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Western's spring sports:

Athletic Director Boyde Long had varsity sport problems many ADs would love to have.

Boyde Long, athletic director at Western, had some problems this spring that would make him the envy of any small college athletic director.

Like how to finance trips to the districts and/or nationals for the five spring varsity sports teams, all of which took titles in their respective divisions. Or how to choose an Athlete-of-the-Year out of numerous All-Americans, district champions, and athletes who overcame injuries to perform well.

Boyde Long, recently elected chairman of NAIA District 1, would probably welcome these types of headaches anytime of the year. For the record, the Vikings took NAIA District 1 crowns in golf and both men's and women's track teams. They also won ten varsity-eight races for men and women at the Northwest small college rowing championships.

Five WWU student-athletes earned All-American recognition, while Coach-of-the-Year accolades went to three Viking mentors. And if that wasn't enough, Western won the prestigious LaFromboise Cup in men's crew and had the district medalist in golf. The following is a wrap-up of the highlights in each sport:

CREW

A victory in the LaFromboise Cup race at the Northwest Rowing Regatta capped off one of the best-ever Western's men's crew seasons. The Vikings' varsity-eight shell was unable to row in the LaFromboise race in 1982 due to a rule barring the previous year's champion from competing. The win returned the cup to the WWU trophy case where it has resided nine of the past 12 years.

Scott Winter, a rower in the varsity-eight shell and a senior from Mercer Island, was named honorary team captain and inspirational award winner.

Paced by its varsity-eight shell, the Western women's crew enjoyed a fine season. The Vikings' number one boat won its first title in the six-year history of the sport at WWU, taking top honors at the Cascade Cup race at the Northwest Rowing Regatta.

GOLF

Making its third NAIA national appearance in four years, the Western golf team placed 23rd among 32 teams.

After starting the season slowly, the Vikings came on strong, as they took the district championship by seven strokes over runner-up Pacific Lutheran University.

WWU's Greg Ashby took medalist honors at the district meet, winning on the second hole of a sudden victory playoff. Brien Flannigan and Rick Harris of Western were also named to the All-District team.

Bill Westphal earned district Coach-of-the-Year honors in his initial season as links mentor. Winning its third straight district title, finishing ten points ahead of second-place Pacific Lutheran. Two Vikings earned All-American honors by placing among the top six in their respective events at the NAIA national meet. Murray Giles placed fourth in the pole vault, and Allen James was fifth in the 10,000-meter race walk.

Ralph Vernacchia was voted district Coach-of-the-Year. It was a difficult decision, but in a year that produced many worthy champions. Wendal Malich, two-time track All-American from Gig Harbor, was voted Western's Athlete-of-the-Year. Malich tied the WWU school record in the 400 hurdles at the district meet and twice beat the record at the national meet. A four-year letter winner, Malich is graduating from Western with a bachelor's degree in physical education.

And so the spring sports teams left Boyde Long with a lot of hardware for the already burdened trophy case.

Western's spring sports:

Representatives of various varsity sports at Western pose on the steps to Old Main.
Edge of Inge
BY STEVE INGE / Director of Alumni Relations

Desperation is a strange muse. It does not perch lightly on one's shoulder, providing sweet inspiration. It lands on the gut, ties a knot or two, and whispers about the need to get the column to the editor before noon..., or else.

There may be an entire school of educational administration called the "Knot in the Gut" model. It would be predicated on the concept that no educational establishment can function unless it is in a constant state of turmoil. In practice, this can be seen in the seemingly endless string of budget cuts that Western has faced over the past four years.

The new state budget, serving for the 1983-84 season, carries with it some features that may help to ameliorate anxieties the "gut" model inflicts upon people. It states very specifically how many faculty Western will have for these two years: 421. To the student, it promises a stable curriculum.

There are areas within the new budget that cause great concern. One is the student services portion. Funded by a formula driven by enrollment figures and conditioned by percentages of reality, student services has been mandated a decrease from 65 percent to 55 percent of formula. Mind you this is not a 10 percent reduction, but a reduction of one-sixth, of 16.67 percent. That is a lot of problem to manage.

