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Coming Events

May 1, 2—Play—"Juno and the Paycock" by Sean O'Casey, 8:15 p.m., Old Main Theater.

May 4—United Nations Special Series—"What was the United Nations Formed to Be?" Film: "Pattern for Peace," Speaker, The Rev. Robert Walker, 8 p.m. Viking Union Lounge.

May 4—Exhibit of Scandinavian Design — 7:30-9:30 p.m., Room 101, Old Main.

May 8—Viking Yacht Club Regatta —Lake Whatcom.

May 9—Council of Churches Choir —8:15 p.m., College Auditorium.

May 10–June 10—Student Art Exhibit. Seniors and fifth-year students exhibit paintings, sculpture, graphics and crafts, 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 12 noon-5 p.m. Sat., Art Gallery.

May 12—Great Books film—"For Whom the Bell Tolls," 6:30 p.m., Humanities Lecture Hall 4.

May 14—Art Film—"Breathless" and "Circle of the Sun," 8 p.m., College Auditorium.

May 16—WWSC Team on G-E College Bowl—5:30 p.m., NBC-TV.

May 19—Student Recital—3 p.m., Auditorium Music 1.

May 27-19—Opera—"The Ballad of Baby Doe" by Douglas Moore and John Latouche, 8:15 p.m., College Auditorium.

June 2—Student Recital—3 p.m., College Auditorium.

June 4—Art Film—"Sound of Trumpets" and "That's Me," 8 p.m., College Auditorium.

June 7-8-9-10—Final Examinations.

June 11—Commencement.

Parents' Letters to Legislators
Effective in Toning Down Tuition Bill

Ralph Munro, president of the Associated Students, said recently that the response from parents to an appeal for support to hold down a tuition increase was "quick and dramatic."

"We feel this had a very positive effect on the legislators in Olympia," Munro remarked, "and I want to express my appreciation to those parents who took the time to write their senators and representatives."

Munro started the appeal to parents when it looked like a bill in the state legislature to raise tuition and fees in the three state colleges would pass. He had several thousand post cards printed and made them available to students who, in turn, mailed them to their parents.

The post cards asked parents to write their legislators "protesting the proposed tuition and fee increase for Western Washington State College." More than 1,000 letters were sent to Olympia by parents.

The bill was amended to leave any increase in tuition fees in the hands of the Board of Trustees at each state college. It also set a maximum on an increase, raising this from $77 to $88 a quarter for residents and from $105 to $157 for out-of-state students.

Western's Board of Trustees has taken no action on an increase and has gone on record with the Boards of Eastern and Central Washington State Colleges reaffirming their position that "tuition and fees be kept as low as possible."

Before the tuition bill was amended, Munro said, legislators planned to deduct from the college's operations budget the amount of revenue that a tuition and fee increase would produce. At the same time, the staffing formula was reduced from 91 per cent to 87 per cent in the first year of the biennium and 83 per cent the second year.

"What we strongly opposed was paying more for our education and getting a lower quality," Munro said. "The reduction in the staffing formula means more students for each professor and the close contact we have had with professors in the past would begin to disappear."

Munro referred to a nationally accepted staffing formula which specifies 1 professor for each 20 freshmen and sophomores, 1 for each 13 juniors and seniors, and 1 for each 7 graduate students. Western is now at 91 per cent of a full complement.

Earlier in his battle to hold down tuition, Munro collected 3,000 signatures from students protesting any increase. He took these to Olympia and showed them to the Whatcom County delegation and to sponsors of the bill. The petition urged that the legislature "continue to recognize the need for not limiting college opportunity on the basis of ability to pay. We therefore respectfully request that no additional barriers be added to achieving a college education for the young people of the state of Washington."

Munro is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Munro of Route 1, Bainbridge Island.
Western Reports to Parents is designed to inform parents of Western students about the college—its program, facilities, faculty, and of course, students. It is published quarterly during the academic year. Faculty and administrators appreciate hearing from parents and they will be glad to answer any inquiries parents may have.

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General News

Nearly 500 seniors will be awarded the Bachelors Degree during ceremonies in Carver Gymnasium on June 11. Another 72 students will be awarded the Masters Degree.

Following a practice started last year, the ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m. so they may be concluded before the heat settles into the cavernous gymnasium.

Ernest W. Campbell, superintendent of schools in Seattle, will deliver the commencement address. Campbell is retiring at the end of this school year.

At the end of the ceremonies, the graduates will march to Memory Walk in front of Old Main where they will deposit their last student body cards in a receptacle and sing “Auld Lang Syne.” A marble block inscribed with the year of graduation will be sunk into Memory Walk over the receptacle with the student body cards, a copy of the yearbook and student newspapers, photographs, and other materials. The memory walk tradition was started in 1913.

A reception by the president and faculty for graduates, their families, and guests will follow at noon in the Viking Union and the Viking Commons.

Admission to the commencement ceremonies is by invitation card only. Up to five cards have been made available to each of the graduates. Tickets are not required for the reception.

