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Alumni Association, WWSC
Western observed its 76th annual commencement exercises June 13. See story and pictures on pages 2 and 3.
The Founders Club, a totally informal group of alumni who graduated from Western at least 50 years ago, had their fifth annual meeting on campus on June 72. Featured speaker for the day was President Flora, who talked about his eight years as President of the College. This year’s meeting marked the 50th anniversary of the class of 1925, two members of which were able to attend, Mrs. Helen Johnston Robinson, Bellingham, and Mrs. Ednamae McKelvey Fields, Anchorage. Mrs. Fields journeyed further than any other person present to attend the luncheon. Concluding the afternoon’s activities was a driven tour of the campus, for which the sun graciously shone.

Flora presides over final commencement

Presiding over his last commencement, Western President Charles J. Flora, who was also the commencement speaker, granted degrees to 800 students as they completed their final year at the College.

In his remarks to the graduates, Flora expressed his hope that the one thing that they would carry away with them was a sense of curiosity, and a willingness to take a risk in supporting an idea that was different.

Citing one example of the result of people closing their ears to an idea which was unusual, Flora talked of a man with an idea for a new type of internal combustion engine. It would require no ignition parts, and could use a less refined grade of fuel. Knowledgeable men in this country dismissed him as a crank, and Rudolph Diesel eventually had to journey to Germany to find the support he needed to further develop the Diesel engine.

Flora closed by urging the graduates to be willing to support an idea that might be bad, rather than not allow it to develop because it was unconventional.

Following the president’s address and the conferring of the degrees, the new alumni marched to memory walk in front of Old Main to deposit their last student identification card in the box that would be buried under the marble plaque of the class of 1975.

A reception for the new graduates and their families served by the Women of Western was held in the Viking Union after the commencement program.

NANCY ANDERSON WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Nancy A. Anderson, 19, a sophomore from Everett, has been awarded a scholarship in the amount of $507 from the Alumni Association board of directors. The award provides full tuition and fees for the 1975-76 college year and is presented annually by the alumni board.

Anderson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson, 2918 Ruggs Lake Road in Everett. Her father is a 1953 graduate of Western and was an outstanding basketball player under now Vice President for Student Affairs C. W. “Bill” McDonald.

Nancy, a French major, plans to pursue a career in international relations. In choosing her as the scholarship recipient, the alumni board was impressed by her academic achievement, letters of recommendation by faculty in her support, and by her record of community service.

The alumni board scholarship differs from the general alumni association annual fund drive in that it is funded through contributions by individual members of the alumni board. Western alumni as a whole provide substantial support to Western’s overall scholarship program.
Outstanding graduates for 1974-75 honored

At a breakfast held prior to commencement exercises on June 13, thirty-one graduating seniors were honored by their respective academic units as an Outstanding Graduate for 1974-75. Each senior and his family were the guests of the College for the event, the first of what is planned to become an annual part of the commencement activities.

In his charge to the departments and cluster colleges, President Flora directed them to choose for the honor the student whom the faculty held in highest esteem. The criteria for selection were left to the discretion of the faculty within each unit.

At the awards breakfast, each student was introduced by a faculty member representative of the unit, who briefly elucidated the accomplishments of the honoree that led to that person’s being selected. Each student was presented a certificate of award which detailed the reasons for the selection.

In addressing the group, Dr. Flora noted that if he were to start a business, he would like to have the opportunity of hiring these students, for he knew that within a short period of time, their talents would make him a wealthy man. He added that, given the current job market, he probably wouldn’t have too much trouble hiring them.

The students chosen included Timothy W. Williams, biology; Terry A. Smedley, Redmond, chemistry; Pamela Albiston Smith, Carmichael, Calif., economics; Debra E. Van Scyoc, Olympia, business; Stephen Bidlake, Olympia, English; Kenneth Gordon Olsen, Seattle, journalism; Paula F. Rippe, Everett, foreign languages and literatures; Kim Schwartzman, Bellingham, general studies; Kenneth Johnsen, Seattle, geography and regional planning; Vera E. Williams, Snohomish, geology; Jerald Folsom, Bellingham, history; Loretta Holland, Cathlamet, home economics.

