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Western News



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Alumni News and Notes from Western Illinois University

Building One construction in full swing at WIU-QC Riverfront Campus

The renovations of the 60,000-square-foot Building One on the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities campus are well underway, and what was once the brick façade of the former John Deere Tech Center on River Drive in Moline is now a concrete frame shell of what will eventually evolve into the first building on the WIU-QC Riverfront Campus.



prepare the building for modern classrooms and offices. According to **Bill Brewer**, University architect and director of facilities-Quad Cities, the next steps include interior wall layout, additional structural work, roof membrane installation and building system rough-ins.

"It's exciting to visit the site of our new campus and see the work in progress," said WIU President **Al Goldfarb**. "We are moving forward with our vision and mission to serve the residents of this region. The new campus is now becoming a reality."

"We promised the community that we would be efficient in the construction of the new Riverfront Campus, and that commitment is a reality," said **Joe Rives**, vice president of the Quad Cities, planning and technology. "We are really pleased with the outstanding work of all of the contractors involved in meeting the timelines for the project."

For the past few months, construction crews have been working day in and day out to knock down walls, remove bricks, tear down an attached building and much more to

Building One, which will be a Silver LEED certified facility, is being constructed as a "green" building.

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WIU retains high rankings

For the sixth consecutive year, Western Illinois University is ranked among the top tier of best regional universities and is one of only two Illinois public universities ranked among the top 50 in the top tier, according to U.S. News and World Report's Annual College Rankings 2011 edition. WIU is ranked 11th as a top public school among Midwestern Regional Universities. In addition, for the sixth consecutive year, the Princeton Review has named Western a "Best Midwestern College."

"Western has clearly established its national reputation for providing an outstanding academic experience for our students," said President **Al Goldfarb**. "Our commitment to providing high quality, accessible, and affordable higher education is consistently recognized."

Western is one of 37 public universities – only one other Illinois public institution is ranked ahead of WIU – included among the 107 Midwestern college and universities recognized as top tier "Best Regional Universities" by U.S. News and World Report. Western is listed 49th of 107 public and private schools on the top tier list of "Best Regional Universities." In addition to the top tier ranking, Western is also recognized as a "best" institution by U.S. News and World Report for graduation rates; freshman retention rates; least debt (class of 2009); highest proportion of classes under 20; most international students; economic diversity; and racial diversity.

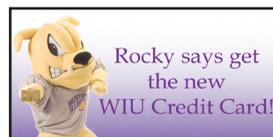
"I am so pleased that our efforts and initiatives have been recognized. What is even more exciting is that the survey was based on 2008 data, which was extremely good. However, we continue to improve. For example, our 2009 graduation rates were the highest in the University's history," Goldfarb added. "I'd like to thank our faculty and staff for the work they do to make this a phenomenal educational institution and for their contributions to our students' success."

As well as the current U.S. News and Princeton Review recognitions, Western has been designated for a second consecutive year as a "Military Friendly School" by G.I. Jobs Magazine and is featured in the 2011 "Guide to Military Friendly Schools." Also, for the second consecutive year, the Center for Student Opportunity's (CSO) "College Access and Opportunity Guide" has recognized Western as one of only three Illinois public universities for its retention of first-generation and low-income students.

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New partnership with credit card program

The Alumni Association is pleased to announce a new partnership with INTRUST Bank, one of the oldest banking institutions in the Midwest, to provide the new Western Illinois University Platinum Visa, in support of Alumni programs and activities.



superior customer service, and around-the-clock security protection of the card. And, if you choose the new Western Illinois University Platinum Visa, you will be supporting your alma mater in many ways—by helping to fund student scholarships; the quarterly publication for alumni and friends, Western News; Alumni and Friends events around the country; and your University."

Spelman noted that alumni will soon begin receiving information on how to obtain the new card.

"We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to provide additional support for our alumni programs," she said.

Visit wiu.edu/alumni for more information.

Upcoming Alumni & Friends Events

See pages 2 & 28 for entire calendar and complete details!

September 2010
 23 Macomb, IL
 24-25 . . Macomb, IL

October 2010
 07 Quincy, IL
 14 Burlington, IA
 16 St. Louis, MO
 17 St. Louis, MO

21 Springfield, IL
 23 Springfield, MO

November 2010
 11 Rockford, IL

December 2010
 05 Detroit, MI
 11 Chicago, IL
 13 Chicago, IL
 17 Macomb, IL



Director's Corner News from Your Alumni Association

Dear Alumni & Friends:

Some of you may not be aware that former longtime Alumni Programs Director and Associate Vice President **Gordy Taylor '68** has been battling base of the tongue cancer. He has been undergoing treatment, and has been chronicling his illness, the treatment and his recuperation via a blog (www.gordytaylor2010.blogspot.com). On behalf of the WIU Alumni Association and the entire Alumni Programs staff, we wish Gordy a speedy recovery and continued strength in the coming months.

Amy E. Spelman
Amy Spelman MS '98



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WIU Alumni & Friends 2010 Events

September 2010

23 Founder's Day; Honorary Alumni, Town & Gown Award Presentation

24-25 . . . WIU Homecoming 2010

24-25 . . . 25/40/50 Year Reunion

October 2010

7 Quincy, IL Area Alumni & Friends Event at Spirit Knob Winery in Ursa, IL

14 Burlington, IA Alumni & Friends Social at Burlington Golf Club

16 St. Louis Alumni & Friends Event at The Big Bang

17 St. Louis Alumni & Friends Event - Rams vs. Chargers Pregame Social & Football Game

21 Springfield, IL Alumni & Friends Social at Dublin Pub - Vinegar Hill

23 WIU at Missouri State Pregame Social at Millie's Cafe & Football Game

November 2010

6 Arlington Heights Alumni & Friends Event at The Metropolis Theatre

11 Rockford, IL Alumni & Friends Social at Franchesco's Ristorante

December 2010

5 Detroit, MI Alumni & Friends Event - Lions vs. Bears Pregame Social & Football Game

11 Chicago Lyric Opera House Event

13 Chicago Alumni & Friends Event at Howl at the Moon

17 Commencement/Alumni Achievement Awards Presentation

March 2011

20 Ultimate Alumni Day in Arizona

April 2011

8 Celebrating Town & Gown

June 2011

10 Naperville, IL Alumni & Friends Social at BlackFinn

13 "The Western Open" Chicago Golf Outing at Seven Bridges

20 Quad Cities Alumni & Friends Golf Outing at TPC Deere Run

From the President

While the beginning of a new school year is always meaningful, the 2010-2011 start is even more personally meaningful as this marks my final year at Western Illinois University.

I want to first share the exciting news that Western, for the sixth consecutive year, is ranked among the top tier of best Midwestern regional universities and is one of only two Illinois public universities ranked among the top 50 in that top tier, according to U.S. News and World Report, and that Western is ranked 11th as a top public school among Midwestern Regional Universities. In addition, for the sixth consecutive year, the Princeton Review has named Western a "Best Midwestern College."

As we embark upon a new academic year, there is much to celebrate. I cannot list all of our accomplishments during the past year, but let me cite just a few. Numerous departments and programs have been granted accreditation and re-accreditation and our newest degree, a Master of Science in Biology, with an emphasis in zoo and aquaria studies, began at John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago this fall. Our Jazz Studio Orchestra played at the famed Carnegie Hall this summer; a rare flower bloomed not once, but twice, on campus during the summer months; and a new mascot joined the Western family in mid-May.

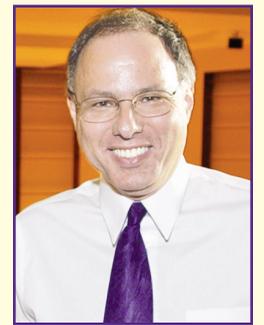
Work will begin this fall on the renovations of Corbin and Olson halls, and construction has started on Building One—and planning for Building Two is underway—at the WIU-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus. Memorial Hall is expected to open during the 2010-11 academic year, and we are currently installing an elevator in the University Union to allow greater access to the Heritage Room. We will continue to seek the release of funds for our Performing Arts Center in Macomb.

While we are pleased with the capital funding for University construction projects, the current economic crisis continues to greatly impact our University. Our FY'11 budget has been reduced by 6.2 percent by the state of Illinois, and we do not know when reimbursements for FY'11 expenditures will begin; therefore, we continue to control expenditures. I would like to express my appreciation to the WIU Foundation Executive Board for voting unanimously to loan Western \$1.5 million, interest-free. While we will not take advantage of this generous offer unless absolutely necessary, I greatly appreciate the Foundation's willingness to help. Please know that if we must take advantage of this interest-free loan, it will not affect scholarship and other student-related funding.

As Elaine and I enter our ninth and final year at Western, I cannot stress enough our appreciation for the continuous support we receive from the campus community, alumni and friends. I look forward to seeing you at The Right Place during Homecoming on Sept. 25.

All my best wishes,

Al Goldfarb
Al Goldfarb



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Public comments sought for WIU Accreditation Team visit

Western Illinois University alumni, faculty, staff, students, donors and friends, as well as community members, are invited to submit comments about the University for the institution's evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. All comments must be submitted by Jan. 14, 2011.

Western will undergo an in-depth evaluation visit Feb. 14-16, 2011 by a team representing The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Western has been accredited since 1913.

During the on-site visit, the accreditation team will review the University's ongoing ability to address commission requirements, criteria for accreditation, and special studies on distance learning, growing the University's two campuses and measuring and

demonstrating the institution's values.

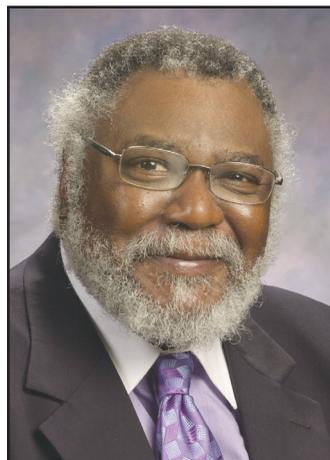
Comments, which must be in writing and signed, must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs (complaints or grievances will not be considered to be third-party comments). Comments will not be treated as confidential.

To submit comments by the Jan. 14, 2011 deadline, complete the form at ncahlc.org/information-for-the-public/third-party-comment.html or send comments to: Public Comment on Western Illinois University, The Higher Learning Commission, 30 N. LaSalle St., Ste. 2400, Chicago, IL 60602.

For more information on the solicitation of public comments, contact **Judi Dallinger** or **Joe Rives**, accreditation co-chairs, at J-Dallinger@wiu.edu or J-Rives@wiu.edu.

Education and Human Services

Smith named associate dean for administration



Erskine Smith

Erskine Smith has been named College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) associate dean for administration. He had been serving in the interim associate dean position for administration since July 1, 2009.

According to Nick DiGrino, COEHS dean, Smith will continue his primary responsibilities in the areas of budget, facilities oversight,

personnel and contract implementation.

"Erskine has brought to the dean's office a wealth of talent and experience in the areas of contract implementation and budgeting. He is held in high regard by our chairs and directors, and I welcome his continuing service as an outstanding member of our administrative team," DiGrino said.

Prior to serving as the interim associate dean, Smith was chair of the dietetics, fashion merchandising and hospitality (DFMH) department. Before coming to WIU, Smith served as chair and associate professor of family and consumer sciences at the University of Mississippi. Prior to his faculty and administration positions at "Ole Miss," Smith was the associate director of the division of applied research of the National Food Service Management Institute and an assistant professor of food service management at the University of Southern Mississippi. He has also served as the director of the School of Home Economics at Southern Mississippi and as an administrative intern in the Office of the Chancellor at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Smith has also worked as a clinical dietitian in the private sector.

Smith has published numerous articles for professional journals; is a contributing author for several textbooks and monographs; and has presented at national conferences.

Smith earned his doctoral and master's degrees from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and received his bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University. He also holds a certificate from The Miami Valley Hospital Dietetic Internship Program.

Kinesiology department has new chair



Janet Wigglesworth

Janet Wigglesworth, former associate dean of Ithaca (NY) College's Graduate and Clinical Services School of Health Sciences and Human Performance, has been named chair of Western's kinesiology department. Wigglesworth replaces Loran Erdmann, who has served in the department's interim chair position since July 1, 2009.

Wigglesworth had served as an associate dean at Ithaca since 2005.

There, she had also served as interim assistant provost; assistant dean and acting assistant dean for the School of Health Sciences and Human Performance (HSHP); and acting assistant dean for the Ithaca College Academic and Student Services' School of Health Sciences and Human Performance.

Wigglesworth had also served as an associate and assistant professor in Ithaca's college exercise and sport sciences department; the director of the Center for Educational Services at the National Institute for Fitness and Sport in Indianapolis (IN); an adjunct faculty member in the kinesiology department at Indiana University; an associate director of research and a biostatistician at the National Institute for Fitness and Sport (Indianapolis); a physical education instructor at the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse, where she was also a field hockey coach (1979-1984), badminton coach (1979-1981) and softball coach (1981-1984); and as the head badminton coach at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale (1977-1978).

"Dr. Wigglesworth's breadth of experience has prepared her exceptionally well for the challenges of chairing a large and complex academic unit. She is a strong proponent of quality instruction that incorporates faculty and student research," said Nick DiGrino, College of Education and Human Services dean.

Wigglesworth is a member of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; American College of Sports Medicine; the National Council on Measurement in Education; and the United States Badminton Association. She holds a black belt in karate (Wasin-ryu style, since 2008); was a participant in the Higher Education Resource Services Management Institute for Women in Higher Education; and was named to the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse Athletic Hall of Fame in 1990.

She earned her Ph.D. in 1992 from Indiana University; her M.S. in physical education from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in 1980; and her B.S. in physical education in 1977 from the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse.

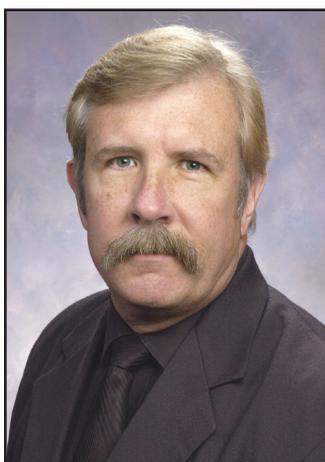
Mors named interim LEJA director

Terry Mors MA '96 has been appointed interim director of Western Illinois University's School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration (LEJA).

Mors, a faculty member in the School of LEJA, has 10 years of full-time contributions in higher education at WIU. In addition, he has more than 17 years of law enforcement and private security experience, working for the Gurnee (IL) Police Department in various positions, including as a patrol officer and a commander.

"Dr. Mors has earned the respect and confidence of his colleagues in the school of LEJA, the College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) dean's office, as well as from various members of the campus community through his teaching, research and service," said Nick DiGrino, COEHS dean. "His contributions to the governance process and intimate knowledge of the LEJA graduate program will enable the School to build on recent accomplishments while addressing areas of need."

Mors earned his doctorate in education from Northern Illinois University in 2002, he holds a master's degree in law enforcement and justice administration from Western and he has a bachelor's degree from Roosevelt



Terry Mors '96

University. He has served the School of LEJA in a variety of capacities, including as coordinator of the graduate program. In recent years, he has also served as a member of the LEJA curriculum committee, graduate committee, the professional advisory board and the Investigators Club, as well as served as a member of the Institute of Applied Criminal Justice, the COEHS technology committee and as a Concert Safety Corps adviser.

In 2006, along with five of his colleagues, Mors received the COEHS Excellence in Internationalizing the Campus Award for establishing an academic relationship with St. Petersburg University in Russia. In 2005, he received

the COEHS Award for Outstanding Service.

In addition to his instruction and service activities at Western, Mors has published and presented papers on a variety of law enforcement topics at various national and international meetings and conferences. He is also a former and current member of several law enforcement professional organizations, including the American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS), the Central Illinois Association of Law Enforcement Executives and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.

Education and Human Services

Alumni spotlight: Bob Elliott '88 MA '96

What is your current position?

I am an Illinois State Police District 14 Commander.

What positions have you held since graduating from WIU that have helped you in your journey to your current position?

Upon graduating from WIU in 1988, I completed the ROTC requirements at Fort Riley (KS), completed an Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill (OK) then started 26 weeks of training at the Illinois State Police (ISP) Academy in Springfield. The ISP academy and military training prepared me well for the start of my ISP career. Serving as a field training officer, defensive tactics instructor, tactical response team member and community policing officer all helped prepare me for positions of greater responsibility. In 1991, I started taking graduate level courses at WIU every semester. In 1996, I completed my thesis and graduated. Much of the coursework related to a Research and Development Bureau vacancy I applied for, and I was selected in the ISP Division of Administration. Other opportunities included serving as basic training section supervisor at the state police academy, deputy chief of staff in the director's office and operations officer in District 14. In 2001, I started teaching as an adjunct faculty member at WIU and now teach in the very classrooms I first sat in as a student more than 24 years ago. Along the way I continued my professional education, completing the 101st Administrative Officers Course at the University of Louisville's Southern Police Institute, as well as the 257th class of the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University. Serving on the Illinois Incident Management Team in recent years led to a deployment to Baton Rouge during Hurricanes Ike and Gustav in 2008. The military training and experience which began with WIU ROTC continued for 20 years to include training in Central America, Eastern Europe and a year-long deployment to Iraq in 2004 where I had the opportunity to work directly with military police officers from many nations. These positions and experiences all served as skill building opportunities throughout my career.

Explain your current responsibilities and how your position is personally fulfilling.

As commander of a district encompassing five mostly rural counties in the west-central part of the state, I am responsible for ensuring the state police personnel and resources are prepared, available and utilized in a manner that provides protection for the public and assistance to local law enforcement agencies. This includes coordinating the overall efforts of personnel; ensuring training and professional development of officers and staff; representing the ISP to the public, community organizations and media; enforcing policies and procedures; providing oversight on planning and administering the district budget; supervising major incidents; and developing proactive policing strategies.

The position is challenging; however, it is very fulfilling in that I represent a professional agency and have been entrusted with ensuring this district carries on the tradition of serving the public with integrity, service, and pride. I am encouraged by the next generation of troopers that work day and night to the best of their ability in serving others sometimes at great risk to themselves. Many of these troopers are graduates of WIU and have



Bob Elliott '88 MA '96 counts his year-long deployment in Iraq as one of several skill-building opportunities throughout his law enforcement career.

a solid academic foundation that will serve them well as they seek out positions of greater responsibility and become the leaders of our agency. Being able to pass on knowledge, skills and abilities to those that will continue in their commitment to public safety and public service is very fulfilling.

What are some of the most interesting challenges you have had in your career?

As a trooper on patrol during night shift for several years I enjoyed responding to calls for service where I could make a difference, such as making arrests for domestic battery, drunk driving and narcotics possession or even catching a burglar in the act. The challenges include those times when even with your best effort the results were tragic, whether a heart attack victim who could not be resuscitated, a traffic crash victim who dies at the scene or a despondent subject who takes his own life at a disturbance.

As a field training officer and later as a sergeant assigned to the Illinois State Police Academy, I had the challenge to instill the professionalism of the agency into the newest troopers.

Currently, managing limited resources and seeking out methods to be even more efficient presents a management challenge many others also face and will likely continue.

Why did you pursue a degree in law enforcement and justice administration from WIU?

Earning a college degree was a personal goal. None of my family members had opportunities to continue their education beyond high school. It was not until 1983 during my senior year at Woodruff High School in Peoria that I realized I was able to attend Illinois Central College (ICC) in East Peoria and earn an associate's degree. As an elective, and out of curiosity, I selected a police science course at ICC and found it interesting. I decided to major in police science, which required a summer internship and led to riding with both Peoria Police Department Officers as well as Peoria County deputies. I also joined the Peoria Park District Police Explorers Post. These experiences increased my interest level and I realized the opportunities

that continuing my education would bring.

The proximity of WIU to Peoria as well as the reputation of the LEJA program resulted in my transferring to the Macomb campus to complete requirements for my undergraduate degree.

What advice would you give to graduating students? How do you feel the current budget situation in Illinois will affect graduates?

Graduating students should be proud of their academic accomplishment; however, avoid becoming educationally complacent. Although they may want to just be done with school, they should seriously consider taking coursework toward a graduate degree, even if just one class at a time. In addition to expanding their knowledge, it will demonstrate they have the skill set to succeed at a higher academic level. It is also a reflection of one's ability to conduct research, demonstrate advanced writing skills and become more proficient with statistical analysis. Perhaps most importantly, it can be a means to demonstrate a strong work ethic and the ability to establish challenging goals and accomplish them.

The current economic climate across the nation will continue to have a direct impact on graduates. Applicants will be faced with increased scrutiny as each position will become more competitive. It is imperative the graduates do not just meet the minimum job description requirements, but also that they are among the best candidates in terms of skills they have already demonstrated, whether in college, other work experience or volunteer work.

“Being able to pass on knowledge, skills and abilities to those that will continue in their commitment to public safety and public service is very fulfilling.”

To what do you attribute your success?

Any success I have achieved can be attributed to a strong work ethic from my mother, Violet. As a single parent most of her life she had to work hard and make sacrifices. While she did not have opportunities to continue her education she knew the value of an education, and provided me encouragement to continue.

Once I realized I could be successful

at college, I wanted to do my best. My professors all possessed what I did not, and that was career and life experience. I wanted to learn through them and be prepared for a career. The LEJA faculty at WIU were especially helpful, the semester-long internship at the Peoria County State's Attorney's Office provided an important perspective of the criminal justice system, and the WIU Reserve Officer Training Corps program provided me both an enhanced level of self-discipline, unique life experiences and an opportunity to serve our nation and fellow members of the armed services at a time of war. From my days as an undergraduate at WIU to present, my wife, Michelle, has also been a factor in any success I have achieved. From student, to soldier, to police officer, to teacher, she has always been there for me and our children, who are all in college now. **Robert** is completing degree requirements at WIU, Kari is a year away from graduating at the University of Illinois at Springfield and Brian is a freshman at the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY.

