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Alumni News and Notes from Western Illinois University

Fallen Soldier 5K



Western Illinois University's Employee Wellness Committee, the Veterans Resource Center, and the WIU Foundation joined together to sponsor the first Fallen Soldier 5K Run/Walk in November. Money raised supports the WIU Fallen Soldiers Scholarship Fund and will assist veterans and service members currently enrolled at Western.

Corbin-Olson ribbon cutting

Members of the WIU and Macomb communities attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 21 to celebrate the re-opening of Corbin-Olson halls.



The complex reopened this fall following a two-year remodeling process, which was funded through a bond issue. The renovations include suite-style rooms, as well as new "super double" rooms (housing two people). The Fine Arts Floor reopened in Corbin,

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WIU Fall 2012 Alumni Achievement recipients

Six Western Illinois University alumni received the WIU Alumni Achievement Award at the Dec. 15 Commencement Exercises.

This year's Alumni Achievement recipients are **John B. Henderson**, president and CEO of Frank Lynn & Associates, Inc.; **Pamela S. Hoffman**, an English faculty member at Oakland Community College; **Craig R. Neader**, founder and owner of The Neader Financial Group; **William J. Paulding**, founder of STAFFLOGIX Corporation; **Michael D. Shonrock**, president of Emporia (KS) State University; and **Carin Stutz**, Chief Executive Officer of Cosi, Inc.

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

Henderson, a 1973 management graduate and a 1976 business administration master's graduate, has served as president and CEO of Frank Lynn & Associates, a sales strategy consulting firm, since 2001. For more than 30 years, he has guided the organization and its clients through changing market conditions. He was instrumental in establishing Frank Lynn & Associates' European presence by serving as the firm's first business manager in the UK office in 1983. He also serves as the head of Frank Lynn & Associates' channel pricing practice. Before joining Frank Lynn



John B. Henderson '73 MBA '76



Pamela S. Hoffman '70



Craig R. Neader '75



William J. Paulding '93 MS-Ed '95



Michael D. Shonrock '79 M.S. '81



Carin Stutz '78

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Col. Rock III 2013 calendar

By Darcie Shinberger '89 M.S. '98

Now you can see Western Illinois University's loveable four-legged mascot every day for the next 365 days thanks to a new WIU calendar featuring Col. Rock III.

Designed by University Relations Webmaster / Graphic Designer **Jessica Lambert '09 M.S. '11**, the 2013 calendar is on sale for \$10.50 at the University Union Bookstore. A portion of the proceeds from calendar sales will support the Col. Rock III Fund, established by the WIU Foundation



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Col. Rock III 2013 Calendar

in February 2012, which helps meet travel-related, food, healthcare and "clothing" expenses.

The 12-month calendar features photos of Col. Rock III (aka Rocky) at WIU events, at home, in the community, around campus and in the studio, where he loves "posing." As soon as the flash bulb pops, he's ready for a treat and another photo opp.

"This is a great opportunity to raise even more awareness for our mascot and our University, as well

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UPCOMING ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

January

- 23 West Palm Beach/ Ft. Lauderdale
- 24 Orlando
- 25 Tampa
- 25 Chicago
- 26 Sarasota
- 26 Naples

February

- 6 Chicago
- 7 Bloomington, IL
- 9-10 . . Macomb, IL
- 13 . . . Peoria, IL
- 17 . . . Tucson
- 20 . . . Phoenix

March

- 1 Atlanta
- 4 Washington D.C.
- 6 Naperville
- 19 . . . Memphis
- 20 . . . Nashville
- 30 . . . Burbank, IL

We are coming to a city near you!

See page 2 for entire calendar and page 28 for complete details!

DIRECTOR'S CORNER
NEWS FROM YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Dear Alumni & Friends,

On behalf of your Western Illinois University Alumni Association and the Alumni Programs staff at WIU, we wish you a wonderful holiday season! We look forward

to welcoming our newest members into our WIU Alumni family at our fall commencement ceremonies—they will join a network of more than 115,000 alumni around the world. I hope to see you next spring at an event near you!

Amy E. Spelman

-Amy Spelman M.S. '98

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WIU ALUMNI & FRIENDS 2013 EVENTS

JANUARY 2013

- 2 No Western Wednesdays After-Hours
- 10 WIU Alumni Open House at WIU-QC Riverfront Campus
- 23 West Palm Beach/Ft. Lauderdale (FL) Alumni & Friends Social at Top of the Point at The Breakers (note date change)
- 24 Orlando (FL) Alumni & Friends Social at SoNapa Grille
- 25 Tampa (FL) Alumni & Friends Social at Cru Cellars
- 25 Chicago Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration Alumni Social at the Hyatt Regency
- 26 Sarasota (FL) Alumni & Friends Luncheon at Columbia Restaurant
- 26 Naples (FL) Alumni & Friends Social at The Club Pelican Bay

FEBRUARY 2013

- 6 Western Wednesdays After-Hours Downtown Chicago
- 7 Bloomington (IL) Alumni & Friends Social
- 9-10 Macomb Alumni & Friends Social at the Ag Mech Show
- 13 Peoria (IL) Alumni & Friends Event - Dinner and Jersey Boys Performance at the Peoria Civic Center
- 17 Tucson Alumni & Friends Social
- 20 Phoenix Alumni & Friends Social

MARCH 2013

- 1 Atlanta Alumni & Friends Social
- 4 Washington D.C. Alumni & Friends Social
- 6 Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Naperville (IL)
- 19 Memphis Alumni & Friends Social
- 20 Nashville
- 30 Black Alumni Black Tie Scholarship Gala in Burbank (IL)

APRIL 2013

- 3 Western Wednesdays After-Hours Downtown Chicago
- 10 Canton (IL) Alumni & Friends Social

MAY 2013

- 1 Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Deer Park (IL)
- 10-11 Graduation/Distinguished Alumni Awards Weekend

JUNE 2013

- 5 Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Downtown Chicago
- 10 "The Western Open," Chicago Area Golf Outing
- 17 Quad Cities Golf Outing
- 26 Andrea Passmore Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing

JULY 2013

- 3 No Western Wednesdays After-Hours
- 13 Cubs vs. Cardinals Alumni & Friends Event in Chicago

AUGUST 2013

- 2-3 Black Alumni Reunion Weekend in Chicago
- 7 Western Wednesdays After-Hours in South Chicago Suburb

SEPTEMBER 2013

- 4 Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Downtown Chicago
- 14 WIU vs. Minnesota Pregame Social and Football Game in Minneapolis
- 21 WIU vs. UNLV Pregame Social and Football Game in Las Vegas

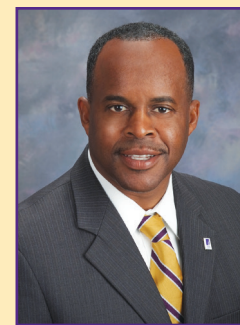
OCTOBER 2013

- 2 Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Northeast Chicago Suburb
- 3 Celebrating Town and Gown in Macomb
- 4 Paint the Paws in Macomb
- 10 Quad Cities Alumni & Friends Social at the Figge Art Museum in Davenport (IA)
- 11-12 Homecoming & Reunion

DECEMBER 2013

- 13-14 Graduation/Alumni Achievement Awards Weekend

From the President



As another fall term comes to a close, it is with great pride that I look back on how much Western Illinois University accomplished this semester.

Western continues to be ranked as a top tier regional university by U.S. News and World Report, and for the eighth consecutive year, WIU has been named a Best Midwestern College by the Princeton Review. Western was once again selected as a "Military Friendly School" by G.I. Jobs Magazine and is featured in the latest "Guide to Military Friendly Schools." For the fourth year, WIU has been named to the United States President's Honor Roll for Community Service.