Also included were William A. Beers, Olympia, mathematics; Nancy E. Sargent, Kent, computer science; Gerald Arnold, Missoula, music; John K. Anderson, Bellingham, philosophy and best honors thesis; Wendi K. Harper, Seattle, physical education; Karen Fox, Longview, recreation and park management; Richard Keith Dobyns, Phoenix, physics/astronomy; Gerald Van Aalsberg, Bellingham, political science; Andrew J. Peterson, Monterey, Calif., psychology; Douglas S. Massey, Olympia, sociology; Susan H. Pittis, Edmonds, anthropology; Patricia Duggan, Tacoma, speech; Judy Maxwell, Bellingham, theatre/dance; Robert McKissick, Bellingham, technology; Catherine Pearson, Snohomish, visual communication education; Rhoda Ann Curtis, Edmonds, elementary education; Claudia J. Rankin, Gig Harbor, special education; and Gail Bingham, Bellevue, Huxley College of Environmental Studies.
A dinner honoring Dr. Charles J. Flora upon his impending retirement as President of Western was held at the Leopold Inn in Bellingham on the evening of June 5. The event was attended by trustees, faculty, administrators, townspeople, alumni and friends, who marked the close of Dr. Flora's eight years as chief administrator of the College.

The dinner was held following the June meeting of the college trustees. Board members, Dr. Flora and others were late in arriving, due to lengthy discussion at the meeting concerning creation of two new cluster colleges (see story elsewhere this issue).

A highlight of the evening was presentation to the College by the WWSC Alumni Association of eight portraits of the men who have served as president of the institution since 1899. Presentation of the portraits was made by Alumni President Bob Thogrmison.

The eight portraits will be permanently displayed in Old Main upon completion of renovation of administrative offices in that structure.

Dr. Flora is congratulated by Irene (Mrs. C. W.) McDonald. At left is Rita Jean Butterworth, chairman of WWSC trustees.

Rita Jean Butterworth, chairman of the WWSC Board of Trustees, addressed guests honoring Dr. Flora.

Bob Thogrmison, WWSC Alumni Association president, announced presentation of portraits of eight presidents of the College, a gift of the Association.
Trustees at WWSC have announced the retirement of two professors of education, Dr. Elden A. Bond and Dr. Ralph H. Thompson. The two men have been actively involved in the development of teacher education at the College.

Dr. Bond, a native of Bellingham, received his primary education in the Campus Training School at Bellingham State Normal School and attended Whatcom High School. His father was Dr. Elias Austin Bond, noted mathematician and member of the College faculty, for whom Bond Hall on Western's campus was named.

Elden Bond attended Bellingham Normal and is a graduate of the University of Washington, having received a bachelor of arts degree from that institution in 1938. He earned the master of arts and the Ph.D. in psychology at Teacher's College, Columbia University.

Dr. Thompson was born in Millville, New Jersey, in 1911 and was graduated from Dickinson College with a bachelor's degree in English in 1934. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa honorary society. He received a master of arts degree in education at the University of Illinois.

He is familiar with the public schools, having taught high school English and having served as an assistant principal in Delaware before coming to Western in 1950.

A member of the faculty at Western since 1966, Dr. Bond has been concerned with training students for positions in special education and school administration. He served as acting chairman of the WWSC Education Department in 1968.

During his career, Dr. Bond served the field of education at many levels, as a teacher in public schools, as an administrator of metropolitan and state programs and in higher education.

Dr. Thompson has been instrumental in the development of the Education Department since his arrival and has served on numerous councils and committees of WWSC. He was acting chairman of the Education Department in 1961-62 and chairman in 1965-66. He was the second person in the history of the College to hold the position of academic dean.

A quartet composed of Dr. Laurence Brewster (left), Dean J. Alan Ross, William O'Neill and Vice President Bill McDonald sang a humorous original composition about the two retiring professors at a party held June 10 at Bellingham's Leopold Inn.
Career-planning conference set for campus in August

College-bound high school graduates who are concerned about career opportunities and long-term life goals in a changing world may receive some answers to their questions through a career-planning conference being offered at Western in August. The conference, a new concept in academic programming, attempts to provide entering college freshmen with an outlook to the future.

Entitled "Planning Your Life for the Year 2000," the course should be of value to students entering any college or university this fall, according to Dr. Joseph Crook, associate professor of chemistry at Western and co-director of the conference.

"We will try to help high school graduates develop personal plans and match those plans to our best predictions for the turn of the century," Dr. Crook explained.

Members of the WWSC faculty will serve as keynote speakers and will lead small group discussions covering selection of life goals and their relation to careers and academic majors. Planning for recreational and other special-interest activities will also be discussed as students look beyond college to job opportunities and graduate study.

