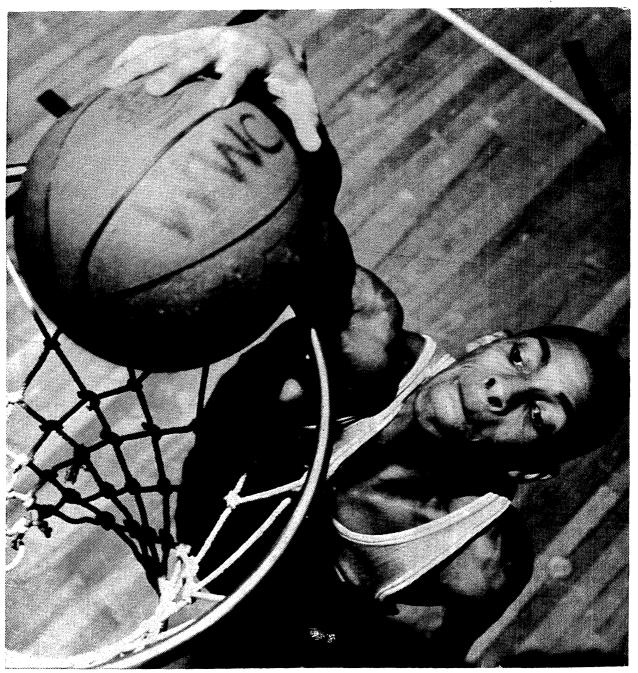
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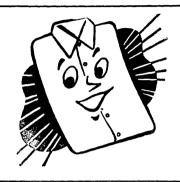
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Letters . . .

Anyone Can Generalize

Dear Editor,

In reply to Mr. Poldevart's enlightening letter, we, the so-named "coordinators



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of lethargy", (wonder if he knows what the word means) would like to answer as well as raise a few questions.

This writer is questioning Mr. Poldevart's intelligence solely on the content of his letter of last week. The critic produced a whole four paragraphs of wide sweeping generalities without the slightest attempt at supporting his profound statements. Let me quote Mr. Poldevart:

"It is the opinion of this writer that the majority of student government personnel at this time are immature and irresponsible."

Isn't that conclusive? Why are the legislators immature? What legislation have they passed that shows evidence of immaturity? What evidence is there that marks the legislators as irresponsible? None of these questions did Mr. Poldevart answer, and yet he made the irrevocable statement that a majority of the legislators are immature and irresponsible. Anyone can generalize.

To this writer's knowledge Mr. Poldevart has never contacted these legislators and voiced his concern. By the nature of his letter he must feel that something drastically wrong is going on in the Legislature. And yet not a word to the "coordinators"

of lethargy."

Possibly Mr. Poldevart would like to see a reoccurance of last year's dramatic Legislature with all its glory, note passing (What was it? white and yellow notes? It depended of course to which camp you belonged.) machines, and impressive speeches. Because this year's governing body aren't a group of hams (last year they even got to perform on stage in front of 600 people) and say what they mean instead of what sounds good, Mr. Polevart wonders "What the hell is going to happen to us"?

Larry Ernst

OUT WITH AMOS

My Dear Editor,

Within the past few minutes I have mosied through the pages of the Collegian for December 4 and found it to be just what I expected. However, for the purpose of this particular letter I shall put aside all petty gripes (or whatever you may choose to call them) and attack one Stacy Tucker who seems to see it as his God-intended duty to burden the readers with his asinine reviews of whatever may come to the campus under the guise of the A & L program.

It would seem to me that whatever persons are selected by the committee to be the guests of the college on the A&L program are certainly more competent in their particular fields than any Neophyte writer on the staff of the Collegian.

It would seem to me that Mr. Tucker, in this particular review, is groping for the right thing to say and in his groping becomes wallowed down in the "spontaneous me" which traps so many would-be journalists when they attempt to show their professional style and wit.

Mr. Tucker . . . If yau despair of having even an audience for your work, why

do you even bother to write?

