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Flora opens historic senate session

"In some context, every one of us—the plumber, the secretary, the president, the professor, the student—has something of importance to say in solving the college community’s problems," President Flora told a historic first session of the All-College Senate November 17.

"We believe the Senate can provide the necessary vehicle through which this diversity of views can be brought to bear in solving our problems," Flora said, but he warned of the danger of the Senate’s merely imposing another layer of bureaucracy upon an already burdensome structure.

"This organization can fail dismally," he said. "Failure will probably be more easily accomplished than success."

In his introductory message to the group, Flora also stated that the Senate could be the first governing body of its kind to be created in higher education in that it includes representatives from all segments of the college community (faculty, students, staff and administration). As a result of this, he said the new organization is being watched with interest from both inside and outside the college.

Activity of the first session was primarily limited to discussion of how to proceed and of the need for senators to become acquainted with each other before a suitable slate of permanent officers is elected.

Dr. Flora stressed five major points for the senators to consider:

— First, he advised the group to take ample time to organize itself, explaining that "the existing governing bodies on this campus have functioned for a long time and can carry on for a few more months as the Senate gradually assimilates its functions."

— Second, he reminded the senators that they should not feel rigidly bound by the constitutional structure that has been created to guide the organization, since the board of trustees has not yet ratified the constitution in final form and until that move is made it can be modified if such change is deemed appropriate.

— Third, he asked the senators to forget their status as students, faculty members, administrators or staff and to work together in the best interests of Western.

— Fourth, he asked the organization not to attempt to do

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King alumni to honor Flora

King County alumni are planning a no-host social hour for President Charles J. Flora on Saturday, January 15. The event will be held at 7 p.m. in Seattle’s Olympic Hotel.

The reception is intended to give alumni, parents and others interested in Western and higher education an opportunity to discuss their views with President Flora, according to alumni board members Marilyn Grindley and Bob Thorgrimson.
Parking is continuing problem

Even if a visitor to Western finds a parking place (and that's not so easy), he may still have a hard time finding anything else on campus. This point was made in a recent meeting of Whatcom County alumni as one reason why alumni who live close to campus may not always have a close relationship with Western in other ways.

President Flora, Dean of Students Bill McDonald, Faculty Council Chairman Loren Webb, and Associated Students President Tod Sundquist attended the meeting, which was held in Bellingham. Mike Barnhart ('60) served as moderator for a discussion of three questions put to the alumni: What are the chief criticisms of the college? What are the chief assets? What can be done to improve the college's public image?

The parking problem headed the list of criticisms. And the fact that the number of buildings going up, down and sideways, and offices moving from place to place make it hard for a visitor to find his way around campus.

The tenure system, a loss of individualized attention because of Western's size and the de-emphasis of teacher training also came up for discussion. Some alumni expressed confusion over the role of the cluster colleges; others commented on the negative image created by the appearance of some students and faculty members.

On the positive side there was agreement that the quality of teacher preparation is high and that the college enhances the community by providing cultural and intellectual resources and a good source of income for the area. Some alumni commended the administration for responding to student concerns and avoiding the kind of violent confrontations other colleges have experienced.

Most of the suggestions for improvement were ideas of how to increase contact between the college and the surrounding community. Not surprisingly, parking facilities were singled out as something needing improvement.

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everything since "the councils which report to the Senate should be allowed to do their work with a minimum of intervention and we must allow administrators to administer."

— Finally, he asked the group not to let the discussion of important issues die or drag on ad infinitum.

To the college community at large, Dr. Flora asked that it "lay off the Senate" and give it a chance to find its way and get its house in order. "We now have only one internal representative government," Flora concluded. "Though other agencies may continue in some form, they can no longer be regarded as official except as they relate to the Senate."

The group named Dr. Marvin Olmstead, associate professor of speech, as temporary chairman and Harvey Gelder, professor at Fairhaven College, as temporary secretary. A permanent chairman, secretary and any other permanent officers will be named at the fourth meeting of the group.

The hours from 5 to 7 p.m. on Mondays were set as meeting dates. The Senate is comprised of 41 members (25 faculty members, 13 students, 3 staff members and 2 administrators) plus two ex-officio members—Flora and Dr. Frederick Sargent, the provost.

