MEMORANDUM

To: The Alumni of Western

From: Jerry Flora, President

Subject: Growth

For many years, in harmony with the will of the state, Western has maintained a policy of admitting all applicants who meet its students admission standards. The only effective limit has been the capacity of the community to provide housing. For many years, the projected enrollments provided by the State Census Board used in funding the colleges were quite close to the actual enrollments realized. Thus, for example, between 1957 and 1967 our funded level was always sufficient that any overages were easily absorbed.

In 1968, however, the situation changed dramatically. Our local projections for Higher Education Facilities purposes were much higher than those put forward by the then newly established Planning and Community Affairs Agency. Despite our best efforts, we failed to change the projections. In fall quarter, 1968, Western enrolled some 500 more students than were projected and funded. An appeal by myself for emergency funds from the Governor’s reserve could not be granted for lack of money, and we absorbed the additional burden. This absorption led to the exhaustion of our local reserves.

We now begin 1969 with a similar but more serious problem than last year. Once again projections were received which, in our view, were unrealistically low. Once again, we protested and this time were effective in changing the number projected from 7,500 to 7,550. It was our view that a minimum projection of 8,150 was in order. The legislature and the Governor nevertheless funded Western for fall, 1969, at the level of 7,550 and for fall, 1970, at 7,900 students.

At the present time, 8,634 day students are attending Western. This represents an unfunded excess of 1,000 students—roughly equivalent to our absorbing Whitworth College at no cost to the state of Washington. This is an increase of 17 per cent over the 7,211 students registered at Western for fall, 1968, and 36 per cent above fall quarter enrollment two years ago.

If we continue our traditional enrollment practices, we could have as many as 9,500 students in fall, 1970, when our funded projection is 7,900.

To accommodate the students now upon us, unusual effort is required of the community and already a variety of stern measures have been and are being taken:

1. The academic dean has been instructed to meet with department chairmen to apprise them of the gravity of the situation and to solicit their support in meeting problems. This he has done, and Western at this point appears to be in a position to meet the student load by enlarging sections, adding sections and effecting economies that will allow, in the areas of greatest need, the hiring of additional part-time assistance.

2. The community was advised on August 27, 1969, that any full-time position then unfilled or which later became vacant would be held open for one month (unless such presented an unworkable situation) during which time the position is to be evaluated to determine whether the funds can better be used elsewhere. Under this approach, some monies have been recaptured and made available to the instructional program of Western.

3. Other savings are being sought through reduction in rental equipment, printing costs, etc., etc. These funds will be transferred to those areas where the (continued on page 2)
need is greatest and most fundamental to our instructional program.

But when all is said and done and we have assimilated the current over enrollment, we will be in an even more difficult situation next year—unless we receive a substantial adjustment in the January, 1970, special legislative session. In my view, two years is enough; a third year is too much to expect—if we are to maintain our integrity as a college. Accordingly, there are before us two possibilities: (1) We seek and receive a substantial appropriation during this academic year and continue our traditional admission policies or (2) We drastically curtail our fall, 1970, enrollment. I think we must make every effort to accomplish the first but be prepared to carry out the latter.

In October, strong efforts will be initiated to obtain the necessary adjustments to Western's enrollment for the second year of the biennium. But there is, of course, a real possibility these efforts will fail, for we must recognize that the state has a genuine financial problem. Therefore, we are immediately launching discussions which will result in a policy for limiting enrollment for fall, 1970, and which will be ready to announce by December 1, 1970—but to be used only if our first effort fails. I say this because when we arbitrarily and suddenly limit our enrollment, we have limited also the right of young people to attend the college of their choice and perhaps to attend at all. And in this, we must not be capricious.

I plan very soon to appoint, with the advice of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Council and others, a committee to make recommendations on how much and in what way enrollment limits for fall, 1970, can, if need be, be effected.

We are faced with a difficult problem which will require the patience and understanding of the entire community. The burdens of our faculty and staff are increasing, the anxieties of our students will be made greater by larger classes, problems of space will become more acute and parking a greater headache; but there is no question in my mind that we will be able to surmount these difficulties, as we have so many others, if we work together.

ETHNIC STUDIES COLLEGE

Trustees of Western have approved establishment of a new satellite college devoted to ethnic studies. In the same action, the trustees appointed Dr. Ronald Williams to the new position of dean to head the college.

The action of the trustees also established a policy board, comprised of administrators, faculty and students, which will work with the new dean in developing curriculum and determining policy. The program will permit an interdisciplinary approach to the study of ethnic problems.

According to Dr. Williams, there is a need for publications and research in the field of ethnic studies. "The results of Western's program will directly affect progress of this new discipline throughout the nation," he said.

Prior to his arrival at WWSC, Dr. Williams was an associate professor at the School of Hearing and Speech Sciences and Dean of Afro-American Affairs, Ohio University.

"The program will begin as a limited schedule of ethnic studies later in the 1969-70 academic year, involving 50 freshmen and a faculty of four," Dr. Williams said. "A curriculum consisting of 24 credit hours of study has already been established."

