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You thought Western was great during the school year. But it really sizzles in summer!

Western's campus will be alive with music this summer as Summer Stock launches its 31st season with five shows, including Red, Hot and Cole, a musical compilation of works by Cole Porter, plus Fiddler on the Roof. The College of Fine and Performing Arts hosts the Marrowstone Music Festival, a three-week music camp sponsored by the Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestras, and the Bellingham Festival of Music will also return to campus with five evening concert performances.

Marrowstone, which is moving from Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend, is one of several new partners the university has to support and enhance that special mix of academic excellence and beautiful surroundings that we call "the Western Experience."

The Marrowstone Music Festival provides a unique combination of chamber and orchestral concerts while training talented young musicians who come from all across the state.

It chose to move the summer festival to Bellingham and partner with Western because Western's music department provides bigger and better facilities (private studios and rehearsal space) and a record library, music library and computer labs and a modern 700-seat concert hall.

Music educator Al Lunde selected as 2001 Distinguished Alumnus

Al Lunde, a 1953 education major who founded the music department at Philadelphia Biblical University, has been named the 2001 Distinguished Alumnae at Western.

Lunde, 68, played trumpet in the Viking Band and sang in the college choir at Western before embarking on a distinguished career as a musician, conductor, scholar and educator.

He is the music department chair emeritus at PBU outside Philadelphia where he teaches music and aural skills, choral conducting, harmony, sight-singing and choral literature. He is also conductor of the PBU Community Chorus and Orchestra.

Lunde founded the music department at the Philadelphia College of Bible, now PBU, in 1959 and served as chairman until 1982 and again from 1993 to 1997. During his tenure, he designed the curriculum, recruited students and faculty and upheld high standards so that the department became a full member of the National Association of Schools of Music within 13 years.

He is currently involved with designing and planning the university's new fine arts building.

"Dr. Lunde put Philadelphia College of Bible on the music map," said Charles C. Ryrie, its former president.

At Western, Lunde was an outstanding student academically and was one of the most talented music students Western ever had, according to Frank D'Andrea, a retired chairman of Western's music department.

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 Al 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," remembered 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.M.A. 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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Photos courtesy of The Bellingham Festival of Music (above) and the Marrowstone Festival (below, left)

Students, who range in age from 13 to 23, can also apply for college credit.

Marrowstone officials say the PAC is one of the finest facilities in the nation for teaching, performing and studying music.

Nearly 20 public concerts will be given during weekends in August by a world-class faculty as well as students who will form two orchestras. The festival runs from July 29 through Aug. 19. Students present orchestral concerts each Sunday, while both faculty and student ensembles perform on Fridays and Saturdays.

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About 92 percent of Western's students are state residents, a percentage that has remained steady for a number of years. More than a quarter (27 percent) of the total student body is from King County, followed by Whatcom (13 percent), Snohomish (11 percent) and Pierce (9 percent). Among freshmen, leading counties of residence are King, Snohomish, Pierce and Thurston. Whatcom, Skagit, Shoreline and Bellevue community colleges and The Evergreen State College topped the list of transfer institutions.

JAPANESE “MIT” SIGNS EXCHANGE AGREEMENT
Establishing the foundation for an international exchange focused on engineering, 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.

NEW WEBCAM ON RED SQUARE
There's a new Webcam trained on the fountain in Red Square. Point your Internet browser to http://www.webcam.wwu.edu.

PLANET MAGAZINE CALLED "MOST OUTSTANDING"
Showcasing the talents of Western's journalism and environmental studies students, Planet magazine has earned recognition for the second consecutive year as "the most outstanding university environmental magazine" published in the United States. The American Scholastic Press Association also awarded the Planet the first place with special merit award for the second year in a row. "The Planet magazine tries to represent what good journalism should be, but rarely is – passionate and informed," said Tiffany Campbell, a Planet editor and winner of the 2000 Outdoor Writers of America scholarship. Campbell, student editor Shara Powell and Planet faculty adviser Scott Brennan ('93, '96) also gave the opening address at an environmental journalism conference at the University of California Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism. The 3,000 circulation magazine is available on the Internet at http://planet.wwu.edu.

