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College holds 72nd commencement exercises

Western held its 72nd commencement exercises on June 11, graduating more than 1,400 bachelor and 226 master degree candidates.

Gathered under threatening skies, the class of 1971 marched in back of the faculty to Carver Gymnasium, where the commencement address was given by Dr. Ronald Williams, dean of the College of Ethnic Studies, who is leaving Western to accept a post in Washington, D.C.

Speaking on the "New Sentimentality," Dean Williams traced the development of two American myths and their application to minority peoples in this country. The first — the old sentimentality — assumed the inherent goodness of the American life style and its concomitant values, he said. It lasted until the end of World War II when 30 million Americans — the minority peoples — expressed their rejection for a system from which they were excluded, he continued.

Dean Williams said that while the racial minorities could reject the old notions, they were powerless to alter them. The impetus to change became real in the 1960's when the children of the white middle class began to challenge the old ways, he explained.

"The young began to denounce the system. They learned to their shock that the nation was not oblivious to its racial inequities and its poverty and was prepared only to give numerous reasons why little could be done to change these conditions."

A new sentimentality developed, he said, with the idea that total destruction (Continued on next page)
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was the only means of purification sufficiently strong to cleanse the soul of America.

"When the new sentimentality turned to racial minorities, it was quite consistent. The system was bankrupt for all ... They assumed that their failure to find any comfort in adequate housing and in a quiet stomach meant that others should not strive for these superficial quests for they would also find them to be hollow prizes. This is the new paternalism which, of course, knows what is best."

Dean Williams contended that for racial minorities to survive it is necessary that they be provided honest experiences in higher education with good counseling. He called on the faculty to make the judgments that are needed if minority students are to receive the education they want, and not to wait for the apocalypse to recast the world in a better form.

Following the commencement exercises, the students deposited their last student identification cards in the box in memory walk and attended a reception in the Viking Commons. The rain did not fall, and the Class of 1971 became alumni of Western Washington State College.

Kingsbury, Hodges resign

Two officers of Western’s board of trustees gave notice of their resignations from the board at the June 11 meeting.

Burton Kingsbury, Bellingham attorney, will be ending 14 years of service on the board when a successor is found. Kingsbury served from 1949 to 1957 the first time and has been on the board since 1965 this time. He is currently the chairman.

Millard B. (Ben) Hodges of Bellingham is the other board member resigning. He has been a board member since August of 1969 and is presently secretary. Hodges is leaving a post as vice president and treasurer of Ketchikan Pulp, a subsidiary of Georgia-Pacific, to join the accounting firm of Metcalf and Tebrich of Bellingham. His resignation is effective the end of June.

Curricular reforms OK’d

A number of curricular reforms have been approved by the college in recent months in an effort to allow students more time to explore various academic disciplines.

Included in the changes are modifications of the physical education requirement, credits needed for graduation, and the minor.

Physical education is no longer a required portion of each student’s curriculum. Adopted with the support of both departments of physical education, the proposal urged students to take part in physical activities, as a means of maintaining their personal well-being.

The number of credits needed for graduation was reduced from 192 to 180. As Western’s system of assigning credits to courses tended to mitigate against 16 credit quarter loads, the new level assumes that 15 credits will be normal progress towards a degree. Instead of carrying two five-credit and two three-credit classes, a student may take three five-credit classes.

Perhaps the most sweeping change was making the minor an optional requirement. Again, the change was adopted in the hope that it would allow the student greater variety in the course of study he chooses.

The change which probably will be received with greatest enthusiasm is the end of final exam week. The week of the term now devoted to examinations will be used for teaching. If an instructor wishes to give an examination, it will be done during one of the regular class periods.

Trustees provisionally adopt Daugert governance proposal

Western’s board of trustees has provisionally adopted the Daugert proposal for college governance, paving the way for the creation of an all-college Senate as a legislative body recommending policies to the board.

Approved earlier by the faculty, students, staff and administrators in separate voting, the new system creates a Senate of 42 elected members, with the President and Provost of the college as ex-officio members. The elected senators will represent the four constituencies of the college.

In creating the Senate, the college will scrap its cumbersome committee structure and substitute four councils and commissions: Academic Coordinating Council, Business and Finance Council, College Services and College Relations Council. The rulings of these bodies will prevail unless overruled by the Senate.

The four constituencies of the college may individually organize in whatever manner they choose, which will act on occasions appropriate to the particular constituency.

The trustees adopted the new plan for two years, after which time the effectiveness of the new system will be reviewed. Elections to the Senate will be held initially in the fall of 1972.
Founders Club alumni hold first meeting June 10 on campus

Founders Club, a group of alumni who graduated from Western more than 50 years ago, met for what will be an annual luncheon on campus June 10.

Thirty-three persons took part in the event and heard President Charles J. Flora recall the student life in those early years and contrast it with the present.

