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An historic day!

At noon Monday, June 6, 1977, Governor Dixy Lee Ray signed House Bill 472 designating the three state colleges as regional universities. On September 20, 1977, 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature, Western will become known as "Western Washington University." Pictured here with Governor Ray are the legislative sponsors of the bill and three presidents of the three state colleges. From left are Sen. Nat Washington, Western President Paul J. Olscamp, Rep. Art Moreau, Sen. Barney Goltz, Central President James Brooks, Eastern President George Frederickson and Rep. Sid Flanagan.
The ‘misunderstood’ tent caterpillar

Dr. Gerald Kraft is a leg man, but he likes his subjects to have at least three pairs or more.

Among the first to qualify in that category are tent caterpillars—those yellow and black crawling creatures which tend to make kids say “Yuch!” and turn normally peaceful Northwest homeowners into torch-waving pyromaniacs each spring.

For Kraft, an associate professor of biology at Western, the tent caterpillar is among the most ill-treated and misunderstood of Washington's seasonal residents.

"I think everyone should be required to have three or four nests in their yard each year," he said. "By observing them over their six- to seven-week growth period, people would come to better understand their habits and relatively harmless nature."

Kraft maintains that tent caterpillars cause less damage to any given tree than would occur with a year’s normal pruning. The average caterpillar nest, he said, damages only a foot or so of a tree limb in a season.

Even without humans to contend with, tent caterpillars have a marginal life expectancy at best, facing several viral diseases and natural predators along the way.

Beginning life in a grey putty-like egg case formed around tree limbs, caterpillars become active when temperatures warm. They soon move together to a nearby twig and spin their silken tents, which Kraft describes as their “great mistake” because it draws attention.

Feeding close to the nest in younger stages, caterpillars molt several times, and after reaching about two inches in length, move out to forage alone among fruit and alder trees.

During the sixth or seventh week of activity a hormone change takes place, signaling the time for pupation. Attaching itself to leaves, wood or tree limbs, the caterpillar spins a cocoon, emerging about two weeks later as a stubby, heavy-bodied moth which then mates, lays eggs and repeats the cycle.

Kraft said this year’s light-to-moderate infestation seems to be suffering from a virus, leaving many caterpillars in a sluggish state and killing many more. Others have fallen victim to their natural enemy, the Tachina fly, which lays its eggs on the caterpillar’s head. The fly larva eats its way inside and eventually kills its host.

Tent caterpillars tend to run in three or four year cycles in the Northwest, Kraft said, with populations largely determined by weather conditions. This year has been good for virus, disease and flies and not so hot for the caterpillar, the scientist added.

Studies by Kraft and his entomology students at Western show the normal death rate for tent caterpillars runs more than 90 per cent each year, he said.

Ironically, he added, man has actually helped spread the tent caterpillar population.

"Anytime you practice logging where clearcutting and road building are common, room is left for the growth of alder, which normally replaces fir and cedar forests," he said. Alder is one of the tent caterpillar’s favorite foods.

Admittedly partial to his furry friends, Kraft suggested more humanitarian ways of controlling caterpillars than burning them out.

In the fall and winter, residents should inspect their trees for egg cases, which appear as grey rings around limbs and branches. By simply pulling the case off, the nest will not develop. If you miss a couple, pulling off the layers of silk on a newly formed tent will accomplish the same result.

"After all," Kraft said, "how would you like someone to burn your house down with you in it?"
Western Washington State College completed a very successful spring sports season which saw two of its seven varsity teams win championships and no less than 11 Viking athletes earn trips to various national meets.

A sport-by-sport review follows:

**Men's Tennis**

Denny Lewis, who was in his initial year as the Viking net coach, had a team which placed third at both the Evergreen Conference and NAIA District I meets, though nothing only two victories in ten dual matches. Leading Western was Steve Chronister (Sr., Bellingham/Sehome), who finished second in the singles competition at the district tourney. He has been the Vikings' number one player in each of his four years on the hill.

Danna Vana (Fr., Bellevue/Newport) teamed with Chronister to reach the quarterfinals in district doubles action.

Other Big Blue netters included Charlie Black (So., Bellingham/Sehome), Tim Carlander (So., Bellevue/Newport), Greg Noson (Fr., Hal Wender (Fr., Campbell, Calif./Del-Mar), and Rich Yackley (Jr., Veradeal/Central Valley).

