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Alumni News and Notes from Western Illinois University

## Six receive alumni achievement awards

Six Western Illinois University alumni have been selected to receive the WIU Alumni Achievement Award at the Saturday, Dec. 20 Commencement Exercises.

This year's recipients are **Matthew D. Miller**, president of Rally Appraisal LLC, Bettendorf, Iowa; Col. **Lois Beard**, Brigade Commander for the U.S. Army's 42nd Military Police Brigade (MPB), Ft. Lewis, Wash; **Tamara Harris**, instructional technologist/learning specialist for IBM Learning Development in Atlanta, Ga., and founder of Selene's Sensations bakery; **Nancy Brattain Rogers**, professor and director of the Center for Public Service and Community Engagement at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Ind.; **Bart Rogers**, chief administrative officer of the US Cellular Coliseum, Bloomington, Ill.; and **Joseph "Skip" Begley**, chair of the Hinsdale Ill. Central High School Department of Physical Education.

Western's Alumni Achievement Award is given in recognition of outstanding contributions to any of the following: exceptional accomplishment in one's chosen field of endeavor; exceptional service in community affairs at the local, state or national levels; and exceptional service in support of the advancement and continued excellence of WIU.

Miller, Beard and Harris will be recognized at the



Matthew D. Miller



Lois Beard



Tamara Harris



Nancy Brattain Rogers



Bart Rogers



Joseph "Skip" Begley

9:30 a.m. ceremony, while Nancy Brattain Rogers, Bart Rogers and Begley will be recognized at the 1 p.m. ceremony.

Miller, a 1992 history graduate, certified real estate appraiser in Iowa and Illinois and designated member of the Appraisal Institute-SRA (2007), has been president and CEO of Rally Appraisal LLC since 2005. He began his career as an associate appraiser in the Quad Cities location of Hayes Appraisal Associates, Inc., headquartered in Des Moines, (IA), in 1993. In 1997 he co-founded Miller-Hayes LLC of Illinois and in 2002 merged this company with Hayes Appraisal of Iowa. From 2002-2005, he was

president of Illinois operations and chief financial officer (CFO) of Hayes Appraisal Associates, Inc. (renamed Rally Appraisal in 2006).

Currently, his company spans five states and encompasses a staff of approximately 100 employees, many of whom are WIU graduates. Miller is active within the economics and finance departments at Western, giving presentations as the keynote speaker for Economics Day 2006 to Rho Epsilon and Delta Sigma Pi. In addition, Miller supports Western financially through contributions to the men's golf program for scholarships and to several other

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## IBHE approves engineering, nursing

The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) in October approved Western Illinois University's requests to offer a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree and the four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

"These degrees come at a time when there is a dire need for trained professionals both regionally and nationally," said Provost **Jack Thomas**. "We are excited to offer these new academic programs to our students, and to better serve the needs of our region and the state."

The 133-semester hour engineering degree will be delivered at the WIU-Macomb and WIU-Quad Cities campuses and will provide an integrated course of study. The program will be a plus-two degree completion program (junior and senior years) articulated with the pre-engineering transfer programs at the WIU-Macomb campus and community colleges in Illinois, Iowa and

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## 30 years of Western News

When Western News began 30 years ago, it started out as a "cut-and-paste" eight-page black and white publication that was sent to a limited number of alumni. Over the years, new editors attempted to add their own mark and

improve the piece by changing the publication's size, adding color and using different paper stock. Today, Western News has transformed into a premier full-color 28 page newspaper that is sent to more than 95,000 alumni and friends four times a year at no charge.



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## Director's Corner News from Your Alumni Association



Happy Holidays from the Western Illinois University Alumni Association! December marks a milestone each year for many of us at WIU. Nearly 1,000 students will receive their degrees and we welcome our newest members into the Alumni Association upon their degree completion. The holidays and graduation are both cause for celebration at your alma mater.

As this great time of the year approaches, we must also remember those we have lost in the past year and thank the men and women of our armed forces for all they do for this country, putting themselves in harm's way every day.

The end of 2008 and the coming year in 2009 will bring exciting opportunities for us to see our many alumni and friends around the country. We hope you will consider joining us at one of our many events in the Quad Cities; in Florida; or in Chicago at Howl at the Moon, or at Steppenwolf Theatre for the production of "The Seafarer" starring WIU graduate John Mahoney MA '76 who will visit with us after the show, or at our complimentary event at The Art Institute of Chicago, or Chicago Symphony Hall for the WIU Symphonic Wind Ensemble performance. We have several other events scheduled throughout the spring in our effort to bring WIU to YOU! A full schedule can be found at [wiu.edu/alumni/events](http://wiu.edu/alumni/events). See you soon...

*Amy E. Spelman*

Amy Spelman MS '98

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## WIU Alumni & Friends Events for 2009

### January

- 25 . . . . . Steppenwolf Theatre Alumni & Friends Event - Chicago
- 29 . . . . . Orlando, Fla. Alumni & Friends Event
- 30 . . . . . Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Alumni & Friends Event
- 31 . . . . . Ft. Myers/Naples, Fla. Alumni & Friends Event

### February

- 5 . . . . . Memphis, Tenn. Alumni & Friends Event
- 6 . . . . . Nashville, Tenn. Alumni & Friends Event
- 12 . . . . . Dubuque, Iowa Aquarium Alumni & Friends Event

### March

- TBD . . . Arizona Ultimate Alumni & Friends Day
- 21 . . . . . Black Alumni Black Tie Scholarship Gala
- 27 . . . . . Boston, Mass. Alumni & Friends Event
- 28 . . . . . Pittsburgh, Penn. Alumni & Friends Event

### April

- 3 . . . . . Complimentary Social at the Art Institute of Chicago Alumni & Friends Event
- 4 . . . . . Chicago Symphony Orchestra Alumni & Friends Event
- 17 . . . . . Celebrating Town & Gown Alumni & Friends Event - Macomb, Ill.
- 18 . . . . . All Leatherneck Reunion - Chicago, Ill.

### May

- 8 . . . . . Denver Alumni & Friends Event
- 9 . . . . . Geffen Theatre Alumni & Friends Event - Los Angeles, Calif.
- 13-21 . . . Travel Abroad - Amalfi
- 15-16 . . . Commencement/Distinguished Alumni Award

### June

- 8 . . . . . Chicago Alumni & Friends Golf Outing - Seven Bridges Golf Club-Woodridge, Ill.
- 3-10 . . . . . Travel Abroad - Alaska
- 13-21 . . . . . Travel Abroad - Mediterranean
- 22 . . . . . Quad Cities Alumni & Friends Golf Outing - Short Hills Golf Course-E. Moline, Ill.
- 23-July 6 . . . . . Travel Abroad - Ukraine/Romania
- 26 . . . . . Peoria Alumni & Friends Golf Outing - Weaver Ridge

### July

- 11 . . . . . Cubs vs. Cardinals Alumni & Friends Event - Cubby Bear-Chicago, Ill.
- 30 . . . . . Root Against the President Alumni & Friends Event - US Cellular Field-Chicago

### August

- 1-2 . . . . . Black Alumni Reunion Weekend

### October

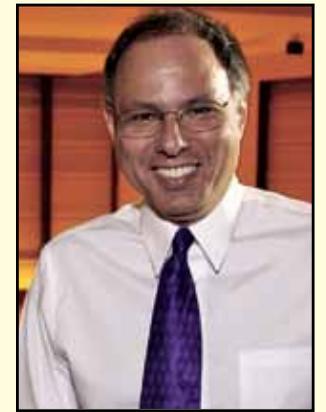
- 9-18 . . . . . Travel Abroad - Greece
- 16-17 . . . . . 2009 Reunion
- 17 . . . . . Homecoming
- 19-28 . . . . . Travel Abroad - South Africa

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## From the President



The Fall 2008 semester has nearly concluded, and it is with great pride that I look back at our many achievements. We have had several notable accomplishments during the semester, including awarding our first doctoral degrees at the December 20 commencement. Nine students will receive their Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.) degrees, marking a first for Western Illinois University.

There were also other significant academic accomplishments. In October, the Illinois Board of Higher Education approved two new degrees: a four-year nursing degree and a four-year engineering program, both of which will begin in Fall 2009. These new degree programs are extremely important to our region and to our host communities; and they would not have been possible without the support and commitment from the area hospitals, businesses and industries.

We are also making progress on facilities projects. Our Donald S. Spencer Student Recreation Center work continues and will be completed in the near future. The center serves more than 1,500 members daily, and the renovations and addition to this structure provide exceptional health and wellness opportunities for our students, staff and alumni. We also opened bids in November for the upcoming renovation of Memorial Hall, and we anticipate opening the new Multicultural Center this spring.

I had the good fortune to attend many alumni events, and I want to thank those who took part in the 2008 events.

We soon begin our spring athletics season, and I look forward to seeing you during the 2008-09 basketball season to cheer Coach Leslie Crane and the Westerwinds and new Coach Jim Molinari and the Leathernecks to victory.

During the Fall 2008 semester, the University hosted premier speakers, performances and events. On November 4, the Office of Student Activities hosted an Election Night Party that had record attendance. Our University Theme Speakers Committee brought nationally-recognized speakers to campus to present topics focusing on this year's theme of health and wellness. Other guests, such as Dr. Drew Pinsky, noted psychiatrist and nationally-syndicated radio host, are scheduled for the spring semester. The Bureau of Cultural Affairs and the College of Fine Arts and Communication presented numerous theatrical performances, recitals and concerts in their 40th anniversary year.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Western Illinois University. I look forward to seeing all of you soon. All my best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season and a great New Year.

*Alison McGaughey*

# College of Business and Technology



## C-FAR Day at WIU CBT officially unveils new coffee shop

*Research continues on milkweed and goat meat*

Seemingly esoteric research involving milkweed and chevon—a.k.a. goat meat—were among the projects presented by faculty from Western's agriculture department on C-FAR Day in November. C-FAR, or the Illinois Council on Food and Agricultural Research, held its eighth annual event on campus, and the daylong program provided attendees with highlights of WIU-based research funded through C-FAR with monies appropriated from the state of Illinois.

**William Bailey**, chair of WIU's agriculture department, noted that C-FAR funding has permitted faculty to pursue research that has led to promising results for new and developing agriculture products in Illinois.

"The research in milkweed has opened up new marketing opportunities in the medical industry, while C-FAR funding on goat feeding has generated significant interest from several major ethnic groups [that consume chevon] around Illinois," Bailey said.

"C-FAR Day provides a unique opportunity for C-FAR members, who represent practically every sector within Illinois' food and agricultural industry, to engage in discussions directly with researchers about their research activities," said **Jerry Hicks**, C-FAR research chair. "The progress we have achieved together has enabled many positive results for our state and its citizens."

See more photos at [flickr.com/photos/westernillinoisuniversity](http://flickr.com/photos/westernillinoisuniversity). For more information about WIU's C-FAR research in WIU's agriculture department, contact Bailey at (309) 298-1080 or [WC-Bailey@wiu.edu](mailto:WC-Bailey@wiu.edu).



Participants of the Illinois Council on Food and Agricultural Research (C-FAR) Day toured Western's goat facility on the Macomb campus.



Win Phippen, associate professor, shows attendees a modified harvesting machine used to harvest milkweed.

More than 60 people packed into Dividends, including CBT faculty and staff, as well as several dignitaries from First Bankers Trust—the sole donor for the project—for the Macomb Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Development's Business After Hours event.

"The Dividends concept was a great collaborative effort that put the needs of our students first," said CBT Dean **Tom Erikson**. "There was a true need in Stipes Hall for additional student study space. We're thrilled to be able to offer the University community this great new dining option as well as to be able to provide a place where students can grab a coffee, have a bite to eat or hang out to study or socialize."

According to **Dennis Iversen**, senior vice president at First Bankers Trust in Macomb and WIU honorary alumnus (1994), a few of the bank's officers are WIU graduates, so the Dividends project is a win-win situation for the bank and for the University.

"It provides First Bankers Trust a way to give back to Western. More than that, it provides a relaxed atmosphere in which faculty and students can interact," Iversen said.

First Bankers Trust also operates an ATM in Dividends. Sodexo Campus Services, the service that provides food and dining services to WIU, is also part of the collaboration.



I-r: **Becky Paulsen**, CBT director of development; **Dennis Iversen**, senior vice president-business development, First Bankers Trust; **Arthur Greenbank '76**, president/CEO, First Bankers Trust; and **Tom Erikson**, CBT dean.

## An 'amusing' business

For one Western Illinois University graduate, work is simply amusing.

For more than 20 years, **Patty Sullivan '88 MBA '89** has continued a century-old tradition in her family: building amusement park rides. Eli Bridge Company of Jacksonville, Ill., which was founded by Sullivan's great-great grandfather in 1906, is the oldest manufacturer of amusement rides in the U.S. Patty Sullivan began serving as CEO in 1996.

According to Sullivan, the company built the oldest running Ferris wheel in the nation in 1903. Throughout the years, the company has built a variety of amusement rides with Ferris wheels as tall as an eight-story building and retailing at more than \$400,000.

### Step-by-Step

So just how long does it take to build a Ferris wheel from start to finish? Roughly 90-120 days, Sullivan said. Aside from motor components, the Ferris wheels and amusement rides are built in the 76,000-square-foot facility in Jacksonville.

"We build each wheel from scratch. The metal frame is welded and built in the factory, and we even build trailers for trailer mounted models," she noted. "We finish each wheel with impeccable detail. Our hand-built seats are intricate and labor intensive. We pride our products on craftsmanship, quality and innovation."

### Taking the industry by storm

In 1955, Eli Bridge Co. produced its first "non-wheel" ride – The Scrambler. This double-rotation ride was



The 67-foot Ferris wheel in a Nevada Scheels store was built by Eli Bridge Co., headed up by Patty Sullivan '88 MBA '89.

destined to take the amusement industry by storm and has since become one of the most recognized amusement rides in existence.

Today, Eli Bridge products can be found in amusement parks around the world and are traditional attractions at parks, family entertainment centers, county fairs, festivals and carnivals throughout the nation.

"Eli Bridge continues to innovate and change to meet the demands of our customers in the new century. Our new SpiderMania ride has been a phenomenal success and our Next Generation Mobile Scrambler is one of the easiest major attractions to erect and transport," Sullivan added.

### Ch-ch-changes

While the wheel will always remain a top priority for Eli Bridge, throughout the years, the company has evolved to manufacture more than just outdoor amusements. Most recently, Eli Bridge has teamed up with sports retailer Scheels. In October, the company completed construction of the 67-foot indoor wheel for the Scheels store near Reno, Nev. This is the third wheel for Scheels that Eli Bridge has built.

"We take pride in striving to keep the highest standards to which great-grandfather (William E.) and grandfather (Lee A. Sullivan, Sr.) adhered throughout their lifetimes," Sullivan said. "Their values were instilled in the heart of Eli Bridge Company with which Dad (Lee Sullivan) have shared and challenged my generation. Like them, we too, have a vision to build new rides with the quality of the old."

# The World Series on a 'Little' level

*Kestner earns spot among top ump's*

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92

Once in a lifetime is something **Terry Kestner '84** knows all about. In August, the alumnus and former WIU agriculture department adjunct instructor got his once-in-a-lifetime chance as an umpire in the Junior League Baseball World Series in Taylor, Mich.

"There were 13 umpires in the 2008 Junior League World Series," explained Kestner, who now lives in Cedar Falls, Iowa. "In Little League, you cannot work more than two World Series. I've worked one—the Junior League—now I can only work the World Series at one other level in Little League."

Part of the official Little League organization, Junior League baseball is the division in which 13-14 year-old boys compete every summer, according to Kestner. The 2008 Junior League World Series—which, he noted, "truly is a world series" (this year's competitors hailed from Canada; Curaçao, Mexico; the Philippines; the U.K. and the U.S.)—was held from Aug. 10-16 and included 23 games, with the championship game broadcast live on ESPN.

## The Learning Path

"Little League is one of the largest youth sports organizations in the world, with somewhere around 2.6 million kids involved," said Kestner. "I really enjoy working with the kids. I think Little League provides a lot of important life lessons—about winning, losing and good sportsmanship. It teaches kids how to be part of a team and that how you act and what you do can affect the team."

Originally from the Quincy (Ill.) area, Kestner transferred to Western in 1982 from John Wood Community College. At Western, he was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR) fraternity. He graduated in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in agriculture; he liked Macomb so much that, before moving to northern Iowa last year, he spent 23 years working for Farm Credit Services here.

Although Kestner started umpiring slow-pitch softball games while he was in high school, the bulk of his umpiring career was spent in Macomb.



**Terry Kestner '84 was one of 12 umpires in the Junior League World Series in Taylor, Mich. last summer.**

"As an adult, I started umpiring in a slow-pitch league, and then the local umpiring group asked me if I would consider working some Little League games," he said. "It didn't take too long for me to realize I enjoyed umpiring the younger kids' games more than I did the adult-age games."

## In a League of His Own

Kestner kept a busy schedule in Macomb as a youth sports umpire, a referee for high school football and basketball games, rural real estate appraiser, active member of the Lions' Club and an adjunct instructor at Western, teaching an ag-finance course for one year and a rural appraiser course for six years. He also was the adviser for WIU's AGR house for 10 years and served on the fraternity's alumni board for 16 years.

Kestner served on Macomb's Little League board for seven years and was the umpire consultant for Illinois district 17 for six years as well.

Over the years, Kestner continued to ump, even though as a child, he only played Little League for one summer.

"We lived out in the country, so it was difficult for my family to get me to practice and to games. So, in a way, it's kind of like reliving my childhood. I can't go back and play those baseball years, but I can still be involved in the game this way," he said.

## An Elite Group

Becoming an umpire in the Junior League World Series involves proven skills and recommendations at district- and sectional-level tournaments within the Little League organization. It was Kestner's Macomb ties that helped him get to the pinnacle Junior League event.

"Mike Nichols, who owns Swede's Autobody, was the president of the Macomb Little

League Association at the time I was recommended for my first tournament. He sent my name to the district administrator, who got me the assignments for the district, sectional and state tournaments. The district administrators are also the ones who recommend umpires for the regional and for World Series tournaments," Kestner explained. "I owe much of my success to the present district administrator, Tim Ward. Early in my umpiring career, Tim helped me improve my skills and encouraged me to attend the Little League umpire school in Indianapolis (IN) that he helped start."

In the company of 12 other umpires, Kestner was involved in 11 games during the weeklong 2008 Junior League World Series.

"I had [the plate assignment in] the game between the U.S. East [Maryland] and the U.S. West [Hawaii] teams," Kestner said. "When the assignments were issued Friday morning, Iowa [Central] was still in the running for the U.S. championship, and umpires are not eligible to work games in which teams from their region play. The best I could hope for was to get the plate for the international championship."

"And that's what I got—I worked the plate in the Friday evening game between Curaçao and Mexico. And when Iowa lost in the U.S. championship, I was fortunate enough to have second base in the final championship game."

Though Kestner has now worked the Junior League World Series, he is still eligible to umpire in the Little League World Series.

"This has been a goal in life for me, but I still want to get to the Little League World Series in Williamsport (PA)," Kestner said.

With Kestner's commitment, drive and sheer love of Little League, for him, that once-in-a-lifetime just may be possible... again.



**Kestner umpires in the Junior League World Series.**

## Marx, founder of WIU economics department, dies

Western Illinois University Economics Professor Emeritus **Karl B. Marx III (78)**, of Colchester, died Sept. 22 in Macomb.

Marx joined the WIU faculty in 1961. During his tenure at Western he founded the economics department and served as its first chair in 1968. He also served as acting chair of the department from 1989-90 and from 1976-80. He developed several computer graphic programs to enhance the teaching of economic theories. He retired in 1997.

Marx received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Michigan State University and his doctorate from the University of Illinois.

Survivors include his wife, **Maureen '79**, who is the chair of the WIU department of communication sciences and disorders.

A celebration of life was held in September.

Memorials may be made to the Audubon Society or to the donor's choice.



**For the third consecutive year, the College of Business and Technology sponsored a Bose Wave Radio raffle for CBT alumni taking part in WIU Homecoming festivities at "The Right Place." Congratulations to winner Larry Rose '68 of Newton, Iowa. He's pictured with his wife Emily; Dean Tom Erikson; and Associate Dean Larry Wall.**

# College of Business and Technology



## CBT young alumni: Emily Knox '02

By Alison McGaughey

*Editor's note: This is the first installment of "CBT Young Alumni" as a regular feature.*

**Emily Knox '02**, a Macomb native, returned to her alma mater during the Fall 2008 semester to speak to business students and share insights on her career path.

If not for her professional attire, she may easily have passed for the college students surrounding her.

But Knox, an operations manager for Shell Lubricants, manages a team of nine people and oversees four third-party distribution centers throughout North America, and is responsible for an annual operating budget of \$30 million for transportation and warehousing operating expenses. Her team also manages the imports and exports for the car care business, which includes adherence to all U.S. customs regulations.

Knox described to Western News (WN) how she entered the field—and how Western helped her get there.

**WN: What interested you in this field, and how did you decide to pursue it?**

When I was a student at Western, supply chain management (SCM) wasn't a full major yet, but I took all the classes in SCM that I could. [WIU began offering a major in 2005—now one of only three of its kind in the state]. Basically, it was learning about the procurement and distribution of goods and all the elements in between—from cost negotiation to warehouse management to transportation; raw materials to finished goods.

