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WESTERN: A PEEK INTO THE FUTURE—Pictured here is the architect’s model of additions to Wilson Library (upper left) and the Auditorium-Music Building (right center). Construction is about to begin on both. The enlarged student union building (lower left) opened in 1969.
PROBLEMS OF A GROWTH INDUSTRY

(Editor's note: The following is a reprint of an editorial in The Bellingham Herald which ran Dec. 24, 1969.)

With a ceiling set at 33,000 students for the University of Washington next year, Western Washington State College probably will lead all state universities and colleges in enrollment increase for 1970-71. Not just in percentage but also in absolute numbers.

The clampdown on U of W enrollment started this fall, with 32,500 on campus. Thus only 500 more students will be accommodated next September on the big Seattle campus.

Where will the unsuccessful University applicants go? Everywhere, no doubt. The private institutions will get some, the community colleges more, probably, and some 1970 high school graduates will attend out-of-state schools.

Most, though, probably will seek admission to the state colleges and Washington State University, and many will be looking toward Bellingham. Odegaard forecast 1,670 more at Western in 1970, 1,163 at Washington State, 1,100 at Eastern and 650 at Central. Much of that increase—at Western anyway—would occur despite the University's tight-student policy, but it does aggravate a problem already creating a fiscal pinch particularly difficult on the campus here.

Thus that 10,000 enrollment which seemed so remote when first predicted for the 1970's may be on us in the first year of the decade!

Western's present enrollment is 8,365 and in its supplemental budget request for the second year of the biennium, the administration forecast 9,570 for next year. Since the state has appropriated funds on the basis of only 7,900 students, the deficiency is a whopping 21 per cent! If the University's limitation makes Dr. Odegaard's prediction accurate for Western, the problem will be even more severe.

The college's growth has been so phenomenal that the actual figures tend to become vague. To measure the impact better, enrollment has almost doubled in only five years. There are about the same number of students on campus here as at Whitman, Whitworth, Puget Sound, Pacific Lutheran and St. Martin's combined! The state's largest private institution, Seattle University, has fewer than half as many students as Western.

Education is a growth industry nationally. But the student and fiscal crunch is hitting harder here than almost anywhere, thanks to the fine academic reputation and superb physical setting of Western—factors the state budget agency has consistently underestimated.

IMPROVE TEACHING—FLORA

President Charles J. Flora has charged the faculty of Western to improve the quality of teaching and learning at the college in a January 14 address to the faculty reviewing 1969.

He ordered the department chairmen, academic dean and relevant selection committees involved in the hiring process of teachers to find faculty members with "excellent credentials as teachers and scholars." Flora added that in "too many instances the only evidence we have sought for excellence in a candidate is his publications record and that is not enough."

He said he would not recommend a candidate for any teaching position at Western to the board of trustees unless credentials accompanying the application show excellent potential not only as a scholar but as a teacher as well. Similarly, in the areas of tenure and promotion, Flora cited excellence of teaching as a prime consideration.

"...I urge the (college) community to think imaginatively and creatively about new ways of doing business. The lecture is a hallowed and excellent device for teaching in certain settings, but it is not the only device and can be used as an excuse to avoid more demanding ways of teaching..." Flora said.

"Let us not be afraid to try new approaches," the president went on, "but more important than that, let us not be afraid of failure, for if a new approach fails we may learn something about our own individual approach to teaching and learning."
EMERSON RESIGNS; LONG PICKED

Western's head football coach, Fred Emerson, has submitted his resignation. In his brief statement, Emerson said, "I came to Western four years ago with enthusiasm and high hopes of developing a winning football program. I feel I have developed the program as far as I can at this time.

"Because of circumstances that have arisen, I feel I must move from this job. I am considering several opportunities which are available."

Western reached into its alumni ranks in 1966 to get Emerson, who was a highly successful high school coach at Kent-Meridian. He was awarded Little All-America honors while a player at Western in the late fifties. During the last season, he coached his players to the first conference championship since 1958.

Emerson's successor will be Boyde Long, who has been assistant coach since 1966. Previously, he had coached football, track and wrestling at Oregon College of Education at Monmouth. He holds his bachelor of science and master's degrees from the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque.

Besides assisting Emerson in football at Western the past three years, Long has also served as the Viking wrestling coach. Long and his wife, Mary, are the parents of two daughters, Patricia 10 and Pamela 8. They reside at 1158 Queen St. in Bellingham.

REUNIONS SCHEDULED

Each spring three classes from Western celebrate an anniversary of their graduation. This year the classes of 1920, 1945 and 1960 will gather as a part of Alumni Day activities May 9.