Education and Human Services

Community gardens...going and growing

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92

About a year ago, new to Macomb and Western Illinois University, **Rob Porter**, an assistant professor in the recreation, park and tourism administration (RPTA) department, was just looking for a way to enjoy gardening with fellow members of his new community. Thanks to **Mindy Pheiffer '91 MS '92**, program coordinator at RPTA's Horn Field Campus (HFC) just south of Macomb, Porter met up with RPTA graduate student **Emily Schoenfelder** who, with an organic gardening student group, helped him get his community gardening idea going at HFC. A little year over a year later, Porter's idea has grown into community gardens at other locations around Macomb and McDonough County, with community gardens at three different McDonough County Housing Authority locations and a Macomb-community garden at the new East University Drive Sports Complex.

"Shortly after we got the garden started at Horn Field Campus, a United States Department of Agriculture grant opportunity came across my desk, which was perfect for starting a community garden initiative," Porter explained. "So I got a whole bunch of community partners, as well as my fellow Western faculty members **Joel Gruver** and **Heather McIlvaine-Newsad**, together to pursue that grant."

Unfortunately, Porter was recently notified their grant application was turned down; however, he and his partners in the McDonough County, Illinois Food Production Initiative have plans to revise the grant and re-submit it this November. But even without the grant monies—a \$200,000 award over a three-year period—the group, which included such agency and organization partners as the McDonough County Housing Authority, the Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC), the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs (IIRA) and the Macomb-based Food Initiative Group (FIG), was able to pursue gardens at the Housing Authority locations of Eisenhower Towers (Macomb), Fitch Manor (Bushnell) and Greenbrier Townhomes (Bushnell).

"We did receive a \$250 grant from FIG, which was basically enough to buy some seed and equipment. So we just kind of pushed forward with the \$250 and started the different organic gardening projects without knowing if we would receive the USDA grant monies," Porter said.

Pooling Resources

The residents of the McDonough County Housing Authority locations utilize a gardening technique that Gruver, an assistant professor in WIU's School of Agriculture, manager of Western's Allison Organic and Demonstration Farm and member of FIG, actively endorses for organic gardening projects. Gruver has been interviewed by Western's National Public Radio affiliate, Tri States Public Radio, as well as other media, about the unique method of using children's wading pools (those colorful "baby pools"—decorated with treasure chests, sea creatures and other aquatic themes—you often see in people's yards in the summer) as containers for organic gardening endeavors.

"I learned about these container gardens from Dr. Jon Ebenezer, president of the non-profit organization Technology for the Poor (which you can get more information about at www.technologyforthe poor.com)," Gruver explained. "The concept, at first, seemed

far-fetched to me. But a few months later, I noticed dozens of 'disposed of' wading pools on curbs during the 'everything goes' trash pickup week in Macomb, so I decided to scavenge a few. Next thing I knew, I had filled eight wading pools with varying mixtures of builders sand and compost. I planted tomatoes, peppers, corn, beans, cucumbers, basil, parsley and melons. The crops grew bountifully, and I soon started to visualize many more wading pool gardens, both in my yard and all over Macomb," Gruver said.

The container gardens are also part of the landscape in Bushnell now, with five large "pools" of crops at Fitch Manor in Bushnell, added Gruver.

"In early May, Rob, **Kathy Millard MS '07** (from the McDonough County Housing Authority), several residents and I filled and planted three large pools. Five large pools are now planted. The crops include broccoli, cabbage, tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, lettuce, radishes, snap beans and sweet corn," he explained.

"While Joel and I have spent a significant amount of time helping with the gardens at the Housing Authority locations, the reality is that the residents have done most of the work and tended everything. We basically just facilitated getting them pools, seeds and the compost, and we've provided a bit of guidance for organic gardening methods. But, overall, this has been a wonderful grassroots effort in Macomb and Bushnell," Porter said.

According to **Bill Jacobs '73**, the executive director of the McDonough County Housing Authority, the community gardens have provided an enjoyable experience for the residents, who are very appreciative of the attention of the Western faculty members, as well as the volunteer labor they have dedicated to the gardens at the Housing Authority locations.

"To receive unsolicited attention and work from professionals is a rare treat and an honor," Jacobs noted.



Pictured above is the Eisenhower Tower community gardens. Photo courtesy of Joel Gruver.

"Many hours have been spent planning, resource gathering, organizing and implementing the project. It's great to see WIU professors working in the community literally at the grassroots level to provide quality of life enhancements for a diverse population that includes people with disabilities, people who are aging and persons living at or near poverty."

In addition to the gardens at the Housing Authority locations, the community garden in Macomb has also had a good showing its first year, even with a late start in the growing season. According to Porter, since the garden got started June 1 about 12 different individuals have invested in the gardening project (he noted individuals can get a plot for \$20) on land the Macomb Park District has made available to those in the community who may not have the yard space to cultivate their own gardens.

"Personally, this has been a rewarding experience for me. It's really impressive to see the people get involved and be so enthusiastic about it. I often drive by the gardens and they look beautiful," Porter noted. "And in addition to helping supply healthy organic food to those who may not have the means to purchase fresh, let alone organic, food regularly, it's a great leisure activity experience for people in the communities. They gather around the gardens in the evenings, and everybody gets together and enjoys one another through this community experience," Porter said.

Catching up with WIU alumnus Joe Decker '98, 'World's Fittest Man'

What events have you been participating in recently?

I won the Death Race in June, then ran with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain for my 40th birthday. Now I'm getting ready for the Spartan Race (in August).

[The Death Race is a 24-hour challenge held in Pittsfield (VT) described as "'Survivor' meets '300.'" Learn more about the race, and Decker's win, at youmaydie.com. The Spartan Race in New York City is an international running series that tests participants' resilience, strength, and stamina in a 5K run with 12 obstacles. To learn more about the race and to follow Joe's progress, visit the website at spartanrace.com.] Decker was named World's Fittest Man by Guinness World Records in 2000.



Joe Decker '98 and wife, Nicole, display the proclamation stating that August 3 was Joe Decker Day in San Diego County.

August 3 has been proclaimed Joe Decker Day in San Diego County. What led to this proclamation? How does it feel to have a day named after you?

San Diego is doing a healthy lifestyle push and I guess they thought that my company, Gut Check Fitness, and I exemplified this. It feels friggin' cool to have your own day! Kinda surreal.

What keeps you motivated?

Life keeps me motivated! I refuse to allow myself to get to a point where I can't do the things I love. For me this means staying healthy, active and fit. I always say, "Get busy livin' or get busy dyin'!"

What's next for you and your company?

Gut Check Fitness is growing daily. My goal is to become a national franchise. To create a place for likeminded people to go to work hard, play hard and just enjoy life!

Education and Human Services

Track to the top

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92

The WIU Department of Educational Leadership provides Chicagoland school administrators with a workable route to earn their superintendent endorsements, as well as a bridge to a doctoral degree.

For **Paul Hertel**, who earned his B.S. in education from Western in 1986, the journey to serving as an associate superintendent wasn't necessarily a clear-cut career path. He was set, though, on becoming qualified to be a principal. So after finishing his bachelor's degree, he moved from Macomb, headed north and back to his hometown area in Chicago's northwest suburbs and started teaching in the Elgin, IL-based School District U-46 (the district in which he attended middle school). He also began a master's degree program in order to be eligible for the Illinois Type 75 Administration Certificate Principal Endorsement. After completing his master's and teaching at both the elementary and middle school levels, he was offered and took a position as an assistant principal in U-46.

Over the 19 years of his career in U-46, he taught at both the elementary and middle school levels, served in the assistant principal post at a middle school in the district and served as an elementary school principal for seven years, as well. These days, Hertel is serving in Des Plaines, IL-based Community Consolidated School District 62 as an associate superintendent and is enrolled, for a third round, in one of WIU's education programs.

This past June, along with 16 others, he started in the educational leadership department's fifth cohort for doctoral candidates. Just prior to the beginning of the cohort this summer, Hertel was finishing his second round at WIU—in the educational leadership department's unique Alternative Certificate Initiative, or ACI, program.

"It wasn't until about two years ago that I started thinking to myself, 'You know, maybe I could do the superintendent's job,'" Hertel explained. "While you don't necessarily need a doctorate degree to be qualified to be employed as a superintendent in Illinois, you do need the superintendent endorsement. So that's what prompted the idea of applying to WIU's ACI program."

ACI and After: A New Chicago Cohort

According to **Lloyd Kilmer**, associate professor in the department, the ACI program's students include individuals like Hertel, who have worked as a principal and in other instructional and administrative positions in elementary and secondary schools. But the program also appeals to people who have worked in business-oriented positions in school districts, he noted.

"If, for example, a district is looking for a chief financial officer, the district's administration members may go to the business side of schools to search for candidates. This is a very specialized part of the educational leadership world, and many times, our ACI candidates are individuals who have served in these types of positions. The ACI program provides—for those who may want the career possibility of expanding into a superintendent position—a way to get the knowledge, skills and qualifications they need. A good number of business managers, in past ACI classes, have gone on to become superintendents," Kilmer said.

For many who have completed Western's ACI program, the program has become a bridge on the

pathway to application and enrollment in Western's educational leadership doctoral program. Both are offered through the educational leadership department in the College of Education and Human Services. Kilmer noted the ACI is a "parallel path to the education specialist degree," or Ed.S., which provides administrators the additional credit hours and knowledge they need to become qualified for a superintendent position in Illinois.

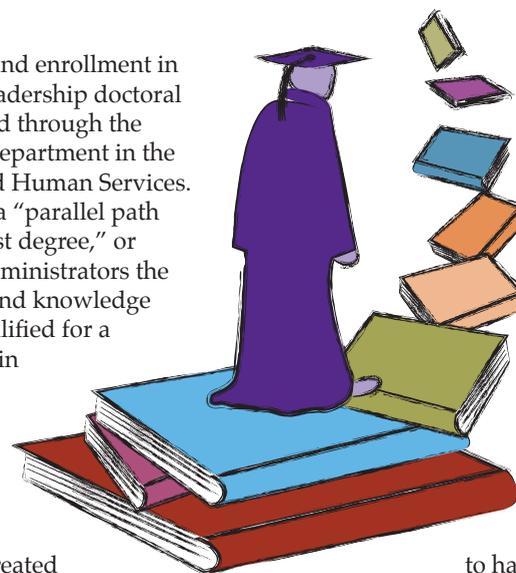
"The ACI is a compressed, accelerated version of the specialist, and it is only available to certain candidates. We created this program to offer districts the opportunity to grow their own superintendents," Kilmer noted. "Many times, too, those who complete the ACI program go on to apply for enrollment in our doctoral program."

For Hertel, the ACI program was a good fit. Its compressed format worked well with his job, which, at the time, was director of human resources in Community Consolidated School District 62. Recently, his human resource duties in the district have diminished, and he is now serving as an associate superintendent there, which was made possible through, in part, his enrollment in the ACI program. He decided to carry on in the WIU educational leadership department's doctoral program because of his experience in the ACI program, as well as the prospect of someday moving into a superintendent position.

"In the northwest suburbs, there are not too many 'misters' or 'misses,' when it comes to those who serve in superintendent positions. Most of the superintendents in this region of the state have achieved that doctorate degree. Also, for me, it has a lot to do with that I'm already in the 'groove,' so to speak, so I figured, why stop? There's the fact, too, that many of the individuals I was in the ACI program with are also continuing on in my cohort in the doctoral program. It seems to be a nice flow. Through our courses together in the ACI, we've built close working relationships. I feel like I have a good level of trust with everyone, which will, hopefully, make the doctoral program even more valuable for each of us."

When Hertel says "each" of us, he is talking specifically about the individuals who were also enrolled in his ACI cohort, many of whom are living and working in the northern part of Illinois, specifically in the Chicagoland area. According to Kilmer, this prompted the department to consider offering some of the doctoral program coursework for these candidates closer to their homes and places of work.

"Over the years, we've gotten more and more candidates who come out of urban districts, rather than rural districts. A good portion of that group of Chicagoland students in our doctoral program's fifth cohort are in large school systems in the Chicago suburbs," Kilmer said. "Earlier this year, while they were preparing to finish up their individual ACI programs, some of them came to us and asked us if we'd be willing to consider offering a cohort in or near Chicago. So, in the



Summer 2010 semester, the department began the fifth cohort, with some class meetings held in Palatine (IL) and some on the WIU-Quad Cities campus."

Rob Grossi, who went through the department's ACI program with Hertel and who serves as the treasurer for the Bloom Township Trustees of schools in the Chicago suburbs, is currently a candidate in the educational leadership department's fifth doctoral cohort. For him, he explained, the relationships he's built with the program's faculty, as well as with his fellow ACI alumni, had a lot to do with why he chose to continue on for his doctorate degree.

"The primary asset of the program, in my opinion, is the faculty. Of course, it's nice to have the courses offered closer to home, too.

But the faculty in this program share their experiences and help us relate the theories to practical experiences, which greatly enhances what we learn," Grossi said. "The other thing is there is a great diversity of backgrounds in regard to the students in the program, and this enhances the learning experience, too. This is a significant thing about this program. We share our experiences with one another—fellow students are hearing stories about the business side from me, and I'm hearing stories from those who are principals or who are in human resources. You get different perspectives, and it helps provide you with a holistic understanding of how all the parts of the school district work."

Outside of their courses in the doctoral program, Hertel noted that it's not uncommon for him to consult with his fellow candidates like Grossi—who has more than 25 years of experience advising schools about their financial matters—and benefit from the relationships he's built with these individuals via the educational leadership department's ACI and doctoral programs.

"We all have different experiences and different backgrounds, which really makes it a dynamic group. I am not afraid to pick up the phone and call Rob and ask, 'Hey, can you look at this financial thing, and give me a different view of it?' It provides me, too, the opportunity to consider an objective perspective," Hertel said.

Both Grossi and Hertel are at the beginning of the doctoral program, and both recognize the time away from their personal lives and hectic pace of working and attending classes is a difficult road ahead. But both also noted they are looking forward to the knowledge and instruction they will encounter through the department's experienced faculty and from one another. The fact they will be able to keep building on what they each started in the ACI program—as well as attend many of their courses closer to home—just might make the prospect of the next few years a bit less daunting.

"In addition to the faculty and the relationships you build with your classmates, one of the great things about this program is the classes are primarily on the weekends, which fits well with most of our work schedules. And by having a cohort that meets for at least some of the courses in the Chicago area, it helps save us time, which may help many of us maintain a better balance overall," Grossi said.

For more information about the educational leadership department's doctoral program and its ACI program, contact Kilmer at (309) 762-9481 or LC-Kilmer@wiu.edu.



Fine Arts and Communication



Art programs accredited by NASAD



Tim Waldrop, associate professor of art, displays glitter donated from Martha Stewart Living, which was used in pieces for the "Exploring Media: Glitter" show.

Western Illinois University's art programs have been granted accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD), following a self-study and on-site evaluations.

NASAD is an association of some 294 schools of art and design, primarily at the collegiate level, but also including post-secondary non-degree-granting schools for the visual arts disciplines. Western's department of art initiated the self-study process in 2004, under the guidance of **Ed Gettinger**, former chair and professor, followed by **Jan Clough**, interim chair and professor, during 2006-2007. Professor **Charles Wright** was hired to chair the department of art in 2007. He came to Western from Coastal Carolina University, where he had led the art program through a successful NASAD accreditation.

"I am pleased that the dedicated work and the concentrated efforts of the art faculty have resulted in accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. However, it has been the process of self-study and reflection that has been most helpful to the department and to the institution," said Wright. "Also, this process of review and self-reflection does not end now that we are a member of NASAD. The real challenge is to actually be a NASAD member institution by continuing to improve our curriculum, our facilities and our gallery's outreach service to the region."

Western's art department offers both the Bachelor of Arts (BA), with a teacher certification option; and the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), which prepares students for careers as independent artists, professionals in arts-related fields or graduate studies. Art is also available as a minor in art history and in studio art.

The department's curriculum includes drawing, design, sculpture, painting, printmaking, jewelry, graphic design, computer imaging and art history. Western's Master of Arts (MA) in Museum Studies program, offered at the WIU-Quad Cities campus, is also accredited by NASAD.



Jazz Studio Orchestra performs at Carnegie

Parents save trip from cancelation

The Western Illinois University premier jazz ensemble, the Jazz Studio Orchestra (JSO), under the direction of **John Cooper**, director of jazz studies, was booked at one of the world's greatest concert halls – Carnegie Hall – for 8 p.m. Sunday, May 30.

JSO was invited to be the guest of two internationally known "Italian Big Band" musicians: composer and conductor **Marco Renzi** and clarinetist **Bepi D'Amato**. Both musicians had served as artists-in-residence in 2009 for the School of Music Jazz Studies program at Western, giving lectures and master classes, as well as conducting and performing in a combined JSO and Jazz Band concert.

"Maestros Renzi and D'Amato wanted to work with us again based on the wonderful performance that they gave in Macomb with the JSO and Jazz Band," Cooper said. "The trip was initially proposed and funded by the College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) and the School of Music. However, because the University, like all universities statewide, is experiencing a difficult budget crisis, the trip was canceled. When the students received the news, **Jerry and LaNae Reyburn**, parents of JSO student **Andrew Reyburn** (senior, Geneseo, IL), decided to



WIU's Jazz Studio Orchestra gathers for their Carnegie Hall performance May 30.

become involved and committed a sizeable donation that was matched by the IBM Corporation. This put the trip within reach."

In addition to the Reyburns' support, the students did some fundraising on their own; local groups, such as the Macomb Country Club, hosted fundraisers; and up to 40 participants joined the JSO on their trip. Two of those participants, of course, were **Jerry and LaNae**.

See highlights from trip via the "Jazz blog" at wiu.edu/jazz/blog.

'Glitter Queen' donates more than 200 items to theatre costume collection

Charlene Callison, flashy, fashion legend at Western Illinois University, recently donated more than 200 items (including some 100 hats) to the theatre and dance department's costume shop.

"I would never have been able to part with these items," Callison said, "had I not known that the theatre department would take care of them, appreciate them, and use them."

The donated items all belonged to Callison, her husband, former WIU History Chair **Larry Balsamo**, and their daughter, **Angie Balsamo**, who has a MFA in theatre from Stony Brook University and works in New York City. The collection includes more than 100 hats for every occasion, from every corner of the world (Chicago, New York, Florence, Paris), designer clothes, men's suits, ladies gowns, purses and shoes.

"I had all these things at home, and thought perhaps they could be of use to the costume shop," said Callison. "Many are specific period pieces, and I know that often a few small items can really make a difference in a production."

"The Department of Theatre and Dance truly appreciates **Charlene Callison's** generosity of this donation of unique fashion items to our costume collection. We always have the need for a variety of costumes and accessories for our productions and concerts," said Department Chair, **David Patrick**. "This donation gives our students more flexibility for costume design. **Charlene and Larry's** support of the department over the years has been absolutely fantastic and our students and audiences have benefited immensely."



Charlene Callison with Cyndi Lohrmann '78 showing off hats donated to the theatre costume collection.

Cyndi Lohrmann '78, graduate assistant for the costume shop, assisted Callison in the inventory of the collection.

"Cyndi studied fashion design with me years ago and earned a degree in home economics in 1978. Now that she is back at Western pursuing an MFA in costume design, the timing to do this was perfect. With **Cyndi's** professional expertise and my background in fashion, going through my closets together was fun and sentimental."

Callison's generosity to WIU is as legendary as her fashion status. The Callison/Balsamo family has established three scholarships (**Charlene Callison Fashion Merchandising Scholarship**,

Marian Callison Non-Traditional Scholarship, and the **Larry Balsamo History Scholarship**); been steadfast supporters of the Performing Arts Society, Summer Music Theatre, Phi Kappa Phi, the colleges of Education and Human Services and Arts and Sciences; and champions of many special projects and causes over their many years of association with Western. Callison received the 2001 Honorary Alumni Award from the WIU Alumni Association. In the words of **Cathy Null '72 MA '91 MS '02**, assistant to the dean of Fine Arts and Communication, "Charlene equals generosity."

"I hope this contribution will inspire others to think outside the box," said Callison. "There are lots of things we can do to help students; giving money is only one. I urge all my friends and colleagues to start thinking creatively and to start giving of themselves and their belongings to help the many students who are struggling to get through school in this economic climate."



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On behalf of the entire Western Illinois University community, the WIU Foundation thanks all of the generous individuals who made contributions to the University this past fiscal year. The following report highlights financial information, programs and services, and contributions to the Western Illinois University Foundation covering the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

- Private support received through the WIU Foundation, including cash gifts, gifts-in-kind (GIK) pledges, and testamentary / deferred gift commitments totaled \$10,267,057.
- The average alumni contribution for all purposes was \$182.44.
- The WIU Foundation processed 24,142 gifts from 12,229 alumni, friends, parents, faculty and staff members, corporations and business, foundations, and other organizations.
- WIU Foundation expenditures in support of the University for all purposes totaled \$5,163,949.
- Contributions to the endowment added \$1,204,357 to the WIU Foundation's permanent asset base.

Dear Friends of Western:



As I begin my tenure as president of the WIU Foundation Board, I would like to take the time to sincerely express my gratitude for your ongoing generosity. Even in difficult financial times, your loyalty to WIU has remained steadfast and resulted in another successful year of fundraising for the WIU Foundation.