If your airplane leaves in ten minutes, then for God's sake, why don't you leap aboard and stop afflicting the long-suffering readers with your hackneyed expressions and modified cliches I thought that this style of writing went out when Amos volunteered his draft and left Western for good. In the future, let's just write when we have something to say.

An interested alum, Gordon Harms

UNJUSTIFIABLE SELECTION

Dear Sirs

In regards to the present system of Tolo King Candidates, we believe that the present process of selection should be completely revised; because:

- A. The present system is not in any way representative of the student body, because the power of selection is limited to the extremely small minority of students.
- B. This in turn can lead to nomination because of friendship or popularity with those in power.
- C. This we feel is not fair to the women students of Western as it affords them no real opportunity to have as Tolo King, a true representative.

The afore mentioned results perhaps in an unjustifiable selection of candidates.

I believe that the method of selecting candidates should be based on the principle presently used in the selection of Homecoming Queen Candidates, with a few changes:

Candidates are chosen on a petition basis of 25 names per petition. The candidates then appear before a board comprised of the entire body of class officers. Two candidates from each class are subsequently elected. Final voting is done by all registered women of the student body.

-Two Western Students

LEGISLATURE

Give Him a Chance By MIKE BARNHART

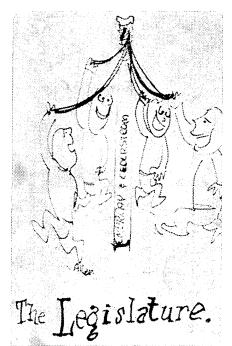
It is weekly noted that the Student Legislature must act upon some proposal that will, on many occasions, affect the entire student body. The Legislature, as a representative body, is asked on these occasions to voice the opinions of its constituents. But, so often the people seated in the chamber must proceed largely upon their own feelings and opinions because they are unaware of the average student's feelings concerning even a portion of the ASB; but it is possible for a large number of students to contact him.

Inform the Legislators

It is my opinion that if this body is to represent the students as a whole then it behooves the students to inform the legislators of his or her feelings. This would include consideration of pending proposals and also any legitimate gripe or suggestion that would bear upon the students and their facilities. Of course, to do this the student body must be aware of



coming issues. It would seem plausible and feasible, therefore, that the pending agenda of the ASB President be made available for all to read so that matters to be considered on any given Wednesday could be thought over and appropriate opinions extended by the reader to any legislative member.



I have often heard scathing and obscene remarks about the Student Legislature, and more often than not facts behind the remarks are completely or partially untrue and biased. This is not the fault of any particular person or body of persons; rather it is the typical thing of student government. But, this need not exist. If everyone is informed of the means and the 'to whoms,' they are then given vent to the opportunity of vocal or written criticism; then the matter of criticism becomes a positive rather than a negative force. Similarly, the student legislator should know if what you have to air is committee material or something of such stature to warrent a spot on the ASB President's weekly agenda.

Plying the ether

Finally, to achieve even a semblance of representation, your words must be heard. That is, if you desire positive action or satisfaction. If you do not want this, then continue plying the ether of the Student Lounge with the usual platitudes and disapprovals of ASB action.

Do your part, contact one of these people and tell him what you approve

or disapprove—it's his duty to represent his constituents as best possible. Give him a chance and a word or two occasionally and he will do just that—serve you, IF you're interested.

Give Me a Piece of Rope . . .

By BOB STEVENSON, Collegian Artist, Columnist

Across the expance of grass any blacktop, even through the bird sanctuary, you could see the men fleeing. Edens Hall doors burst open with a resounding crash as the hords of women cooped up for months as social outcasts, burst forth for the chase. There was Pig-Gal and Mammy Yokem and all the others out to trap, slap and run their man into the ground.

The red noses were quite prominent on many a dogpatch damsel owing to the cold weather it was explained. This writer tends to believe that the rosy color was brought about by holiday season spirits.

