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Richard Rowan, Secret Service Expert To Address Assembly

Famous Author and Lecturer Will Relate Adventures In Next Friday's Assembly

Richard Wilmer Rowan, who Clifton Fadiman says is "the greatest living authority on international secret service," lecturer, and author of several best-sellers on espionage, will speak in the regular assembly, November 7.

Mr. Rowan's connection with secret service work began before the United States entered the World war in 1918. He worked with groups then striving for the ultimate independence of the Czechs and other central European countries. At this time, his interest in the subject of war propaganda led him into a series of investigations but his articles were discontinued after they first appeared because they were thought to conflict with the counter-propaganda being launched by the American government.

During the time the United States was at war, Mr. Rowan did confidential work, being attached to the Chemical Warfare service. After the World war he resumed his literary career and has come to be known as America's authority on secret service. Besides his internationally famous "The Story of Secret Service," Rowan has written a number of other books and innumerable magazine articles on various phases of espionage. His books include: "Spy and Counter-Spy," "The Pinkertons," "Spies and the Next War," and "Terror in Our Time."

Klipsun Snapshot Contest Announced

That the Klipsun will sponsor a snap-shot contest was revealed by Jane Hamilton, Klipsun editor at their weekly meeting held last Tuesday in the ASB office. According to Jane, the dates for the contest will be announced in the near future, so it is a good idea to begin saving your snap-shots now.

Bob Rockriver was named to the staff. He was a photographer for the Elma high school annual last year.

"The staff is very enthusiastic over the future Klipsun in which new and different ideas will be used," reports Rosemary Bolster, Klipsun art editor. During the meeting the dummy was examined and many assignments made.

Sir Thomas Beecham's Antics Attract Patrons At Seattle Symphony Concert

By Donald G. Bushell

Anyone who reviews a concert of this season's Seattle Symphony may just as well bow to the inevitable, and begin with a discussion of the most striking feature of such a concert—Sir Thomas Beecham. In theory, a Symphony Concert, such as that presented last Friday evening by the Seattle Orchestra, should center about the music performed, but Beecham apparently fully understands that more auditors are attracted to concerts by the antics of the conductor than by the selections played.

Consequently, Beecham "antics," deliberately and flamboyantly, with Jurgen-like delight in his own "most monstrous cleverness." And doubtless many listeners enjoy the evening more for just that reason. But, what is more important, those who went to hear music well-played were satisfied, for Beecham already has the Seattle Symphony performing with a fire and zest it has not previously displayed. The fortes are louder, the pianissimos are softer, the phrases more widely inflected, than previously. The tone of the group has suffered somewhat from the general strenuousness, but that will doubtless improve as the orchestra and Beecham become better acquainted.

The program of last Friday began with the familiar overture to "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream," but the performance left the Mendelssohn work fresh, spritely, and unhackneyed. Delli's "The Walk to the Paradise

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TO REIGN At Homecoming

Bernice Monson Chosen Queen Sigrid IV by Football Team



In their first regal photograph, seen above are the members of the royal court of the eighteenth annual HOMECOMING Festivities at Western Washington college. Seated, center is BERNICE MONSON, named Queen Sigrid IV; standing left to right is her court, SHEILA MOORE, freshman princess; HELEN JEAN PRATT, and FRANCES NEEVEL, junior princesses; and BERNICE ELENBAAS, sophomore princess.

Bellingham Junior To Lead 1941 Homecoming Festivities; Jean Pratt, Frances Nevel, Princesses

BERNICE MONSON, Western Washington college junior from Bellingham, was selected by the Viking football team Tuesday to become Queen Sigrid IV to reign over the eighteenth annual HOMECOMING festivities November 14, 15, and 16.

Helen Jean Pratt and Frances Nevel, also nominated by the junior-senior classes to vie for the honor, will serve as princesses along with the sophomore representative, Bernice Elenbaas, and the freshmen choice, Sheila Moore.

Final budgets of the HOMECOMING committees were approved by the Board of Control at their weekly meeting on Wednesday, thus, according to Art Brock, the general HOMECOMING chairman, paving the way for completion of all the committees' plans.

Highlite of the festivities will be the annual gridiron battle between one of the other colleges of education, this year the Central Washington Wildcats.

Kenneth Selby, WWC graduate and principal of the Cleveland high school in Seattle will be the principal HOMECOMING luncheon speaker, according to the luncheon committee chairman, Helen Jean Pratt.

