Deafness is much more than a physical handicap. It is an educational handicap, a social handicap and an emotional handicap. The barriers between the hearing and non-hearing worlds can never be totally eliminated but they can be lowered considerably.

Through the efforts of two very different yet related programs at Western Washington State College the numbers of individuals who are learning to lower the barriers are increasing daily. Both deal with the problems of communication for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Dr. Loren Webb of Western’s speech department is the founder-director of a lipreading class which has been conducted free of charge for the past five years at Bellingham’s Senior Citizen’s Activity Center.

Mrs. Delbert Mitchell, mother of a deaf young woman, teaches a night class in sign language. The class was set up last spring by Mrs. Mitchell with the help and encouragement of Dr. Webb. It is offered one night a week through the Division of Continuing Studies with speech department credit offered.

The language of signs is a subtle, complex means of gesturing to convey meanings of words and ideas. It is used in combination with fingerspelling.

Mrs. Mitchell teaches the manual alphabet first because it provides an instant means of communication even for those who go no further in the study of signs.

A helper in the class is WWSC student Cindy Stokesbary, a daughter of deaf parents who is expert in “signing” and who also acts as an interpreter for a deaf student at the college.

Mrs. Mitchell is firmly convinced that the language of signs offers a means to reach and thereby teach the totally deaf who for various reasons haven’t the language background to fully utilize lipreading – persons like her daughter, Janet.

As awareness grows of the problems of the deaf, the community must accept the responsibility of doing a better job of providing for education, vocational, communication and social opportunities for them.

The programs offered through Western are scratching the surface.
The resignation of Dr. Ronald Williams, dean of the College of Ethnic Studies at Western, was announced by the board of trustees at the December 11 meeting.

Dr. Williams, who has headed the third satellite institution at WWSC since its inception a year ago, will leave the campus next July. He will assume the post of professor and chairman of the department of communication sciences at Federal City College in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Williams said he is leaving for personal reasons that require he relocate on the East Coast. "I leave with great regret and sadness," he said. "I have enjoyed working with the people of this area and the students at the college."

Frederick Sargent II, WWSC provost, in commenting on Dean Williams' departure said:

"His leaving is a great loss to the institution. He is an outstanding administrator and teacher."

A committee has begun the search to find a successor to Williams.

**Harwood Loan Fund Memorial Established**

An emergency loan fund for needy students has been organized as a memorial to Charles Harwood, former dean of Fairhaven College who died in September.

Persons wishing to contribute to the fund should send their contributions to either Don McLeod, Fairhaven College, or Stewart VanWingerden, Miller Hall 324B. Checks should be made payable to the Emergency Loan Fund.

**ATTIC OFFICE—Pictured here is one of the new offices created in the old wing attic of Miller Hall, formerly the Campus School. It is part of a project to provide more usable space in a short time at lower square foot cost which included renovation of the attic area and excavation for basement laboratory space. Architect for the $499,000 improvement was Ibsen Nelsen of Seattle.**

**College Has Impact on Bellingham**

While Bellingham does not exactly qualify as a "college town" in the sense that the city exists largely because of the presence of the school, nevertheless the 1,200 employees and 9,500 students involved with WSC do have a definite impact upon the economy of the community.

Exactly what dimensions this impact has is the subject of a recent study conducted by the department of economics at Western.

In a report to the College's board of trustees, the study shows that the presence of the college leads to the daily expenditure of $60,000 in Bellingham and Whatcom County and $21.3 million annually. This represents a 22 per cent increase over data derived from a similar study conducted in 1967.

The updated report was prepared by a team of undergraduate and graduate students at Western composed of Mimi Brooks, Richard Chartrand, Donald Elmer, Larry Evans, Dennis Murphy and Les Savitch. The academic adviser for the project was Dr. Michael Mischaikow.

In breaking down the daily expenditure of the college, the researchers found that students coming to the Bellingham area from other communities spend an average of $12,910 per day in the local economy, compared with $4,131 spent by them elsewhere.

Construction projects currently under way at the College contribute an additional $5,128 daily.

According to Dr. Mischaikow, the economic impact of a college upon the community in which it exists is somewhat different from that of an industrial or commercial enterprise with a comparable number of employees.

"A chief difference," he says, "lies in the fact that 'customers' of higher education—the students—in addition to the employees of the institution, are required by necessity to reside within commuting distance of the school."

"Their contribution to the local economy is, therefore, not limited to the cost of the product, such as tuition, fees and books, but includes daily expenditures for such things as food, housing, clothing and recreation."
KEG-ROLLERS—Dean of Students C. W. (Bill) McDonald (center) was on hand as a 40-man keg-rolling team from Western began a 172-mile jaunt to Tumwater, near Olympia. The stunt was to raise money, through donations, for the Whatcom County Crisis Clinic, and netted some $250.