WE CAN WORKS IS A MODEL FOR ALCOHOL PREVENTION
Western was one of only six schools nationwide to receive an award in January from the U.S. Department of Education’s Higher Education Center (HEC) for its model drug and alcohol prevention program, known as WE CAN Works. Program director Pat Fabiano and Kunie Ojikutu, WWU assistant vice president of student affairs, accepted the honor during a ceremony in Washington D.C. In recognition of WWU's successes, the Department of Education awarded Western a $101,000 grant to maintain and further evaluate its WE CAN Works program.

EXHIBIT, ART SCHOLARSHIPS HONOR CRASH VICTIMS
The families of five art department alumni who died in the Alaska Airlines crash Jan. 31, 1999 are establishing scholarship endowments through The Western Foundation. An exhibit of the work of Abigail Miller Busche (’96), Ryan Busche (’96), Russell Ing (’96), Deborah Penna and Colleen Whorley (’90) hung in the Western Foyer Gallery from Feb. 26 through March 23.

Briefly
VIKINGS BASKETBALL TEAMS HAVE WINNING SEASONS
The men's team completed its season 27-4 at the NCAA Division II national tournament final on March 22. Just 16 months ago, the team went to press. Ranked No. 7 in the final national poll, the Vikings had the best record in school history and got further than any previous Viking squad in national tournament play. In a 96-60 loss to Washburn University, Kan., at Bakersfield, Calif., junior guard Jacob Stevenson became the 14th WWU player to reach 1,000 points in a career. Coach Brad Jackson was named West Region and College Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year. The women's team, meanwhile, reached the regional semifinals and ended its season with a 21-8 record. Read about it at http://www.wwuvikings.com.

FALL 2000 STUDENT ENROLLMENT SETS RECORD
Fall student enrollment was the largest ever with 12,307 students, up from 11,708 last year. This year's student body includes 2,480 new freshmen, 981 new undergraduate transfer students and 247 new graduate and post-baccalaureate students. New enrollment also includes 455 new students of color. Overall, Western has 1,623 students of color enrolled this year, 13.2 percent of the student body. Western's freshman class has an average high school GPA of 3.4. Among Western's new students are seven new National Merit Finalists and 560 of the state's Promise Scholars.

92 PERCENT OF STUDENTS ARE STATE RESIDENTS
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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. Awardees 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 13 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 1996, he was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Cambridge, England.

An independent, non-technical description of Patrick’s research is located at: http://focus.aps.org/v5/st11.1.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 demography 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 relationships 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 closer 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 impact of marriage on the American family. The study is particularly significant because the data also track variations by race and ethnicity.
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1990 - Kristy Edmunds is the executive director and curator of the Portland Institute for Contemporary Art. ... Daniel McSmit 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.

1991 - Scott Boyd and wife Suzanne celebrated the birth of their first child, Emma Eliza Boyd. Nov. 1: Scott plays in a band alongside Autumn Gerritsen to work for Green Mountain Homes in Bellingham.

1992 - Scott Ayers is the new assistant city editor for The Bellingham Herald. ... Gabe Galanda owns a marketing firm of DeLaunay/Accord. ... Mike McVey is an account executive with the social marketing firm of Williams, Kastner & Roberts.

1993 - Dani Erickson was accepted to the Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore. ... She is a student of Rick Martin and the KISS farewell tour. ... Gabe Galanda is a plan­ning director for Providence Business Park.

1994 - Danielle Frye is the marketing coordinator for the Community Foundation of Bellingham. ... Dan Monaghan is the technical director for Homes in Bellingham. ... Toby McEvoy joined the Western University faculty in 1948 and retired in 1972.

1995 - Douglas Booth is vice president of engineering for Boeing in Seattle. ... Mark Osborne is a professor emeritus of history who retired in 1989 and teaches part-time at the University of Washington.

1996 - Linda Chang owns two clothing stores in Seattle: Broadway Boutique and Rockin' Betty's. Chang can be reached at lchang@bcast.com... Mindy Hamstra joined the firm of Larson Gross in Bellingham.

1997 - Debra Barnes is the executive director of the Bellingham School District. ... Jessica Paulson is the vice president of marketing for XCache Technologies, (formerly Post Point Software) in Bellingham where her former BWWU computer science professor, Mary Osborne has also worked as a software tester. ... Cheryl (Carr) Greenland was an alumnus. Other Western grads who work in Bellingham.

