EARLY RECORDS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Prior to 1875, the Territorial University of Washington did not issue circulars or catalogues. It has therefore been difficult, if not impossible, to ascertain when those earlier sessions opened and closed. If manuscript records were made, they have mostly disappeared and other sources of information had to be sought. Victor J. Farrar, Research Assistant in History, was detailed to examine the earliest newspapers published in the Puget Sound cities. Clarence B. Bagley, of Seattle, was kind enough to make available his fine collection of old newspapers.

There, Mr. Farrar found the first announcement signed by Rev. Daniel Bagley as President of the Board of Commissioners on September 16, 1861. Others were found for the years that followed. Meager as was the information in this series of announcements, it was at least dependable and in the absence of other records they will prove fundamental when a history of the University of Washington is compiled. Photostat copies were made of the announcements for the archives and a number of them are here reproduced for such historic interest as they may have at the present time.

In the winter of 1860-1861 the Territorial Legislature enacted laws locating the University at Seattle and providing that Rev. Daniel Bagley, John Webster and Edmund Carr should constitute a Board of Commissioners to locate and build the institution. The Board of Commissioners met in Seattle on February 22, 1861, and organized. They began work at once and on March 1, 1861, let the contract to clear the ten-acre site contributed by Arthur A. Denny, C. C. Terry and Judge Edward Lander. The corner-stone of the main building was laid with due Masonic ceremonies on May 26, 1861. The law had required that school should open in the new institution within one year. Before the building was finished, therefore, Rev. Daniel Bagley made public announcement that A. S. Mercer had been engaged as "Professor and Teacher" and students would be received for the opening session on November 4, 1861. This announcement is here reproduced and with it is given the announcement by A. S. Mercer for the second year.

In the first session thus announced by Mr. Bagley school was maintained for twenty-two weeks and the attendance was about thirty pupils. At the end of that first session, the southwest corner room of the partially completed building was used for a Seattle school. It was taught by Mrs. Ossian J. Carr from May to July, 1862. She

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had twenty-four pupils and received sixty dollars a month as compensation. President Mercer then issued his announcement and the second year of the University began on October 20, 1862. This year was of five months and the attendance was fifty-one students. Of those who attended during the first two years it has been possible to identify sixty names from the old pictures and the memory of the few survivors.

Territorial University.

THE TERRITORIAL UNIVERSITY

Building will be so far completed that School will be commenced in it on Monday, the 4th of November next, under the supervision of the President of the Board of Commissioners, Rev. Daniel Bagley, who has secured the services of A. S. Mercer, A. M., late of Ohio, as Professor and Teacher.

The term will continue twenty-two weeks, and be divided into two quarters, each eleven weeks.

Tuition will be as follows:

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Daily lessons in vocal music gratuitous.

A dormitory building will be in readiness that will accommodate twenty-five or thirty young men.

It is recommended that all who design attending be with us at the opening of the term, as much is lost by not being present at the formation of classes.

DANIEL BAGLEY,

Prest' Board.

Seattle, W. T., Sept. 16th, 15—

—Port Townsend North-West, Oct. 10, 1861.

UNIVERSITY

Of the Territory of Washington

PRELIMINARY to the opening of this Institution, for the purposes provided for by law, it has been determined by the unanimous vote of the Board of Regents, when assembled, to open in a portion of the building, for the immediate accommodation of the patrons of the Institution and the people of the Territory.

A Primary and Collegiate School,

To be conducted under the supervision of Mr. A. S. MERCER, A. B., in which will be taught all the branches usually taught in the PRIMARY department of the public schools of the Territory, and all the branches usually taught in the GRAMMAR and HIGH SCHOOLS of California and the Atlantic States.

The girls will be under the immediate care of MRS. VIRGINIA CAL- HOUN, including the PIANO Pupils.

Vacation—Christmas to New Year.

Prices of Tuition in the Primary School .................. $5 per qr.

Prices of Tuition in the Higher Classes .................. $7 per qr.

Prices of Tuition in the Collegiate Studies .................. $9 per qr.