Six students will graduate Magna Cum Laude while 18 others will graduate Cum Laude. They are:

- MAGNA CUM LAUDE: Erma VanMeter Berkley, Bellingham; Carolyn Ingrid Johnson, Ferndale; Constance Margaret Keil, Longview; Janet Elizabeth Mills, Arlington; Elaine Jean Olson, Lakewood; and Portia Lea Price, Bremerton.

- CUM LAUDE: Brenda Sue Benjuh, Chehalis; James Ronald Bookey, Bellingham; Margaret E. Cluchy, Tacoma; Roseanne Crosley, Sedro-Woolley; Dian Janeene Frederickson, Seattle; Molly Ann Gerhard, Des Moines.

- CUM LAUDE: Rena Johnson Guerin, Everson; Ronald Lee Hendricks, Port Angeles; Cherie Arlene LaRue, Port Angeles; Connie Jean Martin, Bremerton; Linda J. Olsen, Bremerton; Elaine Patricia Pearmain, Tacoma.

- Erma J. Price, Lynden; Nancy Anne Quirt, Seattle; Charles Bruce Summers, Tacoma; Doreen Dell Texmo, Bellingham; David Von Wahl, Acme; and Elizabeth Marion Walter, Bellingham.

In a recent study of the freshman drop-out at Western, the college’s Bureau of Institutional Research drew these tentative conclusions:

1. While about half of the entering freshmen failed to return to Western for a second year, roughly 60 per cent of them are academically successful, i.e., they have a 2.0 grade average or above. Of the academically successful, slightly more than half transferred to other colleges. When a drop-out is defined as an academically successful student who is not attending any college, the first year drop-out rate at Western is about 10 per cent of the entering freshmen.

2. The drop-out rate among freshmen in Teacher Education is about 5 per cent and there is no evidence to indicate that the rate is different for men and women.

3. The drop-out rate for women in Arts and Sciences and in Transfer Programs is greater than for men, and the rate for Arts and Sciences students is greater than that for students in Transfer Programs.

4. The highest drop-out rate occurs among women in Arts and Sciences, which is about 25 per cent. This is higher than for other programs.

5. The study did not suggest any explanation for differences in drop-out rates.

6. Excluding “Transfer to another college” as a reason for leaving Western, the most frequently cited reason for leaving is “Financial problems.”

7. “Dissatisfaction with college” is cited as the reason for leaving Western by 17 per cent of the academically successful students who did return, and nearly all of these are women. The reasons for dissatisfaction varied with no one standing out more than others.

The study was conducted by questionnaire to a random sample of 457 students who entered as freshmen in 1962.

An inspection team has checked Western’s newest research device, a neutron generator, and found that operating procedures and safety precautions are adequate.

The generator, purchased last year for $18,000 with funds from the National Science Foundation and the college, is operating in Haggard Hall of Science.

The inspection team—David Corey, a health physicist at the University of Washington, and T. M. Libby, radiac coordinator, both of Puget Sound Naval Shipyard—inspected the equipment on the campus before they submitted their report.

One of a dozen in the United States, the generator is expected to be used by graduate students for research. This quarter four seniors in physics and four of the faculty have access to the generator.

After measuring radiation intensity in areas surrounding the neutron generator, the two specialists concluded that the radiation count was well below exposure standards set by the Atomic Energy Commission.

They also said that the shielding around the generator provides adequate protection for personnel. The shielding consists of four-foot thick concrete walls and ceiling with thick slabs of aluminum at critical points inside the shielded area.

The report was directed to WWSC’s Radiation and Radiation Safety Committee, a standing committee appointed by the college administration to insure that safety practices are maintained for all activities on the campus involving radiation.

New Buildings

Preliminary plans for a $2.4 million math-science-computer annex, to be constructed across Campus Drive from Carver Gymnasium, were approved recently by the Board of Trustees. Funds were provided as part of a $4
The new construction consists of two buildings, each in grants for research, equipment, summer institutes, and special training programs. The money has come from government agencies, private foundations, Canadian provinces, and states other than Washington. The appointment was made as a result of the large increase in research commitments of the college which has received a $1,000 grant to participate in a research program at Iowa State University during the summer. The program is supported by the National Science Foundation. Dr. Hal Karason of the Philosophy Department was appointed Director of General Studies by the Board of Trustees recently. In the new position, Karason will advise on staffing needs, sections and curriculum and head the general education program.

When the College-Civic Symphony gathered on the stage of the auditorium during early April, it was conducted by its founder and organizer for the last time. Dr. Frank D'Andrea, Music Department chairman at WWSC who organized the orchestra in 1947, stepped down as conductor after the performance. D'Andrea has led the 74-member symphony since its founding through three performances a year. Dr. Thomas Osborn, who joined the music faculty as a clarinetist and instructor in music history in 1962, will take over as conductor beginning in the fall. D'Andrea will remain as chairman and will teach general music and music education.