To further demonstrate just one of the many reasons for our designation as a "Military Friendly School," students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends banded together last month for the inaugural Fallen Soldiers 5K Run Scholarship Fundraiser. This was done in an effort to show our support for Western's student-veterans and to honor two alumni, **Capt. Derek Dobogai '03** and **Lt. Col. Robert Baldwin '93**, who died in the line of duty. More than 300 individuals and the families of the deceased participated in the race, raising more than \$10,000 for this scholarship fund to help returning veterans in their educational mission at Western. It was an incredibly successful and memorable event.

The University's Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree was accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). ABET accreditation is an essential indicator that WIU's engineering program is recognized nationally and internationally for its quality and best practices in engineering education.

We launched a new mentor program this fall to help new freshmen transition to Western Illinois University. The Building Connections program pairs faculty and staff volunteers with new freshmen to assist these students and provide the resources they need to succeed.

We had the privilege of hosting Haider Hamza, an Iraqi journalist, scholar and activist, and Arun Gandhi, grandson of legendary peacemaker and spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi, on our campuses as part of the 2012-13 theme speakers series. The theme, "War and Peace: From Personal Conflict to Global Resolution," demonstrates a continued commitment to our four core values: academic excellence, educational opportunity, personal growth and social responsibility and provides outstanding learning experiences for our students and the community at large.

In August, we reopened the newly renovated Corbin and Olson halls. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held during Homecoming weekend. The governor, legislators and regional stakeholders joined us in the groundbreaking for Phase II of the Quad Cities campus in August. Construction is underway on the new buildings that will allow Quad Cities academic programs in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education and Human Services and Fine Arts and Communication to relocate to the Riverfront Campus. Thompson Hall renovations are underway and are on schedule.

It was a pleasure meeting so many of you at alumni events throughout the country during 2012 and on our campus at such events as the QC Riverfront groundbreaking, Homecoming and the annual Scholarship Banquet.

Linda and I wish each of you you a very happy holiday and a wonderful new year.

Sincerely,

Jack Thomas

Jack Thomas

NTN Bower visits Macomb campus



Officials from NTN Bower visited the Macomb campus in September. NTN is undergoing a \$100 million expansion in Macomb, and they are looking forward to an enhanced relationship with WIU. Their visit included meetings with CBT Dean **Tom Erikson** and College of Education and Human Services Dean **Sterling Saddler**. Erikson noted, "We're excited about working with NTN on the recruitment and placement of graduates and alumni in majors like engineering technology and supply chain management." L-r: Tom Erikson, NTN Vice President of Production Control Keiji Hinashita, NTN Vice President Treasurer Shintaro Takahashi, NTN President Kunio Kamo, NTN Vice President of Manufacturing Gary Bergman and Sterling Saddler.

WIU engineering program achieves ABET accreditation

Western Illinois University's Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree has been accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).

According to School of Engineering Director **Bill Pratt**, the ABET accreditation ensures that engineering graduates have a solid educational foundation in innovation and emerging technologies and are prepared to anticipate the safety needs of the public. He said ABET accreditation is an essential indicator that WIU's engineering program is recognized internationally for its quality and best practices in engineering education.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education voted in October 2008 to approve offering an engineering degree at WIU. The approval came shortly after the announcement of a combined \$1 million donation of support for the program from the John Deere Foundation and the Moline Foundation.

The first engineering classes were offered in the Quad Cities in August 2009.

"From conception to accreditation, the process has moved forward in a relatively short period of time," noted **Tom Erikson**, dean of the College of Business and Technology. "The accreditation is also retroactive, meaning that it applies to the degrees of our past engineering graduates."

The first two engineering graduates received their Bachelor of Science in Engineering degrees in May 2011. Western now has nine engineering graduates who are employed in the field.

"The success of this degree program has been phenomenal," Pratt said. "All nine of our graduates have obtained great paying jobs as engineers in our region. In addition, they all have passed the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam on the first attempt. This compares very well to a 70-80 percent pass rate nationally."

One component of the WIU engineering degree requires students to pass the FE exam. They are also required to complete a senior capstone project, with nine being completed in the Quad Cities community and benefitting various companies.

The WIU School of Engineering offers a multi-disciplinary program where students can focus in civil, mechanical, electrical or manufacturing engineering. There are currently 67 students in the program and it's expected to double in size next year.

The program admits freshman and transfer students. WIU's engineering degree is designed as a 2+2 program that articulates with pre-engineering programs at community colleges in Illinois, Iowa and Missouri, which allows students maximum transferability to WIU. This fall, the School of Engineering started its first freshman engineering cohort at the new Riverfront Campus for 12 students.

WIU professor completes 1,000th skydive

By **Jodi Pospeschil**

Western Illinois University Assistant Computer Science Professor **Larry Andrew** took to the skies over the Quad Cities Sept. 15 to complete his 1,000th skydiving jump.

Andrew, a 60-year-old cancer survivor, completed three jumps that weekend, to take him to a total of 1,001.

Andrew and his sister took to flying at a young age because their father, a pilot, owned several airplanes. Andrew began skydiving in 1974 when he and his sister were in college in Massachusetts and decided to give it a try.

"I made seven jumps that summer, but due to work schedules, logistics and life in general I did not jump again for 23 years," he said. "In 1999, I moved to Macomb and discovered a drop zone here at the Smith Airfield on the east side of town. So I started again, and this time I stayed with it. Along the way, I earned all four skydiving licenses offered by the U.S. Parachute Association and an instructor's rating."

Besides jumping from small aircraft, Andrew has also completed jumps from high altitudes that required oxygen



Larry Andrew, left, completed his 1,000th skydive on Sept. 15 accompanied by two friends, Dennis Jensen and Joe Miller.

as well as helicopters, a DC-9 airplane, a Russian WWII biplane and a hot air balloon.

"I am also the current co-holder of the unofficial high altitude record for sport skydiving in Illinois," Andrew said. "I intend to continue skydiving as long as I can do so safely, along with my other hobbies of paragliding, rock climbing and spelunking. I also would like to get back into scuba again if the opportunity presents itself."

For the last two years, Andrew has completed about 20 jumps per year.

"The jumps I have made are mostly standard skydives from the airplane straight down to the ground," Andrew said. "But I have also made several cross-country jumps where you open your canopy immediately on exiting the aircraft and are flying it to your destination seven to 10 miles away. It's interesting to watch the traffic below on I-80 as I cruise right along with them, just a mile or more overhead."

To see photographs of Andrew's milestone skydiving venture, visit <http://tinyurl.com/9z4s9zv>.

Ag alumnus honored with U.S. Grains Council's Lifetime Achievement Award

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 M.S. '11

More than 40 years ago, **Gerry Salzman '71** was one of the first students at Western to participate in a travel-study program offered by the University. Salzman, who finished his bachelor's degree in agriculture economics in 1971, said that trip was one he still recalls as injecting real-world business problems into his agribusiness courses in what was the agriculture department at Western. (It is now known as the School of Agriculture.)

"We got on a bus in Macomb, and about three weeks later we had been to Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, down into Mexico, all the way over to the panhandle of Florida and then back to Macomb. The program included visits to agribusiness producers, as well as to a few historical sites, but it really pulled everything together. It was kind of like a condensed summer school," Salzman explained. "That intimacy of having one-on-one relationships with not only the instructors, but also having the opportunity to travel with them to observe various agriculture businesses and have what they injected into their instruction about agribusiness or business in general demonstrated in person, I think that helped me a lot when I first started out in the agribusiness field."

Today, Salzman—who is the senior director of Case IH Global Product Marketing Management—is part of another elite group of individuals. This past summer, he was recognized for his contributions to the agriculture industry with the U.S. Grains Council's Lifetime Achievement Award during the organization's 52nd Annual Board of Delegates Meeting.

