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my fellow students!

The first thing I want to do today is give  
recognition to two friends who prevailed on me to  
be here today -- Congressman Lloyd Meeds and my  
old friend Barney Goltz, who is your director of  
planning and development. Barney was in some of  
my political science classes -- back in my days as  
a professor -- at Macalester College in Minnesota.

Good  
Student!

L Lloyd and Barney had another ally in  
Ted Van Dyk of my staff, who is minding the store  
back in Washington. I know that Ted was born and

raised here in Bellingham, and he's still a loyal  
civic booster.

L Barney, this is wonderful country. I may  
just follow you out here. I can't think of anything  
more stimulating than living in the Northwest and  
being with college students.

L I came here directly from Eugene, Oregon,  
where I addressed the student body at the University  
of Oregon. It's quite an experience flying up across  
the Columbia River, seeing the Cascades to the right,  
Puget Sound and the ocean to the left, and the  
green land in between. (X)

L This is a good land. It is the land of the  
future. And I envy your opportunity to be where  
you are, and to be educating yourselves at this time  
when young people have more to look forward to than

at any other time in our history.

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1st DAY  
I understand that today is the first day of classes in the fall session. For many of you, it is the first day of college. And I can't help feeling some of the excitement and anticipation that I'm sure you do.

More young Americans are in college this year than all the Americans alive when our nation was founded. More Americans are in graduate schools than all the Americans who bore arms during the Revolution.

And our country will need the efforts and the personal commitment of every one of these Americans -- every one of you -- in the years ahead.

By the time one of you may be standing here as a public official at some future occasion, the

American people will number more than three hundred  
million -- and the people in the world almost too  
many to even think about.

300 million

and You will be in charge! You will be responsible  
for our national security and my Medicare. You will  
be responsible for the education of my grandchildren  
and the freedom of my great-grandchildren.

↳ The generation of your parents had to fight  
desperately, at your age, to stave off poverty at home  
and violence abroad -- and they in large part  
succeeded.

↳ Yet the challenges facing you are greater, and  
far more exciting, than those they faced. The scale  
of the effort to be required of you will be far greater  
than that required of them.

↳ There are some who are critical of today's young

people. I cannot agree with them.

↳ I have met and talked with thousands of young Americans across our country -- and in uniforms and shirtsleeves overseas. - Volunteer Generation

↳ I feel a sense of concern and of involvement among you.

↳ You set high standards for yourselves, and you judge yourselves harshly.

↳ I believe you are performing remarkably well in the system your parents built, yet I know that you are probing relentlessly to find your own personal relationship to it . . . seeking your own identity. And that is as it should be.

↳ The story is told that Pericles of Ancient Greece in his later years came across a young lawyer of Athens who was deeply devoted to causes, who wished to

↳ change immediately everything that was wrong in  
the world.

↳ Pericles chastised the young man for being  
too bold and brash -- for concerning himself <sup>as he said</sup> with  
things better left to older men."

Pericles said: "Of course I understand for I,  
too, was overeager in my youth, But now that I am  
older I have learned better. Take my advice and do  
not become so involved."

↳ To which the young man replied: "I regret  
I did not have the privilege of knowing you when you  
were at your best."

I hope, as young people, that you will become  
involved in what is happening around you. //

↳ If you do not choose to follow, precisely, the  
trails that we have blazed ahead, then I do not think

we ought to count the future unsafe in your hands.

For it has been the special blessing of this  
land that each generation of Americans has called  
its own cadence, and written its own music -- and  
our greatest songs are still unsung. !!

*Mr. Sprague\*\*\* - Mr. Deurkee of HUD*  
*Mr. Bassetti*  
Now, in this beautiful setting, I would like

to do something that gives me a great deal of pleasure.

For many years you could be just about certain  
that any building financed in some way by the federal  
government would be dull and pedestrian in its  
architecture.

But, like a lot of other things, this is  
changing too.

We are determined to try to put some fresh  
spirit into architecture . . . to stimulate and to

reward excellence in design.

One of the ways this has been done was through a nationwide contest for design excellence, sponsored by the new Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Only five examples of excellence were singled out for this award throughout the country. They were chosen by a panel of distinguished architects from among more than three hundred and fifty entries.

In the college housing category, the only winner was the Ridgeway Dormitories here at Western.

The Ridgeway Dormitories fit harmoniously into their setting. They were built for people, and it shows. And, as with other buildings of excellence, just living with them every day should make life just a little better and more pleasant.



h So now it is my honor to present this design  
award and to congratulate the architect, Fred Bassetti  
and Company; the landscape architect, Richard Haag,  
Associates; the builder, Cawdrey and Vemo, *Vemo*  
Incorporated, and Western Washington State College.

*Design Award*

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