Radioplayers Air Stevenson's 'Imp'

Continuing their current series of productions, Radiodirector Ramon George's classes will present Robert Louis Stevenson's "The Bottle Imp" on the air next Tuesday, November 4, at 4:00 p. m.

This is the story of an Imp who lived in a bottle and who possessed the strange power to grant the holder of the bottle any wish that he should make. But because the bottle had to be sold for less than was paid for it before the owner's death, all was not as rosy as might be expected. Listen to your radio at the scheduled time for this amusing dramatization.

"The presentation should be an interesting one and well worth listening to," said Director George.

New Tests Slated

Revamping of WWC testing practice was decided upon by the faculty at their last meeting, October 14. Tests should not be repeated in their entirety, it was agreed, although parts might occasionally be incorporated into new tests. In accordance with the proposal, all examination stencils now in existence will be destroyed by the mimeographing department.

"This step is in line with modern testing practice," comments Dr. Lucy Kangley, vice-chairman of the faculty committee on testing.

★ Dateline

Saturday, November 1

AWS informal, Bellingham Country club, 9:00 p. m.
Football with EWC at Cheney.

Tuesday, November 4

Nomination convention, 4:00 p. m.

Wednesday, November 5

CCF, room 226, 12:20.

Friday, November 7

Assembly, Richard Wilmer Rowan, international secret service, 11:00 a. m.

Senior party, Training school gym, 8:30-11:30 p. m.

AWS Informal OK'd

Women come through! Deciding that enough girls have signified their intention to attend the annual affair, Ruth Culbertson, AWS informal chairman, announced the "Singapore Swing" would be held as scheduled, tomorrow evening at the Bellingham country club. Johnney Merritt and his orchestra will provide the music.

Victory Booklet Set For Homecoming

Yes, there's to be a HOMECOMING booklet this year! For the price of one thin dime you will be able to purchase this annual gem of the literary world. Complete information on the classic HOMECOMING battle between the powerful Western Washington college Vikings and up and coming Central Washington college Wildcats will be featured in this epic of the eighteenth HOMECOMING festivities. The name of the 1941 edition — The VIKING VICTORY Booklet. The theme of 1941 HOMECOMING—V for a VIKING VICTORY.

The VIKING VICTORY booklet will be on sale at stands in the halls on Friday, November 14, at noon. Get a copy early; the number is limited.

University of Washington Adopts New System of Grade Evaluation

By Dr. C. C. Upshall

The University of Washington has adopted a new system of evaluating the course work of students. Many influences combined to destroy the values of the old A B C D F system. Among the most important of these influences were the various scholarship requirement standards for participation in certain phases of university life. Many of these pressures are also operative at Western Washington college.

The new system of evaluation has one outstanding merit—its meaning is very precise. The work of the student is to be rated by indicating his rank among the students taking the course. The highest one-tenth in each class will receive a rank of "5," the next highest two-tenths a rank of "4," the next highest four-tenths a rank of "3," next highest two-tenths a rank of "2" and the bottom one-tenth a rank of "1." Tables have been prepared so the faculty may know the exact number of students to be given each rank according to the number of students in the class. Other arrangements will be made for classes in which there are fewer than ten students.

Will everyone who receives a rank of "1" fail in the course? The answer is "No." The system of assigning numbers is based on rank only, not on whether or not a student should fail or receive honors. If any faculty member feels that a student should fail in the course or should receive honors for the course he may place the letter F after the rank of "1" or the letter H after the rank of "5."

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Girls' Houses Scouted

EDENS HALL: Golly! This engagement business is getting serious! News of this kind used to appear strictly in the "old grads" column... but Marian Peters of the Dorm has brought the situation much nearer home. At a candle-light dinner in honor of her birthday anniversary last Wednesday, Marian announced her engagement to Robert Ingersoll, former WWC student. The very best of luck to you Marian and Bob!

ENGER HALL: The girls of Enger Hall killed two birds with one stone yesterday (yes, we've reported them to the Humane society), when they combined a Hallowe'en party with a surprise birthday anniversary party for Jean Pratt, who reached her majority, Thursday, October 30. The celebration took the form of a dinner followed by a ghostly (that's an "o", stupid) Hallowe'en program. Marjory Moll, Enger's social chairman, arranged the affair.

Mrs. James Williams, house-mother at the hall, was elected president of the Housemother's association for the coming year.