Prices of Tuition in Music $10 per qr.

Board per week, $3.00.

The term of five months will commence on Monday, the 29th October next. Pupils of both sexes will be under proper restrictions and care be received, and their education in the several branches above named industriously and carefully attended to, without any sectional bias or influence whatever, and subject at all times to the most rigid guards over their moral demeanor and accomplished manner. For further information apply to

A. S. MERCER, Principal,

At Seattle, W. T.

September 17th, 1862. 46:tf


The second President of the University—W. E. Barnard—made a more extended announcement, dated August 15, 1863. As will be seen by the reproduction, he divided the school year into four sessions.
UNIVERSITY 
Of Washington Territory.

THE UNIVERSITY established at SEATTLE on Puget Sound by Legislative Enactment and in accordance with an Act of Congress approved July 17th 1854, being completed, now opens its doors to all those who desire to avail themselves of the facilities it affords for acquiring a thorough acquaintance with the common and higher English branches, and also the usual Collegiate course of Study.

The Board of Regents have recently elected W. C. Barnard, A. M., President of the University. Mr. Barnard is a graduate of Dartmouth College, and was for two years at the head of one of the most flourishing academies of New England. His subsequent experiences as Principal of La Creole Academy at Dalles, Oregon, and still later, the reputation he acquired while connected with the Willamette University at Salem, as a thorough and disciplinarian, justify the expectation that the University of Washington Territory under his management, will rank second to none on the Pacific Coast.

CALENDAR.

The school year will be divided into four Sessions of eleven weeks each:
First or Fall Session opens, Sept. 7, 1863.
Second or Winter Session opens Nov. 30, 1863.
Third or Spring Session opens February 15, 1864.
Fourth or Summer Session, opens May 9th, 1864.

COURSE OF STUDY.

The studies that each scholar shall pursue, will be determined by the instructors, while the wishes of the patrons will be complied with, so far as they may not conflict with the systematic progress of the student. All will be required to pursue Reading, Orthography, Writing, Geography and Mental Arithmetic, or pass a satisfactory examination in the same before engaging in more advanced studies. Classes formed at the commencement of the Fall Term, will continue without interruption through the year, or until the subjects considered shall have been mastered. It is therefore very desirable that those purposing to join the School, to do so at the commencement of the year, as those coming later must join classes already formed.

DISCIPLINE.

No student will be allowed to retain a connection with the school whose habits are such as to render him an unfit companion, or who will not render a ready compliance with the regulations of the School. Frequenting of saloons, and attendance upon theaters and balls, are not allowed, but students are required to be at their respective places of abode at stated hours. A respectful observance of the Sabbath is required, and at 3 o'clock P. M. each Sabbath the Students will assemble at the University Chapel to study the Scriptures as a Bible Class.

The reading of the Scriptures, regarded as the only safe textbook of morals, will be a daily exercise of the school.

BOARD.

A limited number of Students can be accommodated at the Boarding House on the University grounds, by making immediate application, while a few can find accommodations in private families in the town. Price of Board $3 to $4 per week—washing, lights and fuel extra.

TUITION RATES:

Primary Department, per Quarter,
Academic, - - - - $6.00
Collegiate, - - - - 8.00
10.00

Payable in advance. No deductions made for absence except in cases of protracted sickness.

Books and Stationery can be obtained at the city Book Store.

For further particulars address the President.
au24-6w W. E. BARNARD, A. M.

—Seattle Gazette, Aug. 15, 1863.

This third year was of forty-four weeks, commencing September 7, 1863. It must have been discouraging to the new President, as there were only about twenty-six students at the beginning and forty-two at the end of the year.

Mr. Barnard remained as President until April 13, 1866. The attendance at the University had dwindled to such an extent that he first resigned in February, 1865, and went into the real estate business. The Regents failed to secure a new President and Mr. Barnard continued to serve until his final resignation on April 13, 1866. Dur-
ing those years he published three other announcements which are here reproduced.

UNIVERSITY
Of Washington Territory.