Student services include financial aid, staff, career planning and placement services, the union building, health services, the counseling center, academic advising, and a great number of other things that are an integral part of providing the best education that Western is able to provide. You don't casually remove one-sixth.

Some areas are relatively more stable. Ironically for you, the area that serves alumni more than any other, the credential and resume service of the career planning and placement office, may have an increased difficulty in helping you.

We trust that you will be patient and understanding if your credentials are not shipped quite as quickly as they have been in the past. The staff of that excellent Western division will continue to serve you to the best of its ability. It is always hard to do the same job with fewer resources.

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Addendum: The title attached to this column in the last issue was the creation of Publications Director Steve Kurtz, a man of puckish wit. It stayed only because nobody had a substitute available on one minute's notice. We thought it might evoke some reactions about ongoing soap operas or something. Not one word have we received (which gives me more to ponder).

Rosses serve Texas-style chili in Western cook-out

Western President G. Robert Ross and his wife Betty helped serve 60 gallons of his Texas-style chili to more than 1,300 guests who attended a combination barbecue/chili cookout on June 4.

Interest in having a chili cookout to welcome the Rosses to Western was sparked by an article in the winter issue of the student magazine Klipsun. The article gave information about the Rosses' life at home and included their recipe for chili.

SAGA, the campus food service organization, and the Associated Students of Western decided to sponsor the barbecue as an official welcome to Ross and his wife.

The menu included steak, corn on the cob, salads and beverages. The chili contained over 250 pounds of beef and a keg of beer. President Ross was on hand early to taste and help season the final concoction.

The flavor of the chili drew raves at the event.

Ross' background is Texan, and he loves spicy foods. His chili recipe is adapted from a recipe his mother used, and he once won an Arkansas chili cookoff with the mixture. For culinary adventurers, Ross supplies the recipe that follows. He also advises that the only three ingredients that are traditionally in chili are lots of onions, chili powder and some sort of meat. After you have the basics, anything goes.

President Ross' Chili

2 1/2 lbs. stew meat, cut in 1/4" cubes
3 tablespoons oil
1 green bell pepper, seeded & diced
1 large onion, chopped
1 teaspoon celery seed
1 can beer
1/2 can beef broth
7-oz cans green chili salsa
4 tablespoons chili powder
2 teaspoons cumin powder
1 teaspoon oregano

In heavy pot, brown meat in oil, add vegetables and cook until tender. Add beef, broth, chili powder and spices. Cook covered, over low heat, stirring occasionally. Remove cover after two hours. Continue cooking until chili reaches desired thickness. Variation: Add 2 oz. tequila.
Collingwood boosts the ferries

BY CHRIS GOODSMITH
Public Information Officer

I t's 5:30 a.m. and once again Alice Collingwood is awakened not by her alarm clock, which isn't set to go off for another 15 minutes, but by the telephone, which has just rudely introduced her to a new day. A voice on the phone wants to know "What's the problem with the Klackalist and why does it seem to be listing to one side and not docking?"

Such unpleasant awakenings are not the norm for Collingwood, but they have occurred often enough that she has gotten used to them. Most Seattleites and Puget Sound area ferry users know Collingwood as the "voice" of the Washington State Ferry System. And in her position of public service director for the ferry system, she is the person news media call first when things seem to be going amuck with the ferries.

"Sometimes one of our people will call me first and let me know what's happening, but other times reporters beat them to it," Collingwood said in a recent interview. Since Collingwood herself makes daily use of the ferries, catching the 7:10 a.m. from her Bainbridge Island home and returning on the 5:15 p.m. run, she knows of what she talks.

"What happens when I get here [to her office on Seattle's waterfront] is anybody's guess," she said. "Every day is different," she added, exuding a definite likeliness for her diverse public relations roles.

Just after taking her first position with Washington State Ferries in 1977, Collingwood said she used to suffer from "guilt attacks," an affliction suffered by many journalists who make the move from news reporting to public relations-type positions.

"At first I kept hearing [WWU Journalism Department chairman] Ted Stannard's voice extolling the virtues of hard-hitting dedicated news reporters and editors," Collingwood admitted. "I almost felt guilty—sort of like I had sold out." Today, however, these attacks are few and far between.

