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Season's Greetings
Imagine tuning in to the late TV news and hearing the weather forecaster say, "Well, the swallows were flying just inches off the ground in my garden today and there was a cap on Mount Baker, all of which means we can expect rain tomorrow, folks."

Not likely in this day of sophisticated satellite photos and weather data gathering, you say? Then you haven’t been watching the 10:30 p.m. newscast on Bellingham’s television KVOS channel 12. The flight patterns of garden birds are unique in television but they’re no more unusual than the weatherman who delivers them. Charles “Jerry” Flora is probably the only television weatherman in the country who is a former university president. More, he also is an internationally known specialist in marine invertebrate zoology, director of the Sundquist Marine Laboratory, professor, author and farmer, to name a few of his activities.

One thing he’s not, though, is a climatologist. So why did the immediate past president of Western Washington University begin moonlighting on the 10:30 news? "When we were looking for somebody to handle the weather on the show which went on the air this last August, we immediately thought of Jerry," expained R. H. “Andy” Anderson, KVOS news director and anchorman on the show.

“He’s one of the most dynamic people I know and that dynamism comes right through the tube,” Anderson said. “Actually weather has a close association with marine life, so he really was a natural.” 

When he was first approached about becoming a TV weatherman, Flora said he didn’t take it seriously. “But the second time Andy asked me, I decided I’d never been a weatherman, so why not?” Flora said. “Besides, what else do I have to do that time of night?”

Unencumbered by either expertise or instructions on how to “be” a weatherman, Flora set out to become one. KVOS supplied him with Associated Press and Canadian weather wire service systems, as well as network feeds from CBS. The station also provided moving satellite and still photos, magnetic maps and other forecasting tools.

“We’re also the only people around who have the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration wire,” Anderson said. “That one we put in solely for Jerry.”

Though appreciative of all these expensive data sources, Flora isn’t tamed by them. “Those wires are on 24 hours a day and when I go into the station around 8 p.m. there’s a roll of paper as big as a building for me to read,” Flora said.

“But sometimes what all that paper’s saying is ‘sunny except for clouds,’ or ‘cloudy except for sun.’ So on several occasions I’ve thrown their forecasts out and made up my own, like ‘red sky at night, sailor’s delight.’”

Doing things his own way comes naturally to the 52-year-old native of Indiana. He even helped finance his bachelor’s degree in biology at Purdue University by jumping out of airplanes. According to Flora legend—and many abound—he once found a parachute for sale in the Want Ads, bought it and promptly took up a career in exhibition jumping—again without training or instructions.

The chute turned out to be an auxiliary chest pack rather than a regular chute, a fact Flora discovered belatedly during his maiden jump from a small plane. The chute popped open, hitting him in the head and causing him to plummet abruptly to earth. He still walks with a slight limp, a permanent reminder of the dangers of inadequate training or knowledge.

Despite that long-ago warning, Flora does not seem too concerned about his lack of expertise as a weather prognosticator. “Actually, it’s hard to say when you’re wrong around here,” he pointed out. “If I predict rain and it rains in Bellingham but not in Oak Harbor which only gets half the rainfall we get in Bellingham, then I’m right here, but wrong there. So if I take that view, I’m rarely wrong. But when I am wrong, I’m bad wrong, like one night when there was a storm front east that looked like it was going to raise Cain and I said so. But later a high pressure ridge came up and diverted the storm and not so much as a drop of rain hit where I said it would.”

Flora is not a total newcomer to television—he won a national award in 1963 for his locally aired children’s television series Tide Pool Critters, but he is hardly your average highly polished late night forecaster.

“I called a tornado a hurricane one night and the next night I called a hurricane a tornado,” he said. “I also pointed at the Gulf of Mexico once and called it the Pacific Ocean, and once I said Spokane was in western Washington and Bellingham in eastern Washington. I talk so fast and there’s so much to say in the two and a half or three minutes I’ve got on the air that I don’t always listen to myself and I hate myself for making those kinds of mistakes. It’s really embarrassing and I do know better.”

