WIU-Macomb to participate in full-scale emergency exercise May 27

Western Illinois University, in collaboration with McDonough County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA) and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), will participate in a full-scale emergency operations exercise Wednesday, May 27 on the WIU-Macomb campus.

Focusing on an active shooter scenario, the exercise will take place in Waggoner Hall and potentially additional undisclosed locations.

University Drive from Brophy Hall west to Western Avenue and all of Western Avenue will be closed from 8:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. (or later) that day, according to Dana Biernbaum, assistant vice president of administrative services and chair of Western’s Emergency Operations Planning Team.

In preparation for the exercise, personnel in potentially affected areas on campus will be notified in advance of the exercise. If necessary, employees who work in buildings along those streets are asked to take alternate routes to work and to park in a lot that will be unaffected by closure of these streets.

Waggoner Hall will be closed from 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 26 - 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 27. Employees who work in Waggoner Hall may work in an alternate location for the day or may use accrued vacation time, comp time or approved time upon receiving supervisory approval. The third floor computer classroom in the Leslie F. Malpass Library has been reserved for employees who are displaced and need computer access for the day.

“Hosting this exercise not only gives WIU an extraordinary opportunity to practice our own preparedness, but it also gives state and local responding agencies a chance to practice their tactical response procedures,” Biernbaum said. “We look forward to learning from this exercise and turning lessons learned into better emergency plans for the University.”

Local, state and federal law enforcement personnel, first responders, state agency officials and students from the Great Lakes (IL) Naval Base will participate, in addition to WIU emergency and law enforcement personnel, WIU students and select WIU staff.

Questions should be directed to the Office of the Vice President for Administrative Services at (309) 298-1800 or RMEP@wiu.edu.

Employees recognized for service

Six Western Illinois University employees were selected to receive community service and distinguished service awards. They, along with employees with 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service to WIU, were honored at the annual Employee Service Recognition Reception held April 28 in the University Union Lamoine Room.

Shannon Cramer, research and instruction consultant for University Technology, and Todd Louden, Police Corporal for Western’s Office of Public Safety (OPS), received Community Service Awards, which include a certificate from the Office of Human Resources and a $250 stipend from the WIU Alumni Association.

Dana Biernbaum, assistant vice president for administrative services; Patty Battles, office manager, Centennial Honors College; Connie Kreps, office support specialist, psychology department; and Jerrie Walters-Harris, chief clerk, educational leadership department, received Recognition and Service Awards.

L-r: Dana Biernbaum, assistant vice president for administrative services; Patty Battles, office manager, Centennial Honors College; Connie Kreps, office support specialist, psychology department; and Jerrie Walters-Harris, chief clerk for the educational leadership department, received Recognition and Service Awards, which include a certificate and a $250 stipend from the Office of Human Resources.

Cramer was nominated for the Administrative Community Service Award for her years of commitment to the West Prairie High School (Sciota, IL) FFA Alumni organization, for which she currently serves as secretary. As a member of the organization’s auction and scholarships committee, Cramer works to obtain items to sell at the group’s annual auction, an event that has raised more than $100,000 for college scholarships since 1993. This fundraising has enabled more than 300 students to attend leadership conferences and continue their education beyond high school in agriculture or other fields.

Louden was nominated for the Civil Service Community Service Award for his long-standing commitment to a number of service and volunteer projects both on campus and in the region. An employee of OPS and WIU for 25 years, Louden also serves as chief of the Good Hope/Sciota Fire Protection District.

Notice for employees on leave

Due to rising costs, employees on leave will no longer receive the Campus Connection by U.S. mail as of August 1. Employees on leave may still access Connection at wiu.edu/connection or by subscribing to a notification service at wiu.edu/econnection. For more information, contact University Relations at (309) 298-1993.

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(IL) Volunteer Fire Protection District, of which he has been a member for the past 30 years. In addition to serving as a Town Board member of the Village of Good Hope, he is also a member and past president of the Good Hope/Sciota Lion’s Club, which organizes fundraisers to assist those in the community with vision and hearing problems. Louden is the vice chairman and longest serving member of the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB); member and past president of Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge No. 169, (which sponsors the annual Macomb Bike Rodeo promoting children’s safety); volunteer umpire for the American Softball Association and CPR instructor and volunteer for the McDonough County Red Cross.

Biernbaum was nominated for the Administrative Recognition and Service Award for her work in developing and implementing an emergency preparedness program on campus, in particular the Western Emergency Alert System (WEAS).

