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Joni Slagle: bright new Western star

Coaches use many adjectives to describe the talents of their ballplayers, but reserve the term "super" only for the very best.

Thus it is a tribute to WWSC women's basketball forward Joni Slagle that Coach Lynda Goodrich applies that label to her.

"It's the only word for her," said Goodrich. "She does everything well—shoot, drive, rebound. I've never seen a better player at her position in the Northwest."

Slagle, who came to Western last fall from Olympic Community College (OCC), is averaging over 20 points and ten rebounds a game for the Vikettes. She is shooting 45 per cent from the field and 75 per cent at the free throw line.

"But even more important than the exceptional ability she possesses is her great attitude," Goodrich continued. "Joni has confidence in her ability, but recognizes those areas in which she can improve and works hard to do so."

One such item is defense, where Slagle has had to make the adjustment to the Vikettes' person-to-person style.

"Zones are all I've ever played prior to this year," said Slagle. "It has been a tough adjustment, but I'm gradually improving."

On offense the 5-10 junior is awesome, hitting consistently from 15 feet out, driving through defenders for layups or grabbing rebounds and returning them for scores.

Slagle also plays a big part in getting
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the Vikette fast-break started with her accurate outlet passes. She has the speed to participate in it as well.

As had been the case in high school and community college, Slagle does not have the burden of being the team's only scoring threat at Western.

"It's great having such talented teammates," she stated. "That keeps things opened up for everyone. Plus, it's really fun for me seeing others on my team scoring."

Slagle began playing basketball in her backyard at Belfair, competing with her brother.

At North Mason High School she started all four years, leading the Bulldogs to league championships her final two seasons. There she averaged 20 points and 15 rebounds.

While attending OCC, Slagle improved those figures to 27 points and 16 rebounds a game as the Rangers won two-thirds of their games.

In one contest against Centralia Community College, she scored 47 points and had 23 rebounds.

"It was the best game I ever played and the most fun ever," Slagle recalled. "Everything I shot went in, even one that was intended to be a pass."

During the summer of 1974, Slagle attended a basketball camp at Western. It had a lot to do with her decision to attend the school on the hill.

"I had heard about the women's basketball program at Western and when I met Coach Goodrich, I was really impressed with her," said Slagle. "I also liked the area and the school's education program."

A physical education major, she plans to teach and coach after graduation.

"The coaching is far behind the overall growth of women's athletics, although it is gradually improving," said Slagle of her intended vocation.

But that is over a year away and Western fans can look forward to seeing Slagle as a player for another season.

"She's great now, but she's going to become even greater," says Goodrich in anticipation.

SERVES ON COMMITTEE

Dr. Bernard Regier, professor emeritus of music now residing in Salem, Oregon, has been selected by the Salem School System to serve on a committee to select elementary school texts for the public schools. Dr. Regier is teaching this year at Oregon College of Education.

Four new members to the athletic hall of fame pose with plaques presented to them to commemorate the occasion. From left are Charles Lappenbusch, Bruce Randall, Bill McDonald and Fred Emerson. The fifth inductee, Norm Bright, was ill and unable to attend.

Big Mac surprised

Five inducted into sports hall of fame

Three WWSC alumni and two former coaches were inducted into Western's Athletic Hall of Fame in a ceremony held just before the Vikings' basketball game against Central Washington State College on January 17. New inductees included alumni Fred Emerson ('58), Bruce Randall ('57), and Norman Bright ('31), and coaches Charles Lappenbusch and C. W. "Bill" McDonald.

Four of the new members of the Hall of Fame were announced by McDonald, who was unaware at the time that he was one of those selected to be honored. The surprise award for McDonald was presented by Athletic Director Boyde Long.

Lappenbusch, who retired last spring, served Western for 42 years as coach, athletic director and educator, leading Viking teams to a girdiron record that still stands. Bright, who continues to compete successfully as a runner, held the American record for the two-mile run in 1935. Randall, twice named Viking athlete of the year, was a three-year letterman in football, basketball and baseball, while Emerson was a NAIA All-American halfback and coached WWSC football (see Resume, November 1975).

