

Collegian

Legislators
Speak



Letters We Get 'em

Money in Chunks . . .

Dear Editor,

"Are our prof's atheists, Christians or pagans? Let's do it up right and investigate the Collegian," said legislator Mike Barnhart. It looks like McCarthyism is in full swing on our campus. What has caused all of this? Here it is in a nutshell.

Rev. Lyle Sellards, of the USCF house, untactfully and undemocratically ordered the students' ears, the press, to get out of the Faculty Speaks series. Here he is using our building, and ordering students around as if he were the controlling faction on campus. Then to add insult to injury Sellards asked the Union Board to set up a policy as to the press's position at the meetings. He made it quite clear that if the Union Board didn't set a policy he would play Little Caesar and pull out. The Union Board quickly cleared up this matter by simply refusing to set a policy on open meetings.

This pressed all the panic buttons so someone on the Legislature dreamed up the idea of investigating the Collegian. Boy, what a chance for prestige. Then at the Legislature meeting a snug group of anti-DeWitt MaCarthyites were appointed to head a committee to investigate the Collegian. How do we know that the poll is not being skewed? What is the distribution method?

My suggestion to the Legislature is to watch their actions a little closer, especially in the budget. It is tough on the student budget when money is handed out in \$15,000 chunks.

My suggestion to the student is to elect a competent Legislature in the upcoming elections. Get individuals with different ideas, not a group of Forensic people. Why turn our legislature into an oratory discussion?

Don Price

Foul Language . . .

Dear Editor:

I am writing you this letter because I agree with you on the fact that if students are concerned and interested enough in their newspaper they should let the editor know about it. If the students are not satisfied with the newspaper that represents their college, they should try and do something about it instead of hollering their heads off with nobody listening.

You have been quoted as saying that your staff can only do so much. This is certainly obvious! I have never had a journalism course—not even a high school journalism course, but it is perfectly clear that since your writers are only capable of *slamming* students, faculty, organizations, and activities into the ground, it is most advisable to find a staff adequately talented to give the students a newspaper they would like to read, free of foul language and childish "opinions."

This is not only my thought on the problem of having an inadequate newspaper, but there are others who feel the same way. I only hope that after reading this letter they will have the backbone to tell you so!

Very sincerely,
Gail Bilodeau



A Poll Is Biased

Dear Editor;

All year there have been articles in the Collegian stating that the Legislature has done nothing. Well, I disagree with this; they did something last week. At the regular meeting some of the Legislators reported that several students had voiced their opinions and that the Collegian was not exactly what they wanted in a college paper. One member said it was the format that students disliked; others bluntly said that there was not enough news

It happened that some of the Collegian staff, including the editor and assistant editor, were at the meeting. They felt that no one had the right to tell them how to run their newspaper, that if someone wished to voice an opinion he could write a letter to the editor. They informed the Legislature that not one of the 2,500 students had done this.

Animosities grew and the arguments became personal. Hurt feelings exploded the issue into what could have been the major

conflict of the year at Western. The President appointed a committee to investigate the students' reaction when most students did not know anything about the situation. The editor made some rather unfounded accusations. There were opinions expressed that a new editor should be hired.

Everything had happened quickly with no time spent on thinking the problem out or on deciding what the actual issue was. In a couple of days when tempers had subsided, the opposing sides got together and they now are no longer opposing each other, due to the magnanimity and intelligence of both the accused and the accuser.

It would have been very silly to fire the editor or to take a poll or to do nothing about the problem. No one has the right to tell an editor how to run his paper for when a situation of this type occurs you no longer have a free press and most people fear a suppressed or corrupt press. A poll is usually too biased to accomplish its aims. I would like to see the news reported as it actually happens; any situation should be clearly and factually explained; then all the opinion in the world can be stated, provided there is room.

The manner in which the problem is now being solved is the best in my opinion. I agree with Mr. Morrisette on one point. Why just sit there and complain? Talk to the Legislators and write to the Collegian editor.

John Troutner

Lost in Paranoia . . .

Dear Editor;

If I were in your position and the Legislature threatened to dictate policy to me, I would request the College Board of Trustees to transfer all responsibility for the publication to the college administration. It's pretty apparent to people outside the Legislative chambers that the group has become fearful that the world is against it, that it has neglected any imaginative role in student leadership, and that it has reverted to a childish tendency to protect itself from things that don't even threaten it. It appears to be lost in paranoia.

In the college administration and faculty one can find intelligence, imagination, and a capability to cope with events realistically. These things apparently do not exist—or at least are momentarily lost in student government. Therefore it would only appear to be wise to have responsibility in stable and capable hands.

Ken Robertson

"Bruised Egos"

Dear Legislators:

Your members seem to have taken offense at the derogatory remarks made in the Collegian about the inefficiency of the Legislature. In your last meeting, accusations were directed at the Editor accusing him and his staff of biased opinions, but what if these "biased opinions" are just and well founded? Then why should the Collegian be investigated? It seems in order, that if the Legislature is inefficient, they should be the ones investigated, not the accusers. Often groups try to divert the public's eye from the real problem. You as Legislators have created a problem in school finances. Your method of diversion is an attack on the Collegian.

