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The Phase Two renovation of Old Main is continuing on campus. Here, workmen are shown working on the ground floor in the northern section of the building. The project is scheduled to be completed in March, 1978. Story and additional photos on pages 4 and 5.
Barron, Murray, McDonald, Swineford to retire in June

Four faculty members, whose combined teaching experience at Western spans 125 years, have announced their plans to retire from the College.

Dr. Keith Murray, who has taught virtually every area of history and social studies at Western since joining the faculty in 1946, will retire at the end of spring quarter.

Countless Western graduates who have entered the teaching profession over the past 31 years, probably took Murray's course on Washington State History.

Murray's initial retirement plans call for travel in the U.S. and the Far East with his wife Shirley. He also plans to finish his fourth book, and try to find a "lost" 10 generations in his Scottish ancestry.

C.W. "Bill" McDonald, vice president for student affairs, will end his 31-year career at Western on June 30.

"Dean Mac," as he is known to hundreds of students and alumni, will head the Bellingham Office of Second District Congressman Lloyd Meeds.

McDonald became dean of men at Western in 1946 and served as an instructor in physical education, football trainer and basketball and track coach.

Lucille Barron, associate professor of home economics, has announced her plans to retire at the end of the academic year.

Barron first came to Western in 1945 and has taught clothing and textiles as her main area of emphasis.

She said her future plans call for occasional teaching and travel.

Dr. Ada Swineford, professor of geology at Western since 1966, will retire at the end of summer quarter. She has taught classes in clay minerals and the geology of layered rocks.

Last year Swineford was presented with an award of merit by the American Association for State and Local History as co-author of a book entitled: "Land of the Post Rock." The book deals with Kansas pioneers who created fenceposts from old limestone found on the treeless plains.

Weiner named OIW officer

Ruth Weiner, acting dean of Huxley College at Western has been named vice president of the Oceanographic Institute of Washington.

Weiner, well known for her active role in environmental affairs last August was named by former Gov. Dan Evans to the state's 11-member Oceanographic Commission.

The institute was established by the commission in 1968 to enhance the use of and protect the state's ocean resources. Among other responsibilities, the 20-member institute cooperates with the Sea Grant Program, receives funds for ocean research, manages the Northwest Regional Calibration Center and conducts research that supports ocean-concerned positions of the commission.

Glenn Ledbetter, executive secretary of the commission who was keynote speaker at Western's April 1-2 conference, "Oil in Washington Waters: Boon or Bane?" said the institute is dealing with difficult problems.

"The state is in a transition period involving new methods of handling crude oil since the Canadian supply was cut off," he said. "There is a great debate over the proper direction we should take."

Fairhaven gets $3,500 grant

Fairhaven College has been selected to receive a $3,500 Metropolitan Life Educational Grant for its proposal to promote responsibility and ethics in business practices.

Dr. Joseph Bettis, dean of Fairhaven, was recently notified that the proposal was one of seven selected for an award.

Bettis said the grant would be used to sponsor a series of public meetings with leaders of the business community. The meetings are planned for June and November.
If Western's physics and mathematics faculties should ever have occasion to visit the Naval Undersea Center (NUC) in San Diego, they just might think the date and place for Alumni Day had suddenly changed.

Seven Western graduates are currently employed at NUC, the Navy's lead laboratory for work in the areas of undersea surveillance, advanced air and surface launched weapons systems and deep ocean technology.


The WWSC graduates work in a variety of areas and of the seven, four have gone on to complete advanced degrees under NUC-sponsored educational programs.

Fugitt also earned a M.S. degree from WWSC and began work at NUC in 1967. He has been involved in the design and development of remotely controlled undersea vehicles, as well as underwater systems manipulators and undersea viewing systems.

His wife, the former Edith Ratliff, also attended Western from 1962-64 and is now employed at NUC.

Reeves has been employed at NUC since 1965 and is conducting basic high frequency acoustic research in the ocean.

After graduating from Western, Reeves continued his studies at UCLA and in 1968 earned a M.S. degree in engineering acoustics. He earned a Ph.D. in the same field in 1973.

Curran went to work at NUC in 1965. He has since studied mathematics at California State University at Los Angeles and completed a M.S. degree in 1970. Curran is working in advanced naval concepts in hydromechanics, statistics and systems analysis. His wife, Carol, is the daughter of Dr. Laurence Brewster, of Western's speech faculty.

Kacer went right to work for NUC after graduating from Western. He also holds a master of science degree in operations research from UCLA and is involved in antisubmarine warfare (ASW) surveillance subsystems and evaluations.