1998 - Charlotte Belcher joined the Bellingham office of FairPoint Communications as an account executive. ... Autumn Gerritsen took the uniformed final examination to receive a designation as a chartered accountant in Canada. ... Gabe Galanda is a commercial insurance agent with The Unity Group in Bellingham.

1999 - Amandla Ayers is an assistant graphic designer with Els Paguirian Designs in Olympia. ... Brita Graham covers education for The Chronicle in Centralia. ... Danielle Guandique is working with Yakima Valley CBC Washington Farmworker Investment Program in Mount Vernon. ... Toby 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: Southwest in Berkeley, Calif. ... Mike McVey is a freelance writer living in Bellingham. ... Timmy Mcpherson is a commercial insurance agent for the State Farm Insurance.

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2002 - Ruth Kelly, 95, associate professor emerita of art who was known for her gentility and spirit, Dec. 4. A painter who established endowment funds for art students at Western, she exhibited at numerous galleries in Washington and California, holding her last one-woman exhibit at the VU Gallery in 1995. ... David Merrifield, 52, director of Western's Center for Economic and Business Research since 1985, Jan. 24, 2003. ... David Merrifield received the Excellence in Teaching Award in 1990 for involving students in "real world" research. He was a founding editor of the Northwest Journal of Business and Economics and was known to the business community and media for his economic analyses and forecasts. ... David Merrifield received the Excellence in Teaching Award in 1990 for involving students in "real world" research. He was a founding editor of the Northwest Journal of Business and Economics and was known to the business community and media for his economic analyses and forecasts.
Student diversity programs celebrate 10 years

By Tanya Kerstiens-Rowe

Over the last decade, the Ethnic Student Center has fulfilled its dual mission of "empowering 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 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 Vendical (’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 that shows them the many relationships between law, diversity and social justice.

Expanding the face of diversity in the legal profession is a priority for new LDP director Julie Helling. "As an attorney, I know that the legal profession desperately needs a multiplicity of voices and viewpoints," she says.

Helling is planning a 10th anniversary celebration of the program on Oct. 20 at Fairhaven College.

Since 1995, 58 students have graduated from the program. Of those, 12 are known to have graduated from law school and 10 are currently enrolled. This year, an LDP graduate is serving as a law clerk on the Washington State Supreme Court. Other LDP students have gone on to pursue master's and Ph.D. degrees or to work in juvenile justice, city government and domestic violence legal advocacy.

A 1995 LDP graduate, Raul Martinez will earn his juris doctorate from Seattle University in May and has already accepted a job at a corporate law firm in Seattle. Martinez says, "Having come from the child of migrant farm workers and spent much of his childhood living out of tents on riverbanks and in the back of the family’s station wagon.

"Many law students tend to think of earning their degree in terms of accumulating things—an avenue to having a stable career and living comfortably," Martinez says. "Having come from the background that I’ve come from, I see it as more than that—as an instrument of change."

LDP graduate serves on Alumni Diversity Committee

Angelique Robertson (’95), a Seattle area attorney and graduate of Fairhaven’s Law and Diversity Program, serves on the Alumni Association’s Diversity Committee.

The committee was established by board president Larry Taylor (’72) last summer to assist the university with issues of diversity.

The six-member committee is chaired by Walter Smith (’72, ’86, ’96), a Seattle elementary school teacher.

Also serving on the committee are Yvonne Kinoshita Ward (’86), a Seattle area attorney; Mel Blackman (’74), a retired educator from Nanaimo, B.C.; and Marty Chorba (’74, ’75), part-time faculty member at Woodring College of Education.

Taylor, who owns an auctioneering company in Seattle, also serves on the committee.

"Studying law has been a life changing experience."
partners provide music, arts and entertainment

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 pre­­concert lectures. Call (360) 650-7754.

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 fifth 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.

WWU has partners for arts

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 the 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.

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.

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

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

WWU grads have 30+ years experience on "the hill"

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.


Jeannie Darneille ('71), D-Tacoma, was elected last fall.

Dunhee, 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.

