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Lunde, a native of Milwaukee, Wis., easily falls into "the top 2 percent of our all-time graduates," D’Andrea said.

Lunde and his wife, Claire, who live in Newtown, Pa., have three grown children.

"But their family is significantly larger because PBU students have found in Lunde a caring mentor," said Samuel Hsu, a former student of Lunde’s who is now chair of the PBU honors program.

"They have turned to him for advice and encouragement long after they have graduated," remembers the special care he and Claire gave to me when I was a student, including a surprise graduation party at their home in my honor. At that party, I received a long distance call from my parents in Hong Kong, which Dr. Lunde had arranged.

Lunde has master’s degrees from Dallas Theological Seminary and Northwestern University and a D.MA. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is also an approved longhair judge for the Cat Fanciers Association.

The Alumni Association has been honoring a distinguished graduate with this award since 1984.
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Across the Nation:
Alaska Airlines crash Jan. 31, 1999 are establishing scholarship program, known as Art Scholarships Honoring Crash Victims.

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JAPANESE "MIT" SIGNS EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

Establishing the foundation for an international exchange focused on emerging technology and environmental sciences, Western has entered an agreement with Japan's Muroran Institute of Technology. The exchange program will include both faculty and students. Muroran, located on Hokkaido, the northernmost of Japan's four main islands, has about 3,500 students and offers degrees in various fields of engineering and applied chemistry, including several programs with an environmental sciences dimension. Western also has exchange ties with universities in South Korea, China, the Russian Far East, Japan and Nepal.

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Chemistry professor wins national honor

David Patrick, assistant professor of chemistry, was named one of 59 recipients nationwide of the 2000 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. The researchers were honored by then President Bill Clinton during ceremonies in Washington, D.C. in November.

The award is the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government on outstanding scientists and engineers who are in the early stages of establishing their independent research careers. Award winners must have demonstrated a notable commitment to the integration of research and education.

"These extraordinarily gifted young scientists and engineers represent the best in our country," Clinton said. "Through their talent, ability and dedication, they will quicken the pace of discovery and put science and technology to work advancing the human condition as never before."

Patrick, who came to Western in 1996, received his award for creative research using liquid crystals and for his commitment to education. He leads a research group of about six WWU students who are using liquid crystals — found in most laptop computer displays — to control the way molecules assemble on surfaces.

"One goal of this research is to develop new methods chemists can use to design and build materials with advanced properties," Patrick said.

Patrick noted that student involvement in research is important. He has mentored more than 15 WWU students in his research program over the last four years, with many of them winning awards of their own. "My greatest satisfaction comes from their successes, and in helping them to develop as scientists," he said.

Patrick is one of a relatively small number of Presidential Early Career Award recipients who works primarily with undergraduates. The award will provide $500,000 over five years to support his integrated teaching and research activities.

"This award speaks not only to David Patrick's commitment to his research, but to his students who have been given the opportunity to learn from one of the nation's leading young scientists," said WWU President Karen W. Morse.

Ten different federal agencies nominated researchers in their respective fields, from which the White House selected 59 awardees nationwide. Patrick was one of 20 nominated by the National Science Foundation.

Patrick earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of California, Davis in 1990 and his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of Utah in 1995. In 1999, he was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Cambridge, England.

An independent, non-technical description of Patrick's research is located at: http://focusaps.org/v5/st11.html

WWU study: Significant shift in U.S. families

Many American children experience three or more different family structures while growing up, an analysis of the nation's shifting demographics over the past three decades shows. Half of white children and two-thirds of African-American children are likely to spend at least part of their childhood in a single-parent family.

According to a study by three sociologists at Western, Americans are marrying later, divorcing more frequently and remaining single at a greater rate, resulting in dramatic changes in the composition, economic prospects and diversity of American families over the last 30 years.

The analysis reflects the relationship between increased economic opportunities for women and the apparent declining value of marriage, historically perceived as a source of economic stability for women and families.

