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Dr. August Zoet Assumes Alumni Post  
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HONORED ALUMNI

Dr. James H. Butler, chairman of the drama division of the School of Performing Arts of the University of Southern California and deMille Professor of Drama, was cited at the Alumni Day dinner on May 10 as an Outstanding Alumnus of Western Washington State College. Dr. Butler is a 1937 graduate of Western, who later earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from USC. He is presently president of the American Educational Theatre Association headquartered at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

President Charles J. Flora presented the award and read congratulatory telegrams, including one from Dr. Butler’s sister, Congresswoman Julia Butler Hansen of Washington.

Also cited at the alumni dinner was Arthur Runestrand for Distinguished Service to the Alumni Association. Mr. Runestrand was active in the Association from 1953 to 1966 as president for two terms, vice president and treasurer. He also has been a member of the board of directors of the Western Washington State College Foundation. The award was presented by retiring board member Ed Bailey of Seattle.

Outgoing president Hans Lorentzen passed the gavel to Dr. August G. Zoet who will serve for 1969-70 and was presented by Dr. Zoet with the president’s plaque.

Other events of Alumni Day included tours of the campus and reunions of the classes of 1919, 1944 and 1959.

NEW ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS

Elected to the Board of Directors of the Western Washington State College Alumni Association in the recent election were Willis Ball of Seattle, Mrs. Donna Barnhart of Bellingham, Dion Daggett of Tacoma, Mrs. Barbara Heller of Bellingham, Kenneth McAulay of Everson, LeRoy Lund of Chehalis and Mel Schell of Tacoma. They will serve three-year terms.

At the May 10 Board meeting, election of officers for the coming year were also held. Assuming the duties of president is Dr. August G. Zoet, Bellingham physician, who has served this past year as president-elect. The new president-elect is Dennis Freeburn, 1966 graduate who is presently a graduate student at Western. George V. Secor of Everett was chosen treasurer and Mrs. Doris Johnson of Kennewick was chosen executive-at-large.

Final approval was given to changes in the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws. Among the changes made were the conversion of the position of secretary to that of executive-at-large to indicate more properly the duties involved and the creation of the appointed office of regional coordinator to assist the college and alumni association in regions that are not represented by regular board members.

CREW IS GAINING

Western Washington State’s eight-oared shell rowed to its first victory May 3 against University of Puget Sound on Lake Samish, pulling to a one and a half length margin over the 2,000-meter course. The winning time was 6:39.

The Viking oarsmen also won the four-plus-coxswain race against the Loggers with a six-length advantage over the 1,000-meter distance in 3:23.

Showing continued improvement, the Viking eight-oared crew finished second behind the University of Washington in jayvee feature race of the Steward’s Cup Regatta on Seattle’s Lake Washington May 10.

The Viking crew finished some four lengths behind the Huskies but was ahead of the University of British Columbia and Pacific Lutheran University. The Viks had
lost to PLU in their first race last month.

Western placed third in the four-man shell race behind the Huskies and PLU. The Viks finished ahead of Oregon State and the Oregon Rowing Club.

**MC DONALD, ROMINE NAMED —**

Bill McDonald, dean of men at Western since 1946, will be named interim dean of students effective September 1, it was announced by President Charles J. Flora.

McDonald will replace Dr. James H. Hitchman who is resigning in September to take a position in Western's history department.

In addition to his duties as dean of men, McDonald has held a variety of positions since his arrival at Western upon leaving active duty with the Navy after World War II. His early assignments included that of football trainer and instructor of physical education. He was also track coach for two years and the Vikings' basketball coach until 1955.

In 1949 he was named assistant professor of physical education and attained the rank of associate professor in 1955. In 1959, to meet the demands of a growing institution, he was relieved of his teaching duties to devote full time to his post as dean of men.

“Dean Mac” has also been very active in civic affairs. He served on the Bellingham City Council for nine years and was president of that body in 1961. Among his other activities in the community, he served as president of the Whatcom County Tuberculosis Association in 1950 and 1951. In 1952, he was president of the Bellingham Central Lions Club. He has also served on the Whatcom County Regional Planning Council.