Yes, Western had a Sadie Hawkins day. You didn't hear about it? Well it was held under the auspicious name of AWS tolo, or 'In the Mood'. There must be something Freudian about the large turnout at this function.

In the formative weeks of 1960 a new speech correction course will be set up out of necessity. Necessity, because a member of the speech department seated in the Coffee Shop enjoying the music over and over again, was blasted out of his chair by a voice over the P.A. system.

Fri-i-i-i-e-e-es!

It has been said that sitting in the Coffee Shop is like sitting in a bus depot. This statement is true because the microphone English and diction sounds like it was picked up in a bus depot.

The course, it is understood, is not really new, but very corrective. You take a mouthful of marbles and give a short talk. If the talk is good you may remove one marble and start over.

When you graduate from this course it can truly be said that you have lost all your marbles.

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UNION DEDICATION

A Place for Talking

"When I, myself, think of the Student Union Building, I think primarily of it as a place for talking."

In his address Sunday at the formal dedication of the Viking Union, President Jarrett talked of the need for different places in the college to suit the needs of the students, and he talked of the impression beauty makes on our lives. The audience was small and the people scattered; but they listened.



PRESIDENT JARRETT "Education and Beauty"

"In a college," Jarrett said, "there has to be a place for talking, a place for reading, a place to listen and a place for writing."—These encompass the primary functions of a college.

He supposed there could even be a college in old army barracks which could carry on its duties properly, but there would be a loss of something through the lack of beauty in the surroundings.

The surroundings influence our thinking and our appreciation. Although we forget much of what we learn, some does rub off on us and affects our lives.

And so we have our Viking Union—as President Jarrett has said, "a place for talking about ideas." Ideas are an essential part of our education, and, as Jarrett also said, "The talk ought to prosper because of the beautiful surroundings."

UNION BOARD More Than a Play-Pen

"This will be more than a college size play-pen." This sentence sums up the action taken by the Union Board when after considerable discussion and consideration they attempted to solve two pressing problems.

Since the lounge off the Coffee Shop is in demand during most of the busy hours, it is difficult to find space for informal seminars and discussion groups, and to provide an area for study where coffee or refreshments may be taken. (It seems obvious that the board could not allow refreshments in the main lounge upstairs.)

The appalling mess left by those using the games room prior to Monday evening made the board think perhaps they had inadvertently furnished a play pen.

This is the first area people see as htey enter our building, and the first impression visitors receive is important. The board considered this possible answer to the problem: Extra help could be hired to police and clean the room. In the past the mess has been ignored until "discretion became the better part of valor" and the shovels (literally) were sent in.

Since the additional cost of a games room patrol wolud force the price of coffee refills up to a dime, many students may not support the plan. We have asked for consideration collectively and individually in the past few weeks, to no apparent avail. We have a need for this room, which we feel will be more useful, productive, and efficient. None of us on the board want to pay another nickel for our refills; we don't think that you do, either. So we have prohibited card-playing in the building until facilities are more adequate

VALKYRIE

To Promote Enthusiasm

Having submitted application for membership, on which they stated their high school and college activities and their reasons for wanting membership in Valkyrie, seven new members were elected into the club this past week.

Application was open to any girl with at least two quarters of residence behind them and a 2.4 grade average.

According to president Arlene Richens, the purpose of this honorary service club is to "promote enthusiastic support of school activities, to display constant high standards of social conduct and to encourage these qualities in other girls." Their main projects during the year are sponsorship of the Homecoming Ball, ushering at major college events and a joint sponsorship along with Helmsmen of the World University Service.

BUILDINGS

Metamorphosis 1960

When the students of Western Washington College come back to school after Christmas vacation, they will see the continuance of the metamorphosis that began on this campus last fall. With eight buildings to be begun or continued, the student will look forward to the completion and use of these vitally needed additions to the college.

