



Celebrating the Campus School at Western, 1899-1967

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Speaking of Teachers

"Miss Nicol ... everyone went to her when they had a loose tooth that needed to be pulled." — Roberta ('Bobbie') Jaffe.

"Miss Booth ... was a gentle, very musical soul, whom I loved. I still hum some of the songs she taught us." — Ann (Kingsbury) Jones Richardson.

"Miss Kinsman (she was beautiful—I think I was in love with her)." — Bob Rice.

"I also really liked Mrs. Vike. ... She encouraged me in art and she had an aquarium. My favorites were the angel fish but sometimes other fish would eat them." — Joyce (Bown) Pulver.

"Miss Osborn, a serious educator and disciplinarian who was very thoughtful and emotional when one of our 5th grade class was arrested for stealing and sent to reform school. — William B. Hussey.

"Because of them I am now a college professor!" — William A. ('Toby') Dittrich.

...And Student Teachers

"I remember Miss Bee because Kurt threw a baseball bat at her ... and almost caught her in the shins. I was very impressed with her agility and jumping ability." — Lynn Monahan.

"Here's hoping that Mr. McConnell did NOT become a teacher." — Lynn M. 'Peggy' Shull

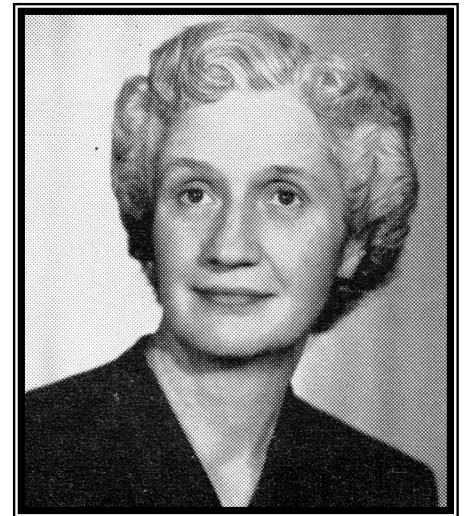
Remembering Great Campus School Teachers

Katherine Casanova

Beloved of generations of Campus Schoolers, Katherine Casanova joined the faculty of the Training School, as it was then known, in 1932. She was born Nov. 27, 1900, and attended the State Normal School in San Jose, Calif., before going on to earn undergraduate and master's degrees at Teacher's College, Columbia University.

Teacher's College was then at the forefront of the progressive education movement in America; its head, William Heard Kilpatrick had been the principal protégé of John Dewey himself. In the Training School, the Teacher's College approach was already well represented. Katherine Casanova's new colleagues Mabel Askew, Irene Elliott, and Eleanor Osborn, as well as Mary Rich, the school's director, had all trained at Teacher's College.

For 35 years, from 1932 until the closure of the Campus School in 1967, "Miss Casanova" taught first grade. Only once during this entire time—the summer session of 1939—was she not part of the CS faculty roster. Her personal warmth drew in and motivated her pupils year after year, while her commitment to the child-centered approach that was the hallmark of progressive education never faltered.



And, adding to her luster, there was the "beautiful white hair" remembered by so many CS alumni.

In addition to her dedication to teaching, Miss Casanova was a football fan, recalled as attending college games. It was a family habit: her brother, Len Casanova, was the revered football coach at the University of Oregon for many years.

After the Campus School closed, Miss Casanova stayed on for one more year, teaching "Basal Reading Instruction" to undergraduates in education. Retiring in 1968 as Emeritus Professor of Education, she returned to California to be near her family. Katherine Casanova died on Jan. 22, 1996, at the age of 95. ■

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Let's do lunch in 2007! The Reunion: AUGUST 25, 2007

A Gift of History

The *Campus Schooler* tips its no. 2 pencil to Bellingham resident Joyce Groom and hereby designates her an honorary CS alumna. At a friend's garage sale, sharp-eyed Mrs. Groom spotted copies of the 1937 *Junior Viking*, the 1938 *Campus Yearbook*, the 1942 *Junior Jottings* (extensively autographed), and a volume titled *Poems and Stories* from the same era. She then graciously donated these priceless items to us, after seeing an article in the *Bellingham Herald* about the upcoming CS exhibit and reunion. Thank you, Mrs. Groom! ▪

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE WEBSITE LATELY? There are now more than 500 pictures in the Photo Gallery! Plus, a way for you to send us information about individual pictures. Also, more highlights from oral histories to tickle your memory module. Visit soon and often! ▪

Treasure Trove Showcasing Recent Memorabilia Additions

► **Artwork** (113 items) created during four years at the Campus School, 1st through 4th grade, loaned by Cheryl (Culverwell) Inouye.

► **Photographs** given by Gloria (Hillyard) Bourm, Barbara (Welsh) McCollum, June (Carrick) Russell, and Eloise (Ingman) Stendal, among others!

► **Animal ceramics, "get-well" cards handmade by classmates, and report cards** given by Henrietta (Daesner) Moseley.

► **Bellingham Police Dept. Campus School Safety Patrol Merit Certificate (1949)** fgiven by Bruce Trafton

► **Report cards** given by Harold Fisher and JoAnna (Thompson) Nicholson. ▪

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