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What may be the world's largest swing set has been erected on the plaza in front of the Auditorium-Music Building on Western's campus. The giant steel sculpture was donated to Western by the Virginia Wright Foundation.
ALL ABOUT SPORTS

By PAUL MADISON
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The “dean” of Western Washington State College athletics, Charles F. Lappenbusch, will retire at the end of the current school year. “Lappy,” as he is known by his many friends and associates, has been involved in coaching and physical education at Western for the past 42 years.

Lappenbusch came to the Sehome Hill institution, then known as Western Washington College of Education, in 1933. He served as director of athletics for the Viking sports program for 29 years, stepping down in 1962.

He also coached five sports: football (20 years), basketball (13 years), tennis (22 years), baseball (6 years) and golf (2 years).

In football, Lappenbusch gained his greatest recognition. He compiled an overall 81-62-15 record, the best by any Viking gridiron mentor. His 1938 team finished with a perfect 7-0 mark, the only unbeaten, untied squad in the school’s history.

Lappenbusch addressed the American Football Coaches Association four times in eight years (1952-1960), an unprecedented feat.

In 1961 he was inducted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Hall-of-Fame.

Lappenbusch is also nationally known as the author of the straight-line philosophy, which he developed “to eliminate all natural and deliberate confusion so that we can get a functional purpose going.”

He has published three books on the subject, including Football—Straight Line Philosophy—Offense, Basketball—Straight Line Defense and Football—Straight Line Philosophy—Kill the “T.”

Lappenbusch received both his Bachelor of Arts and Master’s degrees at the University of Washington, where he was selected to the All-America football team as a guard in 1932.

He was the athletic director at Albany State College (Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Ore.) for one year before coming to Western.

VIKING SPORTS: Ted “Theo” Mittet, who was a bronze medal winner at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, will assist Bob Diehl in coaching the Western crew team this spring. Mittet, who is currently working in the college architect’s office, has 15 years of active rowing experience, including the University of Washington, the Lake Washington Rowing Club and the Stanford Rowing Association . . . Ralph Dick will be the new Viking baseball coach. He played at Arizona State University for two years before being signed into the Minnesota Twins’ organization. Currently he is attending Western, while also working at a local sporting goods store . . . The 1974-75 Viking basketball team is the best shooting team in the school’s history, hitting nearly 48 per cent from the field. The squad has shot over 50 per cent in nine games this season . . . Western’s wrestling team finished with a 5-8 dual meet record and Coach Rick Iversen is looking forward to next year since he loses only two seniors through graduation.

Fairhaven dean will go back to teaching

Dr. Kenneth Freeman, dean of Fairhaven College, has announced his resignation of the post effective the end of the current academic year. Freeman, who has been dean of the cluster college since the fall of 1971, stated a number of reasons for his decision to step down.

“One personal reason is to simplify my own life. Another is that I want to return to teaching.

“Perhaps the most important reason is that it was time for Fairhaven to have a new dean. I found that I was getting comfortable in the position, that things were beginning to operate as I expected them to operate. I think that would be to the detriment of Fairhaven.”

Freeman considers his greatest achievement during his four-year tenure to be the fact that Fairhaven hasn’t quit growing. “Fairhaven is now eight years old, and it is a tendency of human institutions to find an identity and become settled. Although this has happened to some extent here, I think I have helped to prevent it from happening completely.

“There is a very real sense of Fairhaven still coming into being. It has the nascent quality of its earlier years. The fact that my continuing to be dean would probably injure this quality is my main reason for quitting.”

“The second greatest accomplishment would be the Bridge project,” he added. The Bridge is Fairhaven’s multi-generational program that combines people from toddlers to octogenarians in the learning environment.

“The Fairhaven community has been studying on the matter of a successor,” Dr. Freeman said, “principally, trying to decide if there is any way that we can remain viable without having a dean at all. It is our conclusion that a dean is needed, and a search committee is beginning the process of finding one.” Any persons who wish to submit nominations, or who would be interested in the post, are invited to write to Fairhaven College.

