



Celebrating the Campus School at Western, 1899-1967

# The Campus Schooler

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## Campus School Retrospective

### 100 Years Ago

"The number of pupils in the Training School this year is 280.... At present the primary grades are making a study of industries in the vicinity; the third and fourth grades of the primitive life of Washington; the fifth and sixth grades are studying the salmon industry, while the seventh and eighth grades are working upon the lumber industry. ... The first six grades have a garden ... The grounds at the rear of the gardens are being used for baseball grounds...." — *The Messenger*, June 1909



### 75 Years Ago

"A play day was held Wednesday for the training school. Miss Mildred Jewel's coaching class, Sam Carver's class and Miss Ruth Weythman's class were in charge for the

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## Searchable Database Expands to Include Artifacts, Reunion Photos

Susan Stimpson Trimmingham's cheery "Lamb Pull-toy," Gail DeGrace's checkerboard-topped game box, Margie Lee's paper-mache "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," and Henrietta Daesener Moseley's bevy of pottery animal critters are but a selection of the creative works now accessible in the "Campus School at Western" online database. And more will be added soon, as Special Collections continues to expand the database to include not just photographs, but images of real objects made by Schoolers as kids. You can see all artifacts now accessible online by using the word "object" as a search term. Remember that we are always looking for more such memorabilia, so keep us in mind when you clean house or begin to downsize!



We're pleased to let you know too that the searchable database now includes more than 1200 images, including 200+ photos of the 1993 and 2007 reunions. This is your resource, made possible by generous contributions to the Campus School Memorabilia Preservation Fund, which also funds the purchase of conservation materials for both photographs and artifacts. Thank you for your support. ■

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day. The first and second grades played games on the knoll from 10:30 until 12:00. The third to the eighth grades divided into color teams. They played from 10:30 to 12:00 in [Waldo] field. Some of the circle games played were "Cat and Rat," "Gardener and Scamp," "Last Couple Out," "Snap Jack," Flying Dutchmen," and "Mother Goose Gobbling." After that they divided into class groups and played games appropriate for the particular grade. The children were given some time to rest and to prepare for lunch. They had lunch on the knoll." — *Northwest Viking*, July 19, 1934

## 59 (☺) Years Ago



Photo by Jack Carver

"Snow—those minute crystals of ice falling in irregular masses of flakes—rode into Whatcom County on waves of unusual winter weather the past week and Western Washington College began to feel the freezing effects. ... At the Campus school eager youths were given orders of the day regarding the throwing of snow balls; only to be hurled at the younger age group and those children who didn't mind receiving a healthy hunk of snow in the face. ... Collegiate camera fans found the snow-blanketed campus a worthy subject on which to focus. ... At 3:00 p.m. yesterday one thermometer in the college area registered 12 above. ... This was Western Washington college when thermometers fell and the Pacific Northwest felt one of its most unusual winters." — *WWCollegian*, January 13, 1950 ■

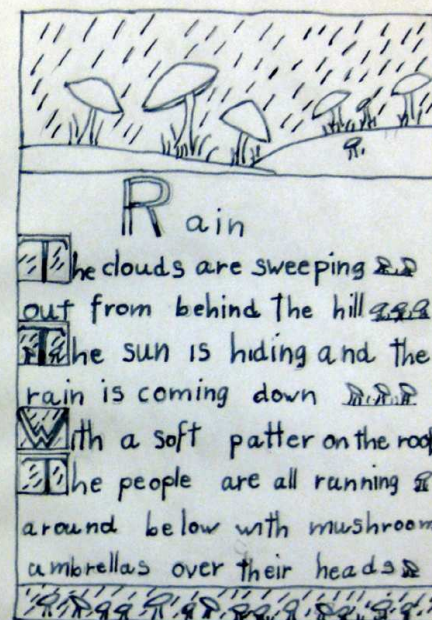
## The Ramps—Down and Out for Good

Some Schoolers, at least, will be sad to learn that the smelly, rubber-coated "ramps," a feature of the 1943 Campus School building, will disappear with the coming renovation of Miller Hall, as the facility has been known since 1968. Considerably enlarged and remodeled after the closure of the Campus School in 1967, Miller Hall is the home of Western's Woodring College of Education.

The planned project has several aims, including addressing aging building systems and providing badly needed instructional spaces such as classrooms and computer labs, offices, and increased capacity for support services.

Another important goal of the renovation is improved disabled access. The venerable ramps—scene of many a Schooler mash-up—do not meet current legal requirement for such use.

The University hopes to begin construction later this year. More information can be found at <http://www.wvu.edu/depts/fm/Services/FDCA>. Click on "Miller Hall Renovation, Public Works #465" in the list of *Current Public Works Projects in Design or Construction*. ■



## Schooler's "Rain" Falls Across the Years

"Imagine the surprise of little Marcia Ireland," observed the *Bellingham Herald* in 1940, "when she picked up a copy of the *Christian Science Monitor* and saw in it one of her original poems."

The poem was "Rain," transcribed and decorated by Marcia herself in a little notebook recently given to the Campus School Collection by her daughter Phoebe Brookbank. Enclosed in the notebook, near the poem itself, was the undated yellowed clipping of the Herald article.

What was not known, according to the article, was how the poem found its way to the *Monitor* editor's desk. Perhaps, the Herald guessed, "one of Marcia's teachers liked the poem so much that she sent it in."

Marcia Ireland Brookbank (6th grade, 1939) passed away earlier this year. The *Schooler* presents "Rain" in tribute to her life and to the spirit of the exceptional school that nourished and sustained her creativity and that of all its students. The *Schooler* remembers Marcia and all Schoolers lately, sadly, lost to us forever. ■


  
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