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'Row-a-thon' raises more than $10,000 for crew

Identical strokes for different folks was the order of the day Nov. 11 as members of the Western men's and women's rowing teams braved the elements to raise nearly $10,200 in the school’s first-ever “Row-a-thon.”

By day’s end, four boats of veteran men and women rowers had logged 30 miles each for a 120 mile total. Newcomers to the crew program this year also took to the task by stroking 80 additional miles.

Western crew coach Fil Leanderson said some of the money pledged was for individual performances and the rest for the team effort.

“It was a great effort by both the rowers and those who pledged money,” Leanderson said. He added that the day also served as a “good warm-up” for the coming crew season.

Proceeds from the Row-a-thon will go toward purchase of an eight-oared shell costing about $6,500. The rest will be used to purchase between 25 and 28 new oars which cost around $135 each, Leanderson said.

The Western men’s and women’s rowing teams share equipment and travel together to participate in regattas. The Western Foundation coordinated the over-all pledge effort, providing follow-up service and mailings.
Grant (BEOG). financed basic and upper-educational percent more students than last year is a student loans. income families also qualify for interest benefits on guaranteed student loans.

Passage of the Middle Income Bill also was good news to the nation's college and university financial aid officers. But gearing up for the paperwork involved with processing up to 50 percent more students than last year is a big order.

At Western, for example, Financial Aid Director Wayne Sparks expects to process approximately 2,000 applications for BEOGs for next year, an increase of about 50 percent over last year's 1,300.

The federally funded BEOGs are combined with college-based federal programs such as Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, National Direct Student Loans and Work Study Programs when assembling students' aid packages.

Sparks said the Middle Income Bill also expands eligibility for interest benefits on the Federally Insured Student Loan, removing the $25,000 income ceiling which had been in effect.

Under that program, students seek out private lenders to obtain loans while they are in college. The loans carry a seven percent annual interest rate and the federal government pays the interest until the student is out of school for nine months or more.

Sparks warned that passage of the Middle Income Bill will not necessarily mean an increase in availability of federally insured loans.

"Many banks have stopped making these loans altogether and others have severely cut back the amount of money they are willing to put out under the program," Sparks said.

Reasons given most often for banks not participating, Sparks said, are the administrative problems associated with the program and a low rate of return.

"In the past it has sometimes taken months for private lenders to get money back on delinquent loans under the federal guarantee," he said. "That's a long time to have money out with no return coming in."

The most readily available funds stemming directly from the Middle Income Bill will be in the form of BEOGs with their expanded income guidelines. Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants and College Work Study Programs also received significant additional funding under the bill.

Though the bill officially becomes law in January, it won't affect student aid packages until next fall (the 1979-80 school year). Expanded eligibility for interest benefits on guaranteed loans became effective Nov. 1, 1978.

Students planning on entering college or continuing their education next fall should contact their college financial aid office between January and April to obtain application forms.

Cooley returns to Western as business manager

Jack E. Cooley, who held financial planning and business positions at Western from 1968 to 1976, has returned to campus as the University's business manager.

The announcement was made by Donald H. Cole, vice president for Business and Financial Affairs, to whom Cooley reports.

Since February, 1976, Cooley has been budget director for Washington State University. At Western in his new post as business manager he is responsible for managing the University's Business Services Division.

Reporting to Cooley, 38, are maintenance and operations; facilities development; housing and dining; safety and security, and purchasing and stores, which includes Western's communications, printing and duplicating operations.

Cooley earned a master of public administration degree in 1964 from the University of Washington and a bachelor's degree in 1962 from Linfield College at McMinnville, Ore.

Cole said Cooley's job is "to assure that all services are provided to support the institutional goals. He also will be responsible for Western's liability insurance and property management programs."

Cooley and his wife Nancy have two children.

Legislators will ponder raise in tuition, fees

Western students may be faced with higher tuition and fee bills when they return to campus next fall if Washington legislators approve a proposal by the State Council for Postsecondary Education (CPE).

