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A FINE HAPPENING IN WOODINVILLE: More than 160 diners attended the Western Alumni Association's March 27 French gourmet dinner at the Chateau Ste. Michelle winery in Woodinville. Developed and prepared by Western psychology faculty member Dr. Robert Meade (attired in chef's garb), the six-course dinner included five wines from the Ste. Michelle collection. The spring dinner was held primarily to accommodate those alumni who could not be seated at a similar event held in the fall. The winery's seating capacity is 200 persons. At this time, the Association has planned one such dinner for the 1980-81 year, which will be held on September 15. Attendance will again be limited to 200 persons.
Craftsmanship like this (above) will be the result of Summer Session workshops at Western this year.

Summer Session: Something for everyone

Summer Session 1980 at Western will offer over 100 special programs and workshops on subjects ranging from presidential politics to the psychology of marriage, from metrics for the consumer to life drawing and ceramics, and nearly every subject in-between.

These offerings are in addition to regular six- and nine-week sessions scheduled by Western’s colleges and departments.

Alumni planning to attend summer session should note these dates:
- June 1 — Admission and readmission applications due.
- June 23 — Registration and payment of fees.
- June 24 — Late registration. First of six- and nine-week sessions.
- August 1 — Six-week session ends.
- August 22 — Nine-week session ends.
- Special workshops and other programs are scheduled throughout the summer.

For a copy of the complete Summer 80 bulletin, write to the Summer Session Office, Old Main 460, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225, or telephone (206) 676-3757.
Cheers for the colonel: A long time between degrees

By MAUREEN PURNELL
Public Information staff writer

While most about-to-be-graduated university students ponder on which side of their mortarboards to drape their tassels this June, retired Air Force Colonel Claude Kendall Stambaugh will be grappling with the intricacies of his doctoral hood. The hood—along with a Ph.D. in physical chemistry—was earned some 30 years ago.

Stambaugh hopes to wear the hood to Western's commencement ceremonies June 13. He's scheduled to pick up a bachelor's degree in math and computer science. This graduation has a nostalgic significance to Stambaugh, for it marks the 40th anniversary of the receipt of his first bachelor's degree, that one in chemical engineering from Texas A&M College.

A lot happened both to Stambaugh and the world during the years between those two commencements. A major development: Stambaugh opted for a career in the military during his senior year at Texas A&M in 1940.

"There was a program in those days in which reserve officers could compete for appointment into the regular Army. I competed, but I didn't make it," he recalled.

Instead, following graduation, he went into the Army's Chemical Warfare Service. But when World War II erupted a short time later, Stambaugh decided the action seemed to belong to another Army branch—the Air Corps.

He applied for flight school and, after training in Texas, found himself navigating a B-25 as part of a map squad.

"We mapped a big chunk of the Aleutian Islands and part of South America, but the most interesting part was mapping what's called The Hump, the route over India into China," Stambaugh said.

By 1943, he was flying B-29s based in the Mariana Islands southeast of Japan.

"Someone decided the country needed a 'heroic achievement' about then, so we were sent to fly over Tokyo," he recalled.

Flying "over Tokyo" was not that simple. The last U.S. plane to have done so had been flown by the legendary Jimmy Doolittle earlier in the war.

"It had been decided the country needed a 'heroic achievement' right then, so we were sent in a plane called Tokyo Rose, named after the famous propaganda broadcaster. We were a photographic plane, not a bomber, but navigating that first B-29 flight to Tokyo was the high point of my career. It was splashed all over the papers," Stambaugh said.

It was not his last historic flight, however. By now a captain, Stambaugh directed the flight of another memorable photographic mission, this one over Nagasaki the day after its atomic bombing.

"We were sent to assess the damage," he said. "It was awe-inspiring. I know that sounds kind of trite, but seeing the fantastic damage that one bomb did..." His voice trailed away.

"We were very ignorant; we didn't know what an atomic bomb was, though we knew something awful had happened to Hiroshima, just before Nagasaki. We flew at very low levels, probably through all kinds of radiation," he said.

After the war's end, the Air Corps decided it needed officers with knowledge of nuclear energy. So Stambaugh was sent to Ohio State University to pick up master's and Ph.D. degrees in physical chemistry. During his graduate work, the Air Corps became the U.S. Air Force in 1947. Stambaugh, until then a reserve officer, became a "regular."

"I spent the rest of my service in research and development assignments at places like Los Alamos and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. And in the early '60s I had my tour in the Pentagon, too, as chief of the research branch."

