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THE TUNNELS OF WESTERN—Pictured here is a portion of the scene beneath the Western campus. See story and additional pictures on pages 4 and 5.
President’s Corner
By DOUG SIMPSON
WWSC Alumni President

The Alumni Association may be on the verge of achieving a goal for which it has been striving for at least three years: coming up with a steady source of its own income. Since the Association was resurrected in 1967 and provided with a paid staff person (Steve Inge), it has had only a minimal annual budget for expenses and projects.

Even before he became president in 1971, George Secor, then an Everett realtor, came up with a plan whereby the alumni would be given by the college a choice lot on the south portion of the campus (now the main approach to the campus, for those of you who have not seen the campus in recent years). The alumni would then have leased the property to private businessmen, who would build a delicatessen or pub, or both, at a location without such facilities. This area now serves a great deal of college housing, and the businesses would be sure successes.

President Secor had willing businessmen on the string, too, but the Association could never quite swing the deal due primarily to future highway right-of-way and long-range college planning.

Fortunately, this was not the Association’s sole idea. The college owns several houses in the vicinity of the campus, houses which it has not planned to use indefinitely. Alumni leaders sent out feelers as much as two years ago about the possibility of acquiring one of these houses. Last June, in a conference with President Flora, I reiterated our desire to acquire one of them.

Several factors—a remodeling of Old Main offices and Western’s budget crisis, in particular—now make those houses somewhat of a burden to the college. At a meeting last month Dr. Flora asked me if the alumni still wanted one of the houses. I assured him that we did and that we would start looking into it.

Under the leadership of Finance Chairman Dennis Cooper and Inge, our alumni relations officer, a committee of us went to the college one afternoon and examined three of the available houses—the President’s House (just south of the Auditorium-Music Building), the old Haggard House on Oak and High streets, and the CCM House on Garden Street. We have been investigating annual maintenance costs, possible remodeling needs and legal implications. We have already notified President Flora of our first two choices.

After details are settled, the Alumni Association will have its own quarters for offices and meetings, and, more important, by renting several rooms to students we would have a steady source of income that would enable us to expand our services to the college and its alumni, including opportunities to host and serve you whenever you come to the campus.

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ALUMNI PROFILE: One of the leaders of the Association the past two years has been MARILYN (Murry) GRINDLEY, a 1964 grad. Marilyn, a 1960 graduate of Cleveland High School in Seattle, majored in history at Western, taking BA’s in history and education.

Her campus activities included serving a year as an AS legislator, as vice-president of her junior class and as president of her senior class. Marilyn also was secretary to the Northwest Students Association, a member of the National Students Association and a member of Valkyrie. She graduated magna cum laude.

Marilyn then taught history and psychology at Meadowdale High School for four years. After completing her MA in Student Personnel Services at the University of Washington, she took a counseling position at Redmond High School. In her three years at Redmond, she was president of the Faculty Senate for a year and was selected for an educators’ four-day tour of West Point.

Meanwhile, Marilyn married Phil Grindley in 1966; she stopped working in 1971 so the couple could have a son, Sean, now 20 months.

Mrs. Grindley became a member of the Alumni Board of Directors in the spring of 1971, after helping with the King County Phon-a-thon. Marilyn has coordinated each of the past two years a reception for President Flora at the Olympic Hotel. And Mrs. Grindley is now serving in her second year as chairwoman of the Association’s Admissions Committee.

“I feel the Alumni Admissions Counseling Program achieved considerable success in its initial year,” she said. “We are now proceeding with plans for the current year which we hope will provide the admissions program with even greater potential for success.” □

Counselor certification program set

The first program to meet new state standards for certification of school counselors has recently been approved by the Washington State Board of Education. Developed by the psychology department of Western in cooperation with the Edmonds School District, the Washington School Counselors Association and the Washington Education Association, the new program was implemented this fall.

According to Dr. Elvet Jones, associate professor of psychology, Western has been involved in counselor-preparation for some 20 years. However, the new program marks the first time that school counselors have been required to complete an approved course of study to be eligible for a permanent certificate.