Roll Call

'17 MARION HOLLINGSHEAD WOLF is living in Los Angeles where she is teaching painting classes. Recently one of her landscape paintings was chosen for the Los Angeles City permanent collection and now hangs in the city hall.

'19 RUTH BIRKS retired in 1959 after teaching various grades in the Aberdeen-Hoquiam area for 40 years. She is living in Hoquiam.

'23 MABEL JOHNSON is living in Mount Vernon since retiring in 1967. She taught in Anacortes 11 years before retiring.

'25 INGRID KELLMAN PFEFFER retired in 1967 after 25 years of teaching. She is now residing in San Diego. THEA COOKE SPENCER retired in June 1970 after 28 years of teaching in Washington. For the past 24 years she was employed as a first grade teacher at Yelm. After 32 years of teaching, MARGARET KREUTZBERG McCORMICK retired this spring. She taught third grade at Duvall for the last 19 years of her career. PAUL VAN CRUYNINGEN retired last June as an elementary school principal in Seattle after 14 years of teaching in the state.

'26 SIGNE KRONHOLM HOVIK has retired after 33 years of teaching in Arlington.

'28 EVELYN BUCKLEY is in her 25th year of teaching in the Shoreline School District. She spent last year in Hong Kong on a sabbatical where she supervised 29 Chinese teachers of English.

'31 ALICE LOVOS HEGGEN has returned to active teaching in Nogales, Ariz., after four years of absence. She is teaching the humanities.

'32 ADELL SWANSON, an elementary school teaching teacher in Edmonds, was chosen "Teacher of the Year" recently in that community. BRUCE FULLER is a first officer with Pan-American airways in New York City. He and his wife also own and operate a fabric store in New York.

'58 ROBERT ROSI is teaching grade school in Aberdeen.

'59 LARRY YOUNG is the new vice principal at Sehome High School, Bellingham. CLIFFORD T. JOHNSON is employed as a mechanical engineer by the Navy. CARL W. HOKKANEN is teaching ninth grade physical science at a junior high in Longview. MILTON L. KALSO is on the faculty of education at the University of Rhodesia.

'62 MIKE COOPER is teaching geography in a junior-senior high school in England under a Fulbright exchange teacher program.

'63 DOUGLAS H. CULLEN will serve an elementary principal internship in Kent during the 1970-71 school year.

'64 KATHERINE A. ANDREAS became the bride of James L. Prehm November 20. They reside in Yakima where she is a speech and hearing therapist. MR. AND MRS. NORMAN ROSS are living on Guam where he teaches fifth grade. RONALD PETERSEN is a counselor at Bellingham High School. U.S. Air Force Captain LARRY S. POTTER has been decorated with the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious service while engaged in military operations. JAMES B. GOODROW has been appointed sales representative of Investors Diversified Services, Inc., in Skagit and Island counties. GREGORY B. COX has taught high school history, sociology, anthropology and psychology in California since 1966.

'65 JOE VERNILYE is completing his master's degree in mathematics at the University of Oregon. BILL PERRON is on the faculty at the College of DuPage in Illinois as head soccer coach and physical education instructor. NEIL LIEURANCE is presently director of choral music at Shorecrest High School in Seattle. HAROLD HEINER has been appointed Director of Student Development at Skagit Valley College.

'66 MR. AND MRS. DANIEL ROSSER are living in Kirkland. He is employed by Seattle First National Bank and she is teaching third grade. SANDRA LINBERG is teaching first grade in Vancouver, Wash. J. BLAINE WILSON has accepted a graduate fellowship position at EWS where he is teaching a class in pre-service technology while earning his master's degree in education. MYRON W. MILLER is working as a statistician for Computer Services Corporation at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. ELIZABETH HOVIK became Mrs. Charles Arnold. They are living in Vancouver, Wash. GARY R. CASTLE has graduated with honors at Shippard AFB, Tex., from the training course for Air Force management analysis officers. NORMAN A. GIESBRECHT has received his Master of Arts degree in sociology from the University of Toronto. ELAINE BABCOCK was recently named to an advisory committee on Federal Women's Program by the Secretary of the Army.

