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Class of '76 hears Jackson

The graduating class of 1976 joined the ranks of Western alumni as the annual commencement ceremonies were held in Carver Gym on June 11. Senator Henry M. Jackson was commencement speaker. Melvin Hatcher, president of the WWSC Black Student Union, was the student speaker.

Drawing on a bicentennial theme, Sen. Jackson spoke on the uniqueness of Washington State in the context of the national experience. He reminded the graduates that Washington had provided leadership in protecting the beauty of the land, and also in providing adequate energy for economic growth.

Politically, too, the Senator continued, Washington has often been in the forefront of change, through constitutional restraints on conflicts of interest and on patronage.

"We have led the way in another area: only recently prominent on the national scene—women's rights. I am proud that we have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment, but we go back a long way before that. Some historians report that there was a special reason why Congress took so long in admitting Washington Territory as a state. They tell us that the delay reflected disapproval of our scandalous intention, a century ago, to grant women the right to vote."

In closing his remarks, Sen. Jackson told the graduates, "Today, I know that you share our pride in the history of our state and our nation. I know that you have learned from our history that your lives and your decisions are the substance of America's future.

"Whatever path you choose in life, that is the burden history has placed
Outstanding seniors feted at breakfast

Thirty-five students were honored by the faculty at Western on June 11 during a commencement day awards breakfast for outstanding graduating seniors.

Students selected for awards were those held in highest esteem by the faculty in their department or program. After opening remarks by President Paul J. Olscamp, the awards were presented to each student by a faculty representative from the student's academic department.

Recipients were chosen from among those seniors who were graduated from Western at the close of fall, winter or spring quarters of the 1975-76 school year, or who will graduate at the end of summer term.

Those students receiving awards were Thomas J. Hilbish, biology; Paul William Hager, chemistry; Patricia Jean Adams, English; Jeanette Moszeter, foreign languages and literature; Elisabeth Weakley, general studies; Charles R. Ryan, geography and regional planning; William O. Sayre, geology; Diane Adrian, history.

Brenda Lee Statler, home economics; S. R. "Duff" Wilson, journalism; Timothy Alan Budd, mathematics; Ronald Lewis Broersma, computer science; Paul Edward Bleakney, philosophy; Stephen Wiles, physical education; Richard L. Thiessen, physics and astronomy; Charles K. Douthwaite, political science; Joan Carol Kreibill, psychology; Katherine McKelvey, recreation and park management; Michael D. Finch, sociology.

Carla Higginson, speech communication; Dawn Marie Tuntland, speech pathology and audiology; Tim Hurd, visual communications education; Mark Reis, Thomas Henry Huxley award; Jay Gottlieb, Huxley community service award; George Godley, best undergraduate research at Huxley; Sylvia Anne Shaw, College of Ethnic Studies; John Michael Lowber, accounting; Stephanie Jill Van Etten, business administration; James R. Klosterman, economics; Thomas H. Roehl, office administration and business education; Debra Beers, art; Sidney Eddington Osborn, music; Catherine L. Adams, theatre/dance; Debra Lynn Seabury, elementary education; Christopher Cardwell, special education.

Urban center grads participate

Among the approximately 605 persons participating in this year's commencement activities were six from Fairhaven College's Center for Urban Studies in Seattle. The center provides course offerings in the evenings and on weekends, allowing most of its students to hold full-time employment while attending classes. Twenty-five persons earned their degrees through the center this spring.

One of the six who took part in commencement had good reason for requesting an exemption to the usual rule allowing four tickets to each graduate. Dorothy Austin, who completed a Fairhaven interdisciplinary concentration in family counseling, needed 11 tickets just for her children. In negotiating this number with personnel in the Registrar's Office, Mrs. Austin gave a work number where she could be reached. A surprised voice said, "You work too?" Mrs. Austin replied, "With 11 kids to support, I've got to!"

Jackson presents national atlas to Arntzen library

Following Western's 1976 commencement exercises, Senator Henry Jackson visited the Map Library in Arntzen Hall to present an inscribed copy of The National Atlas of the United States.

