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Interim president Dr. J. Alan Ross and Dr. Keith Murray, chairman of Western's American Revolution Bicentennial Committee, display a bi-
centennial flag which will be flown beneath Old Glory until the close of 1976. The new flag was presented to the College by the national American
Revolution Bicentennial Administration in recognition of designation of WWSC as a Bicentennial College. Dr. Ross served as interim president
during July, between the terms of Dr. Flora and the new president of the College, Dr. Paul J. Olscamp.
Women’s athletics interest spurs call for coaches

Recent growth in the popularity of women’s athletics has brought about a demand for the training of women coaches, according to Western track and field coach Ralph Vernacchia.

“In years past, women did not compete in athletics to any great extent because such activity was not considered feminine,” Vernacchia said. “In high school, men were expected to become involved in athletics while high- school-aged women competed in academics, housekeeping and catching a husband.”

Now all of that has changed. There is a great need for women coaches. In a one-week clinic for track and field coaches held at Western early this summer, one-third of the 45 students enrolled were women.

One of the students, Peggy Bowers, a graduate of Anacortes High School now attending college in Ohio, believes that standards of competition have required male coaches to be taught more of the finer points of sports than women have been. Women coaches have, therefore, been operating under a distinct disadvantage.

Once women obtain the same degree of knowledge as men, Bowers feels they may be better qualified to coach other women than are men, because they are more aware of female physiological, psychological and sociological factors.

The belief was echoed by Bev McKissick, a WWSC graduate who was a teacher and part-time coach at Meridian High School last year.

“Many women become involved in coaching with no specific training, simply because they enjoy a particular sport,” McKissick said. “With the current emphasis on competitive women’s sports, it is essential that we become more knowledgeable and more specialized.”

The faculty at Vernacchia’s WWSC clinic included as guest lecturers, track coaches Dixon Farmer, assistant at the University of Washington; John White, assistant at Western; Hal Werner of Simon Fraser University, and Val West of Bellingham High School.

Next year, according to Vernacchia, the guest faculty will include women.

Fairhaven students acquire barn for Outback Program development

Things were looking up at Fairhaven College as students involved in the Outback Program put the finishing touches on their new barn. The 42-foot-square structure, a gift from Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, was dismantled at its old State Street site in Bellingham by Outback Program students.

The structure was reassembled adjacent to Fairhaven’s quarter-acre organic garden just south of the campus. The barn is being used as a storage area for machinery and equipment. Students working in the Outback Program hope to eventually supply power to the facility through the use of two windmills located near the site.

The Outback Program is a student-originated program developed three years ago by Fairhaven students. It is an attempt to generate a self-sufficient rural lifestyle by applying practical technology. Some 50 students are currently working together on various projects.

Outback’s animal population has been steadily growing over the years and now boasts three goats, two pigs and a host of chickens and ducks. The vegetable and animal products are consumed and processed by students and other members of the community who are participating in the program.

Bettis is new Fairhaven dean

Dr. Joseph Dabney Bettis has been named Dean of Fairhaven College, replacing Dr. Kenneth Freeman, who resigned to resume teaching.

Dr. Bettis, 38, comes to Western from the position of curriculum specialist of the overseas program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He has also served as associate dean and professor in residence of humanities and coordinator of academic programs at Nebraska.

Other posts he held were that of associate professor and chairman of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Alabama; assistant professor of religion at Alabama; and as a part-time instructor in religion at Rutgers University.

He received the B.A. in philosophy at Southern Methodist University; the B.D. in theology from Drew University; and the M.A. and Ph.D. in religious studies from Princeton University. His research interests include the humanities, social ethics, social pathology and religious studies.
Department chairmen appointments announced

Seven academic departments have announced appointments of department chairmen for present and future terms at Western.

Dr. Ralph E. Miner, associate professor of political science, will assume the chairmanship of the Department of Political Science effective September 1, replacing Dr. Gerard Rutan, who will remain as a member of the Political Science Department faculty.