At their December meeting in Pullman, the council approved by a 4-2 vote a proposal to increase fees charged students at state-supported schools by as much as 14 percent. Tuition itself was not increased.

Students attending Western, Eastern and Central Washington universities and The Evergreen State College would pay an additional $66 a year under the recommendation.

Fees for students attending the University of Washington and Washington State University would rise by $81 while costs for students at community colleges would go up by $39. Graduate students and non-residents also would pay higher tuition and fees under the proposal.

The council's proposal will remain just that for now. It would not go into effect until approved by the legislature in the upcoming session.

Riehl one of 17 picked for workshop

Dick Riehl is among 17 admissions officers and registrars from colleges and universities around the nation selected for a Feb. 1-21 workshop on educational systems in several Southeast Asian nations.

Riehl, admissions director at Western, will be part of a four-person team assigned to Singapore and Malaysia. Other teams will study educational systems in Hong Kong and the Philippines.

Research by the participants will be compiled in a reference work for admissions officers and registrars throughout the U.S. to help in the admission and placement of students from the Asian countries.

The U.S. Department of State and the Philippine government will fund the workshop. The sponsors are the American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) and the National Association of Foreign Student Affairs (NAFSA).
Western expects to continue growth pattern

Western expects to continue its pattern of "consistent moderate growth" while striving to maintain quality educational services.

In his November report to faculty, University President Paul J. Olscamp emphasized that Western's funding, which is mainly based on a formula linked to enrollment, could be based on state Office of Financial Management (OFM) limitations.

For example, Olscamp said the OFM has forecast 9,663 full-time students for 1980, compared with Western's projection of 9,914; for 1981, OFM favors funding the University at a 9,838 student level, while Western's forecasters expect an enrollment of 10,092.

Olscamp said OFM's figures, if allowed to stand, could constitute unofficial enrollment limits since the University could not afford the lower funding for the enrollment it expects while maintaining the quality of its academic services.

He said University administrators, alumni and students would be contacting legislators during the 1979 session to provide supporting evidence for the University's budget requests. Western seeks $67.7 million for operating expenses for the coming biennium and about $19.5 million for capital improvements.

Olscamp said the state Council of Presidents has recommended a 12 percent salary increase for faculty members at Western and the other four-year higher education institutions for 1979-80 and an additional seven percent for 1980-81.

Western's president also said the University could do more to live up to the principles of affirmative action.

"Female and minority faculty have not been sought out," he said, adding that Western has a "moral right and a legal requirement" to do so in filling positions.

He said departments should be more flexible in applying hiring criteria to qualified job applicants in minority groups.

"We hope to do a better job from now on," Olscamp said.

Olscamp said he would not support a Council of Postsecondary Education (CPE) recommended tuition and fees increase unless the higher costs are tied to increased services for students.

He said he continues to oppose the CPE's call for a year's delay for Western's proposed nursing program because the program already is well planned and the delay would mean $50,000 in additional planning costs.

Olscamp also said he would support measures to allow faculty members to decide whether they want collective bargaining.

Some "advanced thinkers" are of the opinion that anyone who differs from the conventional opinion must be in the right. This is a delusion; if it were not, truth would be easier to come by than it is. There are infinite possibilities of error, and more cranks take up fashionable errors than unfashionable truths.

— Bertrand Russell
Western's Peace Corps rep speaks from experience

If you seek adventure, don't mind working for subsistence wages, have exceptional physical and mental fortitude, and care about people, Emmett Garbett wants you.

Garbett is the Peace Corps representative at Western Washington University.

A Peace Corps veteran himself, serving two years teaching English in the northern Ethiopian village of Lalibela, Garbett signed up 19 candidates from Western last year.

Those 19 candidates out of a school with nearly 10,000 students contrast favorably with the University of Washington, which signed up 10 students out of an enrollment of 35,000 during the same period.