Sen. Jackson is chairman of the U.S. Senate Interior Committee which has responsibility over the U.S. Geological Survey, producer of the atlas. He was a major participant in the deliberations which led to the publication of the reference book.

Western President Dr. Paul Olscamp accepted the atlas on behalf of WWSC and then presented it to Dr. James Scott, chairman of the Department of Geography and Regional Planning.

With the inscribed copy, Western's Map Library now has two of the resource books. Both copies are available for use by members of the college community.
Excellence in teaching awards to Lampman, Safavi

Dr. Gary Lampman, professor of chemistry, and Dr. Farrokh Safavi, associate professor of business administration, have received the first Faculty Excellence in Teaching Awards at Western Washington State College.

The awards, of $1,000 each, were presented to the two faculty members by President Paul J. Olscamp during recent commencement ceremonies for the class of 1976.

Dr. Lampman was the unanimous choice of the Arts and Sciences selection committee; Dr. Safavi was the unanimous choice of the “cluster college” selection committee, representing all divisions other than the College of Arts and Sciences.

Selection committees were composed of a faculty, student and alumni representative and headed by a dean from each of the two groups. Nominations for the awards were solicited from alumni, current Western students and faculty.

Dr. Lampman was cited for his “high student teacher evaluations,” and a number of unsolicited letters from former students describing the “stimulating learning atmosphere he establishes in the classroom, and the personal interest he takes in each of his students.”

Professor Safavi was described by his colleagues and students as a “dedicated and enthusiastic teacher who is totally committed to maximizing the level of learning for all his students.” It was also noted that Dr. Safavi has played a major role in design and implementation of the classes and programs offered by Western’s College of Business and Economics.

The awards are to become an annual event at Western and are funded by the WWSC Foundation. In future years, the previous year’s winners will serve on the selection committees for current nominations.

Lahti memorial

Victoria E. Williams, a junior physics and chemistry major at Western, has been named to receive a $150 Arnold Lahti Memorial Scholarship for the coming 1976-77 academic year.

Williams, the daughter of Commander C. R. Williams Jr., of Bremerton, transferred to Western from Olympic College in Bremerton, where she completed her freshman and sophomore college years. While at Western she has maintained a 3.68 grade point average.

During her junior year at WWSC, she worked as a student employee in the Chemistry Department and also worked as a tutor for mathematics and chemistry students.

Olscamp picked

Western President Paul J. Olscamp was one of 12 college and university presidents recently appointed to a new committee on non-traditional education by the American Association for State Colleges and Universities.

The 12 presidents represent institutions which were cited by the AASCU board of directors as “unique because of directions they have taken in curriculum content, academic organization, community educational relations and educational service to students who are older than the traditional student, employed, and limited in time that can be spent on campus.

Western and the other institutions chosen are among the association’s 324 members which are located throughout the U.S.

Gallegos named as dean of new education school

Dr. Arnold M. Gallegos has been named dean of the newly established School of Education at Western, effective September 1. The appointment will be recommended by WWSC President Dr. Paul J. Olscamp to the College Board of Trustees at their August 5 meeting.

Dr. Gallegos has served as acting dean of the School of Education since its creation by the board and the acceptance of the school’s roles and missions statement in February of this year. He had previously served as associate dean for teacher education and professor of education since coming to WWSC in 1973.

According to Dr. Loren Webb, acting vice president for academic affairs and provost, Dr. Gallegos was the first choice of the search committee, who received 117 applications for the position.

After attending the University of Maryland’s Munich campus in Germany, Dr. Gallegos received a B.A. degree in economics from the University of the Americas at Mexico City College in 1954. He then earned an M.A. degree in education from Fresno State College in 1957 and the Ed.D. with a specialty in curriculum from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1966.

He began his teaching career as a high school social studies and Spanish teacher in California high schools in 1956. He was appointed assistant professor in curriculum design and programmed instruction at Washington State University in 1966 and associate professor in 1969.