Ferndale woman receives award

Mrs. Neva Brune of Ferndale has received a Marie and Bertha Pabst Memorial Scholarship award for the 1971-72 year. Mrs. Brune, a freshman, is an English major and has a cumulative grade-point average of 4.0.

The scholarship was contributed by alumni and friends in memory of Dr. Marie B. Pabst and her mother, Mrs. Bertha Pabst. Dr. Pabst, an associate professor of geology, died in 1963. Her mother died in 1968.
for higher faculty salaries

Associated Students President Tod Sundquist has initiated a student campaign in support of higher salaries for WWSC faculty members.

In a recent speech to the Associated Students Legislature, Sundquist explained why he decided to muster student support behind President Flora's request for a $1.68 million supplemental operating budget, most of which would go into salary improvements for WWSC faculty and staff during the current fiscal year.

He told the student legislators that "our ability to recruit new faculty and to retain many of our present faculty has severely diminished because our faculty are underpaid." Sundquist cited a study showing that Western's salary scale falls at least 10 per cent below salary levels at comparable institutions, and is likely to drop even lower unless the college's faculty salaries can be raised before the 1972-73 academic year.

The student president emphasized his point with examples of faculty members leaving Western for other schools offering higher pay. He also cited several instances where the college had failed to recruit highly qualified applicants for faculty positions because of competing offers from other institutions with higher salary levels.

The campaign for faculty raises began with a petition circulating among students. Sundquist hopes to collect at least 5,000 signatures on the petition to be presented to state legislators.

He has also contacted students from other colleges and universities around the state and interested them in the effort to bring the matter to the attention of the Legislature. Other plans include letters to be mailed to parents of all WWSC students asking for their help.

Sundquist summed up his concern by saying that it will be the students of Western who will suffer if the quality of the faculty deteriorates as a result of what he termed "insultingly low salaries."

Scholarship

Dorothy I. Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Rogers of Tacoma, has been selected as the recipient of a Charles H. Fisher Memorial Scholarship at Western. Miss Rogers is a sophomore and has a 3.9 cumulative grade point average.

The scholarship, in the amount of $360, was contributed by friends and family of Dr. C. H. Fisher as a memorial to the former president of the college.
Maurer took the former Ellen R. Taylor as his bride in June. They are living in Eugene, Ore. ... Linda Levac is teaching business education in the Coupeville School District ... Beverly Cas is teaching math in the Centralia School District ... Mary J. Davidson and Dayton Grimes were married in August in Puyallup ... David J. Bozak took the former Virginia L. Specht as his bride. They are living in Olympia ... Gayla R. Goulet became the bride of William D. Attolini this summer and they are living in Lynden ... Howard Hoagland took the former Victoria B. Oltman as his bride. They are living in Bellingham ... Sharon Geis has completed eight weeks of Bible study and training at Arrowhead Springs, San Bernardino, Cal., prior to joining the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ International ... Gisella Janowitz became Mrs. Robert S. Levitt. They are living in Vancouver, B.C. ... Sandra L. Graf is teaching senior high art for the Prosser School District ... Tom Green is teaching a combined fifth and sixth grade class in the Lower Snoqualmie School District ... Candace Dubigk is working for Walton and Co., stock brokers, in Seattle ... James Riehl took the former Cheryl L. Bond as his bride in August. They are living in Bremerton where he is teaching high school ... Stephen Ziegler is teaching math at the middle school level in the Snoqualmie Valley School District ... Frederick Achberger and Beverly Stimson were married in July. He is teaching junior high school in Bremerton ... Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Moore (Margaret Davis) are employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and are teaching in an Eskimo village on the Bering Sea ... Lynn Starkovich is teaching first grade in Orting ... Catherine M. McDiarmid and Richard G. Chapman were married in July. They are living in Bellingham ... Harriet Massar is a part-time home economics teacher for grades seven and eight in Mount Vernon ... Patricia J. Mell became Mrs. James E. Borst in July ... David L. Johnson is teaching physical education in Kent ... Elizabeth A. Nairn became the bride of Thomas L. Albright is August. They are living in Moses Lake ... Nancy Walentza is teaching home economics and art in Coupeville ... Rocke Sauter is teaching seventh and eighth grade math in Mount Vernon ... Eugene R. Oliver and Janet E. Trigg were married this summer. They are living in Seattle ... Lynn L. Welsh and Daniel B. Hendrickson were married in August. They are living in Marysville ... John R. Eads is teaching fourth grade in Kent ... David Rephan is teaching high school math for the White River School District ... Karen L. Ballach and Gregory C. Lidmark were married in August. They are living in Everett ... Janet La Berge became Mrs. Jerry Harbour September 11 ... Dayton Brownfield took the former Jill Berry as his bride recently. They are living in Seattle ... Julie Ann Henderson and Robert R. Snyder were married recently. They are living in Bellingham ... Tommy L. Hilyard has been appointed assistant for instruction and development in Tacoma Community College’s federally funded program to bring educational services to low-income housing communities ... Vernon Skees is attending law school at the University of Washington ... Sandra L. McKinney became Mrs. Robert F. McCoy. They are living in Des Moines ... Karen Workentin is teaching high school in the Seattle area ... Clara T. Layares is working in special education for the Tacoma School District ... Cindy Nevitt is teaching kindergarten in Forks ... Diane Katona is employed as a high school teacher in the Seattle area ... Leslye Stewart is teaching fifth grade in Forks ... Ed Simon is an intermediate instructor and junior high football coach in Onalaska.

