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VIKING GRID HOPES UP—The superimposed drawing of brilliant wide receiver Hoyt Gier over Western football heroes of yesteryear captures the mood of Vik grid hopes this season as the Big Blue points for a league title. Former stars from top left clockwise are Tom Wigg ’74, Bob (Buck) Tisdale ’40, Steve Richardson ’67, Dave Weedman ’69, Tom Emerson ’58 and Fred Emerson ’59, Ric Randall ’71, Glenn Hadland ’72 and Frank Chorvat ’40. See story of Gier on page 2 and list of homecoming activities on pages 4 and 5.
By SANDY CATT

Western wide receiver Hoyt Gier does not put his desires and goals into numbers anymore.

The lone exception to that are the seven digits of his home phone number, which is a potential link to a professional football career. Through long-distance wires next spring may come word that he is among a select group of college seniors drafted by the National Football League.

"That is certainly a possibility," said Viking head coach Boyde Long. "A number of clubs have shown interest in him, including the Seattle Seahawks."

Gier has the statistics to draw a pro scout's attention. With one year remaining, he already holds school career records for receptions (112), yards receiving (1,810) and touchdown passes caught (14).

And his best efforts have come in crucial games. He had six catches for 86 yards and two touchdowns against Pacific Lutheran University in the 1976 NAIA District I championship game which was won by Western 48-28.

Last year versus nationally ranked Oregon College of Education, Gier made a half-dozen grabs for 124 yards and two TDs. That included a 70-yard scoring catch on the opening play of the game.

Standing at 6-2 and weighing 190 pounds, Gier has the size to play in the big leagues. And he has the love and dedication needed to make his NFL dream become reality.

"If I wasn't playing at Western, I'd be playing in a pick-up game in some backyard," said Gier. "It doesn't matter where to me just as long as I'm catching the football.

"The best feeling is right when you catch the ball. It only lasts a second, but it makes all the work worthwhile."

To improve strength and agility, Gier trains the year-round by lifting weights and running. He has trimmed his time in the 40-yard dash from 4.9 to a pro standard of 4.6 since his freshman year.

"There's only a certain number of things that can be done," Gier said, "but the more work put into them, the better the performance."

"A receiver doesn't do that much," added modestly. "He just runs out and catches the ball."

Gier makes pass catching look almost as easy as it sounds. He has caught at least one pass in all 27 games played at Western.

"He has that ability to get open," said Long, an all-conference receiver himself at the University of New Mexico. "That takes more than speed, more than thought. It takes talent and Hoyt has that talent."

One of Gier's strong points is his skill at catching a ball in a crowd of defenders.

"I can catch the ball in traffic because I've got it figured out," said Gier. "You're going to get hit whether you catch the ball or not, so I don't worry about it. I catch the ball."

Gier was a three-sport letterman at Ferndale High School, but his accomplishments did not receive more than casual attention from major universities. So he came to Western.

As a freshman, Gier made 32 catches for 468 yards.

The next season he pulled down 47 passes for 743 yards, both school records, as the Vikings finished 7-3 and won the district championship. That performance earned him All-Evergreen Conference and second-team All-Northwest honors.

Last year Gier caught 33 aerials for 599 yards and five TDs. Again he was All-Evco and All-Northwest pick as well as a district all-star.

Still, Gier realizes what is good at Western might not even rate a spot on the benches in the professional ranks.

"I never compare myself with those people playing above me and I won't until I have a chance to try that level," he said.

Only one other player in Western's history has been drafted by an NFL team. Former Viking defensive end Dave Weedman was a 12th round pick of the Washington Redskins in 1967.

Even if he is not selected, Gier has thoughts about trying out as a free agent.

Conceding that the free agent option is a tough one, the business administration major enjoys the prospect of competing for an NFL position.

"The worst it could do is push everything [business career] back a year. There really are no drawbacks," he explained.