These members of the Legislature accuse the editor of hurting the morale of the school by presenting facts before the students. They call it bad taste if the Collegian editor, or his staff, hit at Legislators' weaknesses. With these thoughts in mind, two questions arise: first, should the Collegian hide the facts from the readers; secondly, should the Collegian accept a middle of the road attitude and ignore problems brought to the attention of the Collegian? Should the Collegian "tread lightly" to avoid stepping on any toes, or has the Collegian the right to withhold articles to please a selected few?

Mr. Barnhart has said that the Legislature cannot be a true representative of the students. I agree. But in this same line of thinking, the Collegian is not a true representative of the student body. Then how, Mr. Barnhart, do you expect the Collegian's article to please everyone? There are bound to be differences of opinion, within the student body, about any articles.

If the Legislature does not feel that too many "egos" have been "bruised," then I suggest you express your retaliations in the Collegian—and base your letters and articles on the value of your worth and your accomplishments as Legislators, and not try to shuffle your own shortcomings off on to the Editor. Prove to the students that the Collegian's articles are wrong!

David Colburn

Collegian "Bigots"

Dear Editor:

After reading Budd Morissette's letter pertaining to the Collegian discussion held at the Legislature meeting of February 10, I felt compelled to present the other side of the story. I have never seen anything so misrepresented in print as was Morissette's letter concerning that meeting.

Why was the Collegian discussed at the meeting? Editor DeWitt continually reiterated that the Collegian was being in-

vestigated because of the bruised egos of certain Legislators. All year long the Legislature has been charged with indifference and inactivity. This has been true a great deal of the time. Legislator Mike Barnhart, disgusted with the overuse of editorialism and lack of news, wanted to find out how other students felt about the Collegian. Barnhart quizzed some of the students and found that they, too, were disgusted with the Collegian. Because of the students' feelings, he felt that the Collegian should be discussed at a Legislature meeting.

Isn't it the job of the Legislators to represent the students? Ask DeWitt, Bob Stevenson, and other narrow-minded Collegian bigots if this is not what Barnhart is doing?

Stevenson cries that "Freedom of the Press" is being infringed upon. Whereas most newspapers are owned by a few individuals, the Collegian is owned by the students. The students are the stockholders, so to speak, and it is to them that the Collegian should be responsible. If the students do not like the Collegian, isn't it their prerogative to say so? And where else can they express their feelings if not through student government?

I think it is relevant to point out that of all the students at the meeting, the only ones who spoke in favor of the Collegian were editor DeWitt, managing editor Stevenson, faculty advisor Dr. Flora, Legislator Leo Dodd, Dave Colburn, Ken Robertson, advisor Mr. Hansen and Morrisette (the self-admitted clod). Isn't this a strong indication of how the students feel about the Collegian?

I don't believe that the objection to the Collegian is because of the format. They realize that the format allows for opinionated writing. They object because that privilege has been entirely over-abused. They want more news and less opinion.

As a final thought, I will recall the words of one of the students who spoke out at the meeting.

"The Collegian is a representative of the College, and we of Western are partially judged because of it."

Doug Simpson, Legislator.

Western Washington
COLLEGIAN
A Weekly Newsmagazine
EDITOR
Howard De Witt

Associate Editor — Bob Stevenson
News Editor — Liz Sundstrom
Feature Editor — Judy Borman
Sports Editor — Mike McVay
Business Manager — Sylvia Aldrich

The rumor that is floating around campus that the Collegian does not print letters to the editor is very untrue. We have printed every letter received since I have been editor, and we will continue this policy for the rest of the school year.

Howard DeWitt, Editor

English Competency

WINTER QUARTER ENGLISH COMPETENCY TEST will be given on **Thursday, February 25, at 4 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.** (required that both sessions be attended). Another test will be given on **Saturday, February 27 at 8:30-12:30 p.m.**, the room to be announced at time of application.

Students must make application in the Psychological Services and Research Center, Room 255, Old Main, by 4:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, February 23.**

ELIGIBILITY: Students must have at least fifth quarter status and must have completed the required composition courses—English 100 and 101, or the equivalent. (Students currently enrolled in their second composition course are ineligible).

OFFICIAL COLLEGE CALENDAR

FRIDAY, February 19
A & L Series program—Edward Weeks, lecturer
10 a.m., Auditorium
Play—"Where's Charley"
8:15 p.m., Auditorium

SATURDAY, February 20
Record Dance
9-12 p.m., Union, main lounge

MONDAY, February 22
Holiday

TUESDAY, February 23
A & L Series program—Hubert Herring lecturer
10 a.m., Auditorium
A & L Series Committee meeting
3-4 p.m., Union, Room 209
Soc-Anthro Club
6:30-7:30 p.m., Union, Room 11A
Ski Club
6:30-8:30 p.m., Union, Room 209
Norsemen-AWS Talent Show tryouts
7:30-9:30 p.m., Campus School Aud.
Christian Science Organization
7:15-8 p.m., A-M Bldg., Room 201
Band Rehearsal (Civic)
7:30 p.m., A-M Bldg., Room 217
College Band Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Auditorium

WEDNESDAY, February 24
ASB Legislature meeting
4 p.m., Union, Room 208
Deseret Club meeting
6:30-7:30 p.m., A-M Bldg., Rm 100
Folk & Square Dance Club meeting
7-9 p.m., Old Main, Rec. Hall
W Club meeting
7-8 p.m., Union, Room 11A
College Band Concert
8:15 p.m., Auditorium

THURSDAY, February 25
Faculty Speaks
4 p.m., Union, Room 11A
Intersarsity Christian Fellowship
Bible Study
4-5 p.m., Old Main, Room 225
Helmsmen
4 p.m., Union, Room 209
College Dance Band
7:30 p.m., A-M Bldg., Room 217
Norsemen-AWS Talent Show tryouts
7:30-8:30 p.m., Campus School Aud.
AAUN meeting (panel-open to both students and faculty)
7:30-9 p.m., Upper Art Gallery

ELECTIONS

Fourteen File for Six Posts

By GARY ODEGAARD

Filings closed Tuesday at 4 p.m. for ASB President, Vice President, and 4 Legislature at-large positions.