What isn't known, the researchers concede, are the long-term consequences of these different relationships and family experiences for children whose environments and circumstances are substantially altered by the choices of the adults in their lives.

"There is no monolithic American family," says lead author Jay Teachman. "People still need to make a living and want to have families. But there is more diversity in the way people form research outside of marriage and construct their family lives."

"Researchers often tend to focus on the individuals and the choices they make about relationships and living arrangements without considering the other people linked to them," he adds.

"Children are attached to adults and what we do affects them."

Western sociologists Teachman, Lucky Tedrow and Kyle Crowder pooled their expertise for the study and came up with a clearer look at the very fluid portrait of American families.

Reported in the November Decade in Review edition of the Journal of Marriage and the Family, the study adds fuel to the ongoing debate about the future of the American family. The study is particularly significant because the data also track variations by race and ethnicity.

Presidents of public baccalaureates join forces in Olympia

Presidents of Washington public baccalaureates gathered in Olympia Feb. 15 to celebrate the state's Second Biennial Higher Education Day and to share with legislators their enthusiasm for public colleges and universities.

As chair of the Council of Presidents, WWU president Karen W. Morse (front row, right) hosted the first joint press conference ever held in Olympia by the public baccalaureates.

Shown with Morse outside the Legislative Building are: Central Washington University president Jerilyn McIntire; and (left to right in the back row) The Evergreen State College president Les Purce; Washington State University president Lane Rawlins; and Eastern Washington University president Stephen Jordan.


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1976 - Bellingham Mayor Mark Asmundson and Tanaya Krapo, on Nov. 4 in Russia.

1978 - Doug Benjamin and Lisa Neulde, Sept. 2.


1985 - Erin Armstrong and Matthew Renschler, May 20, 2000. ... David Ayer and Julie Weinz, Aug. 7. ... Tami Keaton and Frank Mitchell, May 28. ... Treg Kessler and Katie Keim ('97), July 7. ... Kendra Dunn and Alan Brush, July 8. ... Katie Hagen and Frank Sherman, Aug. 19. ... Kayla Gross and Scott Fidler, Sept. 19. ... Kris Steinhafel and Daniel Mossley, Aug. 11.

1986 - Larry Hofer is the vice president for development at the UW Foundation. He was formerly the director of human resources for the Stanwyck Companies. He was also the director of human resources for the Stanwyck Companies. He was also the director of human resources for the Stanwyck Companies.

1987 - Terri Echelbarger was ordained a minister in the United Methodist Church. She was also the director of human resources for the Stanwyck Companies. She was also the director of human resources for the Stanwyck Companies.

1988 - Tim Delong is an attorney in Portland, Ore., where he recently became a shareholder in the law firm of Stoll & Stolle. Delong's practice focuses on class action securities fraud cases, other financial fraud and business litigation. He can be reached at tdelong@stoll.com. Steve Kersey is a financial consultant with Whidbey National Bank. He can be reached at 360-697-6666.

1991 - Sara Haskins and Michael Gray, Aug. 5. ... Scott Ottaway and Stephanie Dohrmann, Aug. 7. ... Michael Bell and Robert A. Long High School in Olympia. LeMonds' son, Christian, has been recognized for his on-going contribution to the world of art. LeMonds retired from the Northshore School District as athletic director in 1991.

1992 - Michelle Bell and David Andrews, June 24. ... Kristie Chandler and Karl Fasten, Oct. 28. ... Stephen Coker and Gretchen Nowak, Aug. 12. ... Mamet and Randal Sheekey, Nov. 11. ... Steven Ovall and Cynthia Ackerman, July 1. ... Norm Smith and Kristi Olsen, July 1.

1993 - Rick Blankenburg to Rebecca Smith, Dec. 4. ... Cole Jessup and Tamara Thompson, June 24. ... Julie Nordland and Dale Kaspari, July 22. ... Christine Rojas and Lane Cook, June 3. ... Lara Symonds and David Weid, July 15. ... Dennis Terenzo and Alisa Meyer, Sept. 4.

