NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDING — Arntzen Hall, Western's new social sciences building, rises just to the north of the Environmental Studies Center. Named for the late Professor Edward J. Arntzen, who chaired the Department of Social Studies for many years, the building is the new home for the departments of geography, economics and business, political science and sociology/anthropology. The terraced area of the building in the foreground is earth-filled to provide insulation, and is planted with ornamental flowers and shrubs. The $3.3 million structure contains classrooms, laboratories and a 468-seat auditorium, as well as faculty offices for the four departments that will use the structure.
As you, Western’s alums, read this column, my term as president of the Alumni Association has already ended. At various times it has been a year of frustration, accomplishment, disappointment and satisfaction. For me it has been busy and demanding, yet very rewarding.

Every president, I suppose, hopes that his term will be special, that great strides will be made and that he will accomplish his most ambitious goals and plans. This past year I have written and personally confronted legislators about Western’s budget problems; I have made close contact with college officials regarding budget matters and other alumni concerns, such as athletics and a campus house for the association; I have attempted to efficiently coordinate and lead our alumni trustees in various projects of our board and its committees.

I do not feel that the past year has been an unqualified success. We did not obtain an alumni house—though the College has given its cooperation and will see that we have one in the near future. We did not “win over” the legislature—though they know we exist and will continue to be a force to be reckoned with. We did not expand our fund-raising efforts to the extent I had hoped; the future here is promising, however, under the leadership of Foundation Director George Shoemaker, who has initiated some exciting programs in deferred giving.

The Alumni Association did achieve most of the goals of its committees. We have initiated contacts and joint programs with our sister school associations. We have earned the respect and cooperation of college officials, including the Board of Trustees and the Foundation Board. We are beginning to be known and looked to by the faculty. For the first time an alumnus was selected to serve on a Presidential Search Committee—it has been my honor to represent the alumni in the search for a successor to President Flora. Our own board is reaching its peak in size and has no shortage of present and future leaders. In the future we will develop and begin to function on a regional basis as well.

The past year, then, has been a transitional one. The Alumni Association no longer questions who it is and what it can and should be doing. New leaders bring new ideas. The future will bring increasing success and prominence. The Alumni Association is now a viable force in the total community known as Western Washington State College.

Your new president is BOB THORGRIMSON, a four-year veteran of the Alumni Board with two years of experience on the Executive Committee. Bob, like myself a 1961 grad, lives in Seattle and works as a programmer at Cascade Natural Gas.

Somewhat of a vagabond, Bob at one time or another has attended nine different institutions of higher learning (four years at Western), and he has worked as far away as Long Island, New York, where he was a municipal bond analyst. After a stint at Boeing, he studied data processing before taking his present position three years ago.

At Western Thorgrimson was a history major. He was chairmen of a committee that planned the college bookstore; he also served on the ASB Finance Committee, and was president of both the Young Republicans Club (1960) and the Soc/Anthro Club (his minor). Married in 1964, Bob and Marge have two children, Richard, 9, and Ann, 4½.

Bob is a golfing enthusiast—he shoots in the low 90’s—who for five years has promoted a junior golf tournament in Seattle, “the most elaborate of its kind.” He also enjoys skiing and gardening.

Thorgrimson has been a leader on the Alumni Board since he became a member in 1970. He has served on the Finance, Special Projects and By-Law Revisions committees. He has been a leader in King County activities, never having missed a night of participation in Seattle phone-a-thons. On a vacation last year, Thorgrimson made presentations to alumni in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

“As president, I hope to set new goals—to continue our growth and help us become self-sufficient,” Thorgrimson says. He plans to continue to pursue the alumni house and to expand efforts in the admissions program, including programs to recruit students (including athletes) from out-of-state. Bob would also like to initiate a golf tournament for alumni and their guests.

“The College has helped me, has opened a lot of doors for me,” added Bob. “I joined the association to help the College where I could—to contribute to its growth.”