Battles, a WIU employee for more than 20 years, was nominated for the Civil Service Recognition and Service Award for her “high caliber” overall job performance and dependability. According to her nominator, Battles is central to planning and execution of two Honors Convocations each year, as well as numerous college events, including the annual Undergraduate Research Day.

Kreps, who serves as secretary for the psychology department’s three graduate programs and manager of the department’s test library, is also the secretary/receptionist for Western’s Psychology Clinic, which serves western Illinois and southeast Iowa communities and provides training experience for students. She was nominated for the Civil Service Recognition and Service Award for handling all incoming requests for services in a manner that is professional yet warm.

Biernbaum received an award certificate and a gift certificate donated by the WIU Bookstore.

Letter to the campus community

Dear Campus Community:

Western Illinois University has received information that a student has been diagnosed with the H1N1 (swine flu) virus. Following the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for higher education institutions, we continued on with our final exam week schedule and will hold Commencement exercises this weekend. We also remain vigilant and are taking extra steps to ensure the safety of our campus community.

Beu Health Center staff continue to conduct routine influenza surveillance, and are taking the necessary steps as outlined by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the CDC. Western’s Physical Plant staff have implemented additional disinfecting methods to their daily maintenance and cleaning responsibilities, including thorough cleaning of doorknobs, light switches, handrails and other commonly used and shared areas. Hand sanitation stations will be available at Western Hall for the Macomb Commencement ceremonies Friday (May 15) and Saturday (May 16), and at the i wireless Center in Moline for WIU-Quad Cities Commencement ceremony Sunday (May 17).

It is also important for each individual to remain vigilant and responsible. To limit the spread of illness, wash your hands frequently, or use hand sanitizers when soap and water are not available. If you feel ill, please contact Beu Health Center at 298-1888 or your local health care provider, and avoid contact with others. Employees who exhibit flu-like symptoms should stay home.

We will continue to update the campus community by posting information to our website (wiu.edu) and via TeleStars. More information is also available at wiu.edu/pandemic.

I wish each of you a healthy and successful end of the Spring 2009 semester, and I look forward to greeting those students participating in Commencement ceremonies this weekend.

Sincerely,

Al Goldfarb
President
President’s Diversity Award winners named

Select groups and individuals were recognized for Excellence in Diversity and Multicultural Leadership, and one individual received the 2009 Equal Opportunity and Access Director’s Award at the 20th annual Excellence in Diversity Awards Reception May 14 in the University Union Lamoine Room

Eric Mansfield, educational and interdisciplinary studies professor, was this year’s featured speaker.

The awards, presented by President Al Goldfarb, are designed to celebrate diversity and multicultural leadership efforts that have advanced Western’s strategic plan, “Higher Values in Higher Education,” increased diversity, and created a campus climate that welcomes and supports all individuals. Awards are given based on the individual or unit’s diverse multicultural activities, initiatives or goals and their implementation; how these activities increased awareness of, or sensitivity to, diversity and multiculturalism; and the results or benefits of and how this activity, program or service goes above and beyond everyday job responsibilities.

Faculty, staff and administrators receiving 2009 awards included:

**Excellence in Leadership Award:** Assistant Director of Student Activities Joan Maze was cited for planning many of the diversity activities for the Office of Student Activities (OSA). She is an active member of the University’s Diversity Council and co-coordinator of Minority Health Month activities. Within her work in OSA, Maze developed C.R.A.S.H. (Creating Relationships and Advocating Social Humanity), a diversity training student organization, and she is also the director of Western’s Learning to Lead program. During her years at WIU, Maze has coordinated the Students of Color graduation banquet, worked with the Dealing with Difference Institute, made diversity presentations to classes and organizations and has become an advocate for Western’s community of minority students. She also advises the traditionally Black fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi, as well as the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority.

**Excellence in Service Award: Jo-Ann Morgan,** associate professor of African American studies and art, was praised for actively promoting diversity within her classroom and the community. She developed and hosts the University Television Channel 3 show, “15 Minutes,” for which she finds guests from the WIU and Macomb communities who have diverse backgrounds with whom she discusses topics with multicultural themes. Morgan also created the “African American Studies Today” lecture series at WIU and was instrumental in designing the African American studies department flat sheet flier for potential undergraduate students, as well as for the graduate program in African Diaspora studies. She has served as a presenter for the WIU journalism program’s “The Past, Present and Future of Minority Media” discussion, and she has given African American history presentations to local elementary school children.