McDonald was honored for his service as coach and administrator. He coached the Viking basketball team from 1946 to 1955 and also was mentor of Western's track and field team and was football trainer at various times during his 13 years as a member of the Physical Education Department.

During that period, he was also dean of men, which became his full-time job in 1959. Those duties were broadened to dean of students in 1969 and to vice president for student affairs in 1974.

Schwarz, Scott named visiting scholars

Two Western faculty members are among eight educators from Pacific Coast colleges and universities selected to participate as visiting scholars in a program for faculty renewal at Stanford University during the current academic year. The program is aimed at giving faculty members in mid-career a chance to revitalize their scholarly commitments.

Dr. Henry Schwarz, director of Western's East Asian Studies Program, and Dr. James Scott, chairman of the Department of Geography and Regional Planning, were recently notified of their selection for the program. Faculty members are nominated for participation by their respective institutions.

The faculty renewal program was established in 1975. Participants spend one month at Stanford while pursuing a course of independent study. A stipend to cover round-trip travel and living expenses is paid by the Lilly Endowment, Inc., of Indianapolis.

Dr. Scott spent the month of February on the Stanford campus working on several research projects. Dr. Schwarz will depart for Stanford in April to continue an ongoing project on the history of the Sinkiang region in China.
New Western college: Business and Economics

A new College of Business and Economics has been in operation since January 1 at Western. Changing from department to college status hasn't been a magic cure for problems of over-loaded classes and scheduling, but Western students will soon begin to see some changes in programs and course offerings, according to Dr. Howard Mitchell, interim dean of the new school. Dr. Mitchell, appointed to his position by the board of trustees in December, said the present thrust within the college is toward program development and taking steps to put those plans into operation.

"Our first priority," Dr. Mitchell said recently, "is to develop a more complete program, both in terms of course availability and the frequency with which courses are offered." It is hoped that such efforts will reduce schedule conflicts that might otherwise prevent a student from taking a specific course during a particular quarter when he or she wants to take it.

The College of Business and Economics will have four departments—accounting, business administration, office administration and business education, and economics.

In past years, there has been a strong development of minor concentrations of study in the business and economics area with a steadily increasing number of minors coming into the program. Dr. Mitchell said there also seemed to be an increase in students completing double majors, especially in the area of business/computer science and economics/mathematics.

"We are not projecting unlimited growth for the college," Dr. Mitchell said on the subject of future expansion. "But we do see a strong demand for the programs we have now and those that we plan to develop."

After only a month of operation, Dr. Mitchell said he already anticipates a need for more physical space for growing programs within the college. "One area—that of integrating the behavioral aspects of management, marketing and personnel—will necessitate some specialized lab space. Right now, we're fairly restricted to the standard classroom approach in this area," he said. "Of course we will also face space limitations in the future as faculty and programs continue to grow."

Another, as yet unanswered, question is that of the allocation of funds for the new college's operation and growth. Dr. Mitchell indicated that he does not know what methods the legislature will use to work out that problem. But he did say that he sees the growth of the College of Business and Economics as a strong force in strengthening Western as an institution.

"Students coming to WWSC as freshmen and enrolling in the college will complete nearly 40 per cent of their coursework outside of the business and economics area," Dr. Mitchell noted.

There are plans for expanding off-campus programs offered by the new college. In addition to providing a number of upper-division courses aimed at the local business community, faculty members will continue to expand their offerings of special-interest seminars for management groups on weekends and during between-quarter breaks.

"We also hope in the future to have qualified students begin providing specialized consulting services to various businesses," Dr. Mitchell stated.

The college now has internship opportunities for eight business and economics students—four each year at Georgia Pacific Corporation in Bellingham and four at Intalco Aluminum in Ferndale. Dr. Mitchell said plans are being developed to expand the internship program, giving students an opportunity to gain experience in dealing with management problems by working for business firms.

Western alumni will also play a big part in the future of the new college, Dr. Mitchell emphasized. He said alumni input will be a major consideration in the development of future programs.

"We would like to build an advisory board," Dr. Mitchell explained, "composed of alumni and other professionals from the areas of business, labor and government."

"One of the things we are looking toward," Dr. Mitchell concluded, "is an increasing emphasis by employers on a broad liberal arts education as a requirement of employment. The nature of jobs is changing in such a way that the highly specialized professional is finding a decreasing number of career opportunities."

