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Western's 75th Commencement (see page 2)
Richard Wahl is commencement speaker

Under unusually warm and sunny skies, the class of 1974 left Western on June 14. More than 1,800 individuals who had earned their degree during the past year were eligible to participate, and place their last identification card in the class of 1974 box on memory walk in front of Old Main.

The commencement address was given by Richard Wahl, ABC radio news correspondent from Los Angeles, who also was a recipient of a distinguished alumnus citation.

Wahl began his remarks by noting that the last time he had appeared before a group at Western it was as Shylock in The Merchant of Venice, and that he was "enjoying this much more because I can wear my glasses and see." Wahl also noted that his wife Donna was more eligible than he for his distinguished alumnus citation for she had earned her degree from Western. He asked that she be allowed to share in the honor.

Wahl's theme was the First Amendment with its guarantee of a free press. He pointed out that the reason for his being here was because he is a working journalist, a pro, who is not a spokesman for government or any other group. In replying to criticism of journalists, he noted the importance of the media to the civil rights movement, and the ending of American involvement in Vietnam.

He instructed the graduates to remember that the free press brings both good news and bad, and that its function to do both must be jealously protected.

Following Wahl's remarks, degrees were conferred upon the candidates, and the recessional wended its way through campus to memory walk and a reception for graduates and their families in the Square.
Distinguished alumni awards are given

Recognition of distinguished alumni was a major feature of the Diamond Anniversary banquet and commencement ceremonies. Thirty-seven individuals were selected by academic departments as being leaders in their field and worthy of special citations by the College.

Vice President for Student Affairs Bill McDonald presented the awards, quipping, "I know some of these people pretty well, and I am pleased to inform them that the College no longer keeps permanent records of disciplinary actions; only academic records are kept forever!"

Individually receiving citations were:

- Dr. David Arnold (1965), Associate Professor of Mathematics, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces.
- Dr. Albert H. Banner (1933), Marine Biologist and Professor of Zoology, University of Hawaii, Kaneohe.
- Dr. H. Glenn Bell (1914), Professor and Chairman of Department of Surgery, 1945-1960; University of California, San Francisco.
- Dr. Guy L. Bond (1925), Professor Emeritus of Education, University of Minnesota.
- Dr. Angus L. Bowmer (1923), Founder and Development Consultant of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival, Ashland, Oregon.
- Dr. James H. Butler (1937), Former Chairman, Department of Drama, University of Southern California, Los Angeles; National President of American Theatre Association, 1968.
- Mr. Wylis (Bill) Cannon (1964), Technical Manager, Columbia Cement Corporation, a Subsidiary of Filtrol Corporation, developer of innovative cement products.
- Ms. Mary M. Davis (1929), Executive Vice President and Trustee of the Samuel H. Kress Foundation, New York, New York.
- Dr. Thornton Ford (1949), President, Tacoma Community College.
- Dr. Austin C. Goheen (1937), Plant Pathologist, University of California, Davis.
- Dr. David W. Goheen (1939), Senior Research Chemist, Crown Zellerbach Corporation, Camas, Washington.
- Dr. Harry E. Goheen (1935), Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, Oregon State University, Corvallis.
- Dr. Samuel J. Herman (1964), Head of Department of Glass, School of Ceramics and Glass, Royal College of Art, London, England.
- Miss Mary Ellen Hillaire (1956), Faculty Member, Department of Native American Studies, The Evergreen State College, Olympia.
- Dr. J. Granville Jensen (1939), Founder and long-time Chairman, Department of Natural Resources (now Department of Geography), Oregon State University, Corvallis.
- Mr. William B. Jones (1950), Carrier Member, National Railroad Adjustment Board, Chicago.
- Dr. Melvin Lindbloom (1950), President, Green River Community College, Auburn, Washington.
- Dr. Arvid Lonseth (1930), Professor of Mathematics, Oregon State University, Corvallis.
- Dr. Janet W. McArthur (1934), Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- Dr. Troy McKelvey (1961), Professor of Educational Administration, State University of New York, Buffalo; President Elect, University Council for Educational Administrators.
- Dr. Neal E. Miller (1928), Professor of Psychology and Head, Laboratory of Physiological Psychology, The Rockefeller University, New York, New York.
- Mr. Joseph J. Mogush (1950), Senior Vice President of Western International Motels, Seattle.
- Dr. Oliver Nelson (1924), Associate Professor Emeritus of Speech, University of Washington, Seattle.
- Dr. Laurence Peter (1957), Author of *The Peter Principle*; Professor of Education, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.
- Dr. Alfred R. Roos (1909), White Memorial Medical Center, Los Angeles, California.
- Dr. James M. Stewart (1953), Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.
- Mr. John L. Thomas (1951), President, Uniflite, Inc., Bellingham.
- Dr. William R. Tiffany (1947), Professor of Speech, University of Washington, Seattle.
- Mr. Richard Wahl (1952), ABC News, Los Angeles, California.