The results . . .

Applications for President included Chuck Bertrand, Bill Robertson, and Jerry Baker.

Bertrand, a junior, is a History major. He has served as Vice President of Highland Hall and is Sergeant-at-arms of the Bachelor's Club. Robertson, a sophomore majoring in Anthropology, is President of the newly formed Anthro-Soc Club. A. S. B. Finance Board Chairman Baker is a junior majoring in Economics.

There are three filings for Vice President—Jerry Caton, John Panagos, and Marshall Bronson.

ASB Social Board Chairman Jerry Caton is a Math major and in his junior year. He has served as President and Vice President of Highland Hall. John Panagos, who was active on the Skagit Valley Junior College campus serving on the student Legislature before transferring to Western is a junior majoring in Speech. He is sponsored by Forensics and is a member of IRC. ASB Facilities and Properties Board Chairman Marshall Bronson is a junior majoring in Eng-

lish. Bronson is heading the Model United Nations Delegation to San Francisco this coming April. He is a member of IRC and Co-chairman of the Junior Prom.

Eight File for Legislature

Eight students are running for the four Legislature at-large Positions—Howard DeWitt, Bob Brown, Lew Curran, Larry Ernst, Denny Lewis, Charlotte Strum, Nina Ayers and Bob Pike.

Bob Pike, who is President of Forensics, is a sophomore majoring in Political Science. Forensics is sponsoring Pike. Bob Brown, incumbent, is a junior majoring in Music. Brown has served as freshman class vice president and sophomore president.

Lew Curran, incumbent, is majoring in Speech and is a junior. Curran has been President and Vice President of Highland Hall. He is also WWC Young Democratic Club Vice President and Representative on the Washington State Board of Young Democrats. The Young Democratic Club is sponsoring Curran.

Larry Ernst, incumbent, is a junior majoring in Education, and is sponsored by Forensics.

Denny Lewis is a junior majoring in Economics.

Collegian Editor Howard DeWitt is a sophomore majoring in History and Political Science.

Charlotte Strum is a junior majoring in Education, and is sponsored by

Forensics.

Nina Ayers, an elementary Education major, is a junior. She also is President of Senior Hall, a member of Helmsmen, ASB Social Board Committee Chairman, and Usher Captain.

Due to a lack of candidates a Primary Election will not be necessary. The General Election will be held Tuesday, March 1. The respective candidates presented themselves at a "Candidates Rally" yesterday in the main lounge.

SOAP BOX IS CONSTRUCTED

A Soap Box was constructed by the Industrial Arts Department headed by Mr. Hautzer which will be available for all candidates to campaign from. This podium-box contraption can be moved from place to place in the Union.

JUNIOR PROM

"Flambeau" Gay, Exotic

Soft music, flowers, royalty, dancers whirling against a fiery Parisienne background—it's gay—it's exotic—it's "Flambeau"! A Parisienne sidewalk cafe motif, enhanced by blossoming trees and a fiery red color scheme will be the scene of the second formal dance of the year, the Junior Prom. The secret is out—but the occasion is yet to come. Yes, the exotic atmosphere of springtime in Paris will be here in the WWC Gym from 9-1 on Saturday, March 5.

One of the five queen candidates will reign over the occasion. The elite five, Brenda Lindsley, Janice Pilik, Marlene Wilton, Sally Fugitt and Sharon Stewart were selected by popular vote last Tuesday at a junior class meeting. Any one of them would make an exquisite queen, but only one will be chosen by a special ballot to be crowned as queen by junior class president Dick Canfield. Balloting for the queen will be held the week of the prom.

Music for the event will be provided by the Marty Simons Band of Seattle.

Already decorations are well underway, reports decorations chairman Sally Fugitt. She and her committee have been holding decorations workdays in which flower making is the vogue. Trees have also been collected for the decorations. Miss Fugitt commented that in her opinion the prom "will have an extra nice flair this year with the Parisienne theme and the chosen color scheme."

The admission price? No, it's not \$50.00 per person, just \$2.00 per couple. At that price everyone can enjoy an "evening in Paris."



THE FIVE QUEEN CANDIDATES . . . Which one will reign?

CAMPUS AFFAIRS

PLAY

"Farcial Story Unfolded"

There was a shadow on the wall—reflecting the spirit of action, leading mood changes, mirroring even the color and life of actions on actions.

A Shadow Leads . . .

This shadow of a baton led a cast through its paces last night as orchestra director, Bob Duvall, moved the performance of a sometimes-soft, often active and exhilarating musical accompaniment.

