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Western Washington University's 'Red Square' at night

SEASON'S GREETINGS
New guide designed to aid job hunters

Job searches in Whatcom County for graduates and students should be easier, thanks to a new guide compiled and published at Western.

The illustrated 114-page guide lists about 670 firms and agencies which responded to a comprehensive survey of companies and businesses in Whatcom County. Jean Herbold of the Career Planning and Placement Center, which developed the guide, said the listings should benefit graduates and students of Western, Whatcom Community College and Bellingham Vocational Technical Institute.

“I’ve wanted to do this for a long time,” said Herbold, who directed the eight-month project.

Funded by a grant from the federal Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA), the work consisted of surveys by a three-member team, which compiled the data, graphics by two students in Western’s VICOED program and publication at Western’s printshop.

The guide includes three major sections—an alphabetical listing of business and industry, occupational categories and groups, and listings of industries and agencies by their particular products and services.

Producing the guide’s 500 copies was costly so distribution has been restricted. Copies are available at participating companies and agencies, Western’s Wilson Library and the Career Planning and Placement Center, the downtown Bellingham Public Library, Bellingham Vo-Tech, Whatcom Community College and the Washington State Employment Service.

“We had almost 100 percent cooperation on the project by area employers,” Herbold said. “As far as we know, this is the first employment guide of its kind in the state and one of the few nationally to be funded by CETA.”

The guide covers a wide range of blue and white collar jobs, as well as positions requiring a strong academic and practical background. Employers responded on the type of workers they seek, how job seekers can contact them, levels of education required, methods used to announce job openings, market areas served and numbers of employees now on their payrolls.

Scores of occupations are listed—from accountants to writers—and the guide is cross-referenced to show the training or skills required by individual companies.

Herbold said the guide should not only benefit students and graduates but prospective employers as well.

Academic Advisement Center new

Current and prospective students at Western are now being offered a “one-stop” advisement and referral service through the new Academic Advisement Center on campus.

Located in Old Main 275, the center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Staff members include director Mary Daugherty, professional program adviser Kay Rich and six highly trained students.

The Academic Advisement Center deals with a wide range of problems and questions faced by students at various stages of their academic lives.

“We wanted to avoid the problems of students with questions or concerns being bounced from one department or office to another before getting an answer,” Daugherty said. “The Advisement Center is a good solution.”
Oral history program shows variety

Imagine being able to talk with people you normally only read about in history books. Sound impossible?

A recently released collection of interviews published by the Washington State Archives comes about as close to that feat as most of us will ever get.

Called the Washington State Bicentennial Oral History Collection, the interviews offer readers a look into the history of the "common man." And in many cases, that "common man" just may be your next-door neighbor.

Begun in 1975 as a Bicentennial Project and more than three years in the making, the result is 10,000 pages of transcripts and an accompanying collection of some 6,000 photos.

These published interviews have been broken down into five ethnic and geographic collections, appropriately indexed and reduced to microfiche for easy accessibility.

Included in the index are the Black Collection—69 interviews, Filipino Collection—53 interviews, Kittitas Collection—73 interviews, Pacific and Wahkiakum Collections—57 interviews, and the Whatcom Collection comprised of 41 interviews.

In Whatcom County, Dr. Don Eklund, professor of history at Western, directed the interview and transcribing process. This local effort has produced interviews with county residents on logging, fishing, mining, longshoring, railroading, lumber mill workers, entertainers and businessmen, from the 1900s on.

"Our first step was to make contact with individuals whose memories or experiences would add to the unwritten history of the area," Eklund said.

With those people identified, Michael Runestrand, then a history graduate student at Western, met with the individual for a "pre-taping" interview. Those sessions established the parameters of subject matter and stirred memories, Eklund said.

A second taping session was held for the actual interview. Completed tapes were sent to transcribers Glenda McLachlin and Ann Jones, who transcribed the spoken words.

"Mike probably did 60 or so actual interviews," Eklund commented. "Some didn't prove as interesting as we had hoped and others just didn't work out."

Eklund said the 41 interviews collected in Whatcom County, along with others from the rest of the state, will prove to be valuable tools to local historians, students and the general public.

Once the interview and taping process was complete, transcripts were sent to program coordinator Tim Frederick of the Washington State Archives in Olympia. There, the interviews were reduced to microfiche and copied for distribution to various areas of the state for use by the public.

Copies of the entire 293-interview collection are now available for use at three points in Bellingham—Wilson Library, the State Archives Regional Depository on campus and the Bellingham Public Library.

Persons interested in more information on the Washington State Bicentennial Oral History Project should contact James Moore, director of Western's Regional Depository located in the Commissary building on campus by calling (206) 676-3125.

Dillard fiction article draws attention in Harper's


Annie Dillard, scholar-in-residence at Western's Fairhaven College and a contributing editor of Harper's, has garnered a special center section of the magazine with her story titled "The Living."