**Men's Track & Field**

Five Viking cinder performers participated in the NAIA national meet which was hosted by Henderson State University at Arkadelphia, Ark. They included hammerthrower Paul Kelly (Jr., Olympia/North Thurston), intermediate hurdler John (Kotsosogian (So., Bellingham/Sehome), distance runner Bruce Manclark (Jr., Tacoma/Lakes), javelin thrower Dave Reister (So., Olympia) and shot putter Dieter VanArsdale (So., Dallas, Ore.).

Three school records were set by Manclark, who ran the 10,000 meters in 30:30.6, six miles in 29:26.6 and marathon in 2:24:10.0.

Other Viking marks were established by Kelly in the hammerthrow (160-10), Nick Roehl (Jr., Bellingham) in the 1,500 meters (3:55.3) and VanArsdale in the shot put (51-4 1/2).

Fourth-year Coach Ralph Vernacchia's squad finished third in the NAIA District I meet and fifth in the Evergreen Conference encounter.

VanArsdale took his second straight title in the shot put at both meets. Another double winner was Kotsosogian in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles.

**Golf**

Jim Lounsberry's 13th year as Western's golf coach was anything but unlucky as his Viking squad qualified for the NAIA national meet by winning the District I encounter.

Three members of the Big Blue links team tied for fourth at the district get-together. The trio included Jim Conway (Jr., Des Moines/Tyee), Marty Fendrick (Sr., Bakersfield, Calif./North) and John Von Lossow (So., Seattle/Nathan Hale).

Also competing for Western were Jeff Heathers (Jr., Bellingham), Conrad Lynberg (Sr., Spokane/Mead) and Pat Mace (So., Bothell/Inglemoor).

The Vikings were undefeated in four dual matches and won both the Eastern Washington State College and WWSC invitationals. Lounsberry earned NAIA District I Coach-of-the-Year honors.

**Women's Tennis**

First-year Coach Lynda Goodrich's squad picked up two wins in 11 outings this spring to improve on last season's ledger. The Vikettes also placed fifth at the Northern District meet.

Mary Likkel (Sr., Seattle/Rainier Beach) tied for third in the number three singles at the district tournament. Western's other participants included Linda Brummett (Jr., Yakima/Davis), Marlee Nelson (Jr., Duncan, Ariz.), Sara Penley (Sr., Centralia), Sue Riel (Fr., Seattle), Charlene Strack (Jr., Bellevue/Isaqua), Kim Swan (Fr., Tacoma/Curits) and Barbara Wesen (Jr., Renton/Kentridge).

**Baseball**

Western finished with a 17-17-2 overall record and second in the northern division of the Evergreen Conference (Evco). It was the first non-losing campaign for the Vikings in five years as Ralph Dick, who completed his third season as head coach, continues to bolster the Big Blue diamond program.

Four members of Western's squad were named to the All-Evco team. They included first baseman Jim Emerson (So., Bellingham), the brother battery combination of pitcher Frank (So., Bellevue/Newport) and catcher Vita (Jr., Bellevue/Newport) Lucarelli and outfielder Kelly Smith (So., Longview/Mark Morris).

Smith, who also was selected to the NAIA District I all-star team, led the Vikings in six offensive categories, including batting average (.313), runs scored (19), hits (29), doubles (4), stolen bases (15) and walks (15).

Dave Pierce (Fr., Benton City/Klona­Benton) paced the Western pitching staff with a 1.69 earned run average in 21 1/3 innings pitched.

Lucarelli, who hurled a perfect game against Eastern Washington State College, had a 3-1 mark and a 1.90 ERA. He struck out 56 batters in 38 innings pitched.

Also doing well on the mound were Bob Bromley (So., Sumas/Nooksack Valley), who had a 2.62 ERA in 44 2/3 innings pitched; Randy Eggen (So., Anacortes), who had a 3-5 record and a 2.68 ERA in 57 innings pitched and Bill Slesk (Fr., Bellingham), who had a 3-4 mark.

**Women's Track & Field**

A total of 12 records were bettered by the Vikette track and field team, which was under the direction of first-year mentor Judy Bass.

The assault was led by Julie Reimer (So., Bellingham/Sehome), who threw the javelin 149-1. That effort enabled her to participate in the AJAW national meet at Los Angeles, Calif., which was hosted by UCLA.

Distance runner Peggy Sherrill (Jr., Seattle/Holy Names) established five marks, including those for the mile (5:42), two mile (12:36.9), 1,500 meters (5:23.1), 3,000 meters (11:40.5) and 5,000 meters (20:04).