The watching audience seemed to move, too—with laughter, smiles and chuckles as the farcial story unfolded. The auditorium reverberated laughter after Tom Aston's vaudeville-type soft-shoe and again during the scenes between John Schermerhorn and Aston.

The eyes out front moved with Gladys McLean singing her role, with Martha Whitchurch, and were caught up in dance numbers soloed to a Latin rhythm by Lyn Hopkins and Dave Buff.

Wild Passes, Unseen Rhythms

Leaps, wild passes and stage actions moving in farce-time seemed to merge the players and audience, as behind the scenes, unseen rhythms were played out by Len Gargarello, stage manager; Mark Flanders, technical director; Dr. Gerald Cohen, choreographer; Judy Alexander, assistant director; and the master-mover, Dr. William Gregory.

As the baton moved, catching small, quick splashes of stagelight on its tip, the rhythms merged into a frantic complete pattern. The curtains had opened on Western's production of "Where's Charley"

SWEA

Western Hosts Conference

Eight years ago the Student Washington Education Association was founded on Western's campus. This year, on February 27, Western will be host for the regional conference.

Dr. Skeen, of Western's Department of Education, will be speaking within the conference's theme "Student Teaching—Past, Present, and Future." This theme is pertinent because of the recent revolution in the education program at Western.

Those nominated to run for state SWEA offices are: Ramona Hopping, Pat Kaye, Sylvia Hendrickson, and Sherry Brown.

MURRAY SPEAKS

Man's Values from the Judeo-Christian Tradition

"I feel neither lost, wandering or aflame. I'm not a pragmatist."

If two sentences could have summed up Dr. Keith Murray's view of himself on the Faculty Speaks series last week, those words might have done the job.

Speaking casually, laughing and responding quickly to students' questions, the history professor said he likes to talk to Western students—to their ancestors and offspring.

"I'm Still Chiseling Away"

Truth is absolute, not relative," he stated. Man is like a blind man climbing a mountain. Every thousand years, it seems, some are born with their eyes open. Shelley may have had a revelation of truth, "but I'm still chiseling away, bit by bit."

Murray said he assumes all people have fundamental worth — "this is sometimes difficult to do," but he believes in the idea of the value of man that comes from the Judeo-Christian tradition.

Then he answered questions.

"I don't believe civilization will be extinguished by a third World War. A lot of people may be lost, but not everything . . .

"Almost certainly there will come a day when there will be no United States. I hope it won't happen during my time; then you can worry about it."

How does one become a well-rounded individual, he was asked.

"Work Like a Hound-Dog"

"At the risk of being trite, I would say: don't neglect your P.E. course, social dancing classes or church activities. Get acquainted with the great ideas of the past. Pick what you want. Go after it, and work like a hound-dog or a rabbit on a rabbit trail. You won't get everything you want, but you'll be happier for trying."

How do you find personal truth?

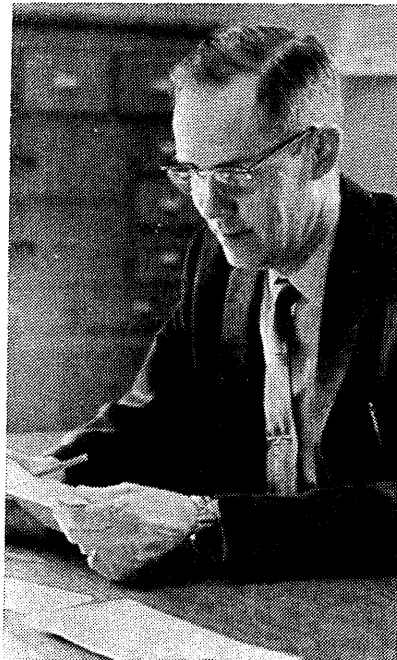
How to Handle a Whelp . . .

"How do you handle an obnoxious ninth-grade whelp. I can't tell you; you'll have to learn by yourself."

His commentary ranged from non-

conformists (no one should be forced to learn; he should be given the opportunity) to Omar Khayyam ("in my opinion he was a nihilist"), to the gaining of personal satisfaction.

"I write things for obscure publications. Nobody reads them but myself. I know if they stink, but personal satisfaction in writing something and



DR. KEITH MURRAY
"Work Like a Hound-Dog"

knowing it was well done is most important."

Garbage Men and Dead Bodies

Stating he'd definitely have to leave at five because he had promised to take his wife to town, he concluded with a comparison between Christian and Oriental culture. Garbage collectors in China were subsidized by rich men, he said, to carry away men who would die on their doorsteps to assure themselves of a good burial. "The Oriental view of life is hardly philanthropic."

As Dr. Murray ended his discussion at five to keep his promise to Mrs. Murray, he parted with one sentence of advice:

"Keep your shirt on."

The Music Department will present a student recital at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium, Friday, February 26.

THE LEGISLATORS SPEAK

A Frank Analysis of Student Government, by the people that run it. Is faculty control imminent in the near future, or will the Legislature remain autonomous?



THE COVER:

... DeWitt and Dodd talk it over

"Let's Pool Biases"

By LIZ SUNDSTROM

Motions to 'suspend the editor or anything' were in order last week as the Legislature Chambers became the scene of this quarter's first great ASB debate.