Robbie is also involved in NUC's antisubmarine warfare test and evaluation program.

Solarek is currently NUC's program manager for information systems and technologies. Last year he received a master of science degree in electronic engineering from San Diego State University.

Broersma, the most recent graduate to go to NUC, is currently working under the New Professional Program, designed for newly hired technical personnel. After spending their first year assigned to three or four different tours of duty, they are permanently assigned to one field. Broersma is concentrating in computer software.

According to Dr. Louis Barrett, chairman of Western's physics department, Western alumni comprise the largest group of employees at NUC from any single institution in the country.
Construction work has begun on the second phase of the Old Main remodeling project on the Western.

The $2.6 million construction project, which involves the central and northern portions of the building, is being carried out by Dawson Construction Company of Bellingham. George Bartholick of Seattle is the project architect.

The Governor’s Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has nominated Old Main to be placed on the National Register of Historic places. That recommendation is now pending before the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C.

Scheduled for completion in March of next year, this final phase of work will complete the renovation of Old Main, which began in 1972.

The five-story brick structure was originally built in 1896, three years before Western opened as one of the state’s three “normal schools” for the training of teachers.

Renovation was completed in 1973 on two other portions of the building, the South Annex built in 1902 and the Training School Annex added in 1914.

Early last year, demolition work was completed in the northern and central sections to ready the area for the current construction work.

Crews are beginning the project by shoring up the building’s foundation and replacing supporting walls in the north end of the structure. That process should take about three months, according to architect Mike Kabush.

When completed, Old Main will house nearly all of Western’s administrative and student services offices. Also slated to move into the building are the home economics department, the Graduate School, Center for Higher Education, testing center and the Center for Continuing Education.
American grafitti, Western style

As the construction crew prepared to begin the renovation of the second portion of Old Main, an apparent Western tradition came to light, literally. Buried beneath the finished walls of a small addition to the fourth floor of the north wing was a brick wall which had been a popular site in past times for students to leave their mark.

Scratched into the brick, or written in pencil or chalk, were names, dates and other remnants of the past. The following are some samples:

Elmer MV May 28, 1911
Bob Young '52-Joseph, Oregon
Kenneth Watson — 1917
Dale Beasley — 1957
E.M.I. May 1, 1916
Juniors, 1913
Freshman, 1948
Frosh 1953
J.M. Bussing Dec. 19-1920
Wallace Keehr May, 1945
Ray Polley 1941, 1947
Charlie Borden 1948

We don't know what made this particular wall so popular through the years. We speculate that it had a nice view of Edens Hall, and young swains whiled away the time writing on the building as they contemplated their amour in the adjacent building. If anybody can provide some explanation, we'd like to hear it.

Photo at top left shows view from third floor area through scaffolding and studding to ground floor. Top right shows workman gingerly carrying lumber along passageway. At bottom, truck loads debris through chute.
Alumni Lodge program is again offered to WWSC alumni

The Alumni Lodge, a program developed by the University of California/Riverside alumni association, is again being offered to Western alumni and their families who plan to vacation in southern California this summer. According to information received from the UCR alumni office, "you won't find lower rates anywhere. A family of four, for example, can use the Alumni Lodge for as little as $3.72 per person, per night."

"Using our facilities, you're within 35 minutes of Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm and Lion Country Safari. Los Angeles mountains, beaches and the desert are within 45 minutes."

"You'll stay in new accommodations featuring private suites, swimming, sauna, volleyball, tennis and photo dark room."

The Alumni Lodge is available only to college and university alumni. Detailed brochures and reservations forms are available from the Alumni Office, Western Washington State College, Bellingham, WA 98225, or directly from the Alumni Office, University of California Riverside, CA 92502.

In Memoriam

Dr. James High '39, died of cancer in Los Gatos, California, in January following an extended illness. He was 64.

High was a former faculty member at Western, returning to the campus in 1954. He also taught at the University of Washington, at the University of California/Santa Barbara, and at San Jose State University.

Survivors include the widow, Eleanor, and two sons, David, a Los Gatos artist and businessman, and Stephen, a San Jose State University graduate student.

Ex-president Haggard dies

William Wade Haggard, fifth president of Western, died in Seattle April 23 at the age of 85.

Dr. Haggard had come to Bellingham in 1939 from Joliet, Ill., where he had been superintendent of secondary schools, including a junior college, for 11 years. He retired in 1959 after 20 years as president of Western, the longest tenure of any of the College's leaders. The Board of Trustees designated him President Emeritus and named the new Haggard Hall of Science in his honor.