"To date, there have been only six recipients, and the

Board of Directors is proud to have presented Salzman with this exclusive award," a U.S. Grains Council news release stated. "[Gerry] was awarded the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award, [which recognizes] his commitment to go above and beyond for the good of the organization."

According to Salzman, his education at WIU prepared him for his career in agriculture in ways he would not have predicted at the time he was a student.

"I was very fortunate to have had some very dedicated professors in the agriculture program who always had time to help. That kind of dedication to their jobs seemed to affect the way I approached my career," he noted.

Some of those dedicated faculty and staff members Salzman recalls include **Loren K. Robinson**, who came to Western in 1946, retired in 1980 and, during his time at WIU, chaired the agriculture department (1974-1977); **H. Edward Breece** (1965-1996); and **Richard Jesse**, who served as Salzman's agriculture economics advisor.

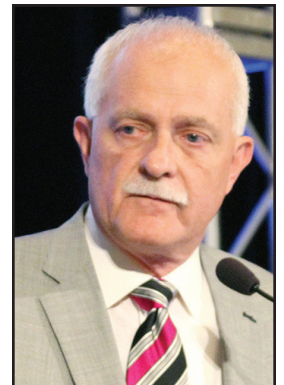
"The time these guys spent with us really helped us understand the real-world issues in ag business," Salzman said. "There was always a reference to an individual one of them knew at a particular company, and there were a lot of times, in many of my classes, we visited companies, which supported what was being taught in their lectures. At the time, I didn't realize it, but it was great. I think it's where I began to learn about the importance of customer service. Understanding what a customer needs starts with understanding his or her enterprise. Regardless of marketing, sales or working with an organization like the

U.S. Grains Council, if you take the extra time with a customer and his or her enterprise, it will pay off for both of you."

In addition to being actively involved in the academic side of his agribusiness studies, while at WIU, Salzman was active in the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. He was also a member of the Interfraternity Council and was awarded the Mr. Greek recognition in 1971. Salzman was active in the University Union Board; participated in the Student Government Association; and was a member of Blue Key.

In his 40 years with Case IH, Salzman has held positions in sales, marketing and product-development of combines, cotton pickers and sugar harvesting. Salzman noted these responsibilities grew from a territory level and to his current global assignment, and his career has also included marketing responsibilities in construction; Salzman is also a patent recipient.

Salzman also served six years in the U.S. Army Reserves. He is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho (Brother of the Century Recognition) and Alpha Zeta fraternities and is a graduate of the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Program.



Western Illinois University alumnus and Case IH Senior Director of Global Product Marketing Management **Gerry Salzman '71** was recognized earlier this year for his contributions to the agriculture industry with the U.S. Grains Council's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Sawyer shares success with CBT



Mona Sawyer '55 established a \$100,000 charitable gift annuity to benefit WIU CBT students.

Sawyer was born in Macomb in 1932 while her father was a student at Western, leaving at age six when he took a teaching position in Sherrard (IL). Mona returned to Western upon high school graduation, earning her bachelor's degree in business education in 1955.

With her Western degree, Sawyer taught for a short time before moving to New York City, where she worked in research for an industrial advertising agency and

met and married her husband. The couple relocated to Connecticut, where she established her antiques business. Her husband was a successful advertising executive, and her business became very successful, as well.

"I am a graduate of Western Illinois University's College of Business," said Sawyer. "I learned enough about business and research to open my own antiques business and build a fabulous customer base, all because people knew that I knew what I was doing. I thank Western for that."

Sawyer recently established a \$100,000 charitable gift annuity to benefit students in the College of Business and Technology. She also has included Western in her estate plans.

"I thank Western for getting me started," said Sawyer, "and I am paying it back now. I firmly believe that whoever helps you get a start should be rewarded," Sawyer noted.

"I kept my track shoes on all my life, running my own business (sink or swim) for more than 30 years, always moving forward," she continued. "I went to college on a scholarship, and I hope my gift will enable deserving students to get an education."

"Mona is a terrific champion of Western's core values,"

said Vice President of Advancement and Public Services **Brad Bainter '79 M.S. '83**. "Her generosity and desire to give back to Western will enable many students to follow her example of business success and loyalty to her alma mater."

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Business and Technology



Peter Tronick: A Caterpillar career inspired over two generations

Growing up, **Peter Tronick '04** always knew he wanted to pursue a career in business. His grandfather worked as an International buyer for Caterpillar and his father worked at Caterpillar for over 40 years. Tronick has followed in their footsteps with a successful career at Caterpillar spanning eight years and across the globe.

After graduating from WIU with a bachelor's degree in business, Tronick moved to Indiana and began working for Cat Logistics as an Operations Supervisor where he managed a team of 30 hourly employees and the daily receiving and packaging operations.

Tronick enjoyed that experience saying, "I worked internally with hourly and management staff to complete numerous process improvements and 6 Sigma projects. It gave me the opportunity to travel to different Caterpillar sites and analyze their current processes and procedures."

Although each project in Indiana was unique and challenging, Tronick notes, "I really enjoyed the ability to start a project and see it through to completion."

He soon transitioned into an Operations and Training Analyst role, where he provided facility operations support and training through 6-Sigma Projects. In 2007, he accepted a Planning Analyst position, which moved him back to Peoria (IL) and for the next three years he supported the design and implementation of facilities in Waco (TX) and Clayton (OH).

In 2011, he accepted his current position as Senior Project Engineer. In this role, he is responsible for designing and implementing distribution warehouses for Caterpillar Logistics Services. In April 2011, he and his wife **Susan '04** moved to Melbourne, Australia for his current assignment where he is responsible for the Melbourne Distribution Center.

"The biggest challenge in this position has been trying to create the vision of an expanded facility while the current facility is still in operation," said Tronick. "My

past facility planning experience has helped tremendously because I am able to effectively communicate my upcoming project tasks in order to minimize any disruption to the operation."

No doubt, he's got a big job to do. His responsibilities include capacity planning, space utilization, purchasing material handling and equipment, material flow and design implementation. He notes the use of process and layout design review meetings, as well as project plan and brain storming workshops as significant tools in his work. "These change management techniques allow me to effectively communicate and update the team's progress to all parties involved."

This position is a perfect fit with his blend of experience. Tronick continued, "I've been a part of the facility planning team since 2007 working on various projects as a support role. This position has allowed me to take on more of a 'lead' project role, which has allowed me to be more strategic and less transactional."

And, when asked about the highlights of his career thus far, the answer was obvious.

"Being asked to move to Melbourne, Australia as an International Service Employee has definitely been the highlight of my career. The amount of responsibility and challenges in this new position has allowed me to creatively utilize my planning experience attained over the past 4½ years," said Tronick.

Looking back on his family's impact on his career, he said, "My parents taught me values and that a great work ethic should be fundamental to everything you do."

He added that having a support system that stressed the importance of doing what is right and not what is always 'popular' was an important aspect of his life. "My family encouraged me to focus on the things I could control, and not worry about the things I couldn't."



Peter Tronick '04, senior project engineer for Caterpillar Logistics Services.

Tronick also attributes a great deal of his career success to his involvement in sports. He played baseball throughout his entire life, as well as all four years while attending Western. "Being a part of a sports team taught me the importance of teamwork and to be a good team member."

His work life today is most definitely a practical reflection of lessons learned in team sports and group coursework at WIU. Working in teams/groups everyday, he notes that the success of those teams

are a direct reflection of how well the individual members work together.

Thinking back on his experience at WIU, he shared some encouraging advice for WIU's young alumni by saying, "Keep working hard, achieve good grades, pay your dues, but have fun while doing it. Don't be in such a hurry to climb the corporate ladder at such a fast pace; by doing so, you could end up surpassing unique opportunities that could change your entire career."

