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Alumni Association, WWU
Recent heat wave had nearly everybody on campus enjoying the gentle spray from Fisher Fountain.
Grant funds study of magnetic fields

Study of a rock formation in Antarctica by two WWU geologists may help explain why many planets have magnetic fields and others, such as the moon and Mars, do not.

Funded by a $40,680 grant from the National Science Foundation, the project is entitled: "Paleomagnetism and Magnetic Minology of Polarity Reversal Zones in the Dufek Intrusion, Antarctica." Working on the project are Western research associate Russell F. Burmaster and Dr. Myrl Beck of the Geology Department.

Burmaster, formerly of the University of Missouri, will arrive at Western in early September to begin preliminary work on the project. He and field assistant Steve Sheriff, a former Western graduate student and now a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Wyoming, will work at the Antarctic site from November through January.

Beck, who began studying the Dufek Intrusion nearly ten years ago, will assist in laboratory and analysis work at Western.

The project is expected to give scientists an explanation of what occurs when the earth's magnetic field changes, Beck said.

"We know that while this particular set of rocks cooled, some 170-175 million years ago, it was injected into the upper levels of the earth's crust in liquid form," Beck explained.

When the rock cooled or crystallized, it acquired a permanent magnetism in a direction parallel to the magnetic field of the earth at that time.

"Scientists know that when this particular rock formation cooled, the earth's magnetic field reversed itself at least three times," said Beck. "By analyzing samples from the parts of the rock body that were magnetized during these polarity transitions, we can tell what goes on during a change in the magnetic field," he added.

Funding of the project runs from May 1978 through October 1979.
The Western football team is seeking its third straight NAIA District I championship game appearance in 1978.

Another goal of the Vikings is to break the three-year stranglehold of Oregon College of Education on the Evergreen Conference (Evco) title.

Last season the Big Blue gridiron squad finished with a 6-4 record (tied for fourth among Northwest small colleges) and placed second (5-1) in the Evco.

Boyde Long is beginning his ninth season (34-39-1) as head coach and 13th overall at Western. He has 34 lettermen returning, including 14 first-stringers.

The offense should again be potent, directed by quarterback Dave Blue (So., Renton/Lindbergh). He ranked fifth among Northwest passers with 1,414 yards (96 of 209, STD).

His top target is wide receiver Hoyt Gier (Sr., Ferndale), who already holds school career records for most receptions (112), yards receiving (1,810) and TD catches (14).

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A two-time honorable mention NAIA All-American, Pat has run for over 100 yards in 13 games (20 total contests) the past two years. His career figures are 2,182 yards rushing, 17 touchdowns, 102 points scored and 2,824 yards in all-purpose running (includes runback yardage).

Another offensive weapon is Jon Christie (So., Bellingham), who set four school records as a place-kicker and punter. They included most consecutive point after kicks (24), punts (61), yards punted (2,155) and longest field goal (44 yards).

Three starters return in the offensive line, including tackle Rick Brudwick (Sr., Ferndale), center Bob Jones (Sr., Seattle/Highline) and tackle Mike Louthan (Jr., Chehalis/W.F. West).

The Viking defense intercepted a school record 27 passes, recovered 19 fumbles and blocked four punts last year.

Returning intact is the front four, led by All-Northwest tackle Rick Faupel (Jr., Bellingham). Though weighing only 162 pounds, he had 105 tackles and blocked a school record three punts.

Also back is second-team All-Evco end Doug Groves (So., Everson/Nooksack Valley), who had 64 tackles, including four quarterback sacks.

The linebacking corps is headed by Mike Marsden (Jr., Beaverton, Ore./Aloha), who missed most of last season with a knee injury. He had 49 stops in four games played.

Pacing the secondary are cornerback Tom Harmon (Sr., Spokane/West Valley) and safety Dan Hannafious (Jr., Seattle/Ingraham).

Harmon earned All-Evco honors as he intercepted five passes and participated in 71 tackles. Hannafious had three aerial thefts.