Following her graduation from Western in 1973 with a B.A. in journalism, Collingwood went to work for Pacific Northwest Bell, doing in-house news recording, writing articles for employee publications, and special projects. From 1974 to 1977, she worked as a reporter, photographer and editor for Tide-lands Press, publishers of three Kitsap County weekly newspapers.

With responsibilities such as increasing ridership and consumers' knowledge of ferry system benefits, producing the system's first comprehensive policy manual, publishing the seasonal ferry schedules, and media relations, with all those phone calls, Collingwood said she "loves" the work.

"I could never go back to just writing for daily or weekly newspapers after this experience," she admitted.

"I've worked pretty hard with the management staff here, preaching honesty with the media and the public above all else," Collingwood explained.

Western wins grand prize for floor-care technique

D evelopment of a revolutionary natural finish floor-care technique has brought Western a $10,000 award from the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) and the United States Steel Foundation (USSF).

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When Katy Dobbs arrived in New York in 1977, ready to pursue her life-long dream of a career in publishing, she saw herself as entering a black hole.

"With little experience, New York was like one of those small areas in constellations that suck energy from around them. Once I dis­appeared into New York, I didn't know if I would ever be heard from again," she explained.

At 32 years of age, the 1973 graduate of Western's Fairhaven College, and editor-in-chief of the nationally distributed Magazine, has definitely been heard from. After pounding the pavement for a few months following her New York move, she found a job at Glamour magazine in the articles department. She left Glamour two years ago as entertainment editor to pursue freelance work.

A year ago, she got a call from someone who was familiar with her freelance work that included writing for child audiences and humor magazines. Her job at Muppet Magazine began.

Muppet Magazine follows the format of the television show, with the Muppets putting on the production. "In our magazine, the Muppets put out the publication. Kermit is frog-in-chief, and different characters write the various columns," Dobbs explained.

So how did a woman from Western find herself hobnobbing with frogs as a big-time success in the publishing world?

"I always knew I wanted to work in publishing," Dobbs said. "I know it must sound silly, but I get excited every time I open a magazine. There is always something new in them. Magazines are a marvelous, inexpensive form of entertainment."

Dobbs comes from a family that subscribed to 15 or 16 different magazines a year. Yet even with clear cut career desires, her road to a successful job in publishing wasn't smooth by any means.

"I am a child of the sixties in every sense. I, like my friends at Fairhaven during my time there, developed a social consciousness that hasn't left us," she explained.

She speaks of "wonderful Fairhaven" with unbridled affection. "Fairhaven and I were the perfect match — it was just what I needed at that point in my life. The energy level was extraordinary. There was constant stimulation, always something new going on," she said.

Dobbs paused. "In a strange way, Fairhaven was a lot like New York. That may be hard for someone from the Northwest to understand. Here in New York, there is such a 'people connection.' We don't have the luxuries of yards and large homes, so we spill out into the streets and restaurants and theaters. My experience at Fairhaven has made me seek nothing less than that continuous stimulation and interaction."

At Fairhaven, the friends Dobbs lived and studied with formed close bonds. During late night conversations they joked about owning a farm together. At breakfasts and after classes, they made promises about helping each other find employment if any of them landed a good job.

"I just can't convey the tremendous affection that was there to someone outside of Fairhaven," said Dobbs. "I still feel it today," she added.

Yet after graduating and considering a move to San Francisco to teach, Dobbs was unsure of her next move.

"I was antsy. I knew I would have to wind up in New York eventually — that's the heart of the publishing world. But New York was like the Land of Oz, mystical and totally foreign to a Northwesterner," she explained.

Dobbs took off for two years to teach in Australia, and then at the Singapore American School. She began graduate work at Boston University. Attending the Publishing Procedures course at Radcliffe (affiliated with Harvard University) enabled her to make an important decision. It was time to head for the Big Apple.

"I had one publishing experience, writing an opinion column for Mademoiselle. That, along with the usual wing and a prayer, was what I entered New York with," Dobbs laughed.