Set in Port Hammersly on the Sheepskin River flats, north of False Bay, the story describes an early Washington port town populated by a man who ... "meant to observe and preside over the corruption of [another] man's spirit."

Richly illustrated with 19 engravings from the former Harper's Monthly, Dillard's account focuses on the dreams, motives and actions of two men—one who has vowed to kill the other. Lacing the dialogue are descriptive accounts of a town dominated by its natural environment.

"Daylight struck a wedge into the darkness and split it open like a log," is but one example of Dillard's ability to enliven her settings with natural images.

Winner of the 1975 Pulitzer Prize for her Pilgrim at Tinker Creek, Dillard recently was honored as one of Washington State's outstanding authors for her Holy the Firm.

She is teaching a "Techniques of Fiction" course this quarter at Fairhaven College.

Alumni board positions open

People with a desire to become active participants in the growth of Western, and in the future of higher education in general, can find a productive avenue in the Western Alumni Association.

Your Alumni Board welcomes inquiries about becoming a board member. If you're interested, contact the Alumni Office, Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington 98225, and a board member or a member of the office staff will provide you with more detailed information.
The students at the University of Indonesia in Jakarta will be talking about R. E. (Ted) Stannard Jr. for years to come.

A decision to cross cultural lines in accepting a Fulbright teaching position resulted in the first practical laboratory instruction implemented into the University of Indonesia communications department. With virtually no funds and the availability of only one typewriter, Stannard and the students in communications produced "KOMA, Dari Mahasiswa Untuk Mahasiswa," the first student newspaper concentrating on campus affairs.

Without funds for printing or production of a campus newspaper, Stannard realized the people would have to be brought to the newspaper, rather than the newspaper to the people. Thus, the name "KOMA," an acronym for "student newspaper." The subtitle, or motto of the newspaper, "Dari Mahasiswa Untuk Mahasiswa," means "From the students, for the students."

The two-page edition was posted where everyone would pass by and have the opportunity to read it.

Stannard, associate professor of journalism, scores a ‘first’ by publishing a student newspaper at the University of Indonesia.

by VAL VANCE
Public Information Newswriter

...THE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE TO BE BROUGHT TO THE NEWSPAPER, RATHER THAN THE NEWSPAPER TO THE PEOPLE...
nalism at Western, recently returned from his two-year professional leave to the fifth largest country in the world.

Originally intending to pursue field research in his niche of journalism, Stannard had difficulty employing the necessary research visa. Laws prohibiting research during the period before the national election forced him to wait.

The journalism department at the University of Indonesia in Jakarta, almost entirely lecture-oriented for over 15 years, offered virtually no practical news experience for students in communications.

All typesetting of the wall newspaper was done by the one available typewriter at first. Later a Tokyo correspondent of *Newsweek* donated a second typewriter and members of the faculty contributed three more.

For print to be seen when posted, the format was doubled and color photos added. The single edition was written, laid out, and made camera-ready, Stannard said.

Eventually, with advertisements, the newspaper became self-supporting. An ad by *Tempo*, the equivalent of *Time* magazine in this country, soon offered support.

The 30-person staff was so enthusiastic, Stannard said, that the students soon began devoting their weekends to the weekly newspaper.

"The students were very responsive to getting their hands on experience," Stannard said.

In addition to advising the student newspaper, Stannard also taught feature and editorial writing. He was assigned an assistant, an exceptionally talented and diligent young woman, Stannard said. She was responsible for feedback and critique concerning language, and Stannard concentrated on structure and content.

Attention to individual progress was rare for the students, Stannard added. The system at the university is compartmental and everyone studies and moves together as a class.

Like the Old-European system, students were encouraged to specialize right out of high school. In such a compartmental system, students are very limited to what they can become involved in, the Western professor explained.

Stannard offered his students an involvement and informality that they weren't used to. The learning process was two-fold in that Stannard was also learning about his own teaching techniques.

The textbooks were written in English. Although expected to, few students were able to read fluently. Stannard's own Indonesian was a bit rusty, so when he couldn't find the right Indonesian word or phrase to get his point across, he would ask his students. A mutual search for translations that were relatively tradition-culture free brought Stannard and his students closer together.

Born overseas and raised in China, Stannard from 1959 to 1961 worked for the United Press International (UPI) in Pakistan. He met his Indonesian-born wife, Femmy, while working in Indonesia from 1961-64.

Undergraduate work in Far East studies and graduate work concentrating primarily on Indonesia increased his ability to adjust and adapt to the country and people during his recent visit.

"It became necessary to re-evaluate not only my teaching methods, but also myself as a person. There are a lot of ways that a person can be powerfully insulting to the Indonesians without even knowing it," Stannard said.

"The time I spent in Indonesia was a refinement of the ability to see what is going on in my own country."
Federal government uses Mazur's information

Dr. Peter Mazur is not your ordinary detective or secret agent type. But information he has compiled over the last ten years on life in the Soviet Union is used extensively by the federal government and other social scientists.

