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High Street, normally the site of a high volume of vehicular traffic at any time of the day, is now closed to drivers from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. when the College is in session. The action of the Bellingham City Council allowing the partial closure ended years of discussion and planning as to how this might be accomplished. The absence of pedestrian traffic in the above photo is attributable to uncomfortably cold weather that caused campus inhabitants to stay indoors as much as possible. The lone vehicle, parked in front of the Auditorium-Music Building, has been cited for a violation by campus security personnel who regularly patrol the area. Traffic moves via the campus by-pass route during the restricted hours.
A new name and a new status head list the requests being made by Western to the 45th State Legislature, currently convening in Olympia. The College is seeking to be redesignated as “Western Washington University.”

In a memo to the Higher Education Committee of the House of Representatives, President Paul Olscamp noted, "... WWSC seeks a change in its name to accurately reflect its status as an institution of higher learning."

Dr. Olscamp said the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education had set forth descriptive standards for comprehensive universities and colleges that accurately describe Western. He noted that Western is larger than 80 per cent of the institutions currently described as “universities” in several important respects, including library holdings, percentage of faculty with earned terminal degrees, and size of physical plant, student body and budget.

The advantages of the change would accrue to the student who currently must cope with a prospective employer who might be unfamiliar with Western and who might assume that the title "college" indicates a less comprehensive program than the term "university."

Costs in making the change would be small, Olscamp said, being principally for road signs and stationery. The operating budget requests will be those of a university, which Western is in fact, regardless of name, Olscamp added.

In its second request, Western has asked the state to recognize academic excellence and scholarship, and to create an academic scholarship program. This would be in addition to the current program for financially needy students. The academic scholarship program would provide benefits to some students from middle income families who normally do not have access to other forms of aid. In addition, it would represent a statement by the state that it applauds excellence in educational attainment, a most appropriate duty for our institutions of higher education.

A third measure sent to the lawmakers would extend to Western a privilege already enjoyed by Washington State University and the University of Washington—the right to waive tuition and fees to a limited number of foreign students.

Currently, foreign students are not eligible for most forms of financial aid. For most students in the country on a student visa, off-campus employment is not allowed.

It is the College’s view that granting this benefit to 100 foreign students each year would pay off in the cultural interchanges with resident students.

When Western officials travel to Olympia this winter to discuss the College’s needs, they will be asking for a 19 per cent increase in faculty salaries.

The request is based on an analysis of salaries paid to faculty in a seven-state comparison group, which have traditionally drawn faculty from the same graduate programs as do Washington’s colleges and universities. The other states in the group include Oregon, California, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Compared to the current salaries within the seven-state group, Western’s schedule lags by 13.3 per cent. It is estimated that the seven-state group will see a further increase of approximately 5.7 per cent during the current year.

If the 19 per cent increase is granted, then Western will be equal to the others in the seven-state group during the 1977-78 academic year.

Among the public colleges and universities of Washington, Western’s faculty have the lowest pay. The paramount concern of the College is the removal of this inequity.

In commenting on the statistical evidence supporting the salary request, President Paul J. Olscamp said, “These calculations are in addition to a far more important fact: Faculty work hard, do a good job and deserve a raise on merit.”

This request pertains to administrative personnel too. Salaries of classified staff are determined separately by the Higher Education Personnel Board.
Teacher Corps projects get federal grants

Federal grants and contracts totaling $652,000 have been received by the School of Education at Western for funding of National Teacher Corps projects during the next two years.

Western is the headquarters for the Far West Network of the National Teacher Corps Program. The network includes Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Hawaii, Guam and Micronesia.

Of the total amount received, $300,000 will go toward program administration and development for the entire Far West Network, according to Dr. Herbert Hite, director of Teacher Corps, WWSC education faculty member and chairman of this network’s board of directors.

Dr. Randy Walker, director of the Far West Network, also works at Western while coordinating local Teacher Corps projects with regional programs.

Another $320,000 grant was awarded to Western for development of its Teacher Corps project, a model teacher training complex and program now being carried out in the Arlington School District.

A $32,000 contract was awarded to Western for design of guidelines and testing of in-service continuing education programs for teachers to be used as models for the nationwide program. Dr. Hite is also director of that project and heads the design team composed of representatives of the State Office of Public Instruction, the Washington Education Association, WWSC and the Washington School Administrators Association.

