



## **Max and Priscilla Higbee Memorial Special Education Scholarship**



The scholarship was established to support graduate students at Western majoring in special education. It was broadened to include undergraduate students in 2001.

The Max and Priscilla Higbee scholarship is named in honor of the late Dr. C. Max Higbee and his wife Priscilla. Dr. Higbee began his career at Western in 1962 as an associate professor of education. He eventually served as head of the special education program and retired in 1987 as professor emeritus of educational curriculum and instruction. He was much beloved by his colleagues and students. Dr. Higbee died in 1991 and his wife in 1995.

Dr. Higbee was instrumental in developing and providing oversight for the Washington State law that required a free and appropriate public education for all handicapped children. This law became the model for subsequent federal legislation. Dr. Higbee also served on numerous boards and committees concerned with education opportunities for special needs students.

Dr. Higbee's legacy lives on in the Max Higbee Center, a Bellingham grass-roots organization founded by former students, educators and families of people with developmental disabilities. The Center provides quality recreational opportunities in Whatcom County.