A native of Long Island, New York, Dr. Miner graduated from San Jose State College and received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Oregon. He first came to Western as a lecturer in 1969.

Dr. Donald King, associate professor of chemistry and WWSC faculty member since 1966, has been appointed chairman of the Department of Chemistry effective September 1. He will replace Dr. Joseph Crook, who will return to the classroom.

Before coming to Western, Dr. King was a research chemist for Du Pont Company in New Jersey. He is a native of Washington and received his bachelor of science degree at Washington State University. He earned his Ph.D. from California Institute of Technology.

Chairman of the Department of History returned to Dr. Roland L. DeLorme effective summer quarter. Dr. DeLorme, associate professor of history, served previously as department chairman from 1971 to 1974.

Chairman of the department for the past year has been Dr. LeRoy Dresbeck, who will return to assignment as associate professor of history.

Dr. DeLorme is a native of Aberdeen and received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Puget Sound. He earned his M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and a Ph.D. at the University of Colorado.

Dr. Dorothy Ramsland, professor of home economics, has been reappointed chairman of the Department of Home Economics. She has served as department chairman since 1959.

She was graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a bachelor of science degree and later earned her M.S. and Ph.D. from Michigan State University. Prior to coming to Western in 1949, Dr. Ramsland taught at the University of Hawaii, Central Michigan State University and Michigan State University.

Phillip Ager, associate professor of music, will return to the post of chairman of the Department of Music effective September 1, for a four-year term. He previously held the position of chairman from 1969 to 1974, having been replaced by Dr. Edwin LaBounty during the interim period.

Ager is a graduate of WWSC where he earned his bachelor of arts degree. He received his M.A. from the University of Washington.

Beginning August 1, Dr. Golden Larsen became acting chairman of the Department of English. A faculty member since 1956, Dr. Larsen is a specialist in English romantic literature and the English novel.

He received his bachelor and master of science degrees from Utah State University and earned the Ph.D. from the University of Washington. He is the author of The Dark Descent, a book dealing with social change and moral responsibility in the novels of English author Joyce Carey.

He will be replacing Dr. Robert McDonnell, who has been appointed chairman of the Department of English at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo.

Dr. Robin W. Chaney has been named chairman of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. Dr. Chaney is a native of Ohio, where he attended Ohio State University, earning both his bachelor of science and Ph.D. degrees from that institution. He first came to Western in 1969 as a professor of mathematics. His field of specialization is mathematical optimization theory.

In his new post, Dr. Chaney will replace Dr. Albert J. Froderberg, who will remain as a department faculty member.

Dr. Ada Swineford, professor of geology at Western, has co-authored a book, Land of the Post Rock, dealing with early settlers of north-central Kansas and their efforts at using fencepost limestone, or post rock, in the settlement of the area.

Released by the University Press of Kansas in June, the book has been termed a major contribution to the preservation of the post-rock landscape heritage. Dr. Swineford collaborated with Grace Muilenburg, associate professor in the College of Agriculture at Kansas State University, in producing the book.

Dr. Swineford, a member of the faculty at Western since 1966, is a former faculty member of the Department of Geology at the University of Kansas. Land of the Post Rock is the result of her research in the area with the State Geological Survey of Kansas from 1942-1966. The book provides specific information on where post-rock artifacts and buildings may be observed today and can serve as a guide to modern-day explorers.

PRISCILLA KINSMAN
Memorial services were held recently in Bellingham for Priscilla Kinsman, assistant professor emeritus of education. Miss Kinsman died July 2 in Olympia at the age of 83.

Miss Kinsman, who retired in 1959 after 35 years of service at Western, was associated with the student teaching program at the former Campus School.

