

## Karason

or

## Haggard



—Photo by Roland Richards

There are no sharply defined differences of opinion about issues in this campaign. The main question at issue is: who are you going to choose to represent you in your student government? The choice is yours to make in any way you see fit. Your representatives, if they are really to be your representatives, will be responsible to you for what they do. You will delegate certain authority to them but, in the final analysis, the real authority must be vested in you—if your student government is to function on a democratic basis.

I believe that student government can and should be essentially democratic, and that it is primarily a student affair. You are well qualified to make decisions on matters which are the business of your student government provided that you are informed about these matters which concern you. There is a dual responsibility involved: you should inform your representatives of your wishes as well as be informed by them.

I BELIEVE that the main purpose of the ASB is to promote those activities which will be of interest and value to the student body as a whole.

I BELIEVE that it is necessary to attempt to get more active and more general interest in student government even if such attempts

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—Photo by Roland Richards

At this phase of any campaign it is time for the candidates to sit down, if they have not previously done so, and seriously consider what they WANT to do for their followers, and what they honestly think they CAN do.

I have tried to view the situation in a calm, impersonal manner, and in so doing have arrived at certain definite conclusions.

## New Leaders Face Ordeal

By DON PACKARD

Wade Haggard and Halldor Karason for president. Donna Redmond, Ted Gary, and Bob Dickson for vice-president. These candidates, for the two major student governing offices, represent what I believe to be the most interesting and important college political campaign since pre-war years. The campaign is very interesting because of the keen competition which is involved. All of the candidates are vitally interested in student government and student activities, and are exceptionally well qualified to provide leadership for both.

The present political campaign is important because of the influence it will have on a rapidly expanding student program. Next year's leaders will be faced with two very important jobs. The first will be to provide an interesting school activities program for a growing student organization. The second will be to change student governing policies and laws (constitution) to fit the needs of the student organization. The latter should be accomplished only when interest is aroused to such an extent that it will be the doing of a large majority of the student body, not just a small isolated group.

With increased interest in student affairs, and with the leadership talent which is being displayed in the present battle for student body offices, I am certain that Western is in for a big year ahead.

Coupled with the convictions I have, they constitute the basis for my policy.

**"PROGRESSIVE," "LIBERAL," AND THE OTHER WELL-WORN TERMS ARE IMPRESSIVE ADJECTIVES WHEN GIVEN POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE NO PLACE IN THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF OUR SCHOOL.** If the student body is progressive so then should be the student government; if the student body is liberal, so then should be the student government. In other words the student government should reflect faithfully and accurately the sentiments of the body it represents and not stand alone as an institution within itself.

When you go to the polls today, vote for the candidates who will serve your interests.

## Gary; Prompt Action, Revision

One of the major drawbacks of our present student government is that it has not been a student government. There has not been the contact between the members of the Board of Control and the members of the student body. I shall work to see that all issues proposed by the students shall be acted upon immediately by the Board of Control so that the students as a whole will have a direct voice in their government.

Secondly, I propose that the present constitution be revised so that the "Nomination Convention Hoax" is eliminated. Instead there should be primary and final elections so that such incidents, like those of the present campaign are eliminated. At the same time I will work for more cooperation among the various organized houses, clubs and groups on the campus, endeavoring to rid the school of minor self-styled political pressure groups.

Another important issue that I shall work for is better promotion of varsity athletics. This can be done only with expenditure of more money, but if properly handled would result in a profit for the ASB. There are two points here that need action, 1. Purchase of a bus; 2. Creation of a better liaison between the school and the town. The bus could be utilized for many purposes, for athletics, ski trips, and other club functions as well as advertising. A properly conducted publicity campaign would give the school more publicity in the local newspaper and radio station, and with downtown merchants. Only by getting the cooperation of the people of Bellingham can we make varsity athletics pay.

I do not make any promises as to the outcome of my proposals. I can say simply that I shall work to the best of my ability to make them become a reality as well as capably fulfill the other duties and responsibilities of the office of Vice-president of the ASB.