"Many high school graduates who plan to continue their education in college are seriously concerned about the availability of specific employment and long-term life goals," Dr. Crook said. "For some, their goals lack definition; for others their aspirations may prove to be unrealistic due to changes in the job market, personal aptitude or previous training or education."

"For those reasons and because a college education represents an enormous investment in time, energy and money, Western is sponsoring this course."

"For many college freshmen, the first year is one of bewilderment, uncertainty and tentative exploration in academic areas. We hope the career conference will help the student avoid a number of freshman-year pitfalls."

The conference is scheduled for Sunday through Friday, August 3-8; the entire conference cost is $60, including housing, meals and fees. For registration or information, write the Career Conference Director in care of the Summer Session Office at Western Washington State College, Bellingham, Washington 98225.

WWSC trustees approve two new colleges

Two new cluster colleges at Western were created, effective next January, by the Board of Trustees at their June meeting. A College of Business and Economics and a College of Fine and Performing Arts will join Fairhaven College, Huxley College of Environmental Studies, the College of Ethnic Studies and the College of Arts and Sciences as divisions of WWSC.

Creation of a College of Education was also considered by the board, but was delayed until October for further consideration. The proposal for the three cluster colleges was presented by Dr. Charles J. Flora at the last trustees' meeting he attended as Western's president.

In presenting the case for the College of Business and Economics, Dr. Howard Mitchell, chairman of the Department of Economics and Business, stated that the move is not a radical change, but reflects the next step in the orderly growth and development of programs contained within the department. At the present time, the two state universities and Eastern and Central Washington state colleges all have separate-school status for their business programs.

The move toward college status is a major step toward accreditation of Western's programs by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. Such accreditation provides a nationally accepted mark of program quality and is of recognized value to Western's graduates as they compete for jobs in business.

The College of Fine and Performing Arts will be composed of the faculties of music, drama and dance, and art. According to Dr. William Gregory, who spoke for the proposal, it brings together a group of disciplines that are necessary bases for men's cultural existence and are unlike other human processes.

The fine arts demand consideration of media and theoretical and philosophical approaches that require a special manner of handling, Dr. Gregory stated. He said he believes the cluster college structure to be best suited to realization of goals in general education, in the professional training of artists and art educators and in interdisciplinary art instruction.
ALL ABOUT SPORTS
By PAUL MADISON
WWSC SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

The success enjoyed by the men's tennis and crew teams highlighted the 1975 spring sports season at Western Washington State College, but there were outstanding individual performances in women's track and field, baseball, golf, women's tennis and men's track and field as well.

TENNIS—The WWSC tennis team won its first outright championship in the 27-year history of the Evergreen Conference. The Vikings tied for the title in 1957.

Three members of the Big Blue racket squad won singles crowns, including number two Jeff McKinstry (Jr., Mercer Island/Queen Anne), number four Darvin Menke (Fr., Wapato) and Debbie Matuziek (So., Oak Harbor) while the varsity-eight and freshmen-four spring were by Debbie Matuziek (So., Oak Harbor) and Mike Haerling (Jr., Raymond).

Three Vikings earned all-conference honors, including Art Busha (Jr., Bremerton/Central Kitsap), outfielder Curt Eskeback (Sr., Bothell) and designated hitter Jim Rise (Sr., Stanwood), Eskeback, who batted .346, was also named to the NAIA District I all-star squad.

Rise was the team's leading hitter (.375), although he missed much of the season due to a ruptured tendon in his right knee. Busha ranked among the top hurlers in the NAIA, finishing with a 3-3 record and a 1.61 earned run average. He struck out 47 batters in 56 innings pitched.

GOLF—Al Bauer (Jr., Oak Harbor) earned All-Evergreen Conference and NAIA District I honors as he helped the WWSC golf team to fourth and third place finishes at the respective meets. Also making the district team for the second time in his career was Mike Haerling (Jr., Mount Vernon), Coach Jim Lounsberry's linksmen had a 3-4 dual match record.

WOMEN'S TENNIS—Number one doubles team Lenore Kalapus (Jr., Tacoma/Rogers) and Terri Zuck (Fr., Bellingham/Sehome) finished third for the WWSC women's tennis team, which placed eighth at the NCWSA meet.

They were second at the Northern-Southern Area meet in which Western came in fourth.

TRACK AND FIELD—Steve Mcard (So., Oak Harbor) placed tenth in the six mile at the NAIA national track and field meet in a school record time of 29:54.5.

Menard won both the six and three mile events at the Evergreen Conference meet, while taking the latter at the NAIA District I and the NAIA District I afflai. He also set a Viking best in the three mile of 14:10.6.