She was a member of St. James Presbyterian Church, PEO and the AAUW. She is survived by a niece, Mrs. Paul Swanson of Snyder, N.Y.
"Even a flea doesn't jump merely for joy"  
— Stanislaus J. LeC

WESTERN'S DR. CLYDE SENGER COLLECTS FLEAS LIKE SOME PEOPLE COLLECT STAMPS. HERE'S WHY.

Dr. Clyde Senger has fleas. In fact, at last count he had more than 6,000 fleas, many of which are rather rare.

Dr. Senger, chairman of the Biology Department at Western, recently explained why he, and a handful of others in this country, would embark on such an unusual pastime as collecting fleas.

Looking over a couple of hundred or so members of his collection, which are mounted posthumously on laboratory slides, Dr. Senger likened his hobby to that of a stamp collector.

"You obtain a batch of stamps and assemble them in front of you," he began. "And out of that group you might find one or two you haven't run across yet."

Dr. Senger goes through a similar process with his fleas. It must be mentioned, however, that getting the fleas in the first place is somewhat more difficult than ordering stamps.

His curiosity about fleas was first stimulated as an undergraduate student at Reed College while he and another student were studying internal parasites in mammals. Before getting into their own work, the students would extract fleas they found on the animals and send them to the Rocky Mountain Laboratory in Hamilton, Montana. There, Dr. William Jellison, now at the University of Montana, was conducting research on fleas and other external parasites.

Flea Research Project

A few years later, Dr. Senger joined the faculty at the University of Montana and at the request of Dr. Jellison, he agreed to assist in the flea research project. He has continued in this interest ever since.

There are an estimated 1,000 to 1,500 different varieties of fleas to be found world-wide, Dr. Senger explained. Of that number approximately 300 are known to exist in the United States.

"If you stop to consider that there are roughly 100,000 different species of flies in the world," Dr. Senger said, "the flea as a group has a relatively small number of species."

"One could get to be familiar with all the different fleas, while I suspect that no one could accomplish that task with the flies," he continued.

In Dr. Senger's collection, there are more than a few fleas which have been quite rare up to now.

One such flea is the nearctopsylla martyoungi. A male of this species was found some time ago on Hurricane Ridge on the Olympic Peninsula. But Dr. Senger, on one of his flea-finding treks, discovered a male and a female thriving on a short-tailed weasel living along Chuckanut Creek near Bellingham.

Largest Flea

The hystrichopsylla schefferi schefferi holds the distinction of being the largest flea known. As a prominent member of Dr. Senger's collection, it literally dwarfs most of the others by comparison. It is found only rarely on mountain beavers living in Washington, Oregon and lower British Columbia.

Another species, the hystrichopsylla dupiei spinata, the second-largest flea known to exist, is also in Dr. Senger's collection. Before he located it, in the Chuckanut Mountain area, the flea was known only to frequent the general vicinity of Vancouver, B.C.

"Fleas," said Dr. Senger, "are quite specific as to their hosts. You will usually find a different species for each type of host animal." However, you can't always assume they belong where you find them.

He cited an instance in which he found a particular flea on a weasel. The flea was only known to frequent a certain type of shrew. What apparently had happened in this case, Dr. Senger suggested, is that the weasel ate the shrew and the flea then moved to the weasel.

Dr. Senger used to collect his specimens by trapping animals and then extracting fleas from their fur. Now, however, he said he has adopted a more
kind-hearted approach, that of locating and removing the nests of the animals.

"Most fleas are very sensitive to movement," Dr. Senger said, "and when the host animal starts to move, the flea will hop off and wait at the nest for the animal to return."

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Dr. Senger noted that there is a whole group of fleas which associate exclusively with birds. In particular, Dr. Senger has found the nests of swallows, ground-nesting sea birds, and tree-hole nesting birds to contain a variety of fleas.

Owls and hawks also pick up fleas, usually by the flea transferring from the birds' prey, Dr. Senger said.

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And he could be considered a specialist of sorts, since, to his knowledge at least, there are only "a couple of dozen" flea collectors in the country who approach the hobby with the same enthusiasm as he.