The Haggard Hall of Science, situated across the street from the Auditorium, is beginning to look like a finished product already, although much remains to be done. The addition of glass windows to the block-long structure has taken away considerably from the cell-block appearance we have witnessed for so long. The impression of massiveness is most evident in the student mind, in looking over the future classroom and laboratory space.

South of Highland Drive, the student comes upon the site of the future men's dormitory, to be built directly south of Highland Hall.

To the west, and over the brow of the hill, the new Western gymnasium will be located. A beautiful building, both in exterior design and in utility, the plans call for starting dates early in 1960 and completion by December of that year.

An addition to the college boiler plant is scheduled to be constructed early next year.

Also planned for the growing campus is an addition to the college library. At one time or another you have probably noticed the inadequacy of the present facilities. While there seems to be a yearning for reading and learning, the library is presently not able to handle the demand.

Back across High Street, two buildings of concern to the students will make their appearance on the face of Sehome. To the south of the Viking Union will be located the future student-owned Cooperative Bookstore. To the north will be a centralized dining hall and an extension of the Union dancing floor. Each of these buildings will fit into the architectural pattern already established in the Viking Union. "Enough different to tell each building from the other" is an adequate summation of the pattern of exterior design for the three buildings.

The final phase of the Western Metamorphosis 1960 is in the new women's dormitory, to be constructed in the present Edens Hall parking lot. This, too will begin to appear during early 1960.

With all the construction that will soon take place on the campus, it might be more profitable for a student to quit taking classes and to get a job in construction!

ARTIST & LECTURE

"I Love My Work"

By CAROLYN NEWTON

Needing no introduction, Blanche Thebom walked smilingly onto Western's stage last Friday night and received a mild applause from the two-thirds full auditorium.

A well-chosen program coupled with her obvious enjoyment of her work soon had the audience under her spell. Speaking of her sparkling, expressive eyes, which matched her glittering diamond necklace, one member of the audience was overheard saying "those eyes get you!"



BLANCHE THEBOM

She has been a major member of the Metropolitan Opera Company since she made her debut during the 1944-1945 season. Her appearances on the Telephone Hour and her large repertoire of recordings for RCA Victor and Columbia Masterworks have made her known to millions outside the opera house.

First in the Soviet Union

Last year as a part of the cultural exchange program, Miss Thebom was the first American woman opera singer to perform in the Soviet Union, where she made a widely-hailed tour. Her appearance at Western was a part of her annual coast-to-coast tour of 30 cities.

Playing the part of Carmen, Miss Thebom's rendition of "Habanera", a slow, seductive song from "Carmen", was the highlight of the evening.

Sad, weary, happy, carefree, gay, and flirtatious expressions were seen on her face, which reflected the emotions of her well-trained voice, as her mood changed with each song. Although she was obviously singing under the disadvantage of a throat irritation, her voice remained for the most part clear and agreeable.

As one of her three encores she sang a Swedish folk song her mother used to sing to her. It told the story of a young man walking on a highway on a beautiful day. Upon meeting a young lady who was even more beautiful than the day, the young man says "Oh my heart, what has become of you?"

Following the program, those who went backstage for autographs discovered she has a very friendly personality. Speaking of the program, Miss Thebom stated "I love my work, especially when there is a responsive audience."

BACHELORS CLUB

Subject to Approval

Members of the Legislature fingered through some hectographed sheets last week as Tolo king George Kuybus rested on his casted leg and presented "a way of initiating and continuing school spirit and tradition."

Kuybus was acting as president of the newly-formed Bachelor's Club, and the sheets the Legislature had before them contained the organization's constitution.

Advisor Murray argued that the purpose of the organization was not clearly stated and Kuybus, backed by officers and organizing members of the club showed where the purpose was stated clearly in the preamble.

Then Dr. Murray argued that the organization seemed a fraternal organization or social clique and was therefore unwanted. The group stated that theirs was not a "service club," though it would attempt to assist organizations of that type, and their limited number of juniors and seniors (50 members) was to provide more effective workability.

