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Music educator Al Lunde selected as 2001 Distinguished Alumnus

A l Lunde, a 1953 education major who founded the music department at Philadelphia Biblical University, has been named the 2001 Distinguished Alumnus 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,” remembers the special care he and Claire gave to me when I was a student, including a surprise graduation party at their home 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 longhorn judge for the Cat Fanciers Association.

The Alumni Association has been honoring a distinguished graduate with this award since 1984.
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Briefly

VIKINGS BASKETBALL TEAMS HAVE WINNING SEASONS
The men's team completed its season 27-4 at the NCAA Division II National Championship, March 22. Just 24 days prior, the women's 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 CIF National 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
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 (15 percent), Snohomish (11 percent) and Pierce (9 percent). Among freshmen, leading counties of residence outside King County are 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.

PLANT MAGAZINE CALLED "MOST OUTSTANDING"
Showcasing the talents of Western's journalism and environmental studies students, Plant 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 Share Powell and Plant 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://plant.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 Educational Center for Alcohol Education (HEC) for its model drug and alcohol prevention program, known as WE CAN Works. Program director Pat Fabiano and Kunle Ujikata, 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.
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 1996. In 1997, 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.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 2004 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 Purcell; Washington State University president Lane Rawlins; and Eastern Washington University president Stephen Jordan.


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1951 - Harold Fisher ('69 MED), a veteran of World War II, was a consultant and living in Issaquah at Providence Eastside Medical Center.
1959 - Nancy (Nissely) Nyland, a first grade math specialist with the Lynden School District, was one of 24 public school teachers, principals, parent volunteers and school staff across the state to receive the 2000 Professional Excellence Awards from Woodring College of Education.
1965 - Robert Alanko is practicing law in Baker City, Ore. Alanko and his wife have six children and are involved in Bible quizzing, soccer, and other things to list. James Fedderbutter is an industrial health manager. Sam Tschirhart was recently appointed as superintendent of Siskiyou County School District for Community Development for nine years.
1969 - Richard Hovde is the executive vice president of Horizon Bank in Bellingham. Mike and Jayne Rechiner's Purple Haze Lavender Farm, was featured in several magazines, and on The Home & Garden Network (HTGV). The Rechiners have a Web site http://www.purplehazelavender.com. Diane Senter retired from the Kelco School District.
1971 - Esther Hill, who teaches fourth and fifth grade at Franklin Elementary School in Port Angeles, was named one of the Olympic Peninsula's Teacher of the Year for 2001. 
1973 - Kim Shilling is the director of the Sedro-Woolley Job Corps.
1976 - Dennis Braddock is the director of the Shelton Area Department of Social and Health Services. Mark Machin is head of the Shelton High School NJROTC program. Machin was recently named as the commander of Navy Aviation as a squadron commander.
1977 - Randy Alanko is practicing law in Bellingham, Wash. Alanko and his wife have six children and are involved in Bible quizzing, soccer, and other things to list. James Fedderbutter is an industrial health manager. Sam Tschirhart was recently appointed as superintendent of Siskiyou County School District for Community Development for nine years.
1979 - Martin Brown was elected "Coach of the Year" in the Nassau-Suffolk Catholic High School Athletic Association for New York for the 2000 season. Brown was a cross-country coach and track coach.
1981 - James M. Cannon IV is project manager for the Office of International Safety and Security. He was promoted to commander, U.S. Naval Reserve, and has assumed command of the Trident Command Post. Cannon serves in Houston, Texas. Tom Lenderman is the program vice president of information for Olympic Health Management in Bellingham.
1984 - Carolyn Casey is the pastor of the Ferrari Alliance Church. Mitchener is a church planter and has released several CDs. Lora, Cordia Brydges, USMC, assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines at Camp Pendleton.
1987 - Jim Macht is the pastor of the Ferrini Alliance Church. Mitchener is a church planter and has released several CDs. Lora, Cordia Brydges, USMC, assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines at Camp Pendleton.
1991 - Tara Haskins and Michael Gray, Aug. 5. Scott Ottaway and Stephanie Dohrmann, Aug. 5. 
2001 - Trisha Kean and Dave Klinck, Jan. 27. 