Bob Thorgrimson will be a dedicated, hard-working president. He deserves the support of all interested alumni. He will appreciate whatever you may have to offer—ideas, time, money. Let him represent you.

Jarrett to visit this summer

Dr. James L. Jarrett, president of Western Washington State College from 1954 to 1964, will return to the Bellingham campus to teach a short course in Humanities from August 12 to 23.

Designed for teachers and prospective teachers, the course will deal with the historic and philosophic foundations of humanistic education, with much of the material to be based on Dr. Jarrett’s new book, The Humanities and Humanistic Education.

Dr. Jarrett, a professor of education at the University of California at Berkeley for the past 10 years, is the author of numerous books and articles on esthetics and education. He will be joined in teaching the course by Dr. Elbert Beamer, assistant professor of General Studies at WWSC.

Fee for full participation with three credits is $69; full participation without credit, $20. Lectures may be audited for $10. Fees are payable on check-in day, August 11, with registration scheduled for the first class session, to be held at 9 a.m. August 12 in Miller Hall 164.

Further information on the summer short course may be obtained by contacting Nita Clothier, workshop coordinator, General Studies Department, WWSC.

NSF fellowship

Carol Frances Begert of Puyallup has been awarded a graduate fellowship for 1974 from the National Science Foundation. A senior biology major at Western, she will do her graduate work under the grant at Stanford University. The award is one of 525 graduate fellowships in the sciences, mathematics and engineering granted for the 1974-75 school year and one of six awarded in the state. Begert’s is the only award made to a student from a four-year college in Washington. The fellowship provides three years of support at the graduate institution selected.
New department heads appointed

Five new department heads were recently appointed at Western by the Board of Trustees.

Beginning September 1 Dr. Paul Ford will become chairman of the Education Department, replacing acting chairman Don Ferris, who is retiring. Dr. Ford came to Western in 1970 and has been coordinating teacher education programs with school districts in the state. A field-centered program he designed, which measures the effectiveness of student teachers by progress achieved by their elementary-school pupils, recently won national recognition.

Dr. Thomas Schlotterback, professor of art and director of Western's art history program, has been appointed to a four-year term as head of that department. A member of the faculty since 1965, he will replace David Marsh, who has served as chairman since 1966.

The new chairman of the Geography Department will be Dr. James Scott. For some three years, Scott has served as director of the Center for Pacific Northwest Studies at Western, an agency dedicated to extensive coordinated study of the region.

Succeeding Phillip Ager as acting head of the Music Department is Dr. Edwin LaBounty, associate professor of music. A pianist, harpsichordist and composer, Dr. LaBounty is coordinator of freshman and sophomore courses in a student-and-performance-oriented program at Western.

Acting chairman of the History Department will be Dr. LeRoy J. Dresbeck, associate professor of history, replacing Dr. Roland L. DeLorme who will be on sabbatical leave for one year. He has been a member of Western’s faculty since 1969. His teaching specialties are in medieval history and the history of early technology.

Professors collaborate on book

Biology students on three continents will soon be influenced by the work of two Western professors who have written a book commissioned by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Drs. Irwin L. Slesnick and LeVon Balzer, both faculty members in Western’s Biology Department, have authored a source book for secondary teachers in Asia, Africa and Latin America designed to update knowledge concerning population and environment.

“UNESCO wanted to provide a fund of information about human biology that is conspicuously absent in the undergraduate preparation of teachers in these countries,” Dr. Slesnick says. “Many topics have, until now, been omitted for political or psychological reasons, because of such influences as Victorianism and the Muslim ethic.”

Another reason for the UNESCO project, according to Dr. Balzer, was to update information presently being taught. “New findings and studies just haven’t found their way into their teaching,” he says. “There has been little pertaining to agriculture or health and reproduction was either omitted or superficially treated.”