He continued, "Throughout your career, you are going to work for many different types of leaders...some will be great and some will not. Adopt the traits and characteristics of the good ones, and take away a lesson learned from the others."

In closing, Tronick said he enjoyed his professors, the coursework, which was both challenging and interactive, and the small class sizes. Overall, he said, "WIU provided me with a quality and reputable education that has given me the foundation and structure to be where I am today."

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- PETER TRONICK

Former CBT Dean Beveridge Passes Away

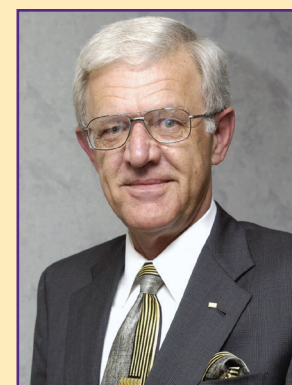
David Beveridge, former dean of the Western Illinois University College of Business and Technology and longtime business professor, passed away at his home in San Antonio (TX) Nov. 12. He was 69.

Beveridge retired from WIU in 2004 after 35 years of service. He joined Western's faculty in 1969 as an assistant professor in the department of management. Beveridge was named chair of the management department in 1971 and assistant dean in 1972. He served as assistant dean for eight years, then as associate dean before being appointed dean in 1995. He also was the assistant provost and academic vice president at Western for 10 years and served as acting provost during Fall 1993.

During his years as the CBT dean, Beveridge was instrumental in bringing the college into the global arena, developing more than 20 international agreements with colleges in Mexico, Chile, Canada, England, Holland,

Russia and Brazil. He was instrumental in helping the college receive more than \$1.5 million in grants from such agencies as the United States Agency for International Development, the United States Department of State, the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the United States Department of Education to establish learning opportunities overseas for students, faculty and staff. In addition, it was during Beveridge's tenure the college received continuing accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International of its undergraduate and graduate business programs and initial accreditation of its undergraduate and graduate programs in accounting.

A private memorial service was held in San Antonio. In lieu of memorials, the family asks to honor David's love of reading by donating books to children and families in need during this holiday season.



David Beveridge

Visiting scholar: Soon Suk Yoon

The Western Illinois University Department of Accounting has welcomed **Soon Suk Yoon**, of Korea, as a visiting scholar in the College of Business and Technology. Yoon is internationally recognized in the accounting profession and has written one of the leading textbooks on international financial accounting.

Yoon said he was introduced to WIU by a colleague in Ohio as he was searching for a school to visit.

"Professor **John Elfrink** was interested in having me at WIU upon reading my resume," Yoon said. "I was then interviewed by three faculty members of the Department of Accounting and Finance, including John Elfrink, **Gregg Woodruff** and **Hongbok Lee**."

Yoon earned his bachelor's degree from Chonnam National University, his master's degree from Seoul National University and his doctoral degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He returned to Chonnam National University after earning his doctoral degree and has worked for the university for 25 years.

"I have been awarded eight times for my overall research works or outstanding papers," Yoon said. "I am currently one of two Samil (PWC accounting firm in Korea) distinguished professors. The distinguished professors are selected by the Korean Accounting Association and supported by Samil Accounting Firm. I served as the president of the Korean Accounting Association in 2005-2006. Also, I have served as a board member of the Korean Accounting Standards Board for four years. In addition, I have served as editor or some other administrative positions for the university or academic organizations in Korea."

Yoon plans to stay at Western for one year, but he said it is likely he may extend his stay for a second year. He is currently teaching undergraduate Accounting 201

(Principles of Financial Accounting) classes and graduate level Accounting 540 (Accounting Theory).

"I am very much interested in teaching Accounting 540 since I try to help graduate students enhance their overall picture of the discipline so they can make logical reasoning in reaching plausible conclusions when they face practical accounting problems," he said.

Yoon said he has three textbooks, which are loved by Korean students: Korean International Financial Reporting Standards (K-IFRS) Intermediate Financial Accounting, K-IFRS Financial Accounting and K-IFRS Principles of Accounting with Key Words in Korean. The Intermediate Financial Accounting has been in the Korean market for 18 years and has maintained its "best-seller" position.

The Financial Accounting has also been in the market for more than 15 years. The two books are revised almost every year to keep up with changes in accounting standards. The Principles of Accounting is written in English and has been in the market for four years. This is the first textbook written in English, with key terms in Korean.

Yoon said he enjoys Macomb because it is a "quiet, small town," similar to the rural environment he grew up in, in a small Korean town.

"I like the people here," he said. "They are very friendly and never pass by without saying 'hello.' I also like the nature here. I was surprised to see so many varieties of wildlife, including deer, hummingbirds, blue jays, cardinals and others."



Soon Suk Yoon

Mock debate at WIU

Although the nation knows now how Decision 2012 turned out—the outcome was much more uncertain earlier this fall. At the height of the campaign season, the Department of Economics and Decision Sciences and the newly formed President's Institute co-hosted a presidential mock-debate Oct. 9. Associate Economics Professors **Bill Polley** and **Tom Sadler '91** debated as Mitt Romney and Barack Obama, respectively. The debate was moderated by Assistant Professor of Political Science **Jonathan Day**.

Assistant Professor of Economics **Jessica Harriger '05 M.A. '06**, who coordinated the event, said that more than 200 students, faculty and staff attended. The debate format was comprised of 12 questions, 10 of which came from students, and two came from audience members.

"The focus was on education and making sure students were aware not only of the political platforms, but also on the economic issues in general," Harriger noted.

The debate gave Polley and Sadler the chance to highlight the challenges facing the country and outline the basics of each candidate's plan to address those challenges.

"While questions of job creation, the tax code, education and entitlements constituted the topics of discussion, affordable education and choice proved to be two of the most interesting issues," said Sadler. "I thoroughly enjoyed the mock debate and look forward to doing it again in four years."

Polley pointed out an important goal of the event saying, "We wanted to do more than just reproduce what the actual candidates did in their debates. The goal was to educate the audience on the content of the major party platforms rather than merely persuade."

Alumni profile: Jordan Danner

What is your current title/position?

I am a senior marketing representative at John Deere Harvester Works for the S-Series combines and front end equipment.

What positions did you have leading up to your current position?

I was a product specialist for John Deere World Wide Combine Product Development/NTA for the marketing department to help with the S-Series combine launch.

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

I have always had a love for agriculture and working with growers. Being able to be the voice of growers and producers gives me a sense of pride knowing that I had a hand in helping to solve an issue or problem we may have had with our combines.

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

I was able to be part of the photo shoots for the S-Series combines and the largest new product introduction in John Deere history. It was also great to get the chance to travel

around the world and see things that not everyone gets a chance to see in their lifetime.

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

One of my responsibilities includes getting to work with the different regions of the world to build market share for John Deere with combine sales. I have two main regions I work with: South America (Region 3 in John Deere terms) and China and South Africa (Region 1). As these two markets grow their harvesting practices, I work with local product marketing representatives and engineering groups at product development to develop and deliver combines and front end equipment to the different, ever-changing markets. I also help develop material for new product introductions and training in North America, as well as other regions in the world.

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

Networking! Often, it is not what you know at the time, but who you know. That can get you in the door so your work ethic and determination can shine through.

What advice would you give to students graduating from

Western in the near future?

Keep an open mind on available positions. It may not be exactly what you want, but it could lead to what you want to do. Networking! Networking! Networking! The more people you know, the better. Enjoy your time at WIU. For a small university, it has been amazing how many people I have met just at John Deere who graduated from WIU.

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

The knowledge that was gained from the agriculture professors at WIU is invaluable. Western has a great mix of big time university with the "everyone knows your name" small town feel.