**Excellence in Education Award:** Rachel Smith, an instructor in recreation, park and tourism administration, was recognized for her work with Western’s Disability Awareness Day (DAD), as well as other disability awareness activities on campus. Smith assists with the implementation of DAD activities and also requires her classes to create an activity as a class project. As part of DAD, Smith also organizes the wheelchair basketball tournament in her role as adviser to the Student Therapeutic Recreation Society (STRS). She has also served as a discussion facilitator for the annual student, faculty and staff panel on disabilities, and has held a viewing of “Murderball” and follow-up discussion on the documentary, which focuses on wheelchair rugby. Smith is a member of the ADA Advisory Council, and was a key force in the purchase of the accessible golf cart at WIU’s Harry Mussatto Golf Course.

**Excellence in Service Community Involvement Award:** John Cooper, professor in the School of Music, was cited for his involvement in the Peoria-based Heritage Ensemble, a chorale ensemble whose mission is to celebrate African American history and culture through music. Cooper has played an integral role in the development and implementation of the ensemble’s mission by serving as a musician at concerts. Cooper ensures successful performances of rarely performed works, and conducts multiple solo performances with the ensemble. In addition, Cooper also facilitates the involvement of the Hopper Faculty Jazztet and Jazz Studio Orchestra with the Heritage Ensemble, and serves as contractor for musicians for major concerts. His collaboration has provided Peoria, Tazewell and McDonough counties the opportunity to experience musical art that otherwise would not be available.

Employees receiving 2009 Special Recognition for Diversity Efforts include:

Susan Stewart, WIU-QC assistant professor of management, for her work on the Program Committee of the Gender and Diversity Division of the Academy of Management, and for integrating multicultural, diversity and equity issues into her coursework.

Kristi Mindrup, WIU-QC director of instructional and administrative services, for conducting a study for a comprehensive diversity plan for Western’s Quad Cities campus.

Gloria Delaney-Barrman and Carla Paciotto, educational and interdisciplinary studies professors, for their work in meeting the needs of multilingual students and their families by facilitating English Language Learner programming to the Beardstown (IL) School District and other Illinois communities.

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**Grants**

Richard Anderson, Biological Sciences—$10,560 in supplemental funding from the University of Illinois Extension-Macomb Center for “University of Illinois Extension Research Assistant.”

William Bailey, Agriculture—$54,857 from the Illinois Department of Agriculture for “CFAR Project - Year 14.”

Karen Mauldin-Curtis, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs—$20,000 from the University of Illinois - Extension for “Peace Corps Fellows Program Internship - Cass County.”

Tim Spier, Biological Sciences—$36,485 from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for “Intensive Basin Survey Assistance.”

Lori Sutton, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs—$4,562 in supplemental funding from various sources for “Continuum of Care Support.”

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**Sidewalk repair starts**

Numerous sidewalk and parking lot repair projects will begin on the Western Illinois University-Macomb campus approximately Monday, May 18, with all projects scheduled to be completed by Aug. 14.

A project map is available for viewing at wiu.edu.

For more information, contact Dennis Wells at (309) 298-1834 or DK-Wells@wiu.edu.
Henderson named to EOA position

Andrea Henderson, human resource manager WIU, has been named director of Western’s Office of Equal Opportunity and Access, effective July 1, according to President Al Goldfarb.

Henderson has been appointed conditionally, pending completion of her master’s degree.

Henderson replaces Cathy Couza, who served as director of Western’s Office of Equal Opportunity since 1990. Couza retired April 30 after 33 years of service.

Henderson has served as a human resource manager in the HR department since 2007.

Prior to joining the HR staff in her current position, she was an equal opportunity officer in the Affirmative Action Office and in Human Resources. Henderson has also served as an assistant equal opportunity officer in Affirmative Action and in Human Resources, and as a purchasing officer in Western’s Purchasing Office.

She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from WIU and will complete her master’s degree in instructional design and technology at Western in Fall 2009. Henderson is also a Certified Affirmative Action Professional (CAAP Level I) by the American Association for Affirmative Action.

Heidi Benson, University co-legal counsel, will provide support to the EOA staff until Henderson begins.

“Andrea brings experience and expertise to this position. With past experiences in affirmative action and human resources to draw on, she will serve this University well,” Goldfarb added. “I am pleased to have Andrea join my administrative team.”