The American biologists faced an interesting challenge. In the early stages of the project there was, according to Dr. Balzer, “a lot of discussion over our role as Americans who would prepare materials to help change attitudes in these developing countries.”

They met the challenge, he says, “by using as our main guideline a high degree of sensitivity to any value orientation we might inject into our writings. We tried to give international, rather than western, perspectives; we didn’t tell people what to decide—only the consequences of what happens when educational, social and scientific decisions are made in a developing country.”

Miss Cummins dies

Miss Nora B. Cummins, professor emeritus of political science and history, died on May 4, 1974. In a recent address to the Women of Western on “Women in the History of Western,” Dr. Arthur Hicks, professor emeritus of English, commented on Miss Cummins’ service to the College:

“For decades she served in the Department of Social Studies as a specialist in political science. She served her discipline in the classroom and outside with great effectiveness. She was for many years the faculty adviser for the International Relations Club, which was one of the most vital student organizations concerned with a scholarly discipline in the history of Western.

“She was also very active in community affairs. With a colleague during the forties she served as alternating moderator for a series of radio panel discussions on ‘The War and the Peace.’ Indeed, she was one of the most useful and active members of the faculty.”
Alumnus fondly recalls late housemother

( Editor's note: The following article was supplied by Ralph Munro, '66, who is an aide to Governor Evans and who was Associated Students president in 1965. Munro was also president of Highland Hall in 1962-63.)

Western Washington State College lost one of its finest friends recently in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mrs. Ray K. (Ma P) Pritchard, former house mother of Highland Hall and friend of the entire college community, died on Monday, March 4. She had lived in Milwaukee the past several years.

Hundreds of men accepted Ma P as their own mother and she tried to fill in as a mother for scores of students while they a t e n d e d WWSC. I first met her on the steps of the Highland Hall dormitory while she was directing one of our house officers in stern tones that "you can't do that, it's never been done before." That statement later became her motto and we teased her about it a lot.

Mrs. Pritchard was born in Logansport, Indiana, in 1894 and made her home in Gary, Indiana, for 30 years before moving to this state in 1957. For ten years she served as the Gary Post Tribune's society editor. She was also active on the Gary Symphony Board, the Girl Scout Council and was former secretary of the Calumet Association of Life Underwriters.

Ma P moved to Olympia in 1957 for a year to live with her son, Dr. Jay Stuart Pritchard, and in 1958 accepted a job as a house mother at Western. Her experiences at Western were many and varied and they are all found in a book entitled Rocks in the Washer and Candy Canes Too. All of the fellows of Highland Hall learned to love her a great deal, but also enjoyed playing every possible trick on her that could be dreamed up. The Rocks in the Washer came from a number of dormies telling Mrs. Pritchard that one of the guys in the lower wings of Highland Hall was using the washing machine to wash out river gravel he had found on the Nooksack River with the hopes of finding some gold. For weeks every night Mrs. Pritchard would venture down the lower hallways to determine if the story was really true and only after many many nights of this did she realize it was only a prank and she again had been the victim.

Experiences of life with Mrs. Pritchard are too many to write about. She kept correspondence with many hundreds of her men (following the completion of her duties at Western) and I am sure that hundreds of our fellow students will miss her dearly. Her book reads "seven years times 230 ... who wouldn't retire after 1,610 boyfriends." She loved every one of them and most of them loved her dearly.

Her book captures some of the true styles of dormitory living in the 1960s. She writes, "... posted on the large candy machine was a note, Dear Candyman, you bitch and moan because you find so many pennies in the machine. Well let us give you the word, pennies are about the only damn things that work well in your machines around here so fix it so it will take dimes and nickels or quit moaning, you're not the only one who has been screwed by this mechanical thief. I paid 47 cents today for a Three Musketeer Bar. Thank you, Highland Laddie."