Surviving relatives include the widow, Rachel; two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Miller of Bellingham and Mrs. Joan King of Seattle; a son, Wade Haggard of Kirkland; 11 grandchildren, one greatgrandchild, and a sister, Mrs. Lennis Griffin, Knoxville.

Memorials may be made to the W. W. Haggard Scholarship Fund at Western.

Don't forget Alumni Day May 14

A new member of the Western Board of Trustees is John A. Whittaker of Everett, who is vice president/public affairs of General Telephone Company of the Northwest. Whittaker's career spans nearly 30 years, during which time he has held a variety of line and staff positions. From 1963 to 1969 he was general manager for the Northern Area operations of General Telephone. He and his wife, Mildred, have three children and four grandchildren.

Founders will honor Class of '27

Founders Club, that group of alumni who graduated from Western 50 years ago or more, will have its sixth annual meeting on Thursday, June 9.

This year, the class of 1927 will be honored with its fiftieth anniversary reunion. Letters have been sent in recent months to all known members of the class, and persons who have not received any notification should contact the Alumni Office to assure that they receive future announcements.

The Founders Club program includes a luncheon, a program about Western today, and campus sight-seeing tours. It's a great way to spend a sunny day in June.
An appearance at the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) national tournament by the women's basketball team highlighted the 1976-77 winter sports season at Western Washington State College.

Though getting off to a slow start (8-5), the Vikettes came back to win their next 13 straight games and take the Northern-Southern Area and Northwest Regional titles.

Western defeated Boise State University (BSU) 76-68 in the regional championship contest, which took place on the Broncos' home floor. The victory snapped a 15-game BSU win string and avenged a 62-30 beating earlier in the campaign at Bellingham.

"The title was the most gratifying for me," said Coach Lynda Goodrich, who now has directed the Vikettes to the nationals in three of the last five years.

"We started out the year not doing so well and people began counting us out, so it was nice to come back and prove to them that we had a good team."

Two of the reasons for the Western turnaround were improved defense and field goal accuracy. But Goodrich feels there was another more important cause for the reversal.

"I think the primary reason was a real attitude change on the team," Goodrich stated. "We went from a bunch of individuals who just cared about themselves and whether they played, to a group which was really concerned with how the team did."

"It was a very together group of women that played the last half of the season, probably more so than any other team I've ever coached. Everybody was pulling for everyone else, whether they played one minute or all forty."

The Vikettes lost to number three seeded Louisiana State University 91-53 in the opening-round of the AIAW tourney. Then they were defeated by St. Joseph's College (Penn.) 97-51 in a consolation contest.

Five school records were set by forward Joni Slagle (Sr., Belfair/North Mason). They included most points season (543), best scoring average season (20.1), most field goals made game (14) and season (222) and most free throws made game (13).

A career assist mark (438) was established by guard Dee Dee Molner (Sr., Seattle/Evergreen), who had 139 during the season. She also scored at a 12.0 clip (337 points).

Both Molner and Slagle were named to the Regional All-Tournament team, while Slagle also made the area-all-tourney squad.

Goodrich, who has never had a losing season at Western, now has a 125-29 record in her six years on the hill.

Meanwhile, men's basketball mentor Chuck Randall suffered his first losing campaign in 14 years as a young and inexperienced Viking squad had an 8-19 record, finishing fifth in the Evergreen Conference.

Due to the NAIA District I playoff format being expanded to eight teams, Western was able to nab the last berth, but lost to Central Washington 111-56.

Guard Monte Birkle (Jr., Anacortes) led the Evco in scoring (452 points, 17 avg.) and was second in rebounding (225, 9.8 avg.). The 6-2 backcourt ace was named to the All-Evco and district all-star teams.
47 JOYCE A. CHRISTOPHER has retired as a lieutenant colonel in the Army Nurse’s Corps with over 25 years of service.

56 WILFRED JOHNSON has earned his Doctor of Ministry degree from San Anselmo Theological Seminary and a pastor with the First United Methodist Church in Ephrata. LES KNUDSEN is basketball coach and athletic director at Meridian High School.

60 BARBARA TAM REUL was recently elected to a three-year term on the Citizen’s Advisory Council of the Lake Washington School District. She also completes six years as a member of Western’s Alumni Association board of directors this year.