“The new program differs from those found in most states primarily in its joint involvement of the college,” Dr. Jones said. “The interaction of all these agencies permits direct input from the practitioner, the administrator and the theorist or researcher in designing a balanced training program.”

Another variation from former programs is increased emphasis on establishing competence of performance, coordinating knowledge and theory with actual job functions.

“To achieve these objectives, Western’s program is designed so that graduate students who are counselor-trainees will combine academic experiences with work in the field each quarter. All students will have as many opportunities as possible to work in a counseling office under guidance of a college faculty member and a field supervisor.”

While most persons who become school counselors will be former teachers, the new state guidelines encourage people with other backgrounds, such as experience with minorities, social service or employment or rehabilitation counseling, to enter the field. All participants will be required to complete an approved course of practical experience in the schools and be recommended by Western and the participating school district to be eligible for certification.

Anyone interested in additional information about the certification program should contact the director of school counseling in the psychology department at WWSC. □
Randall cheerful as hoop season nears

Although losing his top three scorers of a year ago, including NAIA All-America guard Mike Franz, Western's Chuck Randall is predicting his basketball Vikings will be in the thick of the NAIA national tournament next March.

The Big Blue mentor is basing this forecast on a hunch he has potentially the best defensive team he's coached as he heads into his 12th year on the hill. And with his 11 previous Viking teams—all winning ones—holding opponents to an average of 64.3 points a game, that's saying something.

But with one of the roughest schedules ever to face a Viking team, the defense had better be tough. The 26-game slate begins with eight road games, including Seattle Pacific College, University of Puget Sound, Portland State University and the University of Idaho. Then it's into always tough Evergreen Conference action. Scoring slack must be taken up for the graduated Franz (25.6), who holds 16 school records, and post Mike Buza (9.9) and post Mike Buzza (9.2).

Returning starters are guard Chuck Price, a 6-2 junior from Lynden, and post Dick Bissell, a 6-6 junior from Bellevue. Price, the Vikings' top defensive ballplayer last year, scored 172 points, made 86 assists and grabbed 104 rebounds. Bissell was third among the northwest small college assist leaders (107) in 1972-73 and is looked upon to improve in scoring and rebounding this season.

Two juniors, 6-2 Jim Hotvet of Bremerton and 6-4 Craig Nicholes of Seattle, are top contenders for the other two guard positions. Jack Nicholas, a 6-4 transfer from Bellevue Community College where he averaged 12 points a game, is another prospect along with top performers on last year's jayvee team. They are Jamie Greene, a 5-11 sophomore from Spokane; Bob Hoefel, a 5-11 sophomore also from Spokane; Ken Kelley, a 5-11 sophomore from Bellevue; Steve Laws, a 6-2 sophomore from Winlock; and Joe Hunter, a 5-10 junior from Seattle.

The post positions are up for grabs with Bissell, Chuck Fisher, a 6-5 senior from Alhambra, Calif., Jim Dudley, a 6-5 senior from Surrey, B.C., and Keith Lowry, a 6-4 senior from Bellingham, returning. Two 6-7 transfers, Rob Visser from Grays Harbor Community College and Chris Brown from Bellevue CC are other strong candidates.

Promising freshmen who could see varsity action are Eric Anderson, 6-7, Portland (Reynolds); 6-0 Wayne Anderson, Bellingham (Shelby); 6-2 Ned Betty, Twisp; 6-4 Mike Crocke, Bellingham (Shelby); 6-4 Neal Kamphouse, Lynden (Lynden Christian); 6-2 Kim Reimer, North Bend (Mount Si); 6-2 Gary Stier, Everson (Nooksack Valley); and 6-3 Mark Murray, Seattle (Shoreline).

NEW TRACK COACH—Dr. Ralph Vernacchia has been named new head track and cross country coach at Western, succeeding Dick Bowman, who resigned. Vernacchia, 28, comes to Western from University of Utah, where he was an assistant coach in the sport while completing his doctorate.

Sculptor dies

Sculptor James Fitzgerald, 63, died recently in a Seattle hospital. A frequent exhibitor in leading American art museums, he was creator of the Rain Forest bronze sculpture fountain located near the main entrance to Haggard Hall.