Katy Dobbs: at home in New York with the Muppets

Dobbs has never been afraid of taking risks. "Maybe that comes from my life in a navy family. I know that I needed to travel and do what I did. I interviewed so many people fresh out of college for jobs, and their perspectives were often so different than mine was. They are really concerned with getting to the top and making money. I think ages 22 to 25 or more should be filled with adventures and newness. Rarely do we know what we want until we've done some living," Dobbs said.

Those years between 22 and 25 were critical in my development. I broke away from my family and fulfilled many needs. It amazed me, with the Muppets, to see how impressed people were by the variety of my experiences. Without fully realizing it, I had developed skills that made me flexible," explained Dobbs.

Right now, Dobbs is extremely happy. Her professional life is full after a year of hard work getting the Muppet Magazine off the ground successfully. There is a special man in her life, Fred Newman, a comedian from Georgia who has a talk show for teenagers on Nickelodeon (cable N) called "Livewire." He is also a writer.

"This is an energetic and fulfilling time for me. But I don't dread the next time anxiety surfaces in my life or career. The poet Blake said anxiety is divine energy, and I believe that. Anxiety propels you, and makes you realize something in your life doesn't fit, so you change," said Dobbs.

She sees herself continuing in publishing, perhaps changing focus again sometime in the future. "That's what's great about this industry — if I decide to move to Connecticut or upstate New York and commute, I can do a lot of my writing and editing at home," she explained.

Will she ever move back to the Northwest? "Right now, it doesn't seem likely. It's so strange — I have a brother who is my antithesis. He works as a skiing and mountaineering guide out of Seattle. He loves to come to New York to vacation, to catch a few plays. But my profession is my passion and New York is where I need—and want—to be," said Dobbs. "But like most New Yorkers, I really work hard to escape during the warm months. No one works harder at summer than New Yorkers — we plot our retreats months in advance," she added.

The energetic Dobbs exudes a clear sense of who she is. "Publishing is a marketplace of ideas — it's exciting," said Dobbs. Her mind and drive will obviously keep her active in the marketplace for a long time to come.
An interview with Paul Woodring

The state of education in America has been addressed recently through numerous national reports. Western President G. Robert Ross chose the need for support of higher education as the topic of his installation response. Coupled with the controversies over the quality and quantity of education needed in U.S. public schools in the years to come is the prediction by many demographers that Washington's population will rise by almost 50 percent in the coming two decades. The education needs in Washington in the coming years will present increasing opportunities and problems that the general public will be forced to make critical decisions about.

Q. What prompted you to establish the scholarship fund?
A. The establishment of the fund has three goals: to encourage bright students to become teachers, to restore prestige to the many bright students who are already education majors at Western, and to convince school superintendents that WWU is a great place to recruit teachers from. We have many talented students enrolled at Western at this moment, and competition for the awards will be intense.

The scholarships are small, but I believe the high standard necessary to receive them will give the recipients clout. People in the position of hiring teachers will know that any Woodring Scholar will be a superior teacher.

Q. There recently have been a number of reports published in the U.S. that all draw the same conclusion — education in American public schools is on the decline, and has been for some time now. How do you respond to these reports?
A. I think you have to make it clear that the national reports don't tell the Washington story. For example, a lot of attention is given to falling Scholastic Aptitude Test scores, as if all college-bound high school seniors take this test. Sixty-seven percent of high school students in New England take the test, and two percent of Iowa college-bound seniors take it. I think the number who are tested nationally is equivalent to roughly one-third of the college-bound seniors.

Q. How do you see the teacher training program at Western changing in the future?
A. The greatest thing we need to combat is the notion of teaching careers being for the unintelligent or incompetent. This may lead many gifted students to forsake teaching careers, and this is the time when we can least afford to have this happen.

Western has a long tradition of preparing good teachers. Even when this was a teacher's college, WWU turned out teachers with a stronger background in liberal education and subject matter competence.

There is always a raging debate among educators over what needs to be emphasized more in educating a future teacher. Some believe that the history, philosophy and methods of education need the most emphasis. I find myself in the other camp on this issue, with the educators who believe general academic grounding in the future teacher needs to take precedence.

I want to continue to see Western students come into the schools as teachers with strong backgrounds in liberal education. Liberal education enables people to see the world in perspective, and see it whole. Teachers need strong comprehensive backgrounds in academic subjects.

