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A BLOSSOM TIME CHALLENGE — WWSC President Paul Olscamp perches aboard a T-bar lift at the Mt. Baker ski area as he heads to compete in the "Ski-to-Sea" race, part of Bellingham's Annual Blossom Time Festival (see pages 4 and 5).
Alumni Day visitors are promised more next year

More than 235 alumni, faculty and friends of Western gathered on campus May 15 to take part in the Alumni Day program. Western’s guests were greeted with warm, sunny weather that provided ideal circumstances for visiting campus landmarks, engaging in quiet conversations and enjoying dinner in the Viking Commons with a sweeping view of Bellingham Bay.

In welcoming the visitors to campus, President Olscamp reviewed many of the unique features of the College, touching upon achievements and problems.

Following the President’s remarks, symposia on the Middle East, Mt. Baker, the fine and performing arts, education and economics were held.

The day concluded with a buffet dinner and cocktails in the Viking Commons and Western Theatre’s production of Oklahoma!

Current plans call for a similar program in the spring of 1977, with different programs and a different play. The Alumni Office promises an eventful day for those who take part in the program.
Board elects executive committee, board members

At its May 15 meeting, the board of directors of the WWSC Alumni Association elected a new executive committee for the coming year, and elected seven new members to the board.

Assuming the presidency, after a one-year term as president-elect, is Russ Van Buren, ’71, Bellevue. Van Buren is employed with Puget Power in Renton.

Chosen for the president-elect post was Al Ralston, a 1972 graduate of Fairhaven College. Ralston is a Seattle resident and is self-employed as a grant consultant. Previously, he was associated with several committee staffs of the Washington State Legislature.

Doug McCoy, ’64, of Seattle, was re-elected to the position of secretary-treasurer. Chosen for executive-at-large position from King County was Chuck Johnson, ’60, Issaquah, with Bruce Osborne, Puyallup, being elected to south Puget Sound position, and Geraldine Van Zanten, ’61, Bellingham, being chosen from the northern Puget Sound area.

Outgoing president, Marilyn Grindley, ’64, Kirkland, was chosen to be the Alumni Association representative to the WWSC Foundation.

New members to the board include Susan Berg, ’69, Vancouver, Washington; Kirby Cleveland, ’59, Olympia; Molly Gerhard, ’63, Seattle; Sue Gibbs, ’74, Bellevue; Sharon Girod, ’64, Seattle; Terry Girod, ’63, Seattle; and Neal Shay, ’66, Seattle.

In other action, the board reviewed the year’s activities. The results of telephone solicitations for the WWSC Foundation annual fund drive were reported, showing a level of support that was approximately the same as the previous year. Jane Garguile, ’61, Bellingham, reported on her activities as a member of Western’s Administrative Council, the principal advisory body to President Olscamp. Her attendance at the weekly meetings of this group has given the Alumni Board ready and direct access to the College’s administrative process.

Geraldine Van Zanten gave a preliminary briefing on the results of the College’s Planning Review Committee, on which she represents the Alumni Association. This committee reviews the results of the academic planning process through which all departments, colleges and programs present their future goals.

In anticipation of the next academic year, President Van Buren called for a July 17 planning meeting to be held on the Western campus. The operating budget for the coming year will be developed at that time to be presented for confirmation in the fall.

Van Buren urged any interested alumni to send program proposals for the association to him, in care of the Alumni Office, WWSC, Bellingham WA 98225.

Alums honored

Three former members of the Alumni Association board of directors have been cited by the current board for distinguished service.

Willis Ball, Seattle, ’56, Donna Barnhart, Bellingham, ’61, and Barbara Heller, Bellingham, ’57, were chosen for the honor. All have served on the board for six years, have held offices within the association, and have shown exceptional dedication to the College and the association.

Ball, who is a supervisor for Seattle Parks and Recreation, chaired the association’s athletic committee for several years and has actively participated in fund-raising campaigns.