His other creations have included bronze fountains in Seattle's Civic Center Playhouse courtyard and in the IBM Building plaza. More of his work is located at Princeton University and at the federal courthouse in Ogden, Utah. He is represented in many American museums and private collections.
Steam lines, condensate lines and power lines converge at one of the tunnel system’s periodic escape hatches. The ladder at center allows departure through a manhole, which is locked from the inside to prevent entry by unauthorized persons. Note barred gate at tunnel entrance.

Located beneath the Western campus is a little-known-about system of tunnels which stretches from the com­misary building near 25th Street and College Parkway on south campus, to Mathes Hall and Old Main on the north end.

The tunnels are about eight feet in height in most places, and generally made of round concrete pipe that has been laid in the ground. Some connecting sections are square in shape, having been poured on the site.

The tunnels contain steam lines, phone cables, high voltage lines, television cable, ground wires for the campus, sump pumps for heavy rains and condensate return pipes that carry water back to the heating plant. The temperature in these huge underground tubes ranges from a comfortable 70 to a roasting 100 degrees.

Security and maintenance personnel conduct daily inspections of the tunnels to assure that there aren’t any lost souls unable to get out and to make sure the equipment is operating satisfactorily. On occasion students have entered the area, which can be a very dangerous practice since most of the power lines carry 15,000 volts. Bumping into an uninsulated steam pipe in a unlit section can result in a bad burn.

There has been only one report of anyone having been hurt in the tunnels, that being a person prowling around in the dark who walked over one of the sudden drops that occur when a new section changes elevation.

The tunnel system is entered through various buildings on the campus. Once inside, the system is divided by barred gates which must be unlocked by security or maintenance personnel. It is possible to leave through a number of manholes, which are locked from the inside.

Prior to the completion of the present system and before most of the security measures had been installed, the occasional student would find his way into the tunnels which now stretch for nearly a mile underground. Lee Brown of the campus security office remembers a flute player who used to practice in the tunnels, apparently appreciating the resonating quality of the long tubes.

The tunnels are not a place for anyone suffering from claustrophobia. The dim light and the ominous hum of machinery make the area an uncomfortable place to be for any length of time. In one section, one can climb for about a quarter of a mile in dim light and hear a hissing sound that increases in volume as one climbs the passage way. The temperature rises at the same time.

Surprisingly, little wildlife has found its way into the tunnel area. Security Officer Chuck Page says he has seen only one small garter snake in his years at Western.
Copenhaver: freshman enrollment is the key

From his viewpoint as assistant professor of general studies and as chairman of the All-College Senate for the coming year, Dr. Brian Copenhaver sees Western as a strong state college with an able and bright faculty and a positive future of service to students and other citizens of the state.

“One of the most significant indicators of a school's vitality is freshman enrollment,” he said. “If an institution is dying, freshman enrollment will be down; if it is healthy, the level of freshman enrollment will be maintained. With enrollment declining in all of the state's colleges, the number of freshmen at Western this fall is at about the same level as last year.

“We seem capable of attracting freshmen and should continue to strive to do so. What we need to do is try harder to keep them here once they have arrived.”

As to the activity of the Senate for the coming year, the 30-year-old professor noted that until January the main emphasis will be upon the "tragic portion of the current budgetary problem—making decisions about people's jobs.

“Once that's over, the Senate will shift its attention to other pressing concerns.” It may, he feels, deal with such issues as grading, or long-range plans, or it may look at the desirability of restructing the college to meet changing needs of the state.

An important problem may be the relationship of Western's administration with the state. Dr. Copenhaver expressed apprehension about the stratification of higher education toward which the state's Council on Higher Education seems to be heading, with the majority of students attending community colleges their first two years and leaving the present four-year colleges to fill the need for upper-division and graduate-level work.

“There is something in the notion of a four-year, liberal-arts education which our culture has found important. It has been developed over a period of 3,000 years and I don't think we should just drop it on the basis of short-term budget economies.