After a pause, he added, "I'm going to run the best pass patterns and catch everything I can get my hands on.

"If there's someone watching me and I do good, that's great. But that's all I can do. It's a don't call us, we'll call you game."
Birch Bay band workshop

August was the occasion of Western’s 20th annual band directors workshop held each year at the Birch Bay Grange Hall. Some 125 school band directors show up for the annual gig traveling from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska and British Columbia.

Behind the gathering of all this musical talent is an opportunity to hear, play and adopt new music which has come on the scene during the preceding year.

A high point of this year’s band directors workshop was a special presentation to Lorris West, owner of Johnson West Music Service. West (shown at right) was presented with a wood carving of a salmon in appreciation for footing the bill for the workshop’s salmon barbecue for the past 20 years. Also shown is workshop director Jerome Glass (center), associate professor of music at Western, and Bob Duvall, director of the Bellevue Community Band and a 1957 graduate of Western. Duvall received a Citation of Excellence from the National Band Association at the workshop. Top photo shows group at work in Birch Bay Grange Hall.
HOMECOMING AT WESTERN: NOVEMBER 4, 1978

Football: Western vs. Central

Kick-off time is 1:30 p.m. at Bellingham’s Civic Field as the Viks take on Central in the most traditional of gridiron duels.

Tickets for the game will be complimentary for alumni who attend the post-game festivities back on campus.

The exciting running-back brotheer-act of Mike and Pat Locker, coupled with Hoyt Gier’s receiving skills, make the 1978 Vikings among the top performers in Northwest small college play.

Be on hand and scream your head off. □

Other things are a matter of timing

This first invitation to return to your campus is being presented in a partial vacuum. It’s summertime and the students are absent. We will try to update the day’s events in next month’s issue of Resume.

In the meantime, we want you to get the date on your calendar, get your reservations into the Alumni Office, WWU, Bellingham, Washington 98225, and write a note to your former roommate suggesting that she/he do the same.

Don’t put it off thinking that you have plenty of time. You have to do it now or you’ll forget. So get busy. □

Evening show

Following an afternoon of football, a morning of prowling the campus and a full stomach, a change of pace may be in order. The Western Theatre will present Shadowbox, the Pulitzer prize winning play from the 1976-77 New York season.

Tickets are $2.50 per person. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m. in the Main Auditorium of the Performing Arts Center.

Come see what they did with Old Main

For those who remember Old Main when it was Western, and for those who were students here during the many years that the Old Main renovation was under way, we have a special treat. Old Main is ready for public inspection, and we hope you will visit this magnificent structure.

Tours of the building will be self-guided and will depart from the Registration Center in the south wing, bottom floor. The building will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. □

TheSchedule for the Day

10:30 a.m. SAY HELLO TO OLD MAIN, Registration Center. (The perfect time to meet friends, check a few addresses from the alumni files, have a cup of coffee, etc.)

1:30 p.m. FOOTBALL: Western versus Central. Bellingham Civic Field, Lakeway Drive. Tickets included with dinner.

5:30 p.m. NO-HOST COCKTAILS, Viking Union 200.

7 p.m. THE GROANING BOARD BUFFET, Viking Union 200. $6 per person. Reservations need to be made by November 1.

8:15 p.m. WESTERN THEATRE PRESENTS SHADOWBOX, Main Auditorium, Performing Arts Center. Tickets: $2.50 general admission. Reservations should be made through the Alumni Office.

Welcome to the groaning board

As darkness closes the fall afternoon, the Viking Union will provide the site for no-host cocktails and dinner. Beginning at 5 p.m., Viking Union 200 (which in mid-week doubles as the Coffee Shop) will open its doors for all grads to discuss the game and thaw from the autumnal chill.

Dinner — a bountiful buffet guaranteed to please the most discriminating palate — will be served at 7 p.m. The price is $6 per person, and reservations must be made by November 1. (Please note that reservations for the buffet dinner entitle each person to a complimentary ticket for the preceding game with Central.) □

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Persons from UNCLE convene:
In search of the elusive neutrino

Some 40 scientists from around the nation convened at Western in August for a two-week workshop on cosmic ray physics and neutrino physics.