Ericksen, 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.)

Chapters support Viking basketball champions

Tailgate party prize: Valerie Pennylegion ('83), right, was the winner of the tailgate party prize at the Central game Feb. 15: a basketball signed by all the members of the Viking men's basketball team. At left, Jonathan Larson, left, son of Tony Larson ('88), tries to "steal" the ball.

Vikings at St. Martin's College: The steering committee of the newly-formed South Puget Sound WWU Alumni chapter warms up for the Jan. 18 game with WWU men's basketball coach Brad Jackson, at the pre-game tailgate party. Front row l-r: Brad McGarvie (chapter liaison); Debby Pattin; Lisa McGarvie (chapter liaison); Paul Gillie; Joyce Gillie. Standing in back l-r: Bob Pattin; Lori Siminski; Tony O'Leary; Coach Jackson; Susan Kaelin; Cecilia Bond; Nick Bond.

Vikings vs Central: Diane ('74) and Mike ('75) Bates came to the big game Feb. 15 with their sons (and future WWU alumni) Adam and Ryan. At right, Ted ('88) and Angela Mishaulkow were in the Viking spirit with their two daughters.

Go Vikings: Ken Cox ('85) and Mike Perry ('88) whoop it up at the party before the Feb. 15 Central game at Carver gym.

For more information on the Viking's winning season, go to: http://www.wwuvikings.com
Alumni demonstrate their support in Olympia

Western alumni, faculty, supporters and administrators joined similar groups from each of Washington's other five public baccalaureate institutions on Thursday, Feb. 15 in a show of unity and rousing support for Higher Education Day in Olympia.

State legislators were invited to two events that day - a lunch and panel discussion held at Lacey's Indian Summer Golf and Country Club and an evening reception at the governor's mansion hosted by Gov. Gary and Mona Locke.

Prior to the event, alumni and others from each institution had personally contacted legislators in every district and encouraged their attendance at the events. With WWU Alumni Association President Larry Taylor serving as emcee, luncheon attendees heard WWU President Karen W. Morse outline a unified legislative agenda for this year's session. The Council of Presidents, which Morse chairs, developed that agenda this year.

Lunch attendees also heard Senate and House leaders discuss the major issues facing lawmakers during this session. David Ammons of the Associated Press served as moderator. Presidents of all six public four-year institutions attended the events, along with faculty and student leaders, trustees and others.

A major goal of the day's events was to show lawmakers that a large cadre of their constituents from across the entire state - alumni, parents, students and others - are committed enough to public higher education to devote a full day to demonstrating their support at the state Capitol.

After lunch, alumni and others departed for the Capitol campus to visit with lawmakers in their offices and attend committee hearings. Alumni later joined lawmakers at a reception at the governor's mansion.

Alumni directors across the state join me in thanking those legislators, graduates, current students and others for making Higher Education Day a success. We think the effort went a long way in showing the high level of support for public colleges and universities in this state.

Golf classic set for Aug. 3

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.

In its seventh year, the Bill Wright Alumni Golf Classic will again use a four-person scramble format through 18 holes at Semiahmoo Golf & Country Club in Blaine.

Registration is $120 per person for Alumni Club members and $145 for non-members. The registration fee, which must be received at Alumni House by July 25, includes greens fees, cart rental, commemorative Jack Nicklaus shirt, golf balls, lunch and a barbecue dinner.

The tournament honors Bill Wright ('60), who brought the first NAIA national championship (in golf) to Western in 1960.

First USA Bank is again co-sponsoring the tournament at Semiahmoo, rated in Golf Digest as one of the top courses in Washington state and one of the best courses in the United States.

For more information, or to register for the tournament, call Alumni House at (800) 676-6885 or (360) 650-3353.

Registration fees can be sent to WWU Alumni House, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9199.

Reunion Weekend! 1951 1950 1952

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 Duanie Andereson ('51), and committee members Bob Baker ('52), Louella "Lolli" 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.

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 scholastic 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.
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- Brought Ira Glass, Oliver Sacks, and Edward Said to campus for the Distinguished Lecture Series
- Supported the 1999-2000 production of The Magic Flute
- Provided $100,000 to upgrade student computer labs with new software and equipment
- Supported the teaching and learning mission of the university in many other ways

Contributions to the athletics program also fund scholarships, equipment purchases and travel.