Viewers, however, seem to love it. According to Anderson, they are totally enthusiastic about the Flora weathercasts, which often contain mini-lectures on the habits of barnacles or other beach creatures which inhabit Flora’s academic world.

However much Flora’s on-camera errors bother him, one thing seems certain: he’ll continue to go on ad-libbing his weathercasts.

“I tried using cue cards one night,” he said. “But after I got on the air I couldn’t remember where on the set I’d put them so I could see them. I kept looking at everything except the camera, trying to find the darn things. I just don’t like cue cards.”
Women in management must know ‘new territory’

By JAMES A. SCHWARTZ
Public Information Director

With work environments changing, women moving into management need more than job skills. Success may well depend on understanding the “new territory.”

Such ideas are the stock in trade of Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Fenn, who recently held her third “Women in Management” workshop at Western. An expert on organizational behavior and management, she is a professor at the University of Washington.

“Nobody tells a woman how to be a manager,” said Fenn, whose research on such topics has led to three books and research across the globe.

The problem, she emphasized, is that a talented woman may be promoted from a job in which she is highly competent to a managerial post for which she may be psychologically unprepared.

“She knew the territory in her old job and got fast feedback for her abilities—the rewards were obvious,” Fenn explained. “But subtleties creep in when you’re managing others. Your new work territory is where the [company’s] action is.”

The problem partly relates to the way girls and boys are socialized, she added.

“Women have been encouraged to become wives and mothers. Even in physical education, girls often are expected to be more interested in tennis, diving, skating and other sports that stress individual skills. Boys are more apt to be encouraged to participate in sports that require a team effort that requires the channeling of individual skills toward group goals.”

And those experiences, Fenn said, become increasingly important to a successful business manager.

She recommends women in or near management roles develop her “three Cs” — competence, confidence and credibility.

“They should continue to enhance their original job skills, as well as those they need for their new jobs. That leads to greater personal confidence, which has a double payoff in boosting the willingness and abilities of those she supervises. She also gains credibility with her superiors and fellow managers.”

In her workshops, Fenn encourages women to develop a greater awareness of themselves and help “create a climate of acceptance” for other women at work.

“Women are beginning to take themselves seriously,” she said.

So are executives, who once may have believed the myth that today’s woman works only for “pin money” or to “get out of the house.” With traditional sex and family roles changing, and inflation curbing lifestyles, the two-income family is the norm.

“Many women are starting to accept the fact that they have no choice about outside work. The two-income stream is necessary for most families.”

Though women are progressing slowly up the managerial ladder, Fenn knows there are plenty more rungs to climb.

“You know,” she said, warming to another concern, “out of some 200 job classifications, women still are concentrated in only about 20 areas. And those are thought to depend heavily on the feminine role.”

Outstanding journalists applaud new book by Dean James Davis

Early plaudits from some of the nation’s most outstanding journalists are announcing the publication of Presidential Primaries: Road to the White House, by Dr. James W. Davis of Western.

Davis, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences since 1974 and a nationally recognized authority on political races, said his new book is a “thoroughly revised” edition of the similarly titled 1967 work that won wide acclaim.

Walter Cronkite, CBS news anchorman, agrees. “Dean Davis has produced another monumental edition of his valuable book on presidential primaries, bringing us up-to-date on the considerable development of this process, for good or evil, that has taken place since his first edition,” Cronkite wrote.

Another reaction came from journalist, author and president-watcher Theodore H. White, who told Davis, “I’m delighted you’re updating the primary book.”

Davis recently invited David Broder, Pulitzer Prize-winning political columnist for The Washington Post, to Western for a speech sponsored by the University’s Artists and Lectures Series. Ever on watch for experts with timely political views, Davis now hopes to welcome syndicated columnist George Will and California Governor Jerry Brown to campus.