I had already decided I wanted to be a business major. Through networking with upperclassmen who had minors in SCM, and through hearing the speakers that the student organization would bring in, I developed an understanding of the breadth of opportunity that exists in the field. If you think about it, all companies procure something, whether it be from office supplies to the individual components of a product such as a bottle cap. It seemed like there were lots of opportunities as a career path, like several majors in one.

**Dr. [Russell] Morey** was a mentor; he helped guide me through the major and the opportunities available. Also, I completed two internships during my sophomore and junior years, for John Deere, which confirmed my



Emily Knox

interest in the field. The first was within a manufacturing facility in the construction equipment division and its impact on the parts distribution center. I was able to see the real-life opportunities and the value of decreasing cost through minimizing inventory. The other was in procurement, working on a project to source a strategic supplier for general office equipment. Networking with another Western grad who worked for the company, and proving myself through those internships, helped lead to a job with Shell in its Naperville office as an operations analyst. [Knox advanced to her current position after two years in Naperville and a few other

assignments.]

**Tell us about your responsibilities with Shell and some of your challenges.**

My position involves a lot of travel to our warehouse locations to provide operational oversight. It's a combination of 'people development,' handling urgent operational issues and strategic planning. What I enjoy most is the people I work with and for. It's a strong environment with a lot of highly motivated people. As for challenges, a lot of the people I have supervised are new to the company so there is a learning curve and a lot of focus on their development.

**Do you stand out because of the level of success you have achieved in such a short time? To what do you attribute your success as a young professional?**

I think my boss does hold me to a higher standard based on the level of experience I've had for my age, but I appreciate the challenge and the opportunities this has brought to my work.

I go back to a lot of the experience(s) I had when I was at Western. I worked at the Illinois Small Business Development Center (SBDC) all four years, and it wasn't

just helping answer the telephones. I actually managed the monthly budget for the office, and because the office existed to help potential business owners, I gained a lot of general knowledge about business in general. Also, through leadership positions I held in the Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity, and as vice president of the American Marketing Association on campus, I learned how to work with lots of different people, ideas, and conflicts; it helped prepare me for the workforce and develop skills I'd be using at Shell.

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

I visit college campuses and speak to undergraduate business majors and give advice on career progression, and I tell them that in SCM, there is a need for good talent and that jobs are plentiful for people willing to work hard. I also tell them about the power of networking—don't

underestimate the power of it while you're in school but also once you're out. Don't get so focused on just getting your first job the summer after graduation but on where it could take you—try to understand what it offers now but also in the future. Take advantage of the opportunities at WIU that will drive you to network.

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

When I was hired at Shell, of the four new hires at the time, only two actually had degrees in SCM, so it's great that Western now has a program. I think having that background and

education really gave me an edge, rather than coming in and trying to learn the SCM concepts on the job.

I always felt the College of Business and Technology was close-knit. I knew my professors and a lot of my classmates. That helped drive me to where I am. I don't think a lot of people realize how the low professor-to-student ratio impacts their learning environment—the engagement you get at a personal level that I don't think you would get in a larger institution.

**Age:** 28

**WIU major:** Marketing—emphasis in Supply Chain Management

**Current position:** Operations Manager, Shell Lubricants car care division, seller of brands such as Rain-X and Fix-A-Flat.

**Location:** Houston, Texas

## Caterpillar exec receives CBT Distinguished Alum Award

The College of Business and Technology is pleased to announce **Steve Larson '78 MBA '79** as the recipient of the 2008 CBT Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Larson is a vice president of Peoria (Ill.)-based Caterpillar Inc. and chair and president of Caterpillar Logistics Services Inc. (Cat Logistics). Cat Logistics serves the supply-chain strategy and design and logistics needs of Caterpillar Inc., as well as for more than 65 companies in a variety of industries, including high tech, automotive, industrial, aerospace and defense and consumer durables.

Larson joined Caterpillar in 1979. He has held a series of positions in the company with growing responsibilities in the areas of accounting, finance and marketing. In 1995 he was named a product and marketing manager

in the North American Commercial Division (NACD), and he later held positions as a district manager, product manager for large track-type tractors and regional manager. In 2003, Larson moved to Singapore to become a vice president of Caterpillar Financial Services Corp. He was named a president of the Americas region of Caterpillar Logistics Services in 2005.



Steve and Tina Larson

In addition to his undergraduate accounting degree and MBA from Western, he completed an advanced management program through Duke University.

Larson serves as a member of WIU's President's Advisory Board, and he is a commissioner on the board of the Metropolitan Airport Authority of Peoria. He, his wife, Tina, and daughter Alexa reside in Peoria.

Larson visited campus in November for a luncheon, formal recognition ceremony and class sessions with students.

The CBT Distinguished Alumnus Award is bestowed annually to a WIU CBT graduate who has demonstrated exemplary leadership and outstanding career success; the first award was given in 1987.

## Core Value: Educational Opportunity

# WIU student selected as National Collegiate Agricultural Ambassador

WIU student **Ashley Mason** will be a bit busier this academic year. A junior in the agriculture department, the 20-year Canton (Ill.) native was recently named a National Collegiate Agricultural Ambassador by the National Future Farmers of America (FFA). The honor will propel her on travels across the country to tell the story of the importance of the agricultural industry.

Mason is one of only 21 college students across the U.S.—hailing from such schools as Iowa State University, Kansas State University, California State University - Fresno and Mississippi State University—to be named to the national position.

According to the FFA, the selected applicants present information to high school and college classes, as well as to community, youth and civic groups, about such agricultural industry topics as economic importance, agricultural careers, environmental stewardship, sustainable agricultural practices and sound science.

"The ambassadors help people understand that their milk doesn't just come from the grocery store," noted **Andrew Baker**, professor in Western's agriculture department. "There are many facets of agriculture, and there are many opportunities in the agriculture field for young people. It is a growing industry, comprising 20 percent of the U.S. gross national product. Ashley will help

our department and WIU through her association with our institution. She will be an exceptional ambassador because of her passion for the industry."

The rigorous ambassadorship will require Mason to give at least 25 presentations and/or workshops concerning agriculture awareness. She noted that this experience will not only help her learn more about her industry, but it will also prepare her for teaching agriculture at the high school level, which she plans to do after graduating from WIU.

"I think the program is going to be demanding, but I think it will make me more confident when I enter the teaching field," Mason said.

According to Baker, Mason is the second student from WIU's ag department to be selected for the FFA National Collegiate Ambassadorship. **Matthew Meyer '08** was selected for the position in 2006 and again in 2007.



**Ashley Mason**

## Spring Events for College of Business and Technology

**January 27**

**Second Annual Economic Outlook Breakfast in the Quad Cities – featuring Chicago Fed representative, William Strauss and CBT Assistant Professor Bill Polley.**

**February 16-17**

**Charles Carey '75 Executive in Residence**

**March 25**

**Robert Longworth Ferguson Lecturer**

**April 1-2**

**Upper Mississippi Valley Supply Chain Management Logistics Summit in Moline**



**Charles Carey**

## PEEK Correction

In the Fall 2008 issue of the Western News, **George** and **Lucia Peek** were highlighted as retiring faculty who began at WIU in 1997. They began at WIU in 1987. Our apologies, George and Lucia.

## CBT Executive-in-Residence

# Husband-wife executives share insights on path to success

Western's CBT presented another installment of its "Executives in Residence" (EIR) series in October, hosting accomplished business executives, Chicago-based husband and wife **John Garvey '78** and **Sarah Nava Garvey**.

John Garvey, segment leader of the Economics Practice of Navigant Consulting, Inc., and Sarah Nava Garvey, retired vice president, corporate relations of The Boeing Company, met with and addressed CBT faculty, staff and students, as well as WIU administration, in a variety of venues, including at a college-wide presentation, and in accounting and marketing classes.

"The purpose of this program is to equip our students with the tools to navigate beyond their Western experience," said CBT Dean **Tom Erekson**.

The EIR program was initiated through the generosity of **Jim** and **Carolyn Tripp**, emeritus professors in WIU's marketing and finance department, Erekson added.

John Garvey, an Illinois-licensed CPA, received a Bachelor of Business degree in accounting from Western and an MBA from the University of Chicago. He is the former president of Chicago Partners, and has testified in or directed complex litigation matters regarding fraud and forensic

accounting, securities fraud, accounting irregularities, merger-and-acquisition disputes, derivative disputes, professional liability, bankruptcy and solvency, business valuation and general damages issues.

Sarah Nava Garvey recently retired as vice president

for corporate relations of The Boeing Company, where she served as the company liaison with government, civic and community groups and leaders, as well as with the international political and business community in the Midwest region. Prior to joining Boeing, she held several leadership positions in tax and merger-and-acquisition areas. She was a partner with the accounting firm Deloitte & Touche, where she led several functional groups.

According to Erekson, the EIR program invites successful alumni and friends of the college to share how they have charted successful careers.

"Through our eight departments, the CBT is developing global leaders in accounting, agriculture, computer science, engineering technology, economics, finance, information systems, management and marketing," he said. "Building on the diversity of these disciplines, we are preparing tomorrow's leaders to solve problems and initiate global change. The unique character of the college develops graduates who are able to manage the complexities that result from the intersections of business and technology."



Photography by WIU Visual Production Center

# Six receive Provost's Excellence Awards

Five WIU faculty members and an academic adviser have been named 2008 **Provost's Award of Excellence Winners**.

"I'm pleased to present this year's awards to the WIU faculty and staff who have distinguished themselves in the various areas," said Provost **Jack Thomas**.

The recipients, and a sampling of comments from the nominating committee, are as follows:

**Excellence in Teaching: Jennifer Plos MS '00**, kinesiology instructor and athletic training program clinical coordinator. "She serves as a mentor for freshmen students investigating a career in athletic training at the same time she is preparing senior level students to be competent entry-level athletic trainers. Jennifer's use of strategically integrated course assignments are just a few of her strengths that make her an outstanding teacher."

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Front row, l-r: **Jensen; Hemphill; and Provost Thomas**.  
Second row: **Poulter; Plos MS '00; Ferrer; and Hoon '86 MA '91**.

## Alumni Achievement Awards Continued from p.1

areas of campus.

Beard, a 1976 political science graduate was voluntarily recalled to active duty in the U.S. Army in 2008—after being retired from active duty since 1999—in support of the Global War on Terrorism. In her current position as commander of the 42nd Military Police Brigade (Provisional) and director of emergency services at Ft. Lewis, she oversees nearly 2,400 military and civilian employees. Beard was on active duty in the U.S. Army from 1976-1999 and served in multiple staff and command assignments worldwide, including public affairs adviser to the Secretary of the Army, command of the 95th Military Police Battalion in Germany, and command of the 1st Military Police Brigade, at Fort Lewis. She is a combat veteran of multiple contingency operations including Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf and Operation Joint Endeavor conducted in Hungary, Croatia, and Bosnia. Her awards include the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters and the Bronze Star Medal. She earned a master's degree from Boston University in 1983 and is a 1997 graduate of the U.S. Army War College. Prior to her recall to active duty, Beard was on the staff of a private school in Tacoma, Wash., and served as chief of staff of a public policy organization in Olympia, Wash.

Harris, a 1992 information systems graduate, has worked as an instructional technology expert for IBM since 2006, evaluating more than 500 web-based and instructor-led courses developed by instructional designers and implementing internal training initiatives, among other duties. Before joining IBM, Harris, who holds a Master of Science degree in Instructional Systems Technology from Indiana University-Bloomington, worked as a human performance consultant for Accenture in Atlanta; technology trainer and later IT support technician and instructional technologist for Bell Industries Systems Integration Group in Indianapolis, Ind.; and a business systems specialist for The Principal Financial Group in Des Moines, Iowa. In 2002, she launched Selene's Sensations LLC, a bakery offering low-sugar desserts and breads to individuals and commercial clients throughout the U.S. In addition to her professional and entrepreneurial responsibilities, Harris is an active volunteer with the

Atlanta Community Food Bank and the Atlanta-based Center for the Visually Impaired. Harris was named a WIU College of Business and Technology Executive in Residence in 2007 and currently serves on the College's Alumni Advisory Board.

Brattain Rogers, a 1986 recreation, park and tourism administration (RPTA) graduate, is an authority in the fields of leisure and aging as well as community engagement and service learning. Brattain Rogers, who holds a master's degree in recreation administration (1987) and Ph.D. in leisure behavior (1995) from Indiana University, has co-authored four books and more than two dozen scholarly publications, and delivered more than 50 papers throughout the U.S. and U.K. In addition to her role as professor in Indiana State's recreation and sport management department, director of its Center for Public Service and Community Engagement and leader of the campus-based American Humanics program, she facilitates faculty members' integration of service learning, internships and other types of community-based learning and develops campus-wide student volunteerism and public service. She has received the Indiana State University President's Medal and Department of Recreation Park and Tourism Studies Garrett G. Eppley Distinguished Alumni Award. Through her leadership, Indiana State has become nationally recognized for community engagement and service learning. During her time at Western, Brattain Rogers was a member of Sigma Kappa, University Union Board and other organizations.

Bart Rogers—a native of Hamilton, Ill., and 1992 recreation, parks and tourism administration graduate—serves as chief administrative officer for Central Illinois Arena Management (CIAM) and the US Cellular Coliseum as well as general manager of the Bloomington Extreme, part of the Indoor Football League (IFL). Prior to his role with CIAM and the Coliseum, he was president/CEO of the Peoria Rivermen Hockey Club, for whom he began working in 1992. As CEO of the Rivermen, Rogers was a 2008 Finalist for the AAA American Hockey League's (AHL) James C. Hendy Award as the outstanding executive in the AHL. In addition, Rogers received the Marketing Director of the Year award in 2000 and 2003 from the ECHL, a professional ice hockey league in which the Rivermen competed (AA ECHL).

One of the longest-tenured employees of the Rivermen, Rogers started with the team in 1992 as a marketing/public relations intern, was promoted to director of merchandise/game operations (1993), assistant general manager (1998), general manager (2000) and ultimately, president/CEO (2003). Over a five-year period with the Rivermen, Rogers managed major corporate partner relationships with clients such as Caterpillar, Par-A-Dice Hotel-Casino, OSF-St. Francis Medical Center, Great Plains Orthopaedics, CEFCU and Anheuser-Busch. Rogers has been a guest speaker at WIU, welcomed Western classes and information-sharing days for students at the facilities he has worked and hired many Western students for internships while with the Rivermen.

Begley, a 1974 physical education graduate, has served as Hinsdale Central's head boy's soccer coach (1996-2001) and continues to serve as the girl's head coach. He began his coaching career as the men's soccer coach at Monmouth College (Monmouth, Ill.), later teaching at Macomb High School (MHS) and taking on coaching duties in the football and wrestling programs. In 1985, Begley served as head football coach at V.I.T. Community School District in Table Grove (Ill.) and was selected by the Macomb Journal as High School Football Coach of the Year. In 1989, he returned to MHS and served as director of athletics until 1992.

As head coach of boy's soccer at Moline (Ill.) High School, he led his teams to either regional or conference championships each year of his tenure (1992-1996)—and during the same period, started the girl's soccer program, which became the first girl's interscholastic program in the area. Overall, he has led his respective soccer teams to 10 conference titles, 11 regional championships and one sectional championship, totaling more than 171 overall wins with seven consecutive conference championships (2001-2007) and a regional championship in 2008. Begley has served state and national physical education organizations committed to physical development and social/emotional learning. He served as a member of the WIU Alumni Council for more than 15 years, including as president from 2003-2005. He has supported the University with financial contributions to several departments over the years, including athletics, the Alumni Association and the kinesiology department.

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Missouri. Western's Quad Cities-based engineering program will be linked to QC businesses through required internships, cooperative education experiences and capstone projects.

"The engineering degree addresses the need for engineers who have a strong grounding in multidisciplinary engineering fundamentals," noted College of Business and Technology Dean **Tom Erikson**. "We estimated that 30 students will enroll in the degree program during its first year, and we anticipate serving 120 majors by 2014."

The 125-semester hour BSN degree is designed for individuals who wish to become registered nurses and obtain a bachelor's degree. Western's BSN program

will allow students to begin their education at WIU as a freshman in the pre-BSN option, complete two years of general education and nursing support courses, and apply for admission into the nursing major. In 2007, Western's Board of Trustees and the IBHE granted approval to Western to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, RN-BSN completion degree program to allow associate degree and diploma nurses to develop skills for a higher level of nursing practice.

"This program fulfills the institution's goal to positively impact our region by meeting the educational needs of our communities," said College of Arts and Sciences Dean **Inessa Levi**. "It complements the RN-BSN program, which began this fall. We currently have six students enrolled in the RN-BSN major and anticipate 30

students enrolling in the new four-year program during its first year, with 135 majors within five years."

The new programs will begin in Fall 2009. A search began this fall for a School of Engineering director. Lea Monahan was named the director of the School of Nursing in 2007. Upon graduation, BSN students will be eligible to write for the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses.

"We are pleased to offer the new degree programs in nursing and engineering," said WIU President **Al Goldfarb**. "These programs further enhance our University's commitment to our Higher Values in Higher Education strategic plan and further support the University's core values of academic excellence and educational opportunity."

## New Alumni Council members sought



**Jerry Cremer**

The WIU Alumni Association is seeking dedicated leaders of all ages, ethnicities, gender, geographic locations and career fields to serve on the WIU Alumni Council. Comprised of 25 alumni and one student representative appointed to three-year terms, the council meets on a quarterly basis at WIU. Members represent the interests of alumni and serve as liaisons to several University areas. The council assists in the recruitment of students, selects Alumni Award recipients, and was instrumental in establishing the Student Alumni Association. The Alumni Council assists the WIU Alumni Association in fulfilling its mission.

Prospective council members are encouraged to attend Alumni and Friends Events in their area to learn more about the council and to meet current members.

If you or someone you know is an active alumnus who would be a good candidate, call (309) 298-1914 or visit [wiu.edu/alumni/about](http://wiu.edu/alumni/about). The deadline to apply is March 1.

We welcome our newest member of the Alumni Council, **Jerry Cremer '89**, a farm manager for Citizens National Bank in Macomb.

## University Relations launches Web 2.0 resource site

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92

Like many higher education institutions, Western Illinois University continues to go "2.0" — as in "Web 2.0" — in the Information Age. Several departments and campus organizations are taking advantage of the interactive World Wide Web to connect with students, prospective students, WIU friends, and alumni. Many WIU-related offices and organizations now have a presence on Facebook (including Rocky, WIU's Mascot) and the photo-sharing site Flickr, and various departments and groups are using blogs as a way to interact with web users.

To make finding Web 2.0 at WIU easier for users, University Relations at Western has recently launched the webpage "New Media Resources" at [wiu.edu/U-Relations/newmedia.php](http://wiu.edu/U-Relations/newmedia.php). The page collects links to WIU's Web 2.0 content -- "Web 2.0, Facebook, Flickr, Blogs & More" -- and is accessible under the "Highlights" section displayed on the lower left-hand corner of WIU's home page as well via University Relations' webpages (available at [wiu.edu/U-Relations](http://wiu.edu/U-Relations)).

According to Wikipedia, a prototype Web 2.0 resource, "Web 2.0" is "a term describing changing trends in the use of World Wide Web technology and web design that aims to enhance creativity, secure information sharing,

collaboration and functionality of the web. Web 2.0 concepts have led to the development and evolution of web-based communities and its hosted services, such as social-networking sites, video sharing sites, wikis, blogs and folksonomies."

"New media," as defined by "PC Magazine" ([pcmag.com](http://pcmag.com)) and Webopedia ([webopedia.com](http://webopedia.com)), describes the form of content dissemination made possible through electronic and computer technology. "It implies the use of desktop and portable computers as well as wireless, handheld devices," according to the definition listed on the "PC Magazine" website ([pcmag.com/encyclopedia\\_term/0,2542,t=new+media&i=47936,00.asp](http://pcmag.com/encyclopedia_term/0,2542,t=new+media&i=47936,00.asp)).

"Traditional media -- what could be defined as 'the dissemination of information via printed materials' -- and new media, including 'Web 2.0,' are utilized to help organizations -- whether they be newspapers, companies or higher education institutions -- distribute information to a wider audience," noted **Darcie Shinberger '89 '98**, director of University Relations. "The Web 2.0 concept also allows individuals to contribute information to WIU, creating a collaborative information effort among those responsible at the University for distributing information and students, alumni, community members and other individuals interested in Western."

For more information, contact Shinberger at (309) 298-1993 or [DR-Shinberger@wiu.edu](mailto:DR-Shinberger@wiu.edu) or Teresa Koltzenburg, public information specialist and new media manager, at (309) 298-1993 or [TE-Koltzenburg@wiu.edu](mailto:TE-Koltzenburg@wiu.edu).

## Hallwas's "Dime Novel Desperadoes" blends bio with true crime

The eye-catching cover of "Dime Novel Desperadoes: The Notorious Maxwell Brothers" is cleverly designed to emulate the literary genre of its namesake. The use of "desperadoes" and "notorious" in the title alludes to the true-crime and noir stories that have long been part of literary endeavor. But according to a July 31, 2008, "Illinois Times" review by Roland Klose, John E. Hallwas's recently published tome "transcends those genres," calling the text a "gritty and entertaining look at a unique time that still shapes our attitudes about crime, justice and what it means to be free."

**Hallwas '67 MA '68**, Western Illinois University's Distinguished Professor Emeritus, spent the last 10 years researching and writing the 400-plus-page book, which he calls the "historical recovery, or re-discovery, of two long-forgotten outlaw brothers who once rivaled the James brothers and Billy the Kid in national notoriety. A Wisconsin gunfight in which they killed a pair of sheriff brothers from two counties made Ed and Lon Maxwell nationally known outlaws in 1881."