Dr. Freeman will remain at Fairhaven as a faculty member, teaching philosophy and body awareness.
Services held for Merle Kuder

Dr. Merle S. Kuder, 70, professor emeritus of education and psychology, died January 10 at Bellingham. He had been a member of the faculty at Western from 1937 to 1972 and served in a number of capacities as administrator, teacher and counselor.

The son of a Presbyterian minister, Dr. Kuder was born in Ohio. He earned the bachelor of arts degree at the University of Arizona in 1928 and came to Bellingham from Columbia University, where he earned the master of arts and the doctorate in educational psychology and guidance.

He arrived at Western just after the institution had changed its name from Bellingham State Normal School to Western Washington College of Education. He started the college program in student personnel services and was always primarily interested in working closely with students.

During his early years at Western, Dr. Kuder’s official title was registrar, but he carried out a variety of administrative duties. He was responsible for the counseling center, the college catalog, class schedules and a number of other student-personnel and academic activities. Among the changes he initiated was the practice of having faculty play a large role in student advisement.

In 1947, when Donald Ferris was appointed registrar, Dr. Kuder carried the lengthy title of director of student personnel services and coordinator of instruction.

He became dean of students when Dr. James Jarrett assumed the college presidency in 1959. He held that post until 1967 when he returned to the classroom as professor of education and psychology, specializing in the preparation of student personnel administrators.

During his career, Dr. Kuder was very active in the Washington Council on High School- College Relations. He was an originator and co-editor of *Mapping Your Education*, a handbook published jointly by the colleges and universities of Washington and Oregon that provides high school counselors and students with an overview of both states’ educational services. He was a charter member of the Northwest College Personnel Association and an early president of that group.

Dr. Kuder was a man committed to a belief in the dignity of the individual, whose every action was designed to increase the understanding of others. He was truly a good and gentle man. □

Enrollment increases to 8,697

Winter quarter enrollment at Western has topped out at 8,697, an increase of 96 students as compared with fall quarter, according to Registrar Eugene Omey. This is only the third time in the past 25 years that the winter quarter figure has exceeded that of the previous fall, Omey said.

“A large portion of the increase comes from a growth in the number of part-time students, a factor that has been felt to a greater extent in recent quarters,” Omey noted. “But there has also been an increase in the number of full-time freshmen and transfer students.”

“In addition,” he said, “Western has experienced a greater rate of retention of students from fall quarter.” Usually, there are more drop-outs in the winter as students leave due to low grades, lack of money, graduation and a number of other factors.

The winter, 1975, figure is up 591 from a year ago, and is 101 per cent of the fall enrollment. The final figure for fall was 8,601.

The breakdown of new winter quarter students, with last winter quarter’s comparisons in parentheses, is as follows:

New freshmen 81 (81); undergraduate transfers 372 (321); post-baccalaureate or unclassified 58 (73). □

Campus buildings reduce lighting

Fluorescent light tubes are being removed from campus buildings at Western in compliance with a request from Governor Evans to reduce electrical power usage by five per cent as compared with last year. The reason given for the request is that reserves of hydroelectric power must be maintained to offset drains on power generated by burning fossil fuels.

The College will reduce its power consumption by about 30,000 watts, the equivalent of the lighting used by five average houses, according to Stuart Litzsinger, director of maintenance and operations. The reductions are scheduled for areas such as hallways, storage areas and other spaces which will not affect lighting in work areas.

The 1975 reduction is in addition to a 10 per cent reduction in usage achieved during last winter’s energy crisis.

“In addition to reduced lighting, power consumption will be cut by setting thermostats at 68 degrees and shutting off heat intermittently for short periods during the day and late afternoon until almost 8 o’clock the following morning,” Litzsinger said.

“All business machines should be turned off when not in use and use of coffee pots, hot plates and space heaters should be curtailed. Turn off office lights when not in use.”

So everybody is putting on an extra sweater when they come to work, for it looks as if the energy crisis is still with us.
The sculpture was assembled by diSuvero in a vacant lot near Western's Physical Plant Office. All fabrication and erection of the huge piece was done by the artist.

A large steel sculpture, tall as a two-story building and weighing more than ten tons, has been generating a considerable amount of controversy on Western's campus. Donated to the College by Mrs. Virginia Wright, the piece has evoked comments ranging from "tear it down" to appreciation for the gift.