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Fleas are only one of Dr. Senger's interests, though. In 1974 he was honored by having a spiderlike organism named after him. The Speleonychia sengeri, a white, cave-adapted harvestman, was found by Dr. Senger and his students during class field trips to lava caves in search of bats in southwest Washington.

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Construction of a sewer line and treatment plant at Birch Bay is helping archaeology students at Western learn about prehistoric inhabitants of Whatcom County.

Under guidance of Dr. Garland Grabert, associate professor of anthropology, WWSC students are exploring trenches being dug for sewer trunk lines and excavation for treatment plant foundations, searching for traces of archaeological sites. Earth-moving equipment used at the project exposes many underlying layers of soil that the experienced eye can read to learn about changes in the shape of the land and the story of the people who lived on it.

A scoop from a power shovel accomplishes in a few minutes what would require days of hand digging for the students.

Like today’s residents along Birch Bay, prehistoric inhabitants of the region built their dwellings near the shoreline. These dwellings were grouped together in villages, handy to fishing, clam digging, water fowl and other sources of marine-derived food supply.

The evidences of early habitation are apt to be located at some distance from the present shoreline, however, because the beach has moved over the passage of time.

The northern end of Birch Bay has been filling for centuries with mud and debris from erosion of the bluff at Birch Point which extends westward. At one time, therefore, the Bay reached much farther inland than it does now.

Exploration of the area has indicated the existence of a sand bar or spit that is now under the beach but at one time extended well out into the Bay. A hundred yards or more back from the shoreline, deep cuts made for installation of manholes have uncovered shells at a depth of 16 to 18 feet that indicate there was once a lagoon behind the spit.

Shells of a bent-nosed clam have been unearthed by the digging. “This clam lives in the mud in a part of the bay that is exposed at low tide,” Dr. Grabert explained. “This indicates that the location of a section of the sewer line was once an intertidal zone.”

By dating material from this intertidal area, the students hope to fill in gaps in what is already known about the history of changes in the shape of the shoreline as well as learning more about other geological processes. This, in turn, will add to information about the people who inhabited the region.

There are five known sites of prehistoric villages in the Birch Bay Village area, plus two about a mile away, north of the present location of a trailer court. There is an old village site further south at Birch Bay State Park, plus others nearby.

“Although we know where most of the archaeological sites are, we are continuing to monitor the construction because something unexpected may turn up,” Dr. Grabert explained.

Annie Dillard is visiting scholar

Annie Dillard, 1975 Pulitzer-Prize-winning author, will be a visiting scholar-in-residence at WWSC during fall quarter. According to Dr. James W. Davis, dean of Western’s College of Arts and Sciences, Dillard will teach a course and offer a seminar in creative writing.

Recently a lecturer in creative writing at Hollins College in Virginia, Dillard is a contributing editor of Harper’s Magazine and a columnist for the Wilderness Society. She is the author of numerous essays, articles and poems, many of them about environmental issues and life in the Appalachian region of the United States.

Dillard has written two books, Tickets for a Prayer Wheel and Pilgrim at Tinker Creek, both published in 1974. She was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for general nonfiction in May of this year for the latter book, about her life in the Roanoke Valley of Virginia over a period of one year, with an emphasis on nature.

While at Western, Dillard will lecture at Huxley College of Environmental Studies in addition to her classes in the English Department.
Compliments, first of all, to your RESUME staff who each month cater so many choice items, all with varied and tasteful touch. And because of your almost-tot al briefing on campus activities, alums are able to boast of what's going on at Bellingham, as we proudly exchange progress reports—resumes that the klutz from Pullman or even Seattle would have trouble in matching.

