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BOTTLE-THROWER—This is one of the photos taken on Bellingham’s Sehome Hill by a hidden photographer that helped launch the initiative that produced 186,000 signatures—Initiative 256.

Voters to Act on Initiative 256

When Washington voters go to the polls on November 3, they will state their opinion on a number of issues, one of which will be Initiative 256—the “Keep America Beautiful Act.”

The essence of this measure is that all beverage containers sold within the state must carry a deposit of at least five cents, with an eye toward the eventual “recycling” of solid waste products normally discarded by the consumer.

The fact that the voters will pass on this issue is largely due to the efforts of one man—Dr. Robert Keller, professor of history at Fairhaven College. Keller is an intense young man who considers himself a “controversialist,” which is to say he is not afraid of a fight, even such an impossible task as getting Initiative 256 on the ballot.

The story behind how Keller became involved in his statewide fight against litter is an interesting one, being born out of his hobby as a jogger.

And while pursuing his hobby through a favorite route over Sehome Hill he became aware of an increasing quantity of broken glass and cans in his path. The solution to the problem was obvious: If Keller was to continue jogging, the beer cans and pop bottles would have to go!

At this juncture, the idea of an initiative campaign was not in (Continued on next page)
Keller’s mind, for there are ample laws which prohibit littering. The problem was enforcing those laws, and in gathering evidence which could lead to a conviction.

The professor discussed the problem with a group of Fairhaven students and it was decided that by patrolling Sehome Hill and gathering evidence, some convictions could be made which might deter further infractions.

Armed with cameras, small bands of students began to photograph automobiles with their occupants tossing cans and bottles out of the windows. But unfortunately, it is easier just to photograph a car and license plate than it is to prove that the owner of the car is occupying it at the time of the violation.

Further discussion among the group led to the suggestion that they should strive for a law through the initiative process for a return to the practice of paying a deposit on beverage containers.

So with no money, no experience and less time than had even been required to successfully file an initiative petition, Keller and his small band of students began.

The response to their campaign was overwhelming. Initiative 256 seemed to be one of those ideas which had found its time. Volunteers of all ages, not just students, contacted Keller to aid in soliciting signatures.

When the deadline came in early July, there were 186,000 valid signatures on file with the secretary of state—more than any other initiative had received in the history of the state . . . and in less time.

Between now and November 3, Keller and those who have joined him in his campaign to preserve the natural beauty of the northwest are continuing to work for Initiative 256. It means investing many evenings and weekends, but Keller is a teacher and those student volunteers who have chosen to join him have received an education in the American political system and how to make it work for what they deeply believe in.

If Initiative 256 is approved by the voters, Keller will be twice rewarded—as a conservationist and as an educator.
THE WWSC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

PRESENTS ... A REAL

WESTERN HOMECOMING

NOVEMBER 14, 1970

SEE THE VIKINGS play Central at 1:30 p.m. ... then plan to attend the annual Alumni bash at Sudden Valley’s “Theater Barn” beginning at 7:30 ... Hot ranch sandwiches and the trimmings garnished with all the “suds” you can handle at $4.50 per person ... Ice and mixer will be available ... Dancing to the music of “The Vagabonds” of Seattle from 9 to 1 a.m.

RESERVATIONS WITH PAYMENT must be made in advance through the Alumni Office, WWSC, Bellingham 98225. The Alumni Office will aid with hotel or motel accommodations and babysitters if needed. Send a note or call the office at (206) 676-3353.
Trustees Vote Limit On WWSC Enrollment

The board of trustees of Western has approved a recommendation by President Charles J. Flora to limit enrollment increases at the college for the next five years to a figure below the state's projections. The limit, if accepted by the state legislature, would go into effect fall quarter, 1971.

According to the proposal, the college would limit enrollment increases to 750 additional students per year, rather than accept increases of 1,000 to 1,200 which have been experienced during the past few years.

