Knapman Is Acting Dean

Dr. Fred W. Knapman has been named acting Dean of Western effective September 1.

The appointment temporarily fills a new position at the college created through modification of the post of academic dean and establishment of two new offices, that of provost and the Dean of Western. The move was made necessary by the increasing size and complexity of the institution.

In his new position, Dr. Knapman will be responsible for budget allocations for 24 academic departments plus the director of science education, the director of general education and the director of the honors program. The new dean will also chair the curricular council for Western.

Dr. Knapman, 62, is a WWSC alumnus, having received his bachelor of arts degree in Bellingham in 1934. He earned a master of science degree in chemistry at the University of Washington in 1940 and the doctor of education degree in science education at Columbia University in 1951.

He has received National Science Foundation fellowships for study and research in chemistry at the University of Washington and at the University of London in England. During the past year, he has made two trips to Nigeria as a consultant for the Ford Foundation working with a secondary school chemistry curriculum project.

Dr. Knapman has taught in public schools in Alberta and in the State of Washington. From 1940 to 1942, he was a research chemist for Rayonier Pulp and Paper Company.

He has been a member of the faculty at Western since 1942 and most recently served as chairman of the chemistry department.

Multi-Arts Fete Greets Spring On Campus

A Multi-Arts Festival, sponsored by the Associated Students at Western, was held on the campus in May in conjunction with Whatcom County's annual Blossom Time celebration.

The campus festival included dancers, musicians, film makers and potters. Hand-tooled leather goods, made to order, were available from a number of persons who came to the campus to take part in the week-long event.

Handcrafts included lamps by "the lampmaker," who peddled his wares while sermonizing on evolution, the Old Testament and an amazing variety of other topics.

The highlight of the week came when the Seattle cast of the folk-rock musical Hair performed several numbers from the show in The Square. Other special events included poetry reading in the auditorium and a film festival at Fairhaven College.

Several events scheduled to be held in a giant plastic air tent erected in The Square were held in the open because of the tent's tendency to "pop" as it reached its full dimensions.

In all, it was a week of widely varied events, which had to be experienced to be at all comprehended.

Mike Clayton Is Athlete-of-Year

Mike Clayton, senior basketball and baseball star at Western, was named the school's Athlete-of-the-Year during spring quarter at the annual All-Sports Banquet.

Clayton, from Port Angeles, won over four other athletes nominated by the coaching staff. They were Jerry Kelly, football; Tom Frank, football and track; Roger Miller, baseball; and Larry Nielson, cross country and track.

During his four years at Western, Clayton established a new career basketball scoring mark at 1,093 points. The 6-2 guard broke the previous record of 1,084 set by Stan Peterson in the early fifties.

Featured speaker at the banquet was Lenny Wilkens, coach of the Seattle SuperSonics of the National Basketball Association.
Commencement

Held on Campus

Western held its 71st annual commencement exercises June 12 in Carver Gymnasium with 1,124 bachelor’s degrees awarded for work completed throughout the school year. A total of 232 students received master’s degrees.

Dr. Joseph J. Schwab, professor of education and William Rainey Harper professor of natural sciences at the University of Chicago, discussed “Peer Group Platitudes and Why They Scare Me.” He urged the graduates to look for ideas that are other than mirrors of their present beliefs.

At Memory Walk exercises, senior class representative Jeff Hopper announced the retirement of the senior class key, noting that the college had not had class governments for five years and explaining it is a meaningless exercise to pass on the key to a junior class that does not exist.

The senior class treasury, normally used to purchase a gift for the college, was given to the newly formed Crisis Clinic as a contribution to the entire community.

IN MEMORIAM

'28 George Lundberg, in Issaquah.

'64 Ralph W. Matthews, April 6, 1970, in Corvallis of a massive brain hemorrhage.

Oliver Erickson, January 14, 1970, in Grayland.

Trustees Okay Tavern Plan

The board of trustees has approved student plans to open a tavern-restaurant in the Viking Union Building but turned down a proposal for students to have a hand in the hiring and firing of faculty.

The trustees passed the tavern-restaurant proposal by a three to one vote, with Harold Philbrick, Patrick Comfort and Ritajean Butterworth voting in favor of the plan and Ben Hodges dissenting. Burton Kingsbury, board chairman, disqualified himself from discussion since some of his clients are tavern operators. President Charles J. Flora went on record as opposing the proposal.

Students are now free to apply to the State Liquor Control Board for a permit to sell wine and beer at the Viking Union. Whether such a permit will be granted by the state agency is a matter for conjecture. A letter received from the state board last April stated the board “could not encourage” the proposal.