The staff has taken "too much license," according to Barnhart, often showing "poor taste" in articles. Barnhart called the Legislature, Union Board, and WUS articles "inane and predigested" and urged last week's session of the ASB Legislature, to investigate *Collegian* policies.

"The privilege to editorialize has been grossly abused by this year's *Collegian*," These were the words of Mike Barnhart who feels that freedom of the press has been carried too far at Western and that the *Collegian* staff hasn't made enough distinction between fact and opinion.

Howard DeWitt, Editor of the *Collegian*, retorted that the Legislature should expect the newsmagazine to be opinionated. He maintained that the paper has alienated the Legislature through its unfavorable criticism asking, "Is the paper a threat to the Legislature, or are these people who complain merely suffering from bruised egos?"

Legislator Leo Dodd commented that the Legislature knew DeWitt intended to continue former editorial policy, yet they appointed him editor. Dodd believes the Legislature "owes the editor a little allegiance." Ken Robertson, former *Collegian* editor, added, "People may not agree, may find it in bad taste, but they read the *Collegian*. The Legislature doesn't want a school paper; it wants a public relations outlet."

Advisor Flora reminded the group that several weeks ago it had picked DeWitt because it wanted to save money, ignoring his views on editorial

policy. "Before we fire the editor, Flora implored, "let's pool our biases and agree on the paper's functions!"

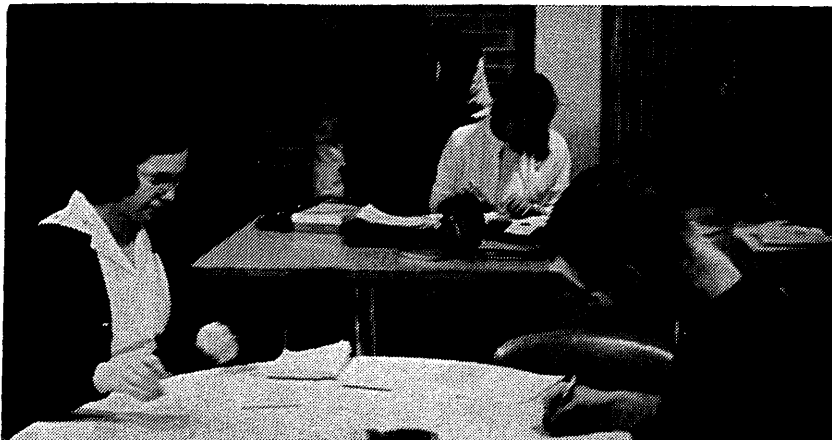
Jens Hansen, *Collegian* advisor, stated that he "keeps hands off the paper" maintaining that it would be "silly" to censure the *Collegian*. "Legislators have to be thick-skinned," said Hansen, "If the students really resent the *Collegian* attitude, why don't they write a letter to the Editor?"

The Legislators took action when ASB President Bob Gustavson, told the group that he had talked with dissatisfied students and Editor DeWitt, and agreed that news coverage has been accurate and opinionated. He asked for a motion, "to suspend the editor or anything you want." Mike Barnhart moved "an investigation be set up to look into the matter of the *Collegian* and ASB student's reactions thereof." Lewis Curran amended the motion inserting "a committee consisting of five members be on this investigation committee, four of which shall be other than Legislature members."

Overpowered by Power?

The members of the Legislature Investigating Committee, Judy Runnels, Don Carlson, Dennis Lewis, Liz Sundstrom, and Charlotte Strom, have been taking an opinion poll of various classes to determine the students' actual feelings toward the paper. The results of the poll was presented at this week's Legislature meeting.

It appeared to be difficult to judge the accuracy of the committee's findings or the degree of influence they will have on the Legislature. *Collegian* writers were wondering "Will the power of the press be overpowered by the power of the Legislature?"



THE COMMITTEE TAKES A POLL

It appeared difficult to judge the accuracy . . .

GOVERNMENT

Put It in the Box . . .

By JOHN TROUTNER

Did you know that the bids for the Union Building were about \$20,000 over the architect's estimates and that the choice then was to eliminate the publications area or to appropriate extra money? The money was allotted partially from college and partially from student funds. Then, due to an oversight, a \$15,000 interest payment was overlooked and the money came from student funds. There is one other little thing: The Union Building is not owned by the students, as we thought, but is a college facility. Some people would consider this cum grano salis, some would not, others would not know.

Apathy Toward Student Government

This year, as in every year of the past, a few people on campus are concerned about the apathy on the part of students concerning student government. Among those concerned are the ASB President and the Collegian editor. There have been many attempts to find the cause and a great number of articles have been written for the Collegian—in past years—but to no avail. Once again an attempt has been made to find out why this exists.

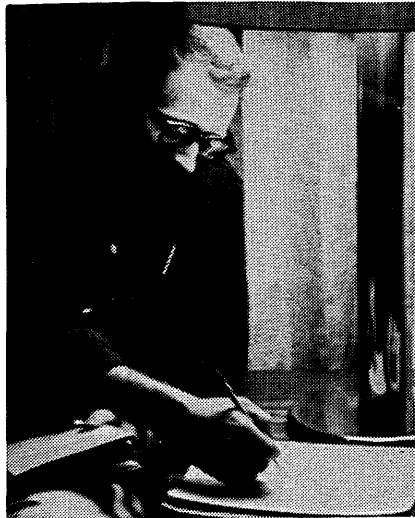
Quite a number of students were asked; "What do you think of student government?" The answers were very similar: "I don't know anything about it"; "I don't care about it because it does not concern me"; "It doesn't affect me," or something very similar. This seems to be a very sad, uninformed opinion.