Also setting new standards were Rhonda Duckworth (Jr., Burlington/Burlington-Edison), shot put (38-11); Debbie Matsuoke (Sr., Oak Harbor), discus (133-8); Doreen Thomsen (Fr., Edmonds/Meadowdale), 800 meters (2:22 22); 1,600 meters (5:22.5) and 1,600 meter (4:10.7) relay teams, which consisted of Beth Garrett (Sr., Mount Vernon), Nancy Heinrich (So., Olympia), Hillier and Thomsen.

**Crew**

The Western crew season was highlighted by the varsity-eight shell winning the LaFronboise Cup race, which is symbolic of northwest small college rowing supremacy.

It was the fifth time in the last six years that the Vikings have taken the cup. They lost last spring after four straight triumphs.

Manning first-year Coach Fil Leanderson's top boat were Callen Bogus (Jr., Snohomish), Corky Brown (Jr., Kirkland/Lake Washington), Jerry DeRosia (Jr., Bellevue), Walter Gray (Jr., Seattle/Highline), Bob Griffith (Sr., Edmonds/Woodway), stroke John Hoag (So., Bellingham/Sehome), Mitch Hogins (Jr., Juneau, Ak.), Greg Styrk (Fr., Seattle/West Seattle) and coxswain Mike DuBeau (Jr., Lake Stevens).

**Garber, Huff win national recognition**

Two members of the Department of English at Western have had their works singled out for national recognition.

Dr. Gene Garber's short story, "The Lover," has been selected for the annual The Best American Short Stories anthology, to be published by Houghton Mifflin, and Prof. Robert Huff has been invited to read selections of his poetry next fall at the Library of Congress.

Garber, teaching this spring in Western's Study Abroad program in Guadalajara, Mexico, also won a publishing society's "Pushcart Prize" for his short story. His works were detailed recently in the Iowa Review literary magazine.

Huff's poetry reading, which will be taped for later broadcast over the National Educational Radio Network, comes from his forthcoming book, The Ventriloquist, which will be published by the University Press of Virginia.
Alumni Day

Alumni Day 1977 was held May 14 on campus in conjunction with a student-sponsored Renaissance Fair. Many visitors toured the campus during the day's activities. Alumni Day was capped by an evening banquet in Viking Commons and the presentation of the Broadway musical “Carousel.” In photo at top President Olscamp is shown greeting guests in the Concert Hall, while a portion of the alumni diners are shown in the top center photo. Other photos show Renaissance Fair activities in Red Square.
Robinson draws interim post

An experienced administrator, Mary Robinson, has been chosen to the interim position of vice president for student affairs at Western.

Her appointment, effective July 1, was announced by President Paul J. Olscamp, to whom she will report. Robinson, who came to Western eight years ago and has served as the College's affirmative action officer, associate dean of students and dean of women, will succeed C. W. "Bill" McDonald, who is retiring to join the staff of Second District Congressman Lloyd Meeds.

"I'm looking forward to the job," Robinson said. "While the position is acting and temporary, my familiarity with the Student Affairs Division and the general institution will allow for continued productive management, in an interim period, working with an outstanding staff in developing long-range plans in Student Affairs."

Robinson's appointment could end as early as January, 1978, but may continue to winter or spring quarter of 1978.

A college search committee will begin next fall to screen applicants for a full-time appointee and Robinson will be eligible to apply.

Her new responsibilities, which entail supervision of some 20 professional staff members and a number of other employees, involve such campus agencies as financial aids, career planning and placement center, counseling center, academic advisement, health services, minority affairs and Viking Union Services.

Two win Patrick Monahan scholarships

Two Western students have been awarded Patrick L. Monahan Scholarships for the 1977-78 academic year.

Joseph A. Carpentier, a junior from Port Townsend, will receive a $1,000 scholarship. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Carpentier, 922 Jefferson St., Port Townsend.

Winning a $507 tuition and fees scholarship for next year is Patrick Grant, a sophomore urban and regional planning major from Carmel, Calif. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Grant, Box 911, Carmel.

The scholarship fund was established by family and friends of Patrick L. Monahan, late son of Marilyn and Dr. Robert Monahan, professor of geography at Western. Scholarships are awarded annually to students demonstrating academic potential and promising performance in geography.

Alternates for this year's awards are Michele Harris, a junior from Vancouver, Wash.; and Michael A. Hyde, a senior from Aberdeen.

Student paper takes 10 awards

Western's student newspaper, the Western Front, was recently selected best college newspaper in the Region X, Society of Professional Journalists Sigma Delta Chi, college journalism awards.

The Front, competing against college papers in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska, took 10 awards at the SDX banquet in Otter Crest, Oregon.

Accepting the award for the Front was Suki Dardarian, fall quarter editor and a winter intern reporter for the Bellingham Herald. Dardarian also won an individual first-place award for editorial writing.