“The liberal arts develop a whole habit of mind, a whole world view, a way of looking at things,” he continued. “Such development can only take place in a long-term operation.

“Community colleges are more naturally suited to a technical orientation. We should not turn all our energies toward competing with them in that area.

“‘To turn Western into solely an upper-division and graduate-level institution may also be wrong. We probably should only grant master's degrees in areas in which it is in keeping with economic facts—where those degrees are marketable. This is by no means a settled question.'”

Returning to the subject of the Senate and its future within the institution, Dr. Copenhaver believes it represents a bright spot on the horizon with respect to college governance. He believes it is proving to be a good experiment and is working well in important respects.

“It provides an arena where faculty, students, administrators and staff can discover where their problems come together and can find useful solutions for them.

“Without an instrument like the Senate, tall and thick walls are likely to be built between various campus constituencies. The Senate helps to break down such barriers.

“I also believe that external entities such as the state legislature or the Council on Higher Education are impressed with an agency which can represent the collective will of the college.

“The fact that the Senate exists also makes it likely that a more workable outcome of the budget crisis can be developed.”

Special grant will aid budding journalists

A program to bring distinguished journalists to the college campus as guest lecturers will be launched at Western next year through a special grant from the Frank E. Gannett Newspaper Foundation, Inc. The grant, in the amount of $15,000, will enable the journalism program at Western to invite outstanding news professionals as visiting faculty during 1974.

The program is designed to give people who are fresh from the news front a chance to critically explore public and professional issues and to share their skills and insights with a new generation of news gatherers and readers, according to R.E. Stannard, Jr., acting head of Western's journalism program.

Visiting lecturers will be used both for general all-college courses serving the entire campus and for intensive seminar-level work with journalism majors and other advanced students. They will be encouraged to interact with students and faculty through guest sessions in other classes, working with the student media, taking part in public discussions, and generally sharing in campus life and activities.

Journalism students get initial working experience outside the classroom on an award-winning, twice-weekly campus newspaper, the Western Front, and a twice-quarterly illustrated magazine, Klipsun. Additionally, they undertake full-time summer internships in the professional media before completing their degrees.

This year, WWSC journalism students earned exceptional recognition by capturing 14 out of 18 awards in a five-state regional competition—sponsored by the professional journalism society Sigma Delta Chi—for the best four-year college newspaper, magazine, editorials, magazine articles, news photography and writing under deadline pressures. They also earned scholarships from SDX, the Allied Daily Newspapers of Washington and the Western and Eastern Washington chapters of Women In Communications.

Study abroad

Debra Delbert and Patricia Starkey of Shelton are among 18 students from throughout the United States who will spend a year studying at Heidelberg University in Heidelberg, Germany. Both girls are juniors at Western.

During their stay, the students will choose from a wide variety of subjects offered at the university, all taught in German. All participants who successfully complete a five-week preliminary course prior to beginning of the winter semester in October are granted full matriculation at the university.
Geographers hear guest Briton

Geography students will have some lectures delivered in a British accent this year with the addition of Dr. David Wilcock to that department at Western as visiting Fulbright lecturer.

Originally from Lancashire, England, Dr. Wilcock has been teaching at the New University of Ulster in Northern Ireland the past seven years and will return there following his nine-month stay in this country. A graduate of London University, he received his Ph.D. at Liverpool University.

Invited to Western by Dr. Howard Critchfield, chairman of the geography department, Dr. Wilcock received a Fulbright grant to come to this country and hopes to delve into both environmental science and geography, during his stay. He is chairman of the environmental science board at the New University of Ulster.

His first impressions of the United States and the Pacific Northwest are "very favorable indeed." He adds that one of his first American purchases was a white car, "which should be given all the courtesy it deserves, considering I'm driving on the wrong side of the road."

Expressing himself as impressed with "the shear quantity of the timber in this area and the beauty of the campus," Dr. Wilcock also noted both he and his wife Frances were delighted with the "limitless supply of coffee in restaurants, because in Britain, you pay for each individual cup." Son, Peter, 8, on the other hand, was relieved to learn that, contrary to American films and TV shows which had led him to believe otherwise, there are no rattlesnakes here. "St. Patrick got rid of them for us in Ireland, remember," Dr. Wilcock noted.