Mrs. Barnhart has been a member of the executive committee for three terms and has been involved in the planning of homecomings, fund raising, and a variety of other tasks.

Also a member of the executive committee for several years, Mrs. Heller, too, played an active role in developing alumni programs, both on and off campus.

This year’s presentations mark only the third time that the distinguished service awards have been presented. Earlier recipients were Miss Arta Lawrence, Bellingham, ’14, and Chet Ulin, Bremerton, ’37.

Bellingham junior wins alumni award

Darlene Lake, Bellingham, a junior majoring in Spanish, has been awarded the Western Washington State College Alumni Association Board of Directors Scholarship for 1976-77. The full tuition and fees scholarship is given annually to the dependent of a Western graduate.

In making the award to Lake, the alumni board noted her scholastic record, her many community service activities and her plans for a teaching career among minority children.

Miss Lake’s mother, Eleanor Lake, is a 1940 graduate of Western. Other family members who are also Western alumni include an aunt, Florence Izette; her grandmother, Alma Willison; one uncle and three cousins. The Alumni Board Scholarship is funded by the members of the association’s board of directors as a personal project. Alumni support for Western’s scholarship program is a separate program of the association.

Foreign language workshop slated

Sixty foreign language teachers from Idaho, Oregon and Washington will participate in a one-month workshop at Western from July 18 through August 17. The teachers of French, German and Spanish will study the language and culture of their subject area, will be introduced to new teaching methods and will work on designing new curricula for their classrooms.

The workshop is made possible, in part, by a $78,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

The foreign language workshop is the only one of its kind in the country being funded this year by NEH, according to Dr. Peter A. Eddy, associate professor of French at WWSC and workshop director. Dr. Rudolf Weiss, associate professor of German at Western, is assistant director of the program.

Murray award

Robert Ford Stothart, a sophomore English major at Western, has been selected to receive the Murray Memorial Scholarship for fall quarter of the 1976-77 academic year.

The award is named in memory of the late wife and son of Dr. Keith Murray, professor of history at Western, and will provide $100 toward tuition and fees for the quarter.

Stothart is a graduate of Santa Fe High School and has maintained a 3.75 cumulative grade point average at Western. He is the son of Robert F. and Miriam E. Stothart of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Stothart plans to write and teach English after graduation.
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IN UNIQUE RACE

Bellingham’s annual Blossom Time Festival includes an event that is peculiarly unique to northwest Washington—the Ski to Sea race—a relay that begins on the flanks of Mt. Baker and ends in the port city of Bellingham. Competing teams of four people must enter a two-mile ski race on the mountain, kayak or canoe the Nooksack River from the merging of the forks to Everson, bicycle 25 miles from Everson to Whatcom Falls Park in Bellingham, and run the five miles from Whatcom Falls to Lake Padden park.

Among the 94 teams entered in this year’s race was one composed of Western President Paul Olscamp, Assistant Attorney General Steve Jamieson, Fairhaven College student Brandon Henry, and WWSC distance runner Steve Menard.

In an interview with a Bellingham Herald reporter prior to the race, President Olscamp, acting as spokesman for the Western Washington State University Pinochle Society and Sporting Symposium (WWSUPSSS), said, "The initial impetus came as a result of what I consider a very condescending challenge from the staff of the Council for Post-Secondary Education to meet them in the arena of battle and settle our differences in this more civilized manner." Unfortunately, the Council staff did not field a team, leading Olscamp to comment, "I hate to say this is because they were unable to find talent to match us, but one wonders about that."

Anticipating the outcome, Olscamp remarked, "We don’t want to make any
Strolling in the tranquility of Lake Padden Park, bicyclist Brandon Henry reflects on the day's competition.

Midst the scenic splendor and flying water of the Nooksack River, Assistant Attorney General Steve Jamieson churns his way down the river to complete the kayak portion of the course.