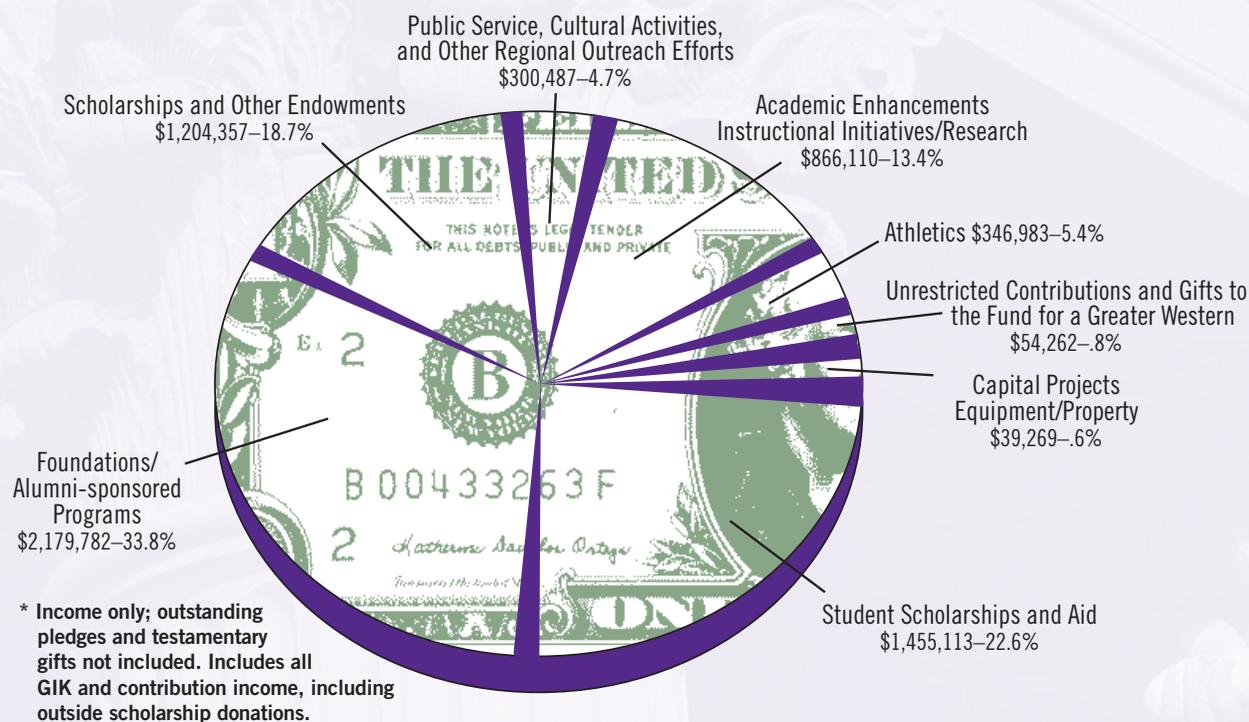
I recognize that there are many causes worthy of your support, and it means a great deal that you continue to identify WIU as an important philanthropic priority. Your assistance helps the Foundation to keep a Western education affordable and accessible to deserving students through scholarships, grants, short-term loans and book awards. Private support strengthens the learning environment through teaching enhancements and faculty assistance. The latest technologies and information systems are supplemented by gifts from individuals and corporations. Many of you contribute to facility improvements and new construction. In short, our campus thrives because of you.

Private support has never been more important, when considering the current budget crisis in the state of Illinois and its affects on support of higher education. Your support makes a real difference, every day, on both the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses. On behalf of our students and their families, our faculty and staff, I thank you again for your investment in the future of our graduates.

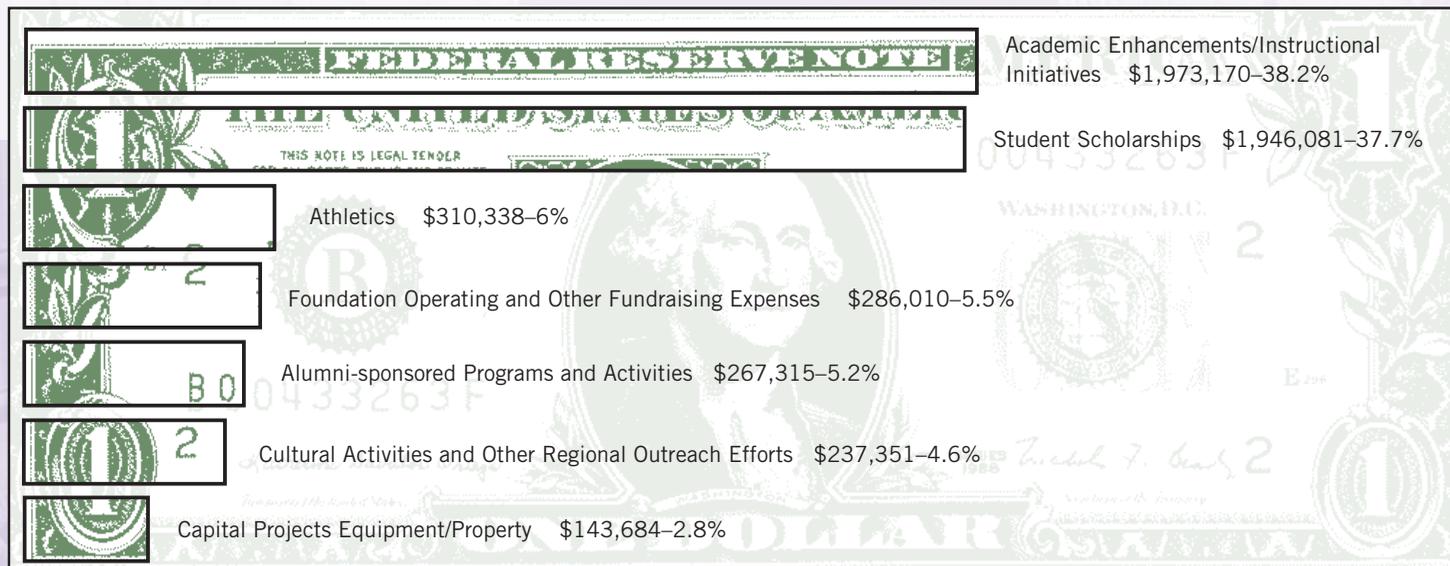
Sincerely,

Todd Lester '90
President, WIU Foundation Board

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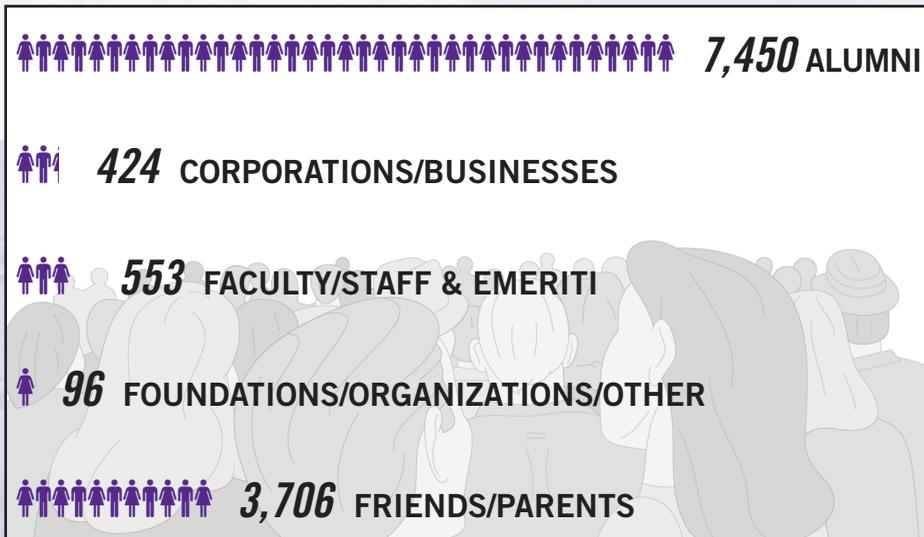
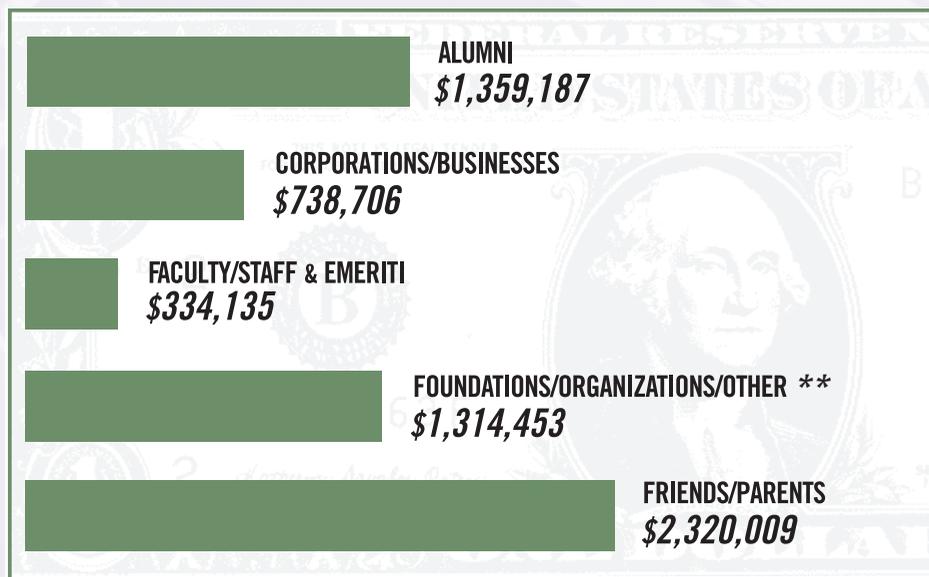
Major Gift Highlights

- **\$1 million** planned gift from longtime supporters and former Foundation Board president **Arlie '53 MS-ED '59** and **Arlene Seymour** for the Seymour Teacher Education Endowment.
- **\$437,237** from the estate of Dorothy Ufkes for scholarship support.
- **\$226,000** from the Moline Foundation for the WIU-Quad Cities campus.
- **\$200,000** planned gift from art graduate **Rich Guerine '72** for art scholarships.
- **\$125,000** from the estate of Rex Collins for jazz scholarships.
- **\$100,000** commitment from **John '78** and **Sarah Garvey** to support initiatives for the hiring and retention of faculty in the accountancy department.
- **\$97,931** from the estate of **M. Luan Crawford '56** for scholarships to support graduates of Bushnell-Prairie City High School enrolled in teacher education.
- **\$88,560** (equivalent of six months rent) from the Caxton on Bass Street Group, LLC, to house the engineering program at the Caxton Building in Moline.
- **\$75,000** pledge from Modern Woodmen of America for electronic classrooms in the Quad Cities.
- **\$75,000** pledge from the Hunt and Diane Harris Family Foundation for the WIU-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus.
- **\$71,000** from the Riverboat Development Authority for electronic classrooms and voice-over-internet-protocol for the Quad Cities campus.
- Research and medical equipment valued at **\$52,972** from Med-Associates for the psychology department's substance abuse program.
- **\$50,000** gift to the biology department from **Olga "Kay" Kennedy '46**.
- **\$50,000** classroom software and custom projection unit from JIM Concepts, Inc.
- **\$40,000** English scholarship established by **John '70** and **Barbara '71 Blackburn**.

Total Dollars Contributed by Category—FY10*

* Income only; outstanding pledges not included. Includes \$205,606 of GIK income.

** Includes \$991,285 in outside scholarship donations for student support.



Number of Contributions by Category—FY10*

* Does not include 448 employees who are included in the alumni count, or 337 parents included in the alumni count.



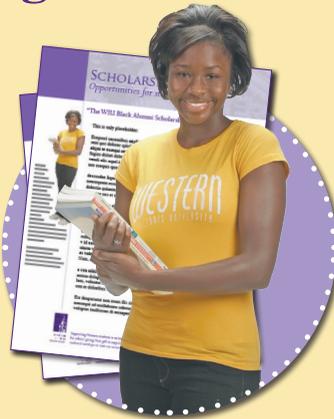
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Students lending a face to the Annual Fund

Whether we give back because we truly believe in Western's mission and core values, because we realize that alumni giving inspires additional gifts from corporations and foundations, or simply because we are thankful for what Western has provided us, our reasons to contribute to the Annual Fund are really as diverse as we are.

One thing that remains the same is that the Annual Fund has always supported students. This year, current Western students are also giving back with their participation in Annual Fund outreach through both direct mail and the Annual Phonathon.

"Our students' involvement in this year's Annual Fund efforts lends a human face and voice to what a special place Western is and will continue to be," said **Tim Hallinan '95**, director of Annual Giving. "Student



involvement in keeping our alumni connected to Western, as well as raising much-needed funds for scholarship assistance, speaks to their personal embrace of Western's core values."

As academic departments and programs across both Macomb and Quad Cities campuses begin their outreach efforts this fall, many alumni can expect to hear directly from scholarship recipients who benefit most from their support.

"Speaking with alumni who had a great experience at Western and also give back to ensure I have the same experience is humbling," said **Kelsey Reed** (Quincy, IL), a senior communication major. "I'm proud to represent Western and the communication department this year, and look forward to paying it forward by contributing to the Annual Fund as an alumna."

WIU-QC, Riverfront Campus benefit from generosity, momentum of giving in 2009-2010

The continued growth of WIU-Quad Cities is a result of strong collaboration between our public University and numerous individuals, businesses, and government agencies. Businesses and agencies offering support to WIU-QC during Fiscal Year 2010, both for current students and projects as well as development of the Riverfront Campus, include the following:

- AGW Consulting
- Caxton on Bass Street Group, LLC
- Doris & Victor Day Foundation
- Group O, Inc.
- Hunt & Diane Harris Family Foundation
- JTM Concepts, Inc.
- Mid America National Bank
- Midland Information Resources
- Missman Stanley Associates
- The Moline Foundation
- Modern Woodmen of America
- Rafferty Funeral Home
- RIA Federal Credit Union
- Riverboat Development Authority
- Rock Island Community Foundation
- Rock Island County Board of Supervisors
- Royal Neighbors of America
- RSM McGladrey
- Ruhl & Ruhl Commercial Company
- Scott County Regional Authority
- Shive-Hattery, Inc.
- US Bank

Together, these businesses and agencies contributed more than \$750,000 for purposes ranging from student scholarships to voice-over-internet-protocol to academic program support and assistance for development of the Riverfront Campus. WIU-Quad Cities continues to build on the funding momentum led in Fiscal Year 2009 by the most generous gift of \$1 million by the John Deere and Moline Foundations.

In addition, many individuals made personal gifts to support WIU-Quad Cities.

"We are grateful to all the private and public sector partners who have played a role in the success of the shared goal of the Quad Cities Riverfront Campus," said President **Al Goldfarb**.

"The number and diversity of all the private and public investors in WIU-Quad Cities and those who have helped with the progress of the Riverfront Campus reinforces the entire community's commitment to the betterment of both the regional economy and educational landscape of the entire Quad Cities region."

"Every gift strengthens our community and makes an immediate impact on our campus," said **Joe Rives**, vice president of Quad Cities, planning and technology.

Granddaughter of Vishnu Springs owners, donor, recalls life on 'the farm'



Olga "Kay" Kennedy '46

Olga "Kay" Kennedy '46 may have lived in Chicago, the San Francisco Bay Area, and Kansas, but west-central Illinois is truly her home.

Known in the WIU community for her association with the property known as Vishnu Springs, Kennedy has a vibrant history of her own in this place she calls home.

During her junior high and high school years, Kennedy lived with her grandparents, Ira and

Reatha Post, on Carroll Street in Macomb.

"My grandparents moved from the farm into the Carroll Street house in 1912 and lived there the rest of their lives," she said. "They kept their homestead and farmland that had been purchased early in their married lives. Then, when I was growing up, they purchased other adjoining parcels of farmland, additional timber, the Vishnu Springs property, plus another farm near Tennessee (IL).

Kennedy, who now lives in Kansas, inherited the land from her grandfather, as he knew she shared his fondness for it, and donated the 140 acres just north of Tennessee (IL), including the Vishnu Springs property, to WIU in 2003. It is now called the Ira and Reatha T. Post Wildlife Sanctuary.

"I thought Western could use the property, much as the Alice Kibbe Life Science Research Station and the Frank J. Horn Field Campus have been used for educational purposes," said Kennedy. "My grandparents instilled in me their passion and enthusiasm for preserving the natural habitat for wildlife and their interest in protecting this sanctuary for future generations. The terms and conditions of the land gift honor my grandparents' wishes.

"We spent considerable time at Vishnu from the time

my grandparents purchased and improved the hotel building so it was livable," she continued. "The ground floor had the large fireplace, and our family's rooms were on the floor just above. We had a kitchen, bedroom, and the large full room the width of the building."

Kennedy said that although they always lived in town, her grandfather tried to visit "the farm" every day, regardless of weather, until his death in 1951.

Kennedy entered Western Academy (high school) as a freshman the year it opened.

"It was a beautiful school," she said. "Everything was brand new and we had the best of everything."

She worked in the library through high school and graduated in 1942. She then attended Western Illinois State Teachers College, earning a degree in physical education with minors in business and biology, in 1946. All of her practice teaching took place at Western Academy. Following graduation, Kennedy taught school in Riverside (IL); began graduate work at the University of Wisconsin, later taught six years in Illinois schools; and then moved to California. After earning a master's degree at Stanford University, Kennedy continued to teach, until retiring in 1976. Kennedy says her family instilled in her a sense of philanthropy. Her aunt, **Betty Post Cutler '53**, left her estate to Western to help construct and support the College of Fine Arts and Communication Recital Hall. And, of course, the Posts taught Kennedy the belief in preservation. In addition to the gift of the Ira and Reatha T. Post Wildlife Sanctuary, and significant contributions to the biology department, Kennedy also plans to make donations of land and support to Western through her own estate.

"My grandfather had a love and a vision for maintaining this naturally beautiful piece of land," said Kennedy. "It is rewarding to know that others will have an opportunity to enjoy and benefit from this gift while ensuring that my grandparents' wishes will be honored."



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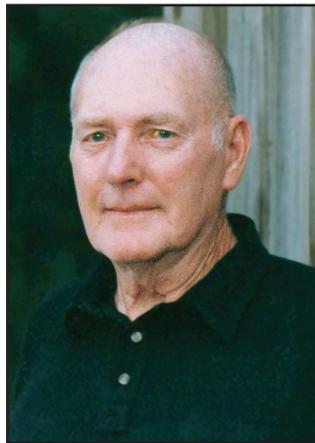
Rex Collins Jazz Scholarship

Retired piano faculty member establishes fund in honor of late husband

"There's probably no better example of democracy than a jazz ensemble..."

-Michelle Obama

The quote appears on the website of **Ann Collins '61 MA '68**, former piano faculty member (1968-1988) and department chair (1988-1997). Now in retirement, Collins continues to perform, write jazz piano texts, and offer clinics for piano teachers. Collins is also one of the original planners and integral organizers of Macomb's annual Al Sears Jazz Festival held each September. Collins also spends time and resources planning for the future of jazz students at Western Illinois University.



Rex Collins

Collins and her late husband, Rex, established the Ann Collins Jazz Piano Scholarship at Western in 2003. The scholarship benefits music majors with jazz piano talent and has been funded through annual contributions as well as proceeds from sales of Ann's two CDs.

In 2009, the Collins family (Ann, Rex, and their children Terri, **Carol '87** and **Scott '93**) contributed \$125,000 to endow a scholarship in Rex's name to provide the jazz studies program with resources to recruit talented students to WIU.

"The scholarship was Rex's idea and a decision he reached shortly before he passed away," Ann said. "When

you know you are near the end of your life, you start thinking and evaluating your experiences. Rex was always supportive of my work at Western and so appreciative of the opportunities afforded us throughout my career. Not only did I earn two degrees from Western, but also, two of our three children and our son-in-law graduated from WIU, and two of our grandchildren are currently enrolled here."

"The scholarship is a fitting tribute to Rex and he felt satisfaction knowing that it will benefit students for many, many years to come," she continued. "We both hope our scholarships will provide an incentive for students to attend Western and pursue their dedication to jazz performance."

The Collins family's hope is that the Rex Collins Jazz Scholarship will help elevate the level of jazz ensemble performance at Western. The music faculty will have the flexibility to determine how and to whom to award the scholarships, and the students do not necessarily have to be music majors. Rather, the financial assistance and incentive will help the School of Music to recruit talented students to Western.

"On behalf of the entire jazz studies program at Western Illinois University, I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize, with deepest gratitude, how very honored we feel with this gift from the Collins family," said **John**

The WIU Foundation decided on an online Year in Review (wiu.edu/giving) as opposed to the annual Gift & Grant Honor Roll for fiscal year 2010. This decision was made by the Foundation Board and staff after thoughtful consideration of the best use of Foundation resources given the current budgetary restraints. We feel certain that you will agree the high costs associated with the printing and mailing of the entire Gift & Grant Honor Roll would be more appropriately directed to student assistance. We remain grateful to each of our donors and strive to be good stewards of your investment. Thanks for all you do for Western Illinois University.

Cooper, director of jazz studies. "It is a fitting tribute for a life spent in pursuit of fostering musical understanding in the growth of young artists. More specifically, the Rex and Ann Collins Jazz Scholarship helps to ensure that the tradition of excellence in jazz education that Western Illinois University has come to be known for, will continue long into the future and forever memorialize the many wonderful contributions that Rex and Ann made together, and Ann continues to make, for the betterment of our community. Thank you to the entire Collins family. We eagerly look forward to awarding this scholarship."

"Jazz is an important part of America's musical heritage," said Ann. "I feel privileged to have a small part in helping to preserve and promote artistic jazz performance at Western Illinois University for generations to come."

Crawford leaves gift for students to follow in her footsteps

Western Illinois University recently received a generous gift from the estate of **M. Luan Crawford '56** to establish a scholarship in her name to benefit graduates of Bushnell-Prairie City (IL) High School who major in teacher education.

Luan (Boden) Crawford began her studies at Western Illinois State Teachers College in 1943 after graduation from Good Hope (IL) High School. During World War II, the country experienced a shortage of teachers. Crawford was given a teaching certificate and began her professional career. After teaching one year at Center School in Good Hope and one year in Sperry (IL), she took a teaching position in Bushnell, where she taught elementary school, mostly fourth grade, from 1949 until her retirement in 1982.