While she was at Western it seemed that Ma Pritchard was everywhere. Trudging up and down the hill to the campus to pick up medicine for one of her boys that was sick, attending the basketball games with her Highland Hall sweatshirt on, always cheerful and bright when parents arrived to see their hungover sons on Sunday morning, attending the funerals of boys that were lost in Vietnam. Always a special word of encouragement and a pat on the back for her foreign students, trips to the ski areas with one of the fellows who especially liked her, being awakened in the middle of the night by 15 or 20 guys who had been told in the local tavern that they had very talented singing voices and decided to come home and try them out on Ma P; attending the wedding or engagement party of one of her fellows, counseling with some troubled young man who was experiencing testing difficulties.

Yes, Mrs. Pritchard was a true friend of Western Washington State College and friends and are often hard to find. Her book and her work as a housemother attempted to place emphasis on the spirit of loyalty, cooperation and enthusiasm existing among the residents of Highland Hall, the Dorm of Men.

Following her years at Western, Mrs. Pritchard moved to Aurora, Ohio, where she worked for a year as a house mother at the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority House at Kent State University. The last several years she has held a number of jobs working with children and young adults. Her death will bring sorrow to a number of WWSC alums. Many of her wide and varied collection of pictures have been forwarded to me and I would welcome hearing from any of Mrs. Pritchard's friends who want to get copies of her photographs. It is hard to explain how much we will miss her.

Summer stock season opens July 17

Alumni passing through or spending the summer in Bellingham may wish to take advantage of special ticket prices available to them for performances of Western's summer stock company.

Nine different shows will be presented during the nine weeks of the summer production schedule, with the emphasis this year being on light comedy designed for family entertainment.

The summer session will open July 17 with the musical comedy Once Upon a Mattress, which will have a four-night run. In succeeding weeks, the schedule will include Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors, July 24 through 27; the premiere of a new comedy, Lenore Nevermore, July 31 through August 3; and Harvey, August 7 through August 10.

The season's lone drama, A Doll's House, will be presented from August 14 through August 17, followed by a Reader's Theater presentation of An Evening of Poetry.

Alumni and students may wish to attend the season's opening gala on July 17 which will begin at 7 p.m. in Masquerade Hall. The gala will include a silent auction of prizes donated by local businesses and a silent auction of paintings donated by Western artists. All proceeds of the gala and the silent auctions will benefit the Bellingham Symphony Orchestra.

Ticket prices for the summer stock season range from $12.50 to $15.00 for the general public and $9.50 for students. Tickets may be purchased at the box office at Whatcom Community College or by calling 644-1753. Additional information is available by calling 671-2384.
Costume designer Adams is versatile

Ask most people the question, “How do you dress an alligator?” and chances are they’ll answer, “Carefully.”

Ask Don Adams, associate in theater arts in the Speech Department at Western, and chances are he’ll answer, “In green sequins.”

Adams, who’s been designing and creating costumes for Western Theatre for the past 10 years, came to WWSC via the University of Washington where he did undergraduate and graduate work, three years at the Portland Civic Theater where he costumed 21 productions a year for such theater notables as Zasu Pitts and Pamela Britton, and the first season of the Seattle Repertory Theater in 1963-64.

During his stint at Western, Adams has had occasion to costume not only alligators, but a sausage disguised as a parrot, mermaids, dragons and a wood god, in addition to about 1,200 human characters who have appeared in some 60 productions.

Blend of Talents

Being a costumer requires an unusual blend of many different talents. Skilled not only in sewing and mass-production techniques, Adams is also a milliner, sculptor, designer and wigmaker. He is an authority on period costuming, as well as the manners and social standards of other eras.

“I get involved as a consultant for the cast in things like how to bow and curtsy or how people moved in given historical periods,” says Adams.

He stresses that costuming alone does not create a total atmosphere for a particular play, “You have to have a unified approach or the costumes become anachronisms,” he says.

Adams defines a costumer’s job as “providing visual support for a specific director’s approach to a specific play.” It’s up to the director, he says, to determine whether a play will be done in a manner that is literally faithful to its historic time period or whether the “look” of the production should attempt only to capture the feeling of the era.