The Legislature created the Union Building and the Bookstore. This year, on recommendations from the Finance Chairman, Jerry Baker, laws were passed that have stopped most of the wild, uncontrolled spending of student funds that had gone on in the past. Very few people know about this.

One very interesting guess as to why the lethargy is so prevalent was hazarded by more than one student. The guess was that either the student government did nothing or that there was very poor publicity.

Believe It or Not the Legislature Took Action

Last week several members of the Legislature reported that a number of students had voiced opinions to them and, believe it or not, the Legis-



JOHN TROUTNER

Voices and pressure felt . . .

lature took action on these opinions. At present the problem is being worked out to what is hoped will be a satisfactory solution. This was a direct representation of the students and it should show them that their voices and pressure were felt at least this once. It should also show that the Legislature does something once in awhile. Perhaps (and this is not meant to be derogatory to anyone) if there was better coverage in campus publications on what actually happens and if more students would attend the Legislature meetings and read the Collegian this langor would not predominate. If you want better coverage write a letter to the editor and put it in the post office in Old Main. The fault lies more with the individual student rather than any group such as the Collegian or the Legislature.

LEGISLATURE

Basking in Personality

By LEO DODD

"The Legislature doesn't do anything!"

"The Legislature is a bunch of pseudo-intellectuals!"

"The Legislature talks big and does nothing!"

These are just a few of the comments voiced about the Legislature in the past quarter and a half. No doubt the majority of these opinions came from people who were unfamiliar with the operations and personnel of our student government.

Legislature has accomplished Something

In actuality the Legislature has accomplished something. Mainly through

the efforts of ASB President Bob Gustavson and two or three conscientious Legislators, the functioning of this body has been partially successful. The By-laws committee, chaired by Mike Barnhart, has come a long way in revising and integrating our ASB by-laws into useful form. Gustavson has labored continuously to mold the Legislature into a well organized, efficiently operating group. The work of the Finance Board and Facilities Board has been very successful.

And yet there remains much to be desired. To many of the Legislators, student government seems only to involve attendance at the Legislature meetings from 4 to 6 on Wednesday afternoons. On occasion they have been openly reprimanded during their meeting by the ASB President due to their indifferent attitude and lack of positive action.

Runnels Biased, Easily Influenced

Certainly the personalities on the Legislature have much to do with this attitude. These are the members that formulate our policies:

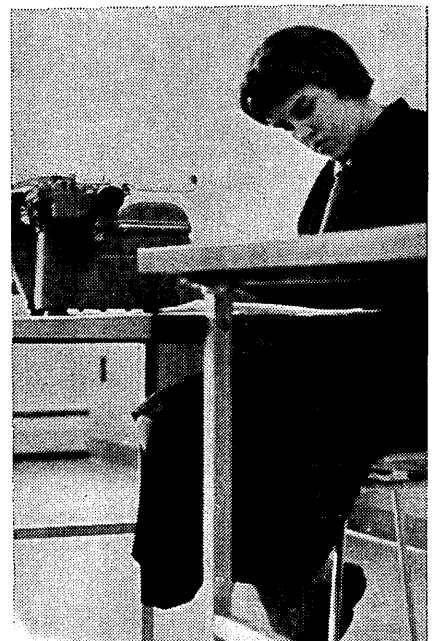
MIKE BARNHART—one of the more effective members; idealistic; hard working; dedicated.

BOB BROWN—nice guy; weak, ineffective Legislator; prestige conscious.

BOB BURGOYNE—inexperienced; indifferent; lack of real interest.

LEW CURRAN—willing to work; adequate knowledge of student government; personality conscious.

LARRY ERNST—intelligent although



COLLEGIAN WRITER

Inane and pedigreed?

inexperienced; doesn't work up to capacity.

GARY GERHARD — opinionated although easily influenced; good possibilities although inexperienced.

GORDON MILLS — indifferent attitude; sarcastic; has ability but does not use it.

JUDY RUNNELS—biased; can be influenced; talks a lot but says nothing; tries hard.

RON SALTIS—completely indifferent; misses meetings; friendly attitude.

DOUG SIMPSON—conscientious Legislator; lacks experience but works hard.

LEO DODD—no comment.

The above comments are only opinion but they could help to explain some of the current problems existent in the present Legislature. If these problems are to be resolved, it will be up to each individual Legislator to concern himself with efficient functioning of student government rather than basking in the rays of his own personal importance.

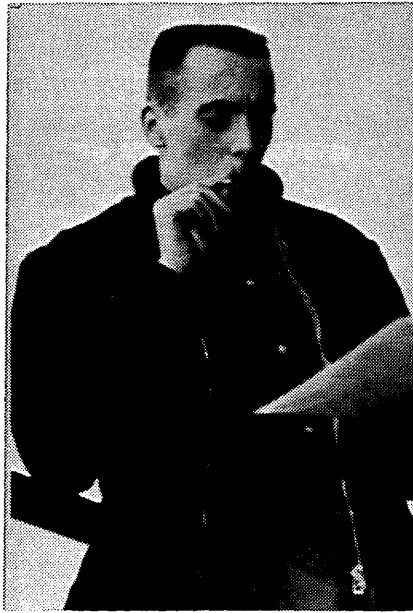
LOBBYING

"Ponder the Power . . ."