The School Year will be divided into two Sessions of twenty-one weeks each:
The first session opens on the first Monday in September.
The second Session, on the first Monday in February.

BOARD:
Board and Room Rent are furnished, at the University Boarding House, at $3.00 per week—the Student providing his fuel, lights, bedding and washing.
When preferred, Board, Tuition and Incidentally furnished at $240.00 per annum, payable QUARTERLY, IN ADVANCE.
A limited number of Young Ladies can be accommodated in the family of the President.

TUITION:
Primary Department, per Annum, $24.00
Intermediate, “ “ “ $32.00
Collegiate, “ “ “ $40.00
Music—Twenty-four lessons on the piano, with use of instrument, [Extra] $20.00
Drawing and Sketching, “ per Session, - $10.00
Tuition bills payable quarterly, in advance.

Students are required to pursue Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic, (both Mental and Practical,) Geography and writing, or pass a satisfactory examination in the same, before engaging in more advanced studies.
Young Men, desirous of defraying their own expenses, by personal labor, while attending the University, can be furnished employment by making early application to the President.
Students will not be admitted for a less period than one Quarter.
For further particulars address the President of the University,

W. E. BARNARD, A. M.
Seattle, W. T., July 19th, 1864.

University of Washington Territory

This Institution will re-open on the Third Monday in October:

Rates of Tuition:
[Payable in advance per Quarter.]
COLLEGIATE Course, $10.00
ACADEMIC “ 8.00
PRIMARY “ 6.00
INSTRUCTION ON THE PIANO, 15.00
Students can be accommodated on the University Grounds, in the family of the President, at $75 per Quarter, in advance, Board, room-rent, washing, fuel, lights and Tuition included. Room-rent and Board, without incidentals, at $5 per week.
For further particulars, address

W. E. BARNARD, President,
Seattle, W. T., Sept. 30. no18-1y.
—Seattle Gazette, Sept. 30, 1865.

—Seattle Gazette, Aug. 6, 1864.
Rev. George F. Whitworth served as President of the University twice. He was first elected on April 16, 1866. During his first year he published three announcements as follows:

**TERRITORIAL UNIVERSITY.**

The Primary Department of this Institution will open on Monday next, 21st inst., in charge of Mrs. H. Smith.

It is contemplated that arrangements will be made to admit, free of charge, such scholars, belonging to the Seattle school district, as are not advanced beyond the branches required by law to be taught in Common Schools.

Other Departments of the University will be opened, as soon as arrangements to that end can be perfected, of which, due notice will be given.

GEO. F. WHITWORTH,  
Pres't W. T. University.  
Seattle, May 19th, 1866.  
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**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY.**

This Institution will re-open on the 10th of September next, under the charge of the President, with such Assistant Teachers as may be required.

Each quarter will consist of 11 weeks and the rates of Tuition and Boarding will be as follows:

**Rates of Tuition:**

[Payable Quarterly, in advance.]
- PRIMARY DEPARTMENT $5 00
- INTERMEDIATE 6 00
- ACADEMIC 8 00
- COLLEGIATE or SCIENTIFIC 10 00
- MUSIC on the PIANO 15 00
- BOARDING, without incidentals, per week, 3 50

Rooms will be provided in the University Boarding House, rent free, the Pupils finding their own furniture, bedding, &c.

Instructions, in Vocal Music, will be given, free of charge.

Arrangement will be made with the Seattle School District for the children of the District, who are not advanced beyond the Primary Department.

For further information, address REV. GEO. F. WHITWORTH,  
President.  
Seattle, W. T., Aug. 18, '66.  
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—Seattle Puget Sound Semi-Weekly, August 27, 1866.

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY.**

THE next term of this Institution will commence on Monday, the 7th day of January, 1867, and will continue 22 weeks.

Pupils from the country can be furnished with Board at the University Boarding House at $3 50 per week.

The Rates of Tuition, per Quarter of eleven weeks, will be as follows:

- Primary Department,  $5 00
- Intermediate, 6 00
- Academic, 8 00
- Collegiate or Scientific Dept., 10 00
- Music on the Piano, 15 00
- Instructions in Vocal Music free of charge.