Collier elected

Dr. Robert P. Collier, dean of the College of Business and Economics, has been elected to the board of directors of the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

Assembly membership encompasses 628 educational institutions, and business, government and professional organizations throughout the country and abroad. Members work to improve and promote higher education for business and solve mutual problems.

Ralston will lead Alumni this year

The Western Alumni Association held its annual meeting in Bellingham on May 14, electing new officers for the coming year.

Al Ralston, '72, Seattle, assumed the duties of president, having served in the president-elect position for the past year with outgoing president Russ Van Buren, '67, Bellevue.

Ralston is currently employed by the National Indian Activity Association, a Seattle-based organization promoting competitive athletics among native American youth. Ralston is grants coordinator for the group.

In his initial remarks to the board, Ralston stressed his interest in expanding two areas of operation during the coming year. First, he noted that he wished to make alumni in general more cognizant of the Alumni Association, its services and the role the organization plays within the College.

Secondly, he stated his desire to have alumni opinions heard more loudly in the legislature and by industries which could provide increased financial support to the College.

At the same time, Ralston called for the continuation of the Alumni Association's programs in admissions, career planning and placement and athletics.

Elected to succeed Ralston was the new president-elect, Mrs. Geraldine Van Zanten of Bellingham. A foreign language teacher at Bellingham High School, Van Zanten has been a member of the association's executive committee for the past year and has also served for two years as the association's member on the College's Long-Range Planning Committee.

Doug McCoy, '64, was returned for another term as treasurer. McCoy is currently employed by Pitney-Bowes in Seattle.

Representing the northern section of the state in the executive-at-large position number one is Eli Davis, '59, of Edmonds.

The Metropolitan Seattle area executive-at-large is Chuck- Johnson, '57, Issaquah High School counselor. This will be Johnson's second term on the executive committee.

Sue Berg, Vancouver, Wash., teacher, '69, completes the membership of the executive committee, representing the southern portion of the state.
The Western Foundation Recognition Dinner was held June Third in Viking Commons. Highlights of the evening included the installation of Robert Ferrie, president of Intalco Aluminum Corporation, as chairman of the Foundation, and the honoring of longtime faculty members Bill McDonald (lower left), Lucille Barron and Keith Murray.
58 MIKE GUNNING is a teacher and former department head at Meadowdale High School in Edmonds.

62 JOHN R. SCHENCK was appointed a teaching assistant in education at Washington State University for the 1976-77 school year.

65 ROBERT B. WADE is a supervisor at the FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C.

66 ARNOLD WATLAND is principal of the Elementary/Junior High DoD Dependents School in Oslo, Norway.

67 KENT MORRILL, Director of Athletics with the King County Parks Division, was recently named Amateur Softball Association Commissioner for the Seattle Metro-King County area...

JOHN LONCAR and his wife are living in West Germany where he teaches fourth grade U.S. history and coaches junior varsity basketball at Stuttgart Elementary School.

75 MIKE BATES and DIANA THOMPSON ('74) were married in May, 1976, in Everett. SUSAN WILLIAMS and John Wakenman were married in December...

CHRISTINA WOODSIDE and Sam Brandt were married in July, 1976, in Bellingham. She teaches mentally retarded children at Sheehome High School.

76 JOSEPH W. COFFMAN is assistant regional director of the Virginia Lung Association... CHARLES RYAN is the regional economic planner for the District 10 Regional Planning Commission in Montrose, Colorado...

TONY VOLCHOK is sales manager for the Leopold Inn in Bellingham... PATRICIA HAHN and her fiancee, TIM DOLAN, are living in Massachusetts where they are attending Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. She is getting her master's degree in counseling and New Testament studies and he is studying to be a pastor...

PEGGY LYNN and DAVID TOVREA were married in Everett. They live in Seattle where both are employed by the Safeco Insurance Company as programmers...

V. LAWRENCE EVANS is assistant to the vice president of Bellingham First Federal Savings and Loan Association... BARBARA ANN McNEIL and JAMES LARKIN were married in December at Mercer Island and are living in Bellevue... CRAIG NICHOLAS is head basketball coach at Sehome High School in Bellingham... BEVERLY STANFIELD and ROBERT JOZWIACK were married in December in Vancouver, Washington... ROBERT VISSER played pro basketball as a Dutch-American in Holland from August 1976 until April 1977...

IN MEMORIAM

20 GLADYS R. CAMERON, March 30, in Seattle.

28 ARTHUR ISAACS, January 15, in Bellingham.

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