Like his last highly acclaimed 1999 book, "The Bootlegger: A Story of Small Town America" (which was nominated for the National Book Award for Nonfiction and the Pulitzer Prize for Nonfiction), "Dime Novel Desperadoes" taps into the history of the geographical region in which WIU is situated and combines biography and true-crime narrative.

"Ed and Lon Maxwell were raised in Fulton and McDonough (Ill.) counties in the mid- to late 1800s, and were, then, the most famous outlaws ever to hail from Illinois," Hallwas explained. "The story provides a look at the dark side of Illinois culture in the 19th century—a world of destabilizing westward movement, frustrating failure, extreme poverty, conflict over Civil War issues, prejudice against landless workers (like the Maxwells) and

escalating crime."

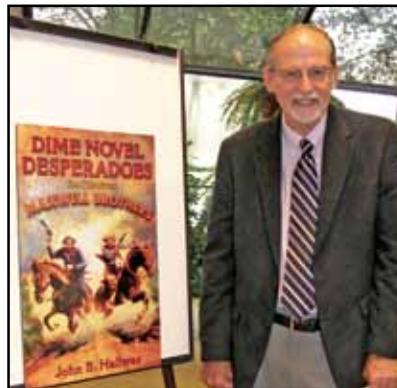
Hallwas also noted "Dime Novel Desperadoes" manifests his ongoing endeavor of honing in on how community impinged upon the historical antiheroes of his latest work.

"It reflects my perennial interest in the issue of community, showing the failure of the alienated Maxwells to relate to a local cultural tradition, and response of people in various Illinois and Wisconsin communities to their lawbreaking," he said.

With book in tow, Hallwas has spent the last few months sharing his story of the Maxwells with regional and national audiences. In September, he shared his vision of "Dime Novel Desperadoes" and his writing with those who attended a book discussion at WIU's Leslie F. Malpass Library. In November, he was on hand for a book-signing event at New Copperfields Bookstore in Macomb.

"I have also been interviewed on radio programs from Washington, D.C., to Seattle (WA). And reviews [of the book have appeared] in newspapers and magazines," Hallwas added.

Published by University of Illinois Press, "Dime Novel Desperadoes," can be purchased at chain bookstores like Barnes and Noble, at Macomb's New Copperfield's Book Service, as well as online at Amazon, which features two review excerpts from the "Quad Cities Online" (content from the Quad Cities'-based newspapers "The Dispatch" and "The Rock Island Argus") and "Booklist," the noted book-reviewing magazine.



## Housing changes on the horizon

*Master plan includes reorganization, closures*

Renovations and reorganization of WIU residence halls are two of the primary focuses of the University Housing and Dining Services (UHDS) Master Plan. The reorganization plan will be on the agenda for discussion and approval at the Board of Trustees Dec. 19 meeting.

As part of Phase I of the plan, Wetzel Hall will close following the completion of the Spring 2009 semester. Currently, eight floors in Wetzel, as well as Tanner Hall, are not in use. Corbin and Olson halls will undergo major rehabilitation, with construction anticipated to begin in May 2010.

"In order to remain an efficient organization, while providing the best service possible to our students, we determined that closing Wetzel at the end of the semester will allow us to begin the initial planning to renovate facilities," explained **Matt Bierman '97 MBA '03**, UHDS director of residential facilities.

UHDS staff has worked during the past 13 months to develop its master plan for current and future housing facilities. According to Bierman, the decision to take Wetzel Hall, which is currently housing 443 students, off-line fits in the plan, as well as into the University's Master Plan.

"As a part of our Housing Master Plan we have conducted a facilities assessment to inventory our deferred maintenance for campus. Our total liability for our facilities is nearly \$250 million. That amount is what it would take to make our current buildings 'like-new' with no changes in function," he added. "In order to make some much needed major facility enhancements, we need to reduce our deferred maintenance liability. Wetzel Hall carries a deferred maintenance liability of at least \$26 million. After the building is off-line we will begin discussions about the future of Wetzel."

# WIU-Quad Cities: A five-year retrospective

## Growth and expansion continues

By Darcie Shinberger '89 '98

While Western Illinois University's presence in the Quad Cities has spanned several decades, in the past five years the WIU-Quad Cities campus has refocused its course offerings to better meet the needs of students and the region and has forged numerous community partnerships to further enhance public education in the region.

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 to build 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 and business center. Three years later, Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich released \$2.4 million in Opportunity Returns planning funds to renovate the 60,000-square-foot former John Deere Tech Center on River Drive. The total cost to renovate Building One of the WIU Riverfront Campus is \$15.2 million.

Western's enrollment at its current 60th Street Moline campus continues to grow. Fall 2008 enrollment totaled 1,360, an increase over 2006 and 2007 totals, with nearly 9,000 alumni in the Quad Cities area, and the University anticipates serving more than 3,000 students once the Riverfront campus is complete, according to Vice President for Quad Cities, Planning and Technology **Joe Rives**.

"Western's continued growth in the Quad Cities furthers our traditions of excellence, affordability and access. Rives explained. "Western has also extended its cost guarantee to students who earn an associate degree and immediately transfer to WIU, and all QC students pay Illinois in-state tuition regardless of their residency."

WIU-QC currently provides 11 undergraduate programs, including new offerings in liberal arts and sciences and early childhood education; 13 master's degree programs, which include new degrees in liberal arts and sciences, educational leadership and museum studies; and five post-baccalaureate certificate programs, including the new Environmental GIS certificate, at the 60th Street campus. The new engineering degree will be initially offered in leased space near the Riverfront Campus or in downtown Moline to demonstrate the University's commitment to its new QC facility and to the region, Rives said.

"Our students and members of the Quad Cities business community frequently share their ideas for new programs and course offerings. The new

engineering degree was a collaborative effort between our faculty, students and administration and Quad Cities organizations. The Master of Arts in Museum Studies degree is also a prime example of a degree our students asked for, and that our partner, The Figge Museum, supported," Rives added.

While waiting for capital funding, Western has moved forward at the Riverfront Campus with asbestos abatement and an all-weather access road. A campus master plan for the WIU-QC has been completed; a fiber ring will be established in Moline; and a dark fiber connection will be installed between the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses for computing technology needs.

"Our community needs an expanded Riverfront Campus. We must continue to lobby our legislators for support of this expansion," noted **Steve Nelson '70**, WIU Board of Trustees chair and a Rock Island (Ill.) attorney. "It is easy to understand why the growth of Western is a priority for the area, as the faculty and staff here are known for providing an exceptional learning environment."

### Fostering partnerships

WIU-QC has established enhanced partnerships with Renew Moline, including the development of a Midwestern Intellectual Property Institute, and WIU-QC continues its strong working relationship with John Deere and many others to help create new jobs and workforce retention, Rives added. WIU-QC has partnered with Black Hawk Community College in Moline and Eastern Iowa Community College to allow students to enroll at their respective community college and work directly with a WIU-QC academic adviser to ensure a smooth transition to complete their undergraduate degree.

WIU-QC works closely with the Quad Cities Graduate Studies Center to provide graduate degree courses, and has recently signed agreements with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rock Island District to protect natural resources and enhance environmental sustainability in the region and with the Rock Island Arsenal to provide educational opportunities to civilian and military personnel employed at the Arsenal. WIU-QC's philanthropic partnerships in the past five years include establishment of the U.S. Bank Writing Center and the Rock Island County Board Room.

"We are the only public university in the Quad Cities, and our faculty provide exceptional educational opportunities to our students. Our faculty conduct research at the Shedd Aquarium and the Niabi Zoo; they are Fulbright scholars; and many volunteer such



Western's enrollment at its current 60th Street Moline campus continues to grow.

services as income tax assistance to the community at large," WIU President **Al Goldfarb** said. "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. We exist to provide a much-needed service and to help individuals reach their goals and achieve great success."

For the complete story, see [wiu.edu](http://wiu.edu)

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**Excellence in University/Community Service: Buzz Hoon '86 MA '91**, broadcasting professor. He has been involved in leadership of the multiculturalism division of his national professional organization, the Broadcast Education Association. On campus, he has taken leadership roles within his department and Instruction, a council. "Buzz serves as the sport director for wiuTV3, which provides opportunities for students to develop their skills, provides a glimpse of the broadcasting opportunities at WIU for potential students and also provides visibility for WIU Intercollegiate Athletics to the broader community."

**Excellence in Internationalizing the Campus: Leuanda Hemphill**, associate professor of instructional design and technology, for her efforts to internationalize learning, teaching, research, presentations and publications. Through her efforts, Hemphill has built international alliances and has enhanced the international experiences of WIU students. "Leuanda often uses global issues in her classes to spark conversation and to expose students to cultural differences."

**Excellence in Scholarly/Creative/Performative/Professional Activities: Efrain Ferrer**, physics professor. Ferrer is an expert in the problems and methods of "quantum field theories under external conditions such as temperature, density, and external fields." His research findings, unveiling the interconnection between a star's magnetic field and the super-dense phases of its core, has attracted other physics researchers to look more closely at the interconnection of the magnetism of super-dense matter and astrophysics.

**Excellence in Teaching in Technology: Mary Jensen**, special education professor, for integrating technology into the teaching and learning process. "She continually receives excellent feedback from her students regarding the effectiveness and impact of the use of technology in the coursework, and she has integrated technology into teaching in the field of special education."

**Outstanding Academic Adviser: Ellen Poulter**, English and journalism department. "Ellen thoroughly prepares for her meetings with students and continually rates highly on areas of her student evaluations. Her caseload consisted of more than 312 majors in Spring 2008, as well as 226 students working on a minor. Even with that many students, Ellen has been able to remain sensitive to the students' needs and always goes beyond expectations to help them achieve academic success."

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# Blasts From the Past

## Memories: Mine and Yours



With Marla Vizdal '83,  
University Archives



The future archivist, right, first came to Western in 1970.

In the Fall 1970, a young freshman moved into Higgins Hall on the Western Illinois University campus. It was her first venture away from her family, and one that she was not sure about.

How wrong could that be—when in fact she would stay at Western for more than three decades?

This December, 38 years later, that same coed is retiring from her job in the WIU Archives and Special Collections Unit at Malpass Library. Having served the University under four presidents and six library administrators, she will never regret coming to Western—and staying.

That job, turned career, has given me the opportunity to not only experience the campus during my long tenure, but to also learn the history of the school and “experience” it on a daily basis through campus publications and photographs. I also had the advantage of learning more about the campus’s history from the many alumni that I met and soon came to call friends.

While I have my own memories of the changes on campus, there are many other things from campus generations ago that I researched, and found images of, that I would have liked to have seen with my own eyes. For example, I wish I could have sat on the edge of the Wishing Well, which was once located on the present site of Tillman Hall.

Change is inevitable on a college campus. Let me share some of the things I’ve seen or learned.

-The first campus dormitory, Grote Hall, which was razed in 1991, holds many fond memories for the girls who lived there, the international students who utilized it as an International Center, and for the faculty who had studios in the building. What about the Auxiliary Enterprises Building on Murray Street, which housed



The Wishing Well, once located at the present site of Tillman Hall.

Casa Latina, the Credit Union, the campus’ mail services, and an area used by the industrial arts students and faculty? Casa Latina had previously been located in the former Peace Center on West Pierce Street. Now the DPS (Document and Publications Services) Building, which houses mail services as well as printing services, is located in a new building on the north edge of campus.

-The first Brophy Hall (Morgan Gym) was a multi-storied building prior to the fire that devastated it in the Fall 1970, after which the top level was removed. Now a much “flatter” building, people know it as the location of the Courier office and Heating Plant. A neighboring building, currently the Art Gallery, was built as the campus’s powerhouse, then used as an early classroom building for Western students (the Academy). It was subsequently used to house a number of campus offices such as the music department and Courier offices.

-At the east entrance to Sherman Hall where Hursh Hall once stood, there is now a veteran’s memorial, which was dedicated in 2001 to Western’s students and faculty who served our country. Did you know that in the 1970s, a smaller veteran’s memorial stone was located directly south of Sherman Hall, and that many years earlier, in 1922, a grove of seven trees was planted near Simpkins Hall to honor Western’s students who died during the first World War? (These were later removed.)

-Our own Alumni House once was a private residence owned by the Zahren family before Western acquired the property for home economics students to use as the Home Management House. To the west of the Alumni House was another residence originally owned by former professor **James Burns '50** (history and civics). The University obtained the house and used it to house students before it was turned into the Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center. (The building was razed in 2002, and the Center was relocated to the University Services Building on University Drive. It will relocate again to the Multicultural Center being constructed on Murray Street.)

-Every student who has attended Western spent time in the library, whether it was located in Sherman Hall, Memorial Library, or Malpass Library. All students probably fondly remember their leisure moments at the University’s student lounges and/or University Union. Most people are familiar with the present Union building and the building before its addition was put on, but how many remember the student lounge when it was in the old Morgan Gym, or the Bennett/Hursh lounge, or the barracks

building, or even Sherman Hall?

-And of course, who can forget all the sporting events they attended? Few probably remember the first grandstand, located on the south side of the athletic field behind Sherman Hall. Football games migrated from the athletic field to Hanson Field in the late 1940s. Early basketball games took place in Sherman Hall in its gymnasium before Morgan Gym was built. That was prior to Western Hall and the “new” Brophy Hall being built. And golf? Well, golf has been played on the front lawn of Sherman, on the golf course where Higgins and Thompson halls sit, and most recently at the present Harry Mussato Golf Course.

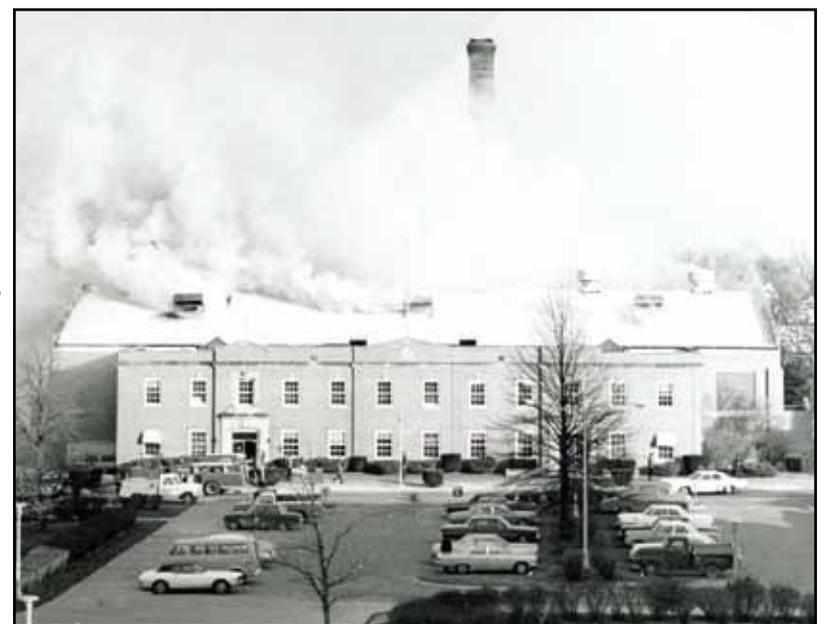
-As Western looks to the future, two major projects are underway. Western’s presence in the Quad Cities and its physical campus continue to expand. With the Riverfront Campus, the Quad Cities will support an enrollment of 3,000 students. The Macomb campus’s Performing Arts Center is in the planning stages and will be a wonderful facility for the arts in the future.

These are just a few of the physical changes I have seen, or learned about on the job. Some would say that what I did was not work, but fun, looking through old stuff to preserve and document the University’s history. It was a lot of work, but the people I have met through the years made my job enjoyable and fascinating, and I owe them a big expression of gratitude for all the institutional knowledge they have shared with me to make my job easier. If I have said it once, I’ve said it many times: It is because of the people who have shared their campus memorabilia and memories with me that the Archives and Special Collections continues to grow and keep the history of Western alive. Now it is time for me to move on. Thanks for the memories.

*Editor’s note:*

*Blasts from the Past will be continued with new authors Jeff Hancks, endowed professor of Icarian and regional studies, and Heather Richmond, assistant archivist.*

*University Relations and Alumni staff would like to thank Marla for her many years of invaluable assistance.*



Fire breaks out in the original Brophy Hall in 1970. The remaining half of the building now houses the Western Courier office.

# Travel abroad with Alumni Programs

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May 13-21, 2009

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## Alaska Discovery

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Alaska is a land of superlatives. Its mountains rival the Alps, its fjords surpass Norway's in their grandeur, its glaciers are outnumbered only by Greenland's and Antarctica's, and its marine life is boundless! After arrival in Canada's cosmopolitan city of Vancouver, explore southeast Alaska in a way the early pioneers could not even imagine—from the elegant environs of the Seven Seas Mariner. Cruise to Ketchikan, home of the world's largest collection of totem poles. Explore the length of Tracy Arm and see Sawyer Glacier. Visit Juneau, Alaska's picturesque capital city; the Yukon Gold Rush town of Skagway; and Sitka, where onion-domed churches recall its quaint Russian heritage. Marvel at the electric-blue expanse of Hubbard Glacier before concluding in Seward. The legendary coastal beauty of Alaska awaits your discovery on a fantastic journey along America's Last Frontier.



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From approximately \$3,395 per person, plus airfare and taxes, based on double occupancy. Special airfare add-ons are available from most major cities throughout the United States and Canada.

Embark on a spectacular voyage on the legendary Mediterranean Sea aboard luxurious Crystal Serenity. Begin in the romantic city of Venice. Wander its maze of narrow waterways among many architectural and artistic treasures and see what makes this city unique. In Dubrovnik, epic history unfolds amid sun-drenched tiled roofs, monasteries and bell towers seemingly untouched by time. Delve into the beginnings of Western civilization at Corfu on the Peloponnesian peninsula. Sail to Sicily, and discover Taormina, cascading down the mountain slopes below an ancient Greek Theater. Stop to roam the village of Sorrento, awash with beautiful gardens and whispering groves of lemon trees. Conclude your journey in Civitavecchia, the port serving Rome. Throughout the voyage, indulge your every whim amidst the luxury and incomparable service aboard Crystal Serenity.



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Steeped in tradition but driven by a vibrant modern spirit, Ukraine is rapidly forging a new identity within today's Europe. Cruise the Dnieper River through the heart of Ukraine as you admire cultural cities and beautiful countryside. Explore the magnificent capital of Kiev, visit the Caves Monastery and learn about Cossack history in Zaporizhia. Journey to the Crimea and Yalta, whose Livadia Palace is the former summer residence of the Romanovs and site of the famous WWII conference. Admire elegant Odessa, the Pearl of the Black Sea before exploring Bucharest in neighboring Romania. Second in size of all European countries only to Russia, Ukraine is located at the crossroads of Europe and Asia. Discover the storied heritage of this fascinating land!

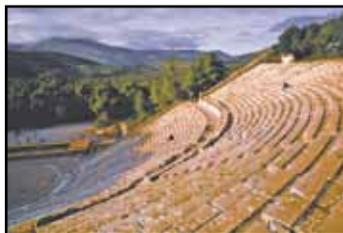


## Greece ~ Athens & the Island of Poros

October 9-18, 2009

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Steeped in mythology and legend, Greece has been a muse to artists and writers for centuries. The magic of this ancient land is yours to discover. Explore the priceless treasures of Athens from the world-renowned Acropolis to the fashionable Plaka district. On the idyllic island of Poros, walk along charming, sea-scented streets and admire a breathtaking panorama of sun-drenched hills and sapphire waters. Examine the ruins of the palace at Mycenae and visit a local winery. See dramatic Nauplion, the former capital of Greece; marvel at the theater in Epidaurus; and enjoy the cosmopolitan island of Hydra. Witness the glory of Greece—both past and present—on this exciting travel adventure.



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October 19-28, 2009

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(309) 298-2773

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## Scholarships

The Alumni Association provides the Laffin Scholarship opportunity for children of alumni, and several other scholarships are funded through contributions from alumni. Twenty additional scholarships will be offered exclusively for children of alumni for the 2009 school year.

Call AHI International at (800) 323-7373 or visit [wiu.edu/alumni/benefits](http://wiu.edu/alumni/benefits)



## Orban to retire after 28 years of service “Purple Haze” works to faze cage foes

Associate Athletics Director **Kathy Orban MS '77** will retire on Dec. 31, after 28 years of service in the Western Illinois University Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Orban joined the Westerwinds athletics department in August 1980 as an assistant field hockey coach; she was promoted to Assistant Athletics Director in January 1985, with the responsibilities of public relations, promotions, the Westerwinds Athletic Club and home event management.

In 1989, men's and women's athletics merged into one University athletic department; and in Spring 1994, Orban was named Associate Athletics Director for Compliance as well as Senior Women's Administrator. She has since been responsible for eligibility, financial aid, athletic academic services and recruiting related to NCAA and conference requirements. She has also overseen the administration of several sport programs.

Coming on board just one year before Western Illinois joined the NCAA Division I ranks, Orban has helped lead the program through several transitions. She saw the inception of the Gateway Collegiate Athletics Conference in 1982, following a time of competition in the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. In 1985, the Gateway added football to its list of previously all-women's championship sports, and in 1992, the women's programs realigned with their men's teams in their respective conferences. At that time, the Westerwinds joined the Leathernecks in the Mid-Continent Conference, which had been in existence as a men's-only league since 1982.