Rec Center water notice, summer hours

Due to a steam shutdown, the Spencer Student Recreation Center will not have hot water Sunday, May 17-Saturday, May 23.

Summer hours for the Center are as follows:
- May 17 - August 22
- Sunday: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Monday-
  Friday: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday:
  8 a.m.-Noon

The Spencer Student Recreation Center will be closed:
- Memorial Day Weekend: Saturday-
  Monday, May 23-25; Fourth of July
  weekend, (Friday Sunday, July 3-5).

For more information, contact Milly MacDonell at (309) 298-1228 or MB-MacDonell@wiu.edu

Health screenings set

The WIU Employee Wellness Committee and McDonough District Hospital Outreach Services will provide sun damage and bone density screenings for WIU employees. The screenings are as follows:

- Sun damage screening: 8 a.m.-
  10 a.m., Tuesday, May 19, Sherman Hall Auditorium, third floor. For best results, do not wear makeup that contains sunscreen. The screening is free to WIU employees.

- Bone density screenings: 8:30 a.m.-
  10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 3, Sherman Hall Auditorium; 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Stipes Hall, Room 111.

WIU employee cost is $10. Make checks payable to McDonough District Hospital. Participants will need to be able to remove a shoe and sock.

For more information, call MDH Outreach Services at (309) 836-1584.

Professional activities

Lori Baker-Sperry, Women’s Studies, received the Outstanding Service Award for the College of Arts and Sciences.


Ginny Boynton, History, was the faculty mentor for Amy Kallenbach, who received the CAS Student/Faculty Research and Creative Activity Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research supporting the service region of WIU.

Pamela Godt, Curriculum & Instruction, presented “Professional Study Groups: A Motivating Way for Teachers to Become School Leaders” at the International Reading Association Annual Convention May 5 in Minneapolis, MN.

Daniel Ogbaharya, Political science, presented “Institutional Change and Continuity in Community-Based Natural Resources Management: A Comparative Historical Analysis of Ethiopia and Namibia” May 7 at WIU.

Jennifer McNabb, History, won the College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Faculty Award for Teaching.

Scott Palmer, History, won the CAS Outstanding Faculty Award for Research.

Ginny Jelatis, History, served as Honors thesis mentor for history major Mallorie Clark, who was chosen by the Centennial Honors College as its College Scholar.

Tim Roberts, History, was the faculty mentor for history major Adam Bednar, who won the Phi Kappa Phi Senior Research Paper Award.

Faculty recognized with CBT Awards

The College of Business and Technology (CBT) held its annual Faculty and Student Awards Banquet May 3 on WIU’s Macomb campus.

CBT retiring faculty members who were honored included CBT Dean Tom Erekson; Larry Wall, who is retiring this spring after 28 years at WIU;


CBT also recognized faculty members selected for Awards of Excellence.

Faculty members honored included: James Patterson, associate professor, management—Excellence in Teaching

Mikhail Grachev, professor, management—Excellence in Scholarly/Creative/Performative/Professional Activities

Winthrop Phippen, associate professor, agriculture—Excellence in University/Community Service.

“Miles” DVDs for sale

“Across the Miles” DVDs are now available for purchase for $7 each.

The one-hour show airs regularly on University Television’s (UTV) Channel 3, and features Western Illinois University history and personal anecdotes, hosted by former associate vice president for alumni programs Gordy Taylor.

For a complete list of the 130 interviews conducted to date, visit wiu.edu/utv/utv3.html.

For more information, contact UTV at (309) 298-1880.

“Across the Miles” can also be viewed as podcasts on iTunes University.
Seaton recognized

Beth Seaton, director of the Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP), recently received the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) Region IV Distinguished Service Award.

Seaton, who is the senior administrative official responsible for institutional scientific research and sponsored programs at Western, has served as director since 1997. In this role, she oversees the pre-award and non-financial post award functions of the office as well as the compliance area. Seaton has been a member of the OSP staff since 1989. Prior to coming to WIU, she was a research administrator at Texas A&M University.

Seaton has served as a presenter for NCURA at both the regional and national levels. She has also served on the NCURA Professional Development Committee, the Region IV Board and the Region IV Newsletter staff. She is a member of the NCURA peer review team, NCURA Fundamentals faculty member and a contributing editor to the NCURA Magazine. She received her master’s degree in economics from Western and her bachelor’s degree in economics from Texas A&M University.