Whatever the director wants is what Adams will set out to provide, first in the form of sketches, and later by “building” costumes, which can include not only clothing, but also masks, wigs, headaddresses, millinery, footwear and other essential items.

‘Upper Part’

“You concentrate on the upper part of actors,” Adams says. “Good costuming focuses attention on an actor’s head and hands.”

Budgeting for academic and community theater being sometimes less than lavish, Adams has learned to rely on a good deal of ingenuity to build his costumes. “You learn to look at things in a different manner than most people,” he says. He once cut up and dyed a faded velvet rug to produce a costume for a period piece.

Current campus styles create another problem for costumers, Adams contends. “Most young men used to arrive at college owning a sport coat and slacks, and all girls used to have at least one basic black dress and some black pumps, all of which could be used as costumes in some plays,” he says. “Now the form of sketches, and later by

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China expert is disenchanted with visit there

It's fashionable these days for American celebrities to visit East Asia and to come back with glowing accounts of life and travel in Communist China.

But Dr. Henry Schwarz, director of the Program in East Asian Studies at Western, terms such stories "Pollyanna reports," and advises would-be China travelers that other Asian countries have far more to offer in the way of hospitality and freedom of movement.

Dr. Schwarz, an acknowledged expert on China, traveled with his wife Tracy last summer to East Germany, the Soviet Union, the People's Republic of China, and to Mongolia. Although he spent a year in Taiwan in 1961 and two decades studying China, this was his first visit to the mainland. Obtaining a visa took no less than six years.

If he had expected to broaden his knowledge of the country and its people, Dr. Schwarz was quickly disappointed. All efforts to set his own itinerary and to visit "average" rather than "model" communes and factories were politely but firmly discouraged through sometimes devious means.

Insist on Commune

"They insisted we see a commune," he says, "and finally I agreed but asked that one be picked at random, that I wanted to see how the average farmer lived. They reassured us that's what we would see, but when we arrived there were things like neatly lettered signs on each crop, as if the farmers didn't know what each one was.

"Some average commune! It was so stupid. I was at first dismayed and then angered at the repeated attempts to hoodwink foreigners."

What dismayed him still more, he says, is that the vast majority of visitors don't know enough about China to realize when they are being told lies and, as a consequence, they return home with all sorts of wrong notions about the country.

"If people want to learn about China," Dr. Schwarz says emphatically, "they should do it at home, not by going there."

By contrast, the Schwarzes found themselves enchanted by Mongolia, a country of which few Americans have any knowledge outside that dispensed by Hollywood.

Precariously situated between Russia and China, Mongolia nevertheless manages to sustain an independence and freedom of spirit which Dr. Schwarz found both unusual and refreshing.

"We expected to find Mongolia captive to Russia," he explains, "since it became Russia's first political satellite in 1921. We expected to find a timid population and slavish imitation of all things Russian."

Much Freedom

What they found instead, he says, was a great deal of freedom and independence, in spirit if not in fact. "As an example, the Mongolians issued commemorative stamps of one of our satellite launchings at a time when the U.S. and Russia were barely speaking, and they use both English and traditional script on their stamps, although Russian is the leading foreign language of Mongolia."

And, despite Russian disapproval, he says, Mongolia insisted on celebrating the 700th anniversary of the birth of Genghis Khan in 1961. "That they pulled it off is a sign of the irrepressible spirit of the people," Dr. Schwarz says.

In contrast to the reserve displayed by the people in other countries they visited, the Schwarzes found the Mongolians openly friendly and anxious to converse with their American visitors.

Their stay so enhanced Dr. Schwarz' interest in the country that this fall a regular course on Mongolia (East Asian 310) will be offered at WWSC, the only such course to be found in Washington.

Russia - China Tension

One of the things Dr. Schwarz brought back from his trip was an increased awareness of the tension between Russia and China, a tension evident in both countries.