Called the men (and in some instances, women) from UNCLE, short for Underseas Cosmic Lepton Experiments, the scientists are updating their research and applications of the neutrino. A byproduct of fusion, neutrinos are emitted by stars and the sun and have been manufactured and detected in laboratories, according to Dr. Peter Kotzer, research professor, who chaired the meetings with Dr. James Albers, vice provost for instruction and planning at Western.

Kotzer, who has been involved in detection projects in the Bermuda Triangle, the Home Stake Gold Mine in South Dakota and more than a half dozen nations, said neutrino research is rapidly capturing the imaginations of other scientists.

"Since neutrinos pass through other matter, we can send them through the ocean or the earth's crust to measure tectonic plates, do precise measurements undersea and use them as a whole new tool for geophysics," Kotzer said.

The scientists said electron neutrinos, muons and a third subatomic particle still being identified have fantastic potential as future energy sources, vehicles for advanced communications and for testing the various laws of physics.

"Better understanding of the particles may yield clues for high-energy physicists studying the nature of matter, with possible implications in the physics of fusion energy," he said.

Western scientists, in cooperation with the University of Washington and several federal agencies, are placing neutrino detectors in Puget Sound to test the presence, strength and composition of cosmic ray particles. Kotzer and his colleagues hope they will "reveal some of the secrets contained in the mysterious but ever-present cosmic radiation principles."

He said neutrinos were suspected entities by some scientists until relatively recently.

"More than 1,000 neutrino reactions are detected daily through bubble chambers, spark chambers, drift chambers and other devices at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory near Chicago."

Under certain conditions neutrinos also make sounds which can be detected with hydrophones.

"It is now possible to listen to high-energy cosmic rays," Kotzer explained.

The conference was sponsored by the Office of Naval Research and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Pro staff center moves offices

The Education Office and the Human Services Office, previously located respectively at the Alderwood Manor Elementary School in the Edmonds School District and the Woodland Park Avenue location in Seattle, have moved their offices to a combined location at the Professional Staff Development Center, Western Washington University, 2000 N.E. Perkins Way, Seattle, Washington 98155.

The building where this center is located was formerly the Cedarbrook Elementary School in the Shoreline School District.

Telephone numbers are: Education Center, (206) 464-5808, SCAN 576-5808; Human Services Office, (206) 545-6634, SCAN 348-6634.

Additionally, the Human Services Program office in Bellingham, previously located in Edens Hall South, has moved to High Street Hall. The telephone numbers will remain the same: (206) 676-3190, 3191, 3192; SCAN 532-3190, 3191, 3192.

Merely having an open mind is nothing. The object of opening the mind, as of opening the mouth, is to shut it again on something solid.

— Philip Dormer Stanhope
Art of theatrical fighting is part of summer drama workshop

Armed with knives, swords and daggers, thespian students and teachers conducted daily combat scenes on the lawns of Western during July and August.

Under the instruction of David Boushey, 45 actors and actresses were learning the art of theatrical fighting.

Anyone involved in theatre could participate in the Western Drama Director’s Institute. The three-week instruction begins very slowly at first, Boushey said. Stage fighting can be perfectly safe, but you can get hurt.

“It is absolutely vital to choreograph a stage fight, just as you would a dance,” Boushey said.

Studying in Great Britain for three years, Boushey is considered a “master” of fence. According to Boushey, three principles are necessary to become a competent fight master—the ability to handle any type of weapon; a knowledge of the history of weapons; and a theatrical eye in building a fight scene.

“Being an actor myself,” Boushey said, “I know what to look for in a specific scene requiring a stage fight.”