By **MIKE BARNHART**

Several weeks ago, the Collegian Editor, Howard Dewitt, asked that I write an article about the Student Legislature. Since then I have pondered the task and decided it best to approach the subject from the standpoint of its ultimate motivation—pressure.

Any system that is representative must act according to the words that reach it either from subordinate organizations and interests or the individuals being represented. Of course, individual students are always encouraged to approach the Legislators; and there are numerous avenues of expression at Western that provide individual students, acting as a collective whole, the opportunity to reach the major policy-making body, the Student Legislature, with considerable force. The numerous clubs and organizations on this campus could appoint a spokesman for their particulars who would air the collective criticisms and/or suggestions. All he or she needs to do is contact a member of the Legislature, inform him or her of the question and request that consideration be given. And, if the Legislator is unable to realize satisfaction by merely referring it to the appropriate Standing or *ad hoc* Committee, then he is impelled to request



LEO DODD
'Openly reprimanded'

the question be placed on the ASB President's agenda for the next meeting. I might point out at this time that over 90% of the work done by any Legislature is accomplished in com-

As previously stated, a Legislature as a whole.

As previously stated, a legislature operates largely on pressure and it is usually through pressure that it acts. Pressure connotes need and desire even if it is from the vested or powerful interests. Ponder the existence of 78 organized clubs, houses or what have you on Western's Campus and you will realize the latent lobbying power available to you, the student. Lobbying is an age-old technique and, properly used, it can be a powerful weapon.

OPINIONS

Most Have No Reasons

By **MURRAY SANDS**

The Collegian went looking for Five opinions of significance" this week and found that when the question, "Who should dictate student policy?" was asked, opinions were far-ranging and far apart.

Five people intimately concerned with student government on the campus considered the question and came up with the idealistic, platitudinous, old and new ideas. One said most students don't care, and have no reason to.

Student Activities Director* Harold Goltz felt that all student organiza-

tions "by and large have the same objectives." These are education, development, and experience. More specifically, all organizations should be aimed at present student interests, the development of new interests, setting standards befitting a college organization, and encouragement of promising students to participate in student affairs.

Referring specifically to the student government and to all college organizations in general, Mr. Goltz expressed the belief that we "should occasionally take a long objective look at our goals." He further stated that, "all organizations should be in a constant state of evolution. Otherwise past errors are repeated."

Dr. Charles J. Flora said he believed students attend college to get an education rather than to worry themselves with student government. In his capacity as ASB Legislature advisor, Dr. Flora has observed that students at Western seem to be dedicated to their main purpose and have less time to devote to government. "Most students really have no reason to be interested in student government," he said. That is, until their toes are "tromped on" or a negative issue arises.

Union Board Chairman Jack Rabbourn expressed the opinion that major objectives of the ASB Legislature "are not being approached to date." When asked in what way improvement could be made, he said Legislators should "quit being petty and selfish and start evaluating matters for the general good." Rabbourn suggested that students encourage competent persons to run for important offices.

ASB President Bob Gustavson pointed out the progress of this year's government. He pointed to the success of the Artist and Lecture Series, and the many dances and social events sponsored by the ASB. It must be remembered that the Legislature is saddled with responsibilities which should not be underestimated, he said. He considered that the handling of a hundred thousand dollar budget is achieved only through months of hard work.

President Gustavson explains the position of the present Legislature as follows: "Past administrations have left many pitfalls in student government, including finance and lack of policy for ASB activities and clubs. The Legislature this year has been forced to attempt to alleviate these conditions and therefore have not been able to do some of the creative things expected of such a body."

That was what five people said.

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BASKETBALL

Vadset Sinks PLC With Fourteen in Final Minutes

By **TONY WHITEFIELD**

Coach Jack Hubbard's Western Washington College Vikings took a big step toward the west-side NAIA play-offs last weekend by splitting a pair of games with the Pacific Lutheran College Lutes. In winning one of the contests, the Viks are still very much in the running for the shot at the national tournament at Kansas City. The Lutherans downed the Vikings, 70-56. Saturday night, another overflow crowd watched one of WWC's great games, as the Viks won an overtime thriller by a 86-85 score.

Friday night Western got off to a shaky start, as PLC led 14-3 before Ron Crowe bagged WWC's first field goal. The Viks rallied and closed the gap to 17-16, but PLC spurted to a 40-28 lead at the half. Midway through the second half, Hubbard sent in his reserve troops, as the Vikings were unable to narrow a 14-point bulge. His "Four Freshmen" and Derm Cunningham then proceeded to put on a hustling, ball-hawking, rally and before the Lutes could recover, Western had narrowed the PLC lead to 62-56. As the Lutes went into a stall, WWC had to foul in an attempt to recover the ball. However, the Lutherans made good on eight charity free-throws. Consequently, PLC came out with a 14-point margin of victory. The contest was closer than the final fourteen point spread, and it was one of Western's better efforts on PLC's notorious home court.