Arguments came both for and against. Murray proposed they review the club at a later date after an article in their constitution was changed. Discussion followed; the proposal was voted down. It was agreed that the club would be recognized, subject to approval by an examining committee.

One Member Commented

"Our purpose is to initiate and continue school spirit and tradition through upper class participation," the bachelors declare. They want to start new traditions as well as supporting the established, and "with a growing school such as ours, the ideas should also expand."

Officers for the Bachelors include president Kuybus, vice-president Chuck Knight, secretary Dale Rosshart and Chuck Bertrand, treasurer. They are supported by social studies instructor Donald Swedmark as faculty advisor and Mr. Harley Hiller.

"We're sick," one member commented, "Sick and tired of the lack of spirit and participation in school events by the upper classmen."

As if indicating some future accomplishment, he went on: "We aim to change . . ."

CHRISTMAS CONCERT Slated for Monday

An invitation to the general public to attend the annual Christmas Concert at Western Washington College in Bellingham was extended today by the College administration and the music department. The concert is scheduled for Monday evening, December 14, at 8:15 in the College Auditorium.

Selections of Christmas music will be presented by David Schaub, college organist, the Concert Chorale consisting of 42 select voices, the College Choir, and the 20-piece Chamber Orchestra.

The traditional Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah" will be sung by a 106-voice choir, accompanied by the chamber orchestra.

CHRISTMAS SING

Students Invited

Deck the halls! Christmas is approaching with all the silver snowflakes swinging from Old Main's ceiling, the Christmas tree lights shining from the windows of MRH and Edens, and the budget minded students pinching their dollars for the "it's better to give than receive" part of the season.

To add to the atmosphere, the band is having a Christmas sing at 3 p.m. on Friday, December 11, in the main lounge of the Viking Union. Larry Marsh will lead the singing, with the entire student body invited to participate. This is part of the effort to pull the studens into he life of the Viking Union.

GERMAN CLUB

Foreign Language Major?

"Ordnung, ordnung bitte," implored Gerhard Langer, newly elected president of the German Club as it met for the second time this quarter. Just as frustrated was Gudrun Clem, newly elected secretary-treasurer, as she frantically tried to take notes in both German and English. Inge Wills, vice-president, muttered something about organization.

Thus, the German Club, which runs under the name of "Der Deutsche Studentenverein," is now in full swing with 27 members.

Langer is enthusiastically expounding on the need to make the German Club an interesting club where people can come together and practice speaking German and learn more about German culture.

The program committee for the German Club has planned to invite several speakers throughout the year to enlighten the members of the club on Germany. He hopes to do this in conjunction with the International Relations Club.

Member Judy Runnels had started a petition for signatures from those students who were interested in obtaining a major in foreign languages at WWCE. From the different foreign language classes she received 77 signatures, naming German and French as the two leading choices. The petition was turned over to Dr. Kuder for future evaluation.

With a turnout of 27 members, many of them returning from last year, President Langer has hopes that the German Club will thrive and accomplish its purpose in bringing together people who are interested in the German language, the country and its culture.

HONORS CONVOCATION Four Get Scholarships

Faculty representatives from each department of the college gathered in academic costume this morning to participate in the Honors Convocation assembly. Dr. Jarrett awarded four \$100 scholarships to the winners: David Sutherland, Donald Trethewey, Anne Burreson, and Norma Rice. Presenting the address was Mr. Marshall Forrest, Bellingham attorney and Board of Trustee member.

According to Dr. Paul Herbold, of the Honors Convocation Committee, "This is the first such Honors Convocation, last year's having been cancelled because of the Silver Thaw. It is expected that this will become an annual occasion."

AWS COMMISSION An Oligarchic Rule?

Western's government is monopolized by men. All of the top positions on campus, including editors of the various publications, are men. Of the 16 persons on the legislature, not one is a girl.

Who, then, regulates the women's laws and standards? Who nominates AWS officer candidates? Tolo king candidates? Who decides what regulations shall be enforced at women's houses and dorms?