Payments for Board and Tuition will be required to be made quarterly in advance.

For further particulars address, REV. GEO. F. WHITWORTH,  
President.  
Seattle, Dec. 17, 1866.


The Seattle Puget Sound Semi-Weekly for April 16, 1866, says that arrangements had been made to admit the children of Seattle into the University without charge of tuition. The Board of Town Trustees voted to pay the common school fund into the treasury of the University. This arrangement apparently tided the institution over a hard year or two.
President Whitworth published two announcements for 1867 as follows:

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

The second Quarter of the present term will commence on Monday the 25th inst.
Pupils from a distance can board at the University Boarding House at $3 50 per week or $33 50 per quarter.
The rates of Tuition are as follows per quarter of 11 weeks:

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Payments for Board and Tuition are required to be made quarterly in advance.

For further particulars address REV. GEO. F. WHITORTH, Pres't.
Seattle, W. T., March 9, 1867.

—Seattle Gazette, April 15, 1867.

The next term of this Institution will commence on Monday, the 22d of July next, and continue for 22 weeks.
Pupils from a distance can board at the University Boarding House at $3 50 per week or $33 50 per quarter.
The rates of Tuition are as follows per quarter of 11 weeks:

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Payments for Board and Tuition will be required to be made quarterly in advance, unless otherwise agreed at the time the pupil enters.

For further particulars address REV. GEO. F. WHITORTH, Pres't.
Seattle, W. T., June 17th, 1867.

President Whitworth's term ended on June 28, 1867, when the Regents informed him that the funds were exhausted.

There was no regular session of the University in 1868 and an effort was made to lease the property as shown in the following advertisement:

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY!

T HE REGENTS OF THIS INSTITUTION propose to LEASE it for a term of years, and for this purpose invite Bids or Proposals until the First day of July, 1868, from Teachers competent to conduct an Institution of this kind. Propositions to lease it as a sectarian Institution will not be entertained. The Regents reserve the right to reject any proposition deemed unsuitable. References will be required.

The Institution embraces ten acres of ground, well cleared and fenced; the University Building proper; President's House, Boarding House and Outbuildings, with a good supply of running water. It is pleasantly and healthfully situated in Seattle, W. T., is well suited to school purposes, and is in condition to be occupied immediately.

Proposals to be sent to the President of the Board of Regents, Hon. B. F. DENNISON, Port Townsend, W. T.

—Seattle Intelligencer, April 13, 1868.

John H. Hall became the new President and his first session of the University began on April 12, 1869. He continued as President until the spring of 1872. During his administration the following four advertisements were published:
THIS INSTITUTION WILL BE permanently re-opened on MONDAY, the 12th day of April, 1869, under the charge of PROFESSOR J. H. HALL, as President, assisted by such Professors and Assistant Teachers as may be required.

Its central and convenient location makes it easy of access to all; and no effort will be spared to increase its present advantages so as to make it second to none on the coast.

The government will be firm but parental, particular attention being paid to the morale of the students; but the people of the Territory may be assured that no sectarian influences will be exerted upon their sons and daughters in this Institution.

Rooms are provided, rent free, for Young Men, in the University Boarding House, and for Young Ladies at the residence of the President, both of which buildings are within the same enclosure with the University; but students are required to supply the necessary furniture, bedding, etc.

Board can be had on reasonable terms.

There is a Library and Apparatus in the University, to which additions will be made from time to time as the demand of the Institution shall require.

Tuition per Term of Eleven Weeks.
Scientific Department, - - $10 00
Clerical, - - - 12 00
Drawing and Painting, (extra,) 10 00
Modern Languages,
French, - - - - - $5 00
German, - - - - - 7 00
Spanish, - - - - - 6 00

PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.
A Preparatory Department will be opened in connection with the University, under the charge of competent instructors.