DOWN'S HALL: The girls at Down's hall who are planning to attend the AWS informal are making arrangements to serve a dinner before the dance. Chop Suey and Singapore Slings were thought to be in keeping with the Chinese atmosphere, but this menu has not been definitely decided upon. Several girls have been making trips to downtown banks this week... trading their penny collections for currency of a larger denomination.

BEVERLY HALL: Beverly hall contributed an extra rooster to the Battersby field bleachers last Saturday... Bernice Peter's sister, Arleene Peters, spent the week-end at the house, and attended the WWC-PLC game.

A former WWC student, Jean Hogg, who now is teaching at Avon, was the guest of Marie Davis and Geraldine Wilson at dinner last Saturday night.

FACULTY

Speaking on the A.C.E. convention in Oakland, Miss Katherine Casanova first grade instructor, appeared on the program of the Skagit County Association for Childhood Education at a meeting in La-Conner, October 28.

The Women

MARGARET DWELLE, WOMEN'S EDITOR

Breakey Attends Seattle Meeting

Miss Hazel Breakey, secretary of the newly formed Washington State Artists association, attended a committee meeting last Friday in Seattle. At the meeting, by-laws and constitution for the organization were formulated, and will be brought up for approval at a dinner meeting of the association November 1, in Seattle.

Says Miss Breakey, "The aim of this group is to create a statewide organization of artists, teachers, and students, in order to integrate art in Washington. Many states have similar organizations, co-operating with large regional ones like our Pacific Arts association. By having a small one for our state, we hope that all those interested in art will be able to attend our meetings."

More Concert Revue

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Garden" was the most musically profound work on the program, and was beautifully performed, with particularly fine work from the woodwind choir. The contemporaneous "Little Prelude" of Kurthy, which followed, was presumably meant to be humorous, but became instead a bit angular and jerky. Possibly a faster tempo would have bettered it. (On the other hand, it might have brought disaster.)

The performance of Mozart's "Linz" Symphony was especially interesting, for Beecham likes his Mozart full-bodied and strong, in opposition to the many who would over-refine this composer. The slow movement of this work showed that the orchestra does not altogether comprehend Beecham's method of indicating attacks as yet, but the finale was brilliantly performed. The pleasant Dvorak Fourth Symphony, which concluded the program, was played with great vigor (especially in the brass section), and with fine transparency and balance throughout the orchestra.

To Sir Thomas Beecham, music is exciting, and he manages to make it that for both his performers and his auditors. Certainly there will be many local listeners who will look forward to another opportunity to hear the Seattle Symphony Orchestra and Sir Thomas Beecham. (Or should Beecham be mentioned first?)

With the WRA . . .

By Elizabeth Douglas

Baked beans were handed out at the WRA breadline, Wednesday. The occasion, of course, was the Hard Times party held in the gym for all down-and-out WRAs. There was music and entertainment; the gals danced the Virginia reel and hunted peanuts.

Girls in the most atattered and torn clothes were given an extra handout . . . really, peanuts! The salvation-recreation band played on their novel instruments, combs. Soda crackers were served with the entres (beans) and graham crackers were the dessert.

Sub-committee heads for the party were, publicity, Barbara Bayer; games, Ellen Van Wierengen; entertainment, Marilyn Manuel; refreshments, Margaret Shilke; invitations, Bernice Ellenbaas; and clean-up, Norma Stangle.

Jeanne Fraser, Blue Barnacle president, announced that new members will be initiated next Monday. Norma Stangle, assisted by Aileen Baker and Frances Neavel, is in charge of the affair... Tryouts will be held again on Tuesday for those who missed the previous tests.

Alice Fjellman has been appointed chairman for the WRA's homecoming skit. The committee members are Rosemary Watts, Elizabeth Auer, Geraldine Fegley, and Dorothy Miller.

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What will happen to present scholarship regulations? Equivalent points in terms of the new system have been carefully worked out so that the scholarship regulations will be carried over as they are at present into the new system. Great care has been exercised to make the equivalents as accurate as possible.

All colleges in the state of Washington are going to watch this new departure in evaluating course work with great interest. It has certain features which are great improvements over the older method. If no important difficulties arise in its administration, it should be adopted by the other colleges throughout the state.

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Sundback Elected By Kappas

ELAINE SUNDBACK was elected vice-president of Kappa Chi Kappa, WWC's girls' leadership organization, at their meeting in Edens hall club room Tuesday, October 28. Kay Byrnes, elected to head the group last spring, presided.