The tripod of structural steel was designed and built by Mark diSuvero, who did most of the welding, cutting, bending and assembly work by himself. Using a truck crane, a welding torch and a system of blocks and cables, he first erected the structure in the south yard of the college services center. When initial assembly was completed and pieces checked for fit, it was broken down into sub-assemblies that would fit on a truck and taken to its permanent site, on the edge of the new plaza in front of the Auditorium-Music Building.

Main structural members of the sculpture are steel beams, 24 and 30 inches in depth, weighing 100 to 160 pounds per foot. DiSuvero bent large steel sections using the truck crane and the blocks and cables, then welded together pieces weighing two to three tons each.

The artist worked through December and January on the project, outdoors, in the rain, wind and snow, climbing over the steel and jockeying heavy materials about. His efforts were interspersed with visits to a local scrap dealer to select pieces to be used in the construction.

Well-known in the art world, diSuvero has been called one of the top half-dozen American sculptors, and has been listed in Who's Who in American Art. He has built and shown his work in France, Germany and Holland as well as in the United States.
His early works were primarily in weathered wood, but he has more recently turned to the use of metal, largely scrap structural steel, pipe and other cast-off materials. Much of his work has been built outdoors, where it is capable of surviving weather and the viewers who climb, swing and ride on it.

Many of his sculptures are designed as free-form climbing and play structures for children.

He first visited Western last March when he and Mrs. Wright came to Bellingham to look at the site for the new sculpture. He consulted with Henry Klein of Mount Vernon, architect for the recent Auditorium-Music Building addition, regarding ultimate placement and scale of the piece.

Klein has said that the steel structure is controversial but works well with the Auditorium-Music Building and Wilson Library, its closest neighbors. The work has been named "For Handel" by the artist.

"The results of diSuvero's work will become more obvious when the square is completed and High Street is closed," Klein said.

The work was given to the College through a $45,000 grant from the Virginia Wright Foundation, established to provide works of art for public display in the state of Washington. Mrs. Wright has described diSuvero's work as having a "vigor and dynamic quality that fits the WWSC campus."

She also acknowledged that "For Handel" is controversial, but added that its potential for controversy is part of its purpose.

"It would be too bad if it were so uninteresting that no one commented about it," she said.

Two truck cranes were used to make the final assembly.

With everything bolted in place, diSuvero, right, did final welding of connections.
Edward T. Mathes is remembered by alumna

By ARTA LAWRENCE

In reading the article in the December, 1974, issue of the WWSC publication, Resume, entitled, "Paul J. Olscamp is the Ninth WWSC President," I began thinking of the first president, Edward T. Mathes, who was president from 1899 to 1914, when the two-year institution was called Bellingham State Normal School.

As a student there during the school years 1910-1911 and 1913-1914, I knew Dr. Mathes not only in his official capacity but as the teacher of our U.S. history class. For, although Dr. Mathes had all the responsibilities of an administrator, he scheduled himself each year to teach a course required of every student in U.S. history, in order that he could know every student personally.

He frequently stood at the front door of Old Main just outside his office to greet the students by name as they came to their 8 o'clock classes.

Knowing that Dr. Mathes planned to retire in June, 1914, Olive Edens, teacher of the spring quarter creative writing class, made an assignment for those of us who were members of the class, to write an evaluation of Dr. Mathes' contribution to the institution.

In my files of January, 1914, I find the article that I wrote for that class, which reads as follows:

Dr. Mathes — An Appreciation

The first legal steps taken to establish a state normal school at Bellingham were made in 1893 when the state legislature passed a law creating a commission of three citizens to select a site containing at least 10 acres. In 1895 a state normal school at Bellingham was called Bellingham State Normal School.

In September of that year, 1899, school opened for the first time with Dr. Mathes as principal, a position which he has held consecutively until the present time.

From one main building, the number has increased to seven—three main buildings, gymnasium, training school, manual training shop, and dormitory, until the value of buildings and equipment today is between six and seven hundred thousand dollars. The number of students has grown from one hundred to nearly one thousand a year, the faculty from six to thirty-six.