1994 - Cathy Beiben and Colin Lowin, Aug. 18. ... Marcia Honegger and Jeff Smelley, Nov. 10. ... Lisa Levinson and Giles Cobb, July 22. ... Gregory Robertson and Karen Parish, Mar. 20. ... Christy Waite and James Kesel, Sept. 4.


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1990 – Kristy Edmonds is the executive director and curator of the Portland Institute for Contemporary Art. ... Daniel McCaffrey is the president of the Washington Institute Foundation, a non-partisan, non-profit think tank providing limited government and market solutions for state and local issues.


1992 – Scott Ayers is the new assistant city editor at The Bellingham Herald. ... Darcy Getswell is youth organizer and mentor for the Hispanic Community of Bellingham, a youth public health movement funded by the settlement between the state of Washington and the tobacco industry.

1993 – Dana Erickson was accepted to the Program in European Studies at University of Washington. ... Karin and her husband, Karl, are living in Bologna, Italy.

1994 – Danielle Frye is the marketing coordinator for the Whatcom Community College Foundation. ... Darcy Pearce handles print and Web-based design projects for Projects for Children.

1995 – Douglas Booth is vice president of engineering at Redmond. ... Karen Hoverson, a former sales manager at Whatcom, is now the customer service lead for Woodstock International in Bellingham. ... Dan Manushag directed the film The Quiet at CineplexRichthi... Minday Hamstra joined the firm of Lewis &amp; Clark as a staff accountant.

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1998 – Charlotte Belcher joined the Bellingham office of Fish &amp; Payne Communications as an account executive. ... Michael McCaffrey works for the Portland Institute for Contemporary Art.

1999 – Amando Ayers is an assistant graphic designer with Els Pauw Design in Olympia. ... Julie Graham covers education for The Chronicle in Centralia. ... Aimee Guindaline is working with Yalakim Valley CEC Washington Farmworker Investment Program in Mount Vernon. ... Tony McVey and his friend, Casey Routh, hiked 2,648 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada.

2000 – Marisa Bender is serving in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. ... Hong Kong: A Companion to the Modern World. ... Nick Ericson ('98).

2001 – Jon Persson, a member of the Whatcom County Democratic Party, was appointed to the Whatcom County Board of Supervisors.

2002 – Carol Loflin, a graphic design and Illustrator, Sept. 17.

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2007 – Damond Morris is the technical director of Seattle University's fine arts department...


2010 – Steve Land, 85, a retired teacher and administrator, Aug. 6. ... Paul Pagulayan, 95, died in a car crash in Bellingham.

2011 – Judith Albertson, 54, a former teacher, Dec. 16.

2012 – Stephanie (Scowcroft) Feeney, 52, an author, gardener and founding member of the Whatcom Horticultural Society, Dec. 5.


2014 – Elouise Puchnik, 71, an ombudsman for senior housing rights, Nov. 5.

2015 – Sandra Ramkidy, 48, May 32.

2016 – Steven Epperson, 41, a co-founder of Cascade Coffee and a volunteer with Free District, April 17, July 11.

2017 – Jon Persson, 38, husband, father and cost analyst, June 15.

2018 – David Merrifield, 52, director of Western's Center for Economic and Business Research since 1985, Jan. 24. Merrifield received the Excellence in Teaching Award in 1990 for teaching students in "real world" research. He was founding editor of the Northwest Journal of Business and Economic Trends and was known to the business community and media for his economic analyses and forecasts. The Merrifield Memorial Account at Whatcom Educational Credit Union (600 E. Holly St., Bellingham 98225) will support his children's education.
Student diversity programs celebrate 10 years

By Tanya Kerstiens-Rowe

Over the last decade, the Ethnic Student Center has fulfilled its dual mission of "engendering students of color" and providing a focus for multicultural experience on the Western campus.