Veterans Service Office at WIU

The Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs (VA) will sponsor a service center on the Macomb campus each month.

Every other Wednesday during the months of May, June and July (May 20; June 3, 17; and July 1, 15, 29), a Veterans’ Affairs service officer will assist veterans with any VA concerns including, but not limited to, VA medical care applications and applications for service-connected disability compensation, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the University Union Violet Room. Other information available includes the Illinois Warrior Assistance Program; veterans’ healthcare; jobs tax credit; and hunting and fishing licenses and camping permits for disabled veterans. Details will also be available regarding the new Post 9/11 GI Bill.

Fall dates and hours will be announced. For more information, contact the SAPSC at (309) 298-2092 or via e-mail at VeteransResources@wiu.edu.

Civil Service news

Final tallies from the CSEC Election have been announced. Council members are:

- **Group I**
  - **Tishley Herrington** (Unopposed)
- **Group II**
  - **Sandra Blue** (Unopposed)
- **Group III**
  - **Richard Hamilton**
  - **Group IV**
  - **Ed Lavin**
  - **Group V**
  - **Suzanne Boussaard**
  - **Group VI**
  - **Chris Brown** (Unopposed)

Council elections are held each year in April, with openings in all groups (except Group VI, every three years) and are open to all permeate Civil Service employees who have completed the six month probationary period. Council member **Jim Buffalo** would like to thank everyone who participated.

New Employees

- **Jones, Michael**, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, 4/20/09, Alumni House, 298-1914.

Promotions/Transfers/Reassigns

- **Hughes, Gary A.**, Stationary Engineer, Heating Plant, transferred to Stationary Engineer, Building Mechanical Maintenance, 4/20/09.
- **Kreps, Dan L.**, Police Officer, Public Safety promoted to Police Corporal, Public Safety, 5/18/09.

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Approximately 80 bicycles will be auctioned to the highest bidders. Lost and found property includes such items as jewelry, MP3 players, cellular phones and cameras.

For more information, contact OPS at (309) 298-1949.

NAME CHANGES


Retirements

- **Lambert, Randall D.**, Building Service Worker, Building Services, 4/30/09.
- **Phoenix, Roger L.**, Superintendent of Building Maintenance, Building Maintenance, 4/30/09
- **Wilson, Gerald S.**, Supervisor of Building Craftsmen, Building Maintenance, 4/30/09.
- **Wilson, James R.**, Graphic Design Manager, Visual Production Center, 3/31/09.

Employee of the Month

**Jean Kenney**, chief clerk at the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities campus, is the WIU May Civil Service Employee of the Month.

According to her nominator, Kenney is always “positive, thorough and gives everyone the support they need.

“Jean initiates projects and provides outstanding service in an efficient manner,” her nominator added. “Her productivity and outcomes are exemplary. From the syllabi to test preparation to brochure design, Jean’s expertise is a valuable asset to this campus.”

Kenney began working as an office support associate at the WIU-QC campus in April 2000. Her position was reallocated to chief clerk in March 2009.

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Spring 2009 Important Dates

* Friday, May 15 -- Academic Honors Convocation, ROTC Commissioning, Graduate Commencement

* Saturday, May 16 -- Undergraduate Commencements

* Sunday, May 17 -- WIU-Quad Cities Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement

Bike safety rodeo May 17

The Western Illinois University Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge No. 169 will hold its 11th annual bicycle rodeo and safety day for area children **Sunday, May 17**.

The activity, open to children ages five to 14, will begin at **1 p.m.** on the inside drive of the McDonough County Courthouse Square in Macomb. Included in the day's events will be bicycle inspection and registration, a bicycle safety course and personal safety lectures and fingerprinting/photo IDs. Door prizes, including bike helmets and bicycles, will be awarded.

The 2008 bike rodeo was attended by nearly 70 area children. Door prizes included bicycle helmets, bicycles and several educational handouts. In addition, the WIU FOP assisted various McDonough County organizations including Special Olympics, Good Hope Little League, Colchester Little League, Bushnell Area Traveling Softball, McDonough County Girls Softball, PRIME, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Samaritan Well, Concerns of Police survivors, Colchester Park Fund; St. Baldricks Foundation; and awarded book scholarships for McDonough County high school graduates attending WIU. The WIU and Macomb Police FOPs are continuing to renovate Camp Chic-A-Gama at Spring Lake to serve area youth activities and the WIU FOP will sponsor a local Cub Scout pack.

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