Crawford was outgoing and lived life with enjoyment, according to her longtime friend Lona Peterson of Littleton (CO).

"All the years Luan taught school, she was very tough and never had trouble with her students," Peterson said. "She was well-liked everywhere, loved to talk, and made an impression on people wherever she went.

Crawford did all things "in a big way," according to Peterson. She loved holidays and covered her house in decorations for each one. Her college sorority, Delta Kappa Gamma, was a source of pleasure for her. She loved going to sorority meetings and parties, especially the year-end "secret pal" tradition. She may have been as well known at College City Bowl—she regularly bowled for many

years—as she was in school during all the years she taught.

Students remember her warmly, noting that although she was tough, she was a fair and very good teacher.

"In school, I was always a little afraid of her," noted former student Tim Lovejoy, who later farmed land owned by Crawford. "I remember her as a demanding but kind teacher. As her tenant on the farm, she was fair and did not interfere."

Peterson added that Luan liked the idea of a scholarship in her name, helping students from the district where she taught for so many years to become teachers themselves. She knew the importance of obtaining an education, and viewed the scholarship as a way for her life's work to be carried on.

Good Hope resident **Jim Torrance '66** knew Crawford for many years and currently lives on the Boden family farm.

"Our families knew each other for years, and I was tickled to find that Luan had written her name on a



M. Luan Crawford '56

bedroom wall under a light switch in the house where my family now lives," said Torrance. "Luan was a lovely lady, committed to the school system, who thought a lot of her students."

Peterson said that Luan was much more concerned with the future than the past, and when she made provisions in her will for the scholarship, declared, "I wish I could be there to see it!"

Crawford passed away on Aug. 16, 2009.

"We are humbled by Luan's generous gift, which came as a surprise to us,"

said **Brad Bainter '79 MS '83**, WIU vice president for Advancement and Public Services. "Her forward thinking and planning means that there will always be financial assistance available for Bushnell students wishing to become teachers. Luan Crawford has left a legacy that will survive into perpetuity, benefitting the district where she spent her career and the profession to which she dedicated her life. Western is grateful for her generous gift."

Arts and Sciences

Creating a kingdom of animal lovers

Alumnus builds legacy at Florida teaching zoo

By Alison McGaughey

Graduates of the zoo program at a certain community college in Florida—many of whom now work for famous places like Disney's Animal Kingdom—are certain to be prepared for the unexpected, thanks to stories from their former teacher, **Jack Brown '69 MS '73**. Like stories about being stuck in a small place with a large bird.

When asked to describe his teaching style, Brown laughs and says "Enthusiastic."

"I teach with lots of energy, lots of interaction, and I like to supplement what I'm talking about with lots of stories," said Brown. "I tell them about how all kinds of things happen, using multiple examples of things you should do or not do, to help bring home the point. For example, to make a point about the aggressiveness of a vulture, I might tell the story of one of our students being trapped in a cage by a giant condor."

Brown, who retired as director of the zoo program at Santa Fe College in Gainesville (FL) in June after more than 30 years of service, can be credited with enthusiastically preparing students for work in zoos across the country—160 zoos in 42 states—and leading Sea World and Disney to recruit and hire his graduates.

"Over the years, we've placed students all across the country," he said. "If you can name a zoo, I've had a student there."

His leadership helped make the teaching zoo one of the premier programs of its kind in the country, the only teaching zoo accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

"I wanted to have a dynamic program and make sure we were changing along with the way the field was changing," he said. "So we very purposefully made connections with the folks who were hiring our students, learning the techniques Disney and Sea World were using in their animal husbandry and training, to get the pulse of what was happening in the field."

'Man and Animal'

Brown, who grew up in Geneseo (IL), says he loved science—especially paleontology—from the time he was a kid, and he first became interested in studying science at Western after winning his school's science fair and moving onto the regional level event, which was hosted at WIU. As an undergraduate, Brown majored in earth science—and also happened to meet his future wife, **Barbara Shell Brown '69**, on the first Friday of their freshman year. After a brief detour into psychology, Brown switched his major to earth science with a minor in zoology, an academic focus he describes as having been "great fun." He credits former geology and geography professor **John Juskevics** for helping guide him toward a career that was tailored to his interests and goals.

"He knew me inside, outside, backwards, and forwards," Brown said. "Going to school in the 60s in a small town like Macomb was the absolute best in the world because of its more intimate nature. And when we were there, Western was in the middle of a big growth spurt. It was a pretty darn exciting time to be there. I wouldn't trade my time at Western for anything."

After receiving his bachelor's degree, Brown went to work as a junior high science teacher in Oak Park (IL)—a job he acknowledges many people joke was good

preparation for working in a zoo.

"When I would tell people I had great fun teaching seventh and eighth grade science, they looked at me like I was completely nuts," he said. "The kids were such interesting little creatures."

But it was also at this time, because of where Jack and Barbara were living, that Brown would frequently visit Brookfield Zoo. One day, he came across a book in the library, "Man and Animal in the Zoo" by noted zoo biologist Heini Hediger, and "something hit," he said.

"I was a zoo minor, and I loved animals and everything about them. That book just struck a chord with me," he said.

So Brown returned to WIU, where he received a master's degree in zoology, before returning to teaching

for one more year.

"I wanted to get into the zoo field in some way, but there weren't any jobs just leaping out," he said. "One day I got a letter back from Santa Fe College. My joke about it now is that when I heard the name, I said, 'But I don't want to go to New Mexico, I want to go to Florida.' But this program at Santa Fe College in Florida was all about teaching people to be zookeepers. The letter said they needed someone who had a master's degree and had taught. Well, ta-da, there it was."



Zoo students throw a birthday celebration for Brown in 2006.



Jack Brown '69 MS '73 and his students examining rhea eggs in 1970.

Making Trails

Even in retirement, Brown will continue pursuing his scientific passions, returning to his childhood love of paleontology by volunteering for the Florida Museum of Natural History.

"Basically I just want to help them out," he said. "It sounds exciting when there's a big finding, but a big part of the job is that researchers have to label, clean and put everything together, and it's very labor intensive," he explained. "I love fossils, so it's a great plan for me."

The labor-intensive part should be no problem. When Brown came to Santa Fe in the late 70s, one of his first projects was to lay out trails on the 10-acre wooded lot, where the animal enclosures would eventually be added.

When Brown arrived in Gainesville, the zoo program—despite being the only one of its kind in the country—was small, with approximately 25 students, most of whom were from the immediate area. But after several students graduated and began working at zoos in different areas, news of Brown's program began to spread by word of mouth, drawing more and more out-of-state students.

By fostering connections at zoos across the country, including with the Brookfield Zoo, Brown and the curator at Santa Fe began to become involved with species survival plans, or SSPs. Through these programs, rare animals such as the tree kangaroo, which is native to Papua New Guinea, are bred in captivity in the teaching zoo. At the same time, the program reaches out to people of the animal's homeland to teach conservation, Brown explained.

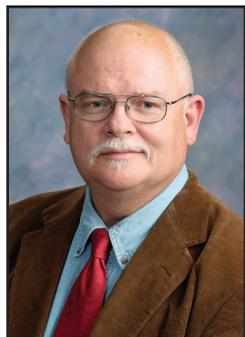
Today, the zoo is open seven days a week, with the program's students providing tours to the thousands of visitors every year. Santa Fe College has named a classroom after Brown, and, upon his retirement, the college has launched a fundraising campaign for a new gibbon enclosure.

"It's a fantastic environment," he said. "I got to work outdoors, in Florida, in a forest. I'm one of the luckiest guys in the world."

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Arts and Sciences

Knight named Hallwas Lecturer



Bill Knight '71

Bill Knight '71, journalism professor, was named the 2010 John Hallwas Liberal Arts Lecturer in the College of Arts and Sciences.

He presented the Eighth Annual Hallwas Lecture, "I Read the News Today, Oh, Boy: Journalism and the Liberal Arts," Sept. 7 in Macomb and Sept. 8 at WIU-Quad Cities.

In addition to teaching at Western since 1991, Knight has been an active newspaper columnist, radio commentator and author. The author of the 2003 "Video Almanac" and "Fair Comment: Essays on the Air," Knight is a featured weekly commentator on Western's Tri States Public Radio.

A graduate of WIU and the University Illinois-Springfield (1982), Knight was recently named one of a "Golden Dozen" by the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors (ISWNE) at its annual conference for his opinion piece on moving Guantanamo Bay detainees to Illinois. His writing has also won awards from the Illinois Associated Press (Best Commentary), the Illinois Press Association (Business Reporting), the International Labor Communications Association (Best Column) and the Suburban Newspapers Association of America (Best Sports Writing).

Parasitologists gather at WIU

The Western Illinois University Department of Biological Sciences last summer hosted biologists from throughout the Midwest discussing their research on parasites such as amoebas, worms, ticks, fleas and more as part of the 62nd Annual Midwestern Conference of Parasitologists (AMCOP 62) from June 3-5 in the University Union.

Shawn Meagher, associate professor and program officer for the meeting, explained that research in parasitology is important because parasites affect more than three-fourths of all people, as well as crops, livestock and pets.

AMCOP is a regional affiliate of the American Association of Parasitologists, a national organization of parasitologists with more than 15,000 members. The AMCOP Symposium topic was "Can Parasitic Worms Treat Autoimmune Disorders?"

"Autoimmune disorders are much more common in developed countries than in developing countries," explained Meagher. "The 'hygiene hypothesis' suggests that this is because parasitic infections are rare in developed countries like the U.S., and as a result our immune systems attack our bodies instead."

AMCOP was last hosted at WIU in 1982 by **Paul Nollen**, now-retired professor of biological sciences, as the program officer.

Morgan named interim associate dean



Russ Morgan

Russ Morgan, WIU psychology professor, has been named College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) interim associate dean for curriculum and student affairs.

His appointment was effective July 15, according to CAS Dean, **Sue Martinelli-Fernandez**.

Morgan joined Western's psychology department in 1997 as an assistant professor. During his tenure he has taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate level psychology classes and has served as the coordinator of WIU's experimental psychology graduate program. He is a member of the International Behavioral Neuroscience Society, Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA), Neurobehavioral Teratology Society (NBTS) and Society for Neuroscience (SfN).

"Dr. Morgan brings a variety of experience to this position that will serve this college well," Martinelli-Fernandez said. "I am pleased to have Russ join the dean's office administrative team."

Morgan received his doctorate and his master's degrees from Kent State University, and his bachelor's degree from Miami University of Ohio.

The associate dean for curriculum and student affairs administers all aspects of graduate and undergraduate student studies and secondary teacher education issues within the college; manages the CAS undergraduate and graduate curriculum; serves as the primary liaison with faculty governance bodies within the college; coordinates CAS academic advising; and manages assessment of student learning.

Psychology graduate to serve as student trustee

Christopher Bronson '10, a graduate student from Arlington Heights (IL), was elected by the student body to serve as the student member of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees.

Bronson graduated from Buffalo Grove (IL) High School in 2006 and received a bachelor's degree in psychology from WIU in May. He will serve as the student trustee while completing coursework on a master's degree in kinesiology on the WIU-Macomb campus. He will serve on the board through June 30, 2011.

While an undergraduate student, Bronson minored in law enforcement and justice administration and completed more than 30 semester hours of pre-medical education. He plans to pursue medical school after his graduate work at WIU is complete. His long-term career goal is to practice family medicine in rural Illinois.

During his junior year, Bronson was elected by the student body to serve as senator-at-large to the WIU Student Government Association (SGA). At the end of his term, he was elected by his peers in SGA to serve as the speaker of the senate for his senior year. As speaker of the



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senate, he chaired all SGA General Assembly meetings, managed five Senate Standing Committees and set the legislative agenda on University policy recommendations for academic year 2009-2010. Also during his undergraduate years, Bronson served as vice president of the WIU College Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), was a member of the Student Honors Association and the Psi Chi International Honors Society in Psychology, and a First Year Experience (FYE) Peer Mentor and tutor for freshman introductory biology students.

As a member of the WIU Board of Trustees, Bronson is dedicated to representing the student body and uniting the student voice. He plans to increase awareness among students and work to build better partnerships with the administration, city and community.

"During my tenure as a trustee, it is my plan to lay the groundwork for a better relationship between the student body and various entities within the University and city administration," he said. "I am wholly dedicated to my task and look forward to giving back to the University that has given me so much."



Intercollegiate Athletics

McDonough named assistant athletics director

Sean McDonough has been named Western Illinois University assistant athletics director in charge of external relations and the Leatherneck Club. The announcement was made July 22 by **Tim Van Alstine**, director of Athletics.

McDonough, replacing **Dwaine Roche '94**, longtime Leatherneck Athletics administrator who retired June 30th, began his duties in August.

For the past four years, McDonough worked at The Steier Group in Omaha (NE) as a senior campaign manager. During his time as a consultant on four major capital campaigns, he raised more than \$60 million. McDonough was responsible for creating and executing development strategies, donor cultivation, marketing strategies, leadership and volunteer management, and tailoring a development plan for each client.

He founded the academy1 Basketball School in Omaha and served as executive director for two years. McDonough managed a staff of 50 members for camps and clinics while using an interactive website, e-mail marketing campaign and strategic direct mail campaign to turn a profit within the organization's first year. For two years prior he worked as an account representative for Impact Sports in Madison (WI).

McDonough started his career working in collegiate athletics, spending 12 years as a basketball coach,



Sean McDonough

including three seasons as head coach at Carroll University (formerly Carroll College), and two years as a member of the Marquette University basketball team. After several years outside of the university setting, McDonough had the desire to return.

"I wanted to get back into collegiate athletics while continuing in a fundraising capacity," he said. "During my years in the Midwest, I've come to know and respect what Western Illinois University represents and the work that Dr. Tim Van Alstine has done. Dwaine Roche spent many great years representing the Leathernecks in the community, and worked hard raising funds to benefit our student-athletes.

"My goal is to continue building the Leatherneck Club, and I want our organization to reach 1,000 members," he continued. "I will aggressively reach out to connect with all former student-athletes while introducing myself to the Macomb community. I'm excited about the future of Leatherneck Athletics and the challenges that lie ahead in the University comprehensive fundraising campaign."

"Sean brings to Western a NCAA Division I background as both a student-athlete and coach," said Van Alstine. "He has a proven record of success in the development arena and his fundraising skill set is well suited to our needs. He and his family are 'fired up' to transition to Macomb and the Leatherneck Family."

Lazowski named Leatherneck volleyball assistant coach

Western Illinois Head Volleyball Coach **Kym McKay MS '08** announced that **Eric Lazowski** will join the Leatherneck volleyball staff as assistant coach and recruiting coordinator.

"Eric separated from the other candidates in the pool because of his coaching experience within the Iowa and Quad Cities areas," McKay said. "He has past and current ties to various clubs and coaches in this region and this will become valuable as he takes on the responsibilities as the program's recruiting coordinator."

Lazowski has coaching experience at the junior, Division I, II and III levels in addition to serving as a USA Volleyball National Pipeline coaching staff member. He comes to Macomb from Texas, where he served as the Austin Juniors Volleyball head coach and recruiting coordinator last season and was the assistant coach at Texas A&M Corpus Christi from 2006-2009. Lazowski has also held assistant positions at UTEP, Florida Gulf Coast and Barry University.

"Eric has a solid presence in the gym and strong experiences as an on-court trainer. He will have an immediate positive impact on the development of each player," McKay said. "Eric connected well with the players and staff members he met with during his interview. It is a great fit from all angles and perspectives and I am excited for the program to benefit from his experience and skills."

Lazowski earned a bachelor's of science degree in kinesiology with an emphasis in sport management from Texas A&M Corpus Christi in 2010. He replaces former Western Illinois assistant coach **Melissa David**, who resigned last month for another coaching opportunity.



Eric Lazowski

Beauchem named track and field head coach

Western Illinois University Director of Athletics **Tim Van Alstine** announced the hiring of **David Beauchem** as the head cross country / track and field coach. Beauchem will oversee the Leatherneck men's and women's programs.

Beauchem joins the Leathernecks after serving the last 16 years as the head cross country / track and field coach at Bradley University. During his tenure, Beauchem coached 35 All-Missouri Valley Conference performers (12 in cross country), three NCAA Championship qualifiers and 10 individuals who won conference track and field titles. Mary Ellen Hill, one of the three NCAA Championship qualifiers Beauchem coached, advanced to the national meet on six occasions.

The 1998 MVC Cross Country 'Coach of the Year', Beauchem coached the Bradley women to the conference championship that season. He oversaw Bradley playing host to three NCAA Midwest Cross Country Regional meets.

Beauchem's teams have also excelled in the classroom. In 2003 and 2005 the women's cross country team was recognized for the nation's best grade point average among NCAA Division I programs. He has coached



David Beauchem

six Academic All-Americans and national scholar-athletes.

"I am honored and privileged to follow the coaching footsteps of **Jim Sackett**, **Lee Calhoun ED SP '85**, **Dave Miller '67** and **Mike Stevenson '87 MS '91** in leading the Western Illinois University cross country / track and field program. We have a great nucleus of returning student-athletes and a solid group of incoming freshmen. I am looking forward to having everyone back to campus and getting practice started this fall," said Beauchem. "My family is in the process of making our move to Macomb as well. We look forward to starting the school year here and becoming a part of Macomb community and the WIU family."

Beauchem recently completed a term with two NCAA Track and Field Committees and one with Cross Country. Since 2008 he represented the Missouri Valley Conference on the NCAA Division I Track and Field Committee, and Track and Field Rules Committee. Last year Beauchem served as chair on the NCAA Division I Cross Country Sub-Committee. From 2000-2006 he was treasurer for the United States Track & Field Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA) and spent three years as a





Intercollegiate Athletics

Leathernecks earn 2009-2010 AVCA Team Academic Award

The Western Illinois volleyball team became one of only 94 Division I women's teams to earn the 2009-2010 American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award.

"The players have established a focused culture for the team's academic expectations," said Western Illinois Head Volleyball Coach **Kym McKay MS '08**. "Incoming freshmen know before they arrive on campus for their first preseason that success and responsibility in the classroom are high priorities. The upperclassmen are great role models and ensure that the younger players get on the right path."

The Leathernecks are one of four Summit League teams to receive the award, which also included IPFW, North Dakota State and Oakland.

The AVCA Team Academic Award, which was first initiated during the 1992-1993 academic year, honors volleyball teams at the high school and collegiate levels who show success in the classroom. Nominees include high school or college teams that have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.30 (on a 4.00 scale) or 4.10 (on a 5.00 scale) during the full academic

year, and include all varsity athletes who competed in volleyball with the institution for any portion of the academic year.

Earning the award for the second consecutive season, Western Illinois has captured the team honor four times in the last five years. The Leatherneck volleyball program has experienced a 100 percent graduation rate in the last eight seasons under McKay.

Western's volleyball team led the entire department's academic efforts in the spring 2010 semester as it posted a 3.71 team GPA. The volleyball program had seven of 13 players earn a 4.0 spring GPA and had 12 of 13 players earn a 3.4 or better in the spring.

"The support that each student-athlete receives from all of the departments on campus is tremendous," McKay said. "**Lisa Melz MS '94** (director of Athletic Academic Services) and her staff put a lot of passion into each team and student-athlete. Last year's academic performance was beyond impressive. I have high expectations, but the spring went well above and beyond. A 3.71 team GPA—amazing—plain and simple, and worth every positive accolade it receives. The team has set a new standard."

Kane named Leathernecks' tennis coach

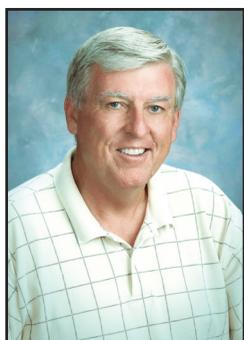
Western Illinois University Director of Athletics **Tim Van Alstine** announced the hiring of **Chris Kane** as the head tennis coach. Kane, who will oversee the Leatherneck men's and women's tennis program, replaces **Michael Hunt**, who resigned.

Kane joins the Leathernecks following a successful eight-year run as head tennis coach at Lake Forest College (LFC), where he became the men's program all-time winningest coach (97-65). Kane ended his tenure posting five consecutive winning seasons, including a 20-6 mark this spring that set a LFC record for most wins in a year. The men's team finished as runner-up in the Midwest Conference Team Championship in 2008 and 2010.

This past season Kane also served as associate head coach for the Lake Forest women's team and coached the number one and number five conference champions in singles play.

"I'm very excited to be named head coach for the Western Illinois University tennis program. I look forward to making Leatherneck tennis continually successful. I want to thank Tim Van Alstine for placing his confidence in me," said Kane. "My philosophy is to have success academically and athletically, and I know both can be accomplished. I've had eight good years at Lake Forest College, and am ready for a number of fine years at Western Illinois."

His tennis reputation encompasses more than a successful coaching career. A former top-ranked player in the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Midwest and New England sections, Kane has ranked among the Top 15 nationally in both the junior and senior divisions. He has captured 15 state and three U.S. tennis championships



Chris Kane

throughout his career.

A nationally known recruiter and talent evaluator, Kane served on a three-person USTA committee responsible for compiling year-end national rankings for all Boys 18- and 16-years-old in the U.S.

"We are extremely excited that Chris has accepted our offer to become the head men's and women's tennis coach at Western Illinois. We received interest from some outstanding applicants, but Chris's impressive credentials as a recruiter and coach, in addition to his work with the USTA, set him apart from everyone else," said Van Alstine. "Chris built

a reputation as a standout player both collegiately and with the USTA, and he has carried that over to a successful coaching resume. In addition to his record-setting tenure at Lake Forest, his teams are well known for their discipline on the court and success in the classrooms. We are looking forward to Chris building on the reputation that (former head coach) Michael Hunt started, and the future of Leatherneck tennis."