What surprised him was to hear Russians speak of "the yellow peril."

"Prejudice," he concludes wryly, "is more powerful than ideology."

While the Russians express fear of the Chinese in terms of their sheer numbers, the Chinese worry more than Russia about war, Dr. Schwarz says, because in a conflict, topography will heavily favor the Soviet Union. "The Russians would have strategic factors on their side. They would have greater mobility and could bring reinforcements in quickly," he explains.

Dr. Schwarz, however, does not believe war on any grand scale will erupt between the two countries. "I base that on the assumption there are rational leaders in both Peking and Moscow who won't allow the chance for war to develop. There is no advantage for either side."

Costume designer

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all the kids bring are jeans and wafflemisters; nobody's got basic black anymore."

Married to an actress and father of two children, Adams doesn't confine his artistic talents to the theater. His current hobby, he says, is needlepoint which he enjoys because of the concentration it entails.

Adams has a few tips to offer people who might be considering careers as costumers:

"People who want to go into this sort of work owe it to themselves to gain stage experience as actors or dancers," says the versatile Adams who's been both and who also works occasionally as a director.

"This gives a person an understanding of the psychology of actors, who are often insecure people doing difficult jobs. It also makes a person appreciate what good and bad costuming is by having to wear both kinds. Acting is a tremendous learning experience for a costumer."

He adds one last piece of advice., "Never ask an actress what her measurements are," he warns with a grin. □
Home Ec program is thriving

Home economics is alive and thriving, thank you, despite women’s liberation, changing life styles and predictions that marriage and the family are “on their way out.”

In fact, according to department faculty members at Western, the study of home economics is attracting more and more students who, five years ago, would never have considered taking a home economics class.

Part of the reason for this surge of interest, says Dr. Dorothy Ramsland, department chairman, is that students are beginning to discover that home economics deals with “today” in focusing on people and their environments and applying the concepts of home economics to daily living.

“We’re starting to attract students who are planning careers in architecture, business, counseling, geriatrics, and a wide variety of other fields,” she says.

“And also we’re attracting male students who are interested in nutrition, family management, child development and the design fields. Many men have been introduced to home economics through bachelor-living classes at the secondary level.”

Anyone who thinks home economics students spend all their time trying out recipes or stitching seams is in for a surprise, states Dr. Ramsland. Classes in economics, chemistry, psychology, technology and sociology are part of a typical home economics student’s work load for the five home economics programs offered.

Classes in housing, family relationships, consumer problems, child development, and family finance are as prominent in the home economics curriculum as foods and clothing.

Develop Awareness

“The courses I have taken,” says Christopher Cook, a senior who plans a career in architecture, “have really developed my awareness.”

Cook has combined a major in technology and a minor in home economics to put together an undergraduate program for his career goal in architecture. In taking classes in household equipment, furnishings and housing systems, Cook feels the knowledge will be valuable in dealing with his future clients.

While some students, like Cook, are attracted to home economics for career reasons, others take courses out of a concern for their personal environment and the quality of their life.

Not surprisingly, the concept of the family as an eco-system is also attractive to today’s students and the Home Economics Department offers courses designed to make students aware of their personal environments and the social and physical aspects of their communities.

Projects ranging from the uses of recyclable paper to the nutritional problems of the aged are designed to launch students into useful community service.

Dr. Ramsland notes that in some universities home economics has been renamed “human ecology,” a title perhaps more in keeping with the wide spectrum of courses offered to improve the quality of life.

But at Western, it’s still called “home economics” . . . and the discipline has kept pace with changing times and attitudes.

Danforth winner

Jeffrey Roy Hammarlund, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hammarlund of Seattle, has won a Danforth Graduate Fellowship for advanced study for the Ph.D. degree.

A 1972 Fairhaven College graduate of Western, Hammarlund received his B.S. degree in human ecology at Huxley College. He will now go to the University of California at Berkeley where he plans to pursue studies in international relations.