"By taking all of these factors into consideration as we design our course offerings and programs, we will, hopefully, have something attractive to offer a wider audience."

Study tour of Greece set this summer

A month-long Greek Study Tour will be offered this summer from July 26 to August 27 by the Department of General Studies. Led by Nita Clothier, Western faculty member, and Dr. James Jarrett, professor of education at the University of California at Berkeley and former WWSC president, the tour will travel throughout Greece, making stops along the way.

After four days of intensive background study on the WWSC campus, members of this Hellenic tour will depart from Vancouver, B.C., for Athens. There, participants will direct their attention to the Acropolis, the National Archaeological Museum, and the Academe where Plato convened his students.

Then on to the coastal town of Nauplia, where tour members will visit the sites of Corinth, Argos, Tyriyps and Mycenae. After a boat ride across the Gulf of Corinth to Delphi, the group will depart again for Athens.

The tour includes a stop at Thebes and a ferry trip to the Aegean Islands. There will also be time for individual or group side trips and excursions to other places of interest.

Estimated cost for the tour is $1,100 to cover air and ground travel, accommodations in Greece, and college fees. Meals, side trips and accommodations in Bellingham during a four-day preparatory seminar will be extra.

Participants may register for up to 10 upper-division credits or may make the trip on a non-credit basis. There will be an enrollment limit of 35 persons for the tour.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Nita Clothier, Department of General Studies, WWSC, Bellingham, WA 98225, or by calling (206) 676-3032.
DON'T FOOL MOTHER NATURE!

Tremendous forces of wind, tide, erosion and other factors are constantly at work shaping the shoreline of Whatcom County. These forces are often delicately balanced and can inadvertently be upset by man's action, causing unexpected, and often unwanted, changes in beaches and other aspects of the waterfront.

As an example, a few property owners in the Birch Point area have constructed concrete and stone obstructions to the movement of sand and other sediment along the beach in front of their homes. These low structures, known as groins, have been positioned in an effort to build up a sandy beach at Birch Point. They could, however, result in turning Semiahmoo Spit, near Blaine, into an island.

The relationship between Birch Point and Semiahmoo Spit is one of several interesting features of the local shoreline discussed in a paper entitled "Coastal Processes of Northern Puget Sound," written by Dr. Thomas A. Terich, assistant professor of geography at Western.

The report was prepared as the result of a research project funded by a $12,000 grant from the U.S. Geological Survey and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. A similar report on the coastline of Skagit County is included in the project.

In explaining the natural processes that take place along the shoreline in northern Puget Sound, the report notes that Birch Point is composed, in part, of pebbly silt clay which has a low strength, especially when wet. This material normally erodes onto the beach, particularly during the winter, and is washed away to the north by wave action.

The material is eventually deposited at Semiahmoo Spit, causing the spit to grow in a northerly direction.

The spit is one and one-quarter miles long, dividing Drayton Harbor and Semiahmoo Bay. There is evidence, Dr. Terich's report states, of extensive wave action in Drayton Bay that occurred 4,000 to 5,000 years ago, indicating that the spit was not present at that time. But it has been growing rather steadily since.

Alaska Packers, a seafood processing firm, has owned the sandspit and operated a cannery at its northern end since the 1890s. According to J. D. Cooper, manager of the cannery, there appears to have been little change in the spit since the late 1940s.

Dr. Terich states that comparison of U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey charts for the years 1947 and 1966 supports Cooper's claim.

The weakest part of Semiahmoo Spit is a narrow causeway where it joins Birch Point headland to the south. Storm waves and high tides have flooded this area in the past, limiting auto access to the cannery.

The spit has recently been annexed by the city of Blaine, Dr. Terich continued, and there are plans to develop it as a recreation and resort site. "But developers should take great care that the movement of sediment from Birch Point is not disturbed," he said, "because interruptions in natural sediment delivery could result in erosion and eventual breaching of the narrow southern end of Semiahmoo Spit."

The shoreline of Whatcom County is, to a great extent, shaped by the movement of material by wave action. This movement of material is generally from south to north, except where local landforms interfere.