Top transfers arriving last winter and spring quarters included halfback Kevin Anderson (So., Anacortes) from the University of Idaho, tackle Mark Stokes (Jr., Sumas/Nooksack Valley) from Eastern Washington University, guard Jeff Sullivan (Jr., Forks) from Grays Harbor CC and end Brian Tiland (Jr., Anacortes) from Lower Columbia CC.

**WWU 1978 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

| Sept. 9 | Alumni | Bellingham | 1:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 16 | Pacific Lutheran University | Bellingham | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 23 | Pacific University | Bellingham | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 30 | Southern Oregon State College* | Ashland, Ore. | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 7 | University of Nevada/Reno | Reno, Nev. | 1:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 14 | Oregon Institute of Technology* | Bellingham | 1:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 21 | Oregon College of Education* | Bellingham | 1:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 28 | Eastern Washington University* | Cheney | 1:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 4 | Central Washington University* | Bellingham | 1:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 11 | Lewis and Clark College | Portland, Ore. | 1:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 18 | Eastern Oregon State College* | La Grande, Ore. | 1:30 p.m. |

*Denotes Evco contest. All home games played at Civic Stadium.*
Research
team studies
effects of
oil spills

At first glance, waterfront homeowners on Whidbey Island's western shore might have thought gold was discovered on their beaches this spring and summer. A dozen or so people were wandering around at various times with shovels, buckets, bottles, bags and strainers.

Though gold wasn't what they were after, the ultimate find eventually might be worth their weight in that precious metal.

The invaders were actually a research team from Western. And their main concern wasn't gold but oil, or rather the effects a sizeable oil spill would have on plant and animal life inhabiting the beaches.

The research is being carried out by Dr. Bert Webber of Western's Huxley College, under a $70,900 contract with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Undergraduate and graduate students from Western and other research professionals are working with Webber on the effort.

"It's a statistical certainty that a major oil spill will occur in Puget Sound someday," Webber said. "What isn't certain yet is the effect that spill will have on the marine environment."

Webber said there are three types of beaches on the section of coast they are studying from Admiralty Head to Deception Pass—sand, gravel and cobble. The researchers' task is to make the most complete survey possible of marine organisms inhabiting each beach type.

One key to the beach survey is the ability to work fast. Researchers begin at water's edge on a low tide. Using a surveyor's scope, a 50-meter segment of beach is divided into sections and staked at predetermined sampling stations.

With lapping water virtually always at their backs, the workers begin by taking samples of every visible living thing at each stake. Their finds are tagged as to location, bagged in a preserving fluid and shipped back to Huxley's lab for complete analysis.

The second step is to look beneath the surface by moving larger rocks and capture life not always visible to the casual observer, such as limpets, urchins, crabs and clams.

Most of the damage from an oil spill wouldn't be visible to the naked eye, Webber explained, other than the obvious black coat of oil over the beach surface. Nearly 90 percent of the organisms found on Whidbey's beaches are sensitive to toxic materials in oil.

And most of the organisms found on the beaches are less than a half inch in length.

Another point of conjecture is how long it takes beaches to recover from an oil spill.

"That depends on the kind of oil, the size of the spill and the kind of beach, among other factors," Webber said.

With completion of his study and others like it, scientists, government officials and others will be able to make a fairly precise estimate of damage to the marine ecosystem of a given beach should a spill occur.

Once analyzed in the laboratory, information gleaned from the survey will be stored in a computerized data bank where it will be easily accessible.

The contract is part of the federal government's Marine Ecosystems Analysis Program (MESA). Puget Sound was selected as an ecologically sensitive area in 1975 with increased interest in the area as an oil transhipment location.
Haggard estate presents Lincoln bust to University

Western’s Wilson Library, repository of more than 600,000 materials, last month gained a likeness of a famous American who also was a champion of books and learning.