## Dickson For Needed Changes

Fellow students: If I am elected ASB Vice-president, I will do everything within my power to promote the following needed changes:

1. An amendment changing Art. 8 of the Associated Students Constitution. This the Article pertaining to the nomination of student body officers.
2. Give the WOMEN OF WWC equal rights with those of the University of Washington and other Northwest colleges. Especially with regards to late leaves and "S.P.'s."
3. Set in motion the machinery needed to obtain a LIVING WAR MEMORIAL. Specifically, an athletic field.
4. Insure that the managers of the various HOUSING UNITS be capable and cooperative.
  - a. Establish a 10 mile an hour zone along HUNTOON DRIVE.
  - b. Investigate the possibility and desirability of having two MANAGERS at each of the HOUSING UNITS instead of one.

We all know that WWC is entering a new era in its already colorful history. WWC is no longer, "just a teachers college;" it is now a graduate school in education, and a four year liberal arts college as well.

To our campus, starting this summer, and in increasing numbers next fall, will come many new students. Students who, prior to the passage of recent laws, would have been forced to go elsewhere to obtain their desired education.

It is our duty, therefore, to make WWC not only an attractive and interesting college to attend, but also one which has a mature, progressive and capable student government. To this end I pledge my utmost support.

## Editorials

### Jefferson's Wisdom Lives On

Thomas Jefferson once remarked, "A revolution every twenty years in good for the country." And Thomas Jefferson was an honorable man. Perhaps Tom would smile with anticipation if he could see the present trend of schools throughout the land to break away or revise student constitutions that have become archaic through the passage of time.

More student government is the cry throughout the land. It is a good cry. But it can only be good if the students believe in it with a passion. The only evidence of their beliefs can be found by counting the number of ballots that are cast in the student elections. A token vote is disillusionment to the candidates and places an iron band of limitation around their necks. A majority vote casts aside this yoke of limitation and becomes a driving force that propels the elected candidate forward.

**1947 is the year. Real student government is knocking at the door today. Every vote cast forces the door open a little wider. It matters not who you vote for. The only thing that is of consequence is that you vote.**

We have our candidates selected. We know that they are capable, willing people. They are the best we have and we challenge any school to put forth more capable and qualified persons than we have. We know that regardless of who is elected changes will be brought about that will liberalize our obsolete student constitution. The extent to which it will be done depends upon how we support our candidates by exercising our voting privilege.

**A 100% vote is a powerful weapon to place in a groups hand. Be sure it is turned over to the candidates that will use it well to represent you for the amelioration of WWC — our school.**

### Letting Off Steam Campi...

Editor WWColegian:

In your editorial that was printed in the April 25 issue you made the statement, "It is important that every member of the student body cast his vote to defeat the insidious methods used by certain unprincipled persons." It is only fair to the readers that you clarify that statement as it relates to the rest of your editorial. You should do this because many people have been given to understand that those very remarks were meant for two people, namely Wade Haggard and Donna Redmond. You yourself used the same "unethical" methods to get your vice-presidential candidate on the ballot. In other words you have gone beyond the limits of the editor of what is supposed to be a non-partisan school paper and have used the very methods of campaigning that you damn.

If your statements were not meant to be interpreted as they were, then you should be severely reprimanded for even printing the article. If they were honestly meant to be interpreted as they were by many people, you still owe a public apology to the two individuals that have been directly concerned, and to the student body as a whole.

HAROLD HARDMAN.

(Ed. Note: Campi is not a candidate. he is just muscling into the act.)

Joe: "Speak a little louder. Can't hear you."

Moe: "Wassamatter, need an ear-phone?"

Joe: "No, just a haircut."

—Tarkio Torch.

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Man (who has been waiting a long time to be served). "Hey—waiter—hey!"

Waiter: "Okay, sir, but we'll have to send out for it."

—The Collegio.

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"Lesh go home now, Joe."

"Naw, I'm afraid to go home, wife'll smell my breath."

"Hol your breath."

"Can't shtoo strong."

—Cadet Review.

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"I've raised a lot of families." said the elevator boy.

—Cadet Review.

### 4 Quarter Man or Woman

#### Art Runestrand

I believe the persons who are elected to the Board of Control should be the link between the governing body of the school and the wants and needs of the students.

Whether this is a duty that is placed upon members of the Board of Control, I do not know, but student opinion should be the factor in controlling student affairs.

My platform for membership to the Board of Control is my desire to keep an open mind, and the interests of the student body as a whole in the fore and support those objectives which are unselfishly designed for the student good.

#### Barbara Stockton

I am sorry that I have not had more time to put in on this election. I feel that it is a privilege to have been chosen to compete for the office of four-quarter man or woman on the Board of Control. If elected I will fulfill the duties imposed on the board members with the best of my ability.