While at WSU, Dr. Gallegos served as acting dean of the Graduate School and as associate director of the Social Research Center. In 1971, he worked as an expert in programmed instruction for the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization in Madrid, Spain.

Dr. Gallegos has served as a consultant to national, regional and state educational programs in Washington, Oregon and California.
upon you. But it is also the opportunity history has granted you—to live in a land of freedom and prosperity where your future is in your hands.”

Following Jackson’s remarks, Hatcher presented his perceptions of his education and that of his fellow graduates. He noted that in spite of the vast amount of information that they had all learned during their time at Western, there were some things that were not taught: social integration and the willingness to accept all people for their skills. Hatcher urged his classmates to retain the ability to be open to others, and to not let their concerns for work and for themselves close their minds to others.

Hatcher said, “I have had many people tell me in soft tones that I am lucky because I will not have any trouble finding a job. But it does not make any difference whether one is of any particular racial or ethnic minority. In the last analysis, keeping that job is going to depend on the ability I, and all of us, have.”

Following the presentation of the graduates and the conferring of the degrees, the class of 1976 deposited their last student identification cards, or other memorabilia, in the box that will join the others in Memory Walk under a marble plaque inscribed with the date “1976.”
Annual Founders Club honors Class of 1926

Founders Club, the annual gathering of alumni who received their initial certificates from Western 50 years ago or more, had its fifth meeting on campus June 10. More than 80 persons from the class of 1926 or earlier took part in the luncheon.

This year's gathering marked the fiftieth anniversary reunion of the class of 1926, and 28 members were on hand to celebrate the occasion. Their strong attendance can be attributed largely to the work of class president Carrie Crippen Fisher, Seattle, who spent a good part of the preceding year contacting her classmates and searching for lost members.

The day's program included a brief overview of the 1925-26 school year by Alumni Relations Officer Steve Inge.

The featured speaker for the luncheon was Dr. Loren Webb, acting vice president for academic affairs and provost. After reviewing changes at Western during the past year, especially noting the opening of the colleges of Business and Economics, Fine and Performing Arts, and the School of Education, Professor Webb drew upon his own profession of audiology to discuss hearing problems and hearing aids.

Webb emphasized that hearing loss is an inevitable consequence of aging. He then reviewed the types of prosthetic devices that have been developed through the years to compensate for this rather common problem. His review ran from a hand carefully cupped around the ear, to the hearing trumpet, a hearing tube and the highly sophisticated electronic devices available today.

At the close of the luncheon, those attending were invited to take a driven tour of the campus with Dick Riehl, director of admissions, and Inge, acting as guides. Others took advantage of the late afternoon sunshine to walk to various campus landmarks.

Class of 1926 poses for reunion photo.
Dean Ross retires after 34 years at Western

Dr. J. Alan Ross, 65, dean of The Graduate School at Western, was honored at a reception held Wednesday, June 2, in the Regency Room of the Leopold Inn in Bellingham. Dr. Ross retired June 30 after 34 years of service as an administrator and a member of the faculty at WWSC.

A native of Whatcom County, Dr. Ross was born in Laurel and is a graduate of Meridian High School. He received his bachelor's degree in education at Western and earned the master of arts and Ph.D. degrees at Yale University.

He taught in public schools in Longview and in Whatcom County and was principal at Marietta School before it became a part of the Bellingham School District.

Dr. Ross first joined the Western faculty in 1942 as an instructor in the Campus School, a laboratory school at the College, but left to serve in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He returned to the campus in 1946 to teach courses in education and psychology and was in charge of a Veterans' Administration Guidance Center serving the veterans who returned to the campus.

"The students who were on this campus following World War II are the ones I remember most vividly," he said. "They possessed great seriousness of purpose and desire to get the job done and get the most out of their college studies. But the students of today are a great deal like them."

In 1949 he was appointed to the rank of professor and in 1959 he became the first dean of graduate studies at Western. He was also the first to hold the position of director of the summer session.