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WOW SERVICE — Audiences at Western’s numerous performing arts events are now able to enjoy a variety of refreshments thanks to a new serving cart provided by the Women of Western organization. The cart was designed and built by students in Marvin Southcott’s industrial design program. Proceeds from sales go to support the Women of Western Scholarship Fund.

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Nearly 1,200 graduate

Early 1,200 graduates, their parents and friends got an added bonus during Western's 84th annual commencement ceremonies June 20 when Dr. G. Robert Ross was officially installed as the University's tenth president.

Following brief salutations by representatives of faculty, staff, student, administrator and alumni groups, Curtis J. Dalrymple, chairman of Western's Board of Trustees, presented Dr. Ross with the official University pendant and conducted the investiture of office. Honored guests at commencement this year included Larry Nelson, a 1970 Western graduate who, on May 7, became the first American to scale Mount Everest without the use of oxygen; Washington Secretary of State and 1966 Western graduate Ralph Munro; The Hon. John Sharpe, Consul General of Canada; Catharine Stimpson, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Whatcom Community College; William Laidlaw, president of Whatcom Community College; Dr. James Ford, president of Skagit Valley College; and C. W. "Bill" McDonald, chairman of The Western Foundation, Inc.

In his installation response, Dr. Ross spoke on the subject, "Public Higher Education — Now, More Than Ever!"

"Public investment in higher education is essential lest America turn its back on 200 years of progress and become—in a cruel and ironic sense—a nation divided between the educated and the uneducated," Ross told graduates.

With credit to a recent publication of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Ross continued, "Public Higher Education — Now More Than Ever — because the uneducated cannot simply be set aside if they fall behind and even if America would. As Thomas Jefferson observed: 'If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never shall be.'

"Public Higher Education — Now More Than Ever — because America's technological development must be mated with the development of modes of caring and patterns of justice and equality which make these marvelous technological breakthroughs worthwhile," stated Morris Keaton, president of the Council for Advancement of Experimental Learning. "He went on to say, 'Robots can truly serve our society only when the souls of the people who control them are activated with compassion and concern for what is right and what is good.'"

Ross then took exception to a statement being heard with increasing frequency across the land — "We are educating too many!"— while one of the last Bridge Project students, received her bachelor's degree in journalism at Western's ceremonies, her daughter, Ellen (right), earned her R.N. degree 100 miles to the south at Bellevue Community College on the same day.

It was double pleasure on commencement day for Helen Weinisky (right). While she, as one of the last Bridge Project students, received her bachelor's degree in journalism at Western's ceremonies, her daughter, Ellen (right), earned her R.N. degree on the same day.

It's over! And friends celebrate.
President Ross congratulates Associated Students President Mark Murphy.

Last minute preparations in the Registration Center.

Teaching awards

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1970 graduate Larry Nielson: an American first

T he Khumba Icefall is on the way to the top of Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world. It is arguably the most dangerous spot on earth. The icefall is a maze of jumbled ice towers and jagged crevices ready to crash down on any man who had previously been on the north face, although stopping short of the summit by 1,500 feet.

Conditioning for the climbs began years earlier with daily five-mile runs at 5 a.m. After the run, Nielson would lift weights for an hour before showering and going to teach school. He has taught history, literature and health in an Olympia middle school for over a decade.

In the afternoon, after school was over for the day, Nielson would run another eight miles through rugged terrain and lift weights for another hour before playing basketball or football with his three children and the neighborhood kids.

He hasn't been conditioning himself for just a few years; he's been climbing and running since he was a young child," explained Barbara, his wife and avid supporter since high school days when they were sweethearts in Tumwater.

Nielson's training built the endurance necessary to make the Everest climb without oxygen, a feat that is difficult for the layman to comprehend.

"The best way I can convey the feeling of climbing without oxygen is through an example," said Nielson. "One of the other climbers I was with ran out of oxygen 100 feet before the summit. His eyes crossed, his hands clutched at his throat, and he began to slowly slide down the mountain a few feet before he caught himself. Later, when he told us about it, he swore someone had been physically strangling him. It took him 20 minutes to climb the last 100 feet."