According to Orban, one of the most significant changes she has experienced in her career has been the opportunity for women to have athletic scholarships.

"When I started at WIU as an assistant coach there was no recruiting off-campus and very limited scholarship budgets compared to the men's sports. Now we have fully-funded women's sport programs. When I was in high school I did not have opportunities to play. I grew up helping a boys' baseball team by shagging balls. My friend's dad allowed me to have a small part of that organized sports experience. From that I sought every opportunity to play sports, and since then I have used my career to mentor and coach female student-athletes."

Orban's active involvement at the University, conference and national levels, including time as the Western Illinois Council of Administrative Personnel

(COAP) president, member of the presidential search committee, president of the Western Organization for Women, director of numerous conference tournaments, chair of various conference committees and chair of the NCAA Division I National Softball Committee has given her insight into Western Illinois' best asset.

"We are people rich," Orban says any time she meets with a recruit or potential staff member.

"Without a doubt the best thing we have here is our people skills. A student-athlete has a great academic opportunity here, and the bottom line is that they have the potential to build relationships with their professors, their coaches, their teammates and the administrative staff, which all contribute to their success," she adds.

Her career has also included working as a coach and women's athletic director at Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wis., and serving as an instructor and coach at the high school level. A native of Lansing (Ill.), Orban earned her bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois (1973), where she competed in field hockey, badminton and softball, and her master's degree from Western Illinois (1977). She was inducted into the Illinois Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame in 2008 as a member of the ASA Fastpitch Macomb Magic Softball Team.

"I have been impacted by a combination of people at Western," said Orban. "(Former women's athletics director) Dr. **Marion Blackinton** mentored me as a graduate student, then hired me and gave me this opportunity. The opportunity to work for Western, the experiences with various members of the campus community and watching the campus work together and interact have all impacted me. The relationships with student-athletes, coaches, administrators, fellow staff members, fans, friends and other colleagues have meant so much to me. I want all to know how I have valued and appreciated your association and friendship. And as I look back, it all started because my dad told me I could be whatever I wanted to be."

A search for Orban's replacement will be held this spring.



Kathy Orban

## “Purple Haze” works to faze cage foes

A new student section this basketball season aimed at increasing school spirit and creating a home court advantage is located in prime seating territory—where else but behind the opponent's bench?

The “Purple Haze” section, named for the tie-dyed purple T-shirts students are given to wear, not only acts to pester opponents but also to show appreciation of Western's student support.



"Our students were attending games, but they were spread out all over the arena. Opening this section not only gives them a better seating option, but also gets them in one spot to make some noise," said WIU Assistant Vice President and Director of Athletics **Tim Van Alstine**. "We want to thank our student body and at the same time create an exciting atmosphere in Western Hall."

"Each new student received a purple WIU shirt when they started school this fall. We wanted to keep that ball rolling by handing out more purple shirts at games, so we create a feeling of solidarity amongst our fans," Van Alstine added.

In addition to opening the new student section, the athletics department is planning several purple T-shirt promotions at home games.

## Harrison earns academic honors

Western Illinois volleyball left side hitter **Emily Harrison** (Edwardsville, Ill.), was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District Second Team.

The regional academic accolade requires a minimum 3.30 grade point average and at least one full year of athletic participation. District nominees from all Division I schools in Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa and Indiana were voted on by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Harrison earned the honor alongside players from Purdue, Illinois and Illinois State. Earning a 4.0 GPA in early childhood education, Harrison had the highest GPA of anyone named to the second team.

Harrison recorded 134 kills, averaging 2.13 kills per set in 63 sets played in the regular season. She recorded double-digit kills in eight matches and had a double-double with 11 kills and 12 digs against Bradley. Defensively, Harrison recorded 23 total blocks and 69 digs.

## Leathernecks Soccer sets defensive school record; two named to all-tourney team

Western Illinois Leatherneck soccer advanced to the Summit League Tournament, but lost to UMKC 1-0 in two overtimes in the semifinal match.

"It was a tough way to end the season since we played very well," said Western Illinois head coach **Eric Johnson**. "We carried the momentum most of the game and had great chances to score, but just couldn't find a goal. It's unfortunate for our seniors to go out like this after a great season."

The Leathernecks (12-5-3, 3-3-1 The Summit League) outshot UMKC (10-6-2, 4-3-0) 15-9 in the match and took nine shots on goal to UMKC's two shots on goal.

Western goalkeeper **Stephen Paterson** (Thunder Bay,

Ontario, Canada/Sir Winston Churchill) made one save and allowed one goal. The Leatherneck defense held UMKC to nine shots in 108 minutes of action and allowed only two shots on goal.

Western's defense set the school record for fewest goals in a season (14) previously set by the 1986 squad (17); Paterson set the record for the best goals against average (.764) in a season set by former teammate **Charlie Sales** (Downington, Pa.), in 2007 (.830).

Senior co-captains **Jona Andrade** (Wentzville, Mo.) and **Nikola Katic** (Croatia) were named to the Summit League All-Tournament Team for their efforts against UMKC.

# Sports



## Softball GPA among nation's best; stadium renovations made

Western Illinois' Westerwinds softball team knows how to win, on and off the field.

Their off-the-field winning formula was a team 3.38 grade point average (GPA), which earned the diamond crew a spot on the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) 2007-08 All-Academic team and recognition as the team with the 15th highest GPA in the nation. Twelve of the 18 players who helped earn this distinction return for the 2009 season.

In addition, the NFCA recognized 10 players for GPAs of 3.5 and higher; nine of those student-athletes return: catcher **Anna Nelson** (Burlington, Iowa), outfielder **Beth Golitko**, (La Grange Park, Ill.), infielder **Lauren Furgala** (Downers Grove, Ill.), outfielder/pitcher **Colleen Biebel** (Alsip, Ill.), catcher/first base player **Nikki Marinec** (Alsip, Ill.), pitcher/infielder **Lori Pankratz** (Davenport, Iowa), pitcher **Courtney Jacobson** (Yorba Linda, Calif.), catcher and infielder **Julie DePolo** (New Lenox, Ill.) Pitcher **Kamren Ferguson** (Clinton, Ill.), outfielder **Michelle Neubauer** (O'Fallon, Mo.) and infielder **Michelle Prieto** (Chicago, Ill.) complete the list of 12 returners who placed WIU in the nation's top GPA for NCAA Division I teams.

Six players were also named to the Summit League's Commissioner's List of Academic Excellence, including five returners: DePolo, Furgala, Jacobson,

Pankratz and Schlotfeldt.

Coached by **Holly Van Vlymen '00**, one of Western's most dominant pitchers and record-setter during her four-year playing career (1997-2000), the 2008 Westerwinds won the Summit League tournament title, advanced to NCAA I tournament for the first time since 2001 and notched the program's first win in the NCAA regional competition.

When the team opens home play March 20, 2009 versus Oakland University, fans will notice changes to the Mary Ellen McKee Softball Stadium. Renovations include new steel polls and new netting; a concrete backstop with purple padding behind home plate; the addition of a water-drainage system to a portion of the field to improve water runoff; and new grass behind home plate and along the baselines.



## Three named to academic all-district football team

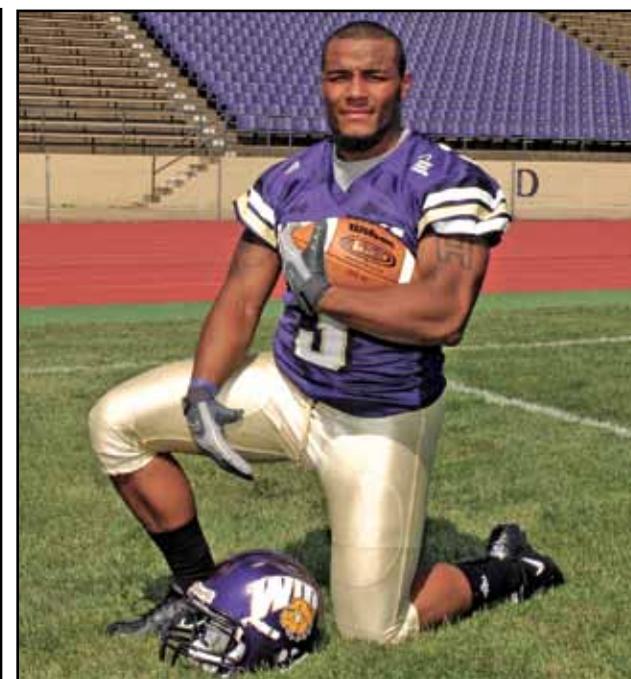
Junior defensive back **Tim Jackson** (Bettendorf, Iowa), sophomore quarterback **Matt Barr** (Belvidere, Ill.) and sophomore linebacker **Kyle Glazier** (Geneseo, Ill.) have been named to the 2008 CoSIDA Academic All-District Football Team and will be placed on the Academic All-America ballot.

Barr, an accounting major with a 3.95 GPA, is the only quarterback named to the team. He started and played in 10 games in 2008, completing 99 of 195 attempts with nine touchdowns. Barr averaged 134.7 passing yards per game. He earned the 2007 Gateway Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award and was named to the league's 2007 honor roll.

Glazier, a law enforcement and justice administration major with a 3.85 GPA, is among three linebackers named to the team. He started all 11 games; recorded the most tackles (91), including the most solo (49) and assist (42)

tackles; helped the Leathernecks rank among the nation's top 25 in pass efficiency defense, rushing defense and scoring defense; and recorded a career-high 15 tackles against Northern Iowa. Glazier earned the Gateway Football Conference Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award and was named to the league's honor roll in 2007.

Jackson, a supply chain management major with a 3.30 GPA, is one of four defensive backs named to the team. He played in all 11 games, starting in 10, and was among the team's top defenders with 41 total tackles. He was a league leader and nationally ranked in punt returns, nabbing 17 punts for 170 yards. Jackson was an integral part of the Leatherneck defense that was ranked in the nation's top 25 in pass efficiency defense, rushing defense and scoring defense. He was named to the Gateway all-academic honorable mention list and the league honor roll in 2007.



## Donaldson named Offensive Player of the Year

Senior running back Herb Donaldson (St. Louis, Mo.) was named the Missouri Valley Football Conference Offensive Player of the Year.

Donaldson, who led the nation in both rushing and scoring while becoming the league's all-time leading rusher, was the first Leatherneck to be named Player of the Year since **Russ Michna '02 MBA '04**, (who is now a quarterback for the Arena Football League-Chicago Rush) won the award in both 2002 and 2003. Donaldson received 67 of the 128 points in the three-player race for Player of the Year, 27 points ahead of runner-up Ryan Berry from South Dakota State.

Leatherneck linebacker **Jason Williams** (Chicago, Ill.) was runner-up for the Defensive Player of the Year award for the second straight year, this time falling just six points behind Northern Iowa defensive lineman James Ruffin.

Eleven Western Illinois players were elected to the Missouri Valley Football Conference all-conference teams, seven of whom earned first-team honors, one of whom was named to the second-team and three of whom made the honorable mention list.

Donaldson was joined on the all-conference first team by senior defensive end **Josh Galloway** (Macomb, Ill.), senior placekicker **Taylor Rowan** (Melbourne, Fla.), junior cornerback **Patrick Stoudamire** (Portland, Ore.) and Williams, a senior, all of whom earned first-team recognition for the second consecutive season. Also earning first-team recognition were junior fullback **Dre Gibbs** (Lawrenceville, Ga.) and senior offensive lineman **Reshad Jones** (Anaheim, Calif.).

Defensive back **Mike McEachern** (Calgary, Canada) earned all-conference second team selection; while honorable mention picks were comprised of senior linebacker **Travis Cherry** (Carol Stream, Ill.), a repeat honoree; sophomore linebacker **Kyle Glazier** (Geneseo, Ill.) and sophomore defensive end **Victor Visoky** (Northbrook, Ill.), who earned second-team honors last season.

## Black Alumni Reunion Weekend

8/1-8/3/08 Chicago, Ill.



L-r: Jaye Beasley '93, Dione Branch '86, Tammy Winchester '90, Shelly Jones '89 and Derek Smith '95.



L-r: Kimberly Aldridge '94, Althea Earl '91, Cherise Matilla '91, Renee Wright Watkins '96, Debbie Pickett Wilburn '90 and Letina Stoll '85.



L-r: Ursula Burns '88 MA '90, Barbara Martin '90, Nicole Price '93 and Alicia Mattocks '87.



L-r: Bill Lucky '70 MBA '71 and President Al Goldfarb.



L-r: India Graves, Nicole Graves '93, Tara McNeal '93 MA '94, Natalie Mason '91, Cristel Turner '88, Lisa Byie '88, Kathy Jackson '88, Michelle Lonzo '94, Nicole Robinson '94 and Michelle Hudlin '94.



Front row in front, Gerald Allen '85. Middle row, l-r: Theory Griggs, Miles Dawson '89, Terry Harris '03, Kevin Shirley '92, Lawrence Broughton '73 MS '92, James Ferguson '76, Couren Jackson '89, Mark Allen '86, Patrick Price '93 and Alumni Council member Lyneir Cole '87. Back row, l-r: Ron Teamer '92, Louis Johnson '08, William Bruce '85, Kenneth Johnson and Chris Rohwedder '96.



L-r: Angelique Mayes '97, Carletta Cunningham Hopkins holding Isabella Hopkins and Westley Cunningham.

Front row, l-r: Vice President for Advancement and Public Services Dan Hendricks, Kim Calhoun Dawson '89, Joyce Ross '87, Calisse

Dinwiddie '84, Angie Smith Cromwell '93, Alumni Achievement Award recipient and Alumni Council member Belinda Carr '81, Kim Young, Marion Wallace '88, Director of Alumni Programs Amy Spelman MS '98 and Robbin Ware Johnson. Middle row, l-r: British Jefferson Minor, Couren Jackson '89, Miles Dawson '89, President Al Goldfarb, Provost and Academic Vice President Jack Thomas and Lemarr Ketchens '02. Back row, l-r: Victor Easley '99, Director of Admissions Eric Campbell, Alumni Council member Lyneir Cole '87 and Ron Williams.



Front row, l-r: Mike Jackson '00, Al Kennedy '81, Marshall Hatch '80, Larry Harris, Jaye Beasley '93 and Donovan Lewis '89. Back row, l-r: Reginald Crump '94, Joel Mitchell '92, Jesse Thomas '91, Gary Johnson '88, Chester Wilburn '89, Kenneth Larry '91, Terrance Mays '90, Malcolm McCoy '90, Kevin Booker '93, Darius Barker '08 and Roy Siler '08.

### CLASS NOTE CRITERIA

Information received will be published in the next edition of Western News only if any of the following have occurred in the past 12 months: a job change; promotion; special honor; retirement; marriage/wedding/civil union (include date); births or adoptions, (include date).

Information will be listed by year of first degree earned. Due to the high volume of address changes, information will not be published if there simply has been a change of address. All information submitted will be updated in the Alumni Programs database and can be viewed in the online alumni directory as well as in our online version of Western News at [wiu.edu/alumni](http://wiu.edu/alumni).

— WIU Alumni Programs

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### 1958

**Ron R. Little**, Hot Springs Village, Ark., is manager of Property Owners Association. ([ronlittlehsv20@yahoo.com](mailto:ronlittlehsv20@yahoo.com))

### 1963

**Larry Miller**, Centreville, Md., was inducted into the Hall of Fame by the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) at USDA in Washington, D.C.

### 1964

**John Sedgwick**, Asheville, N.C., has retired. ([sedgie2@juno.com](mailto:sedgie2@juno.com))

### 1968

**Jane Gross Sawyer**, Gold Canyon, Ariz., is a retired elementary school teacher.

**John Murphy MA '71**, Menomonie, Wis., serves as federal relations coordinator for the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

**Sharon VanZandbergen Hansen**, Wayne, is a teacher at Elgin District U-46.

**Stephen Zalinski**, Greer, S.C., has retired as director of sales for Dunlop Sport-Tennis Division and is now working for the U.S. Tennis Association. ([sjzman1@charter.net](mailto:sjzman1@charter.net))

### 1970

**Joan Grable**, Griggsville, retired from teaching. ([jean48grable@yahoo.com](mailto:jean48grable@yahoo.com))

### 1971

**Candace Coeur Reyff**, Colleyville, Texas, is retired as school librarian with the Irving Independent School District.

**Randall Reyff**, Colleyville, Texas, has retired as director of coal marketing for BNSF Railway, Ft. Worth.

### 1972

**Deborah E. Dunning Trant MS-ED '95**, Galesburg, is retired from ROWVA School District # 208 in Oneida.

**Dennis Rucker MS-ED, ED-SP '75**, LeClaire, Iowa, is interim superintendent for North Scott Community School District.

### 1974

**Debbi Kouzes Burdick**, Scottsdale, Ariz., is an interim superintendent at Cave Creek Unified School District. ([dburdick@ccusd93.org](mailto:dburdick@ccusd93.org))

**Deborah Baird Garrett MS '76**, Beebe, Ariz., is vice chancellor for student services at Arkansas State University-Beebe. ([dah8727@yahoo.com](mailto:dah8727@yahoo.com))

**John Marquart MA '76**, Oak Forest, is city administrator for the City of Oak Forest. ([jmarquart@oak-forest.org](mailto:jmarquart@oak-forest.org))

**Michael Sondag**, Olive Branch, Miss., was recognized as an Outstanding Agriculture Alumni at WIU.

**Robert Lovely**, Overland Park, Kan., is senior vice president and COO of Career Management Associates. ([bob.lovely@gmail.com](mailto:bob.lovely@gmail.com))

### 1975

**Randy Duvendack**, Jacksonville, is the sheriff of Morgan County. ([rduvendack@net-axess.com](mailto:rduvendack@net-axess.com))

**Tom Rafferty**, Naperville, is vice president of sales for global brake and chassis at Affina Group.

### 1976

**James Kusyk**, Redondo Beach, Calif., is technical manager for the Discovery Channel's "The Deadliest Catch." ([jfkusyk@yahoo.com](mailto:jfkusyk@yahoo.com))

**Myron Mikita, Jr.**, Evansdale, Iowa, is music director at Don Bosco System, Gilbertville. ([mmikita@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:mmikita@boscosystem.pvt.k12.ia.us))

### 1977

**Kirk Dillard**, Hinsdale, received an outstanding service award from DePaul University.

**Lantz Stein**, Rockford, has retired from the Earlville Community Unit Schools as superintendent.

**Steve Hollender**, Berea, Ohio, is a German professor at Baldwin-Wallace College.

### 1978

**Cynthia Williams**, Chicago, is director of Investor Relations and Business Development for Como Asset Management.

**John M. Fritz**, Washington, Texas, is a master peace officer for the City of Houston. ([hpd3682@yahoo.com](mailto:hpd3682@yahoo.com))

**Robert Backe MS '82**, Mundelein, is a self-employed building contractor. ([roberto56@live.com](mailto:roberto56@live.com))

**Steve Burchett**, Geneva, is president and CEO of Community Collaboration, Inc.

### 1979

**Sue Hargis-Spigel**, Sarasota, Fla., is a freelance writer and editor. ([sparky4021@comcast.net](mailto:sparky4021@comcast.net))

**Thomas Malinowski**, Elk Grove Village, is an account executive at Comcast in Schaumburg. ([tmalinow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tmalinow@sbcglobal.net))

### 1980

**Steven Butterworth**, Boise, Idaho, is marketing manager for Cable ONE, Inc. ([sabutter@gmail.com](mailto:sabutter@gmail.com))

**Bob Larson MS**, Garden City, Kan., is the athletic director at Garden City Community College.

**Terry Manning**, Pembroke Pines, Fla., is a senior planner for South Florida Water Management District in West Palm Beach. ([tmanning@att.net](mailto:tmanning@att.net))

## Quincy Alumni and Friends Event

8/6/08 Quincy Gems Game at QU Stadium



Front row l-r: Kathy Trenhaile, John Trenhaile and Kimberly Toland '06. Back row l-r: Emma Burditt, Randy Trenhaile MBA '86, Paul Trenhaile, Cassidy Trenhaile, Joan Davis Larner '82 and Ron Larner.



Front row l-r: Lori Kruse MS-ED '84 and Bruce Kruse. Back row l-r: Vice President for Advancement and Public Services Dan Hendricks, Rick Shryock '77 and Gary Birch '75.



Front row l-r: Debbie Miller '84 MA '86, Elaine Schwartz Longacre '66 and Susan Isted Foster '65. Back row l-r: Jo Oitker '07, Jim Duvendack '71, Ken Kestner '73, Rich Nichols '06, Gene Foster, Fred Longacre '64 and Keith Smith '49 MS-ED '50.



L-r: Amber Derhake '08, Danielle Ary '09, Katie Ary, Joe Ary '78, Jacob Ary and Diane Ary.

## Naperville Alumni and Friends Event

8/7/08 City Club



L-r: Dawn Kirchhoff Walsh '82, Barb Quan '77, Tom Nardi '76 and Barb Manoff Sorgatz '75.



Front row, l-r: Jessica Wood '02 and Janell Hollister '02. Back row, l-r: Bryan Lunt '98, Deb Novotny Carter '75, Jim Carter '75, Rich Guerine '72, Victor Lantz '77 MS '78 and Paul Gentile '72.



Front row, l-r: Maureen Henderson and Mary Carlson Brennan '81. Back row, l-r: John Henderson '73 MBA '76, Rick Oloffson '75 and Ying Ru Chen MS '02.

