**Goldfarb announces retirement**

President Al Goldfarb has announced he will accept a final two-year contract and retire June 30, 2011.

Western’s 10th president, Goldfarb officially took office July 1, 2002 following 25 years of distinguished service at Illinois State University, where he had served as provost and academic vice president since 1998. A professor of theatre, Goldfarb continues to teach theatre history and take community members on trips to the theatre in his native New York City.

While my tenure will end in two years, there are numerous tasks I want to accomplish in that time, Goldfarb noted.

See “Goldfarb,” p.3

**BOT approves cost increases for new students, athletic team changes**

The Western Illinois University Board of Trustees approved at its June 5 meeting a 7.2 percent increase in all costs (tuition, fees and room and board) for students entering the University in Fall 2009.

Undergraduate students entering Western in Fall 2009 will be charged $6,778.80 in annual tuition, based on 15 hours per semester at a $225.96 per semester hour rate. The tuition rate is $215.20 per semester hour for students who entered in Fall 2008, $196.50 per semester hour for students who entered in Fall 2007 and $181.30 per semester hour for students who entered Fall 2006. Graduate tuition for students entering in Fall 2009 will be $249.21 per semester hour compared to $237.34 for graduate students who entered in Fall 2008.

Yearly room and board increases for entering students will be $432 more per year for double occupancy ($7,642 compared to $7,210 for Fall 2008) and $766 more per year for single occupancy ($9,716 compared to $8,950 for Fall 2008). Fees for incoming Western-Macomb students will increase by $362.10 per year for students with a 15-hour schedule per semester ($2,178.60 per year in Fall 2008 and $1,816.50 in Fall 2008). The fee schedule for new WIU-Quad Cities students with a 15-hour schedule per semester will remain the same as the Fall 2008 fees of $534.90.

The increase, which is less than 2 percent per year, maintains Western's tradition of, and commitment to, access, affordability and quality. I’m pleased that of the 12 Illinois public institutions, Western is one of four in the state with the most affordable tuition and fees, while providing nationally recognized, high-quality academic programs, said President Al Goldfarb. Western remains one of the only universities in the state that includes room and board in our cost guarantee. Students entering Western this fall will not face another cost increase in tuition, fees or room and board during their continuous enrollment at WIU.

In addition, the board approved granting in-state tuition and fees to students residing in Missouri, Iowa and Wisconsin, beginning Fall 2009.

See “Board,” p.2

**Summer Music Theatre lineup offers something for whole family**

Western Illinois University's Summer Music Theatre will feature three productions during its 38th season this June and July.

The lineup includes fun for the whole family, beginning with Seussical complete with 30 local children cast as the Whos of Whoville Friday-Saturday, June 19-20 and Thursday-Saturday, June 25-27. Wrapped around the Fourth of July is All Shook Up, based on the music of America’s own Elvis Presley and scheduled for Thursday-Friday, July 2-3 and Thursday-Saturday, July 9-11. The season closer is the award-winning Little Shop of Horrors, set for Friday-Saturday, July 17-18 and Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Seussical and All Shook Up are scheduled for the Hainline Theatre; Little Shop of Horrors is set for Horrabin Theatre.

Season and individual show tickets are on sale at the Hainline Theatre Box Office, (309) 298-2900, located on Western Avenue at Murray Street, from noon-5 p.m. weekdays. Tickets may also be purchased online at wiu.edu/theatre.

Season ticket information for each of the three shows is $50, a $5 savings from last year’s season ticket price and $10 savings off of three show tickets. Individual show tickets are $20 for the public, $15 for senior citizens age 62 and older and $10 for children 12 and younger.

For more information, contact Western’s theatre and dance department, (309) 298-1543.

**Quick look:**

- **2009 Summer Music Theatre**
  - Seussical - June 19, 20, 25, 26, 27
  - All Shook Up - July 2, 3, 9, 10, 11
  - Little Shop of Horrors - July 17, 18, 23, 24, 25

- **Ticket Sales:** Hainline Theatre Box Office, (309) 298-2900, from noon-5 p.m. weekdays, or wiu.edu/theatre.
School of Engineering director named

William Pratt, director of the Utah Science Technology and Research (USTAR) program for the Southern Technology Outreach and Innovation Program, has been named director of Western’s new School of Engineering, effective June 8, according to College of Business and Technology Dean Tom Erekson.