Enrollment restrictions would reduce the amount of funding received by the college from the state, since funding is based on per capita enrollment projections. The college's board of trustees has approved a $68 million capital budget request for the 1971-73 biennium which was to have been presented at the next legislative session. The request, largest in the history of the college, could, through reduced enrollment, be cut as much as $16 million. A correspondingly large operating budget request could also be considerably reduced.

"The college has grown too fast for the health of the institution and the surrounding community," President Charles J. Flora says. "Even if our capital budget request were to be approved, the wait for construction would be too great to permit us to keep pace with the state's enrollment expectations. By 1972 and 1973, we would not have sufficient new facilities completed to enable us to provide a quality education for the students who would then be on campus."

Dr. Flora noted that some enrollment limitations must be made in any event and said that it would be possible for the college to "live within" the 750 per year figure.

He added that enrollment should not be too drastically controlled and that "Western must bear its share of the state's higher education burden."

WWSC has traditionally accepted for enrollment all applicants who meet entrance requirements, but last year, for the first time, an enrollment limit of 9,570 beginning this fall was placed into effect by the trustees.

Fairhaven Dean Charles Harwood Dies Sept. 26

Dr. Charles W. Harwood, dean of Fairhaven College, died accidentally September 26 as he and his wife, Vonda, slept aboard their 27-foot sailboat moored at Bellingham Yacht Club. He was 46.

Death was attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning from the fumes of a charcoal broiler aboard the boat.

Mrs. Harwood discovered the tragedy when she awoke around 6 a.m. An ambulance was summoned, but it was too late. Mrs. Harwood was hospitalized from the effects of the fumes but will recover.

Dr. Harwood came to Western in 1953 and was chairman of the psychology department when he was named dean of Fairhaven in 1966.

Said President Flora: "Dr. Harwood was the first dean of Fairhaven and was involved in the early planning of the cluster college. Much of the credit for the success of the cluster college is his. He was a dear friend and a valuable teacher. His death is a tragic loss to Western."

Besides the widow, Dr. Harwood is survived by a married daughter living in Bellingham and two other daughters and a son at home.

Named by President Flora as acting dean of Fairhaven is Harvey Gelder, 53, a mathematics professor who has been at Western since 1948.

Gelder was chairman of the math department from 1951 to 1962. He has been associated with Fairhaven for two years. He and his wife, Estella, are the parents of six children.

Vikings Win Opener, 21-0

Coach Boyde Long's Western gridders won their first season opener in five years Sept. 19 by defeating the Oregon College of Education Wolves 21-0 in an Evergreen Conference game at Monmouth.

Freshman halfback Jody Miller from Bethel High School had two sensational touchdown runs for the Viks, one a 73-yard punt return and the other an 87-yard kickoff return. Quarterback Glenn Hadland passed to Steve Jasmer for the final tally.
Referendum 22 Is Important to College

Referendum 22, which will be on the November general election ballot, is an issue of particular importance to Western.

Passage of the measure would permit the interest rate for certain construction bonds to be set through competitive bidding and remove the deadline for the sale of those bonds.

The reason for Referendum 22 stems from the fall of 1968 when voters of the state approved Referendum 19, which was a bond issue providing $63 million for new facilities at all four-year institutions of higher education, state schools for the retarded and handicapped, state correctional institutions and the state library.

Referendum 19 contained standard technical provisions which limit the interest rate for the bonds to 6 per cent and set a deadline for their sale.

In the meantime, however, interest rates have risen sharply and it is now quite likely that the bonds cannot be sold within the 6 per cent interest inflation.

In the coming election voters will be asked to approve Referendum 22 and provide the State Finance Committee with sufficient flexibility to permit them to take advantage of changing market conditions.

Voters approved the projects under Referendum 19 by a 150,000-vote margin two years ago. Many of the buildings okayed have already been constructed. For the projects remaining, delays could mean added expense as inflation steadily increases the cost of construction.