Promoted to full colonel, Stambaugh finished out his military career at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque, where he served as chief of research directorate.

"Most of my experience in the service was with research types, in weapons labs, working on the question, 'If people started using nuclear power, how do we survive?"
Design students eye cop vehicles

Western design students are getting a closer look at Bellingham's parking checker vehicles spring quarter in a cooperative effort with the Bellingham Police Department. The students will work with parking enforcement officers in an attempt to redesign such vehicles to better suit needs of operators and the department. In the first of four planned meetings, students met with Police Chief Terry Mangan (center) and other officers (right photo) and then took a detailed look at the city's present vehicles (lower photo).
Interdisciplinary arts: Just watch their smoke

Interdisciplinary arts are among the fastest-developing academic areas at many colleges and universities.

At Western, the Interdisciplinary Arts Program, though still relatively small, has increased its number of majors more than sixfold in just six months. Last September there were three majors; today there are 18, with more in the wings.

One reason for this surge in interest is Julian Riepe, who began directing the program last fall.

"Interdisciplinary arts isn't really about any one body of knowledge like one might find in biology or mathematics," Riepe explained. "It is really a way of thinking."

That philosophy is stressed to students in Riepe's Interdisciplinary Arts 110 classes, which are open to all Western students.

"In those introductory classes we explore things common to art in general—sound, time, space, matter and color," Riepe said. Here students are getting "turned on" to interdisciplinary arts as a major area of study.

Riepe said his program is ideally suited to students whose interests don't fit well into other more structured disciplines.

While the introductory courses stress a general sense of the arts, the opposite is true with Riepe's growing list of declared majors.

"It's a very individually oriented program for majors," he explained.

Because of this, Riepe meets with his students as a group for two hours each week and with each individual for two hours each week.

At the moment, arts management is the most popular major among his students. That area takes in such fields as promotion, box office management, accounting and administrative duties.

"One student wants to become a Croatian scholar," Riepe said. Under his advisement that person is taking classes not only in the arts but also in history, anthropology, language and dance.

Other students are pursuing coursework in such things as new art forms, modern techniques for creative arts, with several developing backgrounds that will eventually lead to work as art critics.

While his students definitely pursue wide-ranging academic interests, there is one trait they seem to share—a desire to do volunteer and community service work.

This year alone, Riepe said, students are working with the local arts council, the Salvation Army, the local Boys Club and one woman is managing a punk rock band.

No matter what their major concentration might be, Riepe advises all his students to take such courses as accounting, business, economics and computer science.

"An artist can't isolate him or herself to only the world of easel painting or poetry and survive very long," he stated.

Riepe doesn't take credit for creating Western's interdisciplinary arts program, which has actually existed for more than two years within the University's College of Fine and Performing Arts.

"I like to say I have brought the program some visibility," he said in explaining its surge in popularity.

KUGS FUND-RAISER — Western President Paul J. Olscamp took to the airways this quarter to help bolster the fund-raising efforts of KUGS-FM, the student-operated radio station. Olscamp took phone pledges after an earlier stint by Vice President for Student Affairs Tom Quinlan. They were among guests volunteering services for the KUGS Classical Marathon, a five-day, around-the-clock event.

SHERRY FOLLOWS THE SONICS — It's a long way from reserve guard on the Western women's basketball team and Carver Gym to the National Basketball Association's Seattle Supersonics and the Kingdome. But Western grad Sherry Stripling is handling it well. Now working as a sportswriter for The Seattle Times, Sherry is one of the few women in the country charged with keeping tabs on the home and road fortunes of an NBA team. Here she is pictured phoning in her story from a just-concluded home game.
Enrollment hits spring record

Western continues to post enrollment records, the latest being spring quarter's mark of 9,519, the highest spring quarter total ever.

The new record compares with the previous high of 9,275 set last year and the 9,190 students enrolled in the spring of 1970-71.

Western students originate from 47 states. Those coming from Washington represent 38 of the state's 39 counties.

The University's 512 foreign students come from 35 other countries. Canada leads all other countries, contributing 430, followed by Japan with 12 and Hong Kong and Iran with eight each.

WWU accounting graduates score highest rate

Accounting graduates from Western scored the highest pass rate among the state's higher education graduates on the Certified Public Accounting exam given last November.