Bellingham Normal has grown from the youngest and smallest of Washington's state normal schools, to the largest. The summer school for 1913 was the most largely attended of the normal schools of the state.

This gives some idea of the magnitude of the work that has been done in the fifteen years. The growth has been rapid and continuous. The results have been attained through strenuous effort.

To say that they have been attained by one man is, of course, impossible, for many have helped. To the trustees, J. J. Donovan, J. J. Edens, and Mr. Handschy, much praise is due. The members of the faculty have also been instrumental in accomplishing the results; but Dr. Mathes has been the promoter, the organizer, the leader, the counselor, the man of vision who has directed and promoted the work.

With the growth in size and value there has been a continuously increasing growth in efficiency, in progress. From time to time new departments have been added: the domestic science department, the school nurse, the manual training department.

Dr. Mathes has not been held down to routine or details of this work, his outlook has been far-reaching. He has been able to see the big things that are worthwhile. He has driven his work—his work has in no sense driven him. In other words, he has been bigger, larger than his task.

He has a personality that reaches people. He knows people, he cultivates their acquaintance. The comment most often made of him in this regard is that he never forgets people, their faces or their names. He is the students' friend.

His standards, his ideals, have been high and above reproach. He has lifted others to his standards. His influence, his personality, has radiated, permeated, in all phases of the school and its activities. He has been an inspiration to students, patrons, teachers—in fact, to all with whom he has come in contact, a president to honor and respect.

Television game shows help alumnus pay his way through law school

With the cost of education constantly rising, many students find novel ways to pay their way through college. Among the more unusual devices is one discovered by Jim Riehl, '71, a third-year law student at the University of San Diego, and his wife Cheryl (Bond), also '71.

Riehl has found television game shows emanating from Southern California to be an excellent source of income.

In early December, the Riehls watched Jim's performance on NBC's Hollywood Squares, from which he received $5,000, a trip around the world and his-and-hers Vegas.

Cheryl had appeared on the same show a few months earlier, and although she did not win any games, she said the $200 consolation prize was well worth the effort.

A year prior to that the couple appeared together on the game show, "Gambit," winning $7,800 in prizes, including cash, a car, appliances, and a trip to Las Vegas.

Upon completion of law school in June and the Washington bar exams in August, the Riehls will embark on the trip around the world, which will include one-week stays in New York, London, Paris, Hong Kong and Honolulu. They will then settle in Port Orchard where he will join a law firm.

All-in-all, it's not a bad way to fund an education. According to the Riehls, it's not too difficult to be a contestant, for game shows require a lot of people and producers like to have contestants who are not from the southern California area. "There's no better way of making easy money," said Riehl.

Jim Riehl's brother, Dick, who is director of Admissions at Western, makes a great effort not to appear envious.
FOR KIWANIANS

Student designs recycling bin

A distinctive recycling bin, or mini-center, for cans and bottles, designed by a Western student, is earning $40 per month for the Kiwanis Club at Blaine. The unit has proven so satisfactory that the club is considering construction of a second to place in another section of town.

Designed by Bob McKissick, a senior technology major from Bellingham, the mini-center consists of a plywood A-frame about 6½ feet high and 4 feet square at the base. The triangular shape was selected as most efficient in shedding the Puget Sound rain.

Round holes at either end of the A-frame permit easy access for bottles at one end and cans at the other, either loose or in cases. The device is designed to be simple and is clearly marked so that it is easy to use. Its sides can be opened downward to permit removal of cans and bottles, which are transported to a regional recycling center and sold.

Painted white, with neat lettering and the Kiwanis emblem, the can and bottle collector is attractive, another design criterion, according to McKissick. "If it’s pleasant to look at, people will be attracted to it and will be more apt to use it," he explained.

The size is small enough that the mini-center can be placed in a shopping center parking lot, where it fits within one parking space.

The need for such a collecting device was first expressed by the Kiwanis Club. Since there was no recycling center in Blaine, the Kiwanians hit upon the mini-center idea as a community service that would also make money to help support other Kiwanis service activities.

Members of the group had heard of Western Design Center through its work on other community projects and contacted its adviser, Marvin Southcott. The Design Center is an agency of WWSC that provides practical design experience for students by working on solutions to problems submitted by non-profit organizations in the community.