Danforth Graduate Fellowships provide tuition and living expenses for up to four years of study in preparation for careers of college teaching. This year, 4,000 nominees from 1,500 institutions vied for the 100 fellowships awarded.

Scholarship

Randy Engel of Oak Harbor is the recipient of the first $100 scholarship award in memory of the late Dr. Sea Bong Chang, former chemistry professor at Western. The award will be presented annually to a junior, senior or graduate student in chemistry who has an outstanding scholastic record and a strong interest in biochemistry.

Engel, presently teaching chemistry at Oak Harbor High School, will return to Western this summer to complete his master’s degree.

Music awards

Three annual scholarships of $300 each have been presented to the Music Department at Western by Dr. Robert F. Kaiser of Bellingham. The awards are to be presented each year for a period of four years to incoming freshmen specializing in stringed instruments.

The first $900 contribution to begin the program has been received by George Shoemaker, executive director of WWSC Foundation, and scholarships will be awarded to students enrolling next fall.

According to Barton Frank, professor of music, who will administer the awards, recipients will be selected on the basis of talent as demonstrated in auditions.

IN MEMORIAM

*02 ANNA LEQUE ORDAL, April 6, in Bellingham.
*18 ALMA T. NELSON, April 1973 ... GRACE C. DORWIN, in Seattle.
*22 LUCILE J. LEHMAN, July 10, 1973, at Panorama City in Lacey.
*23 VIOLET MITCHELL JEWELL, April 9, in Seattle ... INGA SAGEN de LOPEZ, March 26.
*30 FLORENCE E. WEEKS, in January, in Shelton, of a stroke.
*34 JOHN LENSRED, January 18, in Seattle, of heart disease.
'22 NYLEPTHA GRANGER FORD has recently completed 170 of her Woods that she was commissioned to provide for the executive board of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, international teachers honorary.

'30 HELEN AMUNDS VALE retired last summer after teaching in Portland, Oregon, schools for 28 years.

'41 GAEL R. STUART has retired as superintendent of schools in Port Townsend.

'47 Lt. Col. JOYCE A. CHRISTOPHER was recently transferred to the Academy of Health Sciences Services Command at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

'52 MARIE MEENK is retiring from the staff of Lynden Christian High School after 21 years of teaching art, math and business education ... LARRY STEPHAN has been appointed as principal of Bellingham High School succeeding BOB FRAZIER, who retired.

'57 ALBERT GUNDERSON, associate professor in drama, is chairman of the Department of Speech and Theatre at Whitworth College in Spokane.

'58 GERALD C. HEDLUND is a professor of anthropology at Green River Community College in Auburn.

'59 Major GARY LIND was recently appointed assistant Army attache at the U.S. Embassy in Amman, Jordan ... MILTON L. KALSO is residing in Salisbury, Rhodesia, where he is teaching educational psychology, methods of teaching, and Bible classes at a college for training African elementary school teachers.

'60 Lt. Cmdr. MARGIT M. LOSER has been assigned as the first woman Patrol Squadron 31 Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Officer in the history of the Naval Air Station at Moffett Field, Calif. ... ELIZABETH SEARS, a teacher of biological science at a high school in Lynnwood, has been named "Washington State Teacher of the Year" ... MICHAEL CLINE is team leader for the Rural Alaskan Teacher Corps at Noorvik ... DALE BOSSHART is the athletic director and activities coordinator at Redmond Junior High School.

'61 JOHN RISELAND has been named varsity basketball coach at Bellingham High School.

'63 FREDRICK R. SYMONDS is chairman of the Mathematics Department and director of survival activities at the Orme School at Mayer, Ariz.

'64 Capt. and Mrs. LARRY S. POTTER (BARBARA RUSH) are living in North Dakota where he is a missile crew commander and instructor at Grand Forks AFB. She is the director and head teacher of a pre-school.