**Jeffrey Miller**, Knoxville, Tenn., is CEO of Travel Center Clinics, Inc. ([jeffreymiller09@comcast.net](mailto:jeffreymiller09@comcast.net))  
**Kirk Salmela MA '84**, Ft. Collins, Colo., is a high school principal at Collegiate High School in Brighton. ([kirksalmela@hotmail.com](mailto:kirksalmela@hotmail.com))  
**Shawn Shianna**, Freeport, has joined Family Healthcare Center.

### 1981

**Keith Heuser**, Valley City, N.D., is the CEO at Mercy Hospital.  
**J. Korbin Riley**, Powell, Ohio, is vice president at Scotts Miracle-Gro Company in Marysville.

### 1982

**Erik Nielsen**, Wetumpka, Ala., is a health physicist for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Montgomery. ([enielsen@2lmore.rr.com](mailto:enielsen@2lmore.rr.com))  
**K. Scot Reynolds MS**, Canton, is superintendent of Spoon River Valley Community Unit School District #4.

### 1983

**Dave Faries MA '85**, Dallas, Texas, is the food critic for the Dallas Observer. ([davefaries@hotmail.com](mailto:davefaries@hotmail.com))  
**Jock Hedblade**, Chicago, is executive producer of Roe Conn's afternoon show at WLS.  
**Michael Kuelper**, Rock Falls, is the chief of police for the city of Rock Falls. ([mkuelper@rockfalls61071.com](mailto:mkuelper@rockfalls61071.com))  
**Kayla Lobdell**, Lena, is the seventh grade reading teacher at Freeport School District. ([Kayla.Lobdell@gmail.com](mailto:Kayla.Lobdell@gmail.com))

### 1984

**E.J. Bassette**, Olympia Fields, is the midwestern regional business manager for Adaptive Micro Systems, LLC, Milwaukee, Wis.  
**Sunday Isang MA**, Sumter, S.C., is an associate professor at Morris College. ([drsundayisang@yahoo.com](mailto:drsundayisang@yahoo.com))  
**Terry Kestner**, Cedar Falls, Iowa, was recognized as an Outstanding Agriculture Alumni at WIU.

### 1985

**Randy Butler**, Warrensville, is a senior estimator for Berglund Construction Company, Chicago. ([famouscd40@yahoo.com](mailto:famouscd40@yahoo.com))  
**Roswell Morgan**, Blue Springs, Mo., is an agent for Country Financial in Overland Park, Kan. ([RoswellMorgan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:RoswellMorgan@sbcglobal.net))  
**Ken Tousignant**, Kankakee, owns Heartland Cabinetry and More in Bradley. ([kentousignant@yahoo.com](mailto:kentousignant@yahoo.com))

### 1986

**Kelly Hartford MA '90**, Urbana, is the grants coordinator for the City of Urbana. ([khartford@springnet1.com](mailto:khartford@springnet1.com))  
**Paul Hietter**, Palm Springs, Calif., owns a business that was awarded Small Business of the Year by the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce. ([paul@loveatfirstbite.com](mailto:paul@loveatfirstbite.com))  
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**Robert Walters**, Danville, Calif., is executive human resources director for national marketing, sales and services administration at Kaiser Permanente in Oakland.

### 1988

**Erik Hultman**, Northbrook, is vice president of sales for Zipline Performance Group. ([ehultman@ziplineperformance.com](mailto:ehultman@ziplineperformance.com))  
**Theresa Kahl**, Bethalto, is an office administrator at Green Earth Green Houses. ([t.kahl@hotmail.com](mailto:t.kahl@hotmail.com))  
**Tom Ross MA '96**, Bolingbrook, is deputy chief of the Bolingbrook Police Department. ([tross@bolingbrook.com](mailto:tross@bolingbrook.com))  
**Dann Vohs**, Carmel, Ind., is a quality assurance engineer for Rolls-Royce Aircraft Engine. ([dvohs@indy.rr.com](mailto:dvohs@indy.rr.com))  
**Stephen Yanni MS**, Sault Sainte Marie, Minn., is director of Michigan State University Extension, Kalamazoo County.

### 1989

**Tom Carter**, Hampton Cove, Ala., is the southeast regional security manager for SAIC. ([Thomas.r.carter@saic.com](mailto:Thomas.r.carter@saic.com))  
**Ciunial Jones Lewis MS '91**, Westchester, is director of Chicago C2P at Stroger County Hospital, Chicago.  
**Elizabeth Dombrowski Moore MA**, Cheshire, UK, is an administrator at the University of Liverpool. ([liz\\_is\\_moore@yahoo.com](mailto:liz_is_moore@yahoo.com))

### 1990

**William L. Farmer MS**, St. Louis, Mo., is vice president of organizational consulting at Psychological Associates. ([farmerwl@flash.net](mailto:farmerwl@flash.net))  
**Monte Lowderman**, Macomb, was recognized as an Outstanding Agriculture Alumni by WIU. ([monte@lowderman.com](mailto:monte@lowderman.com))  
**William Praust**, Tucson, Ariz., is a community relations manager for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Oakland, Calif. ([wpraust@inbox.com](mailto:wpraust@inbox.com))  
**Scott Taylor**, DeKalb, is program director at the Kishwaukee Family YMCA.

### 1991

**Kimberly Pullen Berger MBA '93**, Mapleton, is a personal banker at Regions. ([bigj330@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bigj330@sbcglobal.net))  
**Kimberlye Hudson Danley**, Memphis, Tenn., is a human resource generalist for Autozone, Inc. ([classyBAP@hotmail.com](mailto:classyBAP@hotmail.com))  
**Thomas Eckhardt**, Newark, is the owner, president, and corporate recruiter for Eckhardt Enterprises, Inc. and TEI Group, Inc. ([tom@geckkohospitality.com](mailto:tom@geckkohospitality.com))  
**Keith Gavigan**, Irvine, Calif., is the manager at Michaels in Brea. ([aquadynamics@hotmail.com](mailto:aquadynamics@hotmail.com))  
**Doug Goessman**, Pekin, is a teacher at Richwoods High School, Peoria, and a full-time professional artist. ([cuttshockart@hotmail.com](mailto:cuttshockart@hotmail.com))  
**Shari Weintraub Mesch**, Henderson, Nev., is a marketing manager for Cox Communications. ([shari.mesch@cox.com](mailto:shari.mesch@cox.com))  
**Philip Meyer**, Anthem, Ariz., is director of quality assurance at Sage Software, Inc., Scottsdale. ([phil.meyer@sage.com](mailto:phil.meyer@sage.com))  
**Anthony Neitzer**, Zimmerman, Minn., is a technician at R&D Systems, Inc. ([tonyn1964@hotmail.com](mailto:tonyn1964@hotmail.com))  
**Jeffrey Noel**, Hannibal, Mo., is an operator for BASF. ([jnoel5150@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jnoel5150@sbcglobal.net))  
**Chun-hsien Su**, Taoyuan County, Taiwan, is a professor at Chinese Culture University in Taipei City. ([chsu@faculty.pccu.edu.tw](mailto:chsu@faculty.pccu.edu.tw))  
**Colleen Jacobs Van Rossem**, Palatine, is a financial adviser at Stevens Wealth Management, Deerfield. ([cajtango@hotmail.com](mailto:cajtango@hotmail.com))

### 1992

**Bruce Becker**, Troy, Mo., is a major in the U.S. Army and is currently deployed with the Missouri Army National Guard serving as the Civil Military Officer for Taskforce Saber in Kosovo. ([bruce.becker@us.army.mil](mailto:bruce.becker@us.army.mil))  
**Patrick Cardwell**, Joliet, has been promoted to sergeant for the City of Joliet Police Department. ([pcardwell@jolietcity.org](mailto:pcardwell@jolietcity.org))

# Florida Alumni and Friends Events



Thursday, January 29  
**Alumni & Friends Event at Eola Wine Company**  
 6:30-8:30 p.m. Social  
 500 East Central Blvd.  
 Orlando, Fla.  
 \$20/person social and drinks

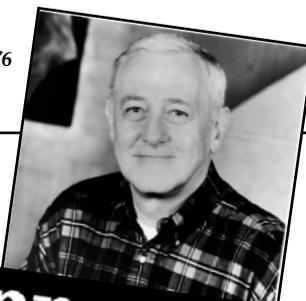
Friday, January 30  
**WIU Ft. Lauderdale Alumni & Friends Social**  
 6:00-8:00 p.m. Social  
 15th Street Fisheries,  
 1900 S.E. 15th St. Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.  
 \$22/social  
 Located inside Ft. Lauderdale's landmark  
 Lauderdale Marina.

Saturday, January 31  
**Ft. Myers/Naples Area Alumni & Friends Event**  
 4:00 p.m. Social & 6:00 p.m. Dinner  
 Colonial Country Club  
 9181 Independence Way, Ft. Myers, Fla.  
 \$12/social, \$25/dinner, or \$37/social & dinner  
 If you are unable to join us for dinner, please stop by the social.  
 Alumni staff will be at the Country Club at 4; join us when you can.



# Alumni Events in Chicago

John Mahoney MA '76



**steppenwolf**

## Steppenwolf Theatre Company

**What:** Lunch (1:30 p.m.) and Performance (3 p.m.) of *The Seafarer*, featuring John Mahoney MA '76, who will join us for a brief post-performance talk!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 25, 2009  
**Location:** Steppenwolf Theatre Company, 1650 N. Halsted Street, Chicago, Ill.  
**Menu:** Paninis / Wraps; pasta salad; cookies; coffee, tea and water; and cash bar  
 Lunch and Performance: \$68; Performance ONLY: \$55 • To Register: call (309) 298-1914 or online at [wiu.com/alumni](http://wiu.com/alumni)



## The Art Institute of Chicago

**What:** Complimentary social and private viewing of the Edvard Munch Special Exhibition, including *The Scream*, from 6-8 p.m.  
**Date:** Friday, April 3, 2009  
**Location:** The Art Institute of Chicago, Millennium Park Room, 230 S. Columbus Drive, Chicago, Ill.  
**Menu:** Spectacular food stations and cash bar  
**To Register:** Call (309) 298-1914 or e-mail [A-Association@wiu.edu](mailto:A-Association@wiu.edu) with your full name, graduation year, phone number, guests' names/graduation years (if applicable)

## Upcoming Signature Alumni & Friends Events

### April 4

WIU Wind Ensemble Concert  
 at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra  
 12 p.m. Performance  
 1 p.m. Social  
 220 S. Michigan Avenue  
 Chicago, Ill.

### June 8

"The Western Open"  
 Seven Bridges  
 12:30 p.m. Shotgun start  
 One Mulligan Drive, Woodridge, Ill.  
 \$100/18 holes of golf, green fees & cart,  
 registration gift, social & dinner

### July 11

Cubs vs. Cardinals Baseball Game  
 Social & Game (time TBD)  
 The Cubby Bear  
 956 West Addison Street  
 Chicago, Ill.

### July 30

Root Against the President  
 White Sox vs. Yankees Baseball Game  
 Social & Game (time TBD)  
 U.S. Cellular Field  
 333 West 35th Street  
 Chicago, Ill.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Call the WIU Alumni Association at (309) 298-1914 for information.  
 Be sure to watch our website or your mailboxes for information on upcoming events in the Chicago suburbs!

## You are just a "drive" away from a great day on the golf course!

Join the Western the Illinois University Alumni Association and WIU Athletics on the links for one or all of these great golf outings!

Unable to join us for golf, or you are not a golfer? Don't worry, join us for the socials after one or all of the golf outings.

**The "Western Open" Golf Outing**  
 June 8, 2009  
 Seven Bridges Golf Club  
 One Mulligan Dr., Woodridge, Ill.  
 Shotgun Start 12:30 p.m.  
 Four Person Scramble  
 Entry Fee \$100  
 (golf & social/dinner)  
 Social/dinner only \$20  
 \$1,000 hole sponsorships available

**Quad Cities Alumni & Friends Golf Outing**  
 June 22, 2009  
 Short Hills Country Club  
 2500 11th St.  
 East Moline, Ill.  
 Shotgun Start 12:00 p.m.  
 Four Person Scramble  
 Entry Fee \$85  
 (golf & social/dinner)  
 Social/dinner only \$20  
 \$500 hole sponsorships

**Peoria Alumni & Friends Golf Outing**  
 June 26, 2009  
 WeaverRidge  
 5100 WeaverRidge Blvd.  
 Peoria, Ill.  
 Four Person Scramble  
 Entry Fee \$100  
 (golf & social dinner)  
 Social/dinner only \$20  
 \$500 hole sponsorships available

**Don't forget the 33rd Annual Western Athletic Club Leatherneck Classic**  
 June 1, 2009  
 Harry Mussatto Golf Club  
 Macomb, Ill.  
 Open to Western Athletic Club Members Only  
 Contact WIU Athletics or Dwaine Roche for more information at (309) 298-2602



- \_\_\_ Western Open \$100/person
  - \_\_\_ Social/Dinner Only \$20/person
  - \_\_\_ Hole sponsorship \$1,000
  - \_\_\_ QC Golf \$85/person
  - \_\_\_ Social/Dinner Only \$20/person
  - \_\_\_ Hole sponsorship \$500
  - \_\_\_ WeaverRidge - Peoria \$100/person
  - \_\_\_ Social/Dinner Only \$20/person
  - \_\_\_ Hole sponsorship \$500
- Hole sponsors receive golf, carts, registration gifts and dinner for four person team.

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Bring your friends for a great day on the course!

To register online or for more information, visit [www.wiu.edu/alumni](http://www.wiu.edu/alumni).



# College of Education and Human Services

Core Value: Social Responsibility

## From fourth grade to 'No Excuses University'

Alumna encourages grade school students to aim for higher education

By Alison McGaughey

**Jennifer Pittman Moore '01** and her students at Gray M. Sanborn Elementary School in Palatine, Ill. might be giving new meaning to the phrase "the old college try."

When they hand in an important project, Moore asks her students if they've done their "best college work." On a daily basis, she reminds them that college is right around the corner—even though her students haven't even reached junior high.

"Last year, we had a 'Best College Work' bulletin board, where they could post something they were proud of and knew they had done their 'best college work,'" she said. "Everything's geared more toward college now. It's not about getting through high school; it's college as the last step required for success."

Through incorporating elements of college and WIU-specific life into vocabulary words, math projects, and constant visual reminders—including a life-size cut out of Rocky, Western's mascot—in her classroom, Moore is sending the message to students that they will—and must—one day go to college.

Moore's school is one of only 32 in the nation participating in the No Excuses University program, a network of K-8 schools working with an organization called TurnAround Schools, founded in 2006. After completing a thorough application process that examines schools' commitment to encouraging student success, teachers from the accepted schools meet periodically to discuss best practice in education and in preparing students for college.

### The Western Connection

Moore is in her eighth year with District 15 in Palatine, where she has taught since receiving her student teaching assignment during her senior year at Western. Originally from Astoria, Ill., not far from Macomb, Moore said she chose Western because it was close to home and because she grew up knowing she wanted to be a teacher.

"Growing up in a small community, it was an easy fit for me because I wasn't ready for something too big or too far away," she said. "Plus, Western has a great education department; that's what I'd heard and researched. It absolutely lived up to its reputation. It put us out in the field as freshmen and sophomores, and I spent a lot of time at many different grade levels, so I got a bigger picture of what teaching would be like. Then when student teaching came around, I knew what I was supposed to do. I knew I was well prepared."

As part of the "No Excuses University" program, with each classroom being required to "adopt" a college or university to focus on—to familiarize the students with tenets of higher education—Moore readily chose her alma mater.

### A Purple and Gold Classroom

To incorporate the "No Excuses" theme into everyday learning, Moore may choose anything from having her students look at WIU campus maps to learn about using directions, to using numbers about Western's student population or other data in a math lesson.

"A lot of students really don't have the structure at home to push them to better themselves and get to college, so we're trying to give them at least those words and terms, the understanding about college—but hopefully the passion and drive, too, to make something of themselves."

She has incorporated as much about Western as she can into her classroom by bringing in her own memorabilia, including—perhaps most importantly—her diploma. On Fridays, students and teacher alike wear purple and gold. Rather than a traditional "Student of the Week" program, Moore established the "Leatherneck Wheel of Fame" up on the wall, and each week a student is highlighted as a "Future Leatherneck."

"Last year, to get kids' attention, I'd call out 'Hey Leathernecks' and they'd [call out in response] 'woof woof



Class of...2021? Jennifer Pittman Moore '01 and her fourth-grade students at Gray M. Sanborn Elementary School in Palatine, Ill., display their Western pride.

woof! I'm sure my neighbors loved it," she joked.

And yet Moore's choice to have her students focus on WIU is designed for a greater purpose than simply school spirit.

"We talk a lot about setting goals and doing what we can to see that we're on track," she said. "We're asking the kids, 'What do you want to be when you grow up? What major would you need to be in if you wanted to do that?'"

According to Moore, the school has seen an increase in motivation since partnering with the TurnAround and the "No Excuses" program.

"We were looking for something that would inspire kids and get them to care more for what they are doing, something to motivate them to do their best work, get them more excited about school," she said. "This program has really done a lot for that."

"The most important thing to the teachers here is that we are really trying to create an environment where kids want to go to college," she said. "We really want to promote achievement."

## Student laureate Laura Booth has the angle on crime

**Laura Booth** (Buffalo Grove, Ill.), is Western's recipient of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois Student Laureate Award for Fall 2008.

Booth, who will graduate Fall 2008 with honors (Cum Laude) and as the Law Enforcement and Justice Administration Departmental Scholar (LEJA) and Honors Scholar, received the Lincoln Academy Student Medallion, a certificate of achievement and a check for \$150 in an October awards ceremony at the Old State Capitol in Springfield. The prestigious Illinois Student Laureate Award, presented annually to an outstanding senior from each of Illinois' four-year degree-granting institutions, honors a student's overall academic excellence and extracurricular activities.

Booth has maintained academic perfection in her double major of LEJA and psychology and in her double minor in sociology and creative writing. Her numerous

extracurricular activities have included academic and honors societies, mentoring, tutoring and volunteering within the University and Macomb communities.

She knew since she was 13 years old that she wanted to attend WIU and have a career in law enforcement.

"Every police officer and guidance counselor I spoke with insisted that WIU was the school for anyone seeking a career in the law enforcement field," Booth said. "I joined my local police Explorers group, volunteered at the police station and became a student assistant to the juvenile police liaison in my high school, all in preparation for a lifetime in the field of law enforcement and justice administration."

Then serious medical problems—and more—crashed down on her:

"Kidney failure and other medical concerns led to total vision loss. I refused to allow these setbacks to impede

my collegiate goals; I was determined to make my way to WIU," Booth said.

At Western, Booth realized there were limited positions in the LEJA field for a blind individual. She said: "I did not wish to spend the 30 years of my life as a radio dispatcher or poster-child for government agencies who complied with the Americans with Disabilities Act."

"Although slightly disappointed with my job prospects, I refused to allow my vision loss to dim my passion for the field," Booth added.

She added a second major, psychology, in order to pursue opportunities working with crime victims and police officers coping with the stresses of the job. Booth said, "I will use my double major and double minor to combine my two passions, law enforcement and the human mind, to help those experiencing the emotions associated with personal tragedy."



# College of Education and Human Services

## Finding a focus and future at WIU

*First-generation student becomes international advocate*

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92

While at Western Illinois University, **Sergio Velarde '07** discovered his personal strengths. Velarde, who earned a bachelor of social work degree, noted it was also at WIU he strengthened his passion about serving as an advocate for underprivileged and oppressed individuals and socioeconomic groups.

Velarde is a first-generation U.S. citizen. His parents immigrated to Texas from Monclova, Coahuila, Mexico, and moved to northern Illinois when he was a child. Like many of the underserved people he wants to help, Velarde experienced a period during which he felt lost and unable to overcome the disadvantages of hailing from a low-income family trying to settle in a new country.

"In high school, I was not the greatest student," Velarde said. "In the middle of my junior year, I dropped out. I was disruptive and getting into all sorts of trouble. But after a year of working horrible jobs, getting paid very little and putting my family through a lot of drama, I finally realized I needed to get my act together."

Velarde is grateful his parents and family members stuck by him during that difficult time. Through their encouragement he returned and graduated, and began working with the U.S. Department of Education's Upward Bound program while taking courses at Rock Valley Community College (Rockford, Ill.).

"When I started at Rock Valley, I was still completely lost and had no clue what I wanted to do. But I was hired as a tutor for math and Spanish, and the director of that program pushed me to tell my story," he said. "That was when I finally realized I wanted to share my ideas about ways to help people think positively and overcome personal obstacles."

### A Path to Discovery

While at Western, Velarde completed an internship as a legislative aide for state Sen. John Sullivan (Ill.). He also made the decision to go on to graduate school.

"At first, I didn't know if I really wanted to go. But I was encouraged by my internship adviser, **Sheila Miller**," he said. "I was lucky to have such great support in the social work department, which helped me decide."

### Action Abroad and at Home

Since he left Western, Velarde has completed his Master of Social Work degree at Dominican University (DU) in River Forest (Ill.), and interned with Our Youth Foundation in Ecuador, through which he was integral in the closing of a nightclub that employed underage girls as nightclub workers and prostitutes, oftentimes forcing them into the work. Velarde, along with a fellow DU grad student, was profiled in the article "A Dark Window on Human Trafficking" in the July 2008 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. The piece detailed how he and a fellow DU student fought for the closing of the club during their time in Ecuador.