From five member organizations 10 years ago, the ESC is now home to 12: the African American Alliance, African Caribbean Club, Asian & Pacific Islander Student Union, Filipino American Student Association, Hui O Hawai'i, International Students' Club, Korean Student Association, Korean American Student Association, Lao and Thai Student Association, Men of Color, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán and the Native American Student Union.

ESC sparks campus events that celebrate, and bring greater understanding of, a multiplicity of cultures.

ESC Coordinator Michael Vendola ('94, '97 MEd) says when he thinks about the center that he helped to found 10 years ago "words like family, community, togetherness come to mind."

Also during last decade, Fairhaven College's Law and Diversity Program has played a significant role as an advocate for expanding diversity in the justice system, in law schools and in law-related professions.

The program, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, was created by Rand Jack, an environmental attorney and professor at Fairhaven.

The first cohort of LDP students began in 1991, and today it is a rigorous, two-year interdisciplinary course of study for upper-level undergraduates who want to develop skills and knowledge for success in law school.

LDP works to prepare and support students whose ethnic, social or economic community is underrepresented in the legal profession and who have the potential to act as role models in their community.

The program leads to a bachelor of arts degree, but many students pursue higher degrees.

K. Mauricio Peña, for instance, graduated from LDP in 1999 and is currently a graduate student at Western. Peña, 39, hopes to work at a community college, providing student services with a focus on minority retention.

"Studying law has been a life changing experience," he says. "The program's success is due, in large part, to partnering with law schools and criminal justice institutions. In addition to class work, students hear guest speakers, work with attorney mentors and undergo a quarter-long legal internship."
loved, tradition and endurance in the lives of Jews in turn-of-the-Century Russia, and Red, Hot and Cole, featuring works by Cole Porter.

Bellingham community members will also once again have the opportunity to enjoy Shakespeare in local parks as the star-crossed lovers Romeo and Juliet strive to overcome familial obligations and prejudice in their quest for true love.

The award-winning Crimes of the Heart, a painful yet heartwarming glimpse into the lives of three eccentric sisters in a small Mississippi town, will be staged as well as To Kill a Mockingbird, the story of a wrongfully accused black man, told through the eyes of the children who encounter and confront fear, hatred and prejudice.

Sponsors for the 2001 season include Village Books in Fairhaven, which has been a longtime supporter of the arts and especially Summer Stock; KVOS TV-12; and Key Bank.

Village Books is sponsoring To Kill a Mockingbird and will aid with the promotion of the play by placing ads in local media and hosting promotional events at the bookstore. The bookstore also serves as a ticket office, providing community members an off-campus location to purchase Summer Stock tickets.

Key Bank, another sponsor from the 2000 season, has signed on to support Fiddler on the Roof this summer while KVOS will once again be the main media sponsor.

The Adventures in Science and Art camps are also back this summer with residential and commuter programs for the younger set. Program participants, entering grades five through 12, take learning to new heights. Session dates vary depending on grade and program. Call (360) 650-6822 or visit www.wwu.edu/~adventur for more information.

Western’s Summer Session offers courses in professional development and skill enhancement for students working on degrees and certificates, alumni returning for continuing education credits and anyone interested in an excellent academic experience.

Summer Session students explore opportunities for career change and partake of personal enrichment experiences on the Bellingham campus during the six- and nine-week sessions beginning June 26.

For information on Summer Session, call (360) 650-2841.

In addition to regular university classes, youngsters come to campus to take part in science and arts camps during the summer and senior citizens come from around the country for WWU’s popular Elderhostels.

Adults who are 55 and older can choose between Elderhostels focusing on Pacific Northwest naturalist programs and arts and humanities programs during week-long Elderhostels beginning July 29, Aug. 5, Aug. 12 and Aug. 19. Two weeks of Elderhostels are offered in conjunction with the Bellingham Festival of Music and include concerts and pre-concert lectures. Call (360) 650-7754.

The College of Fine and Performing Arts plans to create a permanent endowment, thus providing a continuous source of financial support for the free tickets.