Margarethe Schilke was elected secretary-treasurer on the same ballot; Edna Miller and Helen Bjorkquist were selected as delegates to the nominating convention on November 4.

It was announced that Miss Dorothy Dawson, executive secretary of the Bellingham Council of Campfire Girls, is conducting a leadership training course this quarter. This includes, according to Miss Dawson, a study of the whole Campfire program.

It was also announced that the next meeting would be November 25 when handcraft will be featured. "Girls interested in the campfire program are cordially invited to attend the next meeting and become acquainted with the organization," stated Miss Byrnes.

STUDENT COMMITTEE MEETS TO MAKE UNION PLANS

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To draw up plans for furnishing the small gymnasium now occupied by the training school was the purpose of the first meeting of the Student union committee Monday, October 27.

"According to President W. W. Haggard the college will remodel the building provided the room is furnished with student moneys. It is our aim to find ways and means of doing this as soon as possible," Frank Shiers, ICC president and chairman of the committee announced.

CURE AND GAFFNEY DANCE EXPERTS

Under the instruction of Lillian Cure and Tom Gaffney, the dancing class met for the first time, Tuesday, October 28, in the Training school gym. Music was provided by means of records played by Bill Junkin, rec hour chairman.

According to the instructors there was a very successful turnout for the first meeting and a great deal was accomplished.

Plays Lead



DECLAN BARRON

Barron Tries New Role in Fall Play

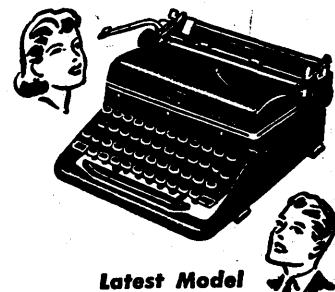
By Ed Olson

When the lights go up on the first night of "George Washington Slept Here," Declan Barron will be playing the part of Newton Fuller, the gentleman around whom the story is built. Mr. Barron is a sophomore here at WWC and has appeared in WWC productions before. You will remember him as the much-hated housemaster in "Bachelor Born." Then again in "Prologue to Glory" he played the part of Abe Lincoln's father-in-law, Colonel Rutledge. This time Mr. Barron puts all of his dramatic ability into the part of the New York business man, Newton Fuller, who turns to life in the country as the answer to his childhood prayers. Mr. Barron's portrayal of Newton Fuller is entirely different from anything he has done before.

Mr. Barron comes to WWC from Stanwood, Washington. His major interests besides dramatics are English and Science. He plans to be a teacher some time in the near future.

"George Washington Slept Here," the Kaufman and Hart comedy, just recently closing a successful season on Broadway, will be presented in penthouse style the evening of November 27, 28, and 29, with a matinee on Saturday afternoon.

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Gossip by Gilroy...

By Jim Gilroy

Risking a chance of turning this column into a Monday morning obituary, we'll throw a hasty glance back at last Saturday night's big game! For loyal Viking fans that last half was a disheartening affair, but for most of the spectators the entire game was a sight worth seeing. Certainly no one could ask for a higher brand of football.

PLC showed Bellingham that their advance publicity was far from exaggerated. They displayed a finely geared machine, and the Vikings didn't quite have the material to throw a wrench into the works. Not that the boys didn't throw everything in the book at the Lutes, they did that and more. During the first half the Viking squad had the Lutes in more than one tight spot. Old man luck did the WWC-ers dirt however, when three straight passes virtually bounded off the chests of the luckless Viking receivers. Breaks like that can easily be the turning point of a game. If one of those passes had connected it would have evened up the score, and given the Viking morale a much needed bolstering in the second half.

No use crying over spilt milk however. It was a hard fought battle of the highest caliber. The WWC team played a splendid game against what is probably the best small college eleven in the nation. There's little doubt that the best team won, and this department wishes Tommervik, Harshman, and Co. lots of luck—they're a credit to the quality of the WINCO league.

Cheney's Savages will play host to the Vikings tomorrow night. Always a tough team to beat, the Savages are doubly potent on their home field. Despite the fact that the Vikings are playing their sixth game of the season, the Cheney game will be only the second game that counts in the WINCO league. So, although the WWC squad has won three, tied one, and lost one game in the 1941 season, the WINCO standings show the Vikings with one loss and no wins. Lappy's boys will be out on the Cheney field determined to hang up their first official WINCO victory. If the weather isn't cold (cold in Cheney means any weather in which the mercury drops below 15 degrees F.) this column will go so far as to predict a decisive Viking victory.