Dr. Ross was designated dean of The Graduate School in 1968 when WWSC became a member of the Council of Graduate Schools. He served as interim president of the College last spring between the terms of Presidents Flora and Olscamp.

In his undergraduate and graduate work, he specialized in the fields of psychology and school administration. He is a member of the American Psychological Association and has, for a number of years, been a certified psychologist for the state of Washington.

During his career, Dr. Ross has been closely associated with the preparation and certification of teachers for the public schools of the state and the nation. He has been chairman of the Teacher Education and Professional Standards Commission of the Washington Education Association, a member of the Higher Commission of the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools and a member of working committees of the National Council on Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Dean Ross has also had a hand in appraisal and accreditation of institutions of higher learning in the three western states under the auspices of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools, the Oregon State Board of Education and the Western College Association—the latter organization covering the states of California and Hawaii.

A member of the Institute for Educational Leadership, he served universities in the Japanese cities of Kyoto and Fukuoka in the reconstruction of their school systems. He has also served with the U.S. Office of Education.

"I can't think of a more pleasant or stimulating place to have spent a third of a century than at Western," Dean Ross said. He has served the College through five presidential administrations.

From a two-year, non-degree-granting institution, the College has grown to a complex institution granting master's degrees in most major fields of study, Dean Ross noted.

"There is no reason to believe that the next third of a century will not see changes of comparable magnitude," he said. "The capacity for orderly change is present here and the institution will, I am sure, measure up to its role."

Dr. Ross and his wife, Dorothy, have two sons and four grandchildren. A daughter, Allene, who attended Western, is deceased. Both Dr. Ross and his wife are second-generation students of the College. Both of their mothers attended the school during its earlier years.

Following his retirement, the Rosses plan to do some traveling, and to spend the winters in a warmer clime—probably in the Charleston, South Carolina, area. There, he would be able to follow an interest, research in the realm of maritime history.

"The region is rich in the lore of blockade runners during the Civil War and many ships have been wrecked along the coast," he said.

He will also spend time on Bellingham Bay aboard his gillnetter, Tern, doing some bottom fishing, or just relaxing and reading or watching television in its well-equipped cabin.

Dr. Ross is shown here in post World War II photo.
August Econorally scheduled

Experimental automobiles designed and built by college students expect to obtain fuel economy in the 70-mile-per-gallon range as they travel from Washington state to Washington, D.C., this summer. The cars will be participating in a rally sponsored by the Vehicle Research Institute at Western.

Designated the "Sea to Sea Econorally," the cross-country trip is planned to demonstrate the possibilities for fuel economy, performance and exhaust-emission control available with current technology. Seven vehicles are expected to enter, from schools in the United States and Canada.

According to Dr. Michael Seal, WWSC faculty adviser for the project, fuel economy in the 70-mile-per-gallon range should be attainable during the rally. A top rating of 62.7 miles per gallon was achieved last summer in a similar drive down the Pacific Coast.

Western's Viking II sports car was overall winner among educational institutions entered in last year's rally, with a combination of snappy performance, low emissions and an economy rating of 58 miles per gallon. "We've made some modifications since then," Dr. Seal said, "and we believe we can better that figure."

Also, this year's route will consist entirely of freeway and turnpike driving, which should favor slightly higher economy figures. Last year's trip included jaunts across the Cascade Mountains and down the tortuous coast highway in southern California.

"The length of these trips takes them out of the purely laboratory setting and provides a real indication of what these machines can do on the road," Dr. Seal added. "And our drivers are college students, not professionals trained to get the last mile out of a drop of gas."

The rally vehicles will arrive in Bellingham on Sunday, July 31, for a day of hill climbs, acceleration tests and other rigorous performance testing. Sunday morning they will depart from the WWSC campus and head for Seattle, then turn eastward on Interstate Route 90.

The following Saturday the rally teams will test their cars for exhaust emission control in laboratories provided by Chrysler Corporation in Detroit. From there the cars will cross Ohio and part of Pennsylvania, then turn southward across Maryland, reaching the nation's capital on Monday, August 9.