An innovative arts partnership developed at Western provides tickets year-round to elementary and middle school students studying music, art and drama.

The Youth and Arts Experience Fund, begun in 1999 during Western’s Centennial celebration, makes it possible for Bellingham-area students to experience the world of the fine and performing arts at the professional level.

A significant gift from AT&T Broadband initiated the program and additional support is pending.

“I think it’s an excellent opportunity to give kids a chance to see arts beyond television and video games,” said Mike Hudson, community affairs manager for AT&T Broadband. Since many people choose a vocation at an early age, the program might open the eyes of a Bellingham youngster to a career in conducting, performing or directing, Hudson added.

Sponsors share a commitment to introducing children to the world-class performances that are part of the Performing Arts Center Series. The series offers a diverse selection of artists and programs, from the Lincoln Center Chamber Society to Mummenschanz, from the jazz of Freddie Hubbard to the Royal Winnipeg Ballet.

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“Connecting young people to the arts ensures the preservation of all forms of artistic expression for future generations,” says Susan T. Bakse of The Western Foundation.

For more information, or to make a donation to the fund, call Bakse at (360) 650-7283.
Accent on Alumni
Alumni bring Western experience to Legislature

By Judy McNickle ('66)
Seven Western alumni are working hard this legislative session to help lawmakers complete capital, operating and transportation budgets for 2001-2003 by April 22, the end of the regular 105-day session.

The seven— one senator and six representatives—have more than 30 years experience working "on the hill" in Olympia on a variety of legislative assignments.

Sen. Don Carlson ('61, '66), R-Vancouver, a retired teacher with Western bachelor's and master's degrees, is serving his first four-year term in the Senate after completing three terms in the House. Carlson was appointed Republican assistant floor leader during his first month in the Senate. He also serves on three committees: Education, Higher Education and Human Services & Corrections.

Across the rotunda, Vikings comprise 6 percent of the 98-member House, which is tied with 48 Republicans and 48 Democrats for only the third time in state history.

Three alumni began their legislative careers in 1993: Rep. Hans Dunshree ('95), D-Stanhope; Rep. Kelli Linville ('74, '81), D-Bellingham; and Rep. Barry Sehlin ('92), R-Bellingham, began legislative service in 1998 when he was appointed to the House. He and Rep. Doug Erickson ('95), R-Bellingham, were first elected the following November.

Jeannie Darneille ('71), D-Tacoma, was elected last fall. Dunshree, a septic designer, co-chairs the Local Government & Housing Committee. He also serves on House Appropriations and Agriculture & Ecology.

Linville, a former speech therapist with bachelor's and master's degrees from Western, co-chairs Appropriations and on Technology, Telecommunications & Energy Committees.

Sehlin, a retired commander of the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station, earned a master's degree from Western in 1992. He was elected to the House a year later, served three terms, retired for two years, then returned to the Legislature in January. He co-chairs House Appropriations.

Eickmeyer is executive director of the Sound Institute of Family and Children Services. He serves as co-vice chair of the Juvenile Justice Committee and as a member of the Natural Resources and Trade & Economic Development Committees.

Erickson, who completed a master's degree in environmental policy from Western, serves as co-vice chair of the Transportation Committee and as a member of the Education and Natural Resources Committees.

Darneille, who earned her bachelor's degree in art history, is executive director of the Pierce County AIDS Foundation. She serves on Children & Family Services, Healthcare and Juvenile Justice committees.

(Editor's Note: Judy McNickle is WWU's legislative liaison in Olympia.)
Alumni demonstrate their support in Olympia

By Andrea Abney

The Alumni Association welcomes all alumni and friends to tee off Aug. 3 in its annual golf tournament to benefit the Alumni scholarship and the Athletic Success Fund.

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Reunion Weekend!

The reunion weekend for classes 1950, 1951 and 1952 takes place on June 22-24 on Western's campus.