Pratt had served as director of the USTAR program since 2007. He previously served as associate professor and interim department chair of the integrated engineering and technology department at Southern Utah University (Cedar City, UT), where he helped develop the first integrated engineering program in the U.S. Prior to that, Pratt was chief executive officer and chief scientist for Patterned Fiber Composites, Inc.; an independent engineering and program management consultant, new business development manager and senior program manager for EDO Corporations Acoustic Division; and manufacturing engineer for Morton Thiokol. Pratt owns several U.S. patents and has significant ABET experience.

“We are pleased to have Dr. Pratt join our team. He brings a wealth of experience to WIU that aligns with our goals in developing the new engineering program and obtaining ABET accreditation,” Erekson noted. “His involvement in corporate alliances and economic development are true assets.”

Pratt earned his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering and master’s in engineering management from Brigham Young University and his bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from the U.S. Military Academy.

Pratt’s office will initially be located at the WIU-Quad Cities 60th Street campus. In August, the School of Engineering will be located in The Caxon Block Building, 1701 River Drive, Moline. In March, Western’s Board of Trustees approved a lease agreement with Ruhl & Ruhl Commercial Company to lease The Caxon Block Building to temporarily house the new WIU-Quad Cities engineering program, which begins in Fall 2009.

The Caxon Block Building is close to the WIU-QC Riverfront Campus and is part of the City of Moline’s Mississippi River Urban Technology Corridor.

Martinelli-Fernandez named interim dean

Susan Martinelli-Fernandez, associate dean for research, graduate studies, grants and faculty research and development in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), has been appointed interim CAS dean, effective July 1, according to WIU Provost and Academic Vice President Jack Thomas.

Martinelli-Fernandez has served as associate dean since 2005. She will serve in the interim position until a permanent dean is hired to replace Inessa Levi, who accepted a position as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Columbus State University.

Prior to being named associate dean, Martinelli-Fernandez served as a professor in the department of philosophy and religious studies. She has been at Western since 1993.

“Dr. Martinelli-Fernandez has served on numerous University committees and has vast experience in curriculum development, graduate education, grants, Honors programming and personnel,” Thomas said. “Her appointment as interim dean provides continuity and strong leadership through this transitional period as the University searches for a new CAS dean.”

She has served as the chair and co-organizer of CLASS (Celebrating Liberal Arts and Sciences), a College of Arts and Sciences awareness committee. Under her leadership the group organized, and she moderated, the first panel discussion of the Dialogue series, in which University and community leaders are brought together to discuss democracy and education.

Martinelli-Fernandez has served as interim associate director of Western’s Centennial Honors College and, with Martin Dupuis, (former interim director of the Honors College), co-designed Western’s First Year Experience (FYE) initiative pilot program in the Honors College.

FYE, a program designed to assist students transitioning from high school to college, became a part of Western’s general education curriculum in May 2005.

Martinelli-Fernandez has also served as co-director of Western’s Program for the Study of Ethics and an executive board member of the International Society of Ethics Across the Curriculum. She earned her master’s degree in social sciences and her Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Chicago.

A $35 increase in student health insurance fees (from $294.85 to $329.94 per half year and $659.28 per full year), was approved by the Board and will go into effect Aug. 1.

Following an annual review of his performance, Western’s board lauded the accomplishments and leadership of President Goldfarb. The board will review compensation for the president at the October meeting. Goldfarb’s annual salary is $270,000. For further Board actions, see the June 5 news release at wiu.edu/news.

Team names unified; teams eliminated

Goldfarb also announced at the meeting that after a two-year deliberation, he reached a decision to unify the WIU athletic team names. Beginning Fall 2009, all Western Illinois athletics teams will be called the Leathernecks. The Board unanimously approved the decision.

Prior to the decision, Goldfarb met with coaches from Western’s women’s and men’s athletic teams, student-athletes, Western Athletic Club members and campus leadership groups. Input was also collected from alumni, members of the campus community and others through e-mail submissions and a web-based survey. The original proposal to unify the name was brought forward to Goldfarb by Vice President for Student Services Garry Johnson and Assistant Vice President for Student Services Tim Van Alstine on behalf of requests they receive annually from women’s-team coaches and players.