'65 CLYDE NACHAND has been promoted to claim representative for the Hartford Insurance Group’s San Francisco regional office.

'66 DANIEL WARNER has been elected an assistant manager at the Marysville branch of Seattle-First National Bank ... CHRISTINA ROSMolen and her husband have recently purchased their second ladies apparel store in Mount Vernon.

'67 HOWARD GONSER teaches science and coaches wrestling at a high school in The Dalles, Oregon ... LARRY SUND lives in Seattle where he is employed as a sales consultant for Patterson Dental Co. ... TOM and NANETTE THOMAS are teaching at Brevig Mission in Alaska.

'68 GERALD HALLBERG, director of extension and assistant professor of history and sociology at a community college in Saranac Lake, New York, has been named Outstanding Educator of America for 1973.

'69 MIKE VAN MIEGHEN is employed at the Seattle Times as a public information officer in the library ... STEWART HOUGHEN has received his master's degree in regional planning from the University of Pennsylvania and is employed in New Jersey as an environmental analyst by the Department of Environmental Protection.

'70 PAMELA LYLE and DONALD WALTON were married recently in Bellevue and are living in Tacoma, ... GARY CRUZAN is a teacher of the deaf for the Tacoma school system ... LINDA ASHER and Gerald Michael were married in March in Vancouver, Wash., where she teaches elementary school ... KATHLEEN SIMMONDS teaches fourth grade in Aloha, Oregon ... MURRY ANDERSON is executive director for the Association of Retarded Citizens of Anchorage, Alaska ... WALTER HOPP teaches graphic communications in Bellevue ... JACK W. FOSTER has completed an eight-week military policy course at Fort Gordon, Ga.

'71 ED SHAFFER is employed as a claims representative with the Social Security Administration, Department of Health, Education and Welfare ... DOUGLAS GRAVES is a teacher and counselor for the Auburn School District ... KAREN A. SMITH is employed by the Bellingham, B.C., school board as their graphic artist ... SCOTT PRESTON has been promoted to Seattle Division Variety Merchandiser for Safeway Stores, Inc., in Bellevue ... JULIE ANN BEVER and ROBERT E. HERZOG, JR., were married in April and are living in Seattle WHERE she is an accountant and he is a glazier for Herzog Glass Co. ... MARY KLOP-FENSTEIN and Jay Burman were married in March in Honolulu where they are living ... PAUL MADISON is the sports information director at Western.

'72 PAMELA CUSTARD and MARINUS SCHRIER were married in August of 1973 and are living in Tacoma ... WILLIAM OMAITs is a special agent with the U.S. Treasury Department division of the Internal Revenue Service ... NANCY FJERAN and PHILLIP HARTVIGSON ('70) were married recently. They are living in Everett where she teaches math at a middle school and he is an accountant for a Seattle firm ... Mr. and Mrs. MARMICHEL (CICELY) NELSON are stationed with the Peace Corps in Venezuela where they are establishing a recreation program ... WILLIAM DU PEN is employed as a lending officer at Bellingham National Bank ... DAVE ENGELS is manager of one of the branches of Northwestern Commercial Bank in Bellingham ... STEVEN DENMARK participated in a combined U.S. and Republic of Korea military training exercise in Korea ... DAVID BIRCHMAN has completed Peace Corp training for Zaire where he will serve for two years as an agriculture volunteer.

'73 JULIE TANGEN and COLIN BRONEMANN were married in Ballard recently ... LINDA HUBER is attending Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I. ... ROGER HULL is employed as a management staff assistant with Peninsula Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Forks ... ROBERT S. MILLER is director of manufacturing at Skagit Corporation of Sedro Woolley ... DALE VAN KIRK has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force upon graduation from the School of Military Sciences for officers at Lackland AFB, Texas.

'74 STEVE NEFF is administrative assistant to the superintendent of the Ferndale schools for employee relations and public information.

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