Nielson experienced no small difficulty himself with breathing those last yards. Stomach flu had inhibited him from being able to hold down any liquids or solids for the last five days of the ascent. His breathing was so labored and heavy through the last stretch that he cracked two ribs with the effort of drawing breath.

Nielson's calm manner belies his determination. In the middle of the final assault on the summit, the five-man team found themselves waist-deep in snow, and in a severe blizzard. There was a discussion whether the climb should continue. Nielson settled the discussion.

"I told them I was going on, and anyone who wanted to join me could come along," he said. "The entire team continued. The weather cleared at the summit, and they were treated to a beautiful view."

Nielson's track coach at Western, Dick Bowman, remembers that same determination. "He was gutsy. Anytime he got a chance, he'd be climbing a mountain. When I heard about his success on Everest, I thought, "That's typically Larry,"" said Bowman.

Nielson set a school record in the six-mile run (with a time of 30:59) while at Western, and went to the NAIA national meets in both cross-country and track and field, barely missing All-American honors.

"It's funny — I thought I was in tremendous shape during my undergraduate years. It can't even compare to my condition now," said Nielson.

The grueling climb up Everest took its toll. Nielson lost 15 pounds and came home with a frail appearance. He has spent much of his recent time puttering around the garden, which produces the fresh vegetables that are a staple in a diet that emphasizes whole grains. But Barbara squelches the notion that her husband is a total health nut.

"His favorite is Snickers bars," she said. "He can eat them by the pound."

The rest of the summer will hold some local climbs for Nielson. He will definitely scale Mount Rainier. "That's always a homecoming for me," he explained.

Following the 1983 Commencement exercises, Larry Nielson was presented the WWU Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus award. Association President Hunter Nickell made the presentation at the Presidential Installation luncheon, at which Nielson shared slides of his climb.

And long after he is done with his ascents, his oldest son, seven-year-old Andrew, has vowed to climb. "He says he wants to climb Everest," said Nielson. "Without oxygen, of course," he added with a laugh. Andrew can count on having instruction from one of the world's most knowledgeable trainers. □
New deans: Marsh, Elich assume duties

Two new acting deans were named for the 1983-84 academic year at Western. David Marsh will serve as acting dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts, and Peter Elich will serve as acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Marsh will replace Dr. William A. Gregory who has accepted a full-time position at National Taiwan University in Taipei, Taiwan. Marsh has been a member of the Western Fine Arts faculty since 1957. He served as department chairman from 1966 to 1974 and as acting chairman during the 1980-81 academic year. Marsh will act as dean for the academic year while a search is conducted for a replacement for Dr. Gregory. Marsh is cited as a major contributor to the computer and writing disciplines at the university. Marsh will teach classes in Western's Political Science Department. He specializes in the areas of American government and political parties, and is considered to be the leading authority in the U.S. on presidential primaries.

Elich will act as dean for the academic year while a search is conducted for a replacement for Dr. James Davis, who has announced his intention to resign from the post, effective September 1, 1983. Davis, who has been dean of the college for the past nine years, said he would return to teaching full-time. Davis is a member of the Western Art Department.
Bill Quehrn

The Bellingham Herald informs us that 1973 grad Bill Quehrn will resign as executive vice president of the Whatcom Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the end of July to return to Bellingham's KGMI Radio in a new position as director of public affairs.

Before taking the Chamber position nearly four years ago, Quehrn worked for KGMI for nine years as associate news director and program director.

Tim Scriven

One of those individuals recognized in April by Gov. John Spellman during Washington Volunteer Week was 1974 grad Tim Scriven.

Scriven, Résumé readers will recall, was featured in the summer, 1982, issue for his work with the South Whidbey Recreation and Community Center. His endless hours of community service earned him a Governor's Distinguished Volunteer Award for 1983. He and fellow award winners were treated to a reception in the Executive Mansion following the awards ceremony.

Carl J. (Joe) Christopher

USA Today recently announced the promotion of 1972 graduate Carl J. (Joe) Christopher to the position of West Coast accounting manager. Christopher joined the USA Today staff in October, 1982.