Library gifts help with the purchase of reference and circulation materials, periodicals, media materials and information technologies.

On behalf of Western students and faculty, The Western Foundation sends a heartfelt “thank you” to all of you who have made a gift to Western since July 1, 2000.

If you have not had the opportunity to make a charitable contribution to Western, there is still time to do so by or before the end of the university’s fiscal year on June 30. No gift is too small, and each has an immediate impact.

Gifts can be designated for any academic department, the performing arts, athletics, scholarships or the Campus Enrichment Fund. No matter which area you choose to support, 100% of your gift is immediately put to work for the benefit of WWU faculty and students.

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

Or, send your check, made payable to The Western Foundation, to: 516 High Street, MS-9034, Bellingham, WA 98225-9034.

For more information, please call 360-650-3612.

**Stephanie Bowers leads The Western Foundation**

Stephanie Bowers joined The Western Foundation in February as its executive director and director of development. Bowers previously served as executive director of the Smith College Development Office.

Bowers brings to her new post nearly 20 years of experience in development and at the University of Maryland, College Park.

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.

**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, freed in honor. Following a retirement gala attended by more than 800 guests, he was named 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 bipartisanship, 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.

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.

**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 residuary estate be passed on to her alumna association.

"We were saddened to learn of Ms. Trunkey's death," said Chris Goldsmith, executive director of the Western Alumni Association. "We are also very grateful that she made this quite generous provision in her estate plan."

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.
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 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.

Seal'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 in Huxley College of Environmental Studies and teaches graduate courses as well as oceanography to students participating in an undergraduate minority program.
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 Kainival, story telling, golf tournament
5- PAC Series: Chicago City Limits, improvisational theater, 7:30 p.m., PAC Mainstage Theatre, $12-$18
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

**JUNE**

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 Spinaker restaurant, Sausalito
9 Commencement
22-24 EndYear 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

**A U G U S T**

1-19 Marrowstone Festival continues each Sunday for three weeks
1-13 Bellingham Festival of Music
1 Marimba artist Kevin Bobo 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 Sinfonietta 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: Celebrating the cello and the violin, in conjunction with the Bellingham Music Festival
5-10 Atelier de Francais: Language Acquisition, Technology & Quebec Theater for high school and community college teachers of French. Center for Canadian-American Studies
6 Bellingham Festival of Music presents concertmaster Andrzej Grabiee with Thomas Heinrich, cello, and Timothy Hester, piano, 8 p.m., PAC
6-10 Adventures in Science and Arts Outdoor Challenge Program for grades 9-12
8 An evening of Brahms presented by the Bellingham Festival of Music, 8 p.m., PAC
11 Cellist Carter Brey and violinist Robert McDuffie recital presented by the Bellingham Festival of Music, 8 p.m., PAC
12-18 Cascades Elderhostel, with field trips to Mount Baker and Deception Pass
19-24 Wildlife Elderhostel with field trips to a British Columbia estuary and the San Juan Islands
25 Summer Commencement

**J U L Y**

8-13 Muro Seminar for K-12 social studies teachers
9-13 Adventures in Science and Arts summer program for grades 7,8
11 Summer Stock season opens with Red, Hot and Cole
14 To Kill a Mockingbird opens, Summer Stock production
16-20 Adventures in Science and Arts summer program for grades 7,8
18 Crimes of the Heart opens, Summer Stock production
23-27 Adventures in Science and Arts summer program for grades 9-12
24 Romeo and Juliet opens, Summer Stock production
27-28 Ethnic Student Center 10th anniversary celebration

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

26 Classes begin
30 Elderhostel through the San Juan Islands. Ends Oct. 5

**O C T O B E R**

5-7 Homecoming, featuring Vikings football vs. S. Dakota State U and ... Ted Monk of ('88), right, as the Viking warrior
11 Freeman Dyson, physicist, mathematician, futurist and humanitarian, kicks off the 2001-2002 Distinguished Lecture Series
20 Law and Diversity Program 10th anniversary at Fairhaven College

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The Marrowstone Music Festival comes to WWU July 29 through Aug. 19.

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