Included in the program will be field experiences, work-study programs, seminars and tutorials. Courses leading to a degree in ethnic studies will be offered. Any student in other academic departments at Western will be able to take courses in the program however, either as electives or as a minor in ethnic studies.

Subjects included in the curriculum will emphasize the history of ethnic groups, primarily Negro, American Indian and Mexican-American, in American society and in the world at large. It is expected that the program will attract students from all ethnic origins, creating a healthy ethnic mix.

"Specific courses might include such things as: personal and cultural identity, the changing character of social institutions, humanistic and scientific traditions in the cultures of man and approaches to group dynamics and human relations," Williams said.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Rudolph Knaack (Frances Ruth Derifield), August 23, 1969.

Walter R. Nichols, April, 1969.

Howard Breivik, September, 1969, in Concord, Calif.
Alumni Homecoming

EXTRAVAGANZA!

HOMECOMING '69

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12:
8:00 p.m. — Coronation of Homecoming Queen, Music Auditorium

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13:
8:00 p.m. — Homecoming Concert, Carver Gymnasium

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15:
11:30 a.m. — Pre-game Social Hour, Bellingham Golf & Country Club
1:30 p.m. — WWSC vs. Whitworth Football Game, Civic Field
4:00 p.m. — Bierstube, Norway Hall
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. — Dinner, Norway Hall
9:00 p.m. — Alumni Dance, Norway Hall
9:00 p.m. — Queen’s Ball, Carver Gymnasium

Send your check or money order to the Alumni Office, WWSC, Bellingham, Washington 98225.
CONTINUING STUDIES

The Department of Continuing Studies at Western is again offering off-campus classes in many communities throughout western Washington. Independent study programs are also available through the Continuing Studies Office.

Course offerings range throughout the arts and sciences and education. All persons who wish to inform themselves about various subjects are eligible to attend. All courses carry college credit and may apply to the fulfillment of fifth year requirements.

As the Department of Continuing Studies does not receive any state subsidies, all classes must be fully self-supporting. The usual cost is $12 per credit, payable at the time of registration. Courses that do not have sufficient enrollment to liquidate their costs must be dropped from the program.

If you would like to know of classes being held in your area of if you would like classes to be offered in the future, contact William F. Orme, Assistant Director of Continuing Studies, Western Washington State College, Bellingham, WA 98225.

ROLL CALL

'04 Ida Charroin Null has been retired from the Seattle schools since 1945 and is presently living in Panorama City near Olympia.

'13 Mrs. Adele Miller retired from teaching in 1936 and is residing in Odessa.

'14 Oleah Heise is living in a semi-retirement center in Seattle.

'17 Mrs. Elizabeth (Storme) White has retired after teaching in Snohomish County and in Seattle public schools. She is living in Seattle.

'22 Mrs. Ruth Matson retired from teaching in 1957 after 25 years' experience in Washington and Alaska.

'25 Sheldon Brooks, Sr., retired from teaching in June after 44 years of experience. He and his wife are living in Tacoma.

'29 Marie D. Hylen is living in Fairbanks where she has been teaching for 15 years... Mrs. Geraldine E. Jones (Geraldine E. Warren) retired from the San Bruno Park School District in San Bruno, Calif., in 1958. She is currently residing in Santa Rosa, Calif. ... Mrs. Katherine M. Nielsen is in her 30th year of teaching at Chehalis, where she is teaching third grade.

'31 Elizabeth Puterbaugh is teaching the transitional third grade at Grandview.

'38 Eugene G. Bremer has been awarded his M.Ed. from Western.

'40 Thomas Poe is currently superintendent of schools in Enumclaw.

'41 Dorothy Gates Whitmore received her D.Ed. from the University of Colorado in August.

'48 Dr. Marjorie Kingsley is on leave from Jersey City State College and is teaching in Auckland, New Zealand.

'49 Oliver D. Morris is with the General Electric Co. in the wire and cable department in Charlotte.

'50 Pauline M. Sandall was awarded her M.Ed. from Western in August.

'51 Irvin L. Rydberg and LeRoy Lund were awarded their M.Ed. degrees from Western in August.

'52 Carol J. Sperber received her M.Ed. from Western in August.

'54 Henry L. Howe has been awarded his M.Ed. degree from Western.

'59 Baldwin R. Hergenhahn is associate professor of psychology at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn. He has written the book A Self-Directing Introduction to Psychological Experimentation, which will be out in November.

'60 Walter L. Burge is working for the General Electric Co. in the atomic power equipment department in Santa Jose ... Michael S. Cline is working on his doctorate at the University of Oregon after teaching in Washington and Alaska.

'61 Roger Dollarhide is currently in the regional office administration with the Hartford Insurance Group in Santa Ana, Calif. Before this job he taught science and math in Seattle and California ... Richard F. Canfield and Marion M. Darragh received their M.Ed. degrees from Western in August.