Robert N. McCauley

A $25,000 National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Visual Arts Grant was recently received by 1969 art graduate Robert N. McCauley. McCauley is currently an associate professor of art at Rockford College in Rockford, Illinois.

Lionel Livermore

The Chemical Manufacturers Association has presented 1950 Western graduate Lionel Livermore with a 1983 Two-Year College Regional Catalyst Award. One of four such awards conferred by the association, the honor carries a $500 check, a medal and citation. The program publicly recognizes and rewards superior teachers of chemistry and chemical engineering in the U.S. and Canada.

Before joining the Lower Columbia College faculty in Longview in 1965, Livermore taught physics and math at R. A. Long High School there for 15 years.

David L. Samples

Rockwell Hanford Operations has announced the appointment of David L. Samples as manager of site records services. Rockwell Hanford operates chemical processing, waste management and site services for the Department of Energy in Hanford, Washington.

Samples earned a bachelor's degree in history from Western in 1974. He lives in Kennewick with his wife, Janet, and their two children.

Heidi Hilfiker Lopez

We hear directly from Viola Hilfiker (Class of '49) that her daughter, Heidi Hilfiker Lopez, a 1982 business and economics grad, is residing in Talcahuano, Chile, where she teaches in the Chilean North American Institute. Heidi is also doing market research for Punta Arenas University.

Theodore C. Bestor

The Social Science Research Council has announced the appointment of anthropologist Theodore C. Bestor as a staff associate. Bestor, a 1973 Fairhaven College graduate, will serve as staff to the Joint Committee on Japanese Studies and the Joint Committee on Korean Studies of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council.

Since leaving Western, Bestor went on to earn his M.A. in East Asian Studies from Stanford University in 1976 and a Ph.D. in anthropology in 1983, also from Stanford.

Greg Del Arroyo

The City of Los Angeles recently cited 1969 history graduate Greg Del Arroyo for outstanding citizenship and community service. The Longview Daily News informs us that Del Arroyo has been working for the Los Angeles YMCA and started a preschool program for disadvantaged children in northeast Los Angeles. He earlier taught in Cali, Colombia; Pago Pago, American Samoa; and New Zealand.

Alumni scholarships

Jeff Canaan of Bellingham and Amy Hughes of Everett have been awarded $1,017 tuition and fee waiver scholarships by the WWU Alumni Association for the 1983-84 academic year.

Canaan is a computer science major at Western, and a graduate of Bellingham High School. This is the second year that he has been named a recipient of the award.

Hughes plans to major in physical therapy/special education at Western. She is a member of her high school honor society and has worked closely with handicapped and underprivileged children for years. She herself was raised in a number of foster homes.

WWU Alumni Association scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement, extracurricular activities and financial need.

Richard E. Clark authors book on Point Roberts

Western graduates may have encountered a book entitled Point Roberts, USA: The History of a Canadian Enclave, in local bookstores and libraries. The book, published in 1983 by Textype Publishers in Bellingham, was written by Western graduate Richard E. Clark, B.A. in music (1952) and M.A. in sociology (1970).

Clark informs us that the book led to a ten-part television series sponsored by Delta-Ten in British Columbia. The series, titled The History and Social Structure of Point Roberts, was recently run for the third time by Delta-Ten.

Incidentally, the forward to Point Roberts, USA was written by State Senator Barney Goltz, and Congressman Al Swift provided a paragraph for the back cover.

Deaths

Résumé is saddened to note the deaths this past spring of several Western faculty and former faculty and staff members.

Paul A. Kohl, history faculty member and director of Western's archival and records management program died May 16.

Dr. Hayden L. Mees, psychology faculty member since 1970, died suddenly May 29.

Former Western band director Don C. Walter died June 17. Walter came to Western in 1947 and retired as professor emeritus in 1974.

Theresa Olbrantz, who worked four years in Western's Housing Office and eight years in Personnel Services before retiring in 1979, died June 17.