Tuition per Term of Eleven Weeks.
Primary Department, - - $8 00
Intermediate Department, - 7 00
Academic Department, $8 '00 to 10 00

Payment for Board and Tuition will be expected in advance.

The growing wants of the Territory and its increasing commercial importance, render it necessary for young men to prepare themselves for the places which they will soon be called upon to fill. The importance of furnishing them with the means of acquiring a thorough knowledge of business at home, has induced the Regents to open a

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT.

TERMS, FOR FULL COURSE, $60.

For further information, address the President.

By order of the

BOARD OF REGENTS.
Seattle, W. T., August 30th, 1869.

—Seattle Intelligencer, August 30, 1869.
The attendance under President Hall averaged from sixty to one hundred students, even though the old arrangement of including the primary pupils of Seattle had been discontinued. President Hall was an energetic executive.

In the summer of 1872, Eugene K. Hill was elected President, his first session beginning on September 2, 1872. The institution was closed in February, 1874. So far as can be learned, no announcements were published during Mr. Hill’s administration.

Rev. George F. Whitworth became President again in the summer of 1874. During this second administration four advertisements were published as follows:
TERRITORIAL UNIVERSITY.

THIS INSTITUTION WILL BE RE-
OPENED September 14th, under
the management of Rev. G. F. Whit-
worth, A. M., and will be divided into
three departments—Preparatory,
Academic and Collegiate.
MISS MAY W. THAYER, formerly
a Teacher in the University, has
been engaged as assistant, and, in
addition to the branches usually
taught, will give particular instruc-
tion in Etiquette, Conversation,
Needlework, &c.
The Scholastic year will consist of
three terms of 14 weeks each, and
the rates of tuition from six to ten
dollars per term, to be paid in ad-
ance. Board will be furnished at
$50 per term, students furnishing
their own rooms, lights, etc.; one-
half to be paid at the beginning,
and the remainder at the middle of
the term. Those who desire can board
themselves.
For further information, ad-
dress Rev. Geo. F. Whitworth, Presi-
dent of University, Seattle, W. T.
E. M. SMITHERS,
President Board of Regents,
H. A. ATKINS, Secretary,
Seattle, W. T., Aug. 27, 1874. se5
—Seattle Intelligencer, September 12, 1874.

TERRITORIAL UNIVERSITY.

THE WINTER TERM OF THIS
INSTITUTION will commence on
MONDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1875. An
efficient corps of Teachers is em-
ployed.
It is of the utmost importance that Pupils should enter at the be-

For Terms, &c., see Circular, or
apply to
REV. G. F. WHITWORTH, Pres't.
Seattle, W. T., Dec. 25, 1874. d26-3t
—Seattle Intelligencer, January 9, 1875.

The Summer Session of this In-
nstitution will commence on Monday
next, 25 inst.
For terms, apply to
Rev. G. F. Whitworth,
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President.
—Seattle Intelligencer, May 1, 1875.

Before Mr. Whitworth took charge for his second administra-
tion the institution was conducted during the spring of 1874 as a pri-
ivate enterprise under the management of Miss May W. Thayer and
F. H. Whitworth, son of Rev. George F. Whitworth. Mr. A. S. Nichol-
son of Kingston, New York, had been elected President. When he
arrived he found Mr. Whitworth in the office. He brought suit for damages against the Board of Regents but did not succeed.

From the date of the last advertisements above reproduced there were printed regularly circulars and catalogues which are available in the institution's archives.

During those early days it is claimed that there were but two students of collegiate rank—Clarence B. Bagley and Clara A. McCarty. Miss McCarty graduated under Mr. Whitworth in 1876, the first one to receive that honor from the University. The attendance under Mr. Whitworth reached one hundred and twenty-five.

Though the academic year of 1876-1877 was begun under Mr. Whitworth, it was not completed on account of the lack of funds. The Seattle School Board then made arrangements to use the building, the advanced classes being held there under Professor (now better known as Major) E. S. Ingraham.

On September 3, 1877, the institution reopened under President A. J. Anderson. Since that date there has been no break in the regular sessions of the University of Washington.

Edmond S. Meany.