Finishing the last (five-mile) leg of the 44-mile course is Steve Menard, star WWSC distance runner.
Western's Center for Continuing Education recently launched a new program aimed at making WWSC more accessible to the downtown Bellingham community. Dr. James Davis (right), dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, is shown above conducting a class on the presidential campaign for local citizens. The course, which meets at noon one day each week, is held in the Bellingham Chamber of Commerce conference room. Other courses planned for the downtown classroom include a class on the job search—resume-writing and interview techniques—and classes on time management, public speaking and basic writing skills.

College given river study grant

WWSC has received an $8,380 grant from the Washington Commission for the Humanities to study the past, present and future influence of the Skagit River on the people who live in the river's valley and how residents of the valley have affected the river.

Titled "Of Man, Time and a River—The Skagit River, How Should It Be Used?" the project is being co-sponsored by Skagit Valley College and the Skagit County Historical Museum. Total cost of the study is $17,160.

Project director, Dr. Roland De Lorme, chairman of Western's History Department, said the grant will be used to trace the Skagit's history and to provide direction concerning how the river will be used in the future.

Beginning in September, a series of public meetings will be held in major population centers along the Skagit, including Anacortes, Burlington, LaConner, Mount Vernon, Sedro Woolley and Concrete. Each of the meetings will focus on one of the varied uses of the river and will assess the implications of dividing river usage among demands for recreation, fishing, energy, waste disposal, agriculture and aesthetics.

Topics for each of the meetings will first be placed in historical perspective by a panel of humanists, representatives of user groups and government regulatory agencies, environmentalists and members of the general public. Three major questions will be addressed during the meetings: "What should be the public concern regarding diversion of the river to each type of usage?" "What agencies of government share responsibility in this decision and how can citizens voice their concerns to the responsible government bodies?"

Dr. De Lorme said the exact dates, times and locations of the meetings are now being planned. Each of the meetings will be well publicized in advance. A report will be published at the end of the year detailing the results of the study.

Gregory appointed dean of Fine & Performing Arts

Dr. William A. Gregory has been selected to assume the position of dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts at Western effective September 1, 1976.

Dr. Gregory, who first came to Western in 1957, has served as acting dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts since January 1 when the college officially began operation.

Dr. Gregory taught in Michigan high schools and at Alma College in Michigan before coming to Western as an assistant professor. In 1968, he was appointed professor of speech and since then has served as director of Western's theater program and coordinator of fine and performing arts at WWSC.

Dr. Gregory was the originator of Western's popular Summer Stock theater program which will soon be opening its sixth year.

His professional experience includes six years as managing director of the summer theater program at Lake Michigan Playhouse in Grand Haven, five years as producer and managing director of the Vanguard Playhouse in Detroit, and three years as managing director of ACT Theater in Abilene, Texas.

In addition to teaching and directing numerous plays for children and adults, Dr. Gregory is also the author of The Director, a book on play directing published by Funk & Wagnalls in 1968.

He and his wife, Patty, reside on Lummi Island and have two children.
Summer Stock Theatre has 9 presentations scheduled

Season tickets for Summer Stock '76 at Western are now on sale for nine full-length productions, ranging from popular musical comedies to drama, plays for children, comedies and Reader's Theatre.

In this, the sixth year of Summer Stock, a season has been selected that is designed to appeal to all tastes. The schedule is as follows:

**Li'l Abner** — 8:15 p.m. July 14-17 in the Main Auditorium. A product of Shakespeare's greatest writing period, *Twelfth Night* is a delightful comedy of masquerade, fun and poetry.

**The Tender Trap** — 8:15 p.m. August 4-7 in the Main Auditorium. This comedy by Max Shulman and Robert Paul Smith is an updated variation on the country-and-city-mouse fable about the free and easy life of bachelorhood.

**I Remember Mama** — 8:15 p.m. August 11-14 in the Main Auditorium. One of the most heart-warming studies of American life yet to reach the stage, / Remember Mama is an always-new story of a trip through a world of fantasy.