Intramural basketball started Monday night. Since this is the first week of play it does not seem out of place to give some of the players a bit of advice. Intramural sports are designed to give students an opportunity to participate in an active sport. Leagues and teams are organized to supply the necessary competitive spirit. Naturally each team hopes to win as many games as possible, but this is not an excuse for "dirty" playing. Any sport, where two teams are determined to beat the other, gives leeway to a certain amount of roughness. Roughness can be tolerated to a certain extent, but using underhand methods to win games have no place in any sport. In several of this week's games it was quite noticeable that several players took good advantage of some of the "lower arts" against their opponents. Basketball isn't supposed to be a pink tea party, but some of the players would do well to keep this well known slogan in mind: "Play hard, with a determination to win, but keep it clean."

Although a blow to the Vikings' championship hopes, Saturday's game was a big boost for the WINCO league. The almost unanimous opinion of the fans who attended the spectacle was that it was one of the best games ever staged here in Bellingham. Few people realize that the WINCO schools play real A-1 football. Doubt if you'll see much better ball played anywhere on the Coast. The big name schools have a wider variety of material to choose from, but the caliber of the game they play isn't very far above the WINCO standards. So next time you go to a WINCO game it's certain that win or lose, both teams will be out there giving the spectators their money's worth and more.

Mural Chatter

By Dick Beckett

Keglers, just one . . . Did anyone notice Mr. Arntzen strutting around the halls last week, after Wednesday? Well, here's the lowdown. Up to the sixth frame, in one of his games for the faculty, he wasn't doing well, when suddenly he came up with five straight strikes and a couple of spares. This final spurt was the reason his team happened to win that game and some points, hence the strut with good enough reason.

Compliments . . .

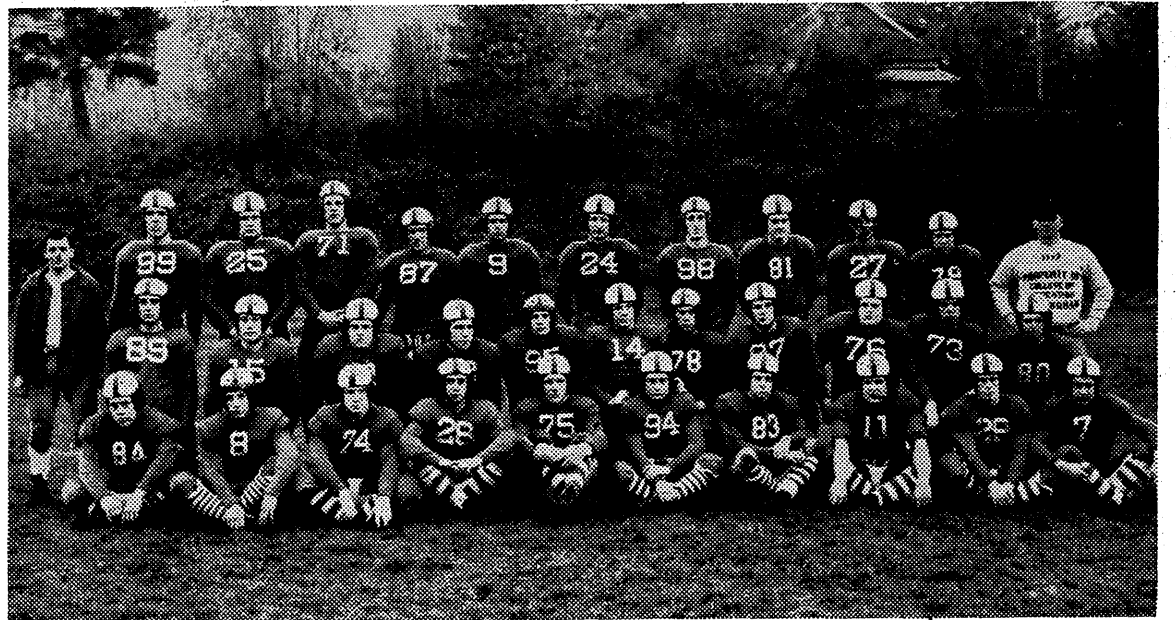
Might as well compliment the boys who see that the games are run off smoothly while it still counts. To Ernie Ludwig and Art Stenson go the orchids for this week. They work just as hard as the boys who play in the games. They not only do

this for one game a day, but three an afternoon, so don't dive into them too hard. It is no bed of roses battling some of the boys when they get pent up; take it easy—remember they have feelings, too.