It is difficult to explain what characteristics a reunion has that makes it so totally enjoyable—even when it isn't your own class. But each year persons who make the effort to visit the campus and meet with their former comrades-in-study—and other things which are probably best left out of print—leave with a sense of having experienced something very rare and rewarding. In part, they may realize that it was their achievements since leaving Western which led to the phenomenal growth of the college in the past decade. They also sense the excitement that is characteristic of campuses throughout the country today. (That campuses are exciting places has to be one of the greatest cases of understatement that you will read this week.) To not enjoy a reunion of students from one's own vintage takes a conscious effort on the part of the miserable blackguard.

We are occasionally challenged by an obstreperous undergraduate as to where we get the gall to refer to "classes" at Western where students now take anywhere from three to seven, or more, years to complete a degree. We carefully explain that back in the dark ages when this school had fewer than 2,000 students (say about 10 years ago), there was a real sense of class unity and friendships tended to stratify on class lines. If a person took an extra term or two to finish his degree, he still considered himself to be a part of the group that left on schedule at the end of four years.

All of this is a circuitous way of saying that if you are associated with those persons who were a part of the classes of '20, '45 and '60, begin to plan now to make that special effort to visit the campus on May 9. If you are wondering whether any of your friends will be there, rest assured that they will be. If you are a real worrier, write a few letters and make sure they are receiving Resume and the message about Alumni Day. If they have been able to elude our search for lost persons,
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'SUPERIOR' TEACHERS SPEAK

"Methods and Techniques of Teaching I Have Found Productive" is the topic of discussion for "superior" college and university teachers from this area in a series being sponsored by the Center for Higher Education at Western. The program is under the guidance of Dr. Samuel P. Kelly and Dr. Laurence Brewster of WWSC.

The purpose is to present to Western faculty members an accounting by professors from area faculties who are held to be superior teachers. They were selected through "teacher-of-the-year" awards, general agreement among faculty, student ratings, administrative ratings or by a combination of such factors.

The following professors were listed as participating in the program:

Jan. 19—Professor Edward Neuzil (chemistry), Western Washington State College.
Jan. 26—Professor Ben Cashman (political science), Seattle University.
Feb. 2—Professor Helen L. Bee (developmental psychology laboratory), University of Washington.
Feb. 9—Professor Leigh Hunt Palmer (physics), Simon Fraser University.
Feb. 16—Professor Donald Treadgold (history/far eastern and Russian institute), University of Washington.
Feb. 24—Professor John Reay (mathematics), Western Washington State College.
March 2—Professor Thomas J. Mallison (communications/art), Simon Fraser University.
March 9—Professor John Boyd (economics), University of British Columbia.

ROLL CALL

'20 Eva B. Santee is living in Oakland, California, after retiring as Fort Vancouver librarian.

'55 John J. Fotheringham received his Ed.D. from Colorado State and is presently administrative assistant to the superintendent of schools in the Highline school district.

'59 Erik Madsen is presently pastor of the Queen Anne Baptist Church in Seattle.

'61 Herb J. Anderson is presently the general manager of the Salt Lake City Padres Baseball Club . . . Michael W. Barnhart, administrative assistant to President Charles Flora, represented Western at the October 3 inauguration of Dr. David L. McKenna as president of Seattle Pacific College.

'63 Gail L. Bilodeau became Mrs. Neal P. Harrison December 20. She is teaching in Ollalla, Wash.

'65 Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Nachand (Sandra Rice, '70) are living in Bellingham. He has recently returned from his second tour of duty in Vietnam. He is presently working on his master's degree in history at Western.

'66 Shirley Askildson became the bride of John D. Margeson December 27. They are living in Edmonds where she is a teacher . . . Dr. Ernest T. Rice has been appointed Assistant Director for College Services, Center for Educational Research and Regional Curriculum Development at Clarion State College in Clarion, Pa. He will also assume the post of associate professor in the Division of Professional Studies at Clarion. Before his appointment, Dr. Rice was a management systems analyst for Mid Continent Regional Educational Laboratory, Kansas City, Mo. . . . Peri Aiken is employed as a Career Development Coordinator for Headstart in Fairbanks.

'67 Patricia F. Hosley became the bride of Billy S. Shanahan II November 28. They are living in Seattle where she teaches high school . . . Ron Penley is a lieutenant in the Army and is serving with an artillery unit in Vietnam. He will be home in June and plans to begin work on his master's degree in business. His wife (Sally Hunt, '68) is an advertising artist in Seattle . . . Pvt. and Mrs. Dennis Finseth (Connie St. John, '68) are living in Maryland where he is stationed with the Army. She is teaching elementary school there. Before moving to Maryland they lived in Pittsburgh where Dennis received his master's
degree in chemistry... Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Bailey (Christine Soler) are living in Edmonds where she is teaching a first-second grade combination and he is teaching fourth grade... Sandra L. Hayden and Frank M. Rafchiek were married in Seattle December 6. She is presently enrolled in graduate work at the University of Washington... Sheila M. Crocker became Mrs. Ronald C. Nelson on November 15 in Bellevue where they are presently residing.

