Outgoing Associated Students President David Clark delivers his final address to Western's graduating class.

Following commencement, members of the Class of '78 placed their student body cards for burial beneath the 1978 plaque on Memory Walk in front of Old Main.

Western Washington University

Commencement 1978

With the crowds disbanded, Stu Hurdle of Western's grounds crew sets the marble plaque for the Class of 1978 in Memory Walk and mortared it in place.
Grads urged to seek significant life

Western’s Class of 1978 “will divide itself into three categories—the unconscious, the critics and the volunteers,” said John E. Corbally, president of the University of Illinois and principal speaker at the 79th annual—and first University—commencement exercises held June 9 in Sam Carver Gymnasium.

Speaking to the 714 bachelor and 88 master degree recipients, Corbally described the unconscious as those people who avoid taking sides by being unaware of issues, and the critics as those “who are so busy in analyzing and explaining what is wrong that they have no time to attempt to do things themselves.”

Calling the volunteers his “good guys,” Corbally urged the graduates to consider membership in that group.

“Volunteers notice that some things go well and that other things go less than well,” he said. “They stick their necks out—not in the easy way of the critic, but in the more difficult way of one who works to make something better.”

He urged the graduates to find “an acceptable yardstick of significance” to measure the quality of their lives.

“The first and most important thing one must do to have a significant life is to seek significance measured on an acceptable yardstick of significance,” Corbally told his audience. “For me that yardstick comes from my religious beliefs and from a strong conviction about the worth of each human being. Your yardstick may come from some other origins, but you need a yardstick and you need to develop the courage to use it regularly and to act in terms of what it tells you.”

Saying that a major sign of maturity is the ability to be less concerned about self and more concerned about others, Corbally added, “I would hope that each one of us as a human being would resolve that the key element in our life would be our interaction with our fellow men and women. As university graduates, the humanistic and humane portions of your education and of your lives should dominate you and can rebuild our society.”

President Paul Olscamp took time out during Commencement proceedings to recognize two of Western’s most ardent supporters—Paul Hanson, former trustee and Bellingham banker, and William J. O’Neill, who will retire as vice provost for academic administration in August after 28 years of service to the institution.

Olscamp commended Hanson for his work during the seven years he served on Western’s Board of Trustees. His term expired in March of this year.

Of O’Neill, Olscamp said he had performed his duties with a sense of gentleness, persuasiveness and, after 28 years, managed not to make a single enemy, while demonstrating a tremendous capacity for personal compromise.

He also had high praise for David Clark, Associated Student Body President, stating that in all the years he had been in higher education, he had worked with many student body presidents, but none as capable as Clark.

Others honored during the ceremonies were Dr. Jeanne Gamlen and Americole Biasini, selected as this year’s outstanding teachers. (See separate story elsewhere in this edition.)

The traditional Memory Walk ceremony and a reception for the new graduates and their families and friends were held following Commencement exercises.

June’s commencement ceremony was the occasion for another annual event at Western—presentation of the Faculty Distinguished Teaching Awards.

This year’s awards went to Americole Biasini, associate professor of music, College of Fine and Performing Arts, and to Dr. Jeanne Gamlen, associate professor of mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences. Each received a certificate and $1,000 check.

In making the awards before an overflow crowd at Sam Carver Gym, President Paul J. Olscamp said student evaluations of both teachers were “stunning.” He noted that student comments concerning each of the award winners consistently contained remarks to the effect that “This is the best teacher I’ve ever had in my life…”

Biasini, in his eighth year at Western, is widely known for his innovative courses and concerts in electronic music. Gamlen came to Western in 1967 and since then has received local and national recognition for her approach to teaching mathematics fundamentals to youngsters.

Nominations for the awards are solicited in April of each year from students, faculty and alumni. The selection process is carried out by two committees—one for the arts and sciences and another for Western’s other colleges.

Stories featuring the work of both teachers were carried in “Resume” earlier this year, Biasini in February and Gamlen in March.
Outstanding seniors honored

Each year Western's departments and colleges select their single most outstanding graduating senior to be honored at a breakfast on commencement morning. This year 35 units decided that they had someone meriting the honor. Of those, 30 were able to attend and receive a certificate and the accolades of the faculty acclaiming their select status.