Comeback of the Year

On Saturday night, Hubbard's boys played what was probably their best comeback effort of the year. Rallying from a steady nine-point deficit, the Vikings made a cool, slow climb up the score board to tie the Lutes at 74-74 at the end of the regulation period. Western had trailed the Lutes from the very start of the game, and never regained the lead until they led in the overtime period. The Viks lost big Jim Greer via the foul route, but again the Viking bench strength payed off. Terry Clayton, Herm Washington, and Bob Gilda came in to keep the Vikings in the fire. Actually, it was definitely a team effort. Everyone who got into the game contributed to the cause. Bud Bloch was tremendous on the



boards, and Ron Crowe banged home thirty points. Gary Mose was all over the court, harassing the Lute backmen, and charging the backboards. All the Vikings were heroes in that big drive.

In the last minute of the regulation period and throughout the overtime contest, the crowd was in hysterics. But perhaps the coolest, calmest lad in the county that night was shuffling Easy Ed Vadset. Ed came off the bench with a minute and thirty seconds left in regulation time to lead the Vikings out of the fire. Vadset tied up the game at 74-74, and got all twelve of Western's points in the overtime period to give the Vikings their 86-85 victory.

This weekend the Vikings are on the road. Tonight they tackle the UPS Loggers in Tacoma, and then it'll be Central Washington College at Ellensburg on Saturday night. Next Tuesday, Western hosts UPS. These three forthcoming contests are all vital ones. The Viks need victories for the play-off spot.

RUGBY

Viks Held Scoreless

By **RAY DEVIER**

In an effort to send our boys to California some three hundred fans turned out at Battersby Field, and watched a scoreless, but thrilling game between our own Vikings and the Vancouver Rowing Club. The visiting team was the first club to keep the Viks scoreless in three years. The game itself was marked by good defensive play on the part of both teams. Spurts of exciting offensive maneuvers kept the somewhat chilled fans interested.

Mathieson Shines Again

Western threatened many time in the game, but just couldn't push that ball over a try. Once again the outstanding player for Western was Al Mathieson.

The past week has been spent on polishing up plays with emphasis on conditioning, as the Vikings prepare to invade Canada tomorrow for a game with the Vancouver Barbarians. They will return to Western one week from tomorrow.

JAYVEE BASKETBALL

Little Viks Edge Shack on Slettedahl's 17 Points

Western's Jayvees relied on the scoring of Terry Slettedahl as they upped their season record to 9 wins and 2 losses with a close 39-37 win over the Shack Drive-In last Saturday night in the preliminary game prior to the Western-PLC tilt.

Slettedahl, hitting on free throws and long jumpers banged home 17 points as the junior Viks came from behind to win.

The Shack attempted to knock off the Jayvees with a deliberate type offense, but fell victim to a close checking defense.

For the Shack, Sam Martin and Larry Whitney were outstanding as they controlled the play and forced a slowing down of the game which almost led to the defeat of the inexperienced J.V.'s.

SWIMMING

Viks Outclassed

Coach John Kulbitski, earlier in the year, had stated that for the remainder of the season the Viking mermen would be "out of their class."

While not casting any reflections on the swimming team, his statement was borne out last week-end as the splashers dropped a 68-27 meet to the Idaho Vandals in the Vikings pool.

Dean Aspinall picked up the only 1st place for the Viks by winning the blue ribbon in the backstroke event.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	Won	Loss	Pct.
PLC	9	3	.750
WWC	8	3	.727
UPS	6	5	.545
CWC	4	7	.363
Whit.	4	8	.333
EWC	3	8	.272

Preregistration for spring quarter will begin on February 29. Seniors begin preregistration on that day.

FORENSICS

Tyro Tourney Success

By JACK SIGURDSON

Western Washington College Forensics squad members were among the leaders in the final rounds of the annual Tyro Tournament, hosted last Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma.

The Oxford debate team of Ron Butler and Jack Sigurdson finished with a tie for third place in Junior Men's Debate.

Fourth place finishers in other final events were John Panagos, senior division, and after Dinner Speaking; and Karen Fortin and Diane Nygaard in Discussion.

An 11 member team represented WWC in the tournament, led by Dr. Paul H. Herbold, Forensics coach.

Others competing included Phyllis Biggar, Dave Syre, Bob Pike, Marilyn King, Julie Waddell, and Margaret Cox.

The Forensics team will travel early next month for the final tournament this quarter at Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore. It's expected that a full squad of 18 members will enter the various events in that competition, March 3-5.

"Excellent Results"

"The results have been excellent when you consider that this was just the second tournament for us, while other teams at UPS had competed in four or five previous tournaments," Dr. Herbold said. There were 26 colleges entered in the Tyro Tournament.

At the start of Spring Quarter, WWC will host the Pi Kappa Delta provincial forensics tournament ever held on the Western Campus—with 175 top speakers expected.

UGLY MAN

"Anyone Can Sign Up"

Campus men have been plaguing the mirrors lately asking themselves what chance they have of being nominated in the Ugly Man contest, which is being sponsored by the IRC Club here on campus. The contest begins on the 23rd of this month and will end on the 27th with the crowning of the Ugly Man at the Ugly Dance. Anyone can sign up a candidate on the sign-up sheet in Old Main. Votes will cost a penny apiece and the proceeds will go to the IRC fund for sending Western delegates to the Model United Nations delegation.

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