"Western has always been a good Peace Corps school," Garbett said. "There are usually 15 to 20 applicants generated here each year."

He said many Western students are "into experiencing different lifestyles and are less career-oriented immediately after graduation."

Garbett's own Peace Corps experience makes him a knowledgeable source for prospective volunteers. He also can call on some 30 returned Peace Corps volunteers living in the Bellingham area. Applicants interested in various countries can spend an evening with one of those volunteers, viewing slides and asking questions.

Peace Corps applicants are evaluated on such factors as practical skills, physical and mental endurance, exposure to different cultures, and ability to adapt to unusual living conditions.

After a three-to-six-week evaluation period, candidates are invited to join the corps, Garbett said. About one month later, assignments are made and trainees receive 10 weeks of training in language, culture and basic skills in the country where they will serve.

Statistics supplied by Garbett show that there were 6,889 Peace Corps volunteers and trainees in 63 countries as of August, 1978. The average age of volunteers is 27, with males comprising about 60 percent of the force.

Garbett said he's still benefiting from his two years spent with the corps during 1973-75. The Peace Corps is financing his work toward a master's degree in exchange for his coordinator duties—three hours a day—at Western.

"I believe strongly in the Peace Corps," he said. "Volunteers have a lot to give and even more to gain from the experience."

Georgia-Pacific interested

Proposed research project would include local industry

Students would gain environmental and business management experience under an imaginative project involving two colleges of Western and the local division of Georgia-Pacific Corp.

Announcement of a proposed research project involving the University and company was made by Dr. J. Richard Mayer, dean of Huxley College of Environmental Studies, Dr. Robert P. Collier, dean of the College of Business and Economics, and John M. Dunkak, vice president of the G-P Division at Bellingham.

Mayer said the organizations are seeking a $15,971 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to investigate the potential environmental and economic uses of primary sludge, a waste material of G-P's pulping operations.

If approved by NSF, the joint academic-industry project would begin next June 25 and involve six students from Huxley and Western's College of Business and Economics, and four students selected from other colleges and universities in the Northwest. The students would be divided into five two-person teams for the ten-week project and work under the supervision of two G-P engineers and four faculty members from Huxley and Western's College of Business and Economics.

Mayer said the students, all seniors and selected for their classroom and other abilities in science and business, would each be paid $1,000 for the research, which would be divided into five phases. They also would receive up to five credit hours of 400-level undergraduate studies.

"We want to establish a whole new posture," Mayer explained. "We want to interact with the business community and be more involved with community service."

Collier said G-P daily produces about 20 tons of dry primary sludge which has potential as building insulation, soil nutrient and other purposes.

"An estimated 500 tons of sludge are produced daily by all pulp mills in the Northwest," he added, "and that total doesn't include a great number of other manufacturing plants that also have sludge as a byproduct."

He said G-P and other area industries provide ideal laboratories for enabling industry and academic experts to guide students on projects of benefit to the community.

Future business managers will have to be more environmentally aware in the years ahead and prospective decisionmakers in environmental areas must become more management and cost conscious.

Collier said the project would provide outstanding students with funds to continue their studies and valuable contacts with industry.

"They will have opportunities to publish their research in scientific and management journals, and generate interests in future graduate school projects," he added.

Assisting Mayer and Collier on the project will be G-P's Edwin H. Dahlgren, manager of engineering services, and Richard K. Youngberg, manager of technical service. Faculty from Western include Dr. Thomas F. Tabasz, associate professor of economics, and C. Ray Varley, former engineering consultant and Western's new director of External Affairs.
Western grad works on new park sculpture

Michael Hovey, a 1977 Western graduate, works on a series of rock sculptures at Bellingham's new waterfront park. The park will run from State Street to the water, a view familiar to many Western alumni. Hovey is a CETA program employee with the City of Bellingham.
The combining of responsibilities for Summer Sessions and Continuing Education at Western under a new vice provost for academic administration was announced at Western recently.