A lively reunion committee is comprised of co-chairs Kathleen "Kappy" Britain ('52), Harry Pagels ('51) and Duane Anderson ('51), and committee members Bob Baker ('52), Louella "Looli" Lapley ('52), Britt Marie Lee ('53), James and Persis Shook ('51) and Ruby Smith ('51).

They met over the winter to plan the weekend's activities, which will include a welcome reception on Friday; brunch, campus tours and an entertaining evening dinner on Saturday; and a fun activity for Sunday.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this reunion - the best reunion ever!

Call Kristie Lundstrom at Alumni House, (800) 676-6885, if you haven't already received information about your class. The official invitation is on its way.

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Bill Roe is new USA Track & Field President

As a sophomore at Seattle's Nathan Hale High School, he was "too slow" to be a competitive cross-country runner. But at 50, Bill Roe ('89) is clearly out in front as the newly elected president of USA Track & Field, the governing body for track and field, long-distance running and race walking in the United States.

Roe, who works in educational technology and desktop publishing at Woodring College of Education, is also a brand new member of the U.S. Olympic Committee's board of directors and a delegate to the International Amateur Athletic Federation, which will stage its eighth World Championships in Edmonton in August.

Roe has coached men's and women's cross country and middle-distance programs, since he was a Western student in 1988, as assistant to Kelven "Pee Wee" Halsell, Western's cross country/field and track coordinator.

Roe coached about 400 men and women at Western. Among them are athletes who have set 22 school records, been conference All-Americans 21 times, and won national scholar athlete honors on 14 occasions. He was northwest regional cross country Coach of the Year in 1995 and earned the conference coaching honor in 1997, sharing both awards with Halsell.
Stephanie Bowers leads The Western Foundation

Stephanie Bowers joined The Western Foundation in February as its executive director and director of development. A longtime supporter of Western, Bowers previously served as executive director of development at the Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Bowers brings to her new post nearly 20 years of experience in both development and alumni affairs at the University of Maryland and at the University of Baltimore. She was selected from a slate of 32 applicants to succeed Joan Rahn.

Bowers’ outstanding skills in university development “will greatly enhance our efforts to broaden the university’s partnerships with donors, corporations, and the community,” said University President Karen W. Morse.

Bowers said she looked forward to joining a talented team that would reach out even more to Western’s alumni and corporate communities.

“Together we will be able to create partnerships and increase manyfold the university’s private resources,” she said.

Alumna’s bequest will create new Alumni Association scholarship

Mildred Trunkey, a 1922 graduate of Bellingham Normal School, has left a bequest of more than $33,000 to the WWU Alumni Association.

Trunkey, who taught in Bellingham public schools for a number of years, died in March 2000 in Port Angeles. Her will provided that one-eighth of her residual estate be passed on to her alma mater.

The WWU Alumni Association board of directors will invest these funds to provide at least one annual $1,500 scholarship in her name.

The award will be in addition to the Alumni Association’s other annual scholarships.

Munros receive honors July 8

Ralph Munro, one of Western’s best known political science graduates (’66) and a former student body president, will be honored this summer when the Taft Seminar for K-12 Social Studies Teachers is renamed the Munro Seminar.

Munro, a steady contributor to his alma mater, retired as Washington’s longest serving secretary of state in January, wreaked in honor. Following a retirement gala attended by more than 800 guests. He was Western’s 1989 distinguished alumnus and was recognized last spring as one of 21 exemplary alumni of the 20th Century.

For 20 years, Munro served as Washington’s chief elections officer, to ensure fair and accurate elections, increase voter participation, promote improved voter understanding of ballot measures and establish a state presidential primary election. He also earned acclaim as Washington’s most tenacious diplomat for efforts to promote international understanding, trade and economic development through diplomacy and trade missions.

Munro also set an enduring example of positive, bipartisan civic leadership, and he contributed regularly to Western’s annual Taft Seminar for K-12 social studies teachers.

In recognition of his contributions to the state, to his alma mater and to civic education, more than 385 individuals, corporations and foundations have raised more than $110,000 through The Western Foundation to create the Ralph Munro Endowment in Civic Education.