Basketball Chirps

One of the hottest men on the floor was "Jiggs" Harkleroad for the Hospice Innners. . . . Tom Goff was the only man on the White Mice who approached what could be called a ball player, too BAD Brown. . . . Out of condition was everybody's bugaboo this time and not the ref's usual whistle tooting. there'll come a time. . . . The Sate-lies, Hilltoppers and the Edwards gang look like the outfits to battle. . . . Ole Olson looked pretty smooth out there on the floor for Edwards. . . . Messenger, too. . . . Bud Dahl, Norm's little brother, sparked for Hospice. . . . Nyberg looks good for the Hilltoppers. . . . See where "Smoke" Goodman is playing for the Hilltoppers, watch him and see lots . . . well, that's it for now.

Coach Lappenbusch's Scrappy Viking Eleven Pose



Coach Charles F. Lappenbusch and assistant coach Roy Franko pose with the 1941 WWC team. The Vikings lost their first game out of five encounters when they met the Pacific Lutheran "Flying Circus" last Saturday. Lappy's boys, their sights leveled on second place, play the Cheney Savages tomorrow on the EWC home grounds.

Faculty Holds Lead In Keglers' Race

Interest and competition ran high Wednesday evening as the Faculty, lead by Dr. Robert Holtman, held a slim lead by defeating the highly touted Stokers 2-1. Edwards Hall came up with a 3-0 win over the Hospice Inn boys, while the Collegians squeezed two points out of three from the Alley Cats.

Due to the way averages are switching back and forth, the league race is still wide open. Probably the most improved bowler in the league is Al Dunn, captain of the Stokers. The most consistent bowler is Dr. Holtman.

Stokers	Faculty
Baker 324	George 237
Johnson 288	Brewer 232
Donelson 324	Arntzen 242
Grant 205	Cederstrom 287
Dunn 286	Holtman 322
Total 1427	Total 1484
Alley Cats	WWCollegian
Loop 304	Gilroy 265
Dahl 329	Hovde 310
Beckett 227	Lindsay 255
Prince 246	Harvey 217
Critchlow 276	Rogers 238
Total 1382	Total 1387
Edwards Hall	Hospice Inn
Kerchen 295	Wanner 256
Olson 273	Wilder 223
Washburn 256	Bruland 280
Messinger 302	Muckey 233
Holmberg 268	Brown 345
Total 1492	Total 1337

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PLC DEFEATS VIKING SQUAD, VIK CHAMP HOPES BLASTED

Led by the accurate passing of Marv Tommervik, Pacific Lutheran college defeated WWC's Vikings, 25 to 6, at Battersby field Saturday night.

Coach Lappenbusch's squad battled Lutherans to a 6-6 tie in the first quarter. In the second play of the game, PLC caught the Viking backfield unawares when Tommervik threw a pass over their heads to End Paul Pollilo, who took the ball over the goal-line for the first Lutheran score.

WWC retaliated with a 44-yard drive to within six inches of the PLC goal. On the first down, with six inches to go, Stan Targus took the ball over center for the only Viking score of the game. The attempt at conversion went wide.

PLC broke the deadlock in the second quarter when Tommervik, standing on the Viking 20, faked a pass, and then ran the ball over for the second Lutheran score.

Attempting to keep up the scoring pace, the Vikings drove the ball down to the Lutes' 15, but the drive was stalled when several passes were juggled and dropped by the Viking receivers.

WWC Team Invade Cheney Sat. Night

After an unsuccessful encounter with the Pacific Lutes, the WWC Vikings will meet the EWC Savages tomorrow at Cheney.

There were no major casualties from the Lutheran contest except that of Pete Gudyka. Pete had to have four stitches taken in his tongue after encountering a Pacific Lutheran player.

After touching up pass defense and putting emphasis on tackling practice this week, Coach Lappenbusch again has the Blue and White ready for action. "It was sort of a shock," Lappenbusch commented, "after going through the first quarter of the season undefeated, then being stopped cold in a 25 to 6 victory."