“I thoroughly reviewed and read every letter, survey and e-mail, and I listened to all of the constituency groups. This was not an easy decision, nor was this a task I took lightly,” Goldfarb said. “I considered all points of view and felt it was in the best interest for our student-athletes in regards to equity and marketing to unify the athletic team names.”

Currently, WIU women’s teams are named Westerwinds, and men’s teams are named Leathernecks.

Johnson and Van Alstine also announced at the meeting that the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics will eliminate its men’s and women’s swimming and diving programs in an effort to reduce annual operating expenses.

“This was a difficult decision made after much analysis and evaluation across campus,” said Van Alstine.

For more information, visit the June 5 news release at wiuathletics.com.
Faculty tenure, promotions announced

Twenty-nine WIU faculty members were granted tenure by the WIU Board of Trustees at the Board’s June 5 meeting.

Tenure requests were submitted by President Al Goldfarb based on an extensive evaluation process at the department, college and University levels regarding the faculty member’s teaching, research and service activities.

Faculty members granted tenure, effective August 2009, are:
- David Banash, English and journalism
- Lee Brice, history; Jason Conner, theatre and dance
- Janna Deitz, political science; Clayton Ray Diez, engineering technology; Bradley Diliger, English and journalism
- Steven Dworkin, psychology; Sunita George, geography; Jeffrey Hancks, University Libraries; Robert Hironimus-Wendt, sociology and anthropology; Mark Hoge, agriculture; Penelope Kelsey, English and journalism; Emran Khan, law enforcement and justice administration; Lloyd Kilmer, educational leadership; Christopher Kovacs, kinesiology; James La Prad, educational and interdisciplinary studies; David Lane, psychology; Holly Nikels, counselor education; Damon McArthur, art; Alice Melkumian, economics; Richard Musser, biological sciences; Brian Peer, biological sciences; William Polley, economics; William Pratt, School of Engineering; Christopher Pynes, philosophy and religious studies; Bonnie Sonnek, English and journalism; Sandra Watkins, educational leadership; Charles Weiss, engineering technology; and Seung Won Yoon, instructional design and technology.

Promotions

Forty-seven WIU faculty have been granted promotions, effective Fall 2009. Promotion recommendations were initiated at the departmental level, reviewed by the college deans and Provost Jack Thomas prior to final approval by President Goldfarb.

Promoted from associate professor to professor were Colleen Combs, foreign languages and literatures; Heather McIlvaine-Newsad, sociology and anthropology; Scott Palmer, history; Gordon Pettit, philosophy and religious studies; Aimee Shouse, women’s studies; In Lee, information systems and decision sciences; Gordon Rand, management; Carla Paciotti, educational & interdisciplinary studies; Francis Steward, curriculum and instruction; William Howard, art; Peter Jorgensen, communication; Christine Lapka, music; Lisa Miczo, communication; and Moises Molina, music.

Promoted from assistant to associate professor were Julia Albarracin, political science; Victoria Baramidze, mathematics; David Casagrande, sociology and anthropology; Yongxin Deng, geography; Melanie Hetzel-Riggin, psychology; Robert Hironimus-Wendt, sociology and anthropology; Penelope Kelsey, English and journalism; Jongho Lee, political science; Sandra McFadden, psychology; Jennifer McNabb, history; Brian Peer, biological sciences; Boris Petrovacovici, mathematics; Christopher Pynes, philosophy and religious studies; Timothy Spier, biological sciences; Feridun Tasdan, mathematics; Oswald Warner, sociology and anthropology; Douglas Druckenmiller, information systems and decision sciences; Mark Hoge, agriculture; Alla Melkumian, economics; Sumesh Philip, computer science; William Polley, economics; Dean Alexander, law enforcement and justice administration; Gary Daytner, educational and interdisciplinary studies; Christopher Kovacs, kinesiology; Ross William Lambert, kinesiology; Jason Conner, theatre and dance; Damon McArthur, art; Kevin Nichols, music; and Jeffrey Hancks, libraries.

Promoted from instructor or assistant professor were Lawrence Andrew, information systems and decision sciences; Rebecca Mahr, information systems and decision sciences; Cathy Onion, information systems and decision sciences; and Jennifer Plos, kinesiology.

HFC open climbing hours June 20

Open tower hours will be held at Western’s Horn Field Campus climbing and rappelling tower from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 20.