National Teacher Corps operates at three levels of activity—national, regional and institutional. College and university faculty work with the various union representatives, administrators from the state level, and teachers from local school districts in developing on-going training programs. Al Smith, a representative of the Washington Education Association, the bargaining unit for most teachers in this state, is assigned to WWSC’s Teacher Corps program. He works at both the local and regional network level.

“The ultimate goal of these projects,” Smith said, “is to design and maintain continuing education programs for working teachers.” He said that the effective and successful aspects of the trial programs will be reviewed for possible incorporation into certification requirements for teachers in participating states.

Teacher Corps celebrated its tenth anniversary last July. In the program’s early years, the emphasis was on pre-service, or training of student teachers, to enhance the educational opportunities of low-income students.

“Today, with enrollments down and fewer teaching positions opening up, the Teacher Corps program has shifted its emphasis to continuing education programs for working teachers,” Smith said.

Western’s $320,000 project involves three major objectives. One of these is implementation of a joint governance model for in-service programs for teachers. In the model, decisions on program structure will be made by representatives of WWSC, the local teachers, and teachers within participating school districts.

Development of the teacher training complex is being carried out in Arlington Middle School. Teachers from four other schools are participating: Neah Bay Elementary, Parkview (Bellingham), La Conner Elementary, and Fidalgo Elementary (Anacortes). Those teachers will develop in-service training programs at their respective schools, using approaches designed in the Arlington project.

Two other goals of the project are the establishment of a cost-benefit model for education programs and the training, at the Arlington complex, of four interns who have degrees in subjects other than education.

A cost-benefit model and information system has already been developed by Dr. Patrick McIntyre of Western’s education faculty. The proposed system was presented at last July’s National Teacher Corps conference in Washington, D.C., and has generated considerable interest by the State Office of Public Instruction and a number of school districts in Washington.

Smith said that the cost-benefit model is an effort by educators to show accountability to taxpayers who fund these programs. “We are looking at how education dollars are being spent and what those expenditures are producing—both good and bad,” he said.

Goltz picked

State Sen. H. A. “Barney” Goltz, Western planning officer, has accepted an invitation to serve on the regional panel for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, established by Congress as the official memorial to President Truman.

Every accredited college and university has been asked by the Foundation to nominate one student as a prospective Truman Scholar. Nominees are selected on the basis of their potential for a leadership career in government service.

One scholarship per state will be awarded to students who will be college juniors in September, 1977. Each scholarship will cover tuition, fees, books, and room and board, up to a maximum of $5,000 annually. Dr. Ralph Miner, chairman of Western’s political science department, is the faculty representative to screen applicants from WWSC.
Sundquist Marine Laboratory caters to ‘anybody interested in learning from age 7 to 70’

If the Leona M. Sundquist Marine Laboratory at Shannon Point near Anacortes were a typical marine research facility, its clients would be a select group of scientists and academics doing graduate and post-doctoral research.

Typical, however, does not describe a $355,000 state-owned facility which caters to “anybody interested in learning from age seven to 70.”

That, according to the lab’s director, Dr. Charles J. Flora, is a philosophy he hopes will increase use of the facility.

Located on a 71-acre wooded site adjacent to the Washington State Ferry Terminal west of Anacortes, Sundquist Laboratory has, as part of its attraction, 2,900 feet of salt water shoreline and a five-acre fresh water lake.

Sundquist Laboratory is managed by Western and was built as an undergraduate research facility to service the needs of a consortium of seven colleges. In addition to Western students, the lab is equally available to students at Eastern Washington State College, Central Washington State College, The Evergreen State College, Skagit Valley College and Edmonds and Everett community colleges.

Dr. Flora took over as director of the Sundquist Laboratory in September, 1976. Increased use of the three-year-old facility by the consortium schools and other areas of the public is a goal he is now pursuing.

“Housing remains the biggest problem in attracting more use of the lab,” Dr. Flora said. Presently, because of their relatively close location, WWSC and Skagit Valley College are the primary users of Sundquist Lab.

Western, in its role as manager of the lab, now has a $942,000 budget request to the legislature for resident housing at Shannon Point.

Dr. Flora pointed out, however, that even if that request is approved, it would be three to four years before the housing could be completed and ready for use. Short term solutions, such as

Students and others using the facility are able to study marine life under near normal conditions. The lab is equipped with a series of sea and freshwater tanks where living organisms can be maintained and studied over long periods of time.

