



Celebrating the Campus School at Western, 1899-1967

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"The transition was interesting because there were a number of weird students [at Fairhaven JH], whose names will be withheld."—Jon Orloff (6th grade, 1954)

"It was a shock! I never saw a fight at school before, and the Mtn. Dew bottle I was offered to drink from had whiskey in it!! What a shock."—William A. "Toby" Dittrich (6th grade, 1958)

"We did not have homework at Campus and I thought that was only for dumb kids, so initially did not do it in junior high."—Florence (Winsor) Helliesson (6th grade, 1956)

"I didn't know any bad words. I had to go home and ask my sister what they meant. ... I knew 'ain't' and 'shut up.' Those were things you must never say but that was it, as far as I knew."—Joyce (Bowen) Pulver (6th grade, 1960)

"...I do remember an art teacher closing the curtains when there was a rainbow outside as we weren't paying attention.... I remember thinking there was something wrong with that attitude."—Ann (Kingsbury) Jones Richardson (6th grade, 1948)

"....didn't want to stand out as a 'smart' kid. Also, my handwriting wasn't worth a damn."—Skye K. Richendrfer (grades 1-3, 1965-67)

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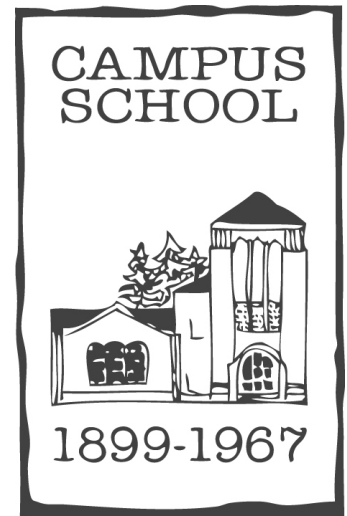
Are YOU Ready to Reunion?!?

The long-awaited, happily anticipated Campus School Reunion is just about upon us. The Schooler is deputed to tell you that it's not too late to register or to reserve campus housing. For assistance and/or information, contact the good folks at Woodring College of Education, 360-650-4419 or 360-650-3723, or send email to Carole.Morris@wwu.edu. Don't delay!

Good Old Campus!

Submitted by Judy (Lindsay) Eaton

*Good old Campus, here we come,
When we're at Campus, we have fun!
We work and play,
We laugh all day!
If you're gonna have fun,
That's the way.
Nine o'clock is schooltime,
Then the bell will ring.
We have some classes,
And then we like to sing!"*



Wilson Library Awaits Returning Schoolers

Reunion attendees will find much to interest them in Wilson Library while they are on campus in August. Recently donated memorabilia not included in the exhibit at the Whatcom Museum will be on display along with other Campus School-related items from WWU Libraries Special Collections. On Saturday, visitors to the Special Collections room will have a chance to try out the preliminary version of a new computer database of

Campus School photographs, searchable by names and topics.

Special Collections is located in the room many alumni will recognize as the original children's library where Miss Snow held forth. The Campus School Memories Project operates from here and it's also the home of yours truly, the *Schooler*. Marian Alexander, Tamara Belts, and Peter Smith—the staff of Special Collections—look forward to welcoming you!

Teacher Feature

“Simply the Best” - Miss Irene Elliott

“Miss Elliott, Miss Elliott, Miss Elliott,” was Carole “Anne” (Hardon) Taggart’s unequivocal response to our question about a favorite or influential Campus School teacher.



Whether acting out all the parts of “Nip and Tuck,” or insisting that Miss Snow allow her charges to check out anything they wanted from the children’s library, she was “simply the best.”

Born on January 9, 1893, in Greenbury, Pennsylvania, Irene Margaret Elliott was orphaned at age 10. After living in a series of orphanages and boarding schools, she went to “The Hill” in Oakland, Calif., a facility for orphan girls located on the estate of “borax king” F. M. Hill (of “20-mule teams” fame). Following high school, she attended the San Francisco Normal School then taught in schools in California, Ohio, Oklahoma, North Carolina, New York, and New Jersey

before eventually receiving both a bachelors and masters degree from Columbia University Teachers College. Appointed to the Training School faculty in 1931, she initially taught 1st grade. In 1932, she moved up to 2nd grade, where she remained for the next two decades.

Known for her sharp eyes and ever-present spectacles, Miss Elliott is recalled as firm, fair, and funny. “I can be as nice as nice can be, or as cross as forty bears,” Carole Taggart remembers her saying. “It’s all up to you.” Joan (Hoppe) Campbell recalls her wry comment on the resemblances of successive waves of siblings in her classroom. “Your faces don’t look familiar,” Miss Elliott observed, “but your clothing certainly does.”

According to a profile published in the College paper WWCollegian in 1947, the “congenial, witty” Miss Elliott’s hobbies included reading and cooking. Her student teachers confirmed the latter enthusiasm, reporting that she baked a ham that was “a gastronomic delight.”

After retiring in 1954 as an Assistant Professor Emeritus of Education, Miss Elliott continued to live in Bellingham. She died at the Shuksan Convalescent Center on January 27, 1986, at the age of 93. ■

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The WWU Libraries Special Collections will use the Fund to purchase archival materials to preserve and protect items of Campus School memorabilia so generously entrusted to its care.

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