McKissick volunteered to do the design work and met with the club members to determine their needs. He produced working drawings and built a model of the mini-center and presented these to the Kiwanis group.

The Kiwanians talked Blaine Building Center into donating materials for construction of the facility and the U.S. Naval Reserve unit in Bellingham provided manpower to build it. Paint and lettering were supplied and Rainier National Bank donated space in its parking lot.

The success of the project has pleased the Kiwanis Club members and has prompted them to submit the mini-center idea to their national magazine, offering the plans to any Kiwanis club in the nation.

Gayden tapped

Ernst L. Gayden, associate professor of environmental planning at Huxley College since 1971, has been chosen for listing in this year’s Who’s Who in Black America.

Gayden, who teaches courses on human ecology and environmental planning, describes himself as having been born in California, raised in the corn country of eastern Kansas, and educated in the slums of Chicago. He has found a home in Whatcom County.

A product of the University of Chicago and Illinois Institute of Technology, Gayden worked as an environmental planner in Illinois and California. A desire to teach environmental planning brought him to Huxley College.

Fifteen Western students win scholarships

Fifteen Western students were honored recently with the awarding of scholarships from various memorial and special funds.

Ten students were awarded scholarships of $150 each from the Edward Arntzen Memorial Fund. The fund was named in memory of a former faculty member and chairman of social studies at Western, and has been supported by many alumni since its inception.

Katherine Lee, Bellingham, a senior majoring in history, and Patricia Cowan, Bellingham, a junior majoring in sociology, were among those receiving grants in recognition of outstanding academic achievement.

Others winning scholarships were Vicky Witt, a junior from Kirkland; Jeffrey Price, a sophomore from Vancouver, Washington; Michael Cheney, a freshman from Julian, California; and Nancy Cysewski, a sophomore from Edmonds.

Others were Joan Gentili, a senior from Tacoma; William Edwards, a junior from Spokane; and Barbara Bowns, a senior, and Raymond Schultz, a freshman, both from Seattle.

Mobil Awards

Cheryl M. Johnson, Bellingham, was one of four students to receive a $500 Mobil Oil Corporation Foundation scholarship this year.

Others receiving the Mobil awards were Ethel Clayton, a psychology major from Sequim; Jerry Finkbonner of Ferndale, and Hamen Ides, a freshman from Neah Bay.

The awards may be renewable each year students attend WWSC. Mrs. Clayton’s award is the second she has received from the Mobil Foundation.

Home Economics

Beth Bender, a Western senior from Seattle majoring in home economics, was awarded the 1974-75 Spokane Home Economics Association scholarship.

The award, in the amount of $250, was made as the result of statewide competition based on achievements, academic standings and evaluation of candidates by faculty members.
ROLL CALL

'56 FRANK UHRIG, manager of Yeager's Shopping Center, is a member of the Bellingham School District Board of Directors.

'58 PETER HALLSON is regional sales manager for Illinois for the Nalco Chemical Company.

'61 VALLIE BROCK teaches industrial arts at Shoreline High School in Seattle.


'67 JAROLD HAMM teaches and coaches at a junior high school in Kelso.

'68 BILL McCANN practices law in Sedro Woolley.

'69 Mr. and Mrs. MIKE KNUTKOWSKI (CHRIS THOMSEN) are living in Seattle where he is employed by a firm specializing in color photography preparation for the advertising industry ... SUZANNE SHERMAN teaches second grade at the Air Force base in Misawa, Japan ... KJELL STOKNES is the planning director for Tutwilla ... JEANNE DOERING lives in Huntington Beach where she is an editorial assistant for a missionary organization.

'70 Ruth Sutter and LLOYD WATKINSON were married on November 2 in Mount Vernon, where they are living ... Mr. and Mrs. JAMES HILL (ANNE SCHRAGER, '71) are teaching kindergarten in Kelso ... DENNIS BAUER is deployed on the USS Enterprise, flying the Navy's supersonic RA-5C reconnaissance jet aircraft.