In addition, the three-story structure houses a lecture hall, instructional labs, boat storage area, offices, darkroom and individual research rooms.

During spring quarter Western will schedule an introductory class on marine biology and some other advanced-level courses for WWSC students.

Next summer, there are four courses planned, including a complete ichthyology class, a course on marine invertebrate behavior and aquatic biology, and a three-week workshop on the sea for teachers from around the state.
Top: Sundquist Laboratory proved to be an ideal place for a group of Whatcom Middle School (Bellingham) students to become acquainted with Puget Sound marine life. Their tour of the lab's facilities began with a short beach walk and an explanation by Dr. Charles Flora of the salt water circulation system.

Right: Touching and close examination play a big part in satisfying the inquiring minds of younger visitors.

Marine technologist George Garlick (wearing stocking cap) explains the habits and characteristics of some of the organisms maintained in the lab's salt water tanks.
Moses, Richardson inducted into sports Hall of Fame

Two former athletes have been inducted into the WWSC Athletic Hall of Fame. They are Joe Moses and Steve Richardson.

The two sons join 12 other members, including Norm Bright, Sam Carver, Norm Dahl, Fred Emerson, Chuck Erickson, Norm Hash, Charles Lappenbusch, Bill McDonald, Bruce Randall, Boyd Staggs, Bob Tisdale and Bill Wright.

Induction ceremonies for the newest members took place on January 23 as part of the Whatcom County Sportsmen-of-the-Year banquet. Each inductee will receive a plaque and a lifetime pass.

Joe Moses was an all-league choice for four years as a member of the Viking basketball team from 1937 to 1941. Named to the Tri-Normal all-star team as a freshman, he made the All-Western Intercollegiate Conference squad the next three seasons after the school switched league affiliations.

The 5-9 guard led the Big Blue in assists and lettered in each of those campaigns. He was a team captain for three years.

Steve Richardson was the only player in the history of the Evergreen Conference to earn all-star honors on both offense and defense for three straight years.

The 5-9 halfback was named to the first-team NAIA All-American squad in 1966. That season he rushed for 732 yards, including 217 in one game. He also scored four touchdowns in that contest, which is still a Viking record.

Richardson, a four-year letterman, is one of only two Big Blue gridders to have his jersey No. 21) retired.

He was named to the all-league baseball team in 1967 as an outfitter. That same year he earned WWSC Athlete-of-the-Year honors.

The WWSC Athletic Hall of Fame selection committee consisted of Jack Carver, Bellingham Herald newswriter and photographer; Haines Fay, news director of radio station KGM; Steve Inge, WWSC alumni director; Steve Kurtz, WWSC publications director; Wallie Lindsley, retired Bellingham Herald sports editor; Boyd Long, WWSC director of athletics; Paul Madison, WWSC sports information director, and Dick Stark, sports director at radio station KPUG.

Jim Schwartz heads public information

Western journalism professor James A. Schwartz has been named director of public information for the College.

Schwartz, 38, was selected from a field of more than 100 candidates during a nationwide search to fill the position.

In his new job, Schwartz will be responsible for Western’s news and information services and will work with all areas of the news media in representing the College and its activities to its various publics.

Before joining Western’s journalism faculty in 1973, Schwartz worked in both the public relations and journalism fields. He also free-lanced news, feature stories and photos for newspapers and magazines in addition to performing public relations and consulting assignments for institutions, agencies and corporations.

He has held writing and editing positions with the Courier-Journal and Times, Louisville, Kentucky; the Minneapolis Tribune; and the Cincinnati Enquirer. He has also worked as writer and editor for publications of Standard Oil of Ohio and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

At Western, Schwartz has taught newswriting, reporting, feature writing, mass communications and research, and public relations. He has also been adviser to the student newspaper, Western Front.

He earned his B.A. degree in English literature from the University of Cincinnati, a M.S. degree in environmental communications from the University of Wisconsin, and pursued graduate studies at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

He and his wife, Lori, and two daughters reside in Bellingham.

Anderson is new assistant A.G.

Tom Anderson, ’67, has been appointed assistant attorney general for Washington by State Attorney General Slade Gorton. He succeeds Stephen Jameson who left to pursue further study of tax law in New York City.

Prior to coming to Western, where he will provide legal counsel to the administration and Board of Trustees, Anderson had been assigned to the education division of the attorney general’s office in Olympia.