Student government is coming to mean more and more to students as time goes by. I would be willing to work hard to see that real student government comes to WWC to stay. The longer you attend this school the fonder you become of it. If any of us can make it a better school to study at, then we should cooperate with the student leaders regardless of who they may be. To this end I pledge myself.

### Redmond on Vice Prexy Ticket

There has been a lot of criticism, of our student government, flying around recently, which is a sign that some people are thinking. However, it is only a sign and not portentous until the thinking goes a little deeper and results in constructive criticism plus a little action.

To know one's government is the first step in improving it. READ YOUR ASB CONSTITUTION (in the back of the Navigator) and find out what Board of Control is—its powers and limitations. I have worked on the Board of Control almost three quarters now and I think there is a woeful amount of ignorance among the students concerning our duties and functions.

The Board is not the all-powerful organization that some people think it is. We can't wave a magic wand and let all the freshmen girls stay out until 2:00 a. m.; we can't go out and buy new lights for the library; we can't even assure the students of an excellent assembly every Tuesday and Friday. However, we CAN

and do consider all gripes and ideas PRESENTED to the Board and refer those outside our powers to the proper sources. Did you know there's a faculty committee and student affairs which regulates dorm hours, and an assembly committee composed of both students and faculty? Also, the War Memorial committee has been pleading for written suggestions.

**The Board of Control is for you—play your part by voting today and cooperating with your next year's officers.**

### Increasing Interest Displayed

The interest in the current election campaign displayed by students of this college indicates the growing concern of the students for the welfare of themselves and of the school. They do not want to be directed by constituted authority, or by tradition which has outlived its usefulness. They believe in change. If a constitution is outdated, or if nominating machinery is no longer satisfactory, they say, then let us amend the constitution and find a different, more democratic way to nominate our candidates. This critical attitude is healthy, because it provides for improvement, and for adjustment to changing conditions and attitudes.

While criticism is essential, it should be done in a spirit of cooperation and helpfulness. The unjustifiable, unwarranted charges leveled (in last Friday's WWColegian editorial) against some of the candidates running for office in today's election, were totally unnecessary. Such words as "insidious," "unprincipled," "unethical," and "dirty" exemplify the type of name-calling often found where emotion replaces reason in political controversy. There was no basis in fact for the charges made.

But that editorial raised some important questions: Are the decisions of the nominating convention final? Is it permissible for a candidate to decline one nomination and accept another? And most important: Do we need a nominating convention in the first place? Perhaps a primary election should replace the nominating convention, insuring more representative student government at WWC. If changes are to be made, they can be instrumental by the ASB officers chosen in today's election. Halldor Karason said at the assembly last Friday: "The important thing is to have an opinion."

That opinion can be expressed today.

DON BROWN

### Four Quarter Woman

#### Lee Thomas

If I am elected to the position of four-quarter woman of Board of Control, I shall endeavor to promote the ideal student government and shall always keep in mind the student's rights and desires. I realize that it is an important position and feel honored to be one of the nominees. I shall attempt to bring about a closer relationship between you and your student government and see that your desires are fulfilled if it is in my power to do so.

LEE THOMAS

Above are the words of Lee Thomas, popular, active, candidate for four-quarter woman, who hails from Woodland, Washington. She is known to all by her friendly smile and pleasant, friendly manner. The sophomore class has recently elected her to hold the office of secretary next year. Lee has proven her interest in student affairs and her capability in filling the office of secretary-treasurer of Edens Hall, treasurer of WRA, and of Valkyrie, the honorary girls' club into which she was elected in her freshman year. Blue Triangle club also boasts Lee as one of its officers.

#### Margaret Strotz

Since I first came to WWC in the fall of '46, I have been interested in school affairs and in the betterment of school activities. Lately it seems as though there has been a great deal of criticism given to student government and school affairs.

If elected to the position of four quarter woman on the Board of Control, I will see to it that these opinions and questions are brought before the Board, thoroughly discussed, and carefully considered.

**I will cooperate to the best of my ability with the other members of the Board to develop a better student government with more direct participation.**

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You can show your interest in your student government by voting on Wednesday. **It is important that you vote. It is important that you have an opinion in this election—and in every election. You are choosing YOUR representatives in YOUR government and that government can be YOURS only if you make it so.**