A bronze bust of Abraham Lincoln from the estate of former Western president William Wade Haggard (1939-59) now graces a tasteful display case on the library’s second floor. The statue was presented to Dr. Paul J. Olscamp by Haggard’s widow, Rachel. Also at the ceremony was Dr. Haggard’s daughter, Mrs. Margaret Haggard Miller of Bellingham.

Created by Leonard Wells Volk, an American sculptor, around 1860, the beardless likeness of Lincoln was presented to Dr. Haggard on his departure as Western’s longest term president by the school’s Board of Trustees.

One of the trustees, Whatcom County Judge Marshall Forrest, in recalling the gift, said, “We all knew him well, liked him and respected him.”

A long-time Lincoln scholar, Haggard had kept the bust, which has a solid marble base, on the mantel in the recreation room of his Seattle home. An accompanying plaque, crafted at Western, is inscribed with Haggard’s favorite Lincoln quote: “With malice toward none; with charity for all…”

Mrs. Haggard, who has done considerable research and writing on Lincoln’s wife, the former Mary Todd, said the passage is from the 16th president’s second inaugural address.

She said some of her and her late husband’s most pleasurable moments were spent at the Library of Congress, where they were offered a rare invitation to study the original Lincoln documents. For Haggard, who received his doctorate from the University of Chicago and worked in the Joliet and Rockford, Ill., school systems, a love of the Great Emancipator came naturally.

“You couldn’t spend much time in Illinois as a scholar without becoming immersed in Lincoln,” Mrs. Haggard said. “One of our most fascinating trips was following the Lincoln trail from Kentucky to Illinois, where he began his law practice and rose to political fame.”

Dr. Thomas Schlotterback, chairman of Western’s Art Department, said Volk’s studies of Lincoln “formed the basis for most of the sculptural representations of Lincoln during the last of the 19th and through the 20th century.”

Demand for accountants up 16 percent

The demand for accountants will climb 16 percent over last year, making accounting the second most popular profession among employers.

A high 90 percent to 100 percent placement record for Western graduates indicates the school is competing well with the accounting market, said Louis Lallas, Western’s Career Planning and Placement administrator.

From this year’s 49,000 accounting graduates nationwide, 28 percent will be hired by public accounting firms, 30 percent will be absorbed by industry, and the government will take most of the rest.

The statistics come from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, which surveyed 516 colleges and universities across the country.

In selected financial salary comparisons between 1950 and 1980 conducted for the past 27 years by the Robert Half Personnel Agencies, salary levels are up and continuing to rise.

In 1950 the median salary for a neophyte public accountant (with less than one year’s experience) was $1,820 while a senior (with more than three years’ experience) commanded a median salary of about $5,500. Last year 1977 salaries reached almost $13,000 for the neophyte and $22,000 for the senior. For 1980, the first-year accountant will command $14,000 while the senior accountant will earn $27,000.

Whether the glamor of the accounting profession is in the money alone is debatable among professionals as well as students.

Lallas sees the appeal of accounting at Western as a profession offering students more than one alternative as a career. He said accounting offers students a chance to deal with the entire financial world after completing the required education.

“The job market is wide open for college graduates who maintain a high grade point average,” Ronald Savey, a Western faculty member in business, economics and accounting, said.

“Most of our graduates get jobs. Those who have looked for jobs in accounting and related fields generally find them.”

President Olscamp and Rachel Haggard.
O'Neil to retire after 28½ years

"Hailing from the Lynden community of tulips and wooden shoes, quiet, unassuming Bill O'Neil, president of the freshman class of 1939-40, has shoudered responsibility since his position as student body president in high school. Bill is dignified among strangers, carefully studious and popular...."

So said Western's 1940 yearbook, somewhat prophetically, of the man who, this August, retires after 28 years of shoudering a variety of responsibilities for his alma mater.

Hired in 1950 as assistant registrar, O'Neil later served as assistant director of personnel services, the first director of admissions, served as registrar, director of summer sessions, interim director of continuing education, and, for the past five years, as vice provost for academic administration.