The answer to all these questions is AWS commission. This organization consists of the elected AWS officers and the chairmen of 12 standing committees, and although few students are aware of the fact, the commission holds a good deal of power in its administrative hands. It has even been suggested that the commission constitutes an oligarchic rule, but if this is true, the question arises, "Why does the women's portion of the student body allow itself to be run by this small, select group?"

'We're Going It Alone'

One member of the commission told the Collegian this week, "It's true that we are going it alone when it comes to women's government, but this is not the way we want it."



It was then stated that women students have refrained from presenting the commission with their ideas. They have neglected to see that their opinions are represented, their suggestions considered, their candidates nominated, by ignoring the existence of such a thing as a commission.

The commission asked for better participation from the students; with this thought in mind, Karen Laulainen, preident, issued this statement; "Girls who want to complain, question or suggest are welcome to attend the commission meetings on the first and third Monday's of each month in the AWS Lounge at 4:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS TOLO

He Never Danced

Amid low lights and swirling dancers last Friday night George Kuybus was crowned king of the AWS Christmas Tolo.

This was the climax to a busy day for him and the other candidates who



GEORGE KYBUS King for an Evening

were introduced in a morning assembly—Kuybus by Gail Cooper; Roger Myers by Carolyn Stretz; Dick Canfield, Marilyn Baker; Mac Madenwald, Sue Johnston; Dick Hayes, Judy Runnels; Gary Walden, Jane Palmer; Brian Berenger, Sylvia Aldrich; and Jack Halliday by Vicki Criscoula. Kay Johnston acted as Mistress of Ceremonies for the assembly.

Chaperones for the dance included Mr. and Mrs. Fred De Bruler, Dr. and Mrs. Paul E. Herbold, Dr. and Mrs. Keith Murray, Mr. Don Swedmark, Dr. and Mrs. Angelo, Anastasio, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Goltz, and Mrs. Ellen Siegwarth.

Carrying out the theme, "In the Mood," the decorations committee attempted to create a "moody atmosphere" in the blue and green. A huge champagne glass and bottle stood near the center of the floor, frohting pink balloons. Downstairs in the coffee shop hostesses served the dancers a foamy, green punch. A capacity crowd filled not only the main dance floor, but a large part of the coffee shop as well.

The high point of the dance came when Karen Laulainen, president of women students, crowned this year's king-for-an-evening — George Kuybus, fairest in the female eye. Many know Kuybus, a handsome senior from Puyallup, as the president of the recently-formed Bachelor's Club. Throughout the evening, he remained regal and aloof, never condescending to dance—since his broken leg is not yet mended.

And so another Tolo goes to record and to memory.

OUR LOUNGE A Giant Wastebasket

By Mike McVay

Has anyone seen the giant ashtray in the new Student Union Building? It is called the Coffee Shop, but there are so many cigarette butts being thrown on the floor that the name should be changed to "Ashtray." Perhaps "The Wastebasket" would be a better name since there are also large numbers of paper cups, spoons, cups and dishes being left lying around. What I mean is, why be so specific as an ashtray, when a wastebasket is suggestive of something much broader.

Not Worth a "C"

It has also been brought to our attention that there are artists in this school other than those found in the Art Building. You may have noticed their handiwork on the tables and chairs in the lounge. According to art teacher, Miss Kelsey," none of the drawings would be worth more than a "C" in her classes. So poor old "Barney" Goltz has been up until 3 a. m. for the last week scrubbing the table tops with SOS pads and Energine. Says Barney, "Most of the words aren't even spelled right."

The point is that the condition of our lounge is becoming worse and worse, and nobody seems to care. We would like to see the students take a little pride in their building and do their best to maintain the high standards upon which it was built.

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HOUSE MOTHERS

In a Bull Session

Once again the coffee shop lounge was the scene for complaints, questions and suggestions as presidents and house mothers of the organized houses and dorms gathered for their annual "bull session" on standards and rules.