New to Founders status this year were three persons from the class of 1921: Madeline Xlitco Graham of Tacoma, Marie Dewitt of Edmonds and Richard Inge of Bellingham.

The earliest alumna in attendance was May Reasoner Smith of Seattle, who was a member of the class of 1912.

Following the luncheon, Campus Planner Barney Goltz conducted a tour of the campus, explaining its growth and objectives its construction are intended to fulfill.

Bultmann is named dean

Dr. William A. Bultmann, chairman of the history department at Western, has been named dean of the school's College of Arts and Sciences. The 50-year-old historian will take over his new duties September 1.

In his new post, Bultmann will be responsible for 23 academic departments plus the science education and honors programs. He will also serve as chairman of the academic council of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Deloria given honorary degree

Vine Deloria, Jr., a nationally recognized spokesman for the American Indian, and member of the faculty of the College of Ethnic Studies, a cluster college of Western, has received an honorary degree from Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, at that institution's 111th commencement. Deloria delivered the commencement address; his topic was "The System Today."

Deloria, 38, was awarded the degree of doctor of humane letters. He is a former executive director of the National Congress of American Indians, having served in that capacity from 1964 to 1967. He has served on the board of the National Office for the Rights of the Indigent, 1966-68, and the Board of Inquiry into Hunger and Malnutrition in the USA, 1967. Currently he is on the board of the Institute for the Development of Indian Law.
'53 FREDERIC H. DUSTIN took the former Marie-Louise Gebhardt for his bride May 1 in Korea.

'55 KEITH E. STEARNS is associate professor of education at Indiana University. He is also coordinator of the mental retardation training program.

'58 JIM GARD has been appointed head football coach at Jefferson High School at Federal Way.

'59 ALFRED LYNCH has been appointed vice principal of Echo Glen school in Issaquah.

'63 Mr. and Mrs. WAYNE GERI (LINDA CUNNINGHAM '62) are living in Sacramento where he teaches high school English and coaches swimming and water polo. She plans to teach high school English in the fall.

'64 FRED SHULL, football and basketball coach at Edmonds Senior High School, was the recipient of the Golden Acorn Award recently . . . USAF Captain GEORGE S. SEVIER has graduated from the University of Oregon. He is presently assistant professor of German at Washington State University.

'65 STEVEN C. KIRCHNER graduated from the California College of Arts and Crafts at Oakland in 1970 and is employed as graphics coordinator at Dymo, Inc., Berkeley . . . DAVID MERONUK spent the past year working on his master’s degree at the University of British Columbia Center for the Study of Educational Administration.

'66 DANA GREENWAY MERONUK is a girl’s counselor at Coquitlam, B.C . . . NORMAN CLARK is the auto shop teacher and adviser of the school annual at Glacier High School in Seattle . . . ROBERT OPP is working with the Peace Corps in South Vietnam after spending three years in India . . . CHARLES STING teaches high school biology and health in Seattle . . . ROBERT LEHMAN is employed as an evaluation coordinator at Helena, Mont. . . . DENNIS M. LA CROIX is employed in Alaska by the Division of Correction as a probation officer for juveniles and adults . . . MARY E. SHEARS became the bride of Dr. Kaj H. Johansen recently . . . USAF Captain CHARLES R. HAGERHJELM is presently stationed at Hamilton AFB, Calif.

'67 CAROL L. MARTIN was employed in a five-month cooperative kindergarten the past year . . . Mr. and Mrs. PAUL G. FISHER (JANICE SKINNER, '65) are living in Elma where he is a caseworker for the State Department of Public Assistance . . . PATRICIA C. CLELAND became the bride of James D. Oakley in April. She teaches first grade in Oak Harbor . . . Lt. and Mrs. RONALD H. CUMMINS (MARTHA LARSON, '69) are living in Honolulu where he is stationed with the Navy . . . JEANINE PRIMAVERA became the bride of Gregory Parkinson in April. They are living in Renton . . . Mr. and Mrs. DON DIRKS (BARBARA QUERY) are living at Lake Tahoe where she teaches first grade and he teaches senior high school math and coaches football and basketball.

'68 JOHN HOBAN has been working as a full-time, secondary level substitute teacher in Seattle . . . RICHARD HOVDE and WALTER MULVEY are employed by the First National Bank of Oregon in Portland . . . JIM BARRETT is working towards his master’s degree in education at the University of Washington . . . JOYCE STRANDBERG became Mrs. John Kardos in February. They are living in Bellevue . . . TERI J. OLMSHEAD and Larry A. Jungk were married in April. She teaches third grade in Manson . . . DAVID C. BROOKENS is presently fishing in Alaska. CINDY RADONICH BROOKENS ('70), his wife, is teaching high school English and speech at Bainbridge . . . LA RAE M. WEBERLING became the bride of Lance Adams in June.

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