HFC’s climbing tower is a 40-foot vertical wood structure, with three sides for climbing, complete with rock-like handholds, and one side for rappelling. One tower wall is slightly inclined for those new to the climbing experience. Harnesses, helmets and safety ropes are provided. Two or more facilitators assist with the tower.

The $5 fee includes all equipment and instruction. Individuals under 18 must have a parent or guardian present to climb.

For more information, contact Horn Field at HF-campus@wiu.edu or (309) 833-5798.

Horn Field Campus is located approximately one-quarter mile on China Road.

Learn more about HFC at wiu.edu/rpta/HFC/index.html.
Tri-States Audio Information Services honors volunteers

Western Illinois University’s Tri-States Audio Information Services (AIS) honored its volunteers in April as part of National Volunteer Week. More than 100 volunteers were recognized for their outstanding service as readers for the Radio Information Service, Personal Reader Service and regional advisory board members. Several volunteers reached milestone years:

- 30 years: Rhoda Butler
- 20 years: Joanne Kennedy and Ron Morrow
- 15 years: Herb Butler, Sally Egler, Ron Henry, Larry Kwacala, Judy Overstreet and Becky Parker
- 10 years: Dana Walker; and
- 5 years: Kathy Butler, Brian Clark, Doris Hasbargen, Molly Homer, Robert Livingston, Vicki McDonald, Suzan Nash, Rosemary Perdew, Anna Valeva, Shannon Walsh and Mick Weaver.

Rhoda Butler started volunteering in 1979, when the service was located in the hallway of Memorial Hall, said Carol Dennhardt, Tri-States Audio Information Services director. At the time, the RIS was airing programs from 1-5 p.m. five days a week and had 20-25 volunteer readers. Today, the RIS operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week with overnight programming provided by the In-Touch Satellite Network. Located in the University Services Building, the Tri-States AIS includes the Radio Information Service (RIS), Personal Reader Service (PRS), Call-RIS and Web Streaming Service (WSS). Volunteers read national, regional and local newspapers, magazines and novels for broadcast on closed-circuit radios. The radios are lent to eligible listeners who cannot see traditional size print or interpret the printed page. Herb retired from Western’s sociology and anthropology department in 1992 and was recruited by his wife to be a volunteer reader.

Rhoda retired as a piano accompanist from the Western Illinois University music department in 2003. She also played for high school performers and for their musicals. Currently, she plays organ and piano for the Bushnell Presbyterian Church.

Diane Tichenor, Tri-States Audio Information Services Regional Advisory board member, was honored for serving as president.

Regional Advisory Board members for 2009-2010 are: Jack Schoonover, president; Pat Woodworth, vice president; Pearle Bradley, secretary; Cindy Andrews; Patti Bloom; Larry Kwacala.

Grants

Andrew Baker, Agriculture $50,000 from the Illinois State Board of Education for Growing Agriculture Science Teachers.

Amy Brock, Geology $7,100 from the U.S. Geological Survey for Geological and Geomorphic Mapping of Late Neogene and Younger Sediments in the Western Portion of the Overton, NE 7.5 Minute Quadrangle, Nevada.

Gisele Hamm, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs (IIRA) $155,200 from the Department of Commerce and Equal Opportunity for Mapping the Future of Your Community FY09.

Robin Hanna, IIRA $55,950 and $2,500 (supplemental funding) from various sources for Rural Economic Technical Assistance Center (RETAC) Services.

Jack Huang and Lisa Wen, Chemistry $250 from the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology for Promoting K-12 Outreach Activities.


Laurence Leff, Computer Science $350 and $250 (supplemental funding) from Civics.com for The Open Dialogue Project.

Donna McCaw, Educational Leadership $273,160 from the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) for M + Science Teachers Teaching Teachers to Teach (M & S T4).

Linda Meloy, Special Education $19,040 from the West Central Illinois Special Education Cooperative for Response to Intervention (RtI) Implementation and $3,483 from the Four Rivers Special Education Cooperative for Response to Intervention (RtI) in Math Workshop.

Chris Merrett, IIRA $15,000 from the Western Illinois Regional Council for RC GIS Survey.

Win Phippen, Agriculture $25,840 from the Biofuels Manufacturers of Illinois for WI U Pennycress Breeding.

Gordon Roskamp, Agriculture $20,000 from the University of Illinois for Weed Managed Research Area - 2009.