Jordan Danner '01



Fine Arts and Communication



From the Dean

Here we are at the halfway point of a new semester, complete with the energy and excitement that comes every fall. You understand how important the College of Fine Arts and Communication is to you; it is a very special place. I am learning that more and more with each passing day. My name is **Billy Clow**, and I am the new dean for the College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) at WIU. As you are an alum of the College, I want to introduce myself and strengthen your commitment to the arts and communication at Western.

It is a great honor to have been selected dean for the college. The COFAC traditions of artistry and excellence are solid and exciting. The combination of



William T. (Billy) Clow

academics and professional training across the college make WIU truly extraordinary. I am especially proud of the achievements of our excellent students and faculty alike. Multiple gallery showings, student/faculty collaborations with professional organizations, commissions for works of exceptional quality and beauty and our commitment to the region are simply the norm here. COFAC really does make a difference at Western Illinois University.

We have a challenging road ahead. There is no question of that. However, the College of Fine Arts and Communication continues to look to the future to move forward and provide rigorous educational and cultural opportunities for our students, the community and the surrounding region.

We strive to be a leader in Illinois and the Midwest. More importantly, we promise to continue to provide excellence in all we do, to make your degree a point of pride each and every day.

The privilege of leading this college into the next chapter is a challenge I will embrace with all I have. I am happy to chat or email with you whenever you have thoughts or questions.

Together faculty, students, alumni and friends of the College of Fine Arts and Communication will create an exceptional path to the future.

All the best,

William T. (Billy) Clow
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3-D art studios officially opened during Homecoming

A grand opening of the 3-D Art studios in Western Illinois University's Heating Plant Annex (HPA) was held Sept. 21, during the campus' Homecoming 2012 celebration.

A group of campus dignitaries, including WIU President **Jack Thomas**, members of Western's Board of Trustees and the College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) Advisory Board attended the event, as well as campus administrators and students. A ceremonial ribbon cutting to officially open the facility was held, and guests were given ceremonial metal paperweights cut from the facility's new plasma cutter.

The HPA space was renovated this summer at a cost of \$1.7 million to comply with accreditation requirements. The space houses art studios for ceramics, sculpture, metals and woodworking.

"We have created an exceptional learning environment for students to explore and learn," said COFAC Dean **William (Billy) Clow**. "We now have a facility that is second to none across the region and something we are all incredibly proud of; it is something our students deserve."



WIU Assistant Art Professor Duke Oursler, center, shows WIU President Jack Thomas, left, and COFAC Advisory Board President John Gay '69, right, the results of the new plasma cutter in the 3-D Art Studio space.

Changes to the space included addressing ADA accessibility issues, the installation of new storage lockers, new lighting and paint and the addition of windows



WIU President Jack Thomas, left, and COFAC Advisory Board President John Gay '69, right, cut the ribbon on the new 3-D Studios space.

to enhance the lighting. Renovations also included the installation of new air handling systems to improve ventilation in the spaces and to comply with safety mandates.

Art professor creates community sculpture for Macomb

By *Jodi Pospeschil*

Western Illinois University Assistant Art Professor **Duke Oursler** has created a community sculpture for Macomb's new green space on West Jackson Street in Macomb.

The sculpture, completed late last year, sits in a space designated and landscaped by Macomb's morning and noon Rotary clubs.

When Oursler was commissioned to create the sculpture, he said he wanted to make it a tribute to Macomb's history as a train community.

"Being new to Macomb, everyone talks about the train and Macomb's history as a railroad town," he said. "The railroad itself is a conduit to America; it's a way we stay connected. I wanted to develop a concept for the sculpture so the railroad was recognizable."

Oursler said the idea behind the sculpture developed after he saw photographs of an American Class steam

engine.

"It just seemed to fit Macomb really well," he said. "It was about the heart of America and a hard working group of people."

The finished sculpture is an abstract piece that reflects train tracks, as well as the wedge located on the front of the train. The main part of the sculpture is made of stainless steel.

Oursler said it took about four months of work to create the piece, and he received help from the students in his WIU sculpture classes.

"It helped them see how public art is made, from the engineering and planning to the safety involved," he said.



The pieces were cut out by Fusion Tech, of Roseville (IL), and then assembled in the studios at Western.

Money to pay for the sculpture came from donations from the two Macomb Rotary clubs, as well as from money designated by the city for beautification at the site. Memorial donations for former Rotary club members **Don Johnson '86** and Nye Bouslog also helped with the purchase.

Western Illinois University Assistant Art Professor Duke Oursler stands with the sculpture he and his students created for a newly designated green space on Macomb's West Jackson Street.



Foundation

Sodexo scholarship gift

By Julie Murphy '94 M.S. '95

In an effort to align with Western Illinois University President **Jack Thomas'** commitment to increase funding for scholarships, Sodexo Campus Services has committed \$400,000 over the next four years to Western Illinois University to fund scholarships.

"Our intent is to assist with retention and graduation rates, as well as help recruit high achieving students," said Sodexo Resident District Manager Allen Nemec. "Our effort is consistent with what Dr. Thomas mentioned in his inaugural address, as well as Sodexo's commitment to support every community in which we have the privilege to provide our services."

Sodexo's scholarship commitment is shared between the new Western Commitment Scholarships and the Department of Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising and



Sodexo Resident District Manager Allen Nemec and DFMH Chair Karen Greathouse

Hospitality (DFMH). A gift of \$250,000 will be directed to the Western Commitment Scholarships to strengthen recruitment and retention, while \$150,000

will fund annual scholarships for high-achieving students majoring in dietetics or hospitality management.

"Sodexo's goal is twofold. We wish to be part of the Western Commitment as a stakeholder in the Western community, and we wish to assist students pursuing dietetics or hospitality management and planning to enter our industry," Nemec added.

A contribution of \$50,000 will be made annually to the Western Commitment Scholarship for five years, and \$50,000 will also be given to DFMH for the next three years to fund five \$10,000 scholarships.

"We are so appreciative of Sodexo's assistance to the Western Commitment Scholarship and to the Department of Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising and Hospitality," said WIU President Jack Thomas. "Their partnership means a great deal to this institution and is evidence of their commitment to Western."

Sodexo has been a long-term partner with DFMH in educating dietetics and hospitality management students through providing outstanding industry experiences and internships. Sodexo professional staff is accessible to students to provide guidance in making class projects successful.

"The Sodexo Scholarship for dietetics and hospitality management is yet another Sodexo commitment to education," said DFMH Chair **Karen Greathouse**. "It will serve as an outstanding recruitment and retention tool for top students in the field. The faculty and I very much appreciate Sodexo's support of our students and of Western's program."

For details and application information, contact the DFMH department at (309) 298-1085.

Ruth Dexter scholarship



Ruth Dexter

By Julie Murphy '94 M.S. '95

The Dexter family of Macomb has a long tradition with Western Illinois University, dating back to 1958, when **Don Dexter**, his wife, Ruth, and their young family moved to Macomb for Don to work as a surgeon. Ruth's family recently established a nursing scholarship in her memory, involving two establishments important to the family: McDonough District Hospital and Western Illinois University.

Don and Ruth met while he was completing a surgical residency at Illinois Central Hospital in Chicago, where Ruth was a physical therapist.

"My attending physician thought I was interested in physical therapy because I found so many excuses to go there," said Don. "It wasn't until after Ruth and I married that he figured out why."

After marrying, Don completed Navy service, then returned to Cook County Hospital with his bride to finish up his surgical training and find work. One of Don's classmates suggested Macomb, and he knew about the need in the community because he grew up in Industry (IL). It also happened that Don and Ruth's downstairs neighbor was from Colchester (IL). When the call came in 1958 that Macomb needed a surgeon, Don, Ruth and their two young sons headed for home.