The group, composed of Judy Runnels, chairman; house presidents and mothers; and three commission members who acted as discussion leaders, divided into discussion groups and then adjourned to view a panel discussion and participate in a question and answer session with Dean Powers.

The main item brought up during the discussion was the proposed Senior Honor Code system which is being employed in some other colleges, and is, in essence, the awarding of a house key to senior girls who have shown themselves to be worthy of the extra privileges involved in non-restricted hours.

Another discussion topic was the possibility of having freshman weekday hours extended to 9:00 to allow time for studying in the library and also the possibility of having residents on the streets near campus leave their porch lights on to help provide better lighting for college pedestrians at night.

LIBRARY

All books in general circulation from the Campus School Library and from the Main Library must be returned by Tuesday December 15 at 10:00 p.m., and all fines paid at both libraries before the Tuesday deadline. Students returning books or paying fines after this final date will be charged a \$1.00 CLEARANCE FEE in addition to the regular fine. Grades will be withheld from students who do not return books, pay for lost books, or pay fines by 1:00 p.m. Friday, December 18. The current list price will be charged for lost books. Special permission to keep books beyond the Tuesday night deadline may be granted to students who need the books for class use. Reserve books will continue to circulate for home use through Thursday, December 17.

> —C. Ralph Morse Circulation Librarian

News for the Newsminded

OFFICIAL COLLEGE CALENDAR		
MONDAY, Dec. 14	Dr. Jarrett's Press Conference	Room 11A
	Forensic Club	4 p.m., Old Main, Room 311
	Convocation for Graduating Seniors, fall	
	Intervarsity Christian Fellowship	7-8 p.m., A-M Bldg., Room 15
	Union Board meeting	
	Orchestra Rehearsal	
	Christmas Concert	
TUESDAY, Dec. 15	U.S.C.F. Coffee Hour	4 p.m., U.S.C.F. House
	Mr. Regier	4-5:30 p.m., A-M Bldg., Room 15
	Christian Science Organization	
	Dave Schaub organ practice	7 p.m., Auditorium
	Mr. Regier	
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 1	6.ASB Legislature meeting	4-6 p.m., Union, Room 208
	Alpine Club meeting	7 p.m., Old Main, Room 129
	Intervarsity Christian Bible Study	
	Dance Band Rehearsal	7-9:30 p.m., A-M Bldg., Room 217
	Dave Schaub organ practice	7 p.m., Aditorium
Final Examinations		
THURSDAY, Dec. 17Class examinations—Mr. Glass		
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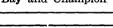
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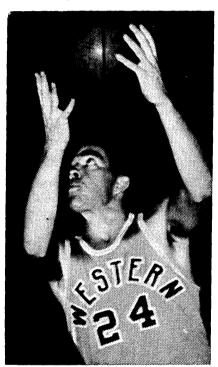
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HOWARD DeWITT



By HOWARD DE WITT, Collegian Associate Editor

The big myth exploded at the seams last weekend at Vancouver as Western's supposedly unbeatable basketball squad split a series with two of the weakest, small college teams in the Northwest. The skyscraping Vikings looked nothing



like the Evergreen Conference's preseason pick for the conference championship. The reason for Western's poor showing can be summed up in one word TOGETHERNESS. The Vikings just couldn't play as a unit, and they ran their offense in the first half against St. Martins in the same way the Three Stooges cavort about your television set. The net result of this half was 16 points, leaving a twenty-one point deficit, separating Western from any chance of victory.

"Everyone is pointing the finger at us as the team to beat, commented Jack Hubbard. We still have a long way to go to prove the preseason forecasts correct."

The team to beat in Hubbards estimation is Eastern. In Dave Koford, a 6-4 All Conference forward, the Easterners have one of the most dangerous scorers in the conference. So far this season Koford has scored over 20 points in each game he has played in. Against Seattle Pacific he dumped in 27 as Eastern barely nipped the Seattle five.