McDonald was born in Butte, Montana, in 1918 and attended high school in Seattle. He is a graduate of the University of Washington, having received a bachelor of arts degree in education from that institution in 1940 and a master of science in physical education in 1948. He also completed two years of graduate work beyond the master’s degree.

While attending the U of W as an undergraduate, he played varsity basketball under coach Hec Edmundson. He was captain of the basketball team his senior year.

Before entering the U. S. Navy, he taught at Stanwood and at Lincoln High in Seattle. During World War II, he served at various naval stations, including 1½ years spent as welfare officer at Adak Island in the Aleutians.

He currently holds the rank of captain in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

Filling the position vacated by McDonald's appointment will be Ray S. Romine, who will be named acting dean of men, also effective September 1. Romine served as director of residence hall programs at Western until September, 1968, when he left to complete course work leading to a doctorate degree at the University of Oregon.

**SCULPTURE FOR QUADRANGLE —**

A major piece of sculpture by internationally known sculptor Isamu Noguchi is scheduled to be located in the academic quadrangle on the Western campus by the time Miller Hall is dedicated in the fall.

The 12,000-pound piece, called “Sky - Viewing Sculpture,” will be mounted on four stainless steel pins in the quad outside the Miller Hall coffee shop. The sculpture will be fabricated in Seattle of welded steel plates in the form of an open, three-dimensional cube based on a square 10 feet on each side. It will be an “environmental” sculpture, in that it will be possible to walk around, through and under the piece.

The $10,000 sculpture follows the college commitment to incorporate art as part of each college building
contract, school officials explained. This piece has been commissioned by the art budget of Miller Hall and Bond Hall buildings. Other works of art are slated to be commissioned and commenced soon for the area.

Noguchi was born in Japan of an American mother and a Japanese father. He came to the United States at the age of 13 and got his first glimpse of America in Puget Sound at Seattle. He studied sculpture at the Leonardo da Vinci Art School in New York and went to Paris on a Guggenheim Fellowship at the age of 21.

Noguchi had a large show at the Whitney Gallery in New York in March of last year. His gardens and sculptures are known and respected internationally. He recently completed a 25-foot high cube in front of the Marine Midland Trust Company on Broadway in New York City, and he will soon complete a 9-foot diameter granite “Black Sun” for the city of Seattle on commission from the National Foundation for the Arts and Humanities. This large sculpture will be one of the three major outdoor works commissioned in America through the National Foundation.

He is currently in Japan working on a large complex of fountains for the Osaka World's Fair. He is also arranging for completion and shipment of his “Black Sun” to Seattle. He will be in Seattle in the coming months to supervise completion of “Sky-Viewing Sculpture” for Western and the installation of the “Black Sun” in Seattle’s Volunteer Park.

DOCTORATE IN EDUCATION

Governor Daniel J. Evans has signed a bill enabling Western to grant the doctor of philosophy degree in education.

Specifically, the bill authorizes Western to grant the doctorate in education “to any student who has completed a program of study and research in those areas which are determined by the faculty of the college and the board of trustees to be appropriate for the granting of such degree.”

Sponsored by Senate minority leader Frank Atwood of Bellingham, the legislation was amended in the House with the proviso that “such programs shall not commence prior to July 1, 1971, and provided further that if the Council on Higher Education shall have been created by the legislature, the inauguration of the program authorized by this section shall be subject to review of the Council.”

According to Dr. J. Alan Ross, dean of graduate studies at WWSC, the amendment will not significantly effect development of a doctorate program. “Even if the bill had not been amended, Western would not be likely to offer doctorate programs for about five years,” he said.

“Programs must be developed, faculty selected and existing programs and facilities modified,” Dr. Ross added. “Funds to permit implementation of the program will be sought from private and federal sources. State appropriations will not be sought until 1971.”

In commenting on the passage of the bill, Dr. Charles J. Flora, president of Western, said the action will enable the college to help meet the growing need for graduate-level education in the state. “We will be meeting the state’s needs in areas in which Western has strong programs and is able to contribute the most.”