“I’ve been studying politicians, the political process and elections for 27 years,” said Davis, a former political science professor and department chairman in Michigan, who soon will publish his fourth book.

He has traveled thousands of miles covering primary elections and riding the campaign trail with the Kennedy brothers, Gene McCarthy, George McGovern, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, Hubert Humphrey and others ranging from perennial candidate Harold Stassen to Jerry Brown.

His dissertation at the University of Minnesota focused on the presidential primaries. Later, in researching them firsthand, he traveled with the Kennedys, played softball with McCarthy and in 1972 was in the studio for the nationally televised debates between Humphrey and McGovern. But he most remembers Bobby Kennedy.

“He was the most exciting,” Davis said. “I remember a campaign trip in northern Indiana and the plane being late to Gary, where people had waited five hours to get a glimpse of Bobby. I remember that well because I was the last one off Bobby’s plane.”

Like most observers of the national election process, Davis plans to be in New Hampshire next February for the kickoff of the primaries. He said 33 states will hold primaries for the selection of delegates to the 1980 national conventions.

Cronkite, among others, thinks more people should take these races seriously.

“The primaries are now, even more than then,” the CBS newsmen said of the new Davis book, “a major factor in the presidential selection process and it behooves every citizen who values his franchise to be familiar with their workings.”
POLITICS was a hot topic with Western students and Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist David Broder, who spoke on topics ranging from the 1980 presidential elections to the effects of continued double-digit inflation. Broder, a political writer and syndicated columnist for The Washington Post, visited the campus in late October as part of the University's Artists and Lectures Series program.

DR. JAMES TALBOT, vice president and provost, greets Concert Hall crowd during Homecoming/Parents Day.

RECOGNITION of Western's contributions to the community was the theme of the Western Foundation's fall banquet in the Viking Commons on campus. Bill Querner, local broadcaster and the evening's master of ceremonies, greeted the guests, who enjoyed dinner, a performance by violinist Charmian Gadd and reports by area citizens on how the University's public service and other programs benefited them or their organizations.

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CANADA HOUSE was the scene of an "open house" during November to encourage the public to inspect displays, documents and other materials. Dr. Robert Nonohan, a member of the Geography Department and director of Western's Canadian American Studies Program, was among faculty on hand to greet visitors.

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Reception at Dr. James Talbot for Homecoming/Parents Day.

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Sports roundup

Locker cracks 4,000-yard mark for Homecoming crowd

Football

Perhaps the greatest individual athletic accomplishment in the history of Western Washington University highlighted the 1979 football season.

Halfback Pat Locker (Sr., Ferndale) became the first man in Northwest annals and only the 37th player in 111 years of collegiate gridiron action to run for 4,000 yards in a career.

The record-smashing effort came in a 27-24 upset victory over Eastern Oregon State College before a Homecoming crowd of 2,500.

Locker ran for 131 yards in that contest, including a 28-yard touchdown scamper. He reached the 4,000 plateau on a nine-yard run off right tackle with 7:57 remaining in the game.

"It's the greatest thing that's ever happened to me," said Locker. "I'm going to remember it the rest of my life."

Locker ran for 887 yards during the campaign to put his final total at 4,049.

The Vikings finished 4-5 overall and placed fourth in the Evergreen Conference with a 2-3 mark.

Quarterback Dave Blue (Jr., Renton/Lindbergh), who missed two games with a knee injury, passed for 792 yards and five TDs. Reserve signal-caller Matt Beck (So., Ferndale) threw for 287 yards, directing Western to three straight victories during Blue's absence.

The receivers were led by split end Bill Handy (Fr., Everson/Nooksack Valley) and flankerback Rick Selfors (Sr., Peninsular/Gig Harbor). Handy caught 13 passes for 268 yards and three TDs, while Selfors had 16 catches for 235 yards and one touchdown.

Jon Christie (Jr., Bellingham) topped Viking scorers with 35 points, kicking 14 of 15 PATs and seven of 12 field goal attempts. He also punted for a 33.4 average.