The findings were recently released by the state Board of Accountancy, which administers the CPA exam, a 2½-day, four-part test given twice a year by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

Ron Savey, chairman of the Accounting Department in Western’s College of Business and Economics, said this is only the second time the board has compiled pass rates that compared performances by graduates of Washington's four-year institutions. Last May, the board said Western’s accounting graduates had a CPA exam pass rate exceeded by only one other state school.

“We think this performance by about 40 of our graduates speaks well, especially since AICPA has indicated Washington, for the November exam, was rated an ‘honor state’—one with a pass rate equal to or greater than the national average.

He said Western currently has nearly 300 students majoring in accounting and expects to graduate about 70 of them this year.

CBE receives donation from Shell foundation

The Shell Companies Foundation recently donated $1,250 to Western’s College of Business and Economics.

A portion of the grant, $750, will be used as student aid for persons lacking sufficient resources to pay educational expenses and for discretionary expenditures by the dean of the college.

The remaining $500 is directed toward improvement of undergraduate education in the college through such activities as teaching evaluations, publication and individual research.

Donations of the funds, known as "Shell Units," mark the fourth consecutive year Shell Companies Foundation has provided a grant toward the College of Business and Economics.

Police probe death of VU cafe manager

Bellingham police are investigating the shooting death of Robert Schlewitz, Viking Union Coffee Shop manager.

Schlewitz, 53, was found dead in his Viking Union office on the morning of Saturday, April 19.

He had worked for Saga Foods at Western for the past seven years and had worked previously for Saga's Willamette University operations in Salem, Ore.

Police, who are continuing the investigation, said the Schlewitz murder is the first to occur on Western’s campus.
Letters

Nostalgic memories of 1949

(Editors note: Gloria Woodward Pinard correctly identified 1949 as the year highlighted in our March issue and, as the following letter shows, she remembers the year very well indeed.)

Editor, Resumé:

When I read your “Can you name the year” article, the old school spirit soared aloft again. That was the year of 1949, the “Golden Anniversary” of Western. The Klipsun came out in a golden cover. Dr. W. W. Haggard was president, everyone on campus knew everyone else and men on campus were not allowed anywhere in Edens Hall except the dining hall and visiting room on the first floor. Those were the days when we had a house mother at Edens, liquor wasn’t allowed on campus at all and girls wouldn’t be caught dead in old jeans in public.

I watched the pie-eating contest, danced at the Golden Era Ball and watched my cousin Babette perform in I Remember Mama.

Yes, I remember that year well.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Gloria Woodward Pinard
Class of ’49

The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man’s foot long enough to put the other somewhat higher.

— Thomas Huxley

Alumni newsmakers

Cynthia Scott

About to receive a master’s degree in counseling from Corpus Christi State University is Cyndi Scott, a 1974 Western grad. Now residing in Corpus Christi, Cyndi heads for her state board exams in August which will certify her as a psychological associate before entering private practice.

While working on her master’s degree, she has been employed with the Texas State Department of Human Resources as one of their “top” Child Protective Services workers.

Our thanks to Kathleen Biddle for keeping us up with Cyndi’s accomplishments. For those who want to keep in touch, it’s Cyndi Scott, 4430 Donegal, Corpus Christi, Texas 78413.

Barbara Pool

Who received the Community Service Award during the annual dinner and 12th anniversary celebration of the United Inner-City Development Foundation, Inc. Well, who else but Barbara Pool, 1976 graduate of Western’s Center for Urban Studies in Seattle.

Also in attendance for those festivities and the award ceremonies was Governor Dixy Lee Ray who was guest speaker for the evening.

Dianna (Timm) Adams

Dianna Timm Adams, 1970 grad, was admitted to the bar in ceremonies held in January in Mason County. A graduate of North Mason High School, Dianna graduated from the University of Puget Sound Law School after completing her undergraduate work at Western.

Now practicing law in Seattle, she and her husband, Greg, and daughter, Lauren, live on Mercer Island.

Deborah Kellar

The Centralia Chronicle caught up with 1976 grad Deborah Kellar who was about to step in as guest director for Centralia College drama students.

Deborah went on to complete her master’s in drama at the University of California at Santa Barbara after graduating from Western. While in Santa Barbara, she was business manager of the Ensemble Theater Project, a regional theater company.

Judy Gish

Recently joining the news staff of Seattle’s Journal of Commerce was 1979 journalism graduate Judy Gish. Prior to taking her new position she worked on the weekly Mount Vernon Argus and was editor of Western’s Klipsun magazine.