Dr. James Talbot, vice president for academic affairs and provost, said Mary R. Robinson has been named a vice provost, one of two at Western.

Robinson, currently associate dean of students, was interim vice president for student affairs for the 1977-78 academic year. She was selected from approximately 80 candidates in a year-long search.

"Mary's administrative background makes her a natural for this post," Talbot said. "Everyone here realized what a fine job she did as a vice president last year."

Robinson, who reports to Talbot, now has responsibility for Western's Summer Session, the Center for Continuing Education and its allied Foreign Studies Program, and for various college catalogs prepared by the University's Publications Office.

She succeeds William O'Neil, who retired last October as vice provost and head of Summer Sessions.

Robinson, who also has served as Western's first affirmative action officer, has a bachelor's degree in sociology from Duke University and a master's in student personnel administration from Columbia University.

The Ashtabula, Ohio, native came to Western in 1969. She had served nine years as dean of women at American University in Beirut, Lebanon, and held a similar position at Eastern Washington State College from 1952 to 1960.

She also was assistant dean of women and an assistant professor at Oregon State University, a house counselor and student adviser at Duke and served as a member who died of cancer last year. A trophy was awarded to the winners of that event. The varsity shell in the lightweight race also beat two alumni boats.

Basketball

Mike Bohannon canned an eight-foot jumper with three seconds left to snap a 95-95 tie and lead the Western men's varsity basketball team to a 97-95 triumph over the alumni at Sam Carver Gymnasium.

Bohannon finished with nine points and 16 rebounds, but the big heroes were guards Kevin Bryant, who had 31 points, and Rohn McCoy, who had 24 points and pulled down 12 rebounds.

The alumni, who trailed 59-48 at halftime, pulled to parity with three minutes left, were led by Bob Nichol with 22 points. Mike Clayton had 18 points, while center Rob Visser scored 15 and had 11 rebounds. Guard Chuck Price had 14 points.

Also scoring for the alums were Mike Buzza 6, Neal Larson 6, Dick Bissell 4, Craig Nichols 4, Velko Vitalich 2, Scott Stetson 2, and Dave Hemion 2. Forward Chip Kohr chipped in nine rebounds.

At the contest Coach Chuck Randall announced that the Captain's Award given out annually to a member of the Viking varsity will henceforth be called the Whitaker Moss Hemion Award in honor of the former Western ballplayer who died in a plane crash last summer.

Wrestling

Varsity and alumni tied 23-23. Alums taking part were Steve Wiles, Jack Weber, Coretta Batten, Tom Triplett, Mark Sencenbaugh, Karl Keraker, Lee Andersen, Dan Gilley, Jeff Michaelson, Hiromi Nara, Tom Weinheimer, Mark Reimen and Mike Clark.
Jan Johnston is key to women's cage hopes

Much depends on the performance of center Jan Johnston if the Western women's basketball team is to challenge for the AIAW Region IX championship this year.

"She's very important to us," acknowledged Coach Lynda Goodrich. "We're keying our inside game on her. We've got some fine outside shooters, but you must have a strong inside attack to open them up. Jan is it."

Last season Johnston was third on the team in scoring (288 points, 9.9 average) and second in rebounding (270 total, 9.3 average).

The 6-1 junior shot a school record 54 percent from the field, breaking her own mark of 49 percent set the previous campaign.

"Offensively, she's the best post player I've had," stated Goodrich. "She's always had fine shooting touch and has developed good moves. If we can get the ball into her, I believe that she can score on anyone."

Johnston also can hold her own at the other end of the floor.

"Jan has really improved on defense," Goodrich said, "especially her quickness and concentration. She does a particularly good job of blocking out."

Johnston came to Western from Bellingham's Sehome High School. There she lettered three years for the Mariners, but was hampered for two of those seasons by the restriction which limited the women's team to only three contests.

That rule changed her senior year and she earned all-league recognition, averaging 11 points a game.

"I chose Western because I knew it had a good basketball program," explained Johnston, "and I felt that I could improve my playing ability there."