C. W. McDonald, dean of students, has pointed out that additional food service is needed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The plan, providing a permit is granted, is to operate the facility as a restaurant during the morning and early afternoon, with beer and wine sales beginning at 3 p.m.

The 200-seat facility would be located in a portion of the Viking Union addition which is now vacant. Students have discussed construction plans and have obtained a commitment of a $25,000 loan from Seattle-First National Bank. The loan would be subject to the trustee’s approval and provisions for repaying the money are included in the students’ long range budget.

Some 100 students attended a trustees’ meeting last February and petitioned to seek participation in retention and hiring of faculty at Western. The action was brought on by a psychology department recommendation not to re-hire Dr. William Heid, assistant professor in the psychology department.

A faculty-student committee was appointed to study the situation at that time.
Two New Coaches Hired

A former academic All-America football player and a successful high school wrestling coach have filled two coaching positions at Western next fall, according to Dr. William Tomaras, director of athletics.

Larry Vance, 30, formerly a footballer at Bradley University, has been hired as the top aide to Coach Boyde Long’s football squad; and Larry Bryant, 31, Worland, Wyoming, will succeed Long as the Viking’s head wrestling coach next winter.

Vance has been an instructor at the University of Minnesota the past two years while working on his doctorate in physical education. He was named to the Academic All-America grid team (for high scholastic standing) from 1958-60. He has coached at several high schools in Illinois.

Bryant, a former national-caliber wrestler at Colorado State, has coached the past eight seasons at Worland. His teams compiled a record of 100 victories and only 8 defeats. He will help coach the Wyoming all-star high school wrestling team this summer when it tours Japan.

Bryant is also the founder and publisher of Scholastic Wrestling News, a national publication concerning high school wrestling. He plans to continue his publishing activity here.

Larry Stewart, a former Viking basketball player, will take over assistant basketball duties next winter. He has been coaching at a junior high school in Seattle.

Also joining the Western P.E. Department, but not in a coaching capacity, will be Glen Albaugh, former head basketball coach at California State at Hayward.

Buckland Heads General Studies

Dr. Roscoe L. Buckland has been named chairman of the department of general studies at Western effective August 1.

In his new position, Dr. Buckland’s initial responsibilities will include teaching of the inter-disciplinary sequences included in Western’s general education program. General studies was granted departmental status by the board of trustees in February.

Dr. Buckland, 52, received bachelor and master of arts degrees in English from the University of Idaho. He earned the Ph.D. at the State University of Iowa in 1955.

During his career, he has been an elementary school teacher and principal in Idaho public schools. He also served as an instructor in English at Washington State University.

Prior to his appointment at Western, Dr. Buckland has held the rank of professor of English and the post of chairman of the English department at California State College at Long Beach.

However, for the past year he has been lecturer in American and Australian literature for the adult education department of the University of Sydney in New South Wales, Australia.

Dr. Buckland is married and has two children, aged 17 and 20.

FULBRIGHT WINNER—Susan Olson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olson of Bellingham, has been awarded a Fulbright grant to teach next year in Lyon, France. Miss Olson taught last year in Mountlake Terrace. She is a 1969 graduate of WWSC.

Economy Decline Hitting Western’s Job Placement

The general slowdown in the economy of Washington State has had a serious effect upon teacher placement at Western, according to Frank Punches, director of placement services at Western.

Punches said that only 314 out of 850 registrants at his office had found positions as of mid-June.

Cutbacks at Boeing have resulted in declining school populations in the Seattle area, Punches explained, and many districts simply do not need additional faculty. Failure of special levies in other areas has aggravated the problem.

Punches said placements in the arts and sciences division are also slow; and persons with graduate degrees are also having difficulty securing employment.

Areas where the job pinch is being felt strongest are the social sciences and the humanities. However, the sciences, normally the area of greatest demand, are finding the situation is deteriorating rapidly.
Roll Call

'26 Vivian Brelor Seguin retired June 10 after 32 years of teaching in Washington. For the last 18 years she taught second and third grades in the Seattle public schools.

'32 Arnell Johnson has retired after 38 years as teacher and principal in Mount Vernon.

'35 Serena Armentrout has retired after 45 years of teaching, 41 of which were in Lewis County in the Centralia School District.

'56 Dr. Eugene Curtis has been appointed as Community College District 12's new dean of student services. He will be filling the newly created position after having performed similar services at Wenatchee Community College and Lower Columbia College . . . After 32 years as an educator, Eleanor Fortson is retiring. She has been principal of the Stanwood primary and elementary schools. She has spent 18 years in the Stanwood school system and has served as principal for the last 11 years.