A native of California, Kane was a standout player at the University of Notre Dame, playing his final two years as the Fighting Irish's top-ranked singles and doubles player. He received his bachelor's degree in government and international relations at Notre Dame, then earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of San Diego.

Kane worked as an assistant professor of business law at Dominican University for eight years, and served as the women's tennis coach from 1981-1983. Since moving to the Chicago area in 1981, Kane founded his own law firm and worked as an attorney at law.



Football - 2010 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time (CST)
Homecoming 2010			
Sat, Sep 25	INDIANA STATE*	Macomb	3 p.m.
Sat, Oct 02	North Dakota State*	at Fargo, N.D.	1 p.m.
Sat, Oct 09	South Dakota State*	at Brookings, S.D.	6 p.m.
Family Weekend			
Sat, Oct 16	YOUNGSTOWN STATE*	Macomb	6 p.m.
Sat, Oct 23	Missouri State*	at Springfield, Mo.	1 p.m.
Sat, Oct 30	ILLINOIS STATE*	Macomb	2 p.m.
Sat, Nov 13	Southern Illinois*	at Carbondale, Ill.	1 p.m.
Sat, Nov 20	NORTHERN IOWA*	Macomb	1 p.m.

* Conference Games



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Volleyball - 2010 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time (CST)
Mon, Sep 20	Eastern Illinois	Macomb	7 p.m.
Fri, Sep 24	IUPUI*	Macomb	7 p.m.
Thu, Sep 30	Southern Utah*	at Cedar City, Utah	8 p.m.
Thu, Oct 02	UMKC*	at Kansas City, Mo.	7 p.m.
Fri, Oct 08	South Dakota State*	Macomb	7 p.m.
Sat, Oct 09	North Dakota State*	Macomb	7 p.m.
Mon, Oct 11	SIU-Edwardsville	at Edwardsville, Ill.	7 p.m.
Fri, Oct 15	UMKC*	Macomb	7 p.m.
Sat, Oct 16	Southern Utah*	Macomb	7 p.m.
Fri, Oct 22	North Dakota State*	at Fargo, N.D.	7 p.m.
Sat, Oct 23	South Dakota State*	at Brookings, S.D.	7 p.m.
Fri, Oct 29	Oral Roberts*	Macomb	7 p.m.
Sat, Oct 30	Centenary*	Macomb	7 p.m.
Mon, Nov 01	Chicago State	at Chicago, Ill.	7 p.m.
Fri, Nov 05	IPFW*	at Fort Wayne, Ind.	6 p.m.
Sat, Nov 06	Oakland*	at Rochester, Mich.	4 p.m.
Mon, Nov 08	Illinois-Chicago	Macomb	7 p.m.
Wed, Nov 10	SIU-Edwardsville	Macomb	7 p.m.
Sat, Nov 13	IUPUI*	at Indianapolis, Ind.	6 p.m.
Fri, Nov 19	Summit League	at Fargo, N.D.	TBA
Sat, Nov 20	Tournament*		

* Conference Games

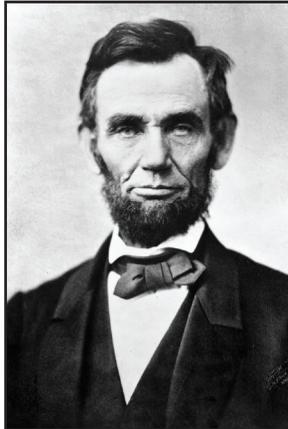
University Libraries

Lincoln exhibit coming to University Libraries

A museum-quality exhibit, "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War," is coming to the Leslie F. Malpass Library, Tuesday, Oct. 7 through Friday, Nov. 19. The exhibit, which will be displayed in the Garden Lounge, will offer a fresh perspective on Abraham Lincoln's presidency. It is organized by six themes, and explores how Lincoln used the Constitution to confront three intertwined crises of the Civil War—the secession of southern states, slavery, and wartime civil liberties.

Western Illinois University is the only institution in Illinois to present the exhibit. The exhibit begins with an introduction of Lincoln and his life before he became president, then on to President Lincoln's Oath of Office and how it was interpreted differently by his opponents. From there the exhibit examines the division between the north and south. The bound section confronts the issue of slavery, and the dissent portion exhibits the perils Lincoln faced during the Civil War. The exhibit concludes with the legacy section, which is dedicated to the Gettysburg Address. The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular library hours.

University Libraries will host the Lincoln Exhibit in



A museum-quality exhibit, "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War," will be on display at the Leslie F. Malpass Library from Oct. 7 through Nov. 19.



conjunction with Western's history department. **Timothy Roberts**, WIU assistant professor of history and project director for the exhibit, has scheduled multiple events in conjunction with the exhibit. For a complete list of events, visit wiu.edu/history/outreach.php#NEH or contact Roberts at TM-Roberts@wiu.edu. Middle and high school teachers interested in bringing a class to view the exhibit should also contact Roberts.

The exhibit is made possible through the "We the People" project supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and to the National Constitution Center. The "We the People" initiative is to encourage and strengthen the teaching, studying, and understanding of American history and culture. The public is welcome and encouraged to see the exhibition. For more information, contact **Tammy Sayles**, marketing and outreach librarian, at (309) 298-3298 or TJ-Sayles@wiu.edu.

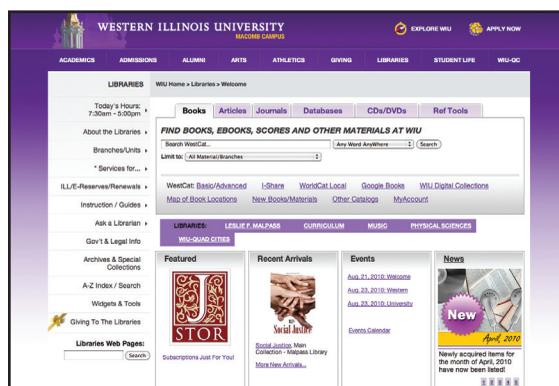
Libraries launches more user-friendly website

Western Illinois University Libraries has launched a newly designed homepage, one that aims to meet users' needs in an even more efficient way.

"As WIU Libraries is increasingly providing vast amounts of digital content, we worked to develop new mechanisms for accessing these information resources more effectively," said **Hunt Dunlap**, coordinator of information systems for WIU Libraries. "We are excited about the launch of our newly redesigned homepage."

Dunlap explained that the new website adopts a "tabbed-searching" approach to make books, e-books, full-text articles, DVDs and other digital collections accessible to users. The introduction of a "meta-menu" sidebar gives the page more screen "real estate" and enhances access to a variety of library services.

To create the redesign, WIU Libraries worked with the Library Technology Advisory Group (LTAG) as it surveyed WIU Libraries' online user community, created wish lists, evaluated usage statistics, reviewed the latest web trends among academic libraries and evaluated demos. The group accorded careful attention to university, state and



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international web publishing and accessibility standards (e.g., Section 508) that make the content easy to access and navigate, Dunlap explained.

"While this phase of the re-design is complete, we will continue to embrace new technologies and adjust the site to meet the changing needs of our users," Dunlap added.

To see these new enhancements, visit the website at wiu.edu/libraries.

Did You Know...



Most of the laws of Illinois from 1787 through 1869, including those written while Abraham Lincoln served in the Illinois House of Representatives, have been digitized by a variety of organizations. **Linda Zellmer**, government publications and data services librarian at WIU, has compiled links to the digitized volumes of the laws, which anyone can use. The collection can be found at wiu.edu/library/govpubs/illinois_laws/.

"By collecting these laws into one location, the early history of Illinois will be easier to research and more accessible to a wider audience," Zellmer said.

Although this is not a complete collection, it is hoped that additional volumes will be added over time, she stated. If you have volumes that are not included in the collection, contact Zellmer at LR-Zellmer@wiu.edu or (309) 298-2723.

Help library student workers through Graham Scholarship

The William H. and Eva Little Graham Scholarship fund provides a \$500 scholarship to two Western students who currently work for University Libraries. The scholarship recipients are selected in the fall by the Library Leadership Board, and the awards are given in the spring. The students must be employed with University Libraries for two semesters and are evaluated based on their quality of work in the library.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to our student workers," said **Stephanie Sellers '00**, development director for University Libraries.

Sellers has been working to increase the fund. If you are interested in making a monetary contribution to the William H. and Eva Little Graham Scholarship fund, contact Sellers at (309) 298-2356 or SS-Sellers@wiu.edu.

In addition, University Libraries welcomes gifts of materials, which can be directed to **Greg Phelps '93** at (309) 298-2730 or GW-Phelps@wiu.edu, and historical WIU artifacts and memorabilia donations, which can be directed to **Jeff Hancks** at (309) 298-2717 or JL-Hancks@wiu.edu.



Business and Technology



CBT sees reorganization, merged departments

As of the 2010-2011 academic year, the College of Business and Technology (CBT) is now smaller by two departments—but all academic programs have been retained, and no faculty or staff members were laid off, according to **Tom Erikson**, CBT dean.

The reorganization was the outcome of President **Al Goldfarb's** directive in Spring 2010 for all University divisions to reduce their budgets by 3.5 percent, a direct impact of the state of Illinois' budget crisis. The reorganization consisted of merging six departments housed in Stipes Hall into four, elimination of two department chair positions and three secretarial positions, and restructuring administrative roles within the college, creating a savings of \$350,000, according to Erikson.

"When looking at our budget situation, it was a question of how we could meet our cut without severely harming our 'brand,' which is highly quality, full-time faculty who teach relatively small classes, who do that well, and who can also continue their scholarly and service activities," Erikson said. "Frankly, we did not approach this as a temporary budget cut. We must look long-term, realizing that we will have to do more with less from the state."

As part of the administrative restructuring, **John Drea**, former chair of marketing and finance, was named CBT associate dean, effective Aug. 1. Two departments, information systems and decisions sciences, and marketing and finance, were eliminated. The former departments of accountancy, computer sciences, economics, information management and decision sciences (ISDS), management

and marketing and finance, were reorganized into the following structure: accountancy and finance department, **John Elfrink**, chair; computer science and information systems, **Kathleen Neumann '86 MS '88**, chair; economics and decision sciences, **Tej Kaul**, chair; and management and marketing, **Gordon Rands**, interim chair.

The other units in the College include: agriculture, (school of), **William Bailey**, director; engineering, (school of), **William Pratt**, director; and engineering technology, **C. Ray Diez**, chair.

Erikson noted that the reorganization did not affect faculty teaching loads or the small class sizes from which CBT students benefit.

"We worked hard to keep this an open and fair process, and everyone retained his or her job, salary and pay grade," Erikson noted.

Secretarial staff had the opportunity to transfer to other units, while faculty retirements and open positions were factors considered in the consolidation.

"We received more than 100 suggestions during the process, and in an effort toward transparency, these were placed on the College web page," said Erikson. "We found the reorganization plan to be the most equitable to the greatest number of employees, and it helped us remain true to our guiding principles."

Erikson noted that his research on other university's structures indicated that the way departments are now structured is not uncommon.

"The departments make academic sense," Erikson said. "It is our hope that this reorganization will make for some interesting synergies between the disciplines."

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'Calling' CBT Alumni!



Phonathon

You'll soon be receiving a call from a WIU student on behalf of the WIU Annual Fund. Feel free to ask your caller about campus events, professors and about his or her Western experiences. We're also interested in updating our alumni directory, so the student caller will be asking for your current information.

CBT Young Alumnus: Steve Orwig '95 MBA '97

What is your current title/position?

Business support manager, Global Finance and Strategic Support Division, Caterpillar Inc.

What positions have led up to your current role?

I hired into Caterpillar as a commercial account representative in Caterpillar Logistics, working on the New Holland farm machinery account. I progressed into increasing levels of commercial responsibilities and positions before transferring to Business Services as a 6 Sigma Black Belt. I ultimately became a Certified 6 Sigma Black Belt before assuming my current role.

What interested you in your field and how did you decide to pursue it?

I grew up on a farm with a love for agriculture. WIU's agricultural business program allowed me to combine my love for agriculture with a well-rounded business education. I chose to earn an accounting minor, because I enjoyed the subject matter and thought it would help to bolster my business education as well as my resumé. I was awarded a graduate assistantship upon graduation, which afforded me the opportunity to stay in school and earn an MBA with an emphasis in finance. I knew I wanted to get into the business world, and I felt an MBA would help to distinguish me from my competition in the job market.



Steve Orwig '95 MBA '97

What would you consider to be the highlights of your career up to this point?

I've been lucky enough to participate on two different teams that were chartered to negotiate and ultimately establish new Joint Venture companies for Caterpillar. In each instance it was a great learning opportunity to listen and contribute to the discussions regarding strategic fit, valuation, negotiation strategy, etc. with senior leaders at Caterpillar. The negotiation process in both cases was very challenging and became very rewarding when we were able to reach a deal.

Tell us about your responsibilities and some challenges in your position.

I support the Connected Worksite Products and Services team in Caterpillar. My team is responsible for Connected Worksite's monthly closing and financial analysis, coordination of the annual business plan, providing financial analysis and support to new product introduction initiatives, expediting orders and resolving order grief, and various other responsibilities that fall into the category of business support functions. In respect to challenges, there is always more than enough work to do and therefore balancing the workload for your team and yourself, while still delivering on commitments and attempting to exceed expectations, can be difficult at times.

To what do you attribute your success as a young professional?

I've had several good managers at Caterpillar who have taken the time to provide encouragement when I needed it as well as point out areas of development, both of which have contributed to my growth. Also, I've always tried to work hard to earn and maintain the trust and respect of my team and my senior management. Trust and respect are essential to establishing the working relationships necessary for success.

What advice would you give to students graduating from Western in the near future?

WIU offers numerous opportunities to get involved with campus activities and associations. Take advantage of these opportunities as a way to learn new things and to differentiate yourself and your resumé from the competition. Keeping this same mindset after you land your first job will prove beneficial as you begin seeking career advancement.

How did your time at Western prepare you for where you are today?

The educational experience and life lessons learned while at WIU taught me that if I work hard and maintain perspective, then I can compete with anyone and persevere through life's challenges.

Looking into the ‘futures’: Vogel advises ‘keeping an even keel’

By Alison McGaughey

While recent financial times have been dramatic and analysts continue to assess whether the economy is recessing or gaining ground, one thing remains true about the recession: it has happened before, and likely will happen again.

When asked how he might advise young business graduates, **David Vogel '70 MA '71**—who retired in 2007 as a managing director for Citi Group, where he managed \$14 billion for clients—his insider's advice might seem surprisingly simple.

“As new and different as things seem to be, underlying fundamentals don't really change,” he said. “In normal business cycles, when everything looks like it's wonderful and good times are never going to end, it's usually a sign that things are about to turn the other way. When everything looks so dark and dismal that you think you will never see an ‘up market’ again, that's usually a good time to buy. Don't get too euphoric, and don't get too pessimistic. Try to keep an even keel.”

Speaking from his home in New York, Vogel, a renowned expert in the financial futures industry, looked back on his career and detailed some of the factors that led to his success.

A native of Peoria (IL), Vogel came to WIU in 1968 on the G.I. Bill after having served in the Marine Corps, and he knew he wanted study economics.

“I had always been interested in the economy and macroeconomics,” he said. “I liked to follow the markets. Even in high school, I was fascinated by Wall Street.”

While at WIU, Vogel was most influenced by the late economics professor emeritus **Karl Marx**, and now-retired economics professors **Michael Pledge** and **James Yunker**. After continuing at Western and earning his master's degree in economics—and being named the college's Most Outstanding Student—Vogel went to work as a government bonds salesman at the former Continental Illinois Bank in Chicago, which was the second largest bank in Illinois at the time. He would go on to senior management positions at companies such as Thomson McKinnon Securities Inc. and Smith Barney, in addition to serving as an industry governor of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and a director of the Comex Exchange in New York. He has served on the College of Business and Technology Advisory Board and received the CBT Distinguished Alumni Award.

Though Vogel would become an expert on the futures industry—he co-authored the book “Inside The Financial Futures Markets” in 1979—the industry didn't exist when he started out.

“There was always the commodities market—corn, beans, hogs—but the financial futures market came about in the late '70s,” Vogel explained. “It slowly evolved. I started to learn the business and get interested in it through trading currency futures at the Merc.”

It was during the late '80s—another time of financial worry—that Vogel, according to futuresindustry.org, “came to the forefront of the industry during the difficult

years after the 1987 stock market crash.”

At that time, Vogel was a senior manager at Thomson McKinnon Securities Inc., a mid-sized brokerage firm, where he was in charge of capital markets, with about 400 traders of stocks or bonds. At the same time, he was chairman of the Futures Industry Association, a non-profit organization that promoted the futures business through lobbying and education.

“During the crash of '87, there were a lot of questions about futures, like ‘Were they responsible for the crash, or were they part of the solution in getting things back on track?’ I helped convince people we were part of the solution, not the problem.”

According to the web site futuresindustry.org, under his leadership on reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, “the FIA beat back a number of misguided legislative and regulatory proposals and succeeded in working out compromise positions that improved customer protection standards without adding a significant new burden on the industry.”

Vogel said the futures industry offered investors, market makers, and speculators and institutions a place to hedge themselves from risk.

“Prior to that it was difficult to hedge yourself,” he said. “We were able to show people it wasn't just a big gambling type scenario, and that instead it had a lot of purpose. And then it really took off, becoming a huge market worldwide.”

Vogel says this lesson from the 1987 crash is still relevant today.

“With all the crises we went through recently, there was never any problem in the futures market. It had tremendous transparency and liquidity. Unlike derivatives, futures were priced properly, market-to-market; there were never any credit issues with it.”

He also sees a similarity between today's market and the “dot-com bust” of the 1990s.

“I remember saying, ‘We have to get back to proper valuations. This is all hype.’ The same thing happened in the mortgage market, with giving mortgages to people who could not afford them. It just doesn't work. We have to get back to basics. Learn the fundamentals, learn the history of the market. The economics don't change.”

In fact, sticking to fundamentals is something Vogel says contributed to his success.

“I used to say, if the clients make money, the firm makes money, then we do. Put the clients and their welfare first; if you do that, then you'll be successful. I think a lot of younger people get it backwards nowadays.”

“Also, I wasn't always the smartest guy in the room, but I worked the hardest,” he continued. “There's a great book by Zel Miller, [former governor of Georgia and U.S. Senator], called ‘Corps Values: Everything You Need to Know I Learned in the Marines.’ I think a lot of my success came from those same core values he describes in his book: being faithful, honesty, honor, punctuality, hard work, respect for others. Things from that military background that stay with you your whole life.”

WIU Motorcycle Rally June 4



College of Business and Technology Dean **Tom Erikson** and **Greg Bozard**, winner of the Best Cruiser Bike Award.



Erikson and **Jana Strader**, winner of the People's Choice Award and Best Sport Bike Award.

WIU Motorcycle Poker Run to the Mississippi River



Aug. 7 Sponsored by the College of Business and Technology & the Alumni Association



Poker Run winners, l-r: First place—**Matt Clark '98 MA '07** and second place—**Ronald Wynne '71** and **Pamela Wynne**.

Business and Technology



Saying so long...

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92

The Western Aggies 61st and final reunion was held this past April. The members are saying farewell, but the group's existence, and contributions to WIU, will not be forgotten.

As we enter the final months of the first decade of the 21st century, another look back at Western Illinois University's storied agriculture program is in order. Last year (as covered in the Winter 2009 edition of Western News, "From 'basement rooms' to alternative crops," p. 4), the School of Agriculture celebrated 90 years of its four-year program. This year also marked a milestone for some who have been affiliated with Western's School of Agriculture (formerly the Department of Agriculture). Some of the members of the Western Aggies, a "loose-knit unofficial social group of friends," took part in the final event of a 61-year tradition. The last meeting of the Western Aggies was held April 25, 2010, in Knoblauch Hall on Western's Macomb campus.

Since 1949, the Aggies' annual reunion has been embodied in get-togethers in Illinois and around Macomb. These yearly meetings celebrated not only their common bonds of agriculture and family, but also their strong ties to, and fond memories of, Western. Ironically, many of the Western Aggies did not actually graduate from WIU. At the time they attended Western, "the only place [individuals] could get certification to teach 'vocational agriculture' was at the University of Illinois," wrote **H. Edward Breece**, who chaired the agriculture department from 1977-1989. Subsequently, after spending two years at WIU, many of the Western Aggies' members (several of whom were also World War II veterans) transferred to the University of Illinois to finish up the vocational agriculture degrees they each needed to teach vocational agriculture.

Fred Bergman, a member of the Western Aggies and 1998 reunion chair, wrote this in a missive he sent to his fellow Aggies prior to the group's 1998 annual get-together:

The "Western Aggies" (a loose-knit, unofficial social group of friends who attended Western) was conceived and "birthed" in 1950. Eight families met at the home of Charles and Ann Cox in Brimfield, IL. 18 were in attendance. During the early years, 1950 through 1959, the group met at various Aggie homes around the state, with 14 families and a 58 total at the 1957 get-together. ... Spring Lake shelter house was the meeting place of the group during the years of 1964 through 1967. 58 attended with 14 families represented at the 1964 outing. ... Over the years, at least 44 different families have attended, with one family attending 46 different years --eight families have attended over 35 times. (Any corrections to those figures are welcome.)

This past year the Western Aggies donated \$300 to the **Loren K. Robinson** Scholarship Fund. ... The Aggies brought the group up to date, each with news of family, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, semi-retirements, hip replacements, knee replacements, by-pass surgeries, etc. HEY -- ANY OF YOU THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ATTENDING, HAD BETTER GET HERE BEFORE WE WEAR OUT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



This 1947 photo pictures 36 of the Western Aggies' members and Dr. John S. McVickar, who chaired the department from 1946-1965, in front of Sherman Hall. McVickar is the individual on the far right, second row.