The Lighter Side

How to Win Grades and Influence Professors

1. Bring the professor newspaper clippings dealing with his subject. If you don't find clippings dealing with his subject, bring in clippings at random. He thinks everything deals with his subject.
2. Look alert. Take notes eagerly. If you look at your watch, don't stare at it unbeliefingly—and never shake it.
3. Nod frequently and murmur, “How true.” To you, this seems exaggerated. To him, it's quite objective.
4. Sit in front, near him. This applies only if you intend to stay awake.
5. Laugh at his jokes. You can tell, if he looks up from his notes and smiles expectantly, he has told a joke.
6. Ask for outside reading. You don't have to read it—just ask for it.
7. If you must sleep, arrange to be called at the end of the hour. It creates an unfavorable impression if the rest of the class has left, and you sit there alone, dozing.
8. Be sure the book you read during the lecture looks like a book from the course. If you do math in psychology class and psychology in math class, match the books for size and color.
9. Ask any questions you think he can answer. Conversely, avoid announcing that you have found the answer to a question he couldn't answer, and in your brother's second grade reader, at that.
10. Call attention to his writings. This produces an exquisitely pleasant experience associated with you. If you know he's written a book or an article, ask in class if he wrote it.
Students

Four students have been selected to represent Western on the General Electric College Bowl in New York May 16. The program will be live and in color at 5:30 p.m. on NBC-TV.

Students are:
Karen Andersen, 20-year-old sophomore from Seattle. An honors student and a sociology-anthropology major, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Andersen of 4914 32nd Ave. N.E.
Richard Araway, 21, a senior majoring in psychology. Also a member of the honors program, Araway plans to do graduate study at the University of Illinois next year and to become a college teacher. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Araway of Route 3, Ferndale.
Don Des Jardien, 22, a senior with a history major and a political science minor. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don E. Des Jardien, Route 5, Box 660-C, Everett.
Jon C. Reeves, 22, a senior with a double major in physics and mathematics. Also planning to be a college instructor, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Reeves, 3024 170th S.W., Alderwood Manor.

Two alternates are Robert Helgoe, 22, a psychology honor student from Bellingham. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Helgoe of 1801 20th St., and Robert Wade, 22, a philosophy and history senior from Bainbridge Island. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorin T. Wade, P.O. Box 231.

Dr. Herbert C. Taylor, associate dean of research, is the faculty coach. A student committee has worked closely with Dr. Taylor in the selection of team members.

Western has been staging its own "College Bowl" the past two years with teams competing locally against one another and against other colleges in the state. The team members and alternates have been practicing three times a week in the Viking Union with particular emphasis on reaction time. Western's opponent will not be known until the Sunday preceding the team's appearance.

The winning team on the program receives $1,500 in scholarship money for the college and the loser receives $500. A winning team may continue to play a maximum of five games.

A one-minute color film of the campus will be shown during half-time with the team captain doing the narration. The captain is still to be selected.

All expenses for the team and the coach are paid by General Electric, including flight, hotel, meals, a Broadway play of the team's choice and incidental costs.

A Bellingham senior has been awarded a National Institute of Health scholarship to attend the graduate biostatistics program at the University of Washington. She is Virginia King, a 1961 graduate of Bellingham High School. The scholarship, for $2,520 a year plus tuition, will permit her to work toward an advanced degree in mathematics and biostatistics.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. King, 1910 James Street.

A Current Affairs Briefing Center is being planned to open in the Viking Union next fall. A student committee led by Linda Medcalf, a junior from Hoquiam, is gathering information on teletype service, conference phone hook-ups, news periodicals, magazines, maps and other equipment for the Center.

"The purpose of the Center is to bring news in depth to the students, catch their interest, and keep them aware of current events," Miss Medcalf said.

When a major event occurs, the Center plans to have an in-depth discussion set up within 24 hours of the event. Faculty members are being polled for information about their special interests and their willingness to participate when needed. Faculty members and students with specialties in the area of each major event would be called upon to lead the discussions.

Blair Paul, a political science major from Seattle, was elected president of the Associated Students late winter quarter.

Paul won the office over Clark Drummond, also of Seattle, by less than 100 votes. Some 1,750 students cast ballots, a record 42 per cent of the college's 4,150 students.

Paul, a senior, is an ASB legislator, an officer in the Young Democrats, and an officer in his residence hall. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Paul, 6810 31st N.E.

Other ASB officers for the 1965-66 year went to Ken Riddell, a junior economics major from Blaine, executive vice president; and Brent Hayrynen, a sophomore business education major from Toledo, Wash., program vice president. Riddell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. K. Riddell of Box 328 and Hayrynen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Einar Hayrynen, Box 214.

Four students elected to the ASB Legislature were Denny Freeburn, a political science major from Seattle; Thomas Anderson, a sophomore history major from Seattle; David Goforth, a freshmen political science major from Bellingham; and Guy Hager, a sophomore political science major from Bellingham.

Blair Paul Ken Riddell Brent Hayrynen

Officers of the Associated Women Students will be Sherrie Seibold of Olympia, president; Marilyn Riste of Tacoma, vice president; Eva Watson of Paulsbo, secretary; and Janna Brown of Bellingham, treasurer.

Associated Men Students officers will be Neal Suckerman of Seattle, president; Ralph Burba of Edmonds, vice president; Craig Hill of Mercer Island, secretary; and Ken Culver of Tacoma, treasurer.