Contrasting British and American academic systems, Dr. Wilcock said, "In Britain we seem to have a more concentrated program for training undergraduates; they do a three-year program fulltime, and can take jobs only during vacations." All students in England and Northern Ireland get heavy financial government subsidies, he noted.

Another difference, he said, is in attitudes concerning leaves of absence for faculty members. Professors are expected to utilize summers for research purposes, and leaves, such as the one he is presently on, are rare. "This is my first leave of absence in nine years," he noted.

Dr. Wilcock sees the study of geography as being "attractive because it belongs to everybody." He adds, "Former British Prime Minister Harold Wilson once addressed a meeting of geographers I attended and called geography 'one of the purest subjects man could study.' There's no danger of building hydrogen bombs or of applying it disastrously to fellow human beings," he said.

While Dr. Wilcock lectures at Western, his wife will work on her Ph.D. thesis. "She is interested in recreation problems and hopes to study what's being done in this part of the world to broaden her knowledge of conservation techniques," Dr. Wilcock said.

The family will live in Birnam Wood, a WWSC apartment-style residence complex, during their stay in Bellingham. □

Time machines? microform sets are fascinating

They aren't called time machines, but the 24 microform viewers to be found in Wilson Library at Western could aptly be termed just that. For, through their use, history buffs, trivia lovers, researchers and others can obtain dramatic glimpses of past and future alike.

Whether it's an English book laboriously printed in 1475 or the latest trend in urban affairs of the 1970s, printed material—reduced to microscopic proportions—is available in one of hundreds of thousands of bits of film included in the WWSC collections.

Such items as a Pilgrim Father's diary, newspapers printed during the American Revolution, and every copy of the New York Times back to 1851 are just a few of the things to be found in the microform library which consists of more than 16,500 reels of film and 157,361 microfiche and microcard selections, all catalogued and indexed for easy reference.

The use of microphotography to reproduce books, newspapers and periodicals has proved a boon to scholars and researchers, according to Robert J. Cross, assistant director for public services at Wilson Library. "It's the only way to house such extensive collections of books and often it's the only way to obtain many of them," he says.

The microform collections at WWSC are kept in open file drawers throughout the building according to category. Several of the more interesting collections are to be found in the basement of the library where a few rows of metal cabinets house thousands of photographically-reproduced volumes, including all English, Scottish and Irish books printed from 1475 to 1700 of which there are still existing copies.

Also to be found here are collections of several newspapers from colonial times, dating back to 1719. Papers from Massachusetts and Pennsylvania chronicle the years prior to and during the American Revolution, and they also provide glimpses into the past seldom found in history books.

"This is to give notice that my wife Phoebe has very much misbehaved herself and not acted the part of a dutiful wife," proclaimed one Anthony Ludlam in a large ad in the Pennsylvania Journal of January 4, 1775.

And Edward Costolow advertised for the return of a runaway servant described as "apt to get drunk,

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Microform

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knock-kneed, a great lyric, together with being a great rogue."

The newest addition to the microform collections at Western is the Library of American Civilization, some 20,000 volumes housed compactly in six small file drawers. In this collection is to be found the total history of the country, from its earliest beginnings to the end of World War I, told through documents, works of fact and fiction, diaries and other diverse publications. Several complete sets of encyclopedias are included in the collection which, purchased in this way, cost a fraction of their normal book price.

Another extensive collection on microfiche is the Newsbank Urban Affairs Library which provides reports on urban political, economic and social conditions in the U.S., using material from 150 newspapers in 103 cities. Newsbank is kept up to date on a monthly subscription basis with more than 70,000 new reports added annually at a cost of well under $1,000.

Several other microform programs are also handled on a subscription basis, including Environmental Information Access, Human Relations Area Files, and the library's collection of heaviest use, the Education Research Information Center, nicknamed Eric. Some 5,000 new films are added each year to the growing collections.