Weddings

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1990 - Kristy Edmonds is the executive director and curator of the Portland Institute for Contemporary Art. ... Daniel McNeil Smith is the president of the Washington Education 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 of The Bellingham Herald. ... Deal is a marketing manager and public health movement funded by the settlement between the state of Washington and the tobacco industry. ... Damond Morris is the technical director in Seattle University's fine arts department. ... Dan Shephard works at The Evergreen State College and is a free-lance writer. He writes arts and entertainment previews for The Olympian. He has twice at Focus Computers in Seattle.

1993 - Dana Erickson was accepted to the Pre-medical program and will enter Oregon State University for two years in a program called Urban Youth Development where she will be living and working in a low-income, inner-city community, assisting youth with basic life skills and self-esteem issues. Erickson wanted to volunteer as an intern in an organization in Mexico. In Seattle, until she left in January 2001, for her Peace Corps assignment, Mary (Cary) Greendan is the marketing coordinator for Providence Business Health Services Health at Providence St. Peter Hospital in Seattle. ... Matt McQuaid, a free-lance writer living in Bellingham, is the editor of Kuzlan.com, and his book Trail Runners from Washington to Mexico was published by Sasquatch Books.

1994 - Danielle Frye is the marketing coordinator for EC designs Consulting Engineers in Seattle. ... Darcy Pearce handles print and Web-based design projects for CommunitiesInAction in Port Orchard.

1995 - Douglas Booth is vice president of engineering at Woodstock for Woodstock in Redmond. ... Kirk Moore teaches biology and chemistry in the Arlington School District. ... Betty Stadtlow and Rick Eyres work for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in Seattle. Sears travels throughout the country to rural libraries installing computers and networks and providing training for library staff.

1996 - Lisa Chang owns two clothing stores in Seattle, Broadway Boutique and Rockin' the 90s. ... Gary Schuen is the technical director in Seattle University's fine arts department. ... Michael Harttink is a consultant for Mainstream Computer Inc. ... Minday Hamstra joined the firm of Larson Guadiguielle is working with Yakima Valley CBC Washington Farmworker Investment Program in Mount Vernon. ... Troy McVeigh and his friend, Casey Routh, hiked 2,648 miles of the thru-hike, Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada. ... Katherine Schrillen is the police and courts reporter for The World in Wenatchee. ... Carie Sumter is a commercial insurance agent with The Unity Group in Bellingham. John Thoene is the band director at River Ridge High School in Olympia. ... Heather Mills is the marketing and communications coordinator for XCache Technologies, (formerly Post Point Logistics) in Bellingham where her former WUW computer science professor, Steve Martin Osborne has also been working as a software test engineer. Two-thirds of the employees (here) have taken courses from me at one time or another," Osborne said. ... Wayne Berry-Kreigard is a founder and president at XCache, is also an alumus. Other Western grads who work there are: Glenn Gurnali (95), Ryan Grams (97), and Nick Ercin (98).

2000 - Marisa Bender is serving in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps: Southwest in Berkeley, Calif. if project coordinator with the International Committee of Lawyers for Tibet. ... Bryan Bond teaches second grade at Serene Elementary School in Snohomish. ... Daniel Mead Smith is a professor of history at VU Gallery in 1995. Her exhibit at Washington State College in 1997 was considered the best of the year. ... Karen Allen is the assistant director of the Alaska Art Institute in Anchorage. ... Bill Jorgensen, a 1951 graduate of Bellingham High School, was a high school history teacher in Anchorage. ... Cheryl (Carr) Greenland is a 1960 graduate of Western Washington University. ... Amanda Ayers is an assistant graphic designer with Els Paujaring in Olympia. ... Jodie Knight, an attorney with Wells & Johnson in Anacortes, Aug. 19. ... Sandra Ramkissoon, 48, May 22. ... Steven Epperson, 41, a contractor for Cascade Coffee and a volunteer with Fire District 14, July 11. ... Jon Persson, 38, husband, father and cost analyst, June 15. ... David Toyer, 58, an ombudsman for senior housing rights, Nov. 5.