This year's group included the following: Joseph Cucco, anthropology; Jennifer Raley, biology; Juliana Vanderwielen, chemistry; Robert Stothart, English; Kaye Sanford, foreign languages and literatures; Michael Hyde, geography and regional planning; Terrence Olsen, geology; Louis MacMillan, history; Karen Kale, home economics; Laurie Dunham, journalism; Carl Benson, mathematics; Kenneth Vanderven, computer science; Rhonda Axelson, philosophy; Douglas Asbjornsen, physical education; Kenneth Dragoon, physics/astronomy; Robert Ewing, political science; Elliott Bonem, psychology; Philip Kono, sociology; Janice Abell, speech; Audrey Cartmell, speech pathology/audiology; Joan Simmons, technology, and James McPherson, visual communication education.

From Huxley College, the winner of the Thomas Henry Huxley award was Jeffrey Lapp. Andrew Hansen was chosen for best undergraduate research, and Stephanie Burchfield was honored for community service.

The College of Business and Economics chose Janet Estep, accounting; Michael Delabarre, business administration; Maryanne Radich, business education, and John Slocum, economics.

Ann Hagler received the distinction in art, while Diana Robertson was selected in music.

In the School of Education, Linda Peterson was picked for elementary education. Maureen Pinkal and Patricia Pool were honored in human services and special education respectively.

Receives scholarship

Connie Barker, a speech pathology and audiology graduate student at Western, has received a $400 scholarship from the Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) Sisterhood, AP Chapter.

Barker graduated from Lynden High School and received a B.A. degree from Western in 1975, graduating magna cum laude. She is the daughter of former Lynden residents Mr. and Mrs. E. Barker, now of Salinas, California.

After receiving her master's degree this June, Barker plans a career as a speech pathologist and audiologist.

The PA Chapter of the PEO Sisterhood has provided financial assistance to Barker for her academic endeavors since 1975.
Class of ’28 reunion highlights Founders Club luncheon

The class of 1928 returned to Sehome Hill under sunny skies on June 8 to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their commencement. The reunion was the featured event of the eighth annual Founders Club luncheon, sponsored each spring by the Alumni Association and the University.

With 108 gathered for conversation and a luncheon in the Viking Commons, it was the largest group yet to attend the festive spring affair.

President Paul Olscamp extended the University’s warm greetings to the alumni and shared with them some of his concerns for their school’s future. In particular, Dr. Olscamp commented on the upcoming legislative session, when declining state revenues and the commitment to finance the common schools fully with state revenue could present a serious threat to Western’s continued good health.

Vice President for Academic Affairs James Talbot, Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Robinson and Vice President for Business Don Cole were also on hand to greet the guests.

The roll call of the classes indicated that Mrs. Edna Lawrence Tieske, associated student president from 1910, was the earliest student attending, as she has been in other years.

When the time came to introduce the class of 1928, Alumni Director Steve Calvert turned the task over to Albert C. Brown, the class president. Punctuating the high-pitched reminiscences, Brown called a 54-member roster of those at hand and succeeded in completing the task admirably.

A session of group photos and a tour of the campus concluded the day’s activities.

A new feature of this year’s reunion program was a request by the University that each class member provide a short autobiography, to be collected with the others and distributed to all class members. This, plus the reunion photo, will provide all with a permanent record of the occasion.

This year’s reunion program began in the fall of 1977 when Brown and a group of classmates met in Kent, Wash., to begin contacting others and making plans. Noting the exceptionally strong turnout, Inge commented that it was that extra effort which had made the day such a success. He said he hopes the class of ’29 will do as well.


The new council will meet at least once each quarter to examine matters of mutual concern to all groups. President VanZanten will be the Alumni Association representative during the coming year.

The Class of 1928 reunion highlights Founders Club luncheon. The Founders Club luncheon was attended by 108 Western graduates, 54 of them from the Class of 1928. The Founders Club consists of persons graduated from Western 50 or more years ago.

Alumni board scholarships

At its annual spring meeting, the Board of Directors of Western’s Alumni Association selected two students to receive Alumni Association Board of Directors Scholarships for 1978-79.

Chosen were Roberts Riley and Joanne Krogh. Riley is the daughter of John (*39) and Lilian Lundahl Riley (*52). She is a Ballard High School graduate who had a record of leadership and community service, in addition to a strong academic record.

Krogh is a current graduate of Shelton High School and the daughter of Kenneth (*49) and Shirley (*51) Krogh. She, too, boasted a fine record of scholastic achievement and community activities.