**Sergio Velarde '07** was recently profiled in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

"After going to Ecuador and gaining an understanding of how people are oppressed, misrepresented and left vulnerable, my focus has been to help educate people about the injustice many people face all over the world," Velarde said.

Currently, Velarde is working in Virginia as a family counselor. He hopes to again work in an advocacy position for oppressed, underserved groups of people. But for now he is getting to know more about people on an individual level.

"I cannot advocate for anyone if I don't know the people for which I'm advocating," he said.

Velarde views his time at Western as a positive and formative time personally and professionally.

"When I was at WIU, I thought all I wanted to do was counseling, but my professors helped me open my eyes and understand that I can help the individual and the masses," he explained. "Having an internship with a state senator, too, was key for me. I began to look at things at the macro level, as well as the micro level. WIU definitely helped me discover my strengths and strengthened my passion for advocacy."

## 'Extreme Makeover: Home Edition' reality show surprises '79 grad

By Alison McGaughey

When **Steve Grys '79** gathers with his family to watch ABC's "Extreme Home Makeover" on Sunday evening, Jan. 11, (2009), he might not be able to do so in his living room. Instead, the family might have to watch the show in an arena—to make room for all their fans.

Grys, who has been a special education teacher for 27 years, lives in Pekin, Ill., with his wife, Jean, and their blended family of biological, foster and adopted children,



**Volunteers helped construct the new home that improves daily life for 8-year-old Jake Grys.**

including son Jake, who suffers from brittle bone disease and dwarfism. It was because of Jake's disabilities—and the difficulties of functioning in his own home—that led to the family's selection to receive a new home on the hit show.

"When Jake came out of birth canal, one of his legs was inverted. He could literally tickle his ribs with his toes," Steve said. "He was not expected to live. When we brought him home, it was with the understanding that we'd help him last as long as he possibly could. He fooled us all."

Eight-year-old Jake is one of the more than 250 children Steve and Jean have cared for in their 26 years as foster parents.

"We know we can't change the system [and help all children], so our goal is to make our little corner of the world a better place for kids," Steve said.

Grys, a native of Bensonville, Ill., came to WIU after high school because he wanted to be a teacher.

"I struggled as a student myself," he said. "I knew what worked for me and I knew I could make a difference in kids' lives."

Grys is a self-contained instructional kindergarten and first grade teacher for Pekin District 108. He has also been a Special Olympics coach for 20 years. (Grys recalled that when he was a Western student, his professor, **Carl Fenn**, had also been a Special Olympics coach.)

Since returning from the family vacation—the Grys's were sent by the show to Florida while their house was being made over—Grys said seeing the new home and the community support "has been such a whirlwind."

In one week—with help from an army of volunteers—the show's crew constructed a new 4,000-square-foot house. While the family is under contractual obligation not to reveal too many details before the show airs, Steve said there is one important detail he can share.

"The house has enabled Jake to be as close to a normal eight-year-old boy as he's ever going to get," he said.

Before the home makeover, Jake needed help in every activity, from being lifted onto a special toilet seat to getting a drink of water, Grys explained.

"He is now totally independent," he said. "It has just been tremendous."

Grys said the one downside to the experience has been waiting until the show airs to be able to thank the area volunteers by allowing them inside the home.

"The volunteers were such a big part of it. It has been our understanding that for every four people who wanted to volunteer, only one got chosen, because there were that many. We have received such love and generosity from our community ... it has been wonderful."

[As of press time, Grys said plans were underway for a community viewing of the show at a public center.]

Grys said Jake has easily adapted to his celebrity status. "He rolls with the punches and says 'hi' to everybody," he said. "Once every week, on average, he breaks [a bone], but he's never in a bad mood. He's always smiling, always has a good word for everybody. He's my inspiration."



**Jake Grys**



# College of Education and Human Services

## Rotary Grant

Thanks to a Rotary Grant for University Teachers, **Fetene Gebrewold**, professor in the Department of Health Sciences, will travel to Ethiopia next summer to teach public health courses at Haramaya University in Dire Dawa and conduct workshops in the surrounding communities and villages.

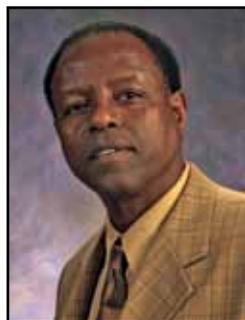
"This award will help me further my understanding of the various causes of infectious and waterborne illnesses that are quite prevalent in developing countries," Gebrewold said. "When I return, I will share my knowledge with my students and colleagues at Western and through local and regional workshops and conferences as well."

Born in Harewa, a small community in the Ethiopian province of Harar, Gebrewold pursued higher education in the U.S. and earned his Ph.D. in public health, with an emphasis in environmental health studies, from Oregon State University.

"My research interest lies in environmental and occupational health, and this trip to Ethiopia will not only help me educate and create awareness there, but it will also enable me to gain a deeper understanding of public health from a developing countries' perspective," he explained.

According to the Rotary Club's website, applicants need to be sponsored from a local Rotary Club chapter in order to have their applications considered for the competitive grant. Gebrewold's application was sponsored by the Bushnell chapter.

He plans to be in Ethiopia from May through August 2009.



**Fetene Gebrewold**

## AT&T grant helps at-risk students

### WIU-QC students to serve as mentors

Thanks to AT&T, Rock Island, Ill. High School PACERS (Positive Achievement and Creativity Equals Righteous Success)—an intensive mentoring, academic and volunteer-based program developed through WIU and school and community efforts—will benefit from a nearly \$375,000 infusion to help at-risk ninth grade students in the Rock Island School District (RISD).

PACERS will receive the funds as part of a \$48 million competitive grant program through the AT&T Aspire program, the company's signature initiative, which addresses high school success and workforce readiness.

According to **Holly Nikels**, associate professor in WIU's counselor education department who works with the program, PACERS was started a few years ago to help at-risk freshmen at Rock Island High School (RIHS). PACERS operated for four years through the volunteer efforts of a small group of individuals from the Rock Island community, RIHS and WIU, Nikels explained.

"I am proud to say that every one of those students who started with PACERS can be accounted for today as having completed their high school education in some way," she said. "Some graduated from RIHS or other schools, some went on to the Job Corps and some obtained their general education development (GED) certificates; they all succeeded."

Nikels noted the grant is a tremendous gift to PACERS, because prior to the award, the program was run solely through volunteer efforts.

"We did not have any external funding, except what the volunteers were able to give. The standing joke was 'If we could get \$100 to buy pizza for the kids, we would be happy!' So the generosity of AT&T is amazing to all of us," she said.

The funding will allow for the purchase of school supplies for each student, the addition of 10 paid mentors to work with two students each week at the high school



for each school year, transportation to and from monthly community-service projects, school/work site visits and leadership-training opportunities.

"The grant will also pay for two WIU graduate assistants, who are school counselors in training, at RIHS for the next four years. The graduate assistants will function as two part-time school counselors at no cost to the district," Nikels added.

Although RIHS currently employs a group of school counselors, who Nikels describes as "amazing and incredibly dedicated," the additional graduate student counselors will provide much needed help to the overextended counseling staff.

"The American School Counseling Association recommends a ratio of one school counselor per every 250 students. Most schools far exceed this recommendation, and Rock Island is no different. The addition of these graduate assistants will help carry some of the load for the district, which will be invaluable," Nikels said.

"AT&T's generous contribution means we will be able to touch many more lives in meaningful ways," noted **Bonnie Smith-Skripps '73 MA '74 ED SP '89**, Dean of the College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) at Western.

"The PACERS program gives our students an opportunity to develop skills they'll use for the rest of their lives," added RIHS Principal **Robert Mason MS-ED '90**.

## Sports management alum speaks to students

Sport management students got the benefit of hearing how one alumnus is applying his graduate degree in the sports industry. **Tim Atterberg MS '98** delivered "Sports Marketing: Successfully Connecting Companies with Consumers through Advertising and Sponsorships," on campus in October.

According to **Darlene Young**, sport management graduate and internship coordinator in WIU's kinesiology department, Atterberg's lecture was co-sponsored by the kinesiology department and was made possible through a grant from Western's Visiting Lectures Committee.

"Soliciting professionals to return to campus is crucial for our sport management program," Young said. "We need to continue to provide experiences beyond the classroom. Tim is just one example of the many successful alumni we have working in the sports industry. It's also great to have former students return and see how their careers have progressed and provide them with the opportunity to give back to the program."

Atterberg's resume details his accomplishments in the sports industry. After finishing formal classes at WIU, he interned with the Cleveland Cavaliers, where he served as

a customer service representative and sales intern. As his career progressed, Atterberg continued working in sports marketing and advertising. He held sales positions at television stations in Quincy, Ill. and Wausau, Wis., as well as the Fox TV affiliate in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

"The station I worked for in Wisconsin is the official Green Bay Packers station," Atterberg noted. "When I was there, I had the opportunity to work on the live show 'Pack Attack,' which aired every Monday during football season."

Currently, Atterberg works at Learfield Sports—Cyclone Sports Properties in Des Moines Iowa as an associate general manager.

"We partner with Iowa State athletics, and we sell radio, television and web advertising and market signage, sponsorships and promotions. I work with advertisers and use our products to get advertisers their desired results," he explained.

Atterberg noted that his sport management degree from WIU's kinesiology department enabled him to concentrate solely on the sports industry during his graduate education. He also said the department's

internship program was invaluable for him professionally.

"It allowed me to start my career and gain valuable experience while fulfilling my internship requirement," Atterberg said.

Atterberg's success gave Western kinesiology and sport management students insight into the fast-paced sports industry.

"Sports marketing is exploding. Advertisers are moving away from traditional media and looking at sports marketing as a way to connect with customers," Atterberg explained. "I picked this topic because I wanted to show students the sales side of sports marketing. I showed them the Cyclones Sports Properties official media kit and presented case studies of successful sports marketing concepts."



**L-R: Tim Atterberg MS '98 with WIU kinesiology department staff members Darlene Young and Jennifer Braun MS '01.**



# College of Education and Human Services

## Inaugural Cohen Lecture in kinesiology

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92

As the field of kinesiology continues to further the research and advance best practices involving human movement activities, kinesiology educators and practitioners benefit greatly from the ongoing field studies and research available today. Many times, an appropriate educational venue can help provide an effective way for professionals and students to learn about these new findings and advances in the field.

Just such a venue has been established at Western with the inaugural Cheryl J. Cohen Lecture, the first endowed lecture series for the kinesiology department and College of Education and Human Services (COEHS). Provided through an endowment from **Cheryl Cohen**, WIU professor emeritus, the annual lecture will occur every fall semester.

The focus of the lecture will alternate every year between exercise physiology and sport psychology.

Cohen retired in 2006 after nearly 30 years of service.

**Ellen Evans '87**, Ph.D., FACS, a former student of Cohen's and a native of Roseville (Ill.), delivered the inaugural lecture "Optimal Body Composition for Successful Aging in Women: Interventions to Reduce Competing Disease Risks," in October.

After earning her bachelor's at Western, Evans completed her master's at the University of Illinois Urbana-



**Cheryl Cohen**

Champaign (UIUC); her doctorate at the University of Georgia; and a post-doctoral fellowship at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis (MO). She currently serves as an associate professor in the kinesiology and community health department at UIUC, and she directs UIUC's bone and body composition laboratory.

### Midwestern Merits

Cohen came to Western long before the kinesiology department went by the name "kinesiology."

"I started in 1978 when Brophy Hall had been open for five years. At that time, the department was known as 'physical education' or 'PE,' and there was only one undergraduate major—PE teacher education," she explained. "The athletic training program was offered jointly between health sciences and physical education, and women's PE was in Brophy, men's in Western Hall; they were two separate departments. It was pretty typical at that point in time, although we did, jointly, have one graduate program."

Like Evans, Cohen earned her doctorate at UIUC, then taught and completed research at Purdue University before heading back to Illinois to teach at Western. Although from New York City, Cohen felt comfortable living and working in the Midwest; more than that, she was impressed by Western's program and the amenities the campus afforded her.

"Brophy offered a wonderful laboratory complex, plus I liked the opportunity Western offered me to meld teaching and research, as well as develop an outstanding master's program in exercise physiology," Cohen said.

During Cohen's years at Western, as the field of

physical education and exercise physiology advanced, WIU's PE department's offerings for both undergraduates and graduates morphed to reflect the progression in the field. In 2004, the physical education department was renamed "kinesiology," and today, the department offers undergraduate programs in athletic training, exercise science and PE teacher education. Graduate degrees offered include a master's in kinesiology and a master's in sport management.

### A Legacy for Students and Faculty

During her long tenure at Western, Cohen said her involvement with the students was among the work she remembers most fondly.

"I think I advised somewhere between 35 and 40 master's theses," she said. "Cumulatively, I think that's the thing I'm proudest of—all those grad students I mentored."

For Cohen, the endowed lecture series provides a way to continue that connection to kinesiology students, as well a learning opportunity for faculty, staff and even the community.

"Kinesiology has several scholarships, one of which is for graduate students; they are all endowed and have been for a long time. But any one scholarship benefits only one person at a time. I wanted to do something that would benefit a group of people," Cohen added.



**Ellen Evans**

## First doctoral students graduate from WIU

Nine of the 22 members of the first student cohort in Western Illinois University's educational leadership doctoral program will walk across the stage at the Dec. 20 Commencement Exercises in Western Hall, marking the first doctorate degree recipients at Western.

**Chad Allaman '89 MS-ED '99 ED SP '04**, superintendent, Central School District 51, Washington, Ill.; **Lonna Anderson ED-SP '00**, director of curriculum and instruction, Oskaloosa, Iowa Community Schools; **Robert Dyer ED-SP '96**, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, Moline, Ill. School District No. 40; **David Gilliland ED-SP '05**, superintendent, Stockton, Ill. CUSD. No. 206; **Jay Marino ED-SP '05**, superintendent of Dunlap, Ill. School District No. 323; **Michael Oberhaus**, associate superintendent for operations and quality, Rock Island (Ill.) School District No. 41; **John Tignor ED-SP '04**, superintendent, Washington, Ill. Grade School District No. 52; **Vicki VanTuyle MS-ED '79**, retired superintendent and adjunct instructor in the WIU educational leadership department; and **Teresa VandeWiele**, assistant principal of curriculum and assessment, United Township High School East Moline, Ill.

"These first graduates have demonstrated a strong commitment to academic excellence and high quality educational opportunities for all Pre-K-12 students through their coursework and research projects, which address the various challenges faced by 21st century

schools," said Smith-Skripps. "The remaining members of the first cohort are completing their dissertations, and are expected to finish their programs within the year. We are proud of the scholarship of the individuals who have enrolled in Western's first doctoral program and the leadership they are providing to Illinois and Iowa schools."

The first cohort of WIU doctoral degree students started with a class of 23 in August 2006, one year after the Higher Learning Commission-North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (HLC-NCA), the accrediting agency for colleges and universities, approved Western's Educational Doctorate (Ed.D.) degree in educational leadership for elementary and secondary school administrators in the greater western Illinois region.

The doctoral program coursework consists of 43 semester hours over a three-year time frame. The second cohort began in June 2007, while the third cohort began this June. As part of the program, each student works with a specific low-performing school/district in Western's service region as part of the program's partnership with public education.

"It's exciting to see nine of the students from the first cohort complete their degree," said Jess House, educational leadership chair. "We look forward to watching these committed professionals cross the stage at Commencement."

## La Prad receives National Award

**James La Prad**, associate professor in the educational and interdisciplinary studies department, has received the National Society for Experiential Education (NSEE) 2008 Experiential Education Higher Education Leader of the Year.

According to NSEE officials, the award is bestowed in recognition of La Prad's leadership role in the educational conversation about experiential learning on the Western campus; his active role in other organizations such as the Coalition for Essential Schools, Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound and the NSEE; his expertise about best practices in experiential education; and his willingness to share his expertise with the wider community.

La Prad was nominated for the NSEE Experiential Education Higher Education Leader of the Year award by Andy Mink at the University of Virginia.

"Jim's curriculum vita is recipe for active leadership in the field of experiential education," stated Mink on the nomination application for the award. "Conference presentations showcase his work in K-16 education, university and community outreach and the integration of experiential education into the academic field."



**James La Prad**

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**Mystic Blue Cruise**

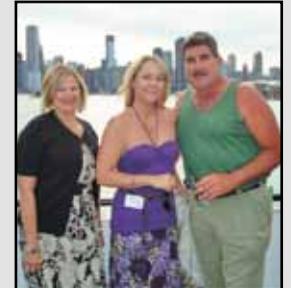
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# Wrigleyville Rooftop—Cards vs. Cubs

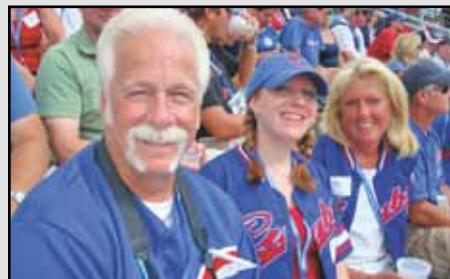
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L-r: Patrick Kolb '03, Sara Bay '01, Robert Brueck, Larry Matkovich '75 MBA '77, Jim Stephenson '76, Bill Prevallet '76 and Skip Rozum '74.



Front row, l-r: Ginny Knox and Director of the Centennial Honors College Bill Knox. Back row, l-r: Alumni Council member John Sanders '74, Kathie Coomans Sanders '74, Skip Rozum '74 and Kathy Erkert Rozum '75.



Front row, l-r: Jeff Cook '78 and Lynette Borazowski. Back row, l-r: John Garvin '73 and Sue Pizzuto Garvin '75.



L-r: Barry Cruse '84, Lisa Drummond Cruse '83, Pam Neale Anderson '83 and Steve Anderson '82.



In front, Sue Popa. In back, l-r: Mark Terrulli '08, Danny Gustafson '08, Adam Hanula and Nick Popa.



L-r: Joseph Notorangelo '85, Marcia Johnson Brandenburg '72, Steve Greenfield '72, Al Brandenburg '72 and Melanie Dake DeMaria '82.



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Front row, l-r: Bob Vais '81, Mike Jacobson '85, Laura McTague Jacobson '86 and Leann Magruder Frankel '86. Back row, l-r: Lisa Grimmenga Vais '87, Sherry Ringberg Smith '88, Ken Smith '88 and Don Frankel '87.



WIU Alumni and Friends



L-r: Drew Stevenson '91, Chris Baumgardner, Gary Shea '93, Brian Miller and Lori Beiermann Stevenson '91.



L-r: Alex Kulisek '10, Pat Kulisek '74, Jack Carey, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Charlie Carey '75 and President Al Goldfarb.



L-r: Jeff Frickenstein '03, Caitlin Freeman '04, Chelsea Bainter '06, Nathan Miller '03, Mike Ingles '68, Director of Alumni Programs Amy Spelman MS '98 and Chad Ellyson.



L-r: Joe Gulley, Andi Frieden '96, Megan Null '98, Assistant to the Dean of the College of Education and Human Services Dana Stites Moon '98 MBA '01 and Tom Stites.

2002

**Tae Kyun An MS**, Chung-Buk, South Korea, is manager for overseas business for Shin-Won Industrial Company, Ltd. ([antaekyun@yahoo.com](mailto:antaekyun@yahoo.com))

**Chris Demitropoulos**, Carpentersville, is a lead analyst for American Honda Finance Corporation. ([demo417@hotmail.com](mailto:demo417@hotmail.com))

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**Candice Derry Logsdon**, Stanford, is an employment consultant for Illinois State University. ([clogsdo@ilstu.edu](mailto:clogsdo@ilstu.edu))

**Jayne Roberts Markin**, Springfield, Mo., is coordinator of apartment living at Missouri State University. ([JayneMarkin@MissouriState.edu](mailto:jayneMarkin@MissouriState.edu))

**Russ Michna MBA '04**, Elk Grove Village, signed a two-year contract extension with Chicago Rush Arena Football League.

**Tifani Conard Miller**, Galesburg, is an account clerk for the City of Galesburg.

2003

**Sonya Baden**, South Beloit, is a recreation coordinator for the City of Beloit, Wis.

**Holly Bisby**, Macomb, received first place in a National Kitchen & Bath Association design contest.

**Laura Bandoli Bonsky**, Springfield, Mo., is a doctor of clinical psychology for the College Skyline Center, Joplin. ([anagr1925@yahoo.com](mailto:anagr1925@yahoo.com))

**Jessica Smucker Falcon**, Lancaster, Pa., is a proofreader for Clipper Magazine and is also a singer/songwriter and keyboard player for the band The Sleeping World. ([jsmuckerfalcon@gmail.com](mailto:jsmuckerfalcon@gmail.com))

**Christopher Fordham**, Lindenhurst, is a supervisor at MSD.

**David J. Formanski**, Chicago, is a police officer for the Village of McCook.

**Jason Galli**, Kewanee, is a psychosocial coordinator/social worker at Royal Oaks Care Center. ([jasgalli\\_us@yahoo.com](mailto:jasgalli_us@yahoo.com))

**Scott Meyer**, Pingree Grove, is a grain merchandiser for Elburn Cooperative Company. ([scott.meyer@elburncoop.com](mailto:scott.meyer@elburncoop.com))

**Bridget Kauser Ormond**, Quincy, is a social services resource coordinator at Blessing Hospital. ([bridget127@hotmail.com](mailto:bridget127@hotmail.com))

**Brent Rose**, Rantoul, is a financial development specialist at the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission.