2001 - Carrie Barnes, 57, a Seattle school teacher, Dec. 31. ... Karen Carlson Robbier, 58, a former school teacher, Dec. 29. ... Judith Adele Obes, 54, a former teacher, Dec. 16. ... Stephanie (Scowcroft) Feeney, 52, an attorney, gardener and founding member of the Whatcom Humane Society. ... Helen Fuller, 90, a former teacher, Aug. 28. ... Karen Kjellberg Munro, 57, a Seattle school teacher, Dec. 21. ... Karen Carlson Robbier, 58, a former school teacher, Dec. 29. ... Jack Donaldson, 71, a retired school bus driver for Grays Falls School District, Nov. 2. ... Kerri Kijberg Munro, 57, a Seattle school teacher, Dec. 21. ... Karen Carlson Robbier, 58, a former school teacher, Dec. 29. ... Judith Adele Obes, 54, a former teacher, Dec. 16.

2002 - Dr. David Fryer, 57, a retired school teacher, Aug. 19. ... Louise Pallus Saunders, 97, a retired teacher, in January. ... Helene Zatterlow, 90, a retired teacher, Oct. 8. ... Lisa Chang owns two clothing stores in Seattle, Broadway Boutique and Rockin' the 90s.

2003 - Scott Ayers is the new assistant city editor of The Bellingham Herald. ... Joel Runnels can be reached at: joelrunnels@yahoo.com.
By Tanya Kerstiens-Rowe

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.

The program's success is due, in part, to the fact that students have the opportunity to learn how to handle client cases while working with attorneys and professors at a law firm, providing them with valuable experience.

LDP graduate serves on Alumni Diversity Committee

Angelelle Robertson ('95), a Seattle area attorney and graduate of Fairhaven's Law and Diversity Program, serves on the Alumni 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), 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.

“Studying law has been a life changing experience.”

Looking toward a future in the legal profession or related fields are Jessica Roberts, Kevin Fenney and Joquette Del Castillo.

Students diversity programs celebrate 10 years

By Tanya Kerstiens-Rowe

ESC Coordinator Michael Blackman ('74, '75 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 serving on the committee are Angelique Robertson ('95), a Seattle area attorney and graduate of Fairhaven's Law and Diversity Program, and LDP graduate serves on Alumni Diversity Committee.

The oldest theatre program of its kind in the Northwest, Summer Stock provides students with an opportunity to experience first-hand what it is like to be a part of a professional acting company.

This year's series will feature Fiddler on the Roof, the lively musical tale of islanders besting a tyrannical musical instrument of change.”

Marty Chorba ('66, '75), part-time faculty member at Woodring College, and LDP graduate serves on Alumni Diversity Committee.

The PAC will be the setting for other events during the ninth annual Bellingham Festival of Music, including an Aug. 1 recital with marimba artist Kevin Bobo; an Aug. 3 Sinfonietta and Festival Chorus performance and an evening of Brahms on Aug. 8.

In addition, two weeks of Elderhostels will include festival performances and pre-concert lectures on the great composers. The week-long Elderhostels begins July 15 and Aug. 5.

Summer Stock, meanwhile, will provide five shows in repertoire format on campus between July 11 and Aug. 25.

The center is offering summer workshops for teachers since 1978 when STUDY CANADA Summer Institute began. The week-long workshop provides U.S. teachers and librarian/media specialists with information and curriculum resources to teach about Canada in their elementary, middle and high school courses.

The STUDY CANADA Summer Institute begins the week of June 24 and covers Canadian history, geography, government, culture, environment and issues and other topics. One field trip to Vancouver, B.C., is included in the $271 for fees and tuition.
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.

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 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.

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 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 Mummenchanz, 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

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. Dunsehe, 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 Agriculture & Ecology and serves on 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. At right, Ted ('88) and Angela Mischaikov were in the Viking spirit with their two daughters.

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 Mischukiew were in the Viking spirit with their two daughters.

VVKINS 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; Trace Gillie; Standing in back L-R: Bob Pattin; Josh Sartinski; Tony O'Leary; Coach Jackson; Susan Karlot; Cecilia Bond; Nick Bond.

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 rossing 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 their 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 Funds.

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, Eastern Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9199.

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.

Bill Roe
Investments in Excellence

Gifts to WWU funds make a difference

Your gift to The Western Foundation makes the difference at Western.

The generosity of thousands of alumni, parents and friends has a direct impact on the educational experience at WWU. Private gifts help create learning and teaching opportunities that help Western maintain its standard of academic excellence.

During the 1999-2000 academic year, scholarship awards totaling nearly $680,000 were made to 572 students. All were funded by private gifts for both endowed and annual scholarships.

Unrestricted gifts to the Foundation's Campus Enrichment Fund
- Enabled 249 faculty, staff and students to attend professional conferences
- 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 servers. Bowers previously served as executive director of the Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, College Park.
- 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 important 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/ -foundatn/.

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 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 manifold 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 alumni 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.

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, having served in that position following a retirement gala attended by more than 800 guests. He was Western's 1989 distinguished alumus 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.

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Athletes study peak performance at new center

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A native of Vancouver, B.C., Seal is a technology educator by training and an automotive hobbyist since his youth. He received his doctorate in education from Texas A&M, his master's from Western and his bachelor's degree from the University of British Columbia.

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.

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.

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.

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**Calendar**

**MAY**

3-6 Theatre Arts presentation: Lion in the Streets, 7:30 p.m., PAC 199, $4
4-6 Western Showtime Family Weekend: Kappa Kamaal, 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
25 Commencement: Graduation.

**JUNE**

1-3 Theatre Arts presentation: Into the Woods, 7:30 p.m., PAC Mainstage, $6
3 Northern California Alumni Chapter hosts sunset dinner at Spinnaker restaurant, Sausalito
9 Commencement
22-24 Field Year Reunion for classes of 1950, '51 and '52, YU
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 4-6
26- Summer Quarter's six-week and nine-week sessions begin

Adventures in Science and Art camps .............................................. (360) 650-6822
Alumni events .............................................................................. (800) 676-8885
Athletics ....................................................................................... (360) 650-3199
Bellingham Festival of Music ....................................................... (360) 676-5997
Box Office, PAC/Theatre Arts/Summer Stock ......................... (360) 650-6146
Center for Canadian-American Studies ................................. (360) 650-3728
Distinguished Lecture Series ....................................................... (360) 650-6825
Elderhostel at Western ................................................................. (360) 650-7734

**JULY**

8-13 Munro 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, Summer Stock production
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
24-28 Romeo and Juliet opens, Summer Stock production
27-28 Ethnic Student Center 10th anniversary celebration

**AUGUST**

1-19 Marrowstone Festival continues each Sunday for three weeks
1-13 Bellingham Festival of Music
1 Maribeh artist Kevin Bobe 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 Andrej Grabive 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
8-10 Summer Stock season opens with an 8 p.m. concert at the Mount Baker Theatre.
9-13 Adventures in Science and Arts summer program for grades 7-8
11-15 Summer Stock season opens with the Bellingham Music Festival, 7:30 p.m., PAC Mainstage Theatre, $12-$18
26-29 Elderhostel: The World of Buck's St. Matthew's Passion, in conjunction with the Bellingham Music Festival.
30-31 Elderhostel: The World of Buck's St. Matthew's Passion, in conjunction with the Bellingham Music Festival.

**SEPTEMBER**

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

**OCTOBER**

5-7 Homecoming, featuring Vikings football vs. S. Dakota State U and ... Ted McKenley ('88), right, as the Vikings 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

**NOVEMBER**

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**DECEMBER**

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