One exception to the south-to-north rule is the northern portion of Bellingham Bay, which is filling with material eroded from Lummi Peninsula and with silt from the Nooksack River.

In the recent past, the Nooksack River flowed alternately into Bellingham Bay and into Lummi Bay on the north side of Lummi Peninsula. Around 1860, the Terich report states, the course of the river was changed by a log jam which directed the main flow permanently into Bellingham Bay.

The result of sediment movement has caused shoaling and development of large tidal flats in the bay that pose a serious problem to shipping.

Birch Bay is primarily shaped by the counterclockwise movement of waves carrying sediment from the south.
However, some beach sediment moves eastward into the bay from Birch Point. Thus, the north end of the bay is a convergence of material transported from the west and from the south.

This action has already filled in a large portion of Birch Bay, creating a relatively level area upon which Birch Bay Village is currently being developed.

At Cherry Point, although winds and waves from the south prevail, north and northwesterly winds and waves do occur occasionally in winter and frequently during the summer. South from Cherry Point, prevailing southerly waves become less effective movers of beach and nearshore sediments, as northward movement of such material is blocked by Lummi Island and Lummi Peninsula.

Northerly winds, however, are more effective in this area, and the shoreline is exposed to waves which run southward unobstructed for 90 miles down the Strait of Georgia. These southward-moving forces form Sandy Point.

Sandy Point is a south-trending spit about two and one-half miles long. Like Semiahmoo Spit, it is probably of recent geological origin, Dr. Terich's report explained.

Sandy Point has recently become a recreational housing development and channels have been carved into it in an effort to create more waterfront homes. But the channel dredging has interrupted the natural southward movement of longshore sediment.

Sediments now enter the channel mouth rather than flowing around the base of the point, filling the channel and reducing sediment travel to the south end of the spit. Owners of homes at the south end of the spit have constructed large concrete seawalls and groins to protect and preserve as much beach sediment as possible.

Dr. Terich's report warns that the shoreline to the north and south of the channel mouth is unstable and should be monitored closely. Home owners should be particularly alert for any shoreline development plans to the north of Sandy Point that could potentially interrupt the southward flow of longshore sediments, the report said.

Southerly winds and waves shape the shoreline of Bellingham Bay. The south face of Portage Island, near the end of Lummi Peninsula, is subject to attack and erosion from waves up to four feet high caused by storms. Eroded sediments are transported northward by currents flowing around the flanks of the island, and have been deposited in horn-like spits.

One of these spits has extended until it provides an overland connection between Portage Island and Lummi Peninsula during low tides.

The south shore of Lummi Peninsula is also exposed to winter storm waves. As a result of a combination of these and other forces, bluffs along Lummi Peninsula are actively eroding. The Lummi Indian Tribe is concerned about the stability of Lummi Shore Drive, one of the main roads along the peninsula, and riprap has been placed along the sea cliff where the roadway dips close to the beach.

In time, according to the Terich report, other measures will have to be taken to guard against erosion as the shoreline continues to change.

"Coastal processes are a composite of interrelated atmospheric, oceanic and geological forces, and it is difficult to understand any one process without knowledge of its relationship to the others," Dr. Terich said. "It is my hope that this study will provide a broader view and help stimulate additional investigation in order to increase our understanding of the forces that cause the changing shape of Whatcom County coastline."

Dr. Terich's paper will be made available through the Department of Natural Resources to city and county planning agencies, to other interested governmental bodies and to the general public.
Peterson says

Observe 'eleventh commandment' to avoid flooding

Much of the estimated 60 million dollars in damages resulting from December's devastating floods in the Puget Sound area might have been avoided had proper land-use planning practices been followed, according to an environmental planning expert at Western.

Gilbert Peterson, assistant professor at WWSC's Huxley College of Environmental Studies, says that the best way to avoid a repeat of such occurrences is to observe the "eleventh commandment—'Thou shall not build in a flood plain.'"

Peterson said that encroaching suburbanization of what was once prime agricultural land in Puget Sound's river valleys only contributes to the possibility of greater flood damage in the future.

Citing development of the Green River Valley in King County as a "prime example of what not to do," Peterson noted that at one time most of that land was designated for agricultural use only by the King County planning department.