Celebration of the endowment will continue this summer when Munro and his wife Karen return to campus to launch the Munro Seminar for K-12 Teachers with an afternoon barbecue in their honor July 8 on Red Square.

Details about the seminar and the Munro barbecue will be available later this spring from Don Alper and Gene Hogan. The two professors are co-founders of the Munro Seminar, which annually attracts legislators, lobbyists, media experts, and a wide array of elected officials to campus to discuss how government works.

The week-long seminar will be supported in part by the Munro endowment, which also will help fund presentations by distinguished faculty and guest lecturers to Western’s civic education and political science programs.

In addition, the endowment will recognize citizens who have contributed significantly to civic education in Washington through an annual awards program named in honor of Karen Munro.

The new endowment will support the summer seminar for K-12 social studies teachers

For more information or to make a pledge online, please go to The Western Foundation Web site at http://www.ac.wwu.edu/fofoundn/.
Campus Connections

VRI founder wins "Triple E" award

The Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) has awarded Michael Seal (68), founder and director of Western's Vehicle Research Institute, its prestigious Excellence in Engineering Education (Triple "E") Award.

Seal founded the VRI, part of Western's engineering technology department, in 1974. Since then, experimental vehicles produced by VRI students have drawn worldwide attention. Current VRI projects include the Viking 29, a ground-up designed two-seater that runs on ther­mophotovoltaic (TPV or "Midnight Sun") generators; Viking 23, a sporty two-seater powered by electric power and reformulated, and a clean snowmobile.

In 1996, the SAE named Seal one of the nation's 10 best faculty advisers. In 1990, he was one of five Washington citizens the Seattle Times cited for their contributions to science. He also received the 1983 Ralph Teetor Outstanding Engineering Educator Award from the International Society of Automotive Engineers.

Two NSF awards go to Shannon Point scientist

Suzanne Strom, a marine scientist at the Shannon Point Marine Center in Anacortes, has received two awards from the National Science Foundation amounting to almost $1.1 million.

She will use the three-year award from the biological oceanography program at NSF to address a fundamental question regarding the marine food chain. The research will explore the role of light in the transfer of energy from microscopic algae - responsible for much of the world's photosynthesis - to the tiny animals that graze on them. In turn, those tiny animals pass on that energy to organisms higher in the food chain.

The grant will provide support for a graduate student and will bring to Shannon Point a post-doctoral research scientist to assist with the project.

The second award from NSF and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will support a five-year project that is part of a large-scale effort known as GLOBEC, the Global Oceans Ecosystems Dynamics Program. GLOBEC's prime objective is to describe the role of the world's changing climate in regulating populations of fish, such as salmon.

Strom's study will examine the responses of tiny organisms at the base of the food chain to changes in the physical environment in the Gulf of Alaska. This project will also support graduate student research and will engage Western in a research program of global, as well as regional, significance.

In addition to her research activities at Shannon Point, Strom is an adjunct professor at Huxley College of Environmental Studies and teaches graduate courses as well as oceanography to students participating in an undergraduate minority program.

Athletes study peak performance at new center

Physical education professor Ralph Vernacchia, who accompanied the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Team to Sydney, Australia, as a sport psychology consultant, has launched the new Center for Performance Excellence at Western.

"His work has been so notable for both an engineering career and a psychological career," Charles Allport said. "He is an example of combining the practice of engineering with the theory of engineering. It is very long of how he's taken undergraduate students and they've excelled in many different arenas."

Perspectives on Excellence: A century of teaching and learning at Western Washington University

A well-researched collection of essays about Western's 100-year history, Perspectives on Excellence covers faculty and faculty governance, student life, women faculty, campus planning and design, the Outdoor Sculpture Collection and William's Way.

There's also a delightful personal portrait of WWU's first president, Edward T. Mathes, by his daughter-in-law, Miriam Snow Mathes. The book is edited by former provost and history department chair Roland L. De Lorme.