Unclassified

Anthony W. Screws has joined the therapeutic staff of Greater Lakes Mental Health Center in Tacoma ... Kathryn Bishop and Gary Gudyka were married recently ... William Bowers received his specialist in education degree from the University of Florida in June. He is teaching psychology at a junior college in Mississippi ... Marienne Fenn became Mrs. Donald K. Winchell recently. They are living in Bellingham and she teaches high school arts and crafts in Arlington ... Alberta A. McLeod retired after 28 years with Seattle City Light ... Patricia Ward is teaching seventh grade home economics in Port Angeles ... Philip E. Johnson Jr. took the former Lynn Estes as his bride in June. They are living in Arlington ... Alicia Waliser has been named the head of the Queen Anne Lutheran Day Care Center in Seattle ... Jean E. Jonasson and James Douglas Kinnaman were married in July. They are living in Tacoma where he teaches sixth grade ... Sister Patricia Ann Sharkey is supervisor of the reading program and is a first grade teacher at St. Andrew’s School in Ellensburg ... Pamela J. Mazetier and Delaney L. Brink were married recently. They are living in Bellingham ... Michael Nelson took the former Patricia Christie as his bride this summer ... USAF Air Force Captain Darryl R. Sabin has been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal at Clark AFB, Philippines ... Thomas H. Potter, a public school educator in the Seattle area for the past 14 years, has been appointed an assistant professor of education at Bucknell University ... Ann N. Adee and George W. Siepak were married in August ... Helen Wegman Robichaud received her master of education degree in June from Seattle Pacific College. She is teaching third grade in Seattle ... Linda H. Smith was awarded her master of education degree in May from the University of Alaska ... Elizabeth Huntsberger became Mrs. Gary E. Kemp recently. They are living in Seattle ... Steven K. Crawford took the former Barbara J. Jensen for his bride recently. They are living in LaConner where he is teaching ... Forrest Crooks received his doctor of philosophy degree in education at the University of Iowa in August ... Kenneth Erickson is teaching fifth and sixth grades in Aberdeen ... Katherine A. Bishop and Gary L. Gudyka were married recently in Seattle. They are living in Texas ... Gary W. Baker has been promoted to assistant manager of the Westgate Branch of the Everett Trust and Savings Bank ... Wilbur Olander is teaching instrumental and vocal music on a part-time basis at Friday Harbor ... Linda I. Oiness became Mrs. Robert V. Wilson August 1. They are living in Klamath Falls, Ore. ... James D. Kinnaman took the former Jean E. Jonasson as his bride recently. They are living in Tacoma where he teaches sixth grade ... Joanne Odegard received her doctor of education degree from Washington State University in August ... Mr. and Mrs. Barry Vann (Pauline, ’68) are living in Redmond. He teaches junior high history and geography and coaches track in Issaquah and she teaches second grade on Mercer Island ... Alan Stawitz took the former Donna F. Gruber as his bride in September. They are living in Aberdeen ... Kenneth E. Apte has joined the staff of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in New Mexico to work with the Chemistry and Nuclear Chemistry Division under the auspices of the postdoctoral program ... Michael Warden was awarded his Ed.S. in education from the University of Iowa in August.