Earlier this year, Bergman mused upon the group's long tradition of meeting every year for the last 61 years.

"When we met [each year, we would] go around to each individual and have him catch us up on his family history over the past year, things that happened, you know... Kids got married. And they had grandkids and great grandkids. And, of course, as we got older, we each caught everyone up on operations, hip surgeries, knee surgeries, etc. But it was still fun to be able to reminisce about the times we had at Western. We really got absorbed in a huge crowd at the University of Illinois, even though we stayed in contact with each other. It just wasn't like a smaller family group like it was at Western," he said.

Giving Back

As Bergman mentioned in his 1998 letter to the Western Aggies, the group contributed to the Loren K. Robinson Scholarship Fund, which, according to WIU's Foundation and Development Office "was established in 1987 by friends and colleagues of Dr. **Loren Robinson** to honor him upon his retirement from the faculty of WIU's Agriculture Department." In recent years (since 2003), 15 students studying agriculture have benefited from this scholarship. In addition, the Aggies also contributed to the Dr. **John S. McVickar** Scholarship Fund. (McVickar, who chaired the department from 1946-1965, is pictured with the original members of the Western Aggies in the 1947 photo accompanying this article.)

According to the WIU Foundation and Development Office, friends and colleagues (including the Western Aggies group) established and contributed to the Dr. John S. McVickar Scholarship Fund in the spring of 1989, "to honor him for his services rendered to the growth and development of the Western Illinois University Department of Agriculture." Since 2003, nine WIU agriculture students have been awarded the McVickar Scholarship.

Also in 2003, Evelyn Brandt Thomas, widow of Western Aggies' member **Gordon Thomas**, made individual contributions to both funds in memory of her late husband. Along with her regrets for not being able to attend the 2003 reunion, she included her husband's obituary, the scholarship contributions and a handwritten note that said: "Sorry to miss the Western Aggies Reunion... Keep up the good work in the ag dept."

The Rustic Lodge and Recollections

Robert "Bob" Iftner, a WWII veteran, was one of the Aggies who lived in the "Rustic Lodge" with several of the other members of the group. According to WIU Professor Emeritus **John Hallwas**'67 MA '68 book, "First Century: A Pictorial History of Western Illinois University," the Rustic Lodge was acquired in 1946, was located on Murray



Western Aggies who attended the 61st and final Aggies' reunion, April 25, at WIU. Back row, l-r: Jim Golby, Lyle Lewis '69, Ken Wildemuth '49, and Fred Bergman. Seated, l-r: Charlie Cox, Max Tessier, and Bob Iftner.

'Well, I want you to set this house up.' So me and a guy by the name of **Andy Wetzel** -- he lives in Carthage (IL) now -- set up the place. It was an old farmhouse, and we called it the 'Rustic Lodge.' Of all the guys that went into the house that first year, I think there were only two who were not veterans. And one was a navy cook, so we had planned the meals," Iftner said.

In 1999, the Aggies celebrated their 50th annual reunion on April 25th in Knoblauch Hall on WIU's Macomb campus. To commemorate the event, the group compiled "highlights of 50 years since Western," a booklet that included contributions from many of the Aggies.

Amid the highlights was a contribution from **Charlie Cox**, the Western Aggie member who hosted the first reunion meeting at his home. He wrote (in third person): "After graduating from the U. of I. in Aug. 1949, Charles and Annie moved to Brimfield, IL., where he taught Ag. In the high school and Veteran's classes. Daughter Ann was born in 1953 and son Joe joined the family 1958...."

Cox went on to highlight more milestones in his life. At the end of the typed piece of paper, he noted: "Daughter Ann is a W.I.U. grad, is married, has one daughter and has worked for Caterpillar for more than 22 years. Son Joe is a graduate of S.I.U., is married, has 2 daughters and 1 son, and works at Boeing in St. Louis.... We've had a few health problems in the these past few years...At this point in time, we seem ready for another Western Aggies Reunion!"

In the same highlights booklet, **Gordon Denison** contributed this: Some things I remember... I was one of the first group to live in the Rustic Lodge, the house on the Ag Farm. As I recall, one of my jobs was to buy the food. **Lou "Squire" Myers** provided the transportation downtown to the wholesale place in his Model T. ... For Homecoming that year, Rustic Lodge won 1st for best decorated house and the Ag. Dept. had the best float. We took great delight in beating the fraternities and sororities.

Ken Wildemuth '49 was one of the few Aggies who graduated from Western. "I knew I was going to farm, so I didn't have plans to teach vocational agriculture. I went right from Western, directly to the farm," he explained.

Hailing from Annawan, and still living in that town near where Interstate 80 and Highway 34 cross in north central Illinois, Wildemuth noted that he and his wife, Marie, have attended all of the Western Aggies' reunions, with the exception of two. When asked about what he thinks kept them all coming back year after year for more than half a century, he noted: "I think it was our similar backgrounds, and I think everybody just had a good time at Western."

Street (near where the west end of the Union is now) and was "a housing cooperative for agriculture majors." Iftner noted that many of the Rustic Lodge residents had served in WWII. In a recent interview, Iftner explained how the Rustic Lodge came to be.

"Dr. McVicker had made a request of me. He said,

‘Conduct-ing’ research, one track at a time

Professor rides rails and brings back transportation expertise

By Alison McGaughey

Like many college professors, **Bart Jennings** uses his summer break to travel.

But Jennings may be the only WIU faculty member who, when traveling by train, gets to sit in the conductor’s seat.

Since 1998, Jennings has organized and led scenic passenger-train excursions two to three weeks every year sponsored by the Southern Appalachia Railway Museum, a non-profit organization in Oak Ridge (TN). This fall, over Thanksgiving, he will organize and lead trips in Texas and New Mexico.

“I negotiate with the railroad, I arrange the equipment, and when trips run, I’m the one talking on the radios with the crews,” he explained. “I do it for the fun of it. I enjoy the scenery and seeing the country. Some of the most beautiful places I’ve ever seen were riding a train.

“I’m known for being willing to do anything to get a trip to run, from helping organize the trip to getting down and underneath the train to put it back on the track,” Jennings said.

So how does a professor with a Ph.D. in logistics end up wearing the conductor’s cap, so to speak?

Though riding the rails around the country is what Jennings calls a “crazy hobby,” Jennings is, in fact, a railroad researcher who brings his area of expertise—which is fairly rare in academia—directly into the classroom to educate his students about transportation and industry issues in the supply chain management (SCM) field. Jennings came to WIU in 2004 after a career as a civil engineer, having worked for Union Pacific. He went on to receive his Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee, where he then taught undergraduate courses and was director of the University’s railroad research office. His work involved evaluating the railroad, and determining value and cost of operating from an engineering and operational standpoint.



When leading a train trip, WIU’s Bart Jennings gets to play the role of everything from tour guide to conductor.

Photo by Bart Jennings

Riding and researching the rails

Through his continued work in consulting, Jennings has worked for more than 400 railroad companies since the 1990s alone, including training engineers for Amtrak’s high-speed rail. Jennings conducts training workshops and legal consulting for the railroad industry, focusing on regulations and procedures for compliance, safety and legality.

He noted that while many people may know the names of only a few railroad companies, there are more than 600 in the U.S. and Canada.

“There are seven big ones, but everything else is relatively small,” he explained. “In the railroad industry, you have companies that own several railroads, and some of those might only be 10 miles long. I enjoy seeing how companies operate and develop,

how they’re going to make money, and analyzing ‘was this a success or a failure?’ I like that the transportation field is a real-time activity, where there’s always something going on, and in many cases it’s very visible.”

Last summer, using a laptop, Jennings taught a warehousing class online, attended a railroad convention, traveled to Labrador and Quebec, Canada, and took in the

“Railroads are one of the things people ignore. But I don’t. I teach my students to pay attention to them, too.”



Jennings’ students learn transportation from multiple angles, making them desirable to companies like ADM, John Deere, and DOT Foods.

details of a brand-new railroad and loading facility. He observed trains carrying iron ore directly from mines to ports, noting that the \$2.5 million locomotives consisted of 240-260 rail cars, each weighing 18,000 tons. That’s compared to the 12-14,000-ton maximum weight in the U.S.

These experiences lend themselves to giving students a rare insight into the industry. As Jennings points out, Western is one of the only 40 accredited programs in the U.S. offering a supply chain management degree. Thanks to his contacts in the industry, large companies like (ADM), John Deere, and DOT Foods come to Western to recruit and to hire SCM students. But these companies are also hiring his students because the students have studied the transportation industry from multiple angles. In one example, he assigns students to explore different geographic areas and research which railroads would serve them. His students also have attended conferences of the National Association of Small Trucking Companies as part of his transportation management class.

“I teach from a hands-on, practical perspective,” he said. “Railroads are one of those things most people don’t see—just as there are trucks on the road, and maybe you see them but don’t really know the companies’ names; most people ignore them. But I don’t. And [details about the railroads are] what I teach my students to pay attention to.”

Faculty retirements

In 2010, five CBT faculty members have decided to hang up their hats and move on to the next chapter of their lives. Feel free to send them a note of personal congratulations!

- **Thomas Drinka**, professor in the School of Agriculture; hired in 1982 by then chairperson, Edward Breece; specialized throughout his career in futures and cash markets for agricultural commodities and futures trading. TP-Drinka@wiu.edu
- **Jeri Harper ’73 MS-ED ’75**, business communications instructor in the information systems and decision sciences department; retired after 21 years of teaching and mentoring CBT students. JL-Harper@wiu.edu
- **Warren Jones**, chairperson and associate professor in the economics department; came to WIU in 1983 as an assistant professor and was appointed chair in 1990. W-Jones@wiu.edu
- **Lee Tichenor**, professor of computer science; started at WIU in 1988 and retired after 22 years of dedicated service to the University. L-Tichenor@wiu.edu
- **Buck Tillotson**, associate professor of agriculture; began teaching at WIU in 1996; best known for his excellent teaching and his work as an advisor for the Agricultural Mechanization Club; held a significant role in the annual WIU Farm Expo. RJ-Tillotson@wiu.edu

SCIMA student chapter honored

Western’s Student Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants (SCIMA) was named one of the four outstanding student chapters in the nation last spring by the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) in the prestigious Award of Excellence student competition. In addition, Western’s SCIMA won a Best Practices award for its strategic plan.

According to **Amy Ford ’01 M. ACCT ’02**, instructor in WIU’s accountancy department, the IMA judged the student chapter on its incorporation of the IMA’s mission and vision statements into the chapter’s strategic plan and activities, as well as the chapter’s use of innovative methods to serve its students and the IMA.

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Jupiter's At The Crossing, May 20



Seated, l-r: Eric Frey '04 holding Kelsey Frey, Lisa Frey, Lacey Hufford '07, Kelly Hartford '86 MA '90, Jean Sherwood Anderson '76, Eileen Doerr Johnson '84 and Jack Boparai MS '84. Standing, l-r: Mike Bleich '73 MS '79, Gregory Reed '74, Susan Swarbrick, Stephen Reinhart '75, Barbara Butler Esworthy, Jim Esworthy '62, Rebecca Thinnes '07, Reid Anderson '75, Dan Tripp '08 and President Al Goldfarb.

1961

James Rutledge, Crete, has retired from Rich East High School in Park Forest. (jhr738@hotmail.com)

1964

Ann Kawell, Crestline, CA, served as an English teacher in Portugal through Global Volunteers.

David Pritchett MA '72, Chicago, is teaching oral English classes for Jiujiang University, Jiangxi, China this fall. (dpritchett@colum.edu)

1965

Bruce Torbeck, Mesquite, NV, has retired as a staff engineer for Lockheed Martin. (bat166@relianceconnects.com)

1967

Roger Miller, Burr Ridge, and wife Judy have established The Jamie Ann Koniczka Glycogen Storage Disease Type 1 B Research Foundation at the University of Florida in honor of their granddaughter Jamie who was born with the disease. (rjmiller181@comcast.net)

1968

Janet Bowling Mantle, Clarkston, WA, has retired as an English teacher and was honored in Washington, DC in June as an outstanding teacher. (janmantle@hotmail.com)

Richard Moon, Westport, CT, is a supervising psychologist-2 for the University of Connecticut.

1971

Susan Verschage Haka, East Lansing, MI, is an associate dean for Academic Affairs and Research for Michigan State University.

Kenneth Hollis, Petersburg, is president of National Bank of Petersburg. (d.hollis@hotmail.com)

Paul Smith MS-ED, ED SP, Little Rock, AR, has retired from the Little Rock School Dist.

Michael Worthington MBA '74, Overland Park, KS, retired from Hewlett-Packard as a software developer in June. (mworth1@aol.com)

1972

Joseph Ackerman, Riverview, FL, has retired. (jmackerman64@verizon.net)

Rose Camastro-Pritchett MS-ED, Chicago, is teaching oral English classes in Jiujiang University in Jiangxi, China this fall. (rpritchett@colum.edu)

Ronald Lange, Streamwood, completed 4 years as president of the

Warsaw Alumni & Friends Social

Warsaw Brewery, May 22



Front row, l-r: Alumni Council member Fred Longacre '64 and Elaine Schwartz Longacre '66. Second row, l-r: Ralph Kaufman '74, Linda Kaufman and Norm Teeter '67 HD '06. Third row, l-r: Carmelita Teeter HD '06, Charmaine Patino, Sue Kaufman Anstine '60, Marge Weston, Danielle Pataky '01 MA '02 and Jen Tobin Tibbitts '84 MS '97. Back row, l-r: 2009 Honorary Alumni recipient Bob Anstine, Dwayne Blair '86, George Baughman '60 MS-ED '67, C. Don Weston and Jerry Tyson.



Seated, l-r: Sue Kaufman Anstine '60, Marge Weston and Roberta Adams Tyson. Standing, l-r: Peggy Scharfenberg MS-ED '67, Karen Ihrig Gilbert, Don Scharfenberg, Karen Wetzel, Roger Wetzel '80, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Dave Thompson '72, Jerry Tyson, 2007 Town and Gown Award recipient Charles Gilbert and 2009 Honorary Alumni Award recipient Bob Anstine.

L-r: Amy Eddings, Bob Eddings '86, Jane Roskamp, Bruce Roskamp '70, Gordon Roskamp '71 and Alumni Council member Vian Vance Neally '96 MS '02.



Naperville Alumni & Friends Social

BlackFinn American Saloon, June 11



Front row, l-r: Pam Williams, Mary Eberhardt Ostrenga '74, Dan Duquette '07, Bob Savage '08, Maria Derat Lee '84 and Gary Miller '77. Middle row, l-r: Jim Ostrenga '73, Victoria Lantz '10, Dan Meachum, Lauren Hoge Meachum '77, Kathleen Savage '09, Alumni Council member Brian Savage '73, Colleen Savage, Jeff Lee '84 and Alumni Council member Jeff McElroy '97. Back row, l-r: Phil Nathe '81, Vic Lantz '77 MS '78, Rob Williams '74, Ray Nutter '04, Brock Shattuck '08, Janelle Stejskal Wyatt '99, Rebecca Cardona '97, Amy Constable Huddleston '96 and Carol Camphouse Smolk '78.



L-r: Alumni Council members Jeff McElroy '97, Brian Savage '73, Carol Lewis Scott '70 and Matt Bills '99.



Seated, l-r: Glenn Holmes '76, Kathleen McGovern Basso '77, Nancy Donohue Smith '78, Pat Kilroy Strebing '76, Sandy Dehertogh McGovern '76, Kay Hall, Patti Walsh Davey '75 and Ruth Trail Anerino '69. Standing, l-r: Mike Manade, Gary Miller '77, Phillip Basso '77, Doug Smith '77, Shannon Garofalo '05, Kristen Britt '04, Brian Strebing '81, Tom Rafferty '75, Kathy Sheehan Rafferty '75, Frank McGovern '76 and Terry McGovern '79.



Front row, l-r: Dee Constantine Schaff '72, Terry Schaff '71, Dave Gish '70, Kit Carstens '71 and Bob Sands '72 MS '76. Back row, l-r: Pam Johnson Gish '71, Paul Janik, Carla Phillips Janik '72, Deanna Plassmann Carstens '71 and Colleen Powers Sands '71 MS '76.

Elgin Sports Hall of Fame Foundation and currently serves on the board. (elginron@hotmail.com)

1973

Barbara Manion Heider, Orland Park, is a visual arts teacher for Salt Creek School Dist. in Villa Park. (bheider@saltcreek48.org)

Rodney Williamson MS-ED '78, Avon, has retired as a student services counselor for Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg. (rmwmsn@grics.net)

1974

Ana Dale Goble Dale, Brockley, London, UK, is a pastor for St. Andrew's United Reformed Church Brockley & St. Michael's United Church, New Cross.

Les Hansen, Friendswood, TX, is an executive vice president/ chief financial officer for Mainland Custom Marble, Inc. (les@mainlandcustommarble.com)

Kathy Kopsack, Galesburg, is the administrator for the Knox County Nursing Home.

1975

Terry Mee, Wheaton, is the East Dundee police chief and received

the designation of Certified Chief of Police from the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.

Lawrence Thompson, Farmington, MO, is a general manager for Royco Hotels. (lrthompson@charter.net)

1976

Rita Cameli Binzen, Chicago Heights, is a music teacher for the Chicago Heights School Dist. (bpoppins@aol.com)

Stephen Hartzell, Willis, TX, works for Southern Star Exploration, LLC in Houston. (spartzell@sbcglobal.net)

Billy McCarthy, Niantic, retired from teaching history & government for Sangamon Valley High School. (huntngolf14@aol.com)

Rosemary Scardina, Bethlehem, PA, is CEO of Lehigh Valley Association of REALTORS.

Richard Scheffler MS-ED '80, Mendota, has retired from teaching. **Fred Segura MS-ED '85**, Moline, has retired as principal of United Township High School in East Moline.

1977

David Campbell MS, Prairie du Chien, WI, is a clinic manager for Gundersen Lutheran Health System and presented a program on Physician Recruitment for rural clinics and hospitals to the

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L-r: Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Roger Miller '67, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Gene Strode '59, Gary Waight '63 MS-ED '67 and Bob Hardig '77.



L-r: Head football coach Mark Hendrickson, Director of Athletics Tim Van Alstine, Mark Skuteris '81 and Kevin Conoly '79 MBA '80.



L-r: Vice President for Advancement and Public Services Brad Bainter '79 MS '83, Pat Kulisek '74, Charlie Boe '76 and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Jim Clary '79.



L-r: Frank McGovern '76, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Tom Nardi '76, Mike Rohr and Pat Bowler '75.



L-r: Robert Duncan, Alumni Council member Matt Bills '99, Justin Bargiel '99 and Alumni Council member Jeff McElroy '97.



L-r: Board of Trustees member Bill Epperly '68, Neal Halleran '68, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient and Alumni Council member Kirk Dillard '77 and Gerry Dakin '67.



L-r: Alumni Council member Harvey Ahitow '68, Gordon Zdeblick '74, Paul Miksan '74, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Ken Zehnder '72 and Kevin Zdeblick.



L-r: Craig Maddox '69 MS-ED '71, Alumni Council member Carol Lewis Scott '70, Tom Rafferty '66 and Al Hooks '63.



L-r: Jack Brannigan '76, Alan Patterson '77, Greg Kunkel and Andrew Kinney.



L-r: Ed Kasper '78, Jim Grupp '79, Alumni Council member Jay O'Brien '78 and Tommy Edwards '81.

Top, l-r: Russ Coomans '81 and Steve Prazma '80. Bottom, l-r: Phil Nathe '81 and Mick Jenco '78.



L-r: Tim Boyd '79, Martin Bourke '79, Tad Hemming and Bob Wysocki '79.



L-r: Dwaine Roche '94, Carol Pigatto Schuster '77, Kim Olson Love '76 and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Lloyd Simonson '66.



L-r: Pat Carlson '79, Paul Gentile '72, Dan King and Jim Murphy.



L-r: John Flynn '79, Steve Steinmetz '79, John Garvey '78 and Ray Spaethe.



L-r: Ben Abney, Mark Inman '77, Kim Meinhart Inman '76 and Bob Abney MS-ED '97 MS-ED '02.



L-r: Tony Cozzi '75, Ed Sullivan '80, Bill Hair '77 and Tom Turcich.



L-r: Pete Cassidy '67, Chuck Trumpinski '63, Pat Walsh '64 and Bob Williams '69.



L-r: Doug Heck, Phil Keiken, Jim Purcell '89 and Bob Hardin.



L-r: Corky Sewart, Tom Sewart, Tom Sewart Jr. and Mike Sewart.



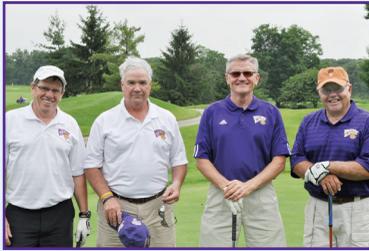
L-r: Dan Dugan '84, Tom Kelly '76, Tony Ianello '85 and Alan Nakayama '75 '76.



L-r: Spencer Conlin, Scott Conlin, Bill Colliflower MS-ED '89 and Dan O'Neill.



L-r: Brad Comm, Jim Bergeron '70 M.A.C.C.T. '74, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Ron Comm '70 and Mike Litwin '70.



L-r: Alumni Council member Brian Savage '73, Pat O'Neill '72, Joe Maxwell '71 and Ron Thompson '70.



L-r: Steve Mazzarella '79, John Owensby '75, Tim Richardson '80 and John Henderson '73 MBA '76.



L-r: Bill Paulding '93 MS-ED '95, Dave Chernoff and Pete Lambert.



L-r: John Binkowski '92, Tom O'Brien '07, Curt Alsvig '06 and Matt Saey '06.



L-r: Joe Notorangelo '85, David Granell '84, Steve Williams '80 and Tim Martz '05.