A few constructive comments I'm sure you won't mind. (And you probably won't.) Could, for instance, there be some follow-up stories of past RESUME articles? How successful was the Patterson K-2 climb? And what farewell gift did Lappenbusch get? How much did it cost and how many dollars were collected? In the unfavorable light of inflated college grades over the U.S., please reassure us alums that WWSC profiles are holding to standards of quality in course requirements. While many professors over the country now are giving their students only As and Bs, and asserting to hell with the old bell-shaped curve, please say that it isn't so at WWSC and quote grade-point statistics as proof.

Maybe, too, you can lay to rest some of the rumors frightening many of us, such as opposition to campus art projects that we've been looking forward to along the High Street. How can anyone object to a heroic-sized plastic geodesic dome (Buckminster Fuller-inspired) with its single suspended crystal question mark inside it to symbolize the collegiate dream? And how envious other institutions have been since the announcement of the 65-foot-high bronze piece, "Creation," a stylization of two tree-slug mating. To those ridicule or condemn these sculptures, murmuring, "Why wasn't this $750,000 given to the poor students in scholarships or to the poor faculty in sabbatical grants?" all I can say is: "The academic poor always you have with you, but Fuller or Fitzgerald you have not always!" And if some lament the felling of campus evergreens and bricking over the grassy floor of the one-time Sylvan Thicket, well, don't those evergreens block much of the view between buildings?

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(ROLL CALL continued)

the Washington Association of Community College Student Activities Personnel.

'69 JEANETTE HANSON is a Peace Corps volunteer working with the Jamaica Council for the Handicapped in Kingston, Jamaica. ED MONK received his California elementary teaching credentials in 1974 and is running the children's summer program at Maharishi International University in Fairfield, Iowa. Kathyn Reid and ROLLIN WILSON were married in March and are living in Bothell. LOIS WENMAN and Jim Rott III were married and are living in Dallas where she is a secretary.

'70 K. WAYNE FOOTE is assistant secretary of Mount Baker Mutual Savings Bank in Bellingham. USAF Reserve Second Lt. ROBERT D. OLSON has been awarded his silver wings following graduation from navigator training at Mather AFB, Calif. KATHY McCLRAITH ELLESTAD is teaching third grade in Juneau. Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL MARINES (NORA HORSENSKY) are teaching at Cairo American College in Egypt. It is a private school that serves the foreign business and diplomatic communities. SUSAN HAYNES and HOWARD HART ('74) were married in February in Burien and are living on Mercer Island. Jean Lane and DONALD G. OLSON were married in February in Arlington. They are living in Mukilteo and she is employed by the Everett PUD office. GARY OLSON is teaching school in Pago Pago, American Samoa. He is the head of the Mathematics Department and is the football coach. TERENCE MCCULLAH teaches industrial arts in Joyce, Wash. WILLIAM GRIIMM received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Puget Sound in May.

'71 JEANNE MESERVEY and Robert J. Kellner were married recently in Aberdeen. She is employed by the Mountain Bell Telephone Co. in Denver. Mr. and Mrs. ED HUISINGH (PAULETTE STEENSMA) have been teaching and serving as dorm parents at the Rehoboth Mission School in New Mexico. Next year they will be teaching at an American International School in Dusseldorf, Germany. Felicia Bailey and STEPHEN GLASS were married in March in Seattle. He teaches in the Highline School District. GRACE L. CAMPBELL is a music specialist in the Northshore School District. CATHERINE M. MOORE and Peter J. Anderson were married in Renton in December and are living in Adelaide, South Australia, where she is developing a science for the elementary while teaching at Murry Park College of Advanced Education. VICTOR LEONARD is a physicist stationed at Lowry AFB, Colo., where he is working with the 2nd Communications Squadron. Air Force Sergeant KENNETH III was decorated with the US Army Communique Medal in ceremonies at Clear Missile Early Warning Station, Alaska.

'72 SUZETTE ALLEN is supervisor of the Kent Parks and Recreation Dept. Senior Center. BARBARA S. FISHER and Randal Odermann were married in March in Seattle. WAYNE LEE is performing with the Oregon Shakespearean Festival at Ashland as part of the dance group until September. Susan McKey and STEVEN PRINGLE were married in January in Bellingham and are living in Burlington. WILLIAM BOE and SCOTT ST. CLAIR received their Juris Doctor degrees from the University of Puget Sound. DAVID VICKIE is a Peace Corps volunteer, has been working in Moma, Zaire (formerly the Belgian Congo), as a rural development worker who is helping bring intermediate agricultural tools and methods to subsistence farmers there. SANDRA LEE HOFF and Robert A. Anderson were married in April in Tacoma. She is employed by the Department of Social and Health Services in Olympia. JOHN BERGGREN received his master's degree from the University of Rhode Island. LYNN ANDERSON and LYNNIE MILLER ('69) have opened the Whatcom Speech and Hearing Clinic in Bellingham. CLIFFORD FRANZI is working as an engineering geologist for a consulting engineering firm in Corvallis.

'73 BRUCE ANDERSON is teaching high school in Pelican, Alaska. DAVID A. OLE is working as a pilot with the King County Justice Probation System, recently received a Carnation Service Award which is given to outstanding volunteers in community-based correctional programs. TOM RYAN teaches high school shop at Friday Harbor. JANE STEARNS and ROBERT DOYLE ('72) were married in March in Bellevue. They are living in Vancouver where she is a resource learning center specialist and he teaches fifth grade. ANNA PARKER and James Johnson were married in Seattle. PAT THOMPSON is employed in Bellingham as an interior decorator. JOY FUKUMOTO has been living in Paris where she has finished a novella and two non-fiction works. TOM WARD received a graduate assistantship and head swim coach job at Kearney State College in Nebraska and is completing a M.S. degree in physical education. VICKIE and MICHAEL FARRIS are living in Spokane where he is attending Gonzaga Law School and is Articles Editor of the Gonzaga Law Review and is employed as a law clerk with a firm there. Suzanne Morgan and REED WILLIAMS were married in March in Oregon and are living in Bremerton.

'74 SERENA MAR teaches second grade in Seattle. ALAN OLSON is employed by the Transamerica Title Insurance Co. in Bellevue. LAURA HUBBELL is employed by the Auburn Senior Center as a program coordinator. MARY DALE is employed by the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community as an administrative assistant to the Planning and Development Director in LaConner. BARBARA "C.T." BENSEN is a contract specialist for the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest in Seattle. JOYCE LAES CONOLLY is living in Bremerton where she substitutes for the Central Kitsap, South Kitsap, and Bremerton school districts.

Unclassified AILENE ANDREWS is director of drama at Big Bend Community College. MARCY CHADWICK and George Woodruff were married recently on Mercer Island. She is employed by the Auburn School District. MARIE ANSTETT and ROBERT CARR were married in February. DAVID EBERHARDT, an aerospace control and warning systems operator specialist, was named outstanding noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter in his unit. JIM KENNEDT coaches track at Mt. Rainier High School in Des Moines. KAREN NOWADNICK and Mark Leander were married in February in Mount Vernon and are living in Bow where they are engaged in farming. SUSANNE HULTGREN OLSON is a special charm consultant for the Washington Dairy Products Commission. STEPHANIE SKIDMORE and Michael Hedley were married recently in Prosser and are living in Seattle. SHARON ABEL and S. Scott Horner were married in March in Tacoma. They are living in Centralia and she is employed by the Chehalis School District. Carol Loewig and DAVID WEDEVEN were married in April in Bremerton where she is teaching. JULIE HORAN and WILLIAM AZE were married in May on Whidbey Island. DAVID SPOGEN is district superintendent of the South Bend School District. ZINDA DISH and Donald Foster were married recently in Seattle. MARGARET HIATT, associate professor of education at Oregon College of Education, has been selected for the National Wildlife Federation's annual conservation safari to the Galapagos Islands. MIKE EADS is the Oklahoma Region purchasing manager for the Weyerhaeuser Company.