Among Referendum 19 projects yet to be completed at Western are the addition to the Auditorium-Music Building, which was to be bid during September; Phase 1 of the Social Sciences Building, to be bid in March; and the renovation of Old Main, scheduled for bids in the fall of 1972.

Ex-Vik Athlete Jerry Starr Dies at Age 45

Jerry Starr, ex-Western Washington State College basketball star, died September 16 in Bellingham at the age of 45.

Starr, who captained the basketball team at Western in the late forties under now Dean of Students Bill McDonald, had lived in Bellingham for the past 25 years and was in the insurance business.

Roll Call

'70 JULIE A. BURGER and DAVID M. VANDER PLOEG were married June 20 in Bellingham. They are living in Springfield, Ore., where they will teach ... DICK BEHRENS will teach social studies at St. Johns (Whitman County) ... CHRISTINE SPARKS has been recruited into the Navy Research ... DALE JOHNSON took the former Julie Jensen as his bride in Vancouver, Wash., where they are living ... GARY BRUNER will teach high school English at Connell (Franklin County) ... BILL HOCHSTATTER will attend Thunderbird International Graduate School in Phoenix in the fall ... ANN E. THYGESEN and JACK M. WIEBUSCH were married June 27 in Anacortes ... CHRISTINE WATKINS will teach an intermediate grade in Port Angeles ... JANE NELSON became Mrs. David A. Van Wieringen July 10. They are living in Burlington ... LAURINDA J. SIMPSON and DENNIS BERGSTROM were married June 20 in Port Angeles ... PAULA K. MADSEN and JOHN S. MARTIN were married in June in Everett. They will live in Everett and teach at Port Angeles in the fall ... NANCY JO MARTIN became Mrs. Harry Diseth in Puyallup June 27. She will teach junior high school in the fall ... PAM SPEARS FRIEMOOD will teach retarded children at Omaha ... PATRICIA J. FAIRES and WILLIAM L. JOHNSON were married June 20. They are living in Seattle ... CHERYL L. LIGHT and ROBERT T. MALKMUS were married June 20 in Vancouver, Wash. They are living in Lacey where he will teach high school geography and she will teach elementary school ... LLOYD J. KUHLMAN will teach P.E. and Health at Greenhill School for Boys in Chehalis ... JERILYN R. JUTZ became Mrs. Richard G. Hannan recently. They are living in Toledo, Ohio ... JUDITH ANN LEE became the bride of Ken Crandall June 21 in North Bend. They live in Snoqualmie ... Mr. and Mrs. THEODORE T. VAN AUKEN (DIANE SWANSON) are living in Corvallis where he has accepted a three-year fellowship at Oregon State University ... EUGENE BOYD and Lyla Crawford were married in Darrington recently. They are living in Arlington ... MARK W. HIGBEE has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force. He has been assigned to Mather AFB, Calif. ... LINDA L. KETTEL and NORMAN A. GUSTAVSON were married in Port Angeles June 6. They live in Mount Vernon ... FRANCIE R. STRITMATTER and Dean K. Hindman were married recently in Raymond. They are living in Grayland (Grays Harbor County).

Unclassified

DELBERT PETERSON has been appointed North Thurston School Superintendent. He has been the school superintendent in Walla Walla for the past five years ... BRAD KENYON has been promoted to the new position of manager of merchandising for the Olympia Brewing Co. ... JILL J. CUNNINGHAM and GLEN N. PEARSON were married recently in Olympia. She is employed at the Washington State Library ... RONALD W. CAPP was married recently in Olympia. She is employed at the Washington State Library ... RONALD W. CAPP was married recently in Olympia. She is employed at the Washington State Library ... RONALD W. CAPP was married recently in Olympia. She is employed at the Washington State Library ... RONALD W. CAPP was married recently in Olympia. She is employed at the Washington State Library ... RONALD W. CAPP was married recently in Olympia. She is employed at the Washington State Library ...
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