**James Wayne MS '06**, Peoria, is a coordinator of competitive programs at Illinois State University, Normal. ([jwayne@ilstu.edu](mailto:jwayne@ilstu.edu))

**Henry Wilson**, Ames, Iowa, is a faculty member of soil science at the University of Minnesota-Crookston.

**Christopher Zingler**, Wauconda, is a salesman for CDW, Chicago.

2004

**Cassandra Piecyk**, Wauconda, is a teacher at Schaumburg School District #54. ([pie325@aol.com](mailto:pie325@aol.com))

**Edward Josephs**, Chicago, is a barber at Infiniti. ([edjosephs@aol.com](mailto:edjosephs@aol.com))

**Emily Harder Todd**, Hanover Park, is manager of cultural arts and special events at Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association, Crystal Lake.

**Erin Freisinger**, Island Lake, is a preschool teacher at Ingleside Head Start.

**Frank Melchert V**, Chicago, is a senior associate for The Grubb & Ellis Company, Rosemont. ([frank.melchert@grubb-ellis.com](mailto:frank.melchert@grubb-ellis.com))

**James M. Boge**, Lake Zurich, is a project engineer for The Missner Group, Skokie.

**Josh Carter**, Bettendorf, Iowa, is the assistant golf pro at Davenport Country Club, Pleasant Valley.

**Seth King**, Madisonville, La., is a commodity trader at Zen-Noh Grain Corporation. ([sether25@hotmail.com](mailto:sether25@hotmail.com))

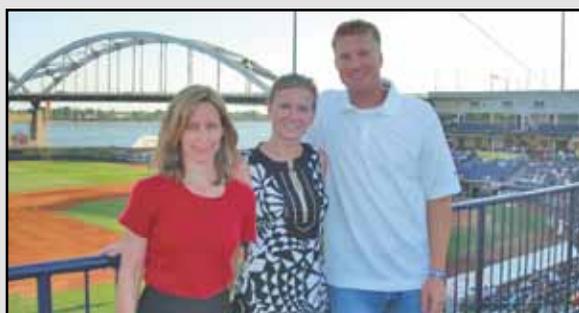
**Tja Chiapelli**, Chicago, is Cook County assistant state's attorney. ([t.chiapelli@gmail.com](mailto:t.chiapelli@gmail.com))

2005

**Alison Rosenberger Skelton**, Decatur, is the human resource director at Heartland Employment HCR.

## WIU Night at Quad Cities Alumni and Friends Event

8/17/08 River Bandits Game at Modern Woodmen Park



L-r: Kimberly Kanke '03, Alumni Council member  
Katie Kellum '03 MBA '04 and Chris Borth '03.



L-r: Jon Spellman, Kathy Spellman '08, Jacob Hudson,  
Diane Hultquist Hudson '05, beth franck tripllett '81  
and Curt Kiessling.

## WIU vs. Arkansas Pre-game Tailgate

8/30/08 Fayetteville, Ark.

- The Leathernecks took a 3-0 lead on their second drive of the game and a 10-7 lead into the locker room at halftime
- They went on to build 10-point leads on two occasions, and were up 24-14 with 10:34 left
- It took more than 58 minutes for Arkansas to catch Western Illinois
- The Razorbacks escaped with a 28-24 victory over the Leathernecks
- Nearly 100 WIU Alumni & Friends attended the Friday night social/Saturday pre-game social and game



Front row, l-r: Katie Chapman Powers '96 MS '98, Bladen Fike, Ty Drake and Ryann Drake. Middle row, l-r: Mike Powers '94, Sunny Stear Fike '71, Cameron Boyer and Kathleen Vargo Drake '97. In back, Jason Drake.



L-r: Brent Schmitz '00 MA '01, Suzanne Stupay Carner, Laura Walker, Al Hennig '77, Donna Hennig, Lawrence Carner '77, Dave Ard '86 and Jason Jacquot '98.



L-r: Provost and Academic Vice President Jack Thomas, Larry Ropp '63, President Al Goldfarb, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Sandy Keiser Edwards MS-ED '74 and Cynthia Costello Beasley '83.



L-r: Jacquie Brattain, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Sandy Keiser Edwards MS-ED '74 and 2007 Honorary Alumni recipient Bill Brattain.



L-r: President Al Goldfarb, Andrea Boyer, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Al Boyer '72 and Cameron Boyer.

## WIU vs. South Dakota State University Pre-game Tailgate

9/13/08 Brookings, S.D.



Front row, l-r: Kiley, Caden, and Connor Sergeant. Back row, l-r: Todd Sergeant '90 M.A.C.C.T. '91 and Sharon Braden Sergeant '91.



L-r: Vice President for Student Services Garry Johnson, Susie Straup Wagoner, Former WIU President Ralph Wagoner, David Chicoine MA '78, Kevin Lampe '77 and Wendy Lampe.



Front row, l-r: Mike Reger '70 MS '72, Mary Schmidt, Jane Martin, Shannon Durward '08 and Gloria Cherry. Back row, l-r: 2003 Honorary Alumni recipient Mark Martin, Harry Birath and Jeff Cherry.

## Seattle Alumni and Friends Event

9/27/08 Future of Flight Aviation Center



Front row, l-r: Audrey Andrews McCombs '78, Beth Horton, Tom Hurdelbrink '77, Janice Miller, Tom Miller '73 MBA '74, Barb Dodsworth Heap '60, Melinda Stoner and John McCombs. Back row, l-r: Teresa Reed, Nita Huff, Dubois McDavis '88, Bob Wojcik '71, Sharon Wojcik, Helen Davidson Jacobson '70, Bob Jacobson '69, Lynn Sordel '73 MS '84, Linda Haeger Sordel, Kailin James '03, Burnie Horton, Bob Stoner and Curt Bingham MA '85.

## WIU vs. Missouri State University Pre-game Social

10/11/08 Springfield, Mo.



L-r: Jack Minor '58, JoAnn DiSalvo, Jack Baily and Barb Brumett Baily '72 MS '78 ED SP '91.



Front row, l-r: Mitchell Sparks '85 MFA '91, Nancy Strong, Garland Byrd, Kitty Byrd, Meghan Strong, and Herb Strong '72. Back row, l-r: Jim Tripp, Bill Lewis holding Lawson Lewis, Carolyn Tripp, Michelle Lewis and Rick Lewis.

**Tara Randazzo Long**, Schaumburg, is the convention services coordinator for Hilton/Chicago Indian Lakes Resort.  
**Todd Long**, Schaumburg, is a deputy sheriff for DuPage County.

### 2008

**Joshua Ayres**, Overland Park, Kan., is a unit manager of student loan collections at Citibank in Kansas City, Mo.  
**Miranda Baker**, Quincy, is a graphic designer and marketing specialist at Rokusek Design, Inc. ([miranda@rokusek.com](mailto:miranda@rokusek.com))  
**John Bruce**, Peoria, is a mental health associate at Methodist Medical Center. ([jt-bruce@live.com](mailto:jt-bruce@live.com))  
**Sarah Cane Dobbins**, Burlington, Wa., is a graduate assistant at Western Washington University in Bellingham.  
**Catherine Anthony Foy MA**, Davenport, Iowa, teaches at Black Hawk College in Moline and is founder of the Poetry Street Project. ([cattfoy@earthlink.net](mailto:cattfoy@earthlink.net))  
**Jennifer Lichter**, Lindenhurst, is a special education early childhood teacher at Round Lake Area Schools District #116.

## Portland Alumni and Friends Event

9/26/08 Meriwether's Restaurant

Front row, l-r: Rachel Englebright Fox, Susie Selby Simon '86 and Alice Robison Berntson '74. Back row, l-r: Bob Fox '58, Jim Selby '63 MS-ED '66, Robin Hewitt '84, Ken Stevenson '90 and Tom Berntson '74.



Front row, l-r: Phyllis Schehl Bass '46, Carol Presbitero Young '73 and Anna Riedel. Middle row, l-r: Doug Wright MS '97, Allizon Van Zandt Bieker '97, William Young '73 and Michael Riedel '00. In back, Mike Bieker.



### 2007

**Aaron Anderson** Canton, is a credit analyst for MidAmerica National Bank. ([aanderson@midnatbank.com](mailto:aanderson@midnatbank.com))  
**Debbie Curtis**, Riverdale, is a cyber navigator at the Chicago Public Library Foundation.  
**Derek McAllister**, Warsaw, works at Kohl Wholesale.  
**Fulton Burns MFA**, Mobile, Ala., is an instructor at the University of South Alabama in the Department of Dramatic Arts.  
**Jenny L. Wittman**, Naperville, is research editor for Cision, Chicago. ([jennywittman@yahoo.com](mailto:jennywittman@yahoo.com))  
**Kristin Woiski**, Mt. Prospect, is a fourth grade teacher at Link School District #54, Elk Grove Village.  
**Mark Michel**, Sun Prairie, Wis., is a sales and marketing representative for Hershey's Food Corporation. ([Mark.D.Michel14@gmail.com](mailto:Mark.D.Michel14@gmail.com))  
**Michael Anderson**, Mt. Prospect, is a physical education teacher and football and basketball coach at Leyden High School in Franklin Park.  
**Nathan Haley**, Macomb, is vice president of Haley Risk Protection.  
**Philip Kaminski**, Long Beach, Calif., is a wellsite geologist for Horizon Well Logging Inc. ([pmkaminski847@aol.com](mailto:pmkaminski847@aol.com))  
**Scott Clemens**, Champaign, is a computer specialist at UIUC-Beckman Institute.

**Brian Woods MA**, Canton, is the instrumental music teacher at North Pekin/Marquette Heights District #102. ([jazztrpt7@hotmail.com](mailto:jazztrpt7@hotmail.com))

**Chelsea Shinneman Koon**, Roanoke, Va., was a field organizer for Barack Obama's Campaign for Change. ([chelseashinneman@hotmail.com](mailto:chelseashinneman@hotmail.com))

**Christine Boll**, Naperville, is an account executive for Prime Time Marketing, Chicago and also won the title of Miss Illinois International 2008. ([Christine@ptmktg.com](mailto:Christine@ptmktg.com))

**Crystal Eller**, Normandy Park, Wash., is a web developer for Vision Service Group.

**Curtis Finch**, Sparks, Nev., is an inmate systems officer at Federal Bureau of Prisons in Herlong, Calif. ([cfinch\\_121@hotmail.com](mailto:cfinch_121@hotmail.com))

**Eric Myers**, Leander, Texas, is a new equity partner in the Fruits Smoothies company. Myers is the area director for Los Angeles County and a franchise owner of Fruits in Austin, and the USC Coliseum in Southern California.

**James McGovern**, Hoffman Estates, is a project assistant at Elmer Stahl Klevern and Solberg, LLP.

**Janelle Bush Carter**, Bettendorf, Iowa, is an account executive for the Quad City Bank and Trust.

**Jason Rodriguez MS**, Springfield, Ore., is director of diversity education and support in the office of student life at the University of Oregon.

**Jennifer Shields**, Arlington Heights, is an interactive account executive at ARS Advertising.

**Lauren Kulinski MS '08**, Batavia, is the naturalist assistant and camp coordinator at St. Charles Park District.

**Lindsey Moreno Miller**, East Moline, is a fraud investigative technician for the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division. ([air4crgry@yahoo.com](mailto:air4crgry@yahoo.com))

**Lisa Westendorf Kenser**, Denver, Colo., is a student employment specialist at the University of Denver.

**Mandi Snyder Still**, Colona, is a first grade teacher for the East Moline School District.

**Melissa Kuhmichel**, Chicago, is a technical service representative at Earthwise Environmental, Inc. in Bensenville. ([mkuhmichel@earthwiseenvironmental.com](mailto:mkuhmichel@earthwiseenvironmental.com))

**Rachel Von Holten Wayne**, Peoria, is a clinical dietitian at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

**Timothy Casey**, Mascoutah, is the head athletic trainer at Professional Therapy Services in Belleville. ([tasc\\_5@yahoo.com](mailto:tasc_5@yahoo.com))

### 2006

**Andrew McClellan**, Romeoville, is a police officer for the Channahon Police Department.

**Brian Sinclair**, St. Louis, Mo., is a project manager for Comarco St. Louis, Inc. in Fenton. ([bsinclair83@gmail.com](mailto:bsinclair83@gmail.com))

**Desiree Devoe King**, Madisonville, La., is a bank manager at Regions Bank.

**Kurtis Palm**, Evansville, Ind., is an agent for the Indiana Gaming Commission. ([kl-palm@wiu.edu](mailto:kl-palm@wiu.edu))

**Michael Dworiatyn**, Hanover Park, is vice president of sales and marketing for M&R Machine & Tools, Inc. ([mickeylick1@yahoo.com](mailto:mickeylick1@yahoo.com))

**Olga Oletskaya**, Chicago, is an operation manager for Jaffe Companies in Barrington. ([ooletskaya@shopthearboretum.com](mailto:ooletskaya@shopthearboretum.com))

**Sheridan Essman MFA**, Little Rock, Ark., is assistant director of education of the Arkansas Repertory Theatre.

## WIU vs. North Dakota State University Pre-game Social

10/11/08 Applebee's, Fargo, N.D.



L-r: Grant Speece '82, Vice President for Student Services Garry Johnson, Diane Solinger MS '83, Richard Goldsbury '79 MBA '80, Lisa Patterson, Tim Schaefer, Elaine Hanck Schaefer '71 MS '76, Stacey Zettel Sebille, Michael Sebille '91 and Laura Cody.

## Old Stompin' Ground Runaround 5K/Walk

10/18/08 Macomb, Ill.



2008 Old Stompin' Ground Runaround 5K/Walk winners.



2008 Old Stompin' Ground Runaround 5K/Walk overall winners Leslie Schaeffer '96 and Michael Lodesky.

Jena Sternquist Michel, Sun Prairie, Wis., is a substitute teacher at Middleton-Cross Plains School District.

([Jen.R.Michel@gmail.com](mailto:Jen.R.Michel@gmail.com))

Michelle L. Reed, Fort Madison, Iowa, is the managing editor for Fine Life Media.

Adam Rosenbery, Newman, is a physical education instructor at Shiloh CUSD #1. ([rosenberya@shiloh1.us](mailto:rosenberya@shiloh1.us))

## Weddings and Civil Unions

Amber Anders '03 and Daniel Warren, Sept. 6, 2008.

Sarah Cash '08 and Nathan Haley '07, Aug. 2, 2008.

Lauren Dempsey '06 and Rich Brecklin III '04, Oct. 18, 2008.

Candice Derry '02 MS '04 and Joe Logsdon, June 7, 2008.

Judith Arnsman Edwards '96 and David Eckerly '83, Oct. 25, 2008.

Amanda Edwards '05 and Jarett Reinwald, June 14, 2008.

Cynthia Glodowski '99 and Jordan Zimmeroff, Aug. 16, 2008.

Grace Goodwin '40 and John Kaloyios, Apr. 2, 2008.

Kimberlye Hudson '91 and Ashley Danley, Sept. 27, 2008.

Chalen Hunter '02 and Patrick Daigle, May 10, 2008.

Stacia Inghram '02 and Ryan Meierotto, Apr. 5, 2008.

Colleen Jacobs '91 and Steve Van Rossem, Aug. 30, 2008.

Sean Lim '97 and Erlita Villano, Aug. 9, 2008.

Katherine Loeschler '04 and David Gredlics, Sept. 27, 2008.

Melissa Lox '05 and Levi Pitford, Oct. 11, 2008.

Scott McFalls '96 and Rebecca Border, Apr. 19, 2008.

Benjamin Murphy '04 and Catrina Moss, Sept. 12, 2008.

Lacie Neff '08 and Bart Thompson, Nov. 1, 2008.

## 2008 Homecoming – Class Reunions

10/17-10/18/08 Macomb, Ill.



Class of 1958-Front row, l-r: Nancy Stulik Alkov '58, Marinda Coultas Wood '58 and Barbara Magnuson Boehm '58. Back row, l-r: Chips Giovanine '58 MS-ED '61 CAS '68, Morris Hicks '58, Marty Poropat Eckert '58 and Tom Eckert '58.



Half-Century Club-Front row, l-r: Marinda Coultas Wood '58, Ron Cook '46 MS '47, Alta Evans Guthrie '33 and Nancy Stulik Alkov '58. Back row, l-r: Morris Hicks '58, Chips Giovanine '58 MS-ED '61 CAS '68, Barbara Magnuson Boehm '58, Bill Boehm '57 MS-ED '58, Marty Poropat Eckert '58 and Tom Eckert '58.



Class of 1968-Front row, l-r: Kathleen Ripley Leo '68 and Diana Guthrie Simon '68. Back row, l-r: Cheryl Buckingham Bushnell '68, Gloria Adams Qureshi '68 MS '74, Linden Baker '68 and Douglas Petersen '68.



Front row, l-r: Marinda Coultas Wood '58, Sue Kaufman Anstine '60, Mary Van Houtte Rizzolo '59 and Nancy Stulik Alkov '58. Back row, l-r: Chips Giovanine '58 MS-ED '61 CAS '68, Morris Hicks '58, Barbara Magnuson Boehm '58 and Bill Boehm '57 MS-ED '58.



Class of 1983-Front row, l-r: Ann Kniepman '83, Cindy Akers Maire '83, Bob Ryan '83, Chris Gabor Pennell '83, Victoria Rimac Haynes '83 and Pam Eason '83. Back row, l-r: Kathy Wagner Rezny '83, Sheila McMahon Hillier '83, Mark Buss '83, Ann Colado Moehling '83, Julie Given Theros '83 and Beth Bunnell Ryan '82.



Front row, l-r: Vic Leo '65, Kathleen Ripley Leo '68 and Diana Guthrie Simon '68. Back row, L-r: Gary Bushnell '66 MS-ED '70, Cheryl Buckingham Bushnell '68, Gloria Adams Qureshi '68 MS '74, Linden Baker '68, Douglas Petersen '68 and Nancy Hallas Petersen.

Kristin Osbourne '07 and Colter Levinson, May 31, 2008.

Cassandra Piecyk '04 and Christopher Zingler '03, July 26, 2008.

Stephanie Pottorff '01 and Peter Martin, May 10, 2008.

Tara Randazzo '07 and Todd Long '07, Sept. 20, 2008.

Trish Renken '01 MS '03, and Devin Staub, Sept. 27, 2008.

Jayne Roberts '02 and Shawn Markin, Oct. 4, 2008.

Dale Schultz MA '06 and Allie Leight, June 28, 2008.

Chelsea Shinneman '05 and Christopher Koon, June 7, 2008.

Martha Smith '72 and Raymond Hamilton, April 25, 2008.

Jena Sternquist '08 and Mark Michel '07, July 26, 2008.

Sara Stetina '96 and Michael Reed, Aug. 9, 2008.

Kelly Trant '02 MS-ED '07 and Jim Sturgis '95, May 31, 2008.

Emily Urlich '05 and Danny Narkviroj '05, Aug. 2, 2008.

Emily VanDerZwan MS '08 and Nathan Hollingsworth, Sept. 13, 2008.

Stephen Whitson '05 and Jill Toombs, Apr. 19, 2008.

Renae Wilkerson MS '01 and Allen Phillips, Sept. 6, 2008.

Lisa Wisniewski '96 and Brad Noe, Sept. 13, 2008.

## Births and Adoptions

Chelsey Ratermann Allaman '98 and Clinton Allaman '97, twins, a daughter, Addison, and son, Benjamin, Sept. 18, 2008.

Jessica Robbins Anderson '02 and Aaron Anderson '07, a son, Grady Lynden, June 22, 2008.

Luke Arnsman '04 and Mandi Fitzanko Arnsman '02 MS '04, a son, Atley Emmett, Sept. 26, 2008.

Linda Kneiss Baker '00 and Aaron Baker '01, a daughter, Leah Elisabeth, March 25, 2008.

Tiffany Spiezio Berger '00 and Kenny, a son, Gavin Charles, May 31, 2008.

Allison Gilbert Broadfield '93 MA '95 and Arlen, a son, Andrew Gilbert, Sept. 26, 2008.

Sara Kish Deck '97 and Sean, a daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, May 25, 2008.

Nicole Deckard Diedrich '00 and Brian, a daughter, Alexis Nicole, April 6, 2008.

Kelly Thomasson Faughn '00 and Tim, a daughter, Abigail Ann, June 29, 2008.

Leticia Ferina Felman '96 MS '97 and Don, twins, a daughter, Gabrielle, and son, Dominic, Aug. 17, 2007.

Jean Rekowski Garcia MS '05 and Matthew, a son, John Joseph, Oct. 5, 2008.

Brandon John '00 and Sydney Fultz John MS '02, a daughter, Mazie Elizabeth, June 9, 2008.

April Cocnate Johnson '99 and Joe Johnson '99, twin daughters, Olivia and Gabrielle, July 25, 2008.

Erica Baars Kassel '95 and Andrew Kassel '95, a son, John Michael, July 15, 2008.

Derek Lipp '02 and Elizabeth Krause Lipp '03, a son, Carson, Aug. 26, 2008.

Mark McClelland '98 and Sarah, a daughter, Paige, May 25, 2008.

Whitney Cassens Mehaffy '00 and Jason, a daughter, Anya Danielle, Sept. 15, 2008.

Leah Katterheinrich Meyers '00 and Larry, a daughter, Ashley Lois, July 30, 2008.

Christopher Mies '01 and Misti Walsh-Mies '01, a daughter, Amelia Summer, July 17, 2008.