Except for the material in the Library of American Civilization which is used with a special viewer, all microform texts can be reproduced on paper at a cost of five cents per page, enabling the reader, if he wishes, to obtain his own copy of rare books or needed research data.

'36 ROBERTA THYGESON LATIMER has retired after 35 years of teaching.

'47 JOYCE CHRISTOPHER is a lieutenant colonel in the Army and is chief Army health nurse at Fort Belvoir, Va., with nine Army health nurses under her command. It is the largest Army health nursing staff in the Army medical corps.

'50 TROY MCKELVEY is an associate professor of educational administration at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

'57 DONALD BLEVINS received his master's degree in education from Seattle Pacific College in August.

'58 ROBERT ALLEN is a high school counselor and ninth grade basketball coach at Sequim.

'61 JOE FOSNICK is principal of an elementary school in the Clover Park School District.

'64 ROGER LIBBY is assistant professor of family development and sociology at the University of Georgia.

'66 SANDRA SORENSEN and Lawrence Poos were married June 16 in Germany where she teaches with the Department of Defense schools.

'67 Kristi Nerheim and DOUGLAS KELLY were married recently in Seattle . . . BARBARA NASMAN and Eugene Folksted were married July 7 and are living in Seattle. She teaches in the Edmonds School District . . . KURT OTHBERG is employed in Olympia by the Washington State Bureau of Natural Resources, Division of Mines and Geology, as an environmental geologist . . . Pamela Rolfson and LARRY GILMORE were married recently in Mount Vernon and are living in Yakima where he is assistant manager of a jewelry store.

'68 JOHN B. JACKSON III graduated from Williamette University's College of Law in May and is employed by a law firm in Bremerton . . . Mr. and Mrs. LARRY W. NELSON (NANCY WESTLEY) received master of education degrees in student personnel administration and elementary education, respectively, in June. She teaches first grade in Tenino and he is student programs coordinator and student center manager at Fort Steilacoom Community College . . . CRAIG REINER teaches music in Halifax, Nova Scotia . . . JIM DIEHL is working toward a Ph.D. in geophysics at the University of Wyoming . . . GARY MEDCALF is assistant cashier at the Blaine office of the National Bank of Commerce.

'70 BOB HUGHES is associate manager of Oaksridge, Inc. in Elma where he supervises the restaurant and golf shop . . . LARRY ROYCE is director of the Port Townsend Recreational Program . . . KATHLEEN KELLY and TERRY KERHL were married and are living in Spokane where she is a teacher's aide and he is attending Gonzaga Law School . . . JOANNA UCHIDA SMITH teaches business education at West Seattle High School . . . BYRON GIMNESS is teaching photography and graphic arts at a high school in Salem, Oregon . . . VIKKI KNOL received her master's degree in library science at the University of Oregon and is a librarian in Roseburg.

Unclassified

NANCY KATT has been assigned by the Department of State to a two-year tour of duty at the American Embassy in Kinshasa, Zaire . . . DEBORAH KEETING and James Moore were married June 30 in Port Angeles where they are living . . . BRAD KINCAID has been awarded a graduate assistantship in the field of ecology at the University of Houston . . . JAN NEWTON and Chris Lovegren were married in June in Gig Harbor. She is co-director of the nursery school for WWSC . . . Kristine McGrath and BRADLEY BEMIS were married in June in Bellevue and are living in Redmond . . . CAROL ARAWAY is coordinator of medical services at the Renton Area Youth Services . . . LEROY MANS is director of volunteer services at Western State Hospital . . . NORMAN REA is manager of the White Center Branch of Seattle-First National Bank . . . EVA STARRETT holds the position of community worker at Rainier Vista in Seattle to help coordinate the modernization program underway . . . JEANETTE WARNER and William Busby were married recently in Bellingham where they are living . . . CATHERINE CLAUS and KENNETH VISSE were recently married in Bellingham where he teaches school . . . STACY BURGER and Harold Jones were married recently in Olympia . . . JOAN CUSHMAN and THOMAS RYAN were married recently in Seattle . . . JOAN HUGHES is directing a new Day Treatment Program at Skagit Mental Health Clinic.

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