Johnston was gradually worked into the Viking program, seeing only limited action the first half of her initial year.

"Jan lacked confidence as a freshman," Goodrich said, "so we brought her along slowly in the beginning. As she learned the system, she became more sure of herself."

Western began that season with an 8-5 mark. Needing height, Goodrich inserted Johnston into the starting lineup. The team responded to that move and a couple of other changes by winning 13 straight games, including the regional championship, earning a berth in the AIAW national tournament.

During that streak, Johnston averaged 9.8 points and 12.3 rebounds a game, shooting 51 percent from the floor.

She scored 16 points (made six of seven field goal attempts) and hauled down 15 rebounds as the Vikings defeated Boise State University 76-68 in the title contest.

"It was kind of hard to just step in and I hoped that I wouldn't make any mistakes," Johnston recalled. "And then to win the regionals, that had to be one of my biggest thrills ever."

Johnston continued to show improvement last year as a sophomore. Western finished with a 16-13 record and placed fifth at the regional get-together.

="It was really frustrating at the beginning," said Johnston. "Then we pulled it together, but just a little too late."

This season the psychology major, who possesses a 3.4 grade point average, is looking to put it all together.

"She played really well at the end of last season," Goodrich said, "and has worked hard all spring and during the fall. I feel that it's going to really pay off for her."

Johnston puts it even more firmly, saying, "I want to make my presence known."
ROLL CALL

'26 FRED A. BUMGARNER retired in 1969 after 30 years of teaching, the last 19 at Burlington.

'36 VERA K. EASTMAN, veteran Yakima teacher, was honored at the centennial year commencement exercises of the Gamma Sigma Gamma, education honorary. She was charter president of Yakima's Theta Chapter in 1942. After 48 years of teaching, she has retired.

'56 FRANCES CURTIN retired in June after teaching junior high school in the Novato Unified School District in Novato, Calif., for 22 years.

'60 LEE R. MANN is a photographer and owner of the NorthWest Exposure photographic gallery in Bellingham.

'61 BARBARA BUMGARNER ROBINSON is teaching fourth grade in Sedro Woolley.

'64 CHARLES C. KLEIN is music director at Hudson's Bay High School in Vancouver, Wash. . . . CHARLOTTE HARTMAN teaches first grade at Williams Heights Elementary School in Camas.

'67 DEBRA WARD is a corporate researcher with Boise Cascade in Seattle.

'68 VICTOR J. MYERS, of V. Jack Myers' Hearing Instruments in Yakima, has been elected president of The Guild of Hearing Aid Dispensers. The main objectives of this guild are to continue education, high standards in business practices and professional responsibility . . . Navy Lieutenant Commander BRUCE HOELLER is currently attending the Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island.

'70 CHERYL WAHLGREN FLOE, a title I math teacher, is teaching at both Mossyrock and Morton.

'71 DOUGLAS GRAVES received his M.Ed. degree in August 1978 from the University of Washington and is living in Bellingham. He is also employed at Mt. Baker High School where he is involved in vocational education in special education . . . ROBERT HICKS is arts and entertainment editor of the Portland Journal . . . Navy Lieutenant WILLIAM H. EVANS has completed the Aviation Safety Command Course at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. It is designed to train senior officers in the procedures for conducting aircraft accidents investigation and the methods for conducting effective aircraft accident prevention programs.

'72 HOWARD PLUMLEE is a vice president and member of the board of directors of Hartley and Nixon, Inc., in Long Beach, Calif. . . . Mr. and Mrs. GREGORY FRANZEN (CAROL ATEBARA, '71) are living in Poway, Calif. He is manager and test consultant at Educational and Industrial Testing Service in San Diego. She is a teacher of speech/drama/English and is freshman football coach at Poway High School . . . MARGARET STAUFFER and K. Lane Williams were married in September on Mercer Island. They are living in Seattle where she is employed as a graphics artist . . . KATHI HALLBERG is working as an SLD teacher at Landgren Christian Academy in Kent . . . SUSAN TIBBLES and Thomas Conway were married in October and are on a Campus Crusade for Christ assignment in Nairobi, Kenya . . . FRANCES RUIZ DAISY is a therapist at the Seattle Indian Health Board.

