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'MARCH FOR LIFE'—Western students, joined by some townspeople, held a peace march and rally (above) last month. The march began on the campus and went through downtown Bellingham to the public library lawn where a large throng heard anti-war speeches. The marchers obtained a city parade permit and the event was orderly.
Trustees adopt budget, new tuition fees

The $50 million budget which Western sent to the legislature in January came back to the campus recently minus $20 million.

In effect, Western has had to decide where to cut, and the cuts cannot be in fat for that is already gone. Instead, the cuts are taking place in the meat and, as President Charles Flora observed, "We hope to keep the skeleton intact."

The ax fell initially among first-year faculty whose contracts were up March 15. Eighteen positions were terminated at that time. Painful as this cut was, it was less injurious than waiting until the second year of the biennium when twice that number would have to be eliminated.

As the budgetary situation has become more clear, additional cuts have been announced. Contrasted with the present level of operations, there will be a net reduction of $404,000 for the first year of the biennium. In addition, the college was directed to cover from its operating budget expenses which have normally been borne by the state's general fund. In all, there must be $2.4 million in reductions over the next two years in addition to the faculty terminations.

The Board of Trustees at their June 3 meeting adopted a series of first order reductions in the operating level of the college which were felt to be least injurious to the mission of the college. Included in these cuts were college-wide services $628,000; President's area $17,000; Provost's area $227,000; Graduate Dean's area $54,100; area of the Dean of Research and Grants $11,600; Dean of Students' area $128,350; and the area of Business Management $109,800.

At the same time the trustees adopted a new schedule of tuition and fees which the legislature intended to partially offset the reduction in state support. For resident undergraduates the level will rise from $360 per year to $447. Resident graduate students will pay $507. Non-resident students who are currently enrolled will pay $993 and new non-residents will pay $1,359. Non-resident graduate students will be faced with a $1,419 bill for each year. There could be additional increases in 1972, reports indicate.

With shifts in dining and housing system reserves, continuing reductions currently under way, and with a possible 10 per cent reduction in all operations the second year of the biennium, the problem will be met.

The Board of Trustees went on record taking "regretful cognizance" of the 15 per cent budget reduction and requested all members of the academic community to brace themselves to necessary sacrifices and urged that suggestions for more efficient and less painful economy be given to the President and Board by all concerned members of the community.

George Secor will lead Alumni Association

George Secor of Everett was chosen to head Western's Alumni Association for the coming year at an annual meeting of the board of directors May 22 in Bellingham.

Chosen to serve as officers with Secor were Larry Elfendahl of Mount Vernon, president-elect; Doug Simpson of Issaquah, treasurer; and Barbara Heller of Bellingham, executive-at-large.

Dion Daggett of Tacoma is the outgoing president of the association.

New board members elected are Marilyn Grindley of Kirkland, Dick Canfield of Anacortes, Tom Springer of Lynden, Roy Johnson of Ephrata, Jerry Baker of Renton, Jannie Inman of Tacoma, Sharon Scharnhorst of Kennewick, Leo Dodd of Redmond, Barbara Tam of Kirkland and Ron Hanken of Issaquah. Returned to the board for a second term are Norman Bright of Seattle and Mary Anne Nichols of Ephrata.

The three-year program calls for investigation of new services which will be of value to alumni and present students. Among areas open for investigation are placement services, intern program, expansion of alumni support to the scholarship program and greater legislative support. A revised committee structure, which will coordinate with the main board and the three regional sub-boards, was adopted at the same time.

The board also sent a delegation composed of Secor, Elfendahl and Simpson to confer with President Flora regarding budgetary problems of the college in relation to the Alumni Association. This group met first for two evenings with other members of the board to draft a statement explaining why the college should not withdraw support from the alumni office at this time. Such a move had been mentioned by Flora as one of a number of possible ways the college might save money during the second year of the upcoming biennium.

The three-person committee met with President Flora and assured him of the support of the Alumni Association during the budgetary crisis and urged him to continue to support the alumni programs.

The President, Elfendorf reported, assured the group he would not close the alumni office, but would look for another means of funding the program.
Sundquist new Associated Students president

Tod Sundquist, a sophomore pre-law major from Bellevue, was elected Associated Students president at Western in the recent spring elections.

A write-in candidate in the primary runoff, Sundquist mounted a campaign in a day and a half that led to his initial victory over four declared candidates.

The issues of the campaign were three-fold: whether the student government should be politically active in the larger community; whether it should restrict itself to academic reform; or whether it should self-destruct.

In the general election, Sundquist faced Joe McConkey, a graduate student from Palm Springs, Calif., who campaigned on a platform of campus reform. Sundquist continued to call for academic reform.

The latter emphasized the need for educational reform that would prepare a student to cope with the problems of pollution and war and how to attack these problems at their roots.

Capturing 57 per cent of the vote, Sundquist viewed his victory as a clear endorsement of the present student government policies of Steve Cooper and as a call for “self-proclaimed campus political prophets to cease playing the role of junior foreign policy makers.”

Larry Diamond, a junior political science major from Bainbridge Island, was elected vice president in the same election.

College points for 75th anniversary

On September 6, 1974, Western Washington State College will have completed 75 years as an institution of higher education. President Flora has suggested that the college celebrate its Diamond Anniversary, taking note of the institution’s beginnings and reaffirming its future.