The defense allowed an average of 314 total yards and 128.6 passing yards per game. Those were the lowest figures since 1974 and 1973, respectively.

Linebacker Ron Blumberg (Sr., Hoquiam) edged out counterpart Frank Hammer (Sr., Mountlake Terrace/Woodway) for most tackles, 105 to 101. Hammer also intercepted four passes and recovered two fumbles, while Blumberg had two pass thefts.

Tackles Doug Groves (Jr., Everson/Nooksack Valley) and Lance Massey (Jr., Everson/Nooksack Valley) were in on four quarterback sacks each. Groves had 78 stops and Massey 56.

End Larry Melberg (Jr., Raymond) participated in 54 tackles, sacking the quarter-

national meet by winning the Region IX run (Division III).

Lisa Riedel (Jr., Sekiu/Clallam Bay) placed ninth in that encounter to pace the Vikings. Right on her heels were Jane Abbot (So., Homer, Ak.) and Marilyn Thibodeau (So., Juneau, Ak.).

A number of other runners turned in fine performances for Coach Sally Friedland during the fall. They included Lynne Baudin (So., Seattle/Nathan Hale), Barb Bentley (So., Seattle/Shorecrest), Lynn Gunby (Fr., Seattle/Nathan Hale), Patty Monroe (Fr., Kirkland/Lake Washington) and Janet Pearson (So., Ferndale).

Women's field hockey

The women's field hockey team battled to within a penalty shootout of a national tournament berth before falling to Boise State University 5-3 in the championship game of the AIAW Region IX meet.

While the Broncos were successful on four of their penalty shots, the Vikings connected on only three. The contest was scoreless through regulation time and two overtime periods.

Coach Joan Armstrong's squad got to the title encounter by defeating the University of Idaho 4-2.

Liz Aplin (Sr., Gig Harbor/Peninsula) led the team in scoring with 13 goals, while Scarlett Kanistanaux (Sr., Auburn) had 11.

Other top players included Anne Blomdahl (Sr., Chehalis/W.F. West), Gayle Callahan (Sr., Edmonds), Patsy Gardner (Jr., Auburn), goalie Meg McNabb (Sr., Federal Way) and Julie Priday (Sr., Brisbane, Australia).

Western finished with an 8-12 record.

Women's Volleyball

The women's volleyball team, though not qualifying for a berth in the regional tournament, showed marked improvement throughout the campaign.

A young and inexperienced Viking squad finished with an 11-18 match record and 31-41 game mark.

Coach Paul Clinton's squad was led by hitters Robin Mathers (Jr., Seattle/Shoreline) and Wendy Wefer (Jr., Bellingham/Sehome). In the All-Interstate League balloting, Wefer was a first-team choice and Mathers a second-team selection.

Rounding out Western's first unit were Alice Brown (Fr., Snohomish/Mariner), Beth Dugaw (So., Toledo), Martha Lang (Fr., Bellingham/Sehome) and Roberta Riley (So., Seattle/Ballard).
Letters

Lucia, one member of Alice Meurer's "family," as she was found in a garbage can at about five days old. At right is Lucia at three and one-half, now full of love for life and people.

Raising a family of orphans

Editor's note: The following letter and accompanying photographs were received by Resume recently from 1958 grad Alice Meurer.

Editor, Resume:

I am a 1958 graduate from Western. For 11 years I taught primary in Edmonds and Monroe school districts.

The past nine and one-half years I have been raising a family of orphans whose parents abandoned them. As received, most were close to the point of death. They are 11 in number.

Here in Colombia there is a great lack in education of music and art as well as foreign languages. The children are now between eight and ten years old, with the exception of active, bright, beautiful 3½-year-old Richard, and Daniel, 6. Having come here as babies or small children, their relationship is as brothers and sisters.

My hope for them is one day to act as older brothers and sisters for others who are unwanted and literally thrown away.