O'Neil first came to Western as a student in 1939, only to have his education interrupted by World War II. Following a three and a half year tour in the Army, he returned to complete first his B.A. degree and later his Master of Education degree.

He remembers pre-war Western Washington College of Education as a campus of fewer than a thousand students, with most courses taught in Old Main. He recalls, too, President William Wade Haggard, whom he describes as "a man of great dignity and friendliness."

"He prided himself on knowing every student's name," O'Neil says. "I have very fond memories of him."

After receiving his degree, O'Neil taught for a short time before being appointed Whatcom County Superintendent of Schools, a post he held for two years. In 1950, he was invited to return to Western, this time to serve as assistant registrar. He later took a leave of absence to do post-graduate work at Washington State University.

On his return, O'Neil was appointed assistant director of student personnel services, a job he describes as "roughly that of assistant dean of students." He became Western's first director of admissions in the late 1950s, assuming duties which, until that time, had been handled through the Registrar's Office.

In 1963, he took on what he says was his most demanding job, that of registrar, a position he held until 1974.

"Those were the years of Western's dramatic growth," he says. "We were sometimes gaining a thousand students a year."

One person who worked with O'Neil during those hectic years calls him "an exceptional diplomat and always a strong advocate of students."

O'Neil's last years at Western have been spent directing summer sessions and continuing education, as well as assuming the duties of vice provost for academic administration.

"I've gotten satisfaction from all the jobs I've held," he says. "I enjoyed working with people and having them understand what kind of an institution this is. I like people-oriented situations. Of course, I've had to say 'no' to people a great many times, which isn't their favorite word. But I've made an effort to listen and to try to work suitable or satisfactory arrangements. You don't always have to pound a desk to get the job done."

O'Neil says of his retirement, "I'll see what happens. I don't really have specific plans. I just came to the conclusion that 28 and a half years in one place is long enough. If I get bored, I'll see if I can make it in the real world."

Another recent Western retiree, C. W. "Bill" McDonald, former vice president for student affairs and longtime friend, described O'Neil as "a great limerick man and one who's known to have an appropriate joke for every occasion."

"However," he continued, "some of his friends are concerned that Curly thinks he's a great singer and that's questionable."

McDonald noted, too, that O'Neil is the current president of the Bellingham Golf and Country Club despite being "a very sporadic golfer."

"Retirement," said McDonald firmly, "will probably improve his golf game."

Mayer is new Huxley dean

Dr. J. Richard Mayer, 49, has been named dean of Huxley College of Environmental Studies at Western. The appointment culminates a nearly year-long search which drew more than 100 applicants from around the nation.

Mayer, presently a research professor and director of the Environmental Resources Center at the State University College at Fredonia in New York, was to assume his duties at Huxley on July 15.

Mayer will, in his own words, "be beginning his fourth career" when he arrives at Western, having blended his academic career with positions in government agencies and private industry.

His past positions include those of research chemist for Sterling Drug Company in New York, assistant director and staff associate for the National Science Foundation's Science Facilities and University Science Development Programs and assistant director of the Atmospheric Sciences Research Center for State University of New York in Albany.

He also has served as lecturer at George Washington University, in Washington, D.C., and as special assistant to the president, State University College at Fredonia in New York.

Mayer is currently an adviser/consultant to the New York Sea Grant Institute, U.S. Filter Corporation and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. He has previously served in similar capacities for the Environmental Protection Agency, National Science Foundation and Union Carbid Corporation.

The author of numerous publications, reports and papers, Mayer also holds a patent for a substance used to control weeds in aquatic environments.

He received his bachelor of science degree from Union College in 1950, earned a master of arts degree from Columbia University in 1951 and was granted his Ph.D. from Yale University in 1955.

Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not; it is the first lesson that ought to be learned; and however early a man's training begins, it is probably the last lesson that he learns thoroughly.

— Thomas H. Huxley
Performing arts tour scheduled for September

The College of Fine and Performing Arts at Western has announced a ten-week study abroad program to take place during the coming fall quarter.

