presented at Amanda Park, where the audience included high school musicians and the general public from the entire western coast of the Olympic Peninsula.

Included on the touring band's roster were ten musicians from the Bellingham area: Jean Bea, Ernie Hinds, Bill Ferris, Wolt Gainer, Terry Robinson, Wayne Richter, Don Richter, Jim Wilson, Rand Peterson, and Howard Bass.

Other Whatcom county players appearing with the band were Joanne Fassett and Harry Weldon of Ferndale and Bill Assink of Lynden.

The members of the band are graduates of forty different high schools, representing seven states and British Columbia.

Choir Active in April Concert

The College Choir and Concert Chorale will be active during the month of April. On April 8 the Choir and Chorale will give a concert at 8:15 p.m. in the Auditorium, with Rodney Mercado, violinist, assisting. Mr. Mercado is on the staff of the WWCE Music department.

On April 20 the Choir will join the Bellingham Civic Symphony in a program of purely contemporary music. Included in the evening's entertainment will be a performance of Howard Hanson's celebrated "Song of Democracy."
Many Western Alumni have by now visited the Viking Union, which may well be the handsomest structure of its kind in the Northwest, but only those who have recently been to the campus will have seen the leveling operations on both sides of the Union, making way for the fine new Student Bookstore on one side and the Commons on the other. Soon ground will be broken for the two new units of men's dormitories near Highland Hall and these, we are assured, will be ready for occupancy next September. The larger new dormitory for women, below Edens, will take considerably longer to construct. And plans are now going forward for a four hundred bed dormitory to be ready for the Freshmen of 1962.

Nor is this all the building. Traffic from High Street to Twenty-first Street now bumps over a temporary road which has been carved out to make room for the huge new gymnasium building, which we hope will be finished in time for at least part of next year's basketball season.

Undoubtedly the most serious building need for the college, aside from dormitories, is an addition to the library. The present structure was built in 1928 for a student population (and a book population, one might say) smaller than we now have—to say nothing of the future. As the faculty library committee put it, “The library is perhaps the only place where the student may increase his knowledge as he wills, may research and evaluate and judge, and if necessary refute or modify what his instructors teach him. In this latter sense the library must provide the greatest possible resources for the student’s use; in this sense, above all, the library is the intellectual center of the college world.” What is now increasingly apparent is that this center is far too small. Not only to house the books and the journals and the pamphlets, but to provide the many many services which are now required, the library is the intellectual center of the college world.

Although there is no apparent abatement of the discussion, the conversations from time to time bear fruit: some portion of the debate is terminated, decisions are made, and attention shifts to effecting the change. Thus, a new general education program has been decided upon and now the queries are: how can we manage the transition from the old to the new requirements? What additional staff members are needed to teach the new courses? What books should be assigned for this course or that? And the conversation continues.

But let me illustrate with a concrete example. One feature of the new program is an integrated Humanities course which will carry six hours of credit for each of four successive quarters. In each of the quarters the students will be hearing lectures, and looking at works of art. After hearing at 9:00 a.m. a lecture by a Historian on the Wars between the Persians and the Greeks, the student may at 10:00 find himself discussing the account by Herodotus under the supervision of a teacher from English or Philosophy; the following day he may listen to a lecture, illustrated by slides, on Hellenic sculpture and architecture. This kind of integration does not, of course, just happen. It has to be made to happen and that means meetings and still more meetings.

Then there are “structural” changes. News may have reached you by now that such new, independent departments as History, Geography, Economics (together with Government and Business), Sociology-Anthropology, and Psychology have been created. Others have been authorized and will appear soon.

A pilot program for some eighteen or nineteen “honors” Freshman has been devised and is being conducted during Spring Quarter, under the supervision of Messrs. Mayer, Taylor, Flora, and Mendel. From this experience, which features an exceptionally heavy reading program with colloquia, will emerge plans for an expanded program next year.

Of especial concern right now is our scholarship program. Not only are there still many bright American youth who for economic reasons do not go to college, but also to an increasing extent colleges and universities are bidding for the academically talented high school seniors. The college that has a restricted scholarship program will, regardless of its own merits, suffer in comparison with those colleges which are able to offer a number of grants to defray the expenses of fees, books, and even board and room.

From all sides we are buffeted by news of teacher shortages both present and future. Even more important than quantitative shortages is the well-grounded concern over the failure of the profession of Education to attract into its fold its proper share—which is to say a very large share—of the ablest young people. It seems to me that those of us who are identified with the profession have a certain responsibility to display the career of the teacher in its best light, to show its joys without hiding its difficulties. And, unless I am seriously mistaken, we have the further responsibility of helping in a more material sense.

I am told that Western Alumni, unlike the alumni of nearly all other institutions, have seldom, if ever, been asked for substantial contributions to the College. A recent bulletin from the American Council on Education tells that “Gifts from alumni continue to be the greatest single source of voluntary support for education,” reaching last year almost $200 million. “The average gift in 1958-59 was $114.94.” Discounting gifts for buildings, the average gift was $32.86. Although appreciative of scholarships which have been supported by the Alumni Association, many of us believe that the time has come to make better known our needs and to ask more generous support. All of us receive many requests for financial support of charitable health, and religious organizations—all of them worthy, doubtless. But one’s own college surely has its legitimate claims to make for help in attracting at least its proper share of academically talented students. Money is by no means the only way of helping, but it is a good way; consequently, you will find a coupon in this issue of Western Reports.