'67 MR. AND MRS. ROBERT BACON (MARSHA TRIMM) have moved to Portland where he is teaching for the Beaverton public schools and Portland Community College. GERAL K. RODGERS was assigned to U-Tapao Royal Thai AFB, Thailand. ROBERT W. WINDUS has been promoted to captain in the army. ANITA L. KILPONEN married Mike Clarke August 29. They are living in Mountlake Terrace where she teaches senior high English and Russian. GUY HAGER and Lynne C. Sendjo were married August 15. LOIS AYLESWORTH BURGOMAN and her husband and son are living in Baton Rouge, La. BILL LAMBERTRE is teaching in Kent. JEFFERY J. SHRINER is currently attached to the Fighting Squadron Eleven aboard the USS Forrestal. BOB LINTOTT is president of the 1,100-member Anchorage Borough Education Association for the 1970-71 school year.

'68 NORMA R. WHITACRE and Ronald D. Martin were married October 10. MARLENE J. DeJONG married Roger L. Van Dyken in June, 1969. During the 1969-70 school year she worked as a substitute teacher in the Ramstein Air Base military school in Germany. JOYCE STRANDBERG has returned from a year in Sweden where she studied at the University of Goteborg on a Rotary Foundation graduate fellowship. She is now teaching elementary school in Bellevue. GAIL D. BYERS became the...
b) 69 MR. and MRS. TONY A. HAWKINS are living in Lacey. They are both teaching in the North Thurston school district. He is also coaching football and baseball. DENISE MURDOCK HOLDEN and her husband are living in Irving, Texas. She is teaching first grade in Fort Worth. GERALD N. MOE is teaching physical education in Brisbane, Australia. CAROLYN A. PETERSON is employed as a hearing therapist in the Fairfax County schools in Virginia. BARBARA HORTEN is teaching home ec in Idaho. KEITH MOULTON is employed as an art specialist in an elementary school in Bellevue. LORETTA A. DREIS became the bride of Frederic D. Rogers II. She is teaching in Fort Pierce, Florida. TERRY G. COLLAR and MARLENE A. GROENING (70) were married in Seattle November 21. ROBERT SHEEDY teaches school in Sultan. JAMES M. MULLEN was appointed Director of Financial Aids at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill. TREERE MURDOCK ACREA and her husband are living in Tulas, Okla.

70 Navy WAVE MARY C. SPARKS has graduated from Women Officers School at Newport, R.I., following 16 weeks of training in military and academic subjects. GREGORY STEPHENS took the former VICTORIA ELSASSE as his bride recently. JOHN A. DRISCOLL has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the USAF. DENNIS N. DANIELS took VICKI ESPEDAL as his bride June 27. VIRGINIA Phipps and HARRY BOWEN were married December 26. TIMOTHY N. ALEXANDER is teaching seventh grade physical science at Beaverton, Ore. GARY J. MacDONALD is attending law school at Willamette University. DONALD BACKMAN is teaching high school social science and is assistant football coach at Yelm. NANCY J. NORTON and RAMON M. ESCURE were married October 17. They are living in Kent.

PAT COX is teaching in Marysville. LINDA GOOD and CHARLES HERON were married in June in Dayton. LINDA WILLET married Roger Fuer. They are living in Ellensburg. JAN DAHL is teaching junior high school at Lakewood, Wash. RICHARD T. MUIR is teaching elementary physical education in the International School in Bangkok. SHARYN LINDSAY is teaching physical education grades 7-12 in Dayton. MICHAEL JARBOE is teaching seventh grade core in Bellingham. GERALD H. DE REGO has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the USAF. RONALD D. BOE and MARCIA G. BOYD were married last December. L. ORIANA CADMAN is teaching at Lower Columbia College.

Unclassified

CAROL R. BENSON became the bride of Randall E. DenAdel in Seattle June 20. She is teaching in Tacoma. EDWIN ANDRES has accepted the position of assistant professor of secondary education at the University of Saskatchewan. DOUGLAS J. LEWIS took the former JOAN A. JANSEN as his bride July 4. They are living in Arlington. He is employed by the Washington State Department of Public Assistance in Mt. Vernon. RUDY JOHNSON has earned a doctorate at the University of Oregon in school administration. He will be administrative assistant in the superintendent's office for the Everett School District.

RICHARD W. JANNEY took Gail Ramsey as his bride June 27. They are living in Bellingham where he is a graduate student and teaching assistant at Western. CURTIS D. MACOMBER has been awarded USAF pilot wings and is assigned to Viet Nam. JAMES H. CANTRELL is serving as a counselor, assistant football coach and assistant basketball coach at Hoquiam High School. GORDON A. CURZON has been appointed to teach in the English Department of the newly formed School of Communicative Arts and Humanities at California State Polytechnic College in San Luis Obispo. WILLIAM C. BOOTH is the new principal of Woodin Elementary School in Bothell. LLOYD SCHOONMAKER is teaching in Oxnard, Calif.

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