Students will be leaving from Vancouver, B.C., on approximately September 20. The program will end the third week in November at Stratford-on-Avon in England.

The schedule is divided into two parts: (1) a month's tour of France, Spain and Italy, visiting most of the famous galleries and museums; (2) a month in England living with British families in London, centering on the galleries in the afternoons and the theater, ballet, opera and concerts at night. Included will be a seven-day trip to Leningrad, in the Soviet Union, to visit the Heritage Museum.

It is possible to receive 15 credits in music, theatre/dance and art through this program.

The cost is $2,994.36 and includes youth air fare (round trip from Vancouver, B.C.), the bus trip of Europe, plane trip to Leningrad, home stays in London, theater tickets in London and Stratford, two meals a day for nine of the ten weeks and tuition fees.

For further information concerning this study abroad program, contact the College of Fine and Performing Arts, High Street Hall 41, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225, or call (206) 676-3866.

Varley will seek close liaison with legislature in new job

Close liaison with the Washington State Legislature for 1978 and beyond is assured with the appointment of C. Ray Varley as external affairs director for Western.

The announcement was made by University President Paul J. Olscamp, to whom Varley will report.

Varley was most recently a senior environmental engineer and project manager in the Salt Lake City, Utah, office of an international engineering/construction firm. In addition to various engineering management positions he has served as administrative vice president at the University of Utah, vice chancellor for business and finance at the University of California, Santa Barbara, an administrator for that state's Department of Public Works and cabinet secretary to a former governor of California.

The 56-year-old Salt Lake City native holds a civil engineering degree from the University of Utah and studied engineering management at the UCLA Graduate School of Business Administration.

"Mr. Varley has wide experience in state and academic administration and his role at Western will center on the research, communications and personal relations needed to explain a growing university's needs and mission to the State Legislature and government agencies," Olscamp said.

A former U.S. Navy officer, Varley said he intends to "become well acquainted with the campus and its people, and Washington's legislative process." Establishing a high "trust level" with the campus community and the legislature is another top goal, he added.

Active in environmental affairs and an outdoors enthusiast, Varley said he hopes to take some management courses from Western's College of Business and Economics and perhaps teach some environmental courses.

He won numerous community service and professional awards and developed environmental impact and preservation programs at the universities in Santa Barbara and Salt Lake City.

No pipedream but the start of creative glassware is the aim of Jonathan Block, who demonstrated his techniques near Western's Art Annex. Block, who again will teach glass blowing arts during Western's Summer Session, works with a small furnace that is capable of reaching the necessary temperatures in the 2,000-degree Fahrenheit range. Aside from some modern equipment, he said, "Nothing has changed in glass blowing since the Romans invented the blow pipe in 250 B.C."

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'25 BERTHA ENMAN has published her first book, The Days of Potatoes 'n' Gravy, which covers the history of potatoes and its people in the Klamath Basin.

'30 ALMA FENDER SAPPI retired in 1975 from the Sedro Woolley school system after teaching 42 years ... MARGARET FENDER WEED retired in 1977 from the Wenashee School District after 47 years of teaching.

'39 BARBARA KENNEDY WARREN is retiring after 22 years with the Albuquerque, New Mexico, public schools.

'57 HARRIET ROSS is teaching English and social studies in the Concrete School District.

'64 WILLIAM ROVICK is teaching at Sultan Elementary School. He has taught fourth, fifth and sixth grades there. He has also taught at Gold Bar, Tulalip and Startup.

'65 WILLIAM BLUNT instructs driver’s education, biology, earth sciences, seventh and eighth grade science and seventh grade math at Concrete High School.

'67 MARGARET HEINONEN is teaching English at a junior high school in Healdsburg, California.

'69 LARRY SEHMEL is teaching math at Butte High School in Arco, Idaho ... Page Osman and DANIEL STEINBORN were married in May in Seattle ... LOWELL P. LERWICK received an Ed.D. from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus, in March. He is presently a research associate in the Minnesota Research Center for Vocational Education at the University of Minnesota.