Boushey has acted professionally in almost every theatre in Seattle, including the Seattle Repertory Theatre. He has also appeared on stage at the Morgan Theatre in Los Angeles and the Ashland Shakespearean Theatre in Ashland, Oregon.

The short-term workshop held between July 31 and August 5 combined intensive directing experience with laboratory demonstrations of actor-training techniques.

Daily sessions of a variety of 17 indoor and outdoor settings explored and experienced ways to answer the workshop question: “How do I achieve higher quality, more effective theatre for my time and effort?”

Combat fighting techniques taught included fencing and scratching. The two areas of combat fighting involve armed and unarmed fighting. While armed combat, such as fencing, requires a weapon, such as a sword, scratching involves hitting, slapping and pulling hair.

Common problems related to script selection, production planning, creative visual support and production styles were also considered. It was wished especially, however, to focus on that most essential creative task—working with the actor, Boushey said.

Boushey lives in Seattle and will teach at Shoreline Community College this fall.

Whit Hemion dies in crash

Whittaker (Whit) Hemion Jr., captain of the 1968-69 Viking basketball team and head basketball coach at Clover Park High School in Tacoma, was among six persons killed August 18 in the crash of a twin-engine Cessna carrying players to the Western Regional Slowpitch Tournament at Butte, Montana. The crash occurred near Anaconda.

The 31-year-old Hemion was a four-year Viking letterman and was graduated from Western in 1969 with a major in history. His brother Dave and sister Kathy also played basketball for Western.

Remembrances can be made to the Whit Hemion Jr. Memorial Fund, in care of the Business Office, Clover Park High School, District 400, Tacoma, WA 98499.
'49 ALBERT J. DE YOUNG retired July 1 after 29 years of teaching in the Sunnyside and Highline School Districts.

'50 LIONEL LIVERMORE has been a science teacher for nearly 30 years, the last 12 at Lower Columbia College.

'60 ERNEST S. GRAHAM has been promoted to the rank of full professor at the University of Puget Sound.

'62 NIGEL ADAMS teaches history at Green River Community College in Auburn.

'65 ROBIN BUCHAN presented a paper on staff development at the fourth international conference on higher education at the University of Lancaster, England, on August 29 and September 1. He is a member of the staff at Highline Community College where he served as chairman of the History Department until taking a leave last year.

'67 Navy Lieutenant Commander ROBERT E. GRAHAM, JR., has reported for duty at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station in Oak Harbor.

'68 DANIEL G. PUGERUDE has been included in the 1978 edition of Outstanding Young Men in America. He is presently attending Drew University on a full scholarship where he is earning his doctorate in theology. He will also teach classes in Hebrew.

'69 Captain SCOTT K. WILLIAMS has entered the Air Force Institute of Technology to study for a master's degree.

'70 CRAIG McCARTY has been appointed manager of LeRoy's Jewelers Inc.'s Lacey store at South Sound shopping center in Lacey. JACQUIE M. CRESS was married in May in East Wenatchee. They are living in Grass Valley, California.

'71 CAROL MOSTROM PAYDAR received her master of science degree in human resource management at the University of Utah in June.

'72 Coast Guard Photo-Journalist ROY L. COMPTON, JR., has reported for duty at the office of the 2nd Coast Guard District, St. Louis. HOLLY TEELA and MERRILL ADAMS were married in June in Bellingham. They are living in Bellingham where he is working at the Employment Security Division.

WILLIS ERICK ROTTMAN graduated magna cum laude from the University of Portland School of Nursing. He was named one of 10 outstanding nursing students in the nation and was the only one from the Northwest to be selected as a National League for Nursing summer fellow, a program to allow nursing students the opportunity to study and work full-time in health offices in Congress or the executive branch. REYNALDO PASCUA has graduated from the University of Washington in a master's degree program and is currently employed in Seattle as a caseworker for the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services.