This brings our little discussion back to the word TOGETHERNESS. Can

the Vikings achieve enough unity to dispose of a surprisingly strong Seattle Pacific five? Western's encounter tonight against S.P.C. will produce a favorite for the west playoff berth in the N.A.I.A. district championship. Seattle Pacific has beaten St. Martins, C.P.S., P.I.C., and U.B.C., leaving Western as the only team to beat to assume the favorite role for a tournament berth. Hubbard, figures that Seattle Pacific will be tough to beat because they are shooting at midseason efficiency. But a great deal of doubt exists in this writer's mind as to the caliber of S.P.C. as a district representative. If the Vikings can gain some form of TOGETHERNESS they will have no trouble with Seattle Pacific. Prediction: WESTERN BY 14 POINTS.

To give the reader greater insight on individual ability of our basketball team this writer will attempt to analyze some of the players: (First impressions).

Ron Crowe—Ron should be the team's top scorer although he is having a little difficulty rounding into top shape. An ankle injury earlier in the season has slowed him a bit. Crowe could also be the teams top rebounder.

Jim Greer—Jitters came over Jim in the Viking's first two games but he managed to dump in 19 points in the two games. Greer could be the top pivot man in the conference but he is having a great deal of difficulty moving in the pivot. A return to form of the big pivot man would do a great deal to enhance Coach Hubbard's chance for a championship squad.

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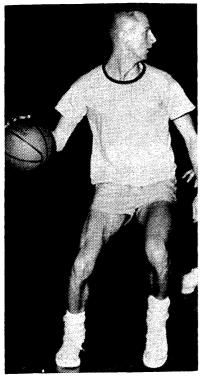
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BASKETBALL

"An Atrocious Beginning" By DOUG SIMPSON

Because of an atrocious first half, Jack Hubbard's basketball squad dropped its opener to the St. Martin's Rangers, 61-57. Western fans who made the trip to Vancouver to watch the Viks in action last Friday night, were thoroughly disappointed, as the highly touted Norsemen scored a scanty 16 points in the first half, and trailed the Rangers at the intermission, 37-16.

"Although St. Martins played a fine game," commented Hubbard, "we lost because of opening-game jitters. After we straightened out our defense, we outplayed them in the second half. If the game had been five minutes longer, we'd have pulled it out.



EASY ED VADSET Spearheaded the Spurt

Playing in the loser's bracket Saturday night, the Viks bounced back to topple UBC, 67-61. Senior Ron Crowe, who was slow and sloppy in the opener, rebounded to tally 22 points against the T-birds.

"Easy Ed" Vadset spearheaded the second half spurt against St. Martins with his flashy ball handling and accurate jump shooting. Not only did Vadset contribute 21 points, but he quarterbacked the club and excelled on defense.

After seeing the club under fire, Hubbard has been working on weak spots this week in preparation for the home opener against Seattle Pacific tonight. The Falcons won the Tacoma Invitational Tournament last weekend, defeating College of Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran, and have lost only to Eastern Washington.

Although they don't have any Andersons this year, SPC has a fast, aggressive team that has been shooting well. The top scorers are Dave Wortman, Jerry Clyde and captain Dick Mogg.

Hubbard will probably go with Crowe and either Herm Washington or Bud Bloch at forward, Jim Greer at center, and Vadset and Derm Cunningham at guard.

Washington and Bloch were both impressive last week, and if both continue to improve, one could oust big Jim Greer from the post. Greer, like Crowe, is playing under the added pressure of great expectations, and it is said that he was all nerves last week (he scored seven and 12). At any rate there is a lot of competition for certain spots, and as Hubbard put it, "I like that kind of problem."

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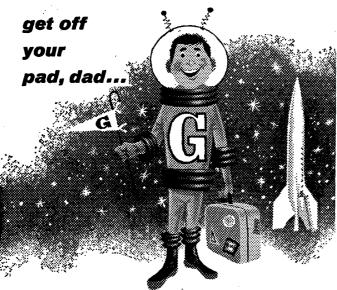
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