'62 Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Byles (Judy, '60) are living in Olympia. She is a substitute teacher and he is a field representative for an inventor-manufacturer company ... Garry D. Matty is with the General Electric Co. in its overseas lamp department ... Mr. and Mrs. David Stuhr (Julie) are living in San Jose where she is teaching sixth grade and he is working on his doctorate at Stanford ... Warren Putas is teaching fifth grade at Chimacum ... Frank Anderson is teaching industrial arts at Chimacum ... Dallas S. Kloke and Dale C. Steele were awarded their M.Ed. degrees from Western in August.

'63 Bill Brooks received his M.Ed. in 1967 from San Jose State College and is teaching in Simi, Calif. ... Receiving their M.Ed. degrees from Western in August were Ronald G. Banick, Gary B. Gerhard and Molly A. Gerhard.

'64 Duane M. Loomis is with the Kennewick school district, where he teaches music in a junior high school ... Dr. John S. Chilson recently completed his Ph.D. degree at Ohio State University and has been named director of continuing education at Lower Columbia College in Longview ... Mrs. Barbara Stubbs is teaching special education at Aberdeen ... James F. Bloch is a special agent for the Hartford Insurance Co. in Spokane ... William G. Bloch is teaching in an armed forces dependents school in Germany ... The following were awarded their M.Ed. degrees from Western in August: Kent E. Gunnison,
Jerry E. Loreen, Mary I. Robinson, William P. Schoonover, Lawrence E. Thomas and Margaret J. Thomas.

'65 Colleen Perry is currently teaching physical education at the University of Washington. Clayton D. Crook is an assistant examiner with Seattle-First National Bank at its Seattle office. Steven B. Kager and Donald L. Mayor received their M.Ed. degrees from Western.

'66 Rick Kaps is the new baseball coach and assistant basketball coach at Sequim. He and his wife and small daughter moved to Sequim from Auburn, where he taught for three years. Mr. and Mrs. George M. Wells (Nikki Cole) are teaching in Las Vegas. She is teaching third grade; he is teaching junior high school social studies. Mr. and Mrs. John Barnett (Suellen L. Kahapea) are living in Port Townsend where he is counseling at the Boys' Detention Home. Mrs. Jeri Yearout is teaching second grade at Aberdeen...Norm Gregory, Jr., married Camille Kittle on August 16. They are living in Seattle where he is a disc jockey with KJR Radio. Perry Aiken is teaching eskimos under the Head Start program in Fairbanks. Jacqueline E. Linder became the bride of John C. Cain September 6...Elizabeth C. Alexander, Donna J. Berthelson, Toni P. Brown, Phylis M. Quinlin, Linda P. Thompson and Richard W. Thompson received their M.Ed. degrees from Western at the end of summer session.

'67 Roger Sandberg is advertising and public relations manager of Dean Machinery Co. in Kansas City. His wife, Mary, is teaching in the Kansas City School District. Mr. and Mrs. Eric Warn (Molly Barnett) are living in Moscow, Idaho, where he is working at the University of Idaho as associate news bureau editor and manager of special services. Tupper A. Jones is with the General Electric Co. in the process computer department in Phoenix. Ralph Nite is teaching sixth grade at Port Townsend...William R. Nelson and Sandra L. Cook were married recently in Seattle where they are now living. Stanley and Marilyn Jensen have completed their master's degrees at Western and are now living in Minneapolis where she is teaching senior high English and he is working on his doctorate. Steven C. Burkett and Marlene L. Graves received their M.A. degrees last summer at Western...Gail T. Aarstol and Thomas E. Sayles have received their M.Ed. degrees at Western...Dale R. Fransson received his M.S. degree this summer from Western.

'68 Mr. and Mrs. James D. Klein (Sandra Bartlett) are living in Monroe. He is teaching seventh grade math and coaching basketball and she is teaching third grade. Mr. and Mrs. James Joule (Barbara Rehnstrom) are living in Houston. He is working on his doctorate in marine biology. She was teaching fourth grade until their son was born. Mrs. Leonore Maitland is teaching junior high school at Port Townsend. Janis Olts is teaching third grade at Port Angeles. Cheryl Funk is teaching second grade at Bremerton. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kruckeberg (Carol Palmer) are teaching in Sequim for their second year. Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Perfrement (Eileen Bunkle) are now living in Federal Way where she is teaching junior high math and he is teaching junior high science in the Highline district. Mary Lou Ruthardt is teaching P.E. at Clark College, Vancouver. Bruce Katka has begun a two-year term of service teaching in Newfoundland under the Mennohnite Central Committee. Lawrence F. Gidner and Colleen L. Wendt were married on August 22. Leonard E. Zenonian received his M.S. degree at Western this summer...Owen F. Chase, James A. Higbee and Michael Neely received their M.Ed. degrees at Western this summer.

'69 Ann Kromann is teaching fourth grade in a low economic area of Jacksonville, Fla. Donald and Helen Dorn are in the Peace Corps and will be stationed in a small town, Minas de Corbalí, Uruguay, near the Brazilian border for two years.
MOVED RECENTLY?

Does the Alumni Association have your current address? If not, please complete the form below and return it to the Alumni Office, Western Washington State College, Bellingham, Washington 98225. If you have any news for Resume, please send it along with your change of address.

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