We live well but very humbly. I am the director, mother, secretary and all. Two young people, ages 20 and 23, are working here with us. German, 20, is deaf in one ear, but plays the guitar well. Perhaps one day you might be interested in hearing a tape of the children. They speak considerable English and French as well as their native Spanish.

They actually are able to write English. At present I am desperate to find someone who could make tapes for us in French, German and Italian. I hope and pray that one day they might be multi-lingual.

I appreciated the article about Derrick Harrison. Perhaps you converse with him.

This work is supported by gifts. I earn no salary as the budget never allows that. We receive gifts of $300 monthly. All of us live with little clothing, etc. There are additional gifts. My purpose in writing is not to secure gifts but to seek help in obtaining the French, German and Italian tapes. Also material in teaching music to children would be most helpful.

Many thanks for reading this letter.

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Alumni newsmakers

Kim Scott

When Washington residents pick up their telephone books next year, they will likely see the work of Kim Scott, who attended Western from 1962-64, on the cover. Scott, an electrician in Bellingham, won the first statewide competition in which the public was asked to submit photos for the cover of Pacific Northwest Bell directories.

Scott's winning photo is of Mount Baker and was taken at about 9 p.m. The first 1980-81 directory with the new cover will be issued in Port Townsend in December of the year, according to a story appearing in The Longview News.

Bill Quehrn

One of Bellingham's most popular newscasters, Bill Quehrn, made the news twice himself during November. Bill, a 1973 political science graduate, was elected to a seat on the city's board of education and also was named manager and executive vice president of the Bellingham Chamber of Commerce. He'll move to the latter post this month, leaving a job as program director of KGMI radio, a station he has worked for since graduation.

"The chamber offers some fantastic challenges and opportunities," Quehrn said at a news conference called to announce his selection. "I hope to serve the chamber and the community in a manner that can help us all make the best of what the future has in store."

Quehrn, 33, and his wife Mary have two children, Kenneth and Sheralyn.

Sally Towers

It's doubtful she wanted to make the news this way, but 1979 Huxley College grad Sally Towers made headlines in November by being rescued from a Japanese fishing vessel in the Bering Sea.

Towers, now of Everett, was aboard the factoryship Tyuyo Maru No. 2 as an observer for the National Marine Fisheries Service when the ship hit rocks and broke up off St. Paul Island in the Pribilofs. She and all 80 crewmen were chairlifted to safety on a line 85 yards to shore, all this taking place in heavy seas and in the dark.

She boarded the ship on October 22 at Dutch Harbor and was one of 18 National Marine Fisheries observers aboard foreign ships in Alaska waters to monitor catches under the 200-mile jurisdiction law.

Following her rescue, Towers was flown to Seattle and then traveled to Everett.
'63 Gayle Gerhard taught for five years and then was an elementary principal in the Northshore District for 11 years. He is now director of personnel and employee relations for the Battle Ground School District.

'64 Vivian Zagelow is teaching kindergarten in the Odessa School District.

'68 William Giller is associate principal at Covington Junior High School in Vancouver, Washington.

'69 Knute Adams is principal at Lakeview School in the Clover Park School District.

'72 Linda McGeachy teaches third grade in the La Center School District. Benjamin De Castro is teaching high school English and journalism in Odessa. Barbara Smith and James Hasting were married in August in Quincy and are living in Alabama.

'73 Marie Goldenberger and Robert Cummings were married in August in Olympia and are living in Anchorage where she is attending the University of Alaska.

'74 Janice Torsey and Paul Baker III were married in Seattle and are living in Redding, California.

'75 Judi Ahonen and John P. O'Brien were married in August in San Francisco where they are living. He is attending San Francisco State University and is employed at Mt. Zion Hospital. He is also employed by the Berkeley Promenade Symphony Orchestra. "Amber" Western and Thomas Porter were married in August in Forks where they are living. She is a librarian.

