



Celebrating the Campus School at Western, 1899-1967

# The Campus Schooler

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## Talking the Walk

We asked, "How did you get to and from school?" Many of you answered "I WALKED!" Some samples of your memories:

"Walked home via Highland Drive ... just a trail; stopped occasionally at the little pond to get tadpoles."—*Joanne (Knapman) Praetzel*

"I always walked to and from school. I like to get to school early and stand by the radiator to get warmed up."—*Jeanne (Dawson) Blackmore*

"I stopped at Harriet Thomas' every morning to walk together. I remember seeing a pot of diapers boiling on their large wood range every day."—*Jean (Carver) Clark*

"I lived on Forest Street and walked up Cedar Street, up the stairs, past the library, and over the long wooden plank walk-way."—*Ann (Kingsbury) Jones Richardson*

"I would walk ... along what is now Highland Drive ... There was a trail through the woods we called 'sticky stucky way' where we all played."—*Dan R. Olson*

"I would often walk ... on the trail behind Edens Hall down to Key St. ... Sometimes I would see deer along the trail and I always swung on the 'jungle swing' going out from the trail as much as 100 feet!"—*William A. (Toby) Ditttrich*

**In future:** Bus, auto, and streetcar riders have their say!

## Milestones in Campus School Publishing

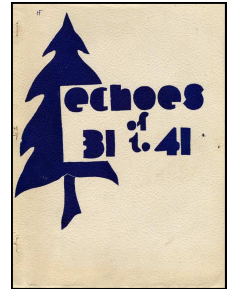
### "Shall We Have a Classbook?"

#### Campus Schoolers—To Your Attics!

The much-anticipated Campus School exhibit at the Whatcom Museum of History & Art in Bellingham opens on June 10, 2007. By the end of 2006, the Exhibit Committee hopes to assemble everything that could conceivably be displayed so that the final selection can be made early in the new year.

**Now** is the time for all good Campus Schoolers to ransack their attics, basements, closets, or any other storage venue for exhibit possibilities. You can donate these items to Western Libraries Special Collections or loan them for use in the exhibit only. For more information, please contact Marian Alexander or Tamara Belts (see contact information on page 2). If you can help tell the CS story, let us hear from you soon!

Such was the question, put by 8th grade teacher Ruth Melendy in late 1940 to a group of students seeking to commemorate their nine years together at the Campus School.



"You can easily preserve some of these memories. What form do you suggest?" The fifteen pupils enthusiastically agreed—a book!

The result, *Echoes of 31 to 41*, was entirely the students' work. In addition to creating all the textual content, the group worked with Herbert Ruckmick to produce photographs and with the college printer on questions of cover design and paper stock. Together, they calculated costs, designed the format and layout, and prepared the stencils for each printed page. Each final copy contained 70 actual photo prints made by the students themselves.

A singular achievement in the rich history of CS publishing, *Echoes* also neatly encapsulated the School's philosophy of participation and leadership. As Miss Melendy surely intended, it was a serious, yet seriously enjoyable lesson in modeling "the responsibilities of citizenship."



**Who Is This Campus School Cutie?**

(Snapped in 1954)

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**Florence  
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That's Who!**  
(Here, in  
2006)

On behalf of all the Campus School projects, *The Campus Schooler* gratefully acknowledges the unstinting help and support of Florence (Winsor) Helliessen (6th grade, 1956). Due to her tireless volunteer efforts, many lost Campus Schoolers have been found and vibrant new connections made between former classmates. Florence, the Bulldog salutes you! ▪

## One Amazing Alum

Trolling the early history of the CS, *The Campus Schooler* came across the rather extraordinary Harold Noice who attended the "Training School" during 1902-1904. The son of a local funeral home operator, he attained fame (and, some say, notoriety) as a world explorer and film-maker. His books include *With Stefansson in the Arctic* (1924), about a famous Canadian expedition, and *Back of Beyond* (1939), relating his exploits in the Amazon (also depicted in his 1929 film *Red Majesty*). Noice's controversial role in the 1921 rescue of a party marooned on Wrangel Island is chronicled in the recent book *Ada Blackjack, a True Story of Survival*, by Jennifer Niven. Born in 1895, Harold Noice died in 1984. ▪

## Treasure Trove

### *Showcasing Recent Memorabilia Additions*

► **Books, artwork, clippings and other material**, given by Joan (Graham) Koppe (6th grade, 1942). Many of these items relate to Joan's father, George Graham, a member of the 6th grade class of 1915.

► **Basketball uniform**. A complete CS basketball uniform, shorts and jersey, given by Bruce Trafton (6th grade, 1949).

► **Photographs, yearbooks, Hilltop Highlights issues, clippings, and "Hidden in the Hollow Oak, a Novel of 18th Century England,"** by the **1947-48 sixth grade class**, loaned by Beret (Funkhouser) Harmon (6th grade, 1948)

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