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Editorial

THE STUDENTS SPEAK

Two weeks ago students at Western Washington college saw a couple of WWCollegian staff members running all over the campus asking different eds and co-eds what they thought about this, that and the other thing. Today the WWCollegian publishes the results of this poll which included more than 150 colleges and universities in the United States. Next week more compilations taken from the same poll will be published.

We students at institutions of higher learning in this country should value highly the privilege which we alone have in schools of this world—that of freedom of speech. We can think and say what we think!

Read the poll story on this page.

As We See It

By Frank Shiers and Derry Conlee

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Today Mr. Conlee and I wish to thank our critics for their very helpful diagnosis of the faults of last week's column. We are sincerely grateful for the interest that has been taken in our efforts. We wish to invite further criticism; but we must warn that reprisals will be taken against all critics smaller than ourselves. It was very encouraging to find that so many of our friends could read. We had no reason to suspect that so many of them were literate.

For some time now I have been worried about our national debt. Of course I realize that this is old fashioned and entirely out of vogue in Washington, D. C., where a taxpayer is looked upon as a goose, who has to be force-fed so that he will lay his golden egg each day; but I just can't help it.

Some time ago the ceiling on our national debt was fixed at \$45,000,000,000.00. I shake to think of what it is at the present time. What worries me most, however, is the mystery shrouding the disappearance of this tidy little sum. The dollar-a-year men didn't get it because they only got a dollar a year. The capitalists didn't get it, because they are operating their factories at cost just to help out Uncle Sam. The laborers didn't get it, because they are still struggling for a living wage. Naturally we come to the conclusion that it must still be in circulation.

There are approximately 50,000,000 people over 21 years of age in the United States. This means that each of them should have more than \$900 in his pocket at the present time. Now, I haven't got 90c in my pocket at the time of this writing; so I have a distinct feeling of having been robbed of my share in the National Defense pudding.

The average student in this school seems almost unaware that open war is all but upon us. Can we (supposedly informed college students) be so misinformed as to believe that we have little more than begun to prepare for such a conflict?

It took America surprisingly little time to recover from the great shock it received at the outcome of the Battle of Dunkirk and to regain its former attitude of complacent indifference. Everyone talks about the war almost as much as they do about the latest football games; but what are we doing about it? Unlike a similar comment that Mark Twain made about the weather, there isn't much we, as citizens in a free country, can do. We must seek facts.

Are we giving the British the assistance they deserve? They are fighting our battle as well as their own. According to an article in a recent issue of a national magazine, we have thus far supplied England with enough food to last her the lengthy period of two days! Part of this food, notably the eggs, was bad and the smell thereof proved a cause of some embarrassment to both governments.

Our armed forces must be strengthened at once. Why does the army still have difficulty in attracting volunteers? Why was the draft necessary? The reasons are all too apparent. What is the best that a man may expect when he enters the army? He will, in all probability, be handed the following: a place to sleep—often only a tent— an outmoded rifle and sundry worn field equipment, a drab ill-fitting uniform, a possible share in the attentions of the camp hostess, and the extremely small pay of twenty-one per. At the present time his chances of bettering his position through promotions are, any army man will confess, very small.

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Five of the fair-sex instructors of WWC go athletic, and in a big way too! Last Sunday Miss Anna Ullin, Miss Ruth Van Pelt, Miss Ethel Church, Miss Ruth Melendy and Dr. Lucy Kangley rented bicycles and rode 18 miles around the vicinity of Birch Bay and Blaine. As for Miss Ullin, the bicycle ride was not enough; it was just an invitation to go swimming in the temping waters of Birch Bay. That's exactly what she did, and at this time of year, too!

When asked if the water wasn't cold, Miss Ullin replied, "I enjoy swimming in the cold water and often go in at this time of year."

WWC Faculty Reach Crowning Point

Topping their quota again this year, faculty, office staff, and employes of WWC gave \$1,262 to the Community Fund in its annual drive held last week. According to Miss Georgia Gregg, "Nearly 100 per cent response was obtained to make this another banner year." Miss Gragg and Dr. E. A. Bond were in charge of contributions at WWC.