Another national participant was pole vaulter Ron Knowlton (So., Bellingham), who broke the previous Viking best with a 15-0 effort earlier in the spring.

Western placed fourth in the league meet and sixth at district under Coach Ralph Vernacchia.

Grindley heads alumni group

The board of directors of the WWSC Alumni Association met recently to elect officers, to elect new members to the board, and to wrap up the year's activities.

Marilyn Grindley, '64, Kirkland homemaker and retired counselor, moved from her president-elect position to the presidency, replacing Bob Thorgrimson, '61, Seattle, who will remain on the executive committee as past president.

Chosen by the board for the new president-elect position was Russ VanBuren, '71, Bellevue. VanBuren is a service consultant for Puget Sound Power and Light, and has been head of the association's legislative committee for the past year.

Doug McCoy, '64, Seattle, was elected for a second term as secretary-treasurer.

Chosen for three executive-at-large positions were Bruce Osborne, '64, Puylup, teacher; Gary Gerhard, '63, Kenmore, elementary principal; and Jane Garguile, '61, Bellingham, homemaker and retired teacher.

The board extended a special thanks to Donna Barnhart, '61, Bellingham, and Barbara Heller, '57, Bellingham, both of whom completed six years' membership on the alumni board, and had served in a variety of offices.

New members to the board, all of whom are beginning three-year terms, are as follows:

Tom Anderson, '66, Olympia; Joe Christopher, '74, Bellingham; Sandra Cross, '73, Kingston; Evelyn Freeman, '62, Seattle; Jean Higgenson, '53, Redmond; June Phillips, '59, Issaquah; Al Ralston, '72, Seattle; and Linda and Norm Ross, '67 and '64, respectively, Enumclaw.

Other items of information discussed at the meeting included committee reports on admissions, athletics, legislative affairs and scholarship awards. Plans for developing an Alumni Association golf tournament were reviewed, and the prospect of revitalizing a version of homecoming was discussed.

It was also noted that the Alumni Association telephone solicitations of alumni on behalf of the WWSC Foundation had been completed and had garnered somewhat over $3,000 in pledges. The total of alumni giving to the College was running a bit over $9,000.

1975 VIKING FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

| Sept. 20 | Pacific Lutheran University | Tacoma | 8:00 |
| Oct. 10 | Eastern Oregon State College* | Portland, Ore. | 1:30 |
| Oct. 18 | Eastern Washington State College* | Ellensburg | 1:30 |
| Nov. 1 | Oregon Institute of Technology | Monmouth, Ore. | 1:30 |
| Nov. 15 | Southern Oregon State College* | BELLINGHAM | 1:30 |

All home contests played at Bellingham Civic Stadium.

*Evergreen Conference game
President Flora addressed a recent joint meeting of the Bellingham school board and trustees of Western and Whatcom Community College. The three groups met to discuss ways in which the three educational institutions are already working together and to explore possibilities of further cooperation in the future.

Western participates in Tri-Ed Center

Trustees from Western and Whatcom Community College met recently with the Bellingham School Board to discuss a proposed Tri-Ed Center which would coordinate educational programs at the three institutions. As envisioned, the center would permit students enrolled at any one of the three schools to take classes at the other two.

Under the proposed cooperative agency, a student might be able to enroll in an auto mechanics class at Bellingham Vocational-Technical Institute while taking remedial math at Whatcom Community College and a class in poetry at Western. A broader range of educational opportunities would thus be available than is the case at present.

As envisioned, the Tri-Ed Center could provide information about programs available at the three institutions and advisement about career possibilities and the job market. It might also provide access to library, dining, health and financial aid services not now available to all students.

Career programs not now being offered at any one of the three institutions might be developed by the center. One such program would be the preparation of registered nurses; others would probably come to light as the concept is discussed further.

A task force headed by Western’s Dr. Ralph Thompson was established in April to explore the feasibility of such a venture and examine problems of coordinating fees, credits, enrollment requirements and the like. The task force will continue to work during the summer to prepare a grant request for further study of feasibility and possible clientele of the proposed center.

Fairhaven Job

Opportunity for retired professor with background in social science research. The Fairhaven College Bridge Project is an intergenerational living and learning experiment which brings together retired persons with other students in a small campus environment. The facts of what we are doing need to be studied and disseminated so that others may learn from this important contribution. We seek someone to live in the project skilled at generating such plans and funding for same. Contact Kenneth Freeman, Dean, Fairhaven College, Bellingham, WA 98225.