'71 SUSAN MARY JENSEN and Patrick Aaby were married on December 7 in Everett, where they are living ... JOE HILL is teaching at Hoonah, Alaska ... KAREN DEL GROSSO and DAVID HAZELLE ('72) were married in August in Camas. She teaches junior high school home economics in Tacoma and he is a Certified Public Accountant in Kent ... JOEL H. JENSEN has been on a four-month Naval deployment to the Antarctica where he has helped support the scientific research projects conducted by 17 nations.

'72 BOB LIGHTFOOT teaches physical education and coaches football and wrestling at the varsity level at Wilson High School in Tacoma ... DANA TALLEY has won a national competition conducted by the Chicago Lyric Opera. The prize includes a contract for the 1975 season with the aforementioned group, advanced study at the Opera School of Chicago and a cash award of $9,000.

'73 LARRY DIAMOND is the director of the Energy Conservation and Information Office in Olympia ... Navy Ensign HANS BROCKWAY is a naval flight officer stationed in Maryland.

'74 Mr. and Mrs. PHILIP DANIELS (BECKY KEMMERER, '73) are living in Bellevue where he is employed as an engineer for Frigoscandia ... ANNE LINDBLOOM and Richard Allsworth were married in December in Auburn and are living in Kent ... STEPHANIE MILLS and William Bakamus were married in November in Medina and are living on Mercer Island ... JOAN OLSON and Thomas Welch were married in November in Bothell and are living in New York City ... KAREN ROBINSON and MOISES HERNANDEZ were married in November in Edmonds ... RAHN LAHTI is a staff reporter with the Bremerton Sun. DAVID SNEAD has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marines ... JANICE BERG teaches kindergarten in Everett ... BARBARA McIntosh Orr teaches kindergarten in Omak ... ARMANDO VIESCA teaches third grade in Everett ... DANNY GANON teaches elementary school in Shelton ... DORIS DAVIS teaches kindergarten in Marysville.

Unclassified LES LARSEN is an elementary school physical education coordinator for the Evergreen School District near Vancouver ... ED BACHMANN teaches shop at Morton High School ... EDWARD "PAT" JACOBSEN has retired from the PenPly Co. of Port Angeles ... NINA "NIKKI" HAYNES is acting president at Everett Community College ... GERALDINE LUI is a counselor at Cleveland High School in Seattle ... GARY NELSON is business manager for the Anacortes School District ... KAREN L. NELSON and PAUL HUEBESCHMAN were married in November in Vancouver, Wash., and are living in Kennewick where she teaches elementary school and he is a geologist ... JERRY NIES, part owner of Nies Insurance Agency in Battle Ground, is the new president of the Chamber of Commerce there ... Trina Hegge and JOHN PATRICK were married December 20 in Seattle. He teaches high school physics in Issaquah ... GAYLE TIEDTKE and DARRYL PETERSON were married in November in Tacoma and are living in Renton ... STEVE THOMAS is manager of claims at the Anchorage office of Blue Cross of Washington and Alaska ... MARK WHEELER is a commercial artist and painter and operates his own silk screen printing operation in Ketchikan ... TERRY COBLE and PAUL JARVI ('74) were married in December and are living in Ketchikan where he teaches sixth grade and she does high school substitute teaching ... Private First Class DONALD MARSTON has graduated from Tracked Vehicle Repairman School at the Marine Corps base at Camp Pendleton, California ......... SUE LANE RICHARDS is a pianist and professional accompanist in the San Francisco Bay area ... YVONNE WESTMAN and Rodney Thomas were married June 10 in Seattle and are living in Blaine ... HERBERT WILKINSON has retired after 38 years of teaching mathematics ... SHIRLEY WALTHALL is the human relations consultant for the Everett School District.

IN MEMORIAM

'23 FERNE ASBURY NELSON, August 20, 1974, in Tacoma.

'70 BARBARA STURCKLER MOORE, November 14, 1974, in Huntington Beach, California. A memorial fund in her name has been set up for art and music scholarships at Parkview Elementary, 12272 Wilk Way, Garden Grove, Calif. Donations may be sent there or to P.O. Box 1802, Liberty Lake, Wash.

'73 JOYCE RIDEOUT, December 12, 1974, in Tuscon, Ariz.