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L-r: Dan Osterman '95, COEHS Development Director Jennie Hemingway and Director of Non-Traditional Programs Rick Carter.



L-r: Phil Walters, Chad Kelley, Ryan McClintock '06 and Tim Perkins.



L-r: Craig Allen, Josh Logan '00, Pete Corraera and Dave Chriss.



L-r: Dave Miller '67, Alex Miller '93, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Matt Miller '92 and Neil Smith '96.



L-r: Kevin Kilstrom, Katie Kinsinger, Janelle Bush Carter '05 and Jim Bush.



L-r: Jim Martin '72, Brenda Malinoski Martin '73, Margaret Johnson and Arnie Johnson.



L-r: Jeff Hunt '87, Steve Bouslog '73, Thomas Hall '73 and Jim Scruggs '77.



L-r: Jeffrey Nelson '86, Russ DeWinter '76, Kraig Sleaford '88 MA '90 and Chip Nelson.



L-r: Dick Yates, Jim Epperly, Gene Christy and Board of Trustees member Bill Epperly '68.



L-r: Tom Casey, Gary DeMoss MS-ED '77 ED SP '83, Tracy Parker and Harry Griffith.



L-r: Kyle Minnaert, Jillene Stenzel Minnaert '84, Michelle Lewis and Scott Williams.



L-r: Michael Lukkarinen '97 MS '98, head softball coach Holly Killion Van Vlymen '00 MS-ED '08, Denise Killion and Roger Killion.



L-r: Tommy Henderson '73, head men's basketball coach Jim Molinari, Associate Athletics Director Josh Moon and Gary Birch '75.



L-r: Head football coach Mark Hendrickson, Bill Kelley '75, Pat O'Neill '72 and Gunnard Twyner '96.



L-r: Nick Knowles '02 MS '07, Cass Hoffmeister, Alumni Council member Carol Lewis Scott '70 and Steve Knowles '72.



Front row, l-r: Alumni Council president Roger Clawson '77, Don Welvaert '90 and Joe Maxwell '71. Standing: Vice President of the Quad Cities, Planning and Technology Joe Rives.



L-r: Andy Schmalsof, Don Farr MS-ED '96, Chad Carlson '95 and Dick Brown.



L-r: Rory Washburn, Pat Verschoore, Larry Clark and Scott Verschoore.



L-r: Mike Hamer, Pat Green MS-ED '01 MS-ED '08, Mike Zeilter and Bob Feller MS-ED '93 MS-ED '08.



L-r: Board of Trustees member Steve Nelson '70, Marc VanderBeke, Clay Lee and Jim Smith.



L-r: Ron Rexroat, Larry Brandenburg '71 MA '75, Ron Langdon and Frank Larson '59 MS-ED '62.



L-r: Pat Walton, Jim Rohrbach, Tom Seitz and Mike Drymiller '73 MS-ED '77.



L-r: Pat Hardy, Greg Elliott '79, Gary Cox and Bill Pfalzgraf '78.



L-r: Bruce Burton, David Renner, Vincent Roberts '96 and Norm Harless.



L-r: Steve Shute, Tim Martz '05, Donald Healy ED SP '84 and Donald McLean.

L-r: Jim Neumann, Joseph DeGreve, Wayne Thomas '97 and Royce Bare.



L-r: Scott Conlin, Bill Colliflower MS-ED '89, Dan O'Neill and Tom Sullivan.



L-r: Rob Davis, Doug Hart, Wayne Walker and Bob Atherton '88.

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L-r: Duane Demmin '72, Marty Lomelino '88, Bob Nelson and Mike Ghidina '93.



L-r: John Boo, Jim Rickard, John Nelson and Dan Cufaude.



L-r: Rudy Carlson '74, Chad Carlson '95, Andy Schmalsof and Don Farr MS-ED '96.



L-r: Scott Bloom, Jesse Brandt MS-ED '09, John Garvin '73 and Jerry Thompson '81.



L-r: Larry Krulac, Phil Murphy, Larry Ford and Dave Ford '65 MS-ED '69 ED SP '73.



L-r: Randy Devlin, Ted Townsend, Josh Logan '00 and Bill Logan.



L-r: Pat O'Neill '72, Director of Athletics Tim Van Alstine, Tom Casey and William Sander '78.



L-r: Vice President for Advancement and Public Services Brad Bainter '79 MS '83, Steve Weaver, Gerry Shaheen and head men's basketball coach Jim Molinari.



L-r: Asst. Director of Alumni Programs Judy Arnsman Eckerly '96, Jerry Depoy, Tony Depoy and Dave Eckerly '83.



L-r: Andy Taylor '02, COEHS Development Director Jennie Hemingway, Larry Sarff '98 and Director of Non-Traditional Programs Rick Carter.



L-r: Dan O'Neill, Todd Hamilton '88, Marlin France and Kendell Litchfield '85.



L-r: Bill Noble II, Bill Noble, Mike Bleich '73 MS '79 and Pat Farrell '76.



L-r: Joe Wenzel '72, Fred Girardini, head football coach Mark Hendrickson, Doug Ruse and Alumni Council member Chuck Giger '70.



L-r: Jim Hissong '73, Steve Shute, Don Healy ED SP '84 and Dick Dice '72.



L-r: Kathleen Vargo Drake '97, Cynthia Schmidt-Witte '93, Alumni Council member Shari Gresham Rich '91 MS '93, Mark Rich, Jyl Frowein Krause '77, Eric Krause, Sue Walbolt Fluegel '67 and Cres Fluegel '66 MS-ED '70.

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L-r: Mark Parkinson, Pat Brobry, Mark Evans '83 and Randy Newman.



L-r: Grant Andresen, Jim Moore, Jim Lodico '62 MS-ED '75 and Dave Kelm.



L-r: Dean Barnett, Gary Barnett, Pete Heiden and Steve Matthews.



L-r: Steve Sittig '70, Alan Funck '70, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Thom Cornelis '71 and Bob Eckhart '72.



L-r: Chuck Hobert, Rod Jennings '71, Mike Mayer and John Bribrisco.

American Hospital Association Rural Healthcare Leadership Conference. (jicampbell@centurytel.net)
Edward Wezain, Spotsylvania, VA, has retired from U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration as a supervisory special agent and now works for Lockheed Martin as a senior Intel analyst.

1979

Sandra Woodley Collins MS-ED '00, Utica, is a special education director for Sandwich Community School Dist. (sandac1@att.net)
Kevin Weiberg MS, Park Ridge, is a deputy commissioner and chief operating officer for the Pac-10 Conference.

1980

David Gray, West Point, NY, is president of Valley Forge Military Academy & College.

Wayne Potuznik, Schmidmuhlen, Germany, is a human resources specialist for the US Army-Europe.

Catherine Christian Wysopal, Tucson, AZ, is a preschool director for Sonshine Preschool. (cathy.wysopal@gmail.com)

1981

Kimberly Hurley, Muncie, IN, is an assistant professor for Ball State University.

David Martin MBA, Elysburg, PA, is dean of the Ronald L. Bittner School of Business at St. John Fisher College.

1982

Lyndon Perkins, DeKalb, received the Building Bridges Award from the National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals.

1983

Laura De Croocq, Winnetka, is an owner/artist of Trinkets. (sillydolly@live.com)

Laura Kurowski-Miller, Chicago, is a pre-kindergarten teacher for Annuciata School. (ljkmiller@yahoo.com)

William Sibert, St. Louis, MO, was named by President Obama to serve as a U.S. Marshall for the Eastern District of Missouri.

1984

Lori Torgerson Chesser, Des Moines, IA, is a shareholder of the Davis Brown Law Firm practicing in the Business division and has been recognized by Chambers USA 2010 as Band 1 in Labor & Employment: Immigration.

James McCabe, New Lenox, has retired from the Illinois Army National Guard.

Suzanne Meyer, Springfield, is a revenue auditor trainee for the Illinois Dept. of Revenue.

Kim Gates Schilson MS-ED '98 ED SP '04, Basco, is school superintendent for Illini West High School.

1985

Stan Baumgartner, Centralia, is a locomotive engineer for BNSF Railway.

John Rizzardini MS, Seattle, WA, is COO of the Seattle Seahawks.

Peter Wagner MS '95, Springfield, is an industrial services manager for the State of Illinois. (peter.wagner@illinois.gov)

1986

Terry Deushane, Cedartown, GA, is president of Collegetown Promotions. (terryd@collegetownpromotions.com)

Daniel Greathouse, Wadsworth, is a police chief for Waukegan Police Dept.

Gregory Hilgenbrink, Loraine, is general manager for Knapheide Truck Equipment Co. in Quincy.

Randy Trenhaile MBA, Hannibal, MO, is senior vice president for United State Bank in Lewistown. (rtrenhaile@mywdo.com)

1987

William Hutchison, Waukegan, is a computer illustrator for the US Navy Dept. of Defense in Great Lakes.

(william.hutchison@att.net)

Gina Graham Segobiano, Belleville, is a school superintendent for Columbia School Dist.

Bernie Venvertloh, South Beloit, is manager of RSM McGladrey in Madison, WI. (bernie.venvertloh@mcgladrey.com)

1988

Leesa Maki Clifton MS '90, Lomira, WI, is a product manager for Arch Chemicals in Germantown.

(leesaclifton@appliedbiochemists.com)

Allan Lolie, Shelbyville, has been appointed an associate judge in Illinois' Fourth Judicial Circuit.

1989

Bruce Western MBA '98, Macomb, is a church administrator/ executive pastor for Maple Avenue Christian Church.

(western@macomb.com)

1990

Tim Crowley, Durham, NC, is an assistant secretary for communications & external affairs for North Carolina Dept. of Commerce.

Gary Waites, Santa Fe, TX, is an emergency management/ safety coordinator for Blinn College in Brenham.

Ben Williams, Chicago, is general manager for Shaffer Hyundai/ Mitsubishi in Merrillville, IN. (bwilliamsjr@sbcglobal.net)

1991

Tracy Beardsley, Bettendorf, IA, is a preschool teacher for Our Savior Lutheran Preschool. (tracybeardsley@q.com)

Kathleen Close MA '94, Peoria, is a pharmacy technician II for Wal-Mart. (katiec67@yahoo.com)

Thomas Eckhardt, Newark, is district manager for Arbor Management Inc. in Addison. (tom@teigroupinc.com)

Jeanette Pushala McCann, Channahon, is a cabinet division order entry/ AR for M. Cooper Supply in Mokena.

(jmom3to1@msn.com)

Shinji Umeki, Hoffman Estates, works for Experian and received his MBA from Roosevelt University in 2009. (shinji@umeki.org)

1992

Jenny Buller Briney MA '94, Browning, is a director of the Center for Learning Excellence for MacMurray College in Jacksonville.

Alaine Rovenhagen Eckhardt, Newark, is an assistant director & teacher for Trinity's Little Hands Preschool in Yorkville.

(alainelouise@sbcglobal.net)

Michelle Soucie Schrag, Ann Arbor, MI, is a licensed spiritual counselor for United Centers for Spiritual Living.

(theschrags@sbcglobal.net)

1993

Bret Derrickson, Warrenville, is a managing broker for Urban Aire Realty.

Angela Hughes Kasel, Morton, is director of marketing for Integrity Data in Lincoln and was selected as a member of the Leadership Illinois Class of 2010. (angela.kasel@gmail.com)

Cassandra Nutt Moulton, Colona, is a social worker & substance abuse counselor for MTC. (cassandra.moulton@yahoo.com)

Lorena Pasquesi, Highwood, is president of 3150 Marketing Inc.

1994

Jaime Toth Barbee MS '97, Pleasant Prairie, WI, is a speech/

language pathologist for Kenosha Unified School Dist.

(jbarbee4@wi.rr.com)

Bobette Boggs, Pekin, is a 2nd grade teacher for Astoria Schools. (bboggs@acusd1.org)

Ed Delmore, Gulf Shores, AL, is police chief for Gulf Shores Police Dept.

David Kasel MS, Morton, is owner/ publisher for Home Base Publishing. (david.kasel@gmail.com)

Heather Gilles Sutton, Edwards, is a project manager for Caterpillar Inc.

Carla Lankford Sweney, Delight, AR, is a freelance graphic designer.

Shane Trager, Bolingbrook, is principal for Minooka Junior High School.

1995

Toby Curtright MA '98, Belleville, is director of bands for Belleville Public Schools.

Amy Proietti MS, Greenfield, MA, is a senior financial aid counselor for Greenfield Community College.

(amy.proietti@gmail.com)

1996

Ross Bjork MS, Bowling Green, KY, is director of athletics for Western Kentucky University. (ross.bjork@wku.edu)

Jennifer Tantilo Carney, Grayslake, is a preschool teacher for College of Lake County.

John Comerford, Fulton, MO, is a vice president for Institutional Advancement for Westminster College. (comerford@ktsi.net)

Kyle Curry MS '98, St. Paul, MN, is a staff psychologist for Minneapolis VA Medical Center. (kyle_curry@yahoo.com)

Stacy Crouch Curry, St. Paul, MN, is a media specialist for South Washington County School Dist. in Cottage Grove.

Ellen Jacobs Davis MS-ED '01, Canton, is an assistant director/ assistant principal for Kiefer School/ Children's Home Association in Peoria.

Terri Turnquist Hare MS '07, Macomb, is the director of University Scholarship Activities for Western Illinois University.

Leslie Schaeffer, Santa Cruz, CA, is an orthopedically impaired teacher for Santa Clara County Office of Education.

(leslieabc123@sbcglobal.net)

Paul Werner, Oswego, is a lead proposal coordinator & graphic artist for Aramark in Downers Grove.

1997

Robert Abney MS-ED, Annawan, is school superintendent for Waltham School Dist.

Tedra Newman Clements, Olathe, KS, is an administrative assistant for Discovery Ark Preschool in Leawood.

(tedrajustin@yahoo.com)

Jeremy Walk, Hillsboro, was named "2010 Illinois State Police Officer of the Year."

Aaron Woodruff, Colfax, is deputy chief of police for Illinois State University.

1998

Larry Estep II, Peoria, is program manager for Caterpillar Inc. and received a MBA from Bradley University in May.

Timothy Isringhausen, Athens, is a 5th grade teacher for Cantrall Intermediate School.

Ellen Dunseth Shertzer, Indianapolis, IN, is director of leadership development for Delta Tau Delta International Fraternity in Fishers. (ellen.shertzer@delts.net)

Jerud VanDyke MS-ED '08, Hamilton, is a social studies and p.e. teacher for Hamilton Jr.-Sr. High School.

1999

Justin Davis MM '09, Greensboro, NC, is a doctoral conducting associate at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

(jcdavis75@me.com)

Jason Hickman, Algonquin, is director of recreation for Glenview Park Dist. (jason.hickman@glenviewparks.org)

Mariahn Watkins, Nashville, TN, is a career center director for National College of Business & Technology.

(mariahnwatkins@hotmail.com)

2000

Jason Draper MS, Houston, TX, is an assistant professor for the University of Houston.

Sarah Kirk Kohl '01, Nauvoo, is a guidance counselor for Fort Madison High School. (sunflower-yellow78@yahoo.com)

2001

Lauren Banek, Woodridge, is a case manager/ surveillance supervisor for Global Options in Schaumburg.

(lbaneke@globaloptions.com)

Christopher Faber, Camp Douglas, WI, is a science teacher for New Lisbon School Dist.

Molly Holmes MS '04, Huntley, is director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center for Northern Illinois University. (mbholmes@niu.edu)

Jenna Steiner, Chicago, is a major gifts officer for The Rotary Foundation in Evanston. (jenna.steiner@rotary.org)

2002

Julie Bergschneider, Rushville, is a graphic designer for Beardstown Newspapers, Inc. (stargazette@casscomm.com)

Kassie Killip Daly, Andalusia, is an admissions counselor for Western Illinois University-Quad Cities.

Scott Daly MS, Andalusia, is an assistant principal and athletic director for Rockridge High School.

Shauna Allen Freeman, Hammond, IN, is a social worker for Cook County Dept. of Corrections in Chicago.

(cortez1_1999@yahoo.com)

Lindsay Halpin, Chicago, is an underwriting associate for Chubb Group of Insurance Companies. (lhalpin@chubb.com)

Nicole Pope Jones, Alton, is a training manager for St. Louis ARC. (njones@slarc.org)

William Leeds MS '07, Delong, is a biology teacher for Highland High School in Lewistown, MO.

Derek Spudich, Laredo, TX, is a patrol agent for the Department of Homeland Security. (ds_spudich@yahoo.com)

2003

Jenny Lahey Curalli, Brownsville, TX, is a 1st grade teacher for Los Fresnos C.I.S.D.

Kailin James, Oak Harbor, WA, is a deputy prosecuting attorney for Island County in Coupeville.

Donald Keeling, St. Louis, MO, is a general manager for GENQUEST Marketing.

Abigail Kerrn, Normal, is a dispatcher for the Bloomington Police Dept. (graphicabbey@hotmail.com)

Shannon Ruckoldt, St. Joseph, MO, is a petcare technician for Nestle Purina.

Ron Rudow, Aurora, is an outside property adjuster for Travelers.

Valerie Sershon, Niles, is a postdoctoral research scientist for Lybradyn in Oak Brook. (vsershon@gmail.com)

Hilary Snodgrass, Davenport, IA, is a manager for Sherwin-Williams Paint Co.

2004

Paul Bergstrand, Washington, DC, is a senior inspector for The Dept. of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General.

Katie Lawrence Clark, Oskaloosa, IA, is a human resources assistant for Mahaska Health Partnership.

Melinda Coogan MS, Storm Lake, IA, received the George Wythe Award from Buena Vista University.

Dawn Schall Dolinski, Chandler, AZ, is director of special education for Phoenix Collegiate Academy.

Raquel Lawless Eshleman, Loda, has received her masters degree from Olivet University in 2010.

Erin Freisinger, Island Lake, is a pre-k teacher for The Goddard School.

Nicole LaDeur Rudow, Aurora, is a general liability adjuster for Travelers. (nikid427@yahoo.com)

Jeff Schoon MS '05, Yorkville, wrote an article on the topic of strategies for corporate change for "Mergers & Acquisition" magazine.

Amie Shak, Roselle, is managing editor of SmithBucklin in Chicago. (amieshak@gmail.com)

2005

Aaron Jones, Alton, is a national key hiring recruiter for DISH Network LLC. (aaron.jones@dishnetwork.com)

Jacob Keltner, Crystal Lake, is a narcotics detective for McHenry County.

David Nichols, St. Charles, MO, has been elected as president of the International Association of Arson Investigations.

Kelly Nichols MS '08, Petersburg, is the boys basketball coach for Petersburg PORTA and is a p.e. and jr high social studies teacher.

Casey Roth, West Hollywood, CA, is an assistant television editor for RDF USA.

2006

Chelsea Bainter, Buford, GA, received her doctor of optometry from Indiana University-Bloomington in May.

Alexis Cunningham, Hampshire, is a special education teacher for Marengo Union Consolidated School Dist.

Justin Ensinger, Galesburg, is a probation officer in Fulton County for the 9th Judicial Circuit.

Mike Fenwick MS '09, Dixon, is an assistant women's tennis coach for Penn State.

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Related items of interest on this project include the recycling of construction debris; the inclusion of a vegetated roof in some areas; the use of a geothermal heating and cooling system; and the utilization of cork flooring.

In addition to the ongoing construction of Building One, in July, the Illinois Capital Development Board (CDB) released \$4 million for the next step of architectural and engineering design for Building Two on the Riverfront Campus. The CDB approved the selection of Holabird & Root of Chicago to provide design services for Building Two.

"We are pleased to assist Western Illinois University as it moves forward with the next phase of its Riverfront Campus. The facility will train students for in-demand careers, plus construction jobs will be created as the campus is built. This is an ideal project for the Quad Cities area," said Capital Development Board Executive Director Jim Riemer.

In 2003, a donation from Deere & Company of 20 acres of land on the Moline riverfront provided significant momentum for an expanded WIU-QC campus. Planning began on building an additional campus on the riverfront to serve more students, and collaborative relationships were formed with the City of Moline, Renew Moline and the Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce, among many others, to develop the riverfront into an educational, business and technology mecca. Funds for renovation of Building One, and the planning and construction of Building Two, were part of the 2009 Illinois Jobs Now capital construction bill signed into law by Gov. Pat Quinn.

"As construction progresses on Building One, we are closer to our grand opening. We will start classes at our new facility no later than Spring 2012, and thanks to the support and generosity of the state, Building Two will soon become a reality as well," Rives added.

Gov. Quinn and area legislators were on hand March 31 to break ground for Building One. Businesses, industries,



local organizations and higher education have banded together over the past few years to lobby for the new campus, and have been met with support from the State of Illinois to expand educational opportunities for the Quad Cities region.

"The groundbreaking was a victory not only for all our partners - University officials, lawmakers, community advocates, teachers and parents - who worked tirelessly for many years to make this project happen," said Gov. Pat Quinn. "It is also a victory for the 1,400 students who attend WIU-Quad Cities today and the more than 3,000 students who will be able to attend this fine Quad Cities campus, the only public university in this metropolitan area, when this project is completed."

Building One will support programs in the College of Business and Technology, including the School of Engineering, which is currently housed in The Caxton Building; academic and student services; and University administration. The total cost to renovate Building One is \$15.2 million.

Building Two will allow for the continued growth of the Quad Cities campus and will provide permanent space for the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education and Human Services and Fine Arts and Communication. A programming study for Building Two (Phase II) began in February 2010, which defines building components for the second facility's construction, as well as refines the Campus Master Plan. According to Rives, the design of the approximately 90,000-square-foot Building Two will take

approximately one year to complete. The estimated cost to construct Building Two is \$42 million.

While Western Illinois University has been a presence in the Quad Cities since 1912, in the past six years the WIU-Quad Cities campus has further intensified its mission to better meet the needs of students and the region and has forged numerous community partnerships to further enhance public education in the region.