His new duties also include providing counsel to Whatcom Community College, Skagit Valley College and Green River Community College.

Anderson and his wife, Mary Beth, ’67, have two daughters and will live in Bellingham.

COLLEGE OF FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

WINTER SCHEDULE

February 1 — Invitational Jazz Festival—William Cole, director. 7:30 p.m., main auditorium.
February 3 — Faculty Barton Recital—Mark Eubanks. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.
February 8 — Symphony Orchestra—William Cole, director. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.
February 9-13 — “Ride Across Lake Constance” by Peter Handke. 8:15 p.m., Old Main Theatre.
February 10 — Wind Ensemble—William Cole, director. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.
February 11 — Concert Choir—Robert Scandrett, director. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.
February 12 — Collegium Musicum—Mary Terey-Smith, director. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.
February 24-26 — “Tonight We Improvise” by Luigi Pirandello. 8:15 p.m., Main Auditorium.
March 1 — Symphony Orchestra—Barton Frank, conductor. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.
March 3 — Wind Ensemble—William Cole, director. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.
March 4-5 — Western Repertory Dance Ensemble. 8:15 p.m., Main Auditorium.
March 8 — Choral Concert—Robert Scandrett, director. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.
March 9 — Jazz Concert—William Cole, director. 7:30 p.m., Main Auditorium.
March 9-12 — Student-Directed One Acts. 7:30 p.m., Old Main Theatre.
March 10 — Symphonic Band Concert—Cole Biasini, conductor. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.
Fall quarter sports recap

By PAUL MADISON
Sports Information Director

In recent years the Western Washington State College sports scene has been dominated by the Viking winter sports teams, specifically the men's and women's basketball squads. This season those clubs will be hard-pressed to match the accomplishments turned in by some of the Big Blue fall sports squads.

Men's Cross-Country

A rebuilding year ended on a successful note for Coach Ralph Vernacchia as his squad placed fourth at the NAIA District I meet, coming up only eleven points short of the runnerup spot.

The Vikings finished fifth at the Evco meet. Their top regular season performances were fourth-place efforts at the PLU and WWSC Invitational.

Clay Stenberg (Sr., Issaquah) came in tenth at the district run to lead Western, while Bruce Cyra (Fr., Bellevue/Newport) topped the team at the Evco encounter, placing 13th. Two other runners performing well for the Big Blue were Dave Baker (Sr., Auburn), who transferred from Green River CC; Mike Lampers (Fr., Oak Harbor), Jeff Sherman (Jr., Eugene, Ore./Shelton) and Greg Wirtz (Sr., Edmonds/Meadowdale).

Women's Cross-Country

First-year Coach Peter Rich was pleased with the performance of his young squad.

The Vikettes participated in five invitational meets, including right back Rene Breitkreutz (Sr., Fairbanks, Alaska./Lathrop), who made 33 receptions for 695 yards and eight touchdowns, were also All-Evco and district all-star choices.

Split end Hoyt Gier (So., Ferndale), who caught 47 passes for 743 yards and six touchdowns; and Jeff Potter (jr., Deming/Arkansas) were All-Evco picks, with defensive end Emil Whitman (Sr., Tacoma/Stadium) was all-district pick.

Long was named the district's Coach of the Year.

Women's Volleyball

The Vikette spike squad ended with a 13-12 match record and had a 40-31 game ledger. The top performance for the Big Blue came at the University of Oregon Tournament where the team was victorious in three of four matches to place second in the eight-team affair.

WWSC won two of five matches at the Northern-Southern District Tournament and one of four matches at the AIAW Region IX Tournament.

Coach Kathy Knutzen's team was led by setter Naomi Sakai (Jr., Ferndale); and right side Deb Schueman (Sr., Lummi Island); and middle Mary Helen (Jr., Burlington). All of them were all-district selections.

Other standout players included Judy Bochert (Fr., Ridgefield), Kim Gummersall (Fr., Mercer Island), Marlee Nelson (Jr., Tucson, Ariz.) and Linda Smedley (Fr., Vancouver/ Columbia River).

Men's Basketball

An old face is returning to the WWSC men's basketball program, but most of the faces on the 1976-77 Viking squad are new.

Back is Coach Chuck Randall, who sat out last season after suffering a severe heart attack at the end of the 1974-75 campaign. In his previous 13 years on the hill, he has compiled a 216-107 record and has never had a losing season.