The Alumni Board scholarship began six years ago as the personal fund-raising project of the Alumni Board. It is separate from the larger scholarship program to which great numbers of alumni contribute annually. The board program restricts recipients to the dependents of Western graduates, whereas any student may apply for other institutional scholarships funded by alumni support.

Alumni elect new officers

Geraldine VanZanten, ’61, Bellingham High School foreign language teacher, assumed the gavel from outgoing president Al Ralston as the Alumni Board concluded its year. VanZanten has held the president-elect position for the past year and has served as the association’s representative to the University president’s administrative council. She has also been a member of the University’s Long Range Planning Committee.

Chosen for the president-elect post was Mike Kirk, ’64, Ferndale High School teacher. Kirk has also served on the University’s Long Range Planning Committee.

Other officers include Betty Alexander, ’66, Bellingham, as secretary-treasurer; Chuck Johnson, ’60, Issaquah, executive-at-large no. 1; Eli Davis, ’59, Seattle, executive-at-large no. 2, and Sue Berg, ’69, executive-at-large no. 3. The new council will meet at least once each quarter to examine matters of mutual concern to all groups. President VanZanten will be the Alumni Association representative during the coming year.
Quinlan named to student affairs post

An administrator with a background in educational management, literature, languages and history has been named vice president for student affairs at Western.

Dr. Thomas E. Quinlan, who holds a similar post at Loyola Marymount University at Los Angeles, will begin duties here before September 1, 1978, according to University President Paul J. Olscamp. Quinlan succeeds Mary Robinson, who has served as interim vice president since last July.

“Western’s search committee looked long and carefully for a person of Dr. Quinlan’s scholarship, management ability and experience in working with students, faculty and others on and off campus,” Olscamp said. “We’re extremely pleased he accepted the Western assignment and welcome the addition of his skills and energies on behalf of our students.”

Quinlan, 42, also is an assistant professor of education at Loyola Marymount, where he has served as vice president for student affairs since 1973. He holds a doctorate in international and comparative education from the University of California at Los Angeles, a master’s degree in educational administration from that city’s Immaculate Heart College and a bachelor’s degree in English from the University of Michigan. During the summer of 1976 Dr. Quinlan studied educational management at Harvard University’s Graduate School of Business.

At Loyola Marymount he administered a $2 million annual budget and was responsible for all aspects of university life that are not formally academic—personal and psychological counseling, student health center, athletics, career planning and placement, housing and similar areas.

At Western, his post is one of three vice presidencies and involves responsibilities for such campus agencies as Financial Aid, Placement Center, Counseling Center, Academic Advisement, Health Services, Minority Affairs and Viking Union Services. Quinlan also will direct some 20 professional staff members and other employees.

Affirmative Action benefits

Women employed in non-traditional occupations are still enough of a novelty at Western that a female bricklayer drew an audience while working at her craft near Old Main this year.

The woman in question was employed by a contractor rather than by Western, but classified staff women are also being hired by the University for other than office occupations, says Jean Timmins, Western’s Personnel Officer.

One example she cites is the recent hiring of a female who became an electrical trade trainee. Other women have been employed as security officers and on Western’s grounds crew.

The handicapped are the latest beneficiary of federal Affirmative Action laws aimed at insuring equality of employment opportunity. Handicapped persons have been employed at Western, Timmins said, and have “a good track record” in terms of performance and retention.

To optimize employment opportunities for people in under-represented grounds on campus, a process known as selective certification is sometimes used, Timmins said.

In this process, the Affirmative Action Office monitors positions to be selectively certified in order to meet the goals and objectives of the Affirmative Action program. Working closely with both Personnel and the department within which the vacancy exists, Affirmative Action may decide that selective certification be used to hire women and/or minorities to keep Western’s hiring profile in compliance with federal guidelines, Timmins added.

Once the position is designated as selectively certified, those applicants who meet Affirmative Action criteria must also meet the minimum job qualifications and pass the qualifying examinations. If hired, the candidate is subject to the same trial service and probationary procedures as are all classified staff, Timmins explained.

Another personnel area influenced by Affirmative Action is the job interview, Timmins said. Many questions once asked routinely on written applications or in oral interviews now are prohibited by law because they contained biases that might prejudice a potential employer against some applicants.

Employees may no longer decided on their own that certain characteristics of a job make it unsuitable for a person because of sex, ethnic background or disabilities. Instead, the employer must describe the duties and responsibilities of the position and let the candidate determine whether she or he finds the work, hours and other conditions of employment acceptable.