'58 Ronald G. Roach was named Trans World Airlines' flight engineer of the year for 1969.

'60 USAF Captain Robert L. Gustavson has arrived for duty in Taiwan. He is a cargo-troop carrier navigator. He has completed a tour of duty in Vietnam and has served with expeditionary forces to the Republic of Korea . . . Boyd B. Baker is presently finishing his doctorate in physical education administration at the University of Oregon. He has been appointed area chairman for physical education at the University of Arizona next fall . . . Donald J. Tompkins received his Master of Arts degree from the University of Northern Colorado in May.

'61 Beverly Sullivan has taught home ec in both junior and senior high schools in Seattle and Bellingham and has now enrolled in graduate school at Central.

'64 Bruce Berry has been appointed principal of a middle school in Ferndale. For the past two years he has been vice principal of Ferndale High School . . . Robert A. Wittmeier has been appointed branch manager of the Spokane office of Sales Training, Inc. . . . Roger K. Barenz is a captain in the air force at Ent AFB, Colo.

'65 Harold Heiner, Skagit Valley College counselor and psychology instructor, has received his doctorate in educational psychology from the University of Washington . . . Gerald M. Parker is serving an internship in Detroit. He will set up practice in New Mexico in July.

'66 David C. Sund is working with Prentice-Hall Publishing Co. in the Educational Book Division. He will cover all of Southern California . . . Bonnie Fowler is living in Laredo, Tex. She has taught primary school in Tacoma, Biloxi, and Great Falls, Montana . . . Jane Jellison Johnsen has recently returned from southern California and spent the past year teaching sixth grade in Snohomish; she will be teaching fourth grade there in the fall.

'68 Edward L. Wallace took the former Frances L. Hegdahl for his bride March 21 in Seattle . . . Jill Turner became Mrs. Jill Siano while living in Germany for one year. She and her husband have returned to Illinois where she plans to teach in the fall . . . Meryl E. Rogers received a Master of Arts degree in social science from Pacific Lutheran University in May . . . Air Force Sergeant George Satushek is stationed in Denver where he works in the personnel department and attends the University of Colorado part time . . . Joan LeDuc and Lynn Cory were married June 26. She has been teaching first grade in Van Nuys, Calif.

'69 Jeri L. Smith was hired to teach fourth grade at Yelm . . . Janet Herman is teaching math at a junior high school in Seattle . . . Christine Herren and Peter Watkins were wed recently and are living in Port Angeles where he teaches . . . Stephen Karr teaches social studies and geography at a junior high school in Aberdeen . . . Carver D. Van Hemert has been employed as an urban planner in Green Bay for the past year . . . Carolyn Otey and Marv Peterson were married on June 6th. They are presently touring Europe and Northern Africa . . . Donald R. Webster is employed as a chemist at Texaco's Puget Sound plant.

'70 William P. Horner will teach elementary school in Aberdeen in the fall . . . Everett Neuman has been hired to teach elementary school in West Seattle . . . Sharon Kaye has been employed with Northwest Orient Airlines as a stewardess since March. She is currently based in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area . . . Terry L. Otey is in the navy. He has been assigned to a new ship commissioned June 6 in Boston . . . James A. Johansen Jr. took the former Nancy D. Collins as his bride May 14 in Phoenix. She teaches elementary school on an Indian reservation near Phoenix. He is with the navy . . . Sheran K. Fiedler will be teaching instrumental music in grades 4-12 in Monroe.

Unclassified

Leo Blodgett has taken over new duties as Superintendent of Intermediate School District 112 in Vancouver, Wash . . . Dwight Hillier will teach grade school in Sedro Woolley . . . D. Richard Turnbull recently took the former Dawn Daugherty as his bride in Shelton. They are living in Tacoma where they both teach . . . Gilbert Bonlie has retired after 41 years of teaching. He has served as principal in Grandview most recently . . . Warren Land and his family are preparing to leave for Brussels for language study. He has taught in Pe Ell and has had a year of missionary training in Detroit . . . Rudy Schmidt is in his third year as department head and director of vocal music at Redmond High school . . . Mabel Nielson is retiring after 27 years of teaching. She has taught in Nebraska and most recently in Grandview . . . Noel Bourasaw and Terry Isaacs are new managers of the Go Go night club in Spokane . . . Fred Emerson is vice principal and head football coach at Hoquiam High School . . . Gayle Reitan was honored at a retirement tea in Tacoma. She has taught 29 years, 21 with the Northeast Tacoma Elementary School.
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