Dr. Herbert Hite, chairman of Western’s education department, noted that doctorate programs will enable the college to prepare “teachers of teachers.”
ROLL CALL

'16 Jessie E. Snyder Plamondon is president of the Retired Teachers’ Association in Seattle and is working on plans for the state convention to be held June 9-11 in Wenatchee.

'48 Jack Hayward, superintendent of schools in Ketchikan, Alaska, since 1965, has been elected chairman of Alaska’s newly created Professional Teaching Practices Commission.

'49 U. S. Air Force Lt. Col. Wallace W. Keehr recently completed his 155th combat mission in Southwest Asia (Ubon Royal Thai AFB, Thailand). He will be reassigned to Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. . . . Owen Forbes has been named new superintendent of Everett schools, the state’s ninth largest school district.

'61 Mrs. Carol Schmidtke will be elementary librarian next year at Lincoln School in the Olympia School District . . . Donald J. Funes (M.A. ’63) completed a doctorate in musical arts at the University of Oregon in April and is teaching music at Oregon College of Education. His wife, Carolyn, is enrolled at OCE.

'62 George “Keoki” Rapozo will act as principal of the summer migrant school, Moses Lake, for the second consecutive year. Sponsored by the federal government, the school is for elementary age children of migrant farm workers and will run for six weeks beginning June 23.

'63 Marian Unger will be teaching in Mount Vernon schools next year . . . Judith M. Knudsen has been librarian at Landstuhl American Elementary School in Germany this year and after spending summer vacation in the States will return for the ’69-’70 school year. She has traveled extensively in Germany, England, Austria, Italy and Israel.

'64 Captain Roger K. Barenz has graduated from the training course for U. S. Air Force weapons controllers at Tyndall AFB, Fla. He is being assigned to Fallon Air Force Station, Nev., in a unit of Aerospace Defense Command.

'65 Charles M. Barr had been working for the Scott Paper Company in Everett until February when he was promoted and transferred to a subsidiary of Scott, the Plastic Coating Corp. in Indianapolis, Ind., as manager of accounting and administration . . . Lt. Walter E. Springer has received the U. S. Air Force Commendation Medal at Eglin AFB, Fla. He is an education and training officer . . . Ladd Schmitt is living in Indianola, teaching industrial arts at Bainbridge High School. He will be teaching driver education this summer.

'67 Randy Lidren has joined the Navy and is presently studying at the Monterey School of Languages in Monterey, Calif. . . . James DuMont completed his M.A. in history at WWSC in December, 1968 . . . Tom Schmidt and Linda Graham were married in March shortly before he went to Germany with the Army. Linda is teaching junior high school in the Highline District, Seattle, and will join Tom in Germany this June . . . Mardie Burton Lines taught business education at Garfield High School in Seattle last year. Following her marriage this year to Ray Lines (a U of W graduate who attended WWSC for two years), she has been teaching at Roosevelt High School . . . Mark D. Pearlman is in the Philippines working in rice and vegetable production with the Peace Corps.

'68 Mr. and Mrs. Wayne T. Carter (Sally A. Ellis) are living in West Seattle, where he is teaching sixth grade at Highland Park Elementary School and she is teaching second grade at Genesee Hill Elementary School . . . Introduced to the great need of PE programs for the blind while working on a master’s degree project at the Northwest Center for the Mentally Retarded, Dave Tucker is now consolidating programs for the blind in Seattle schools . . . Sylvia Staton is teaching fifth grade at Gatewood Elementary School in West Seattle . . . Barbara Hawkins Harper is teaching second grade at Columba Elementary School in Seattle . . . Jean D. Sigmar is teaching second and third grades at Roosevelt School in Bellingham. Her husband, Wally Sigmar, is a student and director of the National Student Association at WWSC . . . Timothy L. Ash is a speech therapist in the Portland schools. His wife, the former Jennifer Sue Hiath, is teaching retarded children.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Edward Arntzen (formerly Miss Marjorie E. Dawson, primary supervisor from 1925 to 1940) died May 6, 1969.


Mrs. Laura Massey in Enumclaw, Washington.

Ida Ingalls, April 5, 1969, in Corvallis, Oregon.
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