A Diamond Anniversary Committee has been formed to make plans for that occasion. Dr. Arthur Hicks, Professor Emeritus, who was chairman of the Golden Anniversary Committee, is also chairman of this committee.

One of the projects which the Diamond Anniversary Committee has set for itself is the updating of a booklet entitled “The First Fifty Years” which was published in 1949. This book would be a pictorial history of the college from its beginning to the present time and would be of interest to anyone who has ever been connected with Western.

Although a number of excellent photos of people, buildings and activities during the early days and the later years of the college are in existence, there are undoubtedly a number of excellent photos in the possession of alumni which would make an invaluable contribution to the new book and to the Diamond Anniversary celebration.

Anyone who has photos of significant events, people or places during any era, including the recent past, which would be of general historical interest, who would like to submit them for consideration as the 75-year history is being prepared is invited to do so. Objects and people in the pictures should be well-identified and the date the photo was taken should be provided with as much accuracy as possible.

Although there is no guarantee that all photos submitted will be used, all will be handled carefully and will be returned to the sender in good condition. Photos should be sent to Public Information Office, WWSC, Bellingham, Washington 98225.

A stiff cardboard backing should be included with photos so they will not become bent in the mail.

Kraft named

The appointment of Dr. Gerald F. Kraft as chairman of the biology department at Western has been approved by the WWSC board of trustees. Dr. Kraft succeeds Dr. A. Carter Broad, who has been granted a leave of absence following a National Science Foundation award for science faculty fellowship work.

Kraft, 43, has been a member of the Western faculty since 1961 and was director of the Institute of Freshwater Studies for three years.

Sports quarterly

Benchwarmer, a quarterly publication put out jointly by the Alumni Association and the Department of Athletics, is designed to provide a closer look at Western’s athletic programs and the personalities in them.

Approximately 700 alumni receive Benchwarmer at the present time and additional persons who would like to receive it should send a note to Benchwarmer, in care of the Alumni Office at Western, Bellingham, Washington 98225.
Results of Resume readership survey

A readership survey regarding Resume, though small in response, has indicated a general approval of Western’s alumni publication.

Although only about one per cent answered the query, 99 per cent of the answers generally like Resume the way it is. There were some excellent suggestions as to how the publication might be improved in its appearance, although all would require funding in far larger amounts than is now enjoyed. It was also learned that most people enjoy “Roll Call.”

Getting down to specifics, there were a few surprises. It was suspected that people would be tired of hearing about the way the college has been growing, but 56.7 per cent of the respondents said they are interested in campus growth.

At the same time, it was suspected too that cluster colleges are one of the newsiest elements of the college. However, only 25.9 per cent indicated an interest in reading more about their development.

Other areas scoring in strong reader interest included faculty and student activities, and especially academic program development. Dramatics, athletics and the fine arts were areas showing less interest for readers. There was a respectable amount of interest in alumni activities.

Persons who did not respond to the questionnaire are still welcome to send in any comments they may have about the college or Resume. Comments should be sent to Alumni Office, Western Washington State College, Bellingham, Washington 98225.

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Roll Call

Unclassified

EVERETT HURST is working in the King County assessor’s office as a data processing coordinator for their property re-evaluation group . . . DOROTHY ARNEY and Robert Yantis were married April 3 in Kent where they are now living . . . STEVE ANDERSON is working for Seattle-First National Bank as a trader in the foreign department . . . JACK BENNETT was named as the Everett Herald’s 26th “Man of the Year in Sports” recently. He has been the Everett High School tennis coach for ten years . . . JAMES BAKER is principal of an elementary school in Aptos, Calif. . . . KAREN JO KIRKENDALL and DOUGLAS WINTERBURN were married March 6 in Olympia. They are living in Bellingham where she is working in the admissions office at Western and he is attending school and working in the computer center there . . . PAUL FLATNESS is teaching junior high school in the Shoreline school district . . . GERALD McEWEN received his Ph.D. degree in February from Iowa State University . . . LOIS FRIEND became Mrs. Clifford Benzil March 27 in Bellingham. They are living in Anchorage . . . DEAN S. BYRNHILDSEN took the former Elizabeth Elick as his bride March 14. They are living in Columbus, Ohio . . . JANET A. WUEST became the bride of Warren R. Gregory March 19. They are living in Seattle . . . GERALD E. POST is principal of an elementary school in Kent . . . KAY D. PARKINSON is teaching in California . . . JOHN RICHARDS is doing graduate work at the University of Washington . . . Navy Seaman LAWRENCE J. WEATHERS has graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center in San Diego.

In Memoriam

’01 MINNIE SHUMWAY THOMAS, November 1970, in Bellingham.
’02 ALCICIA ENGIE GOOKINS, February 18.
’08 FLORENCE LUDLOW, in Seattle.
’15 MAUDE KINER DRAPER, November 1970.
’17 JAMES N. MOUNT, February 26, in Seattle . . . BERNIE WELCH, August 4, 1970.
’18 ETHEL H. BUTLER, in Vancouver, Wash.
’19 MRS. VERNIE JOHNSON, in Seattle.
’20 ETHELYN MILLION, in Seattle.