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Resolution Regarding

The Removal of Student Information from the Western's Publications Websites in Cases Where Harm Can Be Shown

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Whereas, the content of The Western Publications' online archives has been recently expanded so that all features exist into perpetuity; and

Whereas, it has become common practice within the last decade for employers to take online reputations into account during hiring decisions; and

Whereas, the online reputation of a student or alumni can greatly aid or greatly hinder the employment opportunities of students and alumni; and

Whereas, the stories in Western publications focus mainly on students who in the course of a university career change and mature dramatically; and

Whereas, the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan for Western Washington University states the need to "Foster and promote life-long learning and success in an ever-changing world;" and

Therefore hereby be it resolved that, students and alumni be granted the removal of or minor alteration to the online content of the Western Publications which includes their personal information in cases where damage to professional reputation can be shown. If after one, but no more than ten, calendar years from original publication date, a student or alumni makes a formal request of the publication in question for removal or alteration their request shall be honored. Non-online archives would be maintained.