Attracting large numbers of qualified minority job applicants to Western remains a problem, Timmins conceded, despite efforts to attract them. CETA (Comprehensive Employee Training Act) personnel have been utilized by both Personnel and Affirmative Action to speak directly to groups of all kinds to help encourage more minority applicants.

“We don’t discourage anybody from applying for any positions,” Timmins said, adding that Personnel Services advertises job openings in a variety of ways to encourage applications from women, veterans, minorities and the handicapped.
Summer Stock '78 announces season

An extensive subscription ticket sales campaign is kicking off the eighth annual Summer Stock season at Western, according to Dennis Catrell, Summer Stock director.

"We'll be presenting the best in family summer entertainment and we want to make sure residents have first chance at available tickets," Catrell said.

Six evening productions—Something's Afoot, a musical spoof; Love's Labors Lost, a Shakespearean comedy; Picnic, William Inge's award-winning drama; Butterflies Are Free, the Broadway smash hit; movie-fan pleaser Dial M for Murder and the classic American favorite Arsenic and Old Lace—will be complemented by two children's productions, The Wise Fools and The Ice Wolf.

Evening productions run each week Wednesday through Saturday beginning July 12, with children's matinees slated July 7 and 8 for Wise Fools and July 21 and 22 for Ice Wolf.

Season tickets entitle holders to admission to one evening performance of each production, as well as admission to the two children's shows.

Mail orders for season tickets should be addressed to Room 211 of College Hall, Western Washington University. The tickets, $15 for adults and $10 for students, will be available through July 15. A check or money order should accompany each ticket request and a self-addressed, stamped envelope may be enclosed to insure prompt handling.

Free season tickets for Summer Stock are being offered to area senior citizens through a special community outreach program of the Department of Theatre/Dance at Western.

Any Whatcom County resident 65 years of age or older is eligible to receive a free season pass to all six Summer Stock productions and the two children's shows. The senior passes are good for either Wednesday or Thursday evening shows.

The Bellingham Senior Citizens Center, 315 Halleck, is handling distribution of the free senior passes, available through July 15 at the front desk of the center.

Further information is available through the Department of Theatre/Dance by calling 676-3873 or 676-3878.

Learning Resource Lab is popular teaching aid

Once armed with only blackboard and chalk as aids to educating America's school children, today's teachers face an ever-growing mass of audio-visual equipment and the sometimes frustrating experience of operating them.

An innovative program at Western, called the Learning Resource Laboratory, is helping teachers and students cope with video-tape cameras, opaque projectors, microfiche readers and reel-to-reel tape recorders.

"You'd be surprised at the number of people who have a fear of operating even a simple slide projector," said Pat Grossie, Western graduate student and lab director. "We are set up to teach use of this equipment by a hands-on trial and error method."

The lab is in Miller Hall on Western's campus. Each quarter more than 350 students, teachers and University staff members go through the lab's program.

There is no time limit. Each student works at his own pace, moving from station to station until entirely familiar with each piece of audio-visual equipment. Following a check-out procedure, in which students can show their newly-learned mechanical aptitude, students are awarded a certificate of completion by the lab director.

The lab is now embarking on a new direction which may soon revolutionize learning in the audio-visual field, according to the Learning Resources Laboratory designer Dr. Les Blackwell, associate professor of education at Western.

That direction is the development of slide and tape production units called Learning Activity Packages. Produced by faculty and students at Western, the units can be shipped to school districts, private industry and other organizations for use in their own facilities.

The lab now maintains 12 such packages, known as LAPS. Each contains how-to-do-it information on subjects such as dry-mounting, color lifts, sound-on-sound recording and darkroom processing.

With a portable listening-viewing box called a Carra Mate, students use a synchronized slide show and tape cassette, providing them with a complete learning package for each process. The tapes and slides can be run by each student as many times as needed to master each subject.

The lab's most recently acquired LAP, on using a porta-pak video recorder, was produced by lab director Grossie and Huxley College student Robert Tasler. Their creation, titled "What's a Porta-Pak?" won a first place at the recent Washington State Media Festival in Ellensburg.