The Dexters quickly became part of the Macomb, WIU and health care communities. Don practiced medicine and conducted surgery at McDonough District Hospital, while Ruth raised their four children. They both loved and supported Western, with Don serving as team physician for all athletics from 1961-1988 and also as physician at Beu Health Center from 1993-2007 after retiring from private medical practice. Don and Ruth were loyal Leathernecks, members of the Performing Arts Society and have made 46 acres of their property available for use by Western's School of Agriculture for many years.

"A scholarship was something we talked about," said Don. "When Western began its nursing program, it seemed like a natural thing to do. The scholarship was important to Ruth and is consistent with the other things she did to help people—reading for the Audio Information Services, serving as troop leader for Girl Scouts with special needs and driving cancer patients for treatment in Galesburg and Peoria. It also blends two entities we both care very deeply for: Western and MDH."

The Ruth Dexter Scholarship in Nursing will give \$1,000 annual awards to students who are employees of McDonough District Hospital pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) at Western.

"This scholarship has allowed me to finance my nursing education, and I greatly appreciate the opportunity," said junior nursing major **Megan Wallen** of Macomb, and one of the first two recipients of the Ruth Dexter Scholarship in Nursing this year. "It has helped me greatly in the pursuit of my nursing profession."

Applications are available at the McDonough District Hospital Human Resources Department at 525 E. Grant St. in Macomb.

Gordon Kirk four-year honors history scholarship

By Julie Murphy '94 M.S. '95

American History Professor Emeritus **Gordon Kirk**

has established a \$2,000 four-year scholarship for incoming History majors enrolled in the Centennial Honors College. "I want to encourage students to see the importance of working hard to achieve an education, then putting those skills and knowledge to use for the good of humanity."

The Gordon Kirk Honors History Scholarship is designed for new students meeting the required ACT score (or grade point average) and class rank. The \$500 annual scholarship will be renewable for up to three years, to assist history majors in the Honors Program the entire time they are at Western.

"Western was very good to me; I enjoyed it and the wonderful people I worked with," said Kirk. "I was fortunate to be able to do lots of different things. I was professor and department chair, served the faculty senate and the faculty union and was Assistant Provost." Kirk was also one of the most influential figures in the history of Western's Honors Program (now called Centennial Honors College) and was its first director. "I think Western does well with high achieving students," said Kirk, "and I would like to help with that."



WIU President Jack Thomas and American History Professor Emeritus Gordon Kirk

Current History Professor **Virginia "Ginny" Boynton** recently referred to Kirk's creation of a culture of supporting scholarships within the department when she herself established a History Honors Thesis Award.

In fact, as Kirk pointed out, there are three people associated with Western who are all graduates of Detroit public schools, earned Ph.D.s in history and have endowed student support funds: Gordon Kirk, Ginny Boynton and **Gil Belles**. "We are an exclusive club!" Kirk stated.

Kirk was on campus October 30 to sign his \$50,000 endowment agreement. "I am proud of the educational opportunities Western provides, and I still have a strong belief in and commitment to helping our youth and

making their lives more meaningful," said Kirk. "This is how I am choosing to honor Western and my own commitment."

"We are very grateful to Dr. Kirk for his generosity and vision," said Vice President for Advancement and Public Services **Brad Bainter '79 M.S. '93**. "As a department chair, he established an expectation for faculty to support department scholarships, setting the example with his own giving. Now in his retirement, he is endowing his own scholarship. Gordon has made, and will continue to make, a difference on this campus."

University Libraries



“Art and Self-Perception” Spring 2013 series

University Libraries is coordinating a series of events and lectures for Spring 2013 to promote events and happenings taking place across the Western Illinois University campus. A majority of the events take place either in the Leslie F. Malpass Library of the Macomb campus, or the Figge Art Museum, located in Davenport (IA).

“This is a wonderful opportunity for several departments on campus, such as museum studies, art and the Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs, to collaborate and cross-promote their event to a broader audience,” said **Phyllis Self**, dean of libraries. “We have received a lot of positive feedback from the fall series and we believe the spring series is just as interesting and unique.”

The Spring 2013 Series will include a book discussion lead by Matt Kish, author of the book, “Moby Dick in Pictures.” Kish, a devout fan of Moby Dick, created an illustration for every page of Signet Classics paperback edition, “Pursuit of the Great White Whale.” He began the project on Aug. 5, 2009, and completed the illustrations in 543 days. Kish will discuss his book project at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 21 in the Leslie F. Malpass Library, Garden Lounge.

For a complete list of the “Art and Self-Perception” Spring 2013 events, visit wiu.edu/libraries/news/2010s/2012/artAndSelfPerception.php. All events at the Leslie F. Malpass Library are open and free to the public.

WIU historical collections available



University Libraries' Archives and Special Collections Unit and the Digitization Unit continue to digitize historical Western Illinois University documents and

photographs for public viewing. This collection includes athletics documents, such as programs and posters for both men's and women's sports. Currently, the collection includes the football and softball programs. The units are adding additional sports documents on a daily basis. The WIU Sports History Collection can be found at tinyurl.com/b9v49zr.

The units also recently completed the digitization of the WIU Bulletin Collection. This collection features all of the issues of “Western Illinois University Bulletin” from 1903 through 1959. “The Bulletin” was an official publication of Western Illinois University and contained course catalogs and other information about Western, as well as served as a publishing venue for WIU faculty. The collection can be found at tinyurl.com/ahuofcy.

Questions about the digital collections can be referred to the Digitization Unit at (309) 298-2289 or the Archives and Special Collections Unit at (309) 298-2717.

Malpass mini-golf a success



Jeff Hancks M.S. '10 observes from hole #1, “Archives Anarchy.”

The first Malpass Mini Golf fundraiser was held Nov. 3 in the Leslie F. Malpass Library.

“We had a great time,” said **Michael Jones M.S. '12**, director of development for University Libraries. “More than 300 people played our 12-hole miniature golf course inside Malpass Library, and we raised more than \$2,000 for the Library Atrium Fund, thanks in large part to our community sponsors.”

The holes were located throughout the building, where faculty, staff and students were on hand to talk about library services and offer any assistance.

“I was really pleased to have so many students on hand to help with the event,” said **Adam Frankhauser '06**, event co-coordinator. “It was fun to see so many families and WIU students, faculty and staff come out to play.”

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Library Atrium Society recognizes donors

The Library Atrium Society recognized six “Gardener” donors at a reception Oct. 25 in the Leslie F. Malpass Garden Lounge. Six plants were dedicated in honor of **Felix and Nancy Chu, Elizabeth Kaspar, Don MacVean, Sheila Nollen '78 and David '73'** and **Phyllis Self**. Each plant displays a plaque in honor of the donor.



The Library Atrium Society was created to support the Western Illinois University Libraries' collections and services. Memberships help fund scholarships, sustain special collections, acquire new materials/equipment and underwrite special events. “Gardener” is the highest level of Atrium Society membership.

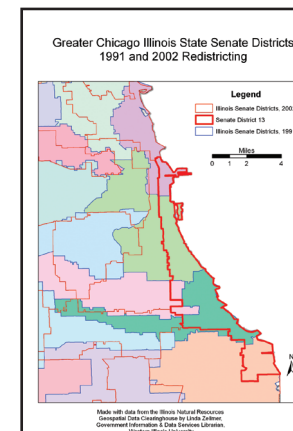
Individuals interested in joining the Library Atrium Society, or making a contribution to University Libraries, should contact **Michael Jones M.S. '12**, director of development, at (309) 298-2356 or by e-mail at m-jones2@wiu.edu.

Zellmer provides map to FRONTLINE documentary

Linda Zellmer, government information and data services librarian, for Western Illinois University Libraries, often receives requests for specific map information from students, community patrons or alumni. However, the request she received this summer came from a unique source: FRONTLINE, the documentary program from PBS.