Amy Matsko Molzer '95 and Mark Molzer '94, a daughter, Anna Sophia, Oct. 28, 2007.

Roswell Morgan '85 and Lori, a daughter, Aubrey Brooks, Jan. 22, 2008.

Jenel Bernstein Nels '00 and Joe Nels '00, a daughter, Kathryn Carol, May 22, 2008.

Bianca Hollman O'Neill '99 MS-ED '03 and James O'Neill '99, a daughter, Jameson Rose, July 28, 2008.

Bridget Klauser Ormond '03 and Lance, a daughter, Camdyn, Dec. 16, 2007.

Nick Padgett '88 and Deanna, a daughter, Ainsley Dale, May 27, 2008.

Douglas Passmore '98, a son, Noah Steven, Mar. 15, 2008.

Kelli Sisler Rice MS '01 and Jason, a daughter, Katelyn Marie, April 21, 2008.

Seth Roderick '99 and Lacey Allaman Roderick '03, a son, Quinn, Aug. 19, 2008.

Jackie Ferrel Roskos '01 and Jeffrey, a son, Torin Jeffrey, July 14, 2008.

Carrie Cisler Ross '98 and Steve, a daughter, Sarah Danielle, Sept. 24, 2008.

Kim Graves Shively '97 and Steve Shively '95, a son, Tyler Thomas, June 5, 2008.

## 2008 Homecoming Parade

10/18/08 Macomb, Ill.



L-r: Jim Lodico '62 MS-ED '75, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Thom Cornelis '71 and Alumni Council member Jim Miner '72 MS '73.



L-r: Frank Alkov, Nancy Stulik Alkov '58, Barbara Magnuson Boehm '58, Bill Boehm '57 MS-ED '58 and Sue Kaufman Anstine '60.



Front row, l-r: Alumni Council member Matt Bills '99 and Carrie Shoraga Bills '98. Middle row, l-r: Jackue McKenna MS '07, A. J. Lutz MS '06, Amanda Schnarr MS '05 and Jacki Gloger MS '05. Back row, l-r: Assistant Vice President for Student Services John Biernbaum, Chris Wheeler '97 MS '00 and Brett Bucholz '06.



L-r: Alumni Council member Roger Clawson '77, Alumni Council member Steve McLaughlin '70 MS '71, Alumni Council president Pam Rigsby Hoffman '70, Becky Ogle Fitzgerald '72, Sarah Fuggett, Cornetta Pickens and Taryn Bradley '08.



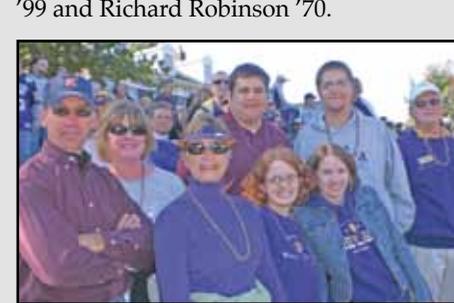
Front row, l-r: Suzi Stambaugh Miner '72 MA '73, Lori Waters Bilbrey '90 MS-ED '96, Jen Shields MS '08, Kolin Straub '08, Alumni Council member Vian Vance Neally '96 MS '02, Ann Kniepman '83, Beth Bunnell Ryan '82 and Victoria Rimac Haynes '83. Back row, l-r: Frank Yaccino '70 and Tom Tomaszewski '70 MBA '72.



Front row, l-r: Penny Heitzig Meyer '67 MS-ED '75 and T. J. Meyer. Back row, l-r: Alumni Achievement Award recipient Sandy Keiser Edwards MS-ED '74, Vice President for Advancement and Public Services Dan Hendricks, Trish Smith Roderick '68, Vicky Mason Stuckey '68, Mary Ann Skender Robinson '69 MS-ED '99 and Richard Robinson '70.



L-r: Former football coach Jim Gilmore '62, Larry Garon '59, former football coach Joel Collier MS-ED '57, former football manager Lee Westerman '60, Bill Adams '62 and John Bush '60 MS-ED '67.



Front row, l-r: Rich Wallen, Suzan Nash MS '80, Lacey Workman '05 and Beth Dietrich '06. Back row, l-r: Maureen McCauley Wallen '82 MS-ED '91, Daniel Workman '05, Eric Gates '05 and Director of the Centennial Honors College Bill Knox.

## 2008 Homecoming – The Right Place

10/18/08 Macomb, Ill.



Front row, l-r: Gene Teeter, Mathematics Professor George Barnes and 2006 Honorary Doctorate recipient Norm Teeter '67. Back row, l-r: Gary Brown '79 MS '80, Nancy Hahn-Brown '79, Elaine Goldfarb, President Al Goldfarb, Paeng Sitimascharoen and 2006 Honorary Doctorate recipient Carmelita Teeter.



L-r: Director of Alumni Programs Amy Spelman MS '98, Eric Adams, Lauren Gogolew '08, Director of Residence Halls Matt Zielinski, Roger Glazer '68, Marla Cohan, Director of University Relations Darcie Dyer Shinberger '89 MS '98 and Assistant to the Dean of the College of Business and Technology Schuyler Bedwell Meixner '98 MBA '04.



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L-r: Department of Mathematics Chair Iraj Kalantari, College of Arts and Sciences Dean Inessa Levi, Connie Burke, Roland Burke '68 and College of Arts and Sciences Development Director Bryce Dexter.



In front, Joyce Ross '87. Back row, l-r: Cynthia Perkins, Letina Stoll, Clowana Gardner Walker '91, Kimberly Peoples '88, Pat Jefferies and Robbin Ware Johnson.



- Amanda Latta St. Leger '01** and **Nick St. Leger '00**, a daughter, Addison Kay, July 18, 2008.
- Jennifer Taylor Stevenson '94** and John, a son, James Arthur, June 23, 2008.
- Philip Trudeau '00** and **Jessica Popik Trudeau '00**, a son, Logan Philip, May 27, 2008.
- Jennifer Turner '01** and **Kacey Vermazen '01**, a son, Landon Baird, Aug. 29, 2008.
- Angela Corder Wagner '99** and Scott, a son, Evan Michael, Aug. 5, 2008.
- Alicia Evans Watson '01** and **Adam Watson '98**, a daughter, Mallory Shea, May 26, 2008.
- Lisa Carlin Wehr '96** and **Christopher Wehr '00**, a daughter, Nahliya Bliss, May 2, 2008.
- Heather Dean Woods '00 MA '05** and **Brian Woods MA '05**, a son, Adam Dean, July 25, 2007.
- Tia Rouzan Zellweger '94** and Michael, a son, Dane Christian, July 2, 2008.

### Deaths

- Vern C. Abernathy**, Freeburg, June 15, 2006.
- Charles N. Battista**, DeKalb, Mar. 29, 2008.
- David I. Cook**, Carthage, May 12, 2004.
- Janice Dufelmeier**, Havana, Aug. 3, 2008.
- Charles J. Edwards, Jr.**, Macomb, Nov. 28, 2007.
- Clarence C. Griffin**, Urbandale, Iowa, July 25, 2008.
- Robert Bruce Harley**, San Bernardino, Calif., July 24, 2008.
- Ross E. Lowe**, Quincy, Aug. 21, 2008.
- James B. Maberry**, Pleasanton, Calif., Dec. 30, 2006.
- Karl B. Marx**, Colchester, Sept. 23, 2008.
- Robert E. Masden**, Galesburg, May 23, 2005.
- Ronald E. Nelson**, Macomb, Oct. 5, 2008.
- Warren C. Sperry**, Bushnell, Aug. 26, 2008.
- 1927 Irma Huddleston Bloom**, Mountain Home, Ariz., Feb. 17, 2004.
- 1933 Eva J. Swanson Woodford**, Peoria, July 6, 2008.
- 1934 Sara Etta Smith Baldner**, Macomb, Sept. 2, 2008.
- 1936 Amelia Elizabeth Hall Bauner MS '56**, Quincy, May 11, 2008.
- 1939 Dorothy A. Feldman MS-ED '57**, Illinois City, Oct. 19, 2008.
- 1940 Paul J. Waite**, Pittsfield, April 28, 2008.

## Mt. Sterling Alumni and Friends Event

10/23/08 Ridge View Winery



Front row, l-r: Louise Wilson Penington '61, Pat Turnquist Crane '63, Garnette Stockstad Hallwas '89, Norma Carman Markert '93 and Louise Renken Reynolds '96 MA '01. Back row, l-r: Bob Schneider '62, Ann Davis '07, Alumni Achievement Award Recipient John Hallwas '67 MA '68, Chris Davis and Ted Markert.



L-r: Alumni Council member Jerry Cremer '89, Jim Duvendack '71, Cindy Hannant, Patti Royce Shoemaker '72, Amy Waschull, Stacy Bevans Dorsett '89, Dave Dorsett, Matthius Waschull, Joan Davis Lerner '82 and Ron Lerner.



Front row, l-r: Marilyn Brookhart and Mark Vincent '88. Back row, l-r: Jerry Brookhart, Director of Non-Traditional Programs Rick Carter, Angie Carter, Louise Hofsess Huseman '66, George Huseman '66 MA '87 ED-SP '91 MA '03 and Macomb Mayor Mick Wisslead.

- 1942 Wilma A. Firoved Pilger, Marion, June 17, 2007.  
 1944 Evelyn S. Nordhus Hickox, Dwight, Oct. 20, 2008.  
 1946 Clayton Tucker Hurlbutt, Williamsfield, Aug. 4, 2008.  
 1948 Gordon Kleiman, Grand Rapids, Mich., May 11, 2008.  
 1950 Robert O. Burks, Battle Ground, Wash., May 1, 2008.  
 1950 Donald E. Suryk, Bradley, Apr. 18, 2003.  
 1951 Roberta R. Noftz, Quincy, Oct. 14, 2007.  
 1952 Joanne Adelaide Cain Wilson, Williamsfield, Sept. 10, 2008.  
 1953 Kenneth Henry "Ken" Applegate, Chula Vista, Calif., Nov. 24, 2007.  
 1953 Warren Thomas "Tom" Atyeo, Athens, Ga., Oct. 9, 2008.  
 1954 Kenneth Earl Kern, Petersburg, Mar. 18, 2008.  
 1954 Clyde Henry Nestler MSE '55, Durham, N.C., Dec. 26, 2007.  
 1955 Anna Ruth Finnigan Zimmerman, Rock Island, Feb. 14, 2007.  
 1956 Dan C. Farris, Corland, N.Y., July 12, 2008.  
 1956 Stephen F. Oracko MS-ED, Green Valley, Ariz., Jan. 28, 2008.  
 1957 Fredrick Eugene Hartnell, Huntington Beach, Calif., Apr. 30, 2008.  
 1957 Robert P. Zarub MS-ED, Tavernier, Fla., Oct. 18, 2007.  
 1958 Dale Junior Hood, Longwood, Fla., Sept. 19, 2008.  
 1959 Willis D. "Bill" Hartman, Jr., Champaign, Oct. 4, 2008.  
 1959 Ronald Kent Hovey MS-ED '64, Bettendorf, Iowa, June 11, 2008.  
 1959 William W. "Bill" Marshall, Galva, Nov. 21, 2007.  
 1961 Darrell Dee McDannold MS-ED '75, Chapin, Apr. 13, 2007.  
 1961 Harold James Woodward, New Berlin, Sept. 20, 2005.  
 1962 Gilford A. Pohl, Walworth, Wis., July 18, 2005.  
 1963 Richard K. "Dick" Penington, Meredosia, Oct. 12, 2008.  
 1963 Lois Gardner Terpening Whitman MS-ED, Galesburg, March 3, 2008.  
 1965 Doris Bloschynsky Swarzbaugh, Ellsworth, Aug. 19, 2008.  
 1966 Joseph Duane Beck, Macomb, Aug. 18, 2008.  
 1966 Patricia A. Gilmour Province, Joliet, Aug. 13, 2008.  
 1966 James Richard Honegger MBA '70, Bloomington, Oct. 5, 2006.  
 1968 Ronald George Ault, Roseville, Apr. 30, 2007.  
 1968 Dewey James Morse, Belleville, Sept. 15, 2007.  
 1971 Janis A. Fisher MS-ED, Pleasanton, Calif., July 22, 2008.  
 1972 William Patrick "Bill" Brannigan, Tupelo, Miss., Oct. 6, 2008.  
 1972 Paul E. Kreis, Chicago Ridge, Jan. 3, 2008.  
 1972 Mathew A. Nemtusak, Jr. MS, Crystal Lake, Mar. 15, 2007.  
 1974 William Louis "Bill" Banks, La Grange, Aug. 29, 2005.  
 1974 James Alfred Barrick, Oak Park, Mar. 22, 2008.  
 1975 Thomas Howard Blakely, Schaumburg, Feb. 16, 2006.  
 1975 Burdette Graham MS-ED '86, Rockford, Sept. 2, 2008.  
 1975 Judith Ann Powell Woodward, New Berlin, Feb. 10, 2007.  
 1976 Polly Ann Sikorski Fox, Wheeling, Oct. 30, 2006.  
 1977 Donna J. Stoltenberg Albright MA, Bettendorf, Iowa, May 2, 2008.  
 1977 Michael John Heinen, Mokena, July 20, 2008.  
 1981 Kenneth Walter Anderson, Urbandale, Iowa, Sept. 3, 2008.  
 1981 Kevin Gilbert Moburg, Roseville, Sept. 12, 2008.  
 1984 Nancy Ann Paisley, Rushville, Aug. 11, 2008.  
 1987 Amanda Sue McIntyre, Orlando, Fla., Aug. 20, 2008.  
 1987 Mark J. Tokarz '88, Gahanna, Ohio, Sept. 4, 2008.  
 1988 Jeffrey Robert Jensen MA, Edina, Minn., Mar. 30, 2006.  
 1989 Dennis Paul Ellis, Pittsfield, Feb. 1, 2008.

## Former Math Chair Joseph Stipanowich Passes Away

**Joseph J. Stipanowich**, former Western Illinois University mathematics chair and longtime mathematics faculty member, passed away at 4:35 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19 in Macomb. He was 87. Visitation will be held from 5-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 at Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home in Macomb; services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 at the First Christian Church in Macomb.

In 1942, Stipanowich enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He served for three years as a meteorologist/weather forecaster with the 9th Weather Squadron in the Caribbean, with the rank of Staff Sergeant. At war's end he was reassigned to Chanute Field as a teacher of meteorology and mathematics.

Upon completing his bachelor of science degree from Western in 1946, Stipanowich went on to obtain a master's degree from the University of Illinois (1947) and an Ed.D. from Northwestern University (1956). In 1947, he joined the mathematics faculty at Western, serving in that capacity until 1984. He taught thousands of students, many of whom remember him as a favorite teacher. From 1958 to 1968 he served as chair of the department of mathematics, supervising a dramatic expansion of the faculty and the move to a new building. He received Western's Distinguished Teaching Award (1970), the Alumni Achievement Award (1973) and the Distinguished Alumni Award (1974).

He served as president of the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and was named a Distinguished Life member and given the Max Beberman Award for his contribution to math education. Stipanowich also served on the board of directors and the executive committee of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. He published articles in books and journals, and was a book review editor for several years. Stipanowich appeared as a speaker at professional meetings in more than 30 states. His biography has appeared in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in American Education*; *American Men and Women of Science*; and *Outstanding Educators in America*.

Stipanowich was born April 14, 1921 in Canton (IL), the son of Joseph A. and LaVada Sleeth Stipanowich. During his childhood the family moved on two separate occasions to Los Angeles, where his father was employed at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios. As a youth, he was elected Canton's "Mayor for a Day" and won the sixth

grade city baseball championship by pitching a no-hitter and hitting a home run for a 1-0 victory. Stipanowich graduated from Canton High School as president and valedictorian of his class in 1939.

Determined to attend college but lacking the funds, Stipanowich rented a local gas station and worked long hours for a year. Savings and scholarship money enabled him to enter Western Illinois State Teacher's College the following fall. There he proceeded to accumulate one of the highest grade point averages in the history of the school. He was also active in campus life. As the chair of a campuswide picnic he relied heavily on the food committee headed by Mary Laura Forsythe, whom he married June 28, 1947. Throughout his life, Stipanowich referred to Mary as "my bride."

For more than six decades the Stipanowiches have been active members of the First Christian Church of Macomb. Joe served for many years on the Board of Elders, and as chair of the church board, he led the campaign to fund and build the church's education wing. He was also a Sunday school teacher, president of Christian Men's Fellowship and served as a lay minister in the area.

Stipanowich joined the Macomb Rotary Club in 1962, serving as treasurer (1964), vice president (1966) and president (1967). He was named a Paul Harris Fellow in 1986, and in 2007, was named an Honorary Member of Rotary for his 45 years of service. Stipanowich was also a member of the board of directors of Wesley Village, a member of the Masonic Lodge and the American Legion. During retirement he served as president of the local chapter and a member of the state board of the State Universities Annuity Association and was a member.

In addition to his wife, Mary, Stipanowich is survived by his two sons, Tom, a professor at Pepperdine University School of Law and academic director of the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, and Jim, an international tax specialist at Hollister Incorporated; daughters-in-law Sky and Anne; grandchildren Laura; Thomas, Jimmy, Amy, Nick, and Sarah; and great-grandchild C.J.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Joseph and Mary Stipanowich Mathematics Scholarship fund at Western Illinois University or the Joseph and Mary Stipanowich Evangelism Fund at First Christian Church of Macomb.



1989 Ralph Edward Fry, Brazoria, Texas, Oct. 17, 2008.

1991 Thomas A. "Tom" Giampaolo, Schererville, Ind., May 11, 2008.

1991 Virginia K. Hanson MS-ED, Muscatine, Iowa, Aug. 27, 2007.

1994 Rick Kenneth Richter, Breese, Sept. 15, 2006.

2000 Parker Sebastian Knowles, Macomb, Oct. 9, 2007.

2003 John Kirk, Jr., Sterling, Jan. 24, 2005.

2003 Marcia D. Mortier, Moline, June 10, 2008.

## Theatre Chair Emeritus Gene Kozlowski Passes Away

**Gene Kozlowski**, chair and professor emeritus of the theatre (now called theatre and dance) department at Western Illinois University, passed away at home in Macomb Nov. 28.

An actor, director and playwright, Kozlowski joined Western's theatre faculty in 1973 and was named department chair in 1980. He retired in December 2005. During his tenure he directed, and acted in, more than 50 productions, two of which - - "Landscape of the Body" and "Agnes of God" - - were selected among only six productions produced at the regional American College Theatre Festival (ACTF), representing the finest in university and college theatre productions.

He also served as head of Western's acting program; managing director of Summer Music Theatre; guest director of the State of Illinois Repertory Theatre; and artistic director and managing director of Western's Regional Touring Theatre Company (RTTC), for which he has won several national awards for his adaptations of traditional fairy tales and children's stories. In May 1999, the Illinois Alliance for Arts Education awarded the RTTC the annual recognition award for the company's outstanding contributions to the arts.

Kozlowski was awarded the John F. Kennedy Center's Gold Medallion for Excellence (1994) and the Illinois Theatre Association's Life Achievement Award (2001). He was a member of the American College Theatre Festival Executive Selection Committee for Region III.

He wrote nine plays that have been produced at local and regional theatres. He also has written and directed one independent screenplay, three industrial films and a children's theatre television show for Dr. C. Productions.

On two separate occasions (August 1986-August 1987; January 2003-June 2004) he served as interim dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication.

Kozlowski earned his bachelor's (1967) and master's (1968) degrees at Western and has post-graduate studies from the University of Iowa. He taught in New Hampshire before returning to Western in 1973.

A scholarship fund - - the Gene Kozlowski New Playwright Fund - - has been established through the WIU Foundation. In lieu of flowers, donations to the scholarship fund may be made through the WIU Foundation, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455-1390.

## Ann Lamb, organizer of women's athletics, passes away

**Ann L. Lamb**, 84, chair and professor emeritus of the women's physical education department, died at Heartland Healthcare Center in Macomb on Oct. 1.

She came to Western in 1966 as an associate professor in women's physical education (WPE). Lamb was acting chair of the department in 1967-68, and served as chair from 1968-1981. She also served as acting dean of the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation in 1970-72, while keeping her WPE administrative duties. During her early tenure (1971), old Brophy Hall (Morgan gymnasium) burned down and the present Brophy Hall was constructed.

Lamb was largely responsible for organizing women's intercollegiate athletics at Western and for appointing the first women's athletic director. Throughout her career, she supported opportunities across campus for all women students and faculty. Also, as chair and faculty member, she initiated numerous curricular changes in the undergraduate and graduate physical education programs. In addition to courses in WPE, she taught statistics courses for business majors and served part-time as an adviser in the University Advising Center.

Lamb also served on many school and University committees and councils, including vice president of Faculty Senate. She retired from Western in 1989.

The Western Organization for Women (WOW) presented Lamb its outstanding recognition award; and in 2000, Lamb was among just 45 women in the history of Western Illinois University to be honored in the "Women of Western Centennial Photographic Exhibit."

Lamb served in the Army Air Corp in 1943-44 in flight operations before earning her bachelor's and master's degrees in physical education from Utah State University. She received her Ed.D. in physical education and certificate in counseling from the University of Utah. In 1972-73, she was granted a fellowship at The Ohio State University for advanced study in research design and statistical analysis.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation, American Cancer Society or to the donor's choice.

A guestbook is available at <http://obit.nelsonfuneralhome.com>.

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