Schools participating in the rally, in addition to WWSC, will be Mankato State University at Mankato, Minnesota; St. Clair College of Windsor, Ontario; the University of British Columbia and California State University at Sacramento. Western and Mankato State intend to enter two cars each.

Chang scholarship

Kim R. Folger, a chemistry and biology major at Western, has been named to receive the annual Sea Bong Chang Chemistry Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is named in memory of the late Dr. Chang, a professor of chemistry at Western from 1964 to 1972.

Folger graduated on June 11 from WWSC where she maintained a 3.63 grade point average. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Folger of Spokane.

While at Western Folger served as president of the American Chemical Society Student Affiliate during 1975-76 and as vice president of that organization in 1974-75. She will attend graduate school at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as a Ph.D. candidate in the field of biochemistry.

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Dr. Joseph M. Correa has been named director of the Center for Continuing Education effective July 1. The appointment, announced by President Olscamp, was approved by the College Board of Trustees at their June 3 meeting.

Dr. Correa is currently Regional Coordinator of Continuing Education and Non-Traditional Studies for the Associated Colleges of the St. Lawrence Valley in New York. He has served concurrently as an adjunct faculty member at the graduate school for the State Universities of New York at Potsdam.

Dr. Correa earned a M.A. degree in philosophy at Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur, India, in 1957 and received a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and statistics from Madras University, Madras, India, in 1962.

In 1966, he earned a M.S. degree in mathematics and statistics from Gonzaga University in Spokane and a M.A. degree in theology and psychology from St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Dr. Correa was granted the Ph.D. in higher education public administration in 1970 from the University of Washington.
'49 JOHN H. BOND retired from teaching after 28 years of teaching junior high school in Union City, Calif.

'52 Navy Capt. ERNEST R. NORDYVE has received a doctor of business administration degree from the George Washington University. . . DAVID R. CRAWFORD has been appointed Colorado State Director of Special Education.

'58 DICK GUTHRIE teaches twentieth century, physical education, and business courses at Ferndale High School, as well as assisting the school's basketball and skiing programs . . . DENNIS DAGGETT has been granted a sabbatical leave for the 1976-77 school year from his job as a junior high principal in San Jose to enter the University of Oregon doctoral program.

'59 MINA GHATTAS is director of the Offices of Learning Resources at Northeastern University.

'60 Air Force Major ROBERT L. GUSTAVSON is stationed at the Air Force Academy as an education and training officer . . . BROOKS EAKER, an elementary school teacher in Lynnwood, received his Ed.D. degree from the University of Washington . . . JOYCE GRACE FLINN has received a master of arts degree in counseling from Ball State University.

'62 TOM WENZL is chairman of the Blaine High School math and science department.

IN MEMORIAM

'09 GRACE MacNEIL KURTZ, March 30, in Bellingham.

'11 FLORENCE CHARROIN LORENTZ, in Seattle.

'12 VIOLET E. JENSEN, April 16, in Kelso.

'14 ESTHER SANDGREN, April 26, in Seattle.

'30 ALDEN H. BLANKENSHIP, December 7, 1975, in Ohio.

'53 BILL DE HOOG, March 25, of a heart attack, in Lynden . . EDNA NEELEY, February 29, of a stroke, in North Bend, Wash.


'63 JIM JORGENSEN teaches science, geology, ornithology and outdoor environmental education at Blaine High School, as well as teaching physical science at Blaine Middle School.

'65 RICHARD THOMPSON is Everett city attorney.

'67 CHRISTEN ANDERSON was ordained into the Holy Ministry of the American Lutheran Church in Anacortes in February . . RANDY LIDREN has received his law degree from the University of Puget Sound School of Law . . . JIM DUMONT is now associated with Canada Trust in Prince George, B.C.

'68 JOHN HEWITT is an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology at Ball State University.