“I answered the phone and it was a producer from FRONTLINE,” Zellmer said. “They were preparing their show on the 2012 presidential election, “The Choice,” which is done for every presidential election, and needed a map that showed the changes in Barack Obama's state senate district between 1991 and 2002. I had prepared a guide to explain redistricting in Illinois last spring, and the producer had found the guide when researching this topic.” After discussing what information the producer was seeking, Zellmer created the map, “Greater Chicago Illinois Senate Districts 1991 and 2002 Redistricting.”

The map was featured as part of the series, “The Artifacts of Character.” According to the FRONTLINE website, “it is a series of rarely seen objects that elucidate key moments and experiences in the candidates' lives.” Zellmer's map was part of “Artifact Nine: Obama's Big Political Play.” It can be found at tinyurl.com/c9nqb6m.





Intercollegiate Athletics

Ryan Brownlee named head baseball coach

Western Illinois Director of Athletics **Tim Van Alstine** announced the hiring of **Ryan Brownlee** as head baseball coach. Brownlee replaces Mike Villano, who resigned in August.

After spending 15 years as a NCAA Division I assistant coach, the last nine seasons at Iowa also serving as the Hawkeyes' recruiting coordinator, Brownlee becomes the Leathernecks' sixth head coach since 1955.

Over the past 12 seasons, Brownlee has had 32 players he coached or recruited get selected in the Major League Baseball draft and two more sign free agent contracts, including 15 over the past four years. Along with the success on the diamond, Brownlee has seen an average of nine Hawkeyes per year earn Academic All-Big Ten honors during his tenure; a team record 12 earned the distinction following the 2011 season.

Iowa's "Perfect Game" projected three of Iowa's last five recruiting classes as among the 'Top 50' nationally, including the 48th best in 2011 and last year's class that ranked 45th in the country.

Brownlee was recently recognized for his work helping student-athletes succeed in the classroom when he was invited to speak at the American Baseball Coaches Association national convention on the "10 Rules of Recovery" and time management planner programs he implemented with the Iowa program.

"My love affair with college baseball started in 1979 when my family moved to Evansville so my father, Jim, could take over the program at the University of Evansville. Some of my first memories growing up were with a rake in my hand at Carson Field. I understand what happens to a program when someone is willing to invest his heart and soul into it," Brownlee said.



Ryan Brownlee

23rd Annual Purple & Gold Gala

The 23rd annual Purple and Gold Auction and Gala raised nearly \$60,000 for the Western Illinois Athletics Department. The event, held Aug. 25, brought close to 500 people into Western Hall.

The funds raised will be used to renovate many items of athletic training equipment, used by the 18 Division I sports programs and 400-plus student-athletes at Western.

"The 23rd annual Purple and Gold Auction and Gala was once again a huge success," Director of Athletics **Tim Van Alstine** said. "It's always an amazing atmosphere when we can bring so many Leatherneck supporters together, and this year was no different."

Those wishing to join or to donate to the Leatherneck Club in support of Western Illinois Athletics or to donate an auction item may contact Assistant Athletics Director **Sean McDonough** at (309) 298-2602.

Target: Western Forward Initiative continues

When **Tim Van Alstine** was appointed director of athletics in summer 2001, then Western Illinois University President **Don Spencer** and Vice President **Larry Mortier '70 MS-Ed '71** encouraged Van Alstine to make athletic facility improvements a top priority. Van Alstine launched the Target: Western Forward facilities initiative, and what followed changed the landscape of Leatherneck athletics.

Since 2001, there have been more than \$13 million in athletic facility improvements, which not only benefitted the more than 400 current student-athletes, but the thousands of Leathernecks who have already graduated and those prospective student athletes. Van Alstine's philosophy is to provide the resources necessary for every student-athlete to win a championship ring and earn a diploma and provide "the best Division I experience possible."

A sample of completed projects in the past three years include:

- MatrixTurf installation at Hanson Field: The turf benefits not only the football program, but all 18 sport programs; University organizations such as the Marching Leathernecks, club sports and intramurals; and area high schools that have played football games at the stadium.

- Throwing area on the north end of Hanson Field: Renovations benefit the men's and women's track and field programs.

- Brophy Hall basketball practice facility court: With limited space and time within Western Hall, the new game-quality practice court provides practice time for both the men and women's team and other programs that use Western Hall (track/field, baseball, softball, volleyball, etc.).

- New weights in the strength and conditioning room: An upgrade to the weights and equipment for the strength and conditioning area benefits every student-athlete.

- Academic Services Office renovation: Student-athletes now benefit from an office setting and study area for the Academic Services Department.

- Windscreen installation at John MacKenzie Alumni Soccer Field: Adding purple windscreens along two of the facility sides improves the aesthetics of MacKenzie Field.

- Women's soccer locker room (Brophy Hall): The new locker room provides a private dressing area near the field and team gathering area and is equal to the men's soccer locker room.

According to Van Alstine, Western Illinois University is diligent and prudent in monitoring the facility improvements of benchmark institutions in the Summit League and Missouri Valley Football Conference. The top priorities for future projects of the Athletics Department Target: Western Forward Facilities initiative include:

- The west side of Hanson Field, including press box, seating, offices, meeting and classroom/academic space and video scoreboard

- Men's and women's soccer press box, team benches, permanent seating and lights

- Baseball locker room/clubhouse building at Boyer Stadium

- Women's staff locker room in Western Hall

- Ticket office relocation in Western Hall

- Athletic training room upgrades and renovations

For more information on how to make a financial gift or to join the Leatherneck Club, call the Athletics Department at (309) 298-2602.



Purple & Gold Alumni Challenge

The Western Illinois Athletics Department has announced the initiation of The Purple & Gold Student-Athlete Alumni Challenge, a new program that allows alumni to give back to the Leatherneck programs they once competed for and to reconnect with present members of the program.

The challenge is designed as a competition among the Western Illinois athletic sports programs. The three sports that obtain the largest participation increase of current or former athletes becoming members of the Leatherneck Club will receive a cash increase into their Leatherneck Club Foundation account.

The Purple & Gold Challenge was established to re-engage former student-athletes with WIU sports programs and to connect Leathernecks of the past with Leathernecks of the present.

Just two percent of former Leatherneck student-athletes

(105) are currently members of the Leatherneck Club. The goal of this challenge is to increase participation to approximately 300 former student-athletes (8%).

The top three teams will earn cash prizes, which were generously provided by an anonymous donor. To be equitable, the teams with the highest increase in participation win.

Points are earned in two ways:

1. The percentage of alumni giving will be multiplied by 1,000. Example: 100 former-athletes who have made a gift of \$10 or more out of 500 student-athlete alumni = $.2 \times 1000 = 200$ points.

2. An additional three points can be earned for each gift made online by student-athlete alumni between now and Nov. 10, 2013.

To qualify for the Purple & Gold Challenge, a former student-athlete must make a gift of \$10 or more by March 31, 2013.

Save the Date

24th Annual Purple & Gold Auction and Gala

Saturday, Aug. 24, 2013

Intercollegiate Athletics



Leatherneck athletics announces 2012 Hall of Fame class

The Western Illinois Athletics Department announced the five newest members of the Hall of Fame.

The ceremony was held Sept. 21. Inductees were honored at halftime of the Leathernecks' football game.

Tom Carper '82 (contributor) attended Western for three years and participated in football (1964-1965) and track and field (1965). Carper enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1967, then returned to Macomb and Western Illinois in 1971. In the mid-1970s, working with the track and field coaches, Carper was recruited to officiate the NCAA Division II National Championship meet.

A business owner in town for 30 years, Carper also served as mayor of Macomb for 12 years. For 15 years, he organized and sponsored road races in Macomb, and he also volunteered and served as chair for the United Way campaign, volunteer and co-chair of the Heritage Days celebration and with the Macomb Community Theatre.

He was nominated by Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin to serve on the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) Board of Directors and was accepted by then-President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in March 2008. He currently serves as the chair of that board.