'73 Air National Guard Staff Sergeant GARY J. LEGG has graduated at Sheppard AFB, Texas, from the USAF technical training course for cable splicing specialists. DON PALADIN teaches handicapped students at Mt. View Elementary School in Ferndale. JEANNIE RAY REISCHMAN teaches third grade at Orchard Heights in Port Orchard.

'74 Debra Besaw and RALPH NOVITO were married recently in Seattle where they are living. He teaches health and physical education in the Renton School District. JON ROBERTS is employed as a Walla Walla Community College media specialist.

'75 Barbara Stockman and LAURENCE HILE JR. were married recently in Tacoma. He is employed as a certified public accountant. BARBARA ROSE was recently granted a presidential internship that will put her through an intensive two years as a civilian "personnel management specialist" at the Army's Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, Virginia. VICKIE SAIMONS has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland, AFB, Texas. SUE BERRY and DEAN SANDER were married recently and are living in Seattle. She is an environmental consultant for Shapiro and Associates, Inc., and he is a sales manager for Kelly Goodwin Hardware Co.

'76 JOHN MANLY is the advertising manager for the Ketchikan Daily News. JEANETTE REINHOL and STEVE HOLMAN were married in May in East Wenatchee. They are living in Logan, Utah, where he is completing a master's degree in plant ecology at Utah State University. JULIE ANN STICKEL and Jerry Christopherson were married in April and are living in Bellevue. JOHN L. RITTER has enrolled at American Graduate School of International Management, Glendale, Arizona. KRISTIN M. WARNER has joined Kraft Smith, Inc., a Seattle-based advertising firm, as assistant art director.

'77 JUANITA HEWITT and Michael Rutzosky were married in May in Kent and are living in Summer. REBECCA ANN POPPE and DONALD SANFORD were married in June in Mount Vernon. They are living in Sequim where he is employed by Dunlap Towing as manager of the Blyn Log Yard. LISA CAROL BAKER and Paul Fisher were married in April in Forks and are living in Port Ludlow.

'78 Mr. and Mrs. ELLIOTT BONEM (MARILYN KROPH) are doing graduate work at Drake University. JERRY GALLWAY is doing public relations work for Kramer, Chin, and Mayo, Inc., an engineering and architectural firm in Seattle. BONNIE MAY is a management trainee for Jay Jacobs in Seattle. LISA GAIL WILSON and ROBERT MAURICE GREGG were married in June in Vancouver, Washington, and are living in Eugene. They are both attending Willamette University in Salem, she as an undergraduate and he as a law school student.

Unclassified SHERRIL HUFF owns a contract clerical service in Bremerton which emphasizes accounting and legal areas. WILLIAM GEER has retired as a counselor at Mount Si High School. SUSAN PATRICIA GREENE and STEPHEN DONALD JONES were married in January. LORIN LOVE is a librarian at Benjamin Rush Elementary School in Redmond. KATHLEEN PURCELL is vice principal of Kentridge High School in Kent. Patty Matsumoto and DENNIS ROBBEN were married in June and are living in Tacoma. GARY SCOTT is a business representative for Local 77 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. KATHLEEN ANN RICHARDSON and Timothy Wahlin were married recently in Gig Harbor and are living in Grass Valley, California. CAROL JO RYGG and Dwayne Carter were married in June in Mount Vernon and are living in Moses Lake. SCOTT STICKLIN is employed by the Seattle-First National Bank in Bellingham. DAVID TROTT has been appointed real estate loan officer for Bellingham National Bank. LORI VEATCH and Michael Brown were married in March in Longview and are living in Bellingham. COLEN VERNER has been appointed by the Spokane County Commissioners to the position of county coroner. GAIL L. BAILEY is working on an archaeological dig near Jerusalem. In the fall she will be in West Africa with the Peace Corps. MARYLON WOHLER is principal of Three Points Elementary School in Bellevue. LARRY CALAHAN has been promoted to quality assurance manager of the Davenport plant of Oscar Mayer & Co. DAVID GOSTNELL teaches developmental psychology at Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon.