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**A whirlwind pace**

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In November, North, his wife, Elisabeth Case, house editor at Washington University's Center for the History of Economics, his son and a few friends joined other newly named laureates in Sweden, for the celebration and official awarding of the prizes.

One of those friends was John Drobak, J.D., professor of law at Washington University. North and Drobak team-teach a course at both Washington University and in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

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From the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, telling him that he had been awarded the Nobel Prize for his work on the economic history of the United States and Europe, as well as his contributions to the understanding of how economic and political institutions change over time.

North had produced an important body of work, say both Drobak and John V. C. Nye, Ph.D., associate professor of economics and adjunct professor of history. "I've noticed that economic historians all over the world have been uplifted by this," Nye said. "Economic history has languished in the backwater of both economics and history. But people are heartened by this."

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North's office looks the same now as it did a year ago; he wears the same sweater made famous after publicity following the Nobel award; he answers his own phone when he is in town. North's door is always open, literally and figuratively, said Lee Benham, Ph.D., professor of economics.

"Some people metamorphosize into something other than a butterfly at times like this," Benham said. "You expect people to change when the world rolls out the red carpet to you."

North hadn't changed, Benham said, even though "the press on his time is enormous."

While talking to a visitor in his office, the phone rings and North talks to a Ph.D. student about where to look for a job. But life definitely has not been the same. He has received numerous job offers. (He's not interested in leaving, he said.) Reporters around the world call him for comments about current economic issues. He has consulted or lectured in many countries, including Japan, China, Taiwan, England, Ireland, France, Germany, Spain and the Netherlands. He is committed to events through next fall before he leaves for sabbatical at Stanford University, where he will work on a book, "The Theory of Economic Change."

It has been a whirlwind pace. Generally, however, North has been enjoying the Nobel ride.

"I thrive on this stuff. You've got to enjoy talking about your work to be in my racket — and I enjoy talking about my work."
Scientists find new molecule organizes synapses in animals

School of Medicine researchers have discovered the first example of a protein that organizes synapses in living animals. They reported their findings in the March 16 issue of the Journal Nature. The discovery of synapses — the connections between nerve cells and cells that receive their messages — occurs during development and during nerve regeneration. In the brain, it plays a key role in learning.

The new protein, named s-laminin, was discovered by Joshua R. Sanes, Ph.D., professor of anatomy and neurobiology, and John P. Merlie, Ph.D., professor of molecular biology and pharmacology. The collaborators showed that s-laminin is essential for survival and that synapses cannot form correctly in its absence. "The approach we used for this molecule will be very useful for understanding other molecules and their roles in synapse formation," Merlie said.

Merlie and Sanes used the connection between nerve cells and muscle fibers to study synapse development. Most of what is known about synapse function has come from studies of this simple and accessible model.

A nerve cell uses a long arm called an axon which extends up to a muscle fiber. The tip of the axon eventually stops growing and differentiates into a nerve terminal, which communicates with the fiber by sending chemical messages across the synapse. Sanes and Merlie wanted to know whether signals from the muscle fiber influence synapse development.

They found s-laminin on the basal lamina, a thin film of connective tissue that covers the muscle fiber like a sausage skin. With postdoctoral fellows Peter Nosenko, Ph.D., and Medina Gatzou, Ph.D., and doctoral resident Mindy Mandel, they generated and analyzed mice that were completely unable to make the protein. These "knock-out" mice appeared normal at birth, but they died two to four weeks later from other developing and neuromuscular symptoms.

Electron micrographs revealed striking differences between the neuromuscular synapses of the normal and knock-out mice. Electrical recordings showed that the structural peculiarities did have consequences for the flow of information.

Participants needed for birth control study

Researchers in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology are seeking 45 to 35-year-old healthy women to participate in a multicenter study to assess bone mineral density changes in women receiving Depo-provera, an injectable form of birth control. Following a one-year study period, volunteers will continue to be evaluated for an additional two years.

Depo-provera is a synthetic form of progesterone, a hormone produced naturally by the ovaries. Researchers are now trying to determine whether Depo-provera decreases bone mineral density.

Fifteen participants will receive Depo-provera injections once every three months for five years. Another 30 participants will serve as a comparison group. Those in the comparison group must use a non-hormonal form of birth control, have had a tubal ligation or be in a monogamous relationship with a partner who has had a vasectomy.

Participants will receive free medical examinations, blood tests and bone mineral density measurements related to the study. Women in the Depo-provera study group also will receive the contraceptive injections at no cost.

Depo-provera injections will be halted if a study participant experiences significant bone mineral density loss. Volunteers will receive up to $400 over the course of the seven-year study. For more information, call Kathy Dodds at 362-5567.
Economics professor advised Nixon, Reagan

In 1981, Murray Weidenbaum, Ph.D., had made it his mission to abandon the assumptions of an American economist — chair of the U.S. Council of Economic Advisers for President Reagan. But after just two years on the job — "picked up (his) marbles and walked away" — from the top game in economic public policy.

Weidenbaum, 55, has said he is leaving because he disagreed with the president's economic policies, and in part because he thought it was time to return to the classroom, the teaching mission which he loved at Washington University, he said.

In the course of his 50-year career, Weidenbaum has been an economist in three worlds: academia, government and business. He is the Mallinckrodt Distinguished University Professor of Economics at Washington University and a popular teacher. He is founder and director of the University's Center for the Study of American Business (CSAB), former corporate economist, and trustee of a variety of companies, including Metz Drug Stores Co. and Harbortour Group. And he has published seven books, as well as hundreds of research papers in publications ranging from the American Economic Review to the Wall Street Journal.

But it is his prolific, highly regarded research and high-level atms in presidential politics for which he is best known. Weidenbaum has been credited with developing the revenue sharing program under the Nixon administration, and was one of the chief architects of the "supply-side" economics of the Reagan administration. Describing himself as "mainstream conservative, for smaller government, smaller budgets and reducing the role of government," he has a national reputation as an economist who will tell federal officials how federal programs impact the private sector. But Weidenbaum, who says he "has the heart of an academic," allows only brief discussion of his glamorous jobs with the Nixon and Reagan administrations.

According to colleague Thomas Eagleton, L.L.B., former U.S. senator and Washington University Professor of Public Affairs and adjunct professor of political science, very few people have had the kind of impact Weidenbaum has had in government.

Eagleton, a Democrat, is Weidenbaum's friend and fellow teacher, who also happens to be his political opposite when it comes to politics.

"Murray is a real personality," said Eagleton. "On the one hand, he's the kindest, the gentlest, the most gracious, the most accommodating and most sensitive person you'll ever know. I consider him one of my best friends. But as far as economics is concerned, he's been my nemesis.

Weidenbaum, probably with a quip of his own, would protest. He said he believes that America flourishes best when government gets out of the way of the private enterprise system.

Last month, Weidenbaum celebrated the 30th anniversary of the founding of the CSAB and announced that he will turn over the reins of the center to Kenneth Chilton, Ph.D., this summer. Chilton is acting director while Weidenbaum is on sabbatical, working on his eighth book — "An American Conscience: The Vietnam Years," which is due to be published this spring.

"That janked me," Weidenbaum said. "It got me to rethink my basic political position."

Weidenbaum graduated from high school and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in economics from City College of New York in 1958. He was interested in public service, and was told by an instructor that public

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In 1980, presidential candidate Ronald Reagan appointed Weidenbaum to his economic advisory council during his campaign. Weidenbaum worked first on the economic issues of Reagan's presidential campaign, helping to shape "Reaganomics." He then was named chair of President Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers.

After experiencing the rough-and-tumble world of Washington during the Nixon administration, Phyllis Weidenbaum said she thought her husband had fulfilled his duty to public service. "The second time we went to Washington, I wasn't too sure of his sanity," she said, laughing.

The couple is used to seeing different sides of issues. Conservative economist Weidenbaum married a woman who generally supports the Democratic Party. Their votes, they say, cancel each other out. "I think he's intellectually honest," she said. "I think I'm about as honest as I can be along all these years.

The Weidenbaums returned to Washington in 1981. But after two years, he left the Reagan administration when he disagreed with the president over increasing the deficit. Though still a loyal Republican, Weidenbaum decided it was time to go back to Washington University in what he terms "a friendly parting of the ways."

Analyzing the "here and now"

At Washington University Weidenbaum continues research into the interaction of government and business and teaches MBA's and undergraduate students. Eagleton and Weidenbaum jointly teach a popular course titled "Politics and Policy," a very lively — sometimes loud and chaotic — discussion of the philosophy of political issues between two people who have decades of experience in the public service arena.

In his research, Weidenbaum said he tries to analyze the "here and now" as opposed to being an economic forecaster. A good economist, he has said, "does not play swami and read the foggy crystal ball, but tries to understand how an economic operator can be affected by the impact of changes in public policy on the economy."

To create a forum for exploring those issues and enhance the understanding of the free enterprise system, Weidenbaum founded the CSAB in 1975. At the time a liberal atmosphere pervaded campus, and Weidenbaum said he thought two years was an acceptable length of time to be away from the University, he said. A new appointment as Mallinckrodt Distinguished University Professor of Economics at Washington University and a major shift in his political position led Weidenbaum to academia. He served as a senior economist at the Stanford Research Institute at Stanford University in the 1963-64 academic year. Soon, however, he was lured to the Midwest by a Washington University offer in 1964. By this time, Weidenbaum had published several articles and books and was re
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**Exhibitions**


**Films**

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7 and 9 p.m. Filmboard Classic Series. "The Major and the Minor" (1942), B&W. Screening by Saint Louis Davis. In conjunction with the Miles Davis Conference April 4 and 5. Room 204 Crow Hall, 935-5565.

7 and 9:30 p.m. Filmboard Feature Series. "2001: A Space Odyssey" (1968). (Also April 1, same time, and April 2 at 7 p.m.) Room 100 Brown Hall, Cost: $3.

**Friday, March 31**

4 p.m. Jazz Film Series. "A Man Called Adam" (1966), starring Sammy Davis Jr., is loosely based on the life of Saint Louis Davis. (Also April 1.) Room 100 Brown Hall. Cost: $3.

7 and 9:30 p.m. Filmboard Feature Series. "The Trouble Shooters," with English subtitles. A group of youngsters start a company and go through the same times.) Room 100 Brown Hall. Cost: $3.

**Saturday, April 1**

4 p.m. Chinese Film Series. "The Trouble Shooters," with English subtitles. A group of youngsters start a company and go through the same times.) Room 100 Brown Hall. Cost: $3.

**Lectures**

**Thursday, March 30**

9:30 a.m. Dept. of Medicine lecture. "Refractory Epilepsy: The Challenges of Management," Robert J. Graham, Chapel. Open only to WU students, faculty and staff with valid ID. 935-5285.

4 p.m. Molecular medicine and pathology seminar. "Neurofibromatosis 1: Clinical Genetics," John W. Davis, Jr., professor, Genetics, U of Missouri, Kansas City. Presented by Molecular Genetics Laboratory. 935-5102.

**Friday, April 1**


**Thursday, April 4**

12:30 p.m. Physical therapy brown bag seminar. "Factors Influencing Physical Therapy Student and Faculty Job Satisfaction," Jennifer Stith, assoc. director, entry-level graduate education. Program in Physical Therapy. Classroom C Forest Park Bldg., 4444 Forest Park Blvd. 935-8678.

**Friday, April 5**


**Wednesday, April 5**


5 p.m. Biology and biomedical sciences seminar. "Cell Biology and Physiology Seminar," II Nam Jung, prof, of pharmacology, U of California, Los Angeles. 935-6276.


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**Friday, April 7**


4:30 p.m. National Cancer Institute Colloquium. "Immunological Memory to Viruses," Rafi Ahmed, prof, Dept. of Neurobiology and Immunology, U of California, Los Angeles. 950 Women's Lounge. 935-5202.

Wednesday, April 5
8 p.m. Tennis and string concerts. Program: music of Sibelius, Brahms, Nielsen, Saint-Saëns, Ives, Mozart, Dutilleux, and Moszkowski. Presented by the Morgan Chamber Music Series and the Graduate Council. Concert Hall. Admission is $3 for students, $5 for others.

Wednesday, April 5
11 a.m.-3 p.m. Annual Food Festival. "Savor St. Louis" is sponsored by CHIMES, the senior leadership honorary, and will benefit Northside Center for Food. Food from tysk, Caido's, Fritz, Gavirda and Potbelly at Wolfe Plaza.

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Friday, April 7
6 p.m. The 21st Annual Alumni Achievement Awards Dinner. Proceeds benefit the University's Scholarship Fund. "For more information call 935-5581.

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6:30 p.m. Poetry reading. Irish poet Edward Taylor will read from her west coast tour at the Student Wellness Center, 7425 Forsyth Blvd. 935-5576.

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8 p.m. Performing Arts Dept. presents "The Illusion," adapted by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright George Bernard Shaw. "The Illusion" is based on a play by French dramatist Théophile-Elizabeth-Georges Hanriot. Performances are at 8 p.m. daily, except Sunday, through April 9. For times, events and locations, see a "Tribute to Black Women" in the Women's Studies Institute's spring bulletin. Cost: $4.50. 935-5212.