Professional activities

Patti Jones, former assistant director of the University Advising and Academic Support Center, received the Homer Higbee Award for Distinguished Service to NAFSA: Association of International Educators, an award for members who have given at least 10 years of distinguished service and have developed leadership by acting as professional mentors to colleagues, at the organization’s national conference in Los Angeles in May.

James Olsen, Mathematics, presented Rates: Problem Solving Questions to Improve Multiplicative, Proportional, and Algebraic Reasoning at the NCTM 2009 Annual Meeting & Exposition held in April 22-25 in Washington, D.C.

Celebrate Juneteenth Saturday, June 20

Western Illinois University’s Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center (GBCC) invites the community to gather for free food, music and entertainment and to commemorate the end of slavery in the U.S. from 4-6 p.m. **Saturday, June 20** in Macomb’s Chandler Park.

The seventh annual Juneteenth Celebration will offer free food sampling from 4:30 p.m. A program begins at 5 p.m. featuring live entertainment, guest speakers, praise dancers, gospel singers, and children’s activities including inflatable games, storytelling and crafts. Also available will be an informational health fair featuring free and confidential HIV testing.

According to juneteenth.com, the event marks the anniversary of June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers landed at Galveston, TX with news that the Civil War had ended and that the enslaved were now free—two and a half years after President Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation had become official January 1, 1863.

For more information, contact the GBCC at (309) 298-2220.

Golf pass available

Take advantage of the Harry Mussatto Golf Course new pass option for unlimited play during June, July, or August for only $99 per month. The pass is available for seniors, faculty/staff, and public.

Those interested may also sign up for the entire season through November 30.

Prices are as follows:
- Faculty/public individual: $297
- Faculty/public Family: $399
- Senior individual: $275
- Senior family: $379
- Student individual: $150
- Student family: $299

The pass also includes play on the 9-hole pitch and putt course.

For more information, contact [Mel Blasi](mailto:blasi@wiu.edu) at (309) 298-2767 or MB-Blasi@wiu.edu.

WIU-QC provides new testing site at Arsenal

A new partnership agreement between the Rock Island Arsenal (RIA) and WIU-Quad Cities allows current and potential college students to complete college proficiency exams at the Rock Island Arsenal.

For more information, see the June 8 news release at wiu.edu/news.

Civil Service news

**Zach Pratt**, systems programmer II for Technology Infrastructure Support Services, has been named the WIU June Civil Service Employee of the Month.

According to his nominator, his outstanding efforts have contributed directly to the improved security of the critical data in our system. Zach’s dedication to enhancing the capabilities and efficiency of the WIU system has resulted in greatly improved systems and support for the campus community.

Pratt began working at Western in 2004 as a digital computer operator II in Administrative Information Management Systems.

He was promoted to systems programmer I in 2006 and his position was reclassified to his current job in July 2008.

Western Walks participants, winners named

Western really does Walk!

The results from the Spring 2009 Western Walks program are as follows:
- 152 Registrations
- 42 sent in logs
- Average time: 199 minutes per day (42 walkers)
- Top four walkers: Carol Clemens, Angie Carter, Ann Randall, Kathy Strange
- Cash prize ($75) drawing winners: Richard Swartz and Barb Hendricks.
- Winners received $75
- Total time for two weeks, all walkers: 27,800 minutes

WIU Summer Film Series lineup announced

Western Illinois University’s broadcasting department will host the annual Summer Film Series, *The Dead Filmmakers Society*, through July 30.

All screenings will begin at 7 p.m. in the University Union Sandburg Theatre. The films, hosted by WIU broadcasting Associate Professor Richard Ness, are from Ness’s private collection. All films are open free to the public.

Upcoming films include:
- **June 10** - *The Return of the Soldier* (Great Britain, 1981). Julie Christie, Glenda Jackson and Ann-Margaret headline this beautifully filmed study of class conflict about a shell-shocked soldier (Alan Bates) who seems to be able to recall his relationship with a former working-class lover but not his aristocratic wife. Featuring a haunting score by Richard Rodney Bennett.

- **June 17** - *The Shameless Old Lady* (France, 1965). When her husband dies an elderly woman sets out to discover the life she never had in this adaptation of a Bertolt Brecht story, with a great performance by octogenarian Sylvie. In French with English subtitles.

For the full schedule and details on each film, visit wiu.edu/culturalarts.
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