Tent Show: Whisenhunt book paints history of tumultuous times

From the 1920s to the mid-1940s Arthur Names and His Famous Players brought one of the last surviving tent theaters in America to the rural communities of Kansas, western Oklahoma, eastern Colorado and West Texas.

History professor Donald W. Whisenhunt explores the Names company's quixotic journey in Tent Show, published last year by Texas A&M University Press.

Tent Show is also a history of a tumultuous time: The Names company struggled through the Dust Bowl and Depression, competition from the rising Hollywood movie industry and the tragedy of World War II.

The historian writes from a uniquely personal perspective: His father, Bill, who had no theater experience, became Arthur Names' "unlikely" partner during World War II, the final years of the showman's career.

"Arthur Names," Whisenhunt says, "was a remarkable man who faced adversity, wrote his own plays, wrote poetry, and even entered politics." Before becoming a tent theater impresario, Names was a World War I flight instructor, a law student and a teacher as well as a city councilman and mayor of his hometown of McCracken, Kansas.

Drawing much of Tent Show from family records and personal interviews, Whisenhunt portrays Names' days on the road, and his father's part in it, as the pursuit of the American dream.

Names' decision, after several career changes, to make the theater his vocation "is merely an example of how Americans have been free to do as they please and to achieve to the best of their abilities," Whisenhunt writes.

A native Texan, Whisenhunt taught or was an administrator at colleges and universities in six states before joining the Western history faculty in 1991. He is co-editor of a collection of Eleanor Roosevelt's letters scheduled for publication later this year.

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**Calendar**

**M A Y**

3-6 Theatre Arts presentation: Lion in the Streets, 7:30 p.m., PAC 199, $4
4-6 Western Showtime Family Weekend: Kappa Kamival, story telling, golf tournament
5- PAC Series: Chicago City Limits, improvisational theater, 7:30 p.m., PAC Mainstage Theatre, S12-S18
11 Washington, D.C., Alumni Chapter hosts Potomac River dinner cruise
19 Adventures in Science and Arts: Sleeping Over with Science for grades 4-6
26 Communication Sciences and Disorders Alumni hold a luau at the Breakwater Restaurant in Bellingham.
28 Memorial Day Holiday
30 Theatre Arts presentation: Into the Woods, 7:30 p.m., PAC Mainstage, through June 2, $6

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**J U N E**

1-3 Theatre Arts presentation: Into the Woods, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday, PAC Mainstage, $6
3 Northern California Alumni Chapter hosts sunset dinner at Spinnaker restaurant, Sausalito
9 Commencement
22-24 Fade Year Reunion for classes of 1950, ’51 and ’52, VU
24-29 STUDY CANADA Summer Institute for teachers, librarians and media specialists, Center for Canadian-American Studies
25-29 Adventures in Science and Arts summer program for grades 5-6
26 Summer Quarter’s six-week and nine-week sessions begin

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**A U G U S T**

1-19 Marrowstone Festival continues each Sunday for three weeks
1-13 Bellingham Festival of Music
1 Matrima artist Kevin Bode recital at the PAC, part of the Bellingham Festival of Music, 8 p.m.
2-25 Fiddler on the Roof opens. Summer Stock production
3 The American Sinfinetti and the Bellingham Festival of Music Chorus perform at the PAC, 8 p.m.
3 Annual Bill Wright WWU Alumni Golf Classic. See page 9 for details
5-11 Elderhostel: The World of Babies St. Matthew’s Passion, in conjunction with the Bellingham Music Festival
6-10 Adventures in Science and Arts: Sleepover Science
7-11 Freeman Dyson, physicist, mathematician, futurist and humanitan, kicks off the 2001-2002 Distinguished Lecture Series
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16-20 Elderhostel at Western
30-31 Potomac River dinner cruise

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**S E P T E M B E R**

20-27 Bellingham Festival of Music opens with an 8 p.m. concert at the Mount Baker Theatre.
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