Friday, April 7
8 p.m. "An Evening of Awareness: Illiteracy and Penmanship." "An Evening of Awareness: Illiteracy and Penmanship" will be held April 6-8 at Washington University's West Campus Center Conference. The multimedia conference, titled "Miles Davis and American Culture," is free and open to the public. The conference begins at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 6, and ends at 3:30 p.m. Friday. During the conference, professors from across the country will present papers focusing on various aspects of Davis' life and art within the context of American social and cultural history. "There is much that is learned about popular culture, African-American culture, African-American militancy and the conjunction of African-American art and politics through an examination of Miles Davis' life and times," said Gerald Early, PhD, professor of English in Arts and Sciences and director of the University's African and Afro-American Studies Program, as well as its American Culture Studies Institute. The conference is sponsored by the American Culture Studies Institute, Afri- can-American Studies Institute, and the Department of Music in Arts and Sciences. The National Endowment for the Humanities awarded the institute a $40,000 grant last year to support the conference. Early said some of the key questions to be explored at the conference are "What elements in Davis' upbringing led to his self-confidence and refusal to be intimi- dated by racism during the 1940s and 1950s? Why did some individuals con- sider Miles Davis, who attracted both white and African-American audiences, able to use race to his advantage yet still maintain respect within the African-American community?" The conference presenters include writers Stanley Crouch and Quincy Troupe, along with writer and musician Bill Kirchner Jr. The conference opens at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 6, with a Miles Davis Music Workshop conducted by the Harold Mabern Trio, performing several of Davis' tunes. Crouch was a staff writer for The Village Voice for nine years. His 1990 collection of essays and reviews titled "Notes of a Hanging Judge" was nomi- nated for the criticism category for the National Book Critics Circle Award. Kirchner is a saxophonist, clarinetist and flutist with a growing reputation as a composer and arranger. Quincy Troupe is professor of American and Third World literature and creative writing at the University of California, San Diego. His 1989 book titled "Miles: The Autobiogra- phy," which chronicled the life of Miles Davis, was nominated for a Grammy Award for the autobiography, which also includes a CD of European and African Music Book Award. For more information, call Elizabeth Kellerman at 935-5216.

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3 p.m. "Modern Masters: The Study of Entr'actes and Other" will be held 3 p.m. in the Bixby Gallery, Bixby Hall. Cost: $35. 935-4643.

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6 p.m. "Maiden Voyages: Writings of Uncommon Women." "Maiden Voyages: Writings of Uncommon Women" will be held 6 p.m. in the Bixby Gallery, Bixby Hall. Cost: $4.50. 935-5212.

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Sports

Compiled by Mike Wolf, director, and David Mosca, associate director, sports information.

Baseball Bears win six

In a milestone week, the Washington University baseball team stopped six of eight games — several coming against national and regional powers. Most significant among the triumphs was an 8-2 win over University of Wisconsin-Platteville on Friday, which gave Rick Legenzon his 1,000th collegiate coaching victory. Legenzon becomes just the 10th active baseball coach at any collegiate level to achieve that mark. The Bears closed the week with a 2-4 spring trip and a 3-0 victory over Otterbein College, Tao Tennis Center; 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, vs. Otterbein College, Tao Tennis Center.

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New track christened

Competing for the first time in two years, the Bear tracksters christened their new track surface with some blazing performances at Saturday's WU All-Comers Meet.

Leaving the women's effort was junior Julie Pearman, Des Moines, who won the 400-meter hurdles (56.24) and finished third in the 100-meter hurdles (11.74). On the men's side, senior Chris Hagedorn, St. Louis, placed third in the pole vault by clearing 14-10.00. This week: 11 a.m. Saturday, April 1, Southern Illinois University-Ewingham, Ewingham, Ill.
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Conference addressed impact of North's work

More than 130 people attended the March 17-19 conference "Frontiers of the New Institutional Economics" hosted by Duke University, Stanford University, and the University of Chicago.

The conference was held in San Francisco. Three Nobel laureates, North, Robert Fogel, Ph.D., who won the prize with North, and Ronald Coase, Ph.D., Nobel winner in 1991, participated in the conference.

During the keynote address, Fogel described the impact of the North's 50 years of research exploring why some economies thrive while others fail. He said in the 1970s, North's work was cited about 45 times per year and this decade, about 300 times per year.

"That makes him the most widely cited economist in any field," Fogel said.

At 11 sessions, researchers from Oregon State University, the University of California at Los Angeles, and many other institutions presented papers discussing the three directions of research in economic history. Those directions are search: economic history; institutions and political economy; and cognition and rationality. Topics ranged from the understanding of fertility and construction to the development of the Amazon rain forest.

University economics conferences, this conference drew researchers from a variety of disciplines, including law, philosophy, and anthropology.

North thrives on his work

Now he's ready to get back to that work.

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On a recent day about a dozen first-year students wandered into the seminar room in the Commerce Building and sat next to North, before proceeding to the next class to the next class. They each will present a research paper idea and have it dissected by other students and North. "I want to give them a better idea. I've got a long way to go," North said.

John C. Y. Nye, Ph.D., professor of political science and former chair of the department of political science, has been selected to be the new president of the University of Pennsylvania. North is the author of "The Structure of Economic Change," a book that describes the development of the Amazon rain forest in Brazil. He is also the author of "Institutions and Their Economic Consequences."
Richard J. Mahoney joins Center for Study of American Business

Richard J. Mahoney, chair and chief executive officer of Monsanto Co., will join the Center for the Study of American Business in May, following his retirement as chairman and chief executive officer.

Mahoney is an outspoken leader on policy public issues, including the environment, tort liability, tort reform, trade and science policy. He joined Monsanto's policy research center in 1984.

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Obituaries

Isaac (Ike) Conner, night manager of Woh Center, dies at 55

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