"Had landowners now living in that area realized, before they built, the tremendous costs they would have to pay and those they will pay in the future for flood control, they might have taken a harder look at the situation," Peterson stated.

What has happened in the Green River Valley and in many other parts of the state, Peterson contends, is that the area's comprehensive plan has been slowly eroded on a piecemeal basis until it is virtually non-existent.

In this process, Peterson continued, pressure is brought by certain groups or individuals to make an exception. One or two isolated instances might not have a profound effect but continued over time it doesn't take long to destroy an entire plan.

Peterson noted that some types of land-use activities—agriculture in particular—are compatible with flood plains in this region. Annual floods over agricultural land serve to speed up the nutrient-exchange process, he said, resulting in the very rich soil found in the Puget Sound river basins.

What most people fail to realize, he continued, is that there are tremendous amounts of water traveling beneath the soil all the time in these areas.

"As development increases, the soil which once soaked up rainfall and runoff water is replaced by concrete, pavement and rooftops, reducing the absorption capabilities of the land and turning it into non-permeable soil," Peterson said.

All of this leads to an increase in the amount of flooding and other problems which require expensive and seemingly endless solutions.

Many communities resort to the use of dikes as a means of preventing floods. Dikes, however, prevent normal runoff into rivers, resulting in an increase in ponding, or standing water over large areas of land.

"Because this type of solution doesn't permit the natural gravitational flow of water, it only compounds the problem," Peterson explained. "Recently, Green River Valley residents constructed a $2.5 million pumping station to pump ponded water over the dike and back into the river."

The pumping station may have solved the immediate problem, Peterson continued, but the people soon found that water traveling through the soil tends to pop up in places where it hasn't been before, requiring further costly solutions.

Peterson uses what has happened in the Green River Valley as an example of what can happen in other river valleys in Western Washington if proper land-use planning isn't used.

"It comes down to the question of whether we are going to follow certain proven principles," Peterson said. "Are we going to keep development out of the flood plain?"

"It is in the public's interest to ensure that certain areas are kept at either low density or open space status," Peterson said. "When people are allowed to build in these areas, it's not just the individual property owner, but the whole public which pays the costs."
Wheelchair access ramp installed at WWSC

Two Western students confined to wheelchairs recently teamed up with President Paul J. Olscamp to officially open a new access ramp to Mabel Zoe Wilson Library.

The project, which took two years from conception to completion, was constructed at a cost of $5,500. Similar projects, such as curb cuts and other paved access areas, have already been completed at Western, with more planned in the future.

Pat Draper, a junior accounting major from Spokane, and Pat Pancoast, another accounting major from Bellingham, were the first students to wheel down the ramp after the ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

"I just can't express the excitement I feel that this ramp is finally completed," Draper told college officials and students attending the ceremony. "Completion of this project and others to come will draw attention to access problems faced by handicapped students and is a big step toward removing the physical barriers facing them daily throughout this and other communities."

President Olscamp expressed his regret that past building practices in public and private facilities had, for so long, ignored the needs of one segment of our population.

"A lack of facilities for the handicapped only serves to point out man's thoughtlessness to his fellow man," Dr. Olscamp remarked. "The cost of wasted human resources," he continued, "by far outweighs the relatively minute cost of constructing facilities such as this."

Mary Robinson, associate dean for student affairs, noted that completion of the ramp marked only one phase of Western's current efforts to serve the needs of the physically handicapped student. Some of the projects proposed for the future include more paving, reducing grades on pathways between buildings, push-button door openers, and additional lighting for the visually impaired.

Other proposals include a connecting bridge between one residence hall and the student health center, remodeled restrooms in various buildings on campus, added railings and additional elevator service to better serve handicapped students, and public phones accessible to students in wheelchairs.

Also being considered is installation of an information center on campus which would provide blind students with recordings of the daily bulletin, activity information from various campus news sources, and other announcements.
'26 ROSE SELLE SAXTON retired in 1970 after 37 years of teaching.

'35 ISABEL HINMAN BDZYL retired from the Snohomish School District after having taught second grade the last 18 years.