'70 GARY E. REED received an M.A. degree in police science and administration from Washington University in 1975. He is currently employed as an investigator with the investigative branch of the Washington State Employment Security Department.

'71 PRESTON BOYDE is a professional actor living in Baltimore. A fleeting glimpse of him as a cab driver can be caught in F.I.S.T. and a longer glimpse as one of the ambulance attendants in Alan Alda’s new film The Senator, to be released in spring 1979.

'72 Coast Guard Photo-journalist First Class ROY L. COMPTON, Jr., has reported for duty at the office of the Second Coast Guard District in St. Louis.

'73 LYNN HACKNEY GREEN received her MSEE at the University of Washington in June and is employed with the John Fluke Manufacturing Company of Mountlake Terrace ... Connie Henry and GORDY BROOKERMAN were married in March in Lynnwood. He is employed as a painter for Fred Olson Painting in Bothell ... ROXANE PARK and WAYNE LIEB were married in April. They are living in Walla Walla where she is a free-lance writer and he is an attorney with Prison Legal Services.

'74 WENDY FAIRWEATHER and David Picinich were married in April at Friday Harbor ... LYNN BOBBINK and CHARLES MINERICH were married in April in Blaine. They are living in Mount Vernon. She is employed by the Skagit Valley Herald, with Capitol Financial Services.

'75 KATHLEEN RAE McWILLIAMS and Richard Hawn were married in May in Port Angeles and are living in Lakewood, California ... R. KEITH DOBYSN graduated from the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Des Moines, Iowa, in May. He is serving a family practice residency at Hamot Medical Center in Erie, Pennsylvania.

'76 ROY GELDER is attending Northwestern University in the Graduate Management School. He is on a transportation center fellowship and will spend the summer working in the Traffic Department of Montgomery Ward Company in Chicago.

'77 PAMELA HALL is employed with the Washington-Alaska Blue Cross Association ... DAVID CUTBIRTH is news director at KLYN Radio in Lynden ... ED SATUSHIK is the service manager at Blythe Plumbing and Heating in Bellingham ... TAMMARA SAWHILL and JEFFREY PRICE were married in May in Seattle. He is in graduate studies at Seattle University ... BARBARA LYNN COWAN and THEODORE HARDMAN (’78) were married in April in Seattle ... CINDY LEE PIERCE and Jay Allen Ramsfield were married in February in Shelton where they are living. She is employed at Olympia Federal Savings and Loan Association and he by Nye Building and Plastering Supply Company.

'78 VICTORIA LEE McCLAIN and STEVEN CHRONISTER were married in April in Bellingham where they are living. She is employed by H&L Athletics; he is an assistant manager for McDonald’s Restaurant ... Louise Tappin and JOHN H. WALTON were married in April in Bellingham where they are living. She is employed by Northwest Women’s Clinic and he is self-employed.

Unclassified LAURA KAY KREMER and James Spore were married in Seattle In April and are living in Denver ... MARY MESSINGER and RICK MOSS were married in April and are living in Walla Walla where she is employed by the Black Angus Restaurant, he by the Washington State Penitentiary ... REBECCA NIEBERGALL and TODD BISHOP were married recently and are living in Bellingham ... LOREN PELKEY lives in Mount Vernon, where he is a piano technician. He tunes, reconditions and rebuilds pianos and pump organs in Skagit, Whatcom, San Juan, and part of Island and Snohomish counties ... STEVE ZUVELA is operations manager in Seattle by Prudential Lines, not part of Delta Line ... Diane Lou Parel and REDD HAMPTON were married in March and are living in Westport, where he is the skipper of the boat Comanche of Salmon Charters of Westport.

IN MEMORIAM

'18 MABEL MERCHANT WEAR, April 24.

Unclassified MELVIN GENE TODD, in April, in Sunnyside.


'33 KENNETH “MAC” MCDONALD, January 11, in Olympia.

Unclassified MELVIN GENE TODD, in April, in Sunnyside, of a heart attack.