Both Blackwell and Grossie said they expect use of the lab to increase each year. Last summer 900 people went through the program. If that number is any indication, the Learning Resource Center will be one of Western's most popular attractions.
ALL ABOUT SPORTS

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Men’s Crew

A second straight victory in the LaFromboise Cup race highlighted an outstanding campaign for the Western oarsmen. The trophy, which is symbolic of northwest small college rowing supremacy, found its way into the Viking trophy case for the sixth time in the last seven years.

Manning that victorious varsity-eight shell were Callen Borgias (Sr., Snohomish), Jerry DeRosia (Jr., Bellevue), Pat Downs (So., Lynnwood), Walt Gary (Jr., Burien/Highline), John Hoag (Jr., Bellingham/Sehome), Mitch Hogins (Sr., Juneau, Ak.), Greg Styrk (So., Seattle/West Seattle), Monte Stoehr (Sr., Shelton) and coxswain Mike DuBeau (Jr., Lake Stevens).

Western’s lightweight-eight craft placed second in the grand finals at the prestigious Western Sprints. That boat included Ralph Braseth (So., Seattle/West Seattle), Corky Brown (So., Kirkland/Lake Washington), Harry Kanestrom (Jr., Olympia), Mark Ligman (Jr., Bremerton/Central Kitsap), John O’Neal (Jr., Seattle/Ingraham), William Rode (Jr., Espanola/Medical Lake), Brad Taylor (Sr., Kent/Jefferson) and coxswain Maureen Faires (Sr., Port Angeles).

Coach Fil Leanderson’s squad also participated in the Opening Day Regatta and hosted its own Invitational, both for the sixth consecutive season.

Men’s Track and Field

Clay Stenberg (Sr., Issaquah) placed sixth for the Vikings in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the NAIA national meet. Also participating in that meet were intermediate hurdler John Kotsogeanis (Jr., Bellingham/Sehome), who was eliminated in the quarterfinals, and distance runner Bruce Manclark (Sr., Tacoma/Lakes), who dropped out of the marathon after 15 miles due to an eye infection.

Western took second at the NAIA District I meet, its highest finish since 1968.

In that meet, Steve Menard (Sr., Oak Harbor) broke his own district record in the 10,000 meters as he won a fourth meet title. Another mark was established by Manclark in the marathon.

Eleven school standards fell, including three toppled by Manclark in the 5,000 meters (14:38), three mile (14:10.1) and marathon (2:22.30). Other record-breakers were Russell Coney (Fr., Seattle/Ingraham) in the 400 meters (49.2); Nick Roehl (Sr., Bellingham) in the 800 meters (1:53.7) and 1,500 meters (3:55); Kevin Lindsay (So., Issaquah) in the 110-meter high hurdles (9:14.2) and the 400-meter (43.6) and 1,600-meter (3:25.4) relay teams.

Golf

A runnerup finish at the NAIA District I meet was the lone disappointment in an otherwise outstanding campaign for Western’s links team.

Coach Jim Lounsberry’s squad participated in seven tournaments, winning three of them and placing second in the other four. The victories came at the Seattle University, Eastern Washington University and Viking invitationals.

Women’s Tennis

Western had its best dual match mark in six years, completing its season with a 5-5 record.

Baseball

The Vikings finished second (4-4) in the northern division of the Evergreen Conference. They had an overall record of 10-18, though nine of those losses were by one run.

Outfielder Kelly Smith (Jr., Longview/Mark Morris) was named to both the NAIA District I and Evco all-star teams for the second straight year.

Other all-conference selections from Coach Ralph Dick’s squad were the brother battery combination of pitcher Frank Lucarelli (Jr., Bellevue/Newport) and catcher Vito Lucarelli (Sr., Bellevue/Newport) and shortstop Marv McKenzie (Sr., Centralia).

Men’s Tennis

Western finished second (6-3) in the conference for the third straight year.

Coach Bill Maushak’s squad was led by number three Mike Hoefel (Jr., Spokane/Shadle Park), who had a 9-2 mark and reached the second round at the district encounter.

Women’s Track and Field

Distance runner Janet Pearson (Fr., Ferndale) set seven school records for the Vikings. They came in the 1,500 meters (5:18), two mile (12:10), three mile (17:46.5), 3,000 meters (11:24.4), 5,000 meters (18:18.6), six mile (39:39.09) and marathon (3:10:19).

Three other Western marks were established by sprinter Patsy Shannon (Fr., Enumclaw) in the 100 meters (12.4), 200 meters (26.6) and 400 meters (61.0).