'42 HENRY E. FRANCIS is the manager of an engineering and construction company in Marina del Rey, California.

'54 JAMES SJOLUND is executive director for the newly formed National Committee on Arts for the Mentally Retarded and Handicapped in Olympia.

'56 FRANKLIN NIELSEN, an orchestra director in the Shoreline School District, will be the conductor of the newly formed Bicentennial Community Orchestra.

'58 LYNN ROSENBACH coaches high school football, teaches American government and U.S. history at Mount Vernon.

'59 BALDWIN HERGENHAHN is the chairman of the Psychology Department at Hamline University in St. Paul ... ALFRED LYNCH, Jr. is supervisor of special services at the Superintendent of Public Instruction's office in Olympia.

'64 DAVID BENSELER, associate professor of foreign languages and literatures at Washington State University, has been honored by the Washington Association of Foreign Language Teachers with its Pro Lingua Award which cited him for "distinguished contributions to intercultural understanding."

'65 WILLIAM L. PARR, Jr. received his doctorate in education from the University of Oregon College of Education in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

'67 RICHARD HASTINGS is Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation (Education) for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

'69 Capt. SCOTT K. WILLIAMS has received a regular commission in the Air Force. He previously held a USAF reserve commission as an Officer Training School graduate and was named for regular status on the basis of his educational background and outstanding duty performance as an officer.

'71 Julie Ann Durkoop and STEPHEN BECK were married in October in Spokane. He is teaching in Edmonds ... RONALD EXNER is an account executive with Dean Witter & Company's Seattle office ... Tamara Botten and CRAIG RIGGS were married in Richmond recently ... DALE Q. RICE is assistant manager of the Lynnwood office of Everett Trust and Savings Bank ... STEVE PETTERSEN received his M.S. in educational media at Portland State University in August and is working as a media specialist for Warner Pacific College in Portland.

'72 DIANNE KAY IP and GEOFFREY V. MOORE were married in August in Medina.

'73 CHARLES MELROSE is manager of F.W. Woolworth in Oakland.

'74 MARILYN KAY STOVER and MICHAEL IVANICH were married in November in Seattle. He is attending the Graduate School of Business at the University of Washington.

'75 DENISE DOAK is in Switzerland for instruction in how to teach transcendental meditation ... Cathie Wineland and WILLIAM FOOTE were married in October in Seattle ... KATHY SHOOP is teaching creatively-gifted children at LaConner High School ... LUCINDA SMITH teaches half-time at Custer Elementary School.

Unclassified Wanda Arnold and MICHAEL ANDERSON were married recently in Seattle ... Sandra Ann Shepherd and MICHAEL BARTO were married in August in Seattle where he is employed by the Marine Oil Pickup Service Division of Crowley Maritime ... DOREEN BOURQUE and Mark Stapleton were married in October in Seattle. They are living in Kentucky where she attends college ... HENRY BORYS is the Washington state coordinator for the International Meditation Society ... DON GARROW is director of the Arlington Boys' Club ... SUSAN HILDE and Wes Underwood were married in September in Grandview. She is employed as a nurse in Toppenish ... Mr. and Mrs. RICH HENKE (LINDSAY JENSEN) are living in Chehalis where he is employed by Washington Mutual Savings in loans and operations ... CHARLES MARTINDALE teaches design, jewelry and ceramics at Sehome High School ... CAROLE MAY is attending the Vancouver (B.C.) School of Theology ... PATRICIA MCGHEE and JAMES HART were married in October in Vancouver, Wash., where they are living. She is employed by an insurance company and he is with the fire department ... KATHERINE ANN ERICKSON and William Unrein, Jr. were married in September in Ferndale and are living in Bellingham ... STEPHANIE McDaniel Andersen is living in Missoula where she is employed as a secretary in the Foreign Language Department at the University of Montana ... MARY S. WALSH and Alan Bain were married in November in Seattle. She is employed at the Mitsubishi International Corporation in Seattle ... BETH EILEEN PETERSON and BRIEN KIRBY ('75) were married in August in Seattle where they are living. He is attending graduate school in chemistry at the University of Washington ... ROBERT I. MILLER received his M.A. in rehabilitation teaching from Western Michigan University in August.