Only one starter returns from last year's 14-12 team. That is 6-6 post Greg Smith (Sr., Chehalis/W.F. West), who averaged 13.1 points and 8.5 rebounds a game.

Two other letter winners are back, including 6-1 Craig Eriksen (So., Spokane/John Rogers), the Vikings' "sixth man" a year ago, and 6-0 Velko Vitalich (Sr., Seattle/West Seattle).

A transfer, who Randall compares to former WWSC All-American guard Mike Franza, is 6-2 Monte Birkle (Jr., Ancarotes), who transferred from Skagit Valley CC. Another talented transfer is 6-2 guard Dan Burch (So., Bellingham/Arbuckle) from Spokane Falls CC.

A fine recruiting effort netted a number of outstanding freshmen. They are led by 6-6 post Doug Creasey (Roseburg, Ore.), 6-1 guard Scott Smith (West Linn, Ore.) and 6-5 post Ron Strandin (Stanwood), all of whom were All-State selections. Another is 6-2 guard Kevin Bryant (Portland, Ore./Sunset).

Two sophomores expected to contribute are 6-2 guard Hoyt Gier (Ferndale) and 6-8 post Bruce Lee (Spokane/East Valley).

Wrestling

With eleven returning lettermen, fifth-year Coach Rick Haverfeel feels the 1976-77 Viking wrestling team is the strongest he has had.

Included among the belt-winners are two NAIA national tournament performers, 167-pounder Bruce Aigner (Sr., Bothell/Glenbrook) and 150-pounder Roy Magnuson (Sr., Harrisburg, Pa./Cedar Cliff).

Aigner, who missed all of last season with an injury, replaced Meth in the 1975 national meet, while Magnuson grappled in last year's get-together.

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Alumni sought to aid student employment

Alumni may be the key to improved employment prospects for Western students if a new Alumni Association career counseling program has the impact that its planners anticipate.

Evidence gathered by the Career Planning and Placement Office at Western indicates that students are finding employment. However, director Louis Lallas notes that the more successful searcher is the student who has systematically prepared for the important business of finding a satisfactory position.

A wealth of information about careers and the skills they require does exist, and more importantly, it exists in the context of Western.

The Alumni Association and the Career Planning and Placement Office, recognizing this fact, have embarked on a two-dimensional program to make alumni available to the student as career counselors.

The Alumni Association beginning in January is sponsoring a series of five weekly panels on selected career areas. Alumni and others who are currently employed in such fields as urban services, leisure industries, and small business will talk to students about how they entered their field, the kinds of skills their field requires and the future prospects for employment.

For students involved in professional education, another panel will be composed of teachers who have left traditional roles in public education and have followed other educational paths in government, industry and private employment.

The fifth group will deal with the art of finding temporary employment that will sustain a person until an opening in a chosen field materializes. Types of quickly acquired training that can lead to these positions will also be discussed.

The second dimension of the program will be the construction of an alumni career library as a reference facility for students and alumni. A questionnaire will be mailed to a sampling of alumni during February, asking them to describe their career development and indicate if they would be willing to meet with individual students on an appointment basis to discuss that development in greater detail.

Molly Gerhard, '63, Seattle, who is chairing the Alumni Association's program, notes, "We hope that anybody who is not contacted in our sampling process but who would like to participate in this program will contact the Alumni Office at Western. The more people who become involved will mean more opportunities for students to learn about career possibilities."

Swineford book wins award

WWSC geography professor Ada Swineford has been presented an award of merit by the American Association for State and Local History.

Dr. Swineford received the award with Grace Muilenberg, associate professor at the College of Agriculture at Kansas State University, for their book Land of the Post Rock. The book deals with the impact of fencepost limestone on the development of north central Kansas. It was published in 1975 by the University Press of Kansas.

This year the association voted 45 awards of merit to recognize state and local history projects, agencies and individuals showing superior achievement and quality.

The annual awards are voted on by representatives of the association's 12 regions in the U.S. and Canada.

Dittrich honored

William J. Dittrich, chairman of the Whatcom County Park Board and a faculty member at Western, has been presented with the national "Award of Merit" by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

The award is the National Commissioners-Board Members Branch highest honor and has been presented only five times in the past ten years. It is presented to that individual who has contributed most significantly throughout the local, state, regional and national levels.