'68 Jim Waters is a management trainee at the National Bank of Commerce... Airman Dennis R. Burpee has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. He is remaining at Lackland for training as a security policeman... Michael B. McFall has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S.A.F. upon graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland AFB... Susan Alderson is teaching fourth grade at Alderwood in Bellingham... Charlotte G. Blatt became Mrs. James H. Maroldo January 24. She teaches third grade at Brier Elementary School in Mountlake Terrace... Raymond "Bud" Burkes and his wife, Pamela, are living in the Panama Canal Zone where he is serving as a cartographic draftsman with the Inter-American Geodetic Survey and the Army... Wayne A. Leagy is currently serving in the U.S.A.F. He and his wife are stationed in Cheyenne, Wyo., where he is a Dental Radiologist... Marcia Dillon is teaching kindergarten at Bellingham... Flora Price Desrosiers is teaching first and second grades in Salmon Arm, B.C., Canada.

'69 Martha Wendover is teaching second grade in Lynnden... Dean and Sue Mcnee are teaching science and German, respectively, at a junior high in Hoquiam... Maria Foote is teaching second grade in Bellingham... Kenneth D. Johnson is teaching in the Meridian school district... Kathleen Aardal teaches music at the elementary level in Bellingham... Gerald L. Couchman has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S.A.F. upon graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas... Judith A. Meyer recently spoke about the impressions she received on a six-week tour of the Soviet Union at a meeting of the Thurston County Retired Teachers Association. Miss Meyer also spent the summer of 1967 touring with a student group in Europe... Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walsh (Becky Helm, '69) are living in Salem, Oregon, where she is teaching grade school and he is attending Willamette Law School... Also attending Willamette Law School are Jonathan Hatch, Jim Abbott, Jim Osborne and Dennis Hindman. All are first-year students... Carol Arnold is teaching first grade in Bellingham... Candace C. Quake became Mrs. Patrick Holland December 21. They are living in Edmonds where she is teaching

ninth grade P.E.... Allen M. Mitchell and Linda K. Churchill were married in Edmonds in December. They are living in Virginia where he attends Army Officer Candidate School at Ft. Belvoir.

UNCLASSIFIED

David E. Brewster took the former Patricia L. Gillespie as his bride November 26. They are living in Bellingham... Geoff White and 24 "shipmates" have headed for Spanish Honduras. They plan to spend the next 12 months on the voyage... Margaret U. Lieberg is orchestra director for Sammamish High School and has been elected president of the Washington String Teachers Association... Donald J. Chess has been named home office manager for a savings and loan association in Chehalis... Claudette Reandeau has been hired to work as a speech therapist in the school districts of Clallam County... Ernie Kruse is co-owner of the Flea Market in East Sumner... Ron Barber is employed as an education specialist at Rainier School. He and his wife and 11-month-old daughter are living in Sumner... Dr. Theodore Myers is living in Seattle where he taught school before retiring several years ago. Dr. Myers came to Western in 1899 with the first class of students to enter the school. He later attended Central and the University of Washington. He received his Ph.D. in political science from the U of W in 1936. His niece, Claire de Armond, has been attending Fairhaven College... Catherine Lobb is in nurse's training at Emanuel Hospital in Portland... David C. Sund is a counselor at David Douglas High School in Portland and is engaged to marry Sally Jo Smith in June... Keith Fletcher is teaching fifth grade at Roeder half days while attending Western as a graduate student. He has taught two years in Vista, Calif., and nine years in San Diego... Joyce A. Christopher, a lieutenant colonel in the Army, is a health nurse at General Leonardwood Army Hospital, Fort Leonardwood, Mo. She received her master's degree in Public Health in August from the University of North Carolina... Trudy A. Hartley became the bride of Robert W. Bullis Jr. November 23. They are living in Bellingham... Pat Allen is teaching third grade in Bellingham.

IN MEMORIAM

Charles H. Thomas, November 9, 1969, in Arlington... Joanne Quackenbush Cassel, November 11, 1969, in a house trailer fire in Chula Vista, California... Randolph J. Gaither, October 11, 1968, in Longview... Oswald Hall, December 31, 1968, in Port Townsend... Frank A. Franz, June 25, 1969, in Kent... Elsie De Clark, in Kingston... Herbert Steiner, in Seattle... Alma Van Gilder, October 8, 1968, in Lake Placid, Florida... Grace Lidell Lundberg, September 12, 1969, in Big Rapids, Michigan... John A. Wright, December 2, 1969, in Seattle.
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