Gail Worstman

Pacific Search Press recently published The Whole Grain Bake Book, written by 1971 Western grad Gail Worstman. The book was originally published under the title, You Knead It.

With her writing as a successful sideline, Gail reports that she’s recently landed a new job as a “headhunter” or executive search recruiter with the Seattle firm of Murphy, Symonds & Stowell, Inc. She says her new address is 5710 Halls Lake Way, Lynnwood, WA 98036.

Can you name the year?

School spirit was high; boys’ hair was short and male students even wore white shirts and ties, at least on special occasions.

Important visitors to the Western campus that year included Associate Justice William O. Douglas and Peter, Paul and Mary, the latter drawing more than 6,000 attendees and two presidents took office. What year was it?

Last month’s answer: 1954-55.
Roll call

'40 Nina Binkie, who retired in 1975 after 30 years of teaching in the Port Angeles School District, has returned to teach reading at Roosevelt Middle School there.

'50 Dick Green, deputy superintendent of the Bellingham School District, will retire in June after serving 30 years in the district.

'58 Lynn Rosenbach is the assistant football coach at the University of Montana in Missoula.

'60 Commander and Mrs. Eddy Tidwell (Ramona Hopping, '61) are living in Millington, Tenn. Eddy received his DMD from the University of Oregon Dental School in 1968 and earned his MS degree from George Washington University in conjunction with his endodontic specialty training at Bethesda. He is continuing his dental career in the Navy, serving at NAS Memphis.

'61 Roland "Jerry" Baker has been named executive vice president for the National Association of Purchasing Management and is living in Allendale, N.J.

'68 Maria Van Leuven Love is a reading teacher at Washington Elementary in Vancouver, Wash. Margaret Van Leuven Reychner is teaching first grade in Tacoma.

'69 Lori Ness and Jeffrey Zygar were married in March and are living in Kingston. He is teaching school in Silverdale.

'71 Don Rhodes is employed as a speech therapist in a health unit in Maple Ridge, B.C.

'72 Bea Gilfillen is employed at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office and is assistant supervisor in licensing. Kenneth Hougen is a lead computer specialist employed by the U.S. Navy near Bremerton. Lieutenant Colonel Dean Puckett has been promoted to his present rank while serving with Marine Aircraft Group 46, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, Oak Harbor.

'73 Samuel Green and Breakwater Press in Portland have published Wind: Four Letters to Melinda Mueller. Linda Rae Julian is employed with Bonneville Power Company in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Scott Stetson (Sharon Peery) are living in Didsbury, Alberta, Canada, where Scott is dean of students and teacher a Mountain View Bible College.

'75 Peggy Davis is teaching third grade at Franklin Elementary School in Port Angeles. Becky Beard is teaching first grade at Silver Beach Elementary in Bellingham. Kristine Bak and John Kvapil were married in February in Seattle. He is attending graduate school at the University of Washington and is working as an historic preservation architect in Seattle. Eric Parce is choir director at the Mercer Island United Church of Christ. Bernice Pirkl is senior coordinator for the Northwest Services Council, a non-profit agency that administers the federal job money program. CETA job opportunities, for Whatcom, Jefferson, San Juan, Island, Skagit and Clallam counties... Jennifer Randall and Peggy Huffman ('76) both graduates of the interior design and merchandising program in the Department of Home Economics at Western, have furnished a girl's bedroom for the designer's showcase, 1980. The room was featured in color in the Seattle Times Pictorial Section in March.

'76 Linda Tanner and Kenneth Nichols were married recently and are living in Tacoma where he is attending the University of Puget Sound Law School.

'77 Joan and Paul Daughenbaugh are living in Midland, Mich. He is employed with Dow Chemical in computer services. Diane Sigel is employed as treasurer and office manager of a Tacoma-based retail group of stores.

'78 Kristen Doorn and Glenn Ash were married in January in Sedro Woolley and are living in Mount Vernon where he is employed by the YMCA there.

'79 Skip Enge is exhibit curator and staff artist for the Oregon Historical Society in Portland.

Unclassified Kevin Miller teaches English at Port Angeles High School. Carol Nelson teaches fifth grade at Franklin Elementary School in Port Angeles.

IN MEMORIAM

'24 Edwin Young, November 1979, in Bellingham.

'49 Thomas E. Scott, March 29, in Olympia. He had been employed as educator and psychologist in the state's juvenile institution system prior to his retirement in 1971. Unclassified Sylvia Baird, June 24, 1978, in Winlock. Al Eklund, September 1979, in Aberdeen.

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