"This unique regional coalition is a role model for the rest of the state. We have come together with a shared, common goal and through persistence and cooperation, the WIU-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus has become a reality. Partnerships are the key to moving this state forward and I am most appreciative of our many Quad Cities partners," Goldfarb added. "We are the only public university in the Quad Cities, and our faculty provide exceptional educational opportunities to our students. Throughout the years, Western has provided the residents of this region with a quality, affordable and accessible education. We are committed to continuing to provide an outstanding educational experience to the Quad Cities."

Western has conducted classes in the Quad Cities for nearly 50 years and serves more than 1,400 students at its current 60th Street campus in Moline and in rented space in other facilities. A year-long 50th anniversary celebration to commemorate Western's presence in the Quad Cities will kickoff at the 2010 Founders' Day celebration in September 2010. The current building was opened in 1997, and by 1998, the University was renting space to meet additional course demand. The City of Moline is also revitalizing the area surrounding the WIU-QC Riverfront Campus into an Urban Technology Corridor.

For more information and to see construction progress photos, visit wiu.edu/qc/riverfront/index.php. To view architects' renderings of the proposed WIU-QC Riverfront Campus renovation, wiu.edu/university_planning/masterplan.php.

Erica Klein Gittleton, Aurora, is a 4th grade teacher for Valley View School Dist.

Jake Gittleton MS '09, Aurora, is an instructional design analyst for Accenture.

Emily Gordon MS-ED, Davenport, IA, is the director of Rick's House of Hope.

Michelle Gross MS, Oshkosh, WI, is an academic advisor for the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Pamela Peters Petersen, Grimes, IA, is a business analyst for Berkley Technology Services.

Harish Reddy Sanadadi MS, Louisville, KY, is a programmer consultant for Humana Inc/ Agacus Software Solutions. (hirsandadi@gmail.com)

Chad Thomas, Batavia, was selected the Academic Honor Graduate from the Combat Engineer Officer Course at Marine Corps Engineer School.

Seberina Lacey Thrush, Peoria Heights, is a teacher for The Catholic Diocese of Peoria.

Shawn Thrush, Peoria Heights, is a site supervisor for Securitas, Inc. working at Caterpillar in Mossville.

Jamie Cooper VanRaalte, Shabbona, is an associate attorney for Cassidy Schade LLP in Rockford. (jlvcassiday.com)

James Waymack II, Springfield, graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and entered an emergency medicine residency at SIU School of Medicine and its affiliated hospitals in Springfield.

2007

Jason Crean, Woodridge, is a teacher for Lyons Township High School and has been awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching Science Award from the White House. (jcrean@lths.net)

Matthew Garmer MBA '09, Franklin, WI, is a student services coordinator for Bryant & Stratton College in Milwaukee. (md-garmer@bryantstratton.edu)

Robert Gold ED SP, Eureka, is the assistant superintendent for Eureka-Congerville-Goodfield School Dist.

Rebecca Cranston Keltner, Crystal Lake, is a teacher for School Dist # 46 in Elgin.

Chrissy Tluczek, Sycamore, is coordinator of Open Recreation & Summer Camps for Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

Matt Warnsing MS-ED, Galesburg, is the director of Discovery Depot.

2008

John Bruce, Chicago, is a case manager for UCAN. (brucej@ucanchicago.org)

Carly Delligatti, Canton, is manager of The Buckle at Kennedy Mall in Dubuque, IA.

Kimberly Hofmann MS-ED, Sherrard, is director of student services for the Bettendorf School Dist.

Brian Moore, Elk Grove Village, is a business development director for Armstrong Relocation-United Van Lines. (bmoore@goarmstrong.com)

Bess Rapp, Lincoln, NE, is a teacher's assistant for the University of Nebraska.

Brent Trame, New Baden, has been deployed to Southwest Asia in the Persian Gulf to support the missions of Operations Iraqi & Enduring Freedom.

Kyle Winbigler, Monmouth, is a police officer for the Galesburg Police Dept.

2009

Tabitha Cooper, Galesburg, is an Americorps VISTA worker for the Henderson Mercer Warren ROE 27.

2010

Nicolas Dore, Plainfield, is a recreation specialist for the Sheridan Recreation District.

Bradley Kutmas, Carlville, is an instructional design specialist for Bunn-O-Matic Corp. in Springfield. (bdkutmas@aol.com)

Marriages and Civil Unions

Nicole Baber '09 and **Brian Wildermuth '06**, June 13, 2010.

Melissa Baltazar '06 and **Rudy Ortega '06**, June 12, 2010.

Elizabeth Bauer '92 and **Sean Fleming**, July 3, 2010.

Jennifer Cole '94 and **Matt Bohler**, May 1, 2010.

Elissa Crabbe '03 and **Tony Kruse '04**, July 2010.

Zachary DeMay '05 and **Jessie Huseman**, July 31, 2010.

Carissa Derham '08 and **Jacob Boyd '07**, June 19, 2010.

Erin Duesterhaus '98 and **Ross Wilken**, July 24, 2010.

Lonnie Dye III '05 and **Quinn May**, May 21, 2010.

Heather Gilles '94 and **Brian Sutton**, May 7, 2010.

Aneita Gullett '71 and **Donald Buss**, June 12, 2010.

Scott Holland '04 and **Shay Osterman**, March 24, 2010.

John Kirby '99 and **Brooke Roscum**, May 22, 2010.

Seth Lambert '07 and **Jessica Ruebush '09**, July 3, 2010.

Emilie Litow '09 and **Paul Rickbeil**, Aug. 13, 2010.

Christopher Moss '07 and **Erin Spirek '07**, June 26, 2010.

Steven O'Connell '04 and **Katie-Nell Scanlon**, July 17, 2010.

Susie Piper MS '04 and **Larry Davisson**, July 1, 2010.

Wayne Potuznik '80 and **Kaylee Muree Potuznik**, Sept. 19, 2009.

Brandi Ramos '06 and **Dario Cruz**, July 10, 2010.

Sarah Roderick '03 and **Jack Fitch**, June 12, 2010.

John Schmelzer '94 MS-ED '00 and **Brittney Ziegler**, June 30, 2009.

Amy Smith '98 and **Terry O'Connor**, May 15, 2010.

Stephen Sowers '06 MS '07 and **Jessica Numann**, June 5, 2010.

Ryan Thomas '02 and **Emily Barringer**, Oct. 24, 2009.

Matthew Ward '07 and **Amy Hicks**, June 13, 2009.

Marguerite "Margo" Whiteside '09 and **Ryan Taylor**, June 12, 2010.

Linda Woodruff '05 M.ACCT '06 and **Nathan Paxston**, July 31, 2010.

Births and Adoptions

Carrie Shoraga Bills '98 and **Matthew Bills '99**, a son, Ryan David, May 7, 2010.

Jennifer Lootens Brown '98 and **Doug**, a daughter, Brooke, Apr. 12, 2010.

Breanna Umthun Choate '05 and **Andrew Choate '05**, a son, Hayden Andrew, Jan. 28, 2010.

Nancy Willert Colburn '93 and **Sam Colburn '01**, a daughter, Alison Kathleen, Apr. 20, 2010.

Daniel Dahl '01 and **Michelle Harness Dahl '02**, a son, Mason Daniel, Jan. 19, 2010.

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Kassie Killip Daly '02 and **Scott Daly MS '02**, a son, Rylan Miles, Nov. 7, 2009.

Coni Dobbels-Pronschinske '99 and **Chad**, a son, Daniel James, May 22, 2010.

Angela Lazzara Doherty '05, and **Jay Doherty '05**, a son, Cole James, Apr. 15, 2010.

Christopher Faber '01 and **Leah**, a daughter, Gracie Rae, July 2, 2010.

Jean Rekowski Garcia MS '05 and **Matthew**, a son, Nathan Michael, June 14, 2010.

Kristi Johnson Geisler '02 and **Travis**, a daughter, Brooke, Mar. 12, 2010.

Amy Peterson Haber '00 and **Stacy**, a daughter, Madeline Grace, Dec. 19, 2009.

Alexander Hamneby '00 MBA '01 and **Jazmin Herrera Hamneby MA '01**, a daughter, Ana-Cecilia, May 21, 2010.

Matthew Hansen '00 and **Pamela Watt Hansen '02**, a son, Samuel Michael, Apr. 24, 2010.

Heather Phillips Ioerger '00 and **Edward Ioerger '01**, a son, Alexander Jacob, Nov. 13, 2009.

Ivy Hartstein Kiefer '96 and **Michael**, a son, Ian Edward, Mar. 15, 2010.

Emilie Vergon Miller '03 and **Timothy Miller '04**, a son, Payton James, July 6, 2009.

Holly Ford Pietschmann '02 and **Kyle Pietschmann '02**, a daughter, Ellie Renee, June 16, 2010.

Jay Regennitter '99 and **Sarah**, adopted, Emanuel Kyei, Gideon Asare, and Patience Pinama, Mar. 27, 2010.

Nicole LaDeur Rudow '04 and **Ron Rudow '03**, a daughter, Kaelyn Leora, Mar. 19, 2010.

Ben Schmidt '08 and **Sarah Pinkston Schmidt '07**, a daughter, Lilian Mae, June 24, 2010.

Amanda Voight Schulz '03 MBA '05 and **Geoffrey**, a son, Tyler Alexander, July 8, 2010.

B. Ellen Dunseth Shertzer '98 and **John**, a son, Luke Thomas, Mar. 3, 2010.

Derek Spudich '02, a daughter, Lorelei Michelle, Apr. 12, 2010.

Amanda Latta St. Leger '01 and **Nicholas St. Leger '00**, a daughter, Avery Vivian, June 12, 2010.

Jerry Sullivan Jr. '92 and **Jenny Edlund Sullivan '91**, a son, Kolt, Apr. 23, 2010.

Matt Suwalski '02 MS '04 and **Sara Ann Kleinhans Suwalski MS '02**, a son, Stuart Klein, Nov. 19, 2009.

Kristen DiVincenzo Wilson '99 and **Chet**, a daughter, Macklin Marie, May 31, 2010.

Deaths

Mary Bibly, Somonauk, Oct. 1, 2009.

Kenneth Bryan, Greeley, CO, May 17, 2010.

Dorothy "Dottie" Butler, Macomb, Apr. 21, 2010.

Walter Duncan, Clinton, MS, Nov. 20, 2009.

Phillip Dunn, Macomb, Aug. 27, 2009.

Pamela "Pam" Hansen, Macomb, June 16, 2010.

Jeanne Wertz Looney, Galva, Apr. 13, 2008.

Thomas "Roger" Myers, Macomb, July 10, 2010.

Effie Gosnell Nelson, Peoria, May 21, 2010.

Dave Parsons, Canton, May 2, 2006.

Peter Shaffer, Conway, SC, Feb. 26, 2010.

Rosemary Simons, Ocala, FL, Sept. 15, 2008.

Helen Stroud, Shelbyville, IN, Oct. 5, 2009.

Eva "Marjorie" Swanson, Macomb, July 8, 2010.

Thomas "Tom" Noll, San Diego, CA, July 26, 2010.

1935 Mary Sullivan Carroll, Peoria, Apr. 26, 2010.

1941 Helen Black Reeves, Grants Pass, OR, July 4, 2010.

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Western has also been cited as a "best practice" model institution among just 15 U.S. colleges and universities, and the only Illinois university cited, by the Southern Regional Educational Board (SREB) for retention and graduation rates. Western also is the only Illinois public university and the only Midwestern public university cited among 20 other U.S. public institutions by The Education Trust for successful graduation rates for Hispanic students.

"Western's commitment to academic excellence and educational opportunity – two of our core values – guides our decision-making. Our commitment to access remains one of our most important priorities," Goldfarb added.

Forbes recently listed Western among the best of 610 institutions in the country. According to Forbes, whether a school is in the top 10 or near the end of the list, all 610 schools in the Forbes ranking count among the best in the country. Only nine percent of the 6,600 accredited post-secondary institutions in the U.S. are reviewed, and Western was the only Illinois public university among its regional peer institutions included in the Forbes list. The other Illinois public universities included are national doctoral universities.

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1948 Charles "Bill" Badgley MS '50, LaVerne, CA, June 27, 2010.

1949 Graydon "G.L." Blansett, Springfield, MO, June 14, 2010.

1950 Leroy Gillam, Canton, July 19, 2010.

1950 Betty Bond Koch, Mt. Sterling, Feb. 6, 2010.

1951 Betty Lee Kitchell, El Paso, Nov. 27, 2009.

1951 James Mills, Tucson, AZ, Feb. 3, 2010.

1954 Carolyn Duncan Pensinger, Savage, MN, Mar. 19, 2010.

1955 Beatrice Johnson Becklin, Macomb, May 26, 2010.

1956 George A. Spyles MS-ED, Canton, Mar. 21, 2010.

1957 Geraldine Thrasher Dorsey, Springfield, June 27, 2010.

1957 Jimmie Stephens, Troy, June 26, 2010.

1958 William "Bill" Schmidt, San Marcos, TX, July 3, 2010.

1961 Rose Smith, Longmont, CO, Apr. 16, 2010.

1962 William Foster, Glen Ellyn, Feb. 17, 2010.

1963 Clifford Tucker, Wesley Chapel, FL, July 11, 2010.

1963 James Wegs, Mishawaka, IN, July 14, 2010.

1963 Nancy Janes Ziegler, Alamo, TX, May 25, 2009.

1964 Lynette Seator, Chicago, Oct. 16, 2009.

1965 Ruthann Hintermeister Wahlberg, Glen Ellyn, Apr. 10, 2009.

1966 Nellie Gabel MS-ED, Keokuk, IA, Jan. 10, 2010.

1968 Victoria "Vicki" Brubaker Horton, Orlando, FL, Aug. 25, 2009.

1969 Mary Cherrill Habben MS-ED, Carthage, Dec. 6, 2009.

1969 Rosemary Randolph MS-ED, Macomb, July 2, 2010.

1970 Margaret "Peg" Haag MSE, Parrish, FL, July 6, 2010.

1971 Michael Peterson, Warren, ME, July 19, 2010.

1971 Louise Banner Welch MA, Gilmer, TX, Nov. 25, 2009.

1972 Marilyn Howarter, Canton, June 6, 2010.

1973 Christine Haddick Ashburn, Peoria, Feb. 21, 2008.

1973 Talley Lasher MS-ED, Quincy, Mar. 1, 2009.

1974 Edward Kielbasinski MA '81, Kearney, NE, Aug. 9, 2009.

1976 Mary Wolf Doubek, Chicago, Jan. 22, 2010.

1977 Gaye Reynolds Farmer, Lake in the Hills, Sept. 18, 2007.

1978 Robert MacGruder Jr. MS '80, Chicago, Sept. 1, 2009.

1980 Deborah Wildrick Nelson, Bloomington, May 23, 2009.

1981 Frederick "Fred" Jeske MS-ED, Marion, IA, Dec. 22, 2009.

1983 Phillip Horras, Springfield, MO, May 27, 2010.

1983 Terrence Sawyer, Chicago, July 11, 2010.

1985 Edda Leker Prats MS-ED, Kankakee, Jan. 16, 2010.

1987 Michael Mogged, Flanagan, May 23, 2010.

1988 Terry Wicker, Godfrey, May 11, 2009.

1989 Linwood "Eric" Goldstone, San Antonio, TX, May 7, 2010.

1992 Dree Dickhoff, Cambridge, Jan. 13, 2010.

1992 Dina McMillan, Chicago, Aug. 7, 2008.

1998 William "Bill" Oliver, New Smyrna Beach, FL, Mar. 21, 2010.

2000 Mindy Keith Smith, Kewanee, Feb. 23, 2008.

2006 Eric Hill, Macomb, May 11, 2010.

2007 Reginald Wilson Jr., Macomb, June 27, 2010.

Cubs vs. White Sox Alumni & Friends Event The Cubby Bear, June 12

Front row, l-r: Aiysha Johnson '08, Brandon Kutilek '10, Josh Kutilek '06, Ashley Wentzel '08, Amy Moore '09, Jacqueline Flickinger '06 and Heather Kilgallon '05. Middle row, l-r:



Joseph Wojowski '07, Colleen Casey Oakes '94, Cynthia Dirksen '93, Michael Balistreri '05, Nick Cassioppi '05, Mike Kartawich '04, Dave Whipple '94 and Katie Whipple. Back row, l-r: Jose Marraquin, Oracio Torres '07, Jorge Calvillo, Curt Alsvig '06, Tom O'Brien '07 and Matt Saey '06.



Front row, l-r: Alumni Council member Carol Lewis Scott '70, Erika Lowe '09, Gretchen Johnson '72, Pat Savage Clawson, Greta Johnson Lesniak '72, Linda Hewitt Slepicka '73, Carolyn Nelson and Sue Hopkinson. Back row, l-r: Doug Garcia '94, Bill Scott, Joan Davis Larner '82, Ron Larner, Alumni Council president Roger Clawson '77, Blake Antonides '09, Luis Disotuar, Board of Trustees member, Alumni Achievement and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Bill Epperly '68 and Ken Nelson.



Row 1, l-r: Rocco Clark, Nicole Cripe Sivertsen '92, Elizabeth Plattenberger, Holly King '01, Carey Panier '01, Dana Silaggi Herrick '02 and Kara Jolly. Row 2, l-r: Anna Krowczyk, Nancy Olshaw Hahn '88, Jenna Steiner '01, Jennifer Dixon '02, Todd Hahn '94, Christine Anderson Hahn '95, Mary Pignatelli Hahn '88 and Stephanie Jolly. Row 3, l-r: Dustin Bainter, Aaron Schroeder, Bob Hahn '86, Lad Sakun '69, Barry Olshaw '70, Sandy Kovarik Sakun '70 and James Hahn '88. Row 4, l-r: Nick Michael, Brent Ruch and Jared Hintzche.



Front row, l-r: Dennis Monaco, Residential Facilities Director Joe Roselieb '07 MS '09, Pat Clifford Butler '74, Chuck Trumpinski '63, Ashley Wentzel '08, Ann Ford and Karen Salverson '95 MA '96. Middle row, l-r: Lynn Monaco, Jeff Butler, Carolyn Zelek, Amy Moore '09, Abbey Kern '03, Laura Stakal '03, David Tran '03, Ann Reus '04 and Alumni Council

member Brett Goad '74 MA '76. Back row, l-r: Eric Moore, Amanda Schnarr Wheeler MS '05, Adam Berman '06, Ryan Ford '96, Christopher Wheeler '97 MS '00, Asst. Vice President for Student Services John Biernbaum, Eldon Brown '96 and Brian Huddel.



L-r: Blake Antonides '09, Ed Noel '84 MS '87,

Alumni Council president Roger Clawson '77, Alumni Council member Kirk Dillard '77, Board of Trustees member Bill Epperly '68 and Ryan Taylor.



L-r: Nicole Cripe Sivertsen '92, Rolf Sivertsen ED SP '07, head volleyball coach Kym McKay MS '08, Sean McKay and Cindy McNaney '91.

UPCOMING WIU ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

See our calendar on **Page 2** for a complete list of events in your area!

September 24 & 25

Reunion 2010

Join us as we honor the classes of 1960, 1970 & 1985! This fun-filled weekend in Macomb will include a walking tour, a photo extravaganza, and an All-Alumni Social on Friday. Saturday's events include breakfast, the parade, an Alumni cookout, the football game and the Reunion & Half-Century Club Banquet featuring an exciting new format! You will have the chance to reconnect with former friends and classmates and experience all our exciting Homecoming events, so join us for your 2010 Reunion in Macomb!

October 7

Quincy Area Alumni & Friends Event

Spirit Knob Winery • 2213 East 640th Place, Ursa, IL • 6-8 p.m. Wine tasting and pasta stations - \$20/person

October 14

Burlington Alumni & Friends Event

Burlington Golf Club • 2124 Sunnyside Ave., Burlington, IA 6-8 p.m. • Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar - \$15/person

October 16

St. Louis Alumni & Friends Event

The Big Bang Bar • Laclede's Landing, St. Louis, MO
Join us for a fun evening of dueling pianos. Doors open at 5 p.m. with music beginning at 6:30. There is no admission fee if you arrive before 6 p.m. - Free pizza and nachos before 7 p.m.

October 21

Springfield Alumni & Friends Event

The Dublin Pub at Vinegar Hill
107 W. Cook St., Springfield, IL, 6-8 p.m.
Ponyshoe bar, salad bar, coffee, tea, soda and cash bar - \$14/person

October 23

WIU vs. Missouri State Pregame Social & Football Game

Mille's Cafe • 313 S. Jefferson, Springfield, MO
Social: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • Kickoff: 1 p.m.

- Social and ticket - \$17/person
- Social only - \$12/person

November 11

Rockford Alumni & Friends Event • Franchesco's Ristorante
7128 Spring Creek Road, Rockford, IL • 6-8 p.m. - \$20/person

December 5

Detroit Alumni & Friends Event - Lions vs. Bears Pregame Social & Football Game

Ford Field, 2000 Brush Street, Detroit, MI

Social: 11 a.m., Kickoff: 1 p.m. EST

- Social, brunch buffet, game ticket in Section 316 & cash bar - \$85/person
- Social, brunch buffet, game ticket in Section 240 & cash bar - \$95/person
- Social, buffet & cash bar ONLY (must have game ticket) - \$38/person

December 11

Chicago Lyric Opera Event Social and Performance

20 N. Wacker Dr., Chicago, IL
The Mikado by Gilbert and Sullivan

December 13

Chicago Alumni & Friends Event

Howl at the Moon • 26 W. Hubbard, Chicago, IL, 6:30-8 p.m.
Complimentary social at Howl at the Moon including MANY drink and food specials. The show starts at 8:00 p.m.; after 8:00 p.m., WIU guests will have to pay an admission fee and will not receive access to the discounts.

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