![Viking I, the experimental urban vehicle built by Western technology students in 1972, drew large crowds as part of the WWSC display at Expo 74 in Spokane during June and July. The Western exhibit was located in the Environmental Symposium and was staffed by technology students and college personnel. Included in the display were examples of computer mapping of the human environment of Puget Sound, examples of environmental planning being done at Huxley College and wind tunnel models of Viking II, now under construction. Viking II is designed to get 70 miles per gallon of propane at 50 miles per hour.](image-url)
Some 450 persons attended a birthday party for Western June 13 as the celebration of the College's 75th year came to a close.

Beginning in the afternoon with an informal reception that provided an inspection of the newly remodeled portions of Old Main and a tour of the campus, alumni and others spent the time enjoying each other's company and strolling in the warm sunshine.

It was a special day in particular for the 23 members of the Class of 1924, who held their 50th anniversary reunion, and for the four members of the Class of 1949, present for their 25th year reunion.

The Diamond Anniversary dinner began in the Viking Commons at 6 p.m. Dr. Laurence Brewster, professor of speech, was master of ceremonies and introduced the special guests of the College. Many retired faculty and staff members attended, including members of the families of former presidents, Mathes and Nash. Dr. William W. Haggard, who retired as Western's president in 1959, was warmly received by the audience as he was introduced.

Presidents Jarrett and Bunke were unable to attend, both being abroad at the time. Letters of congratulations were received from both and read to the gathering.

The speaker for the evening was Dr. Paul Woodring, Distinguished Professor of the College. His remarks concerned the future of the College, and suggested that if one viewed the past with a pessimistic view, one could find a long series of disasters; or, if one chose an optimistic note, a tale of growth and prosperity.

After a visit to the Oracle, now residing in the north Cascades, Dr. Woodring said he is able to determine that the future promises more of the same: great achievements and great difficulties.

Outgoing Alumni Association President Doug Simpson presented the association's gift to the College—six pen and ink drawings of campus and local scenes. The artists commissioned by the association to produce two each were Jane Hamilton-Hovde, Ruth Kelsey and Pattie Nickelson, all of whom are alumni or have equally close ties to the institution. The six works will hang as a group in Old Main following its remodeling.

With the singing of the Alma Mater, the diners adjourned to the Leopold Inn for a no-host reception, where talk of Western's first 75 years carried on throughout the evening.
President Emeritus William W. Haggard was an honored guest at the 75th anniversary dinner. Dr. Haggard was president of Western from 1939 to 1959.

Dr. Arthur Hicks, professor emeritus of English, thanks Shirley Rogers for her kind remarks following her announcement of the Arthur Hicks Scholarship Fund.

Arthur Hicks Scholarship Fund

Shirley Rogers came to Western Washington College of Education and took a class from Dr. Arthur Hicks. It is an experience shared by about 12,000 other alumni who have heard Dr. Hicks lecture about romantic poets and various periods of literature.

For Shirley Rogers, experiencing Dr. Hicks was one of the most significant intellectual events in her life. His passion for truth, for standing strong in his beliefs, for fighting for a cause he knew to be right stayed with her through the years.

At the 75th Anniversary Dinner, Shirley Rogers announced the founding of the Arthur Hicks Scholarship Fund. She noted that such funds are often begun as a memorial; however, she believed strongly that such recognition of Dr. Hicks should come while he is here to enjoy it.

Dr. Hicks, in thanking Mrs. Rogers for the honor, was received with resounding applause.

Any alumni wishing to contribute to the Arthur Hicks scholarship fund may send their gifts to the Development Office, WWSC.
Ten longtime faculty members at Western retired this year, following careers which have contributed a cumulative total of 213 years of teaching to the College.