IN MEMORIAM

'19 Iva A. McEnany ... Ida Jamison, on Aug. 31, 1982.
'25 Marlon Dawes.
'30 Alma Hilda Tate.
'31 Rose (Carrigan) Teague, on Feb. 15, 1982.
'63 Peter Visser.
'88 George P. Doerksen was killed by a grizzly bear on Aug. 31, 1981. ... David G. Hall.
'75 Deborah Jean (McBride) McDowell.
Unclassified Lillian Christoffersen, on July 14, 1982. ... Myrtle Helen McDonald, on Feb. 16, 1983.
Mary Ann Wilson, kindergarten teacher at the Centralia Christian School, recently had her decorated Ukranian eggs on display at the Lewis County Historical Museum.

75 Brad Carquist has had his color photography featured in a show at The College Gallery, Shoeliner Community College...Virginia Ann Martinson and Richard Mark Isemur were married Nov. 19 in Bellingham. They are living in...Debra Jean Olmstead and Fred Emil Gustafson were married Jan. 2 in Bellingham. She is a minister of Christian education in Monroe and he is employed at Bank of America...Susan Carlson Seager and her husband Stan have moved to Burlington, VT...Marlene Elaine Rosoman and Paul Warren Seagar were married recently in Lakewood. They live in Tacoma.

80 Lynnea Elizabeth Dodd and Kirk H. Dunbar were married March 26 in Seattle...Cynthia L. Brown and Doug C. Springer were married April 2 in Chehalis, where they are living. Both teach in the Napavine School District...Jim Grable is a member of the Bay Area music group "Cort Wassell"...Tami Seybert and Gregg Treser were married in January in their home and are living in Seattle...Kathleen Marie Koets and Ronald Harold Selby were married April 8 in Olympia. She is employed by Evergreen Christian School...Susan Jeanne Kopper and John David Koontz were married in Seattle...(-)

81 Sandra Carol Kerr and John Marion Price were married March 12 in Buriel. They are living in Denver...Lowen J. Stall and Todd W. Nubin were married Jan. 16 in Bellingham. They live in Juneau...Joan M. Hinrichs and Ronald Carl Shandal were married recently in Tacoma. They are living in White Rock, B.C...Layna Yonone Chisholm and Glenn Alyn Martin were married April 16 in Bellingham, where they are living...(-)

82 James Ian Harley was awarded the Patricia Elliott Scholarship for his composition, "Five Brautigan Songs"...Michael Ridderbusch was the winner of the undergraduate division of a national composition competition sponsored by the American Composers Forum...(-)
August
3-7 Summer Stock '83: The Skin of Our Teeth. For ticket information for all Summer Stock '83 productions, call the box office at (206) 676-3873.
3-16 Roland International String and Piano Workshop.
13-27 Air National Guard Communication Training School.
13 Alumni Hike, Excelsior Ridge.
14-20 Suzuki Institute.

September
12 Alumni Volleyball Reunion.
17 Football: Oregon Institute of Technology. 1 p.m., Klamath Falls, OR.
17 Alumni Men's & Women's Cross-Country Runners Reunion.
18 Alumni women's Soccer Reunion.
24 Football: Pacific Lutheran University. 7:30 p.m., Bellingham Civic Field.
24 Alumni Men's Soccer Reunion.

October
1 Football: Pacific University. 1:30 p.m., Forest Grove, OR.
1-8 National Higher Education Week.
15 Football: Western Oregon State College. 1 p.m., Bellingham Civic Field.
22 Oktoberfest.
22 Football: Eastern Oregon State College. 1 p.m., Bellingham Civic Field.

WWU 1983 Football Schedule
Sept. 17 Oregon Tech* 1 p.m.
Sept. 24 Pacific Lutheran 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 1 Pacific University 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 8 Whitworth College 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 15 Western Oregon State* 1 p.m.
Oct. 22 Eastern Oregon State* 1 p.m.
Oct. 29 Simon Fraser* 1 p.m.
Nov. 5 Univ. of Puget Sound* 1 p.m.
Nov. 12 Central Washington* 1 p.m.
Nov. 19 Southern Oregon State* 1 p.m.

*Denotes Evergreen Conference contest.

Home games (in bold type) are played at Bellingham's Civic Stadium. Games are free for current Western students. Other adults pay $3, other students $2, and children under 12 pay 50 cents.