**Alice in Wonderland** — 1 and 3 p.m. July 30 and 31 in Old Main Theater. Especially for the young at heart, *Alice in Wonderland* is an always-new story of a trip through a world of fantasy.

**The Elves and the Shoemaker** — 8:15 p.m. September 18 in the Main Auditorium. A special conference fee of $25 will be charged and those desiring two college credits may pay an additional $46. Enrollment is limited to 200 participants, therefore early enrollment is encouraged.

For further information, contact Dr. Ted Mork, director, Annual Reading Conference, Western Washington State College, Bellingham, WA 98225, or phone (206) 676-3363.

‘Reading 1976’ due in August

“Reading 1976: A Multi-Media Approach” will be the theme of the Tenth Annual Summer Reading Conference presented by the Reading Center at Western from August 9 through 13.

Featured speakers will be M. Jerry Weiss, service professor of communications at Jersey City State College, and Jeannette Veatch, professor emeritus of education at Arizona State University. Also speaking during the week will be L. W. (Buzz) Baker from the United States International University at San Diego and J. Jaap Tuinman from the Institute for Child Study at Indiana University.

The conference will feature a week of lectures, discussion and demonstrations to stimulate and inform school personnel about the improvements of instruction in reading and the language arts. In addition to large-group presentations, there will be many small-group meetings, providing an opportunity for participants to explore a variety of materials, techniques and topics with other teachers and leaders from the area of reading instruction.

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All home games at Bellingham Civic Stadium.

*Denotes Evergreen Conference contest.
High schoolers: summer experience

High school students can go to college this summer, to learn what campus life is like and get a head start in earning college credits. Summer session at Western, in addition to providing academic programs for college students and returning graduates, has special workshops for high school students that may be a first step on the way to a bachelor's degree.

The atmosphere on campus during the summer is friendly, relaxed and innovative. And, because the enrollment is smaller, there is more time for professors to associate with students.

Special enrollment programs, offered by a number of academic departments, afford a perfect opportunity for students to pursue an area of interest on an in-depth basis for a week or more. This can still leave plenty of time for other summer plans.

Because of their past success, many programs, such as the WWSC High School Debate Camp, are offered each summer. The camp, now in its fifth year, is offered through the Speech Department. It will start on August 1 and run through August 21.

High school debaters will spend three weeks covering debate and research skills and will focus on learning through the experience of competition. A final debate tournament is scheduled during the last week of the workshop. Students may register for Argumentation 205 and receive four college credits.

Being offered for the fourth consecutive summer is a workshop in astronomy and relativity theory which will be held July 12 through August 6. The Department of Physics and Astronomy offers extensive work in astronomy and relativity through the use of computers. Students may apply for five college credits.

Also starting its fourth summer is a workshop in mathematics and computer programming offered through the Mathematics and Computer Science Department. This four-week workshop begins July 12 and runs through August 6 and will cover such topics as linear programming, combinatorics and probability theory. Students enrolled in this workshop may also apply for five college credits.

Acting with Direction is the title of a workshop offered through the Theatre and Dance Department. This workshop is an extensive program covering studio work and developing actor skills, daily physical and vocal training, improvisational-theater training and performance in various theater environments. Two college credits may be applied toward a degree from Western.

The Career Conference is designed specifically for entering freshmen; "Planning Your Life for the Year 2000" is the title of this workshop. It will take a detailed look at college programs as they relate to life goals and career opportunities now and in the future. The conference cost, including housing, meals and fees, is $75.

There are also special enrollment programs offered through the departments of Art, Biology, Home Economics, Political Science, Physical Education and Psychology. While on campus, students can take advantage of the many outdoor recreation activities sponsored by Western's Outdoor Program. These include hiking, boat trips through the San Juan Islands and to Victoria, canoeing and bicycle trips.

For more information on housing, fees and a full summer schedule, contact the Summer Session Office, Old Main 530, WWSC, Bellingham, WA 98225. □