'69 SIGNE THORSEN is the Personnel Director for the city of Merced, Calif. . . SUZANNE CAPSTICK is an instructor of German at North Idaho College.

'70 BRUCE MURRAY is assistant dean of students at the University of Puget Sound . . K. WAYNE FOOTE is manager of the Lynden office of Mt, Baker Mutual Savings Bank.

'71 ROSALIE KLEPAC is teaching in the Adult Education Program sponsored by the public school system in Fargo, North Dakota . . . Sanda Kay Eldridge and JOSEPH KUTTEL were married in February in Blaine. He is employed with U.S. Customs in Blaine . . . Cheryl Williams and R. ALAN SHIPP were married recently and are living in Humus, Wash.

'72 STEVE LUCKS is with the Navy and is stationed out of Subic Bay, Philippines, and is on duty in the Indian Ocean . . FRANK McLenneny is employed by the Postal Service . . . NANCY ANNE FROST and B. RANDALL REDDICK were married in February in Bellingham where they are living. She is a substitute teacher . . BOB BURNETT is business editor of The Columbian in Vancouver, Wash. . . . KAE ERICKSON and Bobby Joe Wingate were married in February in Ferndale. They are living in Nevada . . . JENNA GASTON is employed as a cultural resource management archaeologist by the Bureau of Land Management in the Salem, Oregon, district . . . Jacelyn Law and ROBERT FOJTIK were married recently in Bremerton where he is employed by the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard . . . FREDRICK MARMO is a personnel coordinator for an overseas firm in the Marshall Islands in the Central Pacific . . . Air Force Sergeant JERRY SOANKA is a security policeman stationed at Clark AFB in the Philippines.

'73 SUSAN KAY HAINES and Michael Lee McKinney were married in March in Poulsbo. They are living in Seattle where she is employed as a pharmacy technician at Swedish Hospital . . . RALF MUEHLBACH is a youth counselor at a children's home in Waverly, Iowa, during the school year and is a resident director of a youth camp for emotionally disturbed, mentally retarded, and the deaf and blind during the summer . . GARY RANKIN is assistant manager of Washington State Bank in Washougal . . . Linda Driver and BRIAN EDWARDS were married in Moses Lake where they are living . . Terry Michels and BRAD YOUNGS were married in Medford, Oregon.

'74 SUSAN HERROLD and Steve Erickson were married in March in LaConner where they are living. She is employed with the Marysville School District . . CAROLYN HUGH is a news and feature writer with the Toppenish Review . . KATHLEEN BARRY and GREGORY ALAN LEE were married in March in Bellevue. They are living in Olympia where she is a legal secretary and he works in the Washington State Energy Office . . . SHIRLEY ANN MACLEOD and Darilla Cazeneuve were married in February in San Francisco . . Jean Marie Vincent and JAMES ARTHUR ERICSON were married in February in Seattle . . KATHY KLOCKNER and Terry Kegler were married in March in Longview where she is employed as a high school librarian.

'75 RICHARD LEIPER, a CPA, is employed as Pasco city treasurer . . . SUE BERRY is working for a planning consultant and scientist firm in Seattle . . MORRIS BOYER is a teacher for the Queensland Education Department in Australia.

Unclassified COLLEEN McNEICE and J. James Fassas, Jr. were married in March in Yakima. They are living in Seattle where she attends the University of Washington School of Engineering . . ELIZABETH RIDER MONTGOMERY was one of five Seattle area authors honored in February at the Past Presidents' Assembly's Women of Achievement Luncheon. She has written over 60 juvenile books, including 16 textbooks . . Donna Rae Enbody and BARTHY RODERICK were married in Yakima in March . . CATHERINE WEBER is the coordinator of research and assessment for a Seattle school district . . Molly Dack and LARRY JOE WILCOX were married in April in Seattle . . JIM BAUMAN is director of the Kent Balley Youth Services . . LAURIE FURRER and William Gibbs were married in March in Centralia and are living in Vancouver . . ROBERT SAFSTEN is chairman of the social studies department at Bellingham High School.