'73 Ann Kiefer and JEFFREY CONNEL were married in September on Longview where they are living. He is employed by Weyerhaeuser . . . GEOFFREY MOORE has joined J. J. Sleavin & Associates, Inc., in Seattle.

'74 EDWARD BACHMANN received his master's degree in education communications from the University of Washington and is presently the audiovisual director at Seattle University . . . Madonna WEBSTER and DENNIS NEELY were married in October in Okanogan. She works for the Okanogan-Omak Meadowmoor Dairy . . . JOSEPH and LESLIE (72) DEMARTE are living in Auburn where she is teaching second grade at Pioneer Elementary and he is an accounting operations manager at Nordstrom, Inc., in Seattle . . . Anne Bartholomais and RICHARD G. ROFF were married in August in Edmonds and are living in Renton. He is sports editor for The Enterprise Newspaper in Lynnwood.

'75 GREG WARD is a building management assistant, operations branch, with the General Services Administration in Auburn . . . JAMES HOTVET works for the Travelers Insurance Company in West Hartford, Conn., as an actuary . . . THOMAS BILLINGS is a free-lance writer in Portland, Maine. He recently published in Phi Delta Kappan . . . WILLIAM CONCEPCION is employed as a planner by the Bureau of Planning, U.S. Territory of Guam . . . LINDA-JEANNE WHITCHER and Greg Rohrer were married in October in Tacoma where they are living. She is employed by Land Title Co. there.

'76 ROLIN HEYVELT is the food service director at Lewis and Clark College . . . PATRICIA COWAN is the director of Rape Relief in Bellingham . . . DAN RALEY has been sports editor of the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner for the past two years . . . KEITH OLSON has been outdoor editor and a sports writer at the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner for the past year and a half.

'77 KIM LEE PATRICK and WILLIAM CRUCHON, JR., were married in August in Hoquiam and are living in Lake City. She is a student teacher and he is a sales representative of the Cable Co. in Seattle . . . DIANE GRAFF and STEVEN HUTCHINS (76) were married in September in Quincy and are living in Bothell. She works at the Gold Creek Athletic Club in Woodinville. He is self-employed . . . PATRICIA A. GREEN and ROGER MASON (75) were married in September in Mountlake Terrace where they are living. She is employed by Bruce Breitenisch CPA, he by Greenwood, Ohlund and Associates CPAs . . . Mr. and Mrs. JOHN S. McINTYRE (PATRICIA QUEHRN) are living in Coral Gables, Florida. She is an associate editor of Fague magazine, an arts and music publication based in Miami. He is working toward a master's degree at the University of Miami School of Music in music composition and theory. He was awarded a graduate fellowship in August and anticipates completing his master's of music degree in 1980.

'78 JOAN BADER and BARRY ALSOS were married in Tacoma and are living in Bellingham. He is in the marketing business . . . Marine Second Lieutenant KELLY VINCI was graduated from The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia.

Unclassified Joan Wyninger and KENNETH WHITECOTTON were married in October in Stevenson and are living in Vancouver, Wash., where he is employed by National Data, Inc. . . . JASON STUART is employed by a Vancouver, Wash., orthodontist . . . CRAIG KRUGER is a bank teller with Rainier Bank in La Conner . . . JOHN MEYER is youth minister at St. Thomas More parish in Lynnwood.

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IN MEMORIAM


'45 MILDRED E. GOOCH, October 22, 1978, in Marysville.

'53 JAMES FRITZBERG, April 14, 1978, of leukemia in Edmonds.

'69 DARLENE KNUTSEN ROLSTAD, March 5, 1978, of cancer, in Tacoma.


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