Many of the retirees have been educators for more than 40 years. They have seen an enormous amount of change in the College, and remember many amusing—if less than academic—anecdotes of years gone by.

"One period I got a kick out of," said one, "was when everyone went around smelling of smoke. A men's store downtown had a fire and they put what was left of their stock on sale, dropping the price each day. We were all buying dress suits and tuxedos and the big joke of that year was saying, 'I smell fire' at parties and in classrooms."

Herbert R. Hearsey, professor of library science and associate director of Wilson Library, came to Western in 1941. His career in libraries began at age 11, when he was a page at the Cambridge (Mass.) Public Library. He was hired by Miss Mabel Zoe Wilson to be the reference librarian.

During his years with the College, Mr. Hearsey has also been acting dean of men, and was chairman of the athletic committee for 18 years. An avid boater, he and his wife plan to travel extensively by water and land for the next few years.

Fred Knapman, professor of chemistry, came to Western as a student in 1931. During the depression years it cost little to attend college and a job in the cafeteria, plus a free place to stay, made it possible. After graduation, he taught in the public schools, earned a master's degree and went to work in the pulp and paper industry as a research chemist. In 1942 he joined the faculty as the only chemist.

During his career Dr. Knapman served as chairman of the department and as acting dean of Western. He has been a National Science Foundation Fellow at the University of London, and served in Nigeria as a consultant for the Ford Foundation.

But his primary interest has been in teaching. "I've enjoyed the students and I have the feeling they respond to me," he said. "I shall miss them the most when I retire."

Donald Ferris, acting chairman of Western's Education Department, came to WWSC in 1947 as registrar, a position he held until 1962.

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In 1962, Ferris was named director of space and schedules, and assistant to the academic dean. In 1967 he became director of teacher education advisement and certification. In 1971 he was named vice chairman of the Education Department, a position he held until taking over as acting chairman last year.

Ferris said his plans following retirement are "open," but he hopes to do "a little traveling, gardening and flower raising."

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Acted As Translator

Born in Aberdeen, Dr. Becker first taught in Southern California, then moved to the War Department as a translator from 1942 to 1945. After the war, he taught at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania for 25 years.

Twice honored as a Fulbright fellow, Dr. Becker has also been a member of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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Christmas in Mexico offered

Experienced travelers know that Christmas vacation plans must be made early, and Western alumni can arrange now for a Christmas holiday in Mexico, beginning December 16 and ending December 30. The 15-day tour will be led by Miss Ruth Kelsey, associate professor emeritus of art at Western, who has guided many student tours and other groups through Mexico.

For $625 double occupancy (single accommodations are an additional $64), the trip includes round trip air fare from Seattle to Mexico City, via Guadalajara, transfers from airport to hotel, accommodations in deluxe and first-class hotels, specified meals, specified sight-seeing by taxi and motor coach, as well as close-by walking tours. (The final price will reflect any fluctuation in the current air fare at the time of the flight. Further information on this can be obtained by writing Miss Kelsey, 218 Highland Drive, Bellingham 98225, or by phoning her at (206) 734-4776.)

An English-speaking guide will be with the party, to complement Miss Kelsey's own personal knowledge of Mexican and Mexican art in particular.

On Saturday, December 21, the group will move on to Mexico City. Featured sightseeing will include the Ballet Folklorico and the Floating Gardens of Xochimilco, the pyramids of Teotihuacan and the Shrine of Guadalupe and a full day trip to Taxco and Cuernavaca, as well as trips to the archeological museum and the museum of modern art.

Christmas Eve will include midnight mass at the cathedral. A very special party is planned for Christmas Day. Miss Kelsey adds that there will be plenty of time for sightseeing and shopping on one's own.

A $100 deposit is needed to reserve space for the tour. Reservations must be made by October 16. A maximum of 30 reservations will be taken, and a minimum of 15 must be received for the tour to depart. Reservations should be sent with the $100 deposit to the Alumni Office, Western Washington State College, Bellingham, WA 98225.

‘Philbrick Cup’ will honor crew

As a token of their esteem for retiring chairman of the Board of Trustees, Harold C. Philbrick of Woodinville, the board has established the “Philbrick Cup.” The award is to be given annually at the discretion of the crew coach to the crew member, or members, who best exemplify leadership, dedication and inspiration to the team's rowing efforts.

First recipients of the award were Martin Beyer, varsity stroke, and Steve Hunt of the four-man boat.