In place of James Bond-like mini cameras, gas-spraying watches and nail-spritting cars, Mazur relies chiefly on the official Russian census reports.

The reports themselves are of only partial interest to Mazur. The Western sociology professor also is intrigued by what isn't in them.

"The official Soviet government reports are accurate, as far as they go," Mazur said. "But when compared to similar documents released by other countries, gaps and blanks in certain areas of Soviet life become apparent."

Those missing statistics and their long-term effect on the socio-economic development in the USSR are of major concern to Mazur. He recently received a $41,755 grant from the National Science Foundation to fund the first year of his current project: "Demography of Ethnic Groups in the Soviet Union."

Of particular interest to Mazur is the lack of data on population changes—statistics on fertility, mortality and migration in the Soviet Union.

"Mortality data by causes of death is not published in the Soviet Union," Mazur explained. "And, while it is known that parts of Central Asia have a very high birth rate, death registration in those areas proves unrealistic when compared to reports published by other countries."

To get around this lack of information, Mazur uses indirect research methods, taking data that is provided and filling in the blanks through use of projected computer models.

Russian scholars are well aware of indirect research analysis methods, Mazur said. However, official restrictions on dissemination of complete information prohibit them from employing those methods.

Under his grant, Mazur is studying the internal migration patterns of 90 ethnic groups in the Soviet Union. He also plans to investigate differences in the average family size among 50 to 60 ethnic groups. Then he will assess ethnic fertility and mortality levels by constructing a series of generational life tables for the USSR.

Though he has studied various aspects of Soviet life for more than ten years, Mazur made his first in-person trip to Russia last year.

He said his future research will help answer some questions he encountered on his visit, such as why there was a fruit shortage in Moscow during the peak of the Russian fruit harvest.

He suspects that Russian laborers refuse to migrate from areas with low employment to areas where work is abundant. His research should help support or reject that theory, he says.

In addition to census reports, Mazur relies on other statistical abstracts published in Russia and elsewhere. He also corresponds with Soviet demographers.

Mazur recently completed a study grant at Stanford University's Hoover Institution prior to a six-month professional leave. During that leave, he traveled to his native Poland for four months and to Russia for two months.

A member of the Warsaw resistance movement during World War II, Mazur immigrated to the U.S., via England, as a student in 1949. He received his doctorate degree in 1960 from the University of Washington and joined Western's sociology faculty that year. □
Report on meeting of Alumni Board

The 35 individuals who comprise the Western Alumni Association's Board of Directors met on campus October 21 to conduct the first of three business meetings to be held during the academic year.

Among the major items of discussion was a proposal for the association's Committee on Member Services, chaired by Mike Kimmich, '70, Bellingham.

Kimmich's report called for a three-part program of expanded services. First, an enhanced alumni travel program would offer three quality trips each year. The trips would cover a broad spectrum of prices and locales in an effort to meet the needs of as many alumni as possible.

Second, of a more direct commercial nature would be the Alumni Association's taking responsibility for the cap and gown services at Western. Currently handled by the Co-op Bookstore, the cap and gown market could provide some additional revenue for alumni services and would do so at a time students were making the formal transition from student to alumnus/alumna.

In his report, Kimmich noted that other types of items might be sought by alumni, such as T-shirts, display items and other memorabilia. This third area will come under increased study, with implementation being set for about 1980.

In other areas, Association President Geri Van Zanten, '61, Bellingham, reviewed the association's position within Western's new governance system and the activities with the Western Foundation, of which she is a member.

The board adopted a policy with regard to supporting alumni activities which were not under the board's direct sponsorship. In essence, the policy states that support will be provided only for those activities which the Executive Committee, of the full board, has approved in advance. In cases where approval is granted, it will be with the express understanding that the event will enhance the association's other programs and could become part of those, if successful.

The board also decided to provide on-going support to campus sports programs which provided for direct participation by alumni. The alumni-varsity football, basketball, cross-country, wrestling, crew and track contests were among those which would be supported under the policy.

At each of its meetings, the board invites campus representatives to discuss their particular area of responsibility. Dean Phil Ager of Fairhaven College and Dean William Gregory of the College of Fine and Performing Arts discussed their respective units at the October 21 meeting.

The next meeting of the board will be held in Edmonds on January 27 and is tentatively planned for Doce's Furniture community meeting room, 24111 Highway 99. All alumni are invited to attend.

Some 900 persons attended Homecoming/Parents Day November 4 on the WWU campus. Above photo shows President Paul Olscamp extending greetings to some 600 visitors in the Concert Hall of the Performing Arts Center. Parents and alumni had an opportunity to talk to the President and the deans of the collegiate department units during the morning and early afternoon. Among the featured activities of the day were a visit to Old Main, recently refurbished, and the annual gridiron battle between the Vikings and the Central Wildcats, which was won by Western, 23-7.
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