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Addressing the audience at his inauguration December 4, 1975, President Paul J. Olscamp spoke on "Quality in Higher Education." (See inauguration story and other pictures on pages 3, 4 and 5.)
Regional planning graduates return to campus conference

Eight graduates of the Regional Planning Program at Western returned to the campus last quarter to participate in a two-day conference entitled "Perspectives on Planning in the Pacific Northwest."

The program was sponsored by Western's Department of Geography and Regional Planning and the Center for Pacific Northwest Studies. The returning planners took part in a number of panel presentations and discussions designed to provide Western students who are in planning programs with some insight into the training and experiences of those now in the field.

All of the participants received either their bachelor's or master's degrees from Western and are now employed in senior planning positions with various agencies around the Pacific Northwest.

Speakers included Andrejs Berkis, senior planner for the Port of Portland; David Cunningham, planning director with the Jefferson County Planning Commission; Charles Dotson, planner with the City of Spokane Planning Commission; and Ralph Lewis, now with Eastern Oregon State College.

The organization is headquartered in Washington, D.C., and is a private, non-profit group of professionals working in early childhood education and development. Founded in 1972, the CDA Consortium credential is recognized by several states as an option for meeting child-care personnel requirements.

Bouverat tapped as representative

Dr. Roberta Bouverat, assistant professor and adviser in the early childhood education program at Western, has been named an official representative of the Child Development Associate (CDA) Consortium after completing a one-week training program in San Francisco.

CDA Consortium representatives serve on local assessment teams which judge the abilities of child-care personnel who are candidates for the CDA credential. They ensure that assessment procedures are properly followed and play an important role in the maintenance of standards in their field.

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College guide pays tribute to Merle Kuder

The 1975-76 edition of "Mapping Your Education," a guide to the colleges and universities of Oregon and Washington, has been dedicated to the memory of Dr. Merle S. Kuder, who served as an administrator, teacher and counselor at Western from 1937 to 1972.

Dr. Kuder, who died last January, was an originator and associate editor of the publication, produced annually since its inception in 1947.

"Mapping Your Education" is produced as a cooperative project by the high schools, colleges and universities of Oregon and Washington. It serves as a handbook for students, parents and counselors and provides descriptions of 76 collegiate institutions in the two states and the educational and occupational programs they offer.

A memorial to Dr. Merle S. Kuder contained in the first pages of this year's edition reads in part:

"... Over virtually the three decades since the inception of MYE, all who knew and liked Merle Kuder, and now cherish his memory, were constantly aware that in everything he did for 'Mapping Your Education' he was mindful primarily of the need to help young men and women of college age find not only the right college but also the right life. He had no use for education which does not serve the basic cause of life-discovery, life-enhancement, life-fulfillment.

"To this purpose and with this emphasis Merle Kuder dedicated both his years of service as a teacher and administrator and participation in the common effort of this book.

"... Totally, Merle Kuder was a great, intelligent, and personable individual, ... and one who truly cared."
Dr. Olscamp inaugurated as ninth president

Dr. Paul J. Olscamp, ninth president of Western Washington State College, was inaugurated at a ceremony held the evening of December 4, 1975, in the Main Auditorium on campus.

Dr. Olscamp was welcomed as chief administrator of the College by the Board of Trustees and representatives of the Associated Students, the Faculty Council and the Alumni Association. Following the brief ceremony, a reception was held in the lobby of the Auditorium-Music Building.

In his inaugural address, entitled "Quality in Higher Education," Dr. Olscamp developed a working definition of the term "quality," particularly as it applies to institutions of higher learning. The diversity of colleges, departments, programs and individuals, he stated, makes determining the worthiness of each "mind-boggling."

He noted that the best way to describe the good qualities of higher education is to cite examples of goodness, rather than to offer a definition. Such examples might relate to the purposes of a particular course, with the satisfaction of those purposes being the measurement of goodness.

Dr. Olscamp noted that characterizing Western in such a fashion would be an enormous undertaking.

"There are 5,405 actual courses in 26 actual academic units taught by 586 actual faculty members at this institution, not counting non-credit courses and special institutes, and not counting summer school," he said.

In order to understand the quality of Western's programs, he continued, one would have to be conversant with all concepts relating to each of these aspects of the institution and be able to evaluate them.

"It is the job of this administration and faculty to undertake just precisely that unrelenting, long-range, ever repeated educational task," Dr. Olscamp pointed out, "for there is no other way to communicate an understanding of our institutional needs than by teaching what quality is here, and where it is missing, and how we can build it up."

Dr. Olscamp also discussed the people who, by their genius, set the criteria for determining quality.

Some individuals, such as the French astronomer Urbain Leverrier, Rene Descartes, or Albert Einstein, are able to make the "intuitive leap." That is, they are able to draw conclusions that can not be logically derived from previous knowledge. Others achieve greatness through dogged determination, while a third type of person has "courageous curiosity," an irresistible desire to know.

"Finally, but surely not least," he added, "is the obligation upon the rest of us, not so gifted, to encourage such as these, not just to tolerate them, but to seek them out, to reward them especially, to gamble for us all upon the chance of their magical imaginations."

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Olscamp Inauguration

Among official hosts for the inauguration was Art Runestrand, '50, Bellingham, former president of the Alumni Association, who took a tour of duty wielding a punch ladle. In back of him are alumni board member Al Ralston, '72, Seattle, and Marilyn Grindley, '64, Kirkland, president of the WWSC Alumni Association.

Speaking for the students was Associated Students President Steve Barrett.

President Olscamp dons a Viking helmet emblematic of his clan. The helmet was presented by Marilyn Grindley, left, while Mrs. Butterworth applauds at right.

President Olscamp autographs a copy of the inaugural program for Norman Bright, '22, Seattle. Bright is one of Western’s four newest Athletic Hall of Fame members.

Following the inaugural ceremony, guests greeted the new president and his wife, Joyce. Dr. Olscamp’s immediate predecessor, Dr. Charles J. Flora, right, was among those present. Vice President for Student Affairs Bill McDonald looks on.
President Olscamp is shown here delivering his inaugural address as Western's ninth chief executive. To Dr. Olscamp's right is Marilyn Grindley, Kirkland, Alumni Association president. To his left are seated the WWSC Board of Trustees: Rita Jean Butterworth, Seattle, chairman; Patrick Comfort, Tacoma; Robert Winston, Spokane; Ark Chin, Seattle; and Paul Hanson, Bellingham.

*position as head of the Viking president of the Alumni Association,

Among the guests for the evening ceremony was President Emeritus William Wade Haggard, who held the office longer than any other person (1939 to 1959). He is seen being greeted by Dr. Sane Carlile of the speech faculty.

Dr. James Hildebrand speaks for the faculty.

Dr. Stanley Daugert, chairman of the Department of Philosophy, was chairman of inaugural activities.
Lynden Eagles Hall is named historic site

The Eagles’ Hall in Lynden has been officially designated as an historic site by the Whatcom Historical Society. The building was built prior to the turn of the century as the first normal school in the Western part of the state.

A commemorative bronze plaque was placed on the building by Eldridge Carr, president of the Historical Society, in the presence of representatives of the Lynden Eagles, Mayor James Van Andel of Lynden and President Paul J. Olscamp. The early school, known as Northwest Normal School, was a predecessor of Bellingham State Normal School, a forerunner of WWSC.

Plans for the school began in the summer of 1886 when citizens of Lynden, then a growing community with a population of 700, felt the need for a place to train teachers who could educate the youngsters of the area. At the time, there were few elementary schools in the northwestern part of the state, and no high schools.

Lynden pioneer Holden A. Judson donated land for the new school near the Nooksack River. A five-room building was financed and built by members of the community and opened for use October 5, 1886, with 16 students in attendance.

The school offered a four-year course which prepared students to take an examination for a teaching certificate offered by the territorial government in Olympia. Girls could enroll at the age of 14; boys at age 16.

By July, 1887, there were nearly 100 students enrolled and a new building was needed. The second building, a two-story structure containing five rooms and a large literary hall, was opened in September, 1888, but was not actually completed until two years later.

In the meantime, residents of Lynden began a series of attempts to interest the territorial legislature in establishment of a regional normal school supported by public funds. Although the need for teachers continued and students continued to enroll, it became apparent that Northwest Normal School could not be operated as a profit-making venture.

The effort toward obtaining public support continued after Washington became a state on November 11, 1889, but failed, largely because the towns of the county could not agree on a site. In April, 1891, enrollment reached 120, larger than the number of students attending the state normal school at Cheney at the time.

The following winter, Professor J. R. Bradley, principal of the school, decided to close its doors. His interest in the enterprise was purchased by associate principal, Professor W. M. Heiney, who operated the school through the 1892 summer session, when its career came to an end.

The new building served a variety of uses thereafter and, following alterations, became the Lynden IOOF Hall and, later, the Eagles’ Hall.

A bill creating a state normal school in Whatcom County was passed during the legislative session of 1893. Professor Bradley and others offered to give the Northwest Normal School site and building, if the new school could be established in Lynden. Other interests, however, offered a 10-acre tract on Sehome Hill in the town of New Whatcom.

A building, now the central portion of Old Main on the WWSC campus, was completed in the summer of 1896. An operating budget was passed by the legislative session of 1899 and on September 6 of that year, New Whatcom State Normal School opened with 88 students.

The school has undergone a series of name changes until 1961 when it became Western Washington State College.

President Olscamp was the keynote speaker at a ceremony dedicating the Eagles’ Hall in Lynden as an historical site. The building, built in 1888, was the site of Northwest Normal School, a predecessor of Western Washington State College. At the left of Dr. Olscamp is James Van Andel, mayor of Lynden.

Dr. Joseph D. Bettis, new dean of Fairhaven College, was bestowed with the vestments of office during a recent convocation at Fairhaven’s auditorium. Dr. Robert H. Keller of Fairhaven’s faculty (left) traced the history of the deanship at the college for the crowd of 200 persons attending the ceremony. At right is staff member Maria Lewis who served as moderator for the evening. Dean Bettis was presented with the shovel used in the college’s ground-breaking ritual and with the “Spirit of Fairhaven,” a painting which has traditionally hung in the dean’s office.
system which produces a hotter spark doing about 50 miles per hour.

3,000 rpm, which is when the car is designed to resonate most efficiently at levels that exceed the 1977 standards. A change in ignition, intake, exhaust, and drive train systems could be implemented by most "back yard" mechanics or at least be done by local garage mechanics.

It perturbs me that you whooped our whistles but never fed us when you really have something of such international importance. I expect your reply early.

Sincerely,

Frank W. Byles, FETA, CLU
Class of '62

(Editors note: The engine used in Viking II is a stock Subaru, 1100 cc, four-cylinder, horizontally opposed engine. It was last used in production cars in 1969. It was selected for Viking II because of its general efficiency, and its lightness, being only 168 pounds. The engine was converted to propane carburetion, which is generally available from propane distributors. However, a liquid gallon of propane has 10 per cent to 12 per cent less energy available than a gallon of gasoline. Its redeeming feature is that it produces lower levels of emissions and allows the exhaust to attain reduced emissions levels that exceed the 1977 standards. A propane carburetor is much simpler than those used for gasoline, for the fuel arrives in a gaseous state. No choke is needed, and no engine warm-up period is required for the fuel to burn almost completely.

The ignition is standard Subaru, with the addition of a capacitor discharge system which produces a hotter spark for better ignition. The intake manifold was improved slightly to allow a better fuel flow. The intake system was designed to resonate most efficiently at 3,000 rpm, which is when the car is doing about 50 miles per hour.

No alterations were made to the combustion chambers, or to the compression ratio. The drive train is the standard Subaru transaxle that came with the engine. Rear tire size was selected on the basis of doing 50 mph at about 3,000 rpm, which did alter the final drive ratio. The 400 mm wheels produced the effect.

The pollution control system included the normal air pump and two catalytic reactors. The first reactor, a nickel oxide-rubidium compound, alleviated the problem of nitrogen oxides. The second reactor is the familiar platinum-palladium type used to control carbon monoxide levels. Both are produced by firms which generously donated them to the project.

The secret to Viking II's performance is in its weight—1,180 pounds—and in its shape. The two things that consume fuel in any car are the mass being moved and the wind drag. By developing Viking II through eight months of wind tunnel tests, wind drag has been reduced to about 25 pounds at 70 mph. In the case of most cars, they use about one-third of their fuel at 50 mph to push the air out of the way.

In summary, any car which is light and enjoys an aerodynamically sound shape can get good gas mileage. In the case of Viking II, this end was accomplished while achieving very low emissions levels and while meeting, or exceeding, all safety requirements.)

Professor Dittrich honored for service to community

William J. Dittrich, associate professor of physics, has been honored with an award for community service by the Bellingham Chamber of Commerce. The award was presented at the Chamber's recent annual banquet.

Dittrich has been an active member of the Whatcom County Park Board since it was established in 1965. He has been instrumental in the successful passage of bond issues and in obtaining federal funding for park development. He has served as president and legislative chairman of the Washington Association of County Park Boards and Departments.

An outspoken opponent of pollution of the land, water and air even before taking such a stand became the popular thing to do, Dittrich has been described by the Seattle Times as the main reason Whatcom County parks amount to a great deal more than ball fields surrounded by brown grass, which typify most such facilities. During his tenure as chairman of the county park commission, he has been considered the lay leader most responsible for getting the county park system under way.

He has received a Citation of Merit award from the Washington Recreation and Park Society, the highest honor that organization can bestow. He has also received the State Branch Award from the National Recreation and Park Association in recognition of exemplary service at the state level.

A member of the faculty at Western since 1951, he has been selected by students as the outstanding faculty member in physics. Born in Walla Walla, he attended Eastern Oregon State College and is a graduate of the University of Washington. In addition to his service at WWSC, he has been associated with Sicks Laboratories, Atomics International and General Electric Company.
Burly Vik gridder is soft touch as Santa Claus

"Ho Ho Ho ... Merry Christmas ... Ho Ho Ho! No, no! I can't say that. It scares the kids," said Dann DeBellis, better known by some as Santa Claus.

Throughout the week, Dann almost looks like an ordinary Western student. His 260 pounds, distributed on his six-foot-three-inch frame, along with his quick wit and sense of humor make him stand out a bit in any crowd.

But on Saturdays and Sundays during the recent holiday season, Dann became a different person as he stepped into his dressing room and emerged 15 minutes later wearing a red suit and sporting a big, thick, white beard.

During fall quarter, he would have come out in a Western football uniform, delivering headaches to opposing quarterbacks instead of presents to little kids. As a defensive tackle for the Vikings this past season, Dann received NAIA District I and All-Even conferences honors.

He stumbled onto the job of Santa Claus at a Bellingham shopping center through another Vik defensive tackle, Kirby Taylor. Taylor, a wrestler for Western, had been told about the job by his wrestling coach, Rick Iversen, but decided wrestling would take up too much time during his weekends to permit him to play the red-suit role.

Dann attended a Santa Claus training session in Seattle in preparation for his Yuletide career. Along with other prospective Santas, he learned a few rules and tricks of the trade.

"Always say Santa, not I or me," Dann said, explaining that Santas are not supposed to lie. "Never promise kids they'll get what they ask for. Just say Santa will think about it, or Santa will see what he can do.

"I was also permitted to say 'be good and help your mother,' but I didn't do too much of that," he said.

Many of the kids didn't believe Dann was the authentic Santa, but only one of his many helpers. They said the real one is bigger. Dann didn't admit anything; he just changed the subject.

Some of the pluses of the job involved just being around kids, Dann said, because they say funny things.

"Some believe you're the Santa Claus. The kids that thought I was only Santa's helper still felt lucky to be able to see him. They always asked about the reindeer and elves.

"The funniest thing that happened was when one kid, who thought I was only one of Santa's helpers, asked me about some milk, cake and six carrots (for the reindeer) he left out last Christmas. He said he got up the next morning and everything was gone—even the dish—and wanted to know if Santa always took the dishes and if I was the one that went to his house.

"I told him sometimes Santa takes the dish, and I was the one that went to his house."

Now that Christmas is over, Dann wants to reduce his weight to about 210 pounds. As a physical education major interested in coaching football, he believes it will help him find a job.

Right now he is keeping busy by trying to survive in school.