'76 Nadine Bartow and Donald Lammers were married in October, 1978. She is a bookkeeper and accountant for West Bay Marina in Olympia. Darcie Anneberg and Steven Fulkerson were married in August in Aberdeen. They are living in Auburn where he teaches high school biology. Janet Gerard and Ian Cloudsala were married in July in California. They are living in Menlo Park. She is a chemist in the San Francisco area. Suzanne Bennett

and Ron Painter were married in July in Bellevue. They are living in Seattle where he is employed at Washington Center. Jill Verkist and Terrance Schreckengast were married in August in Bellingham and are living in Chesapeake, Virginia. Glenda Kay Wrona and Gary Lee Spray were married in August in Raymond. He is employed as a loan officer at First National Bank in Aberdeen. Verne Christopfferson was selected for the Army Supply Management Career Intern Program and is attending an eight-month civilian training school at Red River Army Depot in Texarkana, Texas.

'77 Marsha Woodruff and Randy Audette were married last summer and are living in Mount Vernon. He is a distributor for the Carnation Company. Kathy Cundiff and Bill Denney were married in August in Bellingham. She is employed as a school psychologist in San Juan and Whatcom counties. He is employed by the Child Study Department in Sedro Woolley. Mary Ellen Hill and Randy Roebuck were married in August in Port Angeles and are living in Lynden where she teaches third grade. Joe Ogile is teaching sixth grade at the middle school in White Salmon. Nanette Terry and Michael Broyles were married and are living in Texas where she is a research technician at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas.

'78 Jody Bento has joined The Enterprise newspaper in Lynnwood in the editorial department. She is in charge of women's news and does general assignment reporting. Lori Ann Haggard and James Leiser were married in Tacoma last summer. He is a manufacturing engineer for Boeing. Shannon Good and James Peninger were married in August in Mount Vernon and are living in Burlington. He is employed by the Boeing Company in Everett. Dana Persson and Craig Zora were married in June in Aberdeen and are living in Westport. He is employed by the Washington State Department of Fisheries. Diana Robertson and James Craig were married in Lynnwood and are living in Monroe. She is a music teacher at Sultan Elementary School and he is a music teacher at Lynnwood Junior High School.

'79 Vicki Lynn Jones and William Evans were married in June in Longview and are living in Stanwood. She is employed by General Telephone and he is employed by the Marysville School District. Dianne Lynn Drott and Richard Hassan Jr. were married in Tacoma where they are living. Rosemary Franklin and Robert Struksma were married in July in Mount Vernon and are living in Silvana. Bob Griffith is teaching first grade in the Kalama School District. Tamera Hanson and Mark Charles Jones were married in July in Bellingham where they are living. He is employed by Pacific Pearl Seafoods. Teresa "Terry" Martin is teaching in the La Center School District. Paulette Lucien and Stephen Lemon were married in Tacoma and are living in Seattle. Janet Lazenby and Steve Jack were married in August in Tacoma. Lisa Tamer and Kenneth Wheeler were married in June in Bellingham where they are living. He is employed by Hillcrest Chapel. Mira Radloff and Robert Sanderson were married in June in Tacoma and are living in Lacey. He is a surveyor for Zum Industries.

Unclassified Janet Davidson and Richard Wise III were married in June and are living in Vancouver, Washington. She is a dance instructor and he is a salesman for Gray's Furniture. Kenneth "Kip" McKenzie is an account executive for the Yakima office of Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith. Ellen Blair and Mark Koelsch were married in Longview where they are living. He is employed by the Longview Mortgage Company. Marian Cooper and Todd Johnson were married in Tacoma and are living in Boston. Steve Anderson is teaching first grade in the Rayon School District.

IN MEMORIAM

'41 Hilda Lewis, in October, in Edmonds.

Unclassified Herbert E. Boies, in October, in Seattle. May Wickstrom, August 2, in Renton. Ted Pedersen, August 26, in Seattle.

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