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**MEMO TO: Board of Curators**

**FROM: Bruce Le Roy**

**SUBJECT: Progress Notes.**

This is early, but we wanted to let you know that the Annual Meeting of the Society is scheduled to be a dinner meeting on the evening of Friday, May 3rd. Dr. James S. Holliday, western historian and new Director of the Oakland Art and History Museum, will be our speaker. The winners of the first Captain Robert Gray Award will be presented following the business meeting of the Society.

The May meeting of the Board of Curators is scheduled for Saturday morning, May 4th, at 10:00 a.m. at the museum. We hope that you can all attend these meetings, where you will learn about the great progress your Society is making.

Three special committees have had meetings at the museum recently. They were: the Captain Robert Gray Award Committee, Robert Hitchman Chairman; the Governor's Advisory Committee on Statuary Hall, John M. McClelland, Jr. Chairman; the Building Committee of the Washington State Historical Society, Lee Dawley Chairman.

The Gray Award Committee unanimously recommended two distinguished scholars for our first annual award.

The Committee on Statuary Hall began its long consideration of recommendations and nominations. This latter committee is planning to meet again before the Annual Meeting of the Society. Reports will be made to the Board at that time.



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The Building Committee, Lee Dawley Chairman, met recently to discuss with the architect plans for the new structure. From this point we will be working closely with this committee and the architects to assure that complete plans will be in hand when the funds for the new wing have been collected.

Several of you have asked when would be a good time to honor your pledges to the building program. Unless you have informed us that you desire to make your gift over a lengthy period of time (two years, for example) the time the money is needed is now. We have come a long way toward achieving our goal, but need to have the funds themselves before the State will release the matching fund to the Society.

Several fine collections have been promised to the Society at such time as our new wing is ready to receive them. More on this at our May meeting.

"The Pig War" booklet is on the press and should be available soon. It should be a colorful and prestigious addition to our list of publications.

Bruce Le Roy

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