This year marked the sixth year of competition for Western’s water sweeps. Competing in eleven regattas overall, the Viking crew won the LaFromboise Cup at the Stewards Regatta in Seattle for the third consecutive year. This cup is symbolic of small college crew supremacy in the northwest.

In its last outing for the year, the crew competed in the Intercollegiate Championship Regatta on Lake Washington on June 13 to 15. They placed fourth in the four with coxswain category.

On the day preceding that last race, Western’s alumni association and Mr. Philbrick hosted the crew and their coach, Bob Diehl, for lunch aboard Philbrick’s cruiser on Lake Washington. Alumni hosts included Bob Thorgrimson, president; Doug Simpson, past-president; Gary Gerhard, executive-at-large; and Steve Inge, alumni relations officer.

Seek expense funds

Western’s women’s intercollegiate basketball team members and their coach, Lynda Goodrich, have earned approximately $3,200 to pay for their March trip to the national tournament in Manhattan, Kansas, the Physical Education Department reports.

About $900 more is needed to cover their expenses, a team official says.

Persons wishing to aid the team should send donations to Sam Carver Fund, Women’s Basketball, WWSC.
'Swinefordite'

Pei-lin Tien of East Carolina University has named a new clay mineral "swinefordite" in honor of Ada Swineford of Western's Geology Department. Dr. Tien discovered the mineral at the Foote Mineral Co. spodumine mine in North Carolina. He reports that it is a lithium-rich, petroleum jelly-like clay.

The mineral and name have been approved by the Commission of New Minerals and Mineral Names of the International Mineralogical Association. Type specimens are preserved in the Irenée duPont Mineral Collection at the University of Delaware, the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, and Musée de Mineralogie of L'Ecole Nationale Superieure des Mines, Paris.

Last month Dr. Swineford was appointed for a two-year term to the Educational Testing Service five-person GRE Geology Committee of Examiners, and as an alternate member of the Mineralogical Society of America Awards Committee for 1974.

New title for 'Dean Mac'

College officials have announced that the Dean of Students Office is now to be known as the Office of Student Affairs and has moved to new quarters in the remodeled section of Old Main. Bill McDonald's new title as head of the office is Vice President for Student Affairs.

Associates in the office include Joe Bowman, Tim Douglas, Mary Robinson and Ray Romine. Also located in the area is the student-operated Academic Information Center.

29 Years Service

Dr. Bernard Regier, professor of music, leaves Western after 29 years of service to the institution. He came to the College in 1945 as director of choral activities, and served in that capacity until 1967. During the past seven years, Dr. Regier has specialized in studio voice teaching and vocal pedagogy. He has also been active in leading his church's choir and with community music groups.

He and his wife will move shortly to Salem, Oregon, where he hopes to accept a position as director of church music. He is also considering a private studio or part-time teaching job.

Margaret Keagle is another alumna who is closing her career with the College this year. She came to the Bellingham State Normal School as a student in 1931, and later earned her bachelor's and master's degrees here. Her teaching career was interrupted in 1936 when she married. "Teaching contracts in those days," she recalls, "contained the clause 'marriage of a woman teacher voids contract.'"

World War II made married teachers acceptable and Mrs. Keagle taught in the Bellingham schools from 1945 to 1967 when she came to Western as a liaison person, arranging visits to Bellingham public schools for observers, student teachers and others. She became supervisor of placement of student teachers in Skagit and Whatcom counties and in that capacity has served many of her former elementary students who have come to Western to become teachers themselves.

Her retirement plans include "getting away from schedules and spending more time at a home I own in Canada. Also, I'm looking forward to having time to spend with friends in Bellingham," she said.

Arrived in 1925

In 1925, when Ruby McLlnnes first arrived on the campus, the school was called Bellingham Normal and she was a student who aspired to become a teacher.

Now, 49 years later, she is retiring as associate professor of education after spending 26 years helping other young people become teachers.

At Western she has served as supervisor of student teachers in Whatcom and Skagit counties and has taught classes during the summer session.

Miss McLlnnes pointed out that many things have changed for women since her own student days. "Teaching and nursing were the only things open to women then," she said. The present broadening of career opportunities, she feels, partially accounts for the fact that the number of women on Western's and other faculties is dwindling, something which concerns her.

Of her years in the field of education she said, "I could take a hundred of them. I always wanted to go into teaching, even as a child."

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