61 Mr. and Mrs. CHUCK WETZEL (KAY ROSS, ’62) are living in Melbourne, Australia, where he has been awarded an International Teaching Fellowship and is serving as an exchange teacher. BOB THORGRIMSON is currently serving on three committees for the Shoreline School District: He is on the levy advisory committee, the committee studying seventh and eighth grade curriculum of middle schools, and is first vice president of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the school board.

64 E. D. WOOD is employed with the Bureau of Land Management’s outer continental shelf program as an oceanographer in New Orleans.

66 BOB INGE is working in Child Protective Services for the Department of Social and Health Services in Bellingham. GLENDA COX HALUCEN teaches half-time high school reading at Medical Lake.

67 Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT F. QUINN (JANICE JENSEN, ’68) are living in Seattle where he teaches special education at Queen Anne High School.

68 Michelle Authier and GARY HALGREN were married in November in Nevada. He is a freelance artist.

69 Kathleen Brown and FREDERICK DOWHRING were married in October in Seattle. HENRY WAIBEL is Assistant Dean of Social Sciences at Santa Ana College.

70 BYRON GIMNESS has taught for five years at the secondary level and will soon complete his Master’s degree in Education Technology with certification as a media specialist. PETER MUSSEL-WHITE, a para-teacher, has been promoted to a district administrator for the Seattle Office of Adult Probation and Parole. WILLIAM A. LITTLE is an assistant professor of Black Studies and Urban Studies at Portland State University.

71 RICHARD BURG is teaching at Eckstein Middle School in Seattle. Irene de Jesus and James Muirhead were married in November in Everett. JIM LARSON is director of the Elmview Rehabilitation Center in Ellensburg. SCOTT PRESTON is the Variety Merchandise Manager of the El Polo division of Safeway Stores, Inc.

72 PATRICIA ANN NELSON and DAN L. HOFF were married in October in Bellingham where they are living. She is employed by the Bellingham School District and he by Metropolitan Life Insurance. Barbara Rechter and JAMES GODFREY were married in September in Aberdeen where he is Capital Savings and Loan. Nancy Scheda and DALE M. OLSON were married in October in Kent and are living in Tacoma. GERHARD SIEHNEH is employed in Germany as a psycho-therapist and is also attending The University of Frankfurt. SHARON TAYLOR and Neil McLeod were married in October in Seattle where they are living.

73 DENNIS ORGAN is an operations analyst with Washington Mutual Savings Bank in Seattle. DENISE BURT and ROD FIDDICK were married in August in California. They are living in Victoria, B.C. where she teaches seventh grade and he is employed by the city. MICHAEL G. WHITE is a junior high school language arts teacher, newspaper advisor, and track coach with the East Wenatchee School District.

74 DENNIS STEWART received his Master’s degree in Social Sciences from Pacific Lutheran University and is employed as a juvenile probation officer for Skagit County in Mount Vernon. Margaret Matsuda and JOSEPH GOTCHY were married in October in Seattle. He teaches in the Federal Way School District.

75 JANET MATHISEN and ROBERT J. FISHER (’76) were married in August. Sharon Bauman and ERIC HERRMANN were married in August. Eric is teaching welding and electronics in The Dalles, Oregon. SUSAN LE CLAIR and STEPHEN LOWBER were married in August in Des Moines.

76 MARY BURRIS and ROBERT CALLAHAN were married in Tacoma and are living in Seattle.

Unclassified JAMES GABRYSHAK is a planning commissioner in Bremerton. CHERYL DAVIS and Ron Reed were married in August in Yakima. They are living in Grandview where he is employed by Westinghouse - Hanford. She teaches fifth grade in the Wapato School District.

77 JODI CHANDLER is a planning commissioner in Bremerton. CHERYL DAVIS and Ron Reed were married in August in Yakima. They are living in Grandview where he is employed by Westinghouse - Hanford. She teaches fifth grade in the Wapato School District. GAYLE M. ANDERSON works in the alcoholism section of the Health Department in Centralia. SUSAN SEABECK and PHILIP ISLE were married in Tacoma and are living in Bellingham. WILLIAM FLOER teaches English at Cle Elum High School.

78 BARBARA L. JOHNSON and Roy Cunsolus were married in November in Seattle. Lynn Peacock and ROBERT KENNARD were married in Tacoma. He is employed as a customs broker. CHARLES SMILEY, professor of geology, was named associate dean of the University of Idaho College of Mines.

80 JANICE Olsen and MARK RICHARDSON were married in November in Portland. WENDY WATERS and Richard Vassela were married in October in Vancouver, Washington. They are living in Portland where she is employed by the Department of Agriculture.

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