



Celebrating the Campus School at Western, 1899-1967

# The Campus Schooler

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## Not Forgetting Lunch

One time in the first grade ... the teacher ordered lunch for me which was stewed rutabagas. I'd never smelled anything as bad as stewed rutabagas. And I was forced to eat them. Even today I sympathize with any child who is forced to eat stewed rutabagas.—*Karen (Bennerstrom) Price* (6th grade, 1950)

We ... often were given a nickel with which to buy soup at noon. I sometimes cheated and bought ice cream with my nickel and didn't tell mother.—*Gloria (Woodward) Pinard*, (6th grade, 1940)

Usually brought lunch—but I remember if I bought lunch—had to eat it all.—*Carol (Smith) Shanahan* (6th grade, 1951)

If you were especially good, you ... would be selected to ... bring back the lunch wagon. I just remember the large stainless soup container and the slight bump in the hall [in Old Main] as you turned into the school area. One had to be very careful not to spill the soup!—*Margaret (Havemen) Lind* (6th grade, 1944)

I remember Susie Wilson had impeccable lunches. Individual salt and pepper shakers for her hard-boiled eggs. Her mother peeled her apples.—*Julie (Lewis) Domingo*, 1964-67 ■

## *The Show Goes On!*

### Campus School Exhibit Opens at Whatcom Museum

*Teaching Learning—Learning Teaching: The Campus School, 1899-1967*, the exhibit celebrating the vibrant life of the Campus School, opened at the Whatcom Museum of History & Art in Bellingham at Noon on June 10, 2007.

Located in the Museum's historic Rotunda Room, the exhibit features several dozen large-format photographs illustrating the (nearly) seven decades of the school's existence, highlighting student activities, the learning environment, and interactions between students, teachers, and student-teachers. Many examples of art and craftwork by students over the years are on display, including linocuts, books and magazines, woven items, wooden toys, drawings, paintings, and ceramics.

The exhibit was artfully arranged by the talented staff of the Whatcom Museum, using resources from WWU Libraries Special Collections (including donations received via the Campus School Memories Project)

and items loaned to the Museum by Campus Schoolers from all over the country. For the further enjoyment of visitors, there is a continuous display of digital images depicting the history of the school, from its origins to its last days, and selections of poetry, prose, and music created by Schoolers over the years. For young visitors, there is a "scavenger hunt" encouraging attentive viewing of the various items on exhibit.

*Teaching Learning—Learning Teaching* will be on view until October 7, 2007. It will be a "must-see" for those planning on attending the CS reunion in August. Complementing the Museum exhibit, Special Collections will offer an exhibit in the library at WWU this summer, featuring additional donated items and more photographs.

Check out the website for pictures of the exhibit and its opening festivities. Also, the Photo Gallery now offers pictures of the 1993 reunion. Onward to August! ■



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*The Future Needs Your Help*

## Announcing the Campus School Memorabilia Preservation Fund

The Schooler has been specifically commissioned to convey the gratitude of WWU Libraries Special Collections for your generosity. Truly wonderful (and some quite extraordinary) items of memorabilia have been received since the first call went out in March 2006. The Campus School Collection is off to a fabulous start due to your willingness to entrust Special Collections with your Campus School treasures.

Now Special Collections needs to ask you for a different kind of help—help in developing the financial resource base needed to preserve and care effectively for the Campus School Collection.

Many of the items you donated are fragile or otherwise in need of special treatment. Photographs, for instance, need to be placed in archival enclosures to prevent fading; fabrics require specially-treated containers to preserve colors; publications such as the many CS newsletters, magazines, and annuals you have given us, are

in danger of further deterioration if not maintained in acid-free boxes made just for this purpose.

Your well-loved memorabilia deserves special care. Proper preservation now will greatly increase the lifespan of these rich and diverse resources. Researchers of the future (perhaps including your own descendants) will thank you for helping us to ensure the continued health and stability of your gifts.

The Campus School Memorabilia Preservation Fund has been established to accomplish this goal. It will be administered by WWU Libraries Special Collections. Please use the coupon below to return a donation. Any amount will help to supplement existing funds available for needed supplies.

If you have any questions about this effort, please call Marian Alexander, Head of Special Collections, WWU Libraries, at 360-650-3283, or send email to Marian.Alexander@wwu.edu.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. ■

## Don't Stop Now!

The much anticipated opening of the Campus School exhibit does not mean that the collecting of CS memories and memorabilia has ended. The questionnaires will remain on the website, along with the Photo Gallery, which will continue to grow as images are received. The Schooler issues no amnesty from its order mandating the ransacking of attics, garages, and storage lockers for anything Campus School.

Please continue to send us any and all potential additions to the Campus School Collection. You are the best narrators and illustrators of the Campus School story. Help us to tell it completely and eloquently.

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