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DEAR MR. EDITOR:

We see by the paper that there ain't gonna be no rec hour after Homecoming Assembly. From comments we've heard on the situation, we feel that a lot of people are going to be violently unhappy about this. (By the way, this faction is not composed entirely of the wimmen who lack dates to the Saturday night dance). All right, so the little gym does live up to its name! Don't you realize that the Friday night brawl is half the fun of Homecoming? Your arguments agin are: (1) the gym's too small, (2) everybody'll be all worn out after the snake parade, (3) you want to build up to a climax for Saturday night. Well, here are our answers. In past years, even though everybody puts on a good imitation of a squashed sardine, we enjoy it. As for the students being frazzed to a frizzle, after sitting in Assembly we won't be too tired to dance, if not at school, at a certain well-known rat-race. And what's more, after a mad scramble like the usual Friday night madhouse, the big dance will be a welcome change. A Rec hour won't spoil your climax; rather, it will make the crowd appreciate a really good dance (this is a paid commercial, plug!)

You know, everybody'll end up downtown if there isn't anything doing up here, so why not keep the kids out of Jerry's? Homecoming is only once a year, so let's make it a really big week-end!

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Students Against War Entry: Poll

AUSTIN, Texas, Oct. 30.—A majority of American college students, unlike most U. S. adults, are opposed to changing the neutrality law to allow supply ships to be armed and sent into war zones.

This isolationist attitude is discovered in the first poll of the school year completed last week by Student Opinion Surveys of America. The nationwide canvassing likewise reveals overwhelming sentiment against actual fighting in the war and growing pessimism on the campus about the country's ability to avoid the conflict.

The latest Gallup poll, taken like this student survey was, since Congress took up neutrality revision, found a ratio of 46 to 40 per cent in favor of mounting guns on American ships and 54 per cent approving of American ships and crews delivering supplies to Britain. But college interviewers, sampling a scientific cross-section in every part of the nation, found a different answer among students:

The question: "Are you for or against changing the neutrality law so that American supply ships may be armed and sent into war zones?"

The results:

In favor 42%

Against 51

Undecided 7

(If undecided ballots are ignored, then 45 per cent are in favor and 55 against.)

"What do you believe is more important for the United States to try to do, the interviewees were next asked, "declare war and use our fighting forces where needed, or try to keep out as long as possible and supply the nations fighting Hitler and Japan?"

Declare war and fight 14%

Stay out and supply 79

Undecided 7

Northrup Likes Indians

"I'm a nut on research and especially Indians," grinned Miss Maxine Northrup above the noise made by a janitor pounding up a new wall map in the ninth grade room. "I understand your library has much interesting material on Indians," she added with a hopeful look in her blue-green eyes.

Clodhoppers Belong To Dutch Maids

This bit of commentary might take place any day in the main hall. A stranger is talking with two students.

Stranger: (hearing loud plodding noise coming from upstairs) "What's that terrible racket up there? I didn't know you kept horses."

First Student: "That's no horse. That's Annabelle. I can tell her tread anyplace since she started wearing wooden shoes."

Second Student: "You are badly mistaken, my good man, that couldn't be Annabelle. Annabelle sounds like an old mare. This one more resembles a plough horse. It must be Marie."

Little Dutch maids in little Dutch shoes are said to look very picturesque, but it's our bet that they wear them more out of necessity than preference. It seems to me that, if American girls are interested enough in old Dutch customs to put themselves to the hardship of wearing wooden shoes, they might go a step further and acquire the ancient social grace connected with them—that of removing them upon entering a building.

Crossing her slim legs under the ninth grader's desk at which she was sitting, Miss Northrup confessed that her interest in research began as a result of the thesis she wrote for her maser's degree which she received from Colorado state college of education. She obtained her AB at Denver university. Miss Northrup taught her first year in Kansas, but has since taught in junior and senior high schools in her home state, Colorado.

As she raised her slender figure to better see the campus, Miss Northrup remarked, "I do think your campus is one of the most uniquely beautiful that I have ever seen." She went on to tell that she thought the mountains here, although not as high as those in Colorado, are more colorful and seem to stay greener during the summer months. Impressed by the extreme graciousness and friendliness of the faculty and the Bellingham citizens both she and her mother are kept from feeling lonesome for home folk and places.

Miss Northrup tilted back her red-brown head as she admired the new maps with which the janitor was still wrestling. She expressed an excited delight in the work her pupils are doing.

Coming back to the Indians, Miss Northrup wondered about the tribes in this northwest and the reservations near here. Turning to the waiting student teacher, she cautioned as a parting shot. "Don't print anything you shouldn't."

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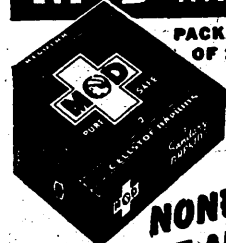
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