Jerry Champer (swimming/diving coach) was a six-time Mid-Continent Conference "Coach of the Year" during his tenure from 1994-2001.

His 102 career wins helped him win four men's coaching awards and two as the women's coach. He also received the Illinois Men's University Division "Coach of the Year" award in 1998 and 2000.

He was a two-time Southern States Conference "Men's Coach of the Year," leading Western to a title in 1999 and 2000. The 2001 men won the Midwest Championships title and he was named "Coach of the Year."

Champer coached 44 individual conference champions and 46 all-conference distinctions. He also coached the only Leatherneck swimmer to ever compete in the Olympics (Zurab Beridze for the Republic of Georgia at the 2000 Sydney Games).

After leaving Western, he worked two years as a volunteer assistant coach at the University of Georgia, then joined the staff full-time in his current role as associate head coach. During his time with the Bulldogs, he has coached three NCAA individual champions, one United States Olympian and a world record holder.

Dave Dir (men's soccer) transferred into the Leatherneck men's soccer program in 1979 and during his two year playing career (1980-1981) he earned Honorable Mention All-America honors.

Following his senior year he tied a program record with six shutouts in goal, and he was the first pick by the Chicago Sting in the 1982 National American Soccer League draft.

Dir served as the head coach at Regis University, going from 5-5-2 in his first year (1990) to 11-7-1 overall and first-place finish at 5-0-1 in the Colorado Athletic Conference the next. Dir took over as the head coach of the Colorado Foxes for three seasons.

When Major League Soccer debuted in 1996, Dir was

the head coach for the Dallas Burn. Starting in 2002, he joined the U.S. Men's Soccer national team as an assistant coach and worked in that capacity for 10 years. Most recently he returned to the MLS, joining the technical staff of the Colorado Rapids as goalkeepers coach.

Dir was on the Board of Directors with the Town North YMCA and served as president for the First Kick Foundation.

Craig Phalen (football) began his collegiate career at Wisconsin before transferring to Joliet Community College. He transferred and played his final two years in the Leatherneck uniform along the defensive line and capped his career by earning First Team All-America honors in 1977 from the Associated Press, Kodak and American Football Coaches Association.

He was voted team captain his senior year, a year in which he set a program record with seven tackles for a loss (currently second-most all-time) and six sacks against Nebraska Omaha, a record that he still owns. During the Illinois State game his senior year, Phalen set a record for most tackles by a defensive lineman with 12.

His other season records set included: tackles for a loss (18), and big plays (22), in addition to career tackles for a defensive lineman (229).

For the past 24 years, he has taught physical education and health education for seventh and eighth grades at Ottawa Elementary School District No. 141. He has coached seventh and eighth grade basketball and soccer for 23 years. Following the 2005-2006 season, he received the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) District 4 "Coach of the Year" award.

One of the most dominant pitchers in Western Illinois and Mid-Continent Conference history, and current head coach of the Leatherneck softball program, **Holly Killion Van Vlymen '00 M.S. '08'** (softball) was a four-time All-Conference performer during her playing days from 1996-2000.

She redshirted during the 1996 season, then as a redshirt freshman in 1997, she earned Second Team All-Mid Con honors. Van Vlymen was tabbed First Team her final three years, including the "Pitcher of the Year" award in 2000. She earned a spot on the Mid-Continent All-Tournament Team three consecutive years and in 2000 was selected as the Most Valuable Player.

She capped off her dominating collegiate career by earning All-America honors on the field (NFCA 3rd Team) and in the classroom (CoSIDA 3rd Team). She is one of four softball players to have their number retired (#44) and still today remains as the only player in program history to earn All-America playing honors.

Van Vlymen holds every major season record at Western, including: wins (30), earned run average (0.58), appearances (44), strikeouts (355), shutouts (16), innings pitched (267.1) and complete games (32)—all during the 2000 season. Her wins, shutouts and strikeouts still stand as the top-ranking single-season numbers in Summit

League (former Mid-Continent) history, and Van Vlymen still ranks second in the Summit League in complete games, ERA and innings.

Van Vlymen ranks second all-time in the Western record books for wins (74), appearances (137), complete games (97), innings (809.1), then fourth in ERA (1.39). Her 880 career strikeouts are still the top mark in the program and Summit League.

Even today Van Vlymen still ranks third in conference history in innings, complete games, shutouts, wins, and fifth in ERA.

She played professionally for the Ohio Pride in 2000, then began her coaching career at the University of Iowa as an assistant coach from 2001-2004. Van Vlymen took over as the assistant at Augustana in 2004-2005, the same time serving as head coach at North Scott High School. When her former coach, **Kathy Veroni**, retired, Van Vlymen was tabbed as the just the third head coach in program history. She has led Western to three Summit League championships in seven years and to the NCAA Regionals in 2008 following the program's Summit League Tournament title. That year Western recorded its first-ever NCAA Tournament postseason win, defeating Drake 3-1.

A three-time "Coach of the Year" award winner, she owns a .683 winning percentage in league games (99-46), and she coached 50 Academic All-League selections, 32 All-Summit League performers, two "Players of the Year," two "Pitchers of the Year" and the 2012 NCAA stolen base champion.



Front row, l-r: **Craig Phalen** and **Holly Van Vlymen '00 M.S. '08**. Back row, l-r: **Director of Athletics Tim Van Alstine**, **Jerry Champer**, **Dave Dir**, **Tom Carper '82**, **WIU President Jack Thomas**.

Harry Mussatto inducted into 2012 GCAA Hall of Fame

Legendary former Men's Head Golf Coach **Harry Mussatto MS-Ed '51** was inducted into the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) Hall of Fame Class Dec. 10 in Las Vegas.

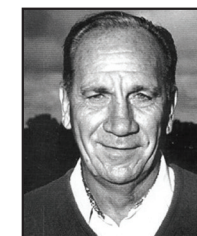
Mussatto was one of seven inductees in the 2012 Hall of Fame class. To be selected to the Hall of Fame, a coach must be nominated by his peers, and then selected by the GCAA Hall of Fame Committee. Selection criteria not only includes a coach's record on the golf course, but his contributions to the game, student-athletes and school.

Mussatto served Western Illinois for 35 seasons as head golf coach. From 1952-1970, Mussatto's team completed the longest home winning streak in the nation with 95 straight wins.

In recognition of his successful career and service to Western Illinois, Mussatto was inducted into the Western Illinois University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1988. He also received the Western Illinois University Distinguished Alumni Award in 1989.

Mussatto retired from Western Illinois University in 1985. He passed away Dec. 30, 1998.

Harry is now one of 117 members of the prestigious GCAA Hall of Fame. Notable members of the Hall of Fame include golf professionals Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Byron Nelson.



Harry Mussatto MS-Ed '51

Arts and Sciences

Alumnus establishes scholarship in honor of three professors

Western Illinois University alumnus **Gerald Dehague '70 M.A. '72**, along with his wife, Deby, recently established the **John J. Alford, Fred C. Caspall '64 MS-Ed '66 and Alden R. Longwell** Scholarship in honor of three WIU geography professors who helped him as a student.

After receiving both a bachelor's and master's degree from WIU, Dehague went on to begin work at the Southland Corporation, also known as 7-Eleven, from 1973-1986, last working as vice president of operations.

From 1986-1997, Dehague worked at Total Petroleum North America, last working as vice president of retail marketing for 700 gasoline/convenience stores. During that time, from 1993-1995, he also worked for parent company Total Petroleum Paris France to help add convenience stores at 5,000 European gas stations.

In 1997, Dehague went to work for the Kroger Company as vice president of supermarket petroleum. He is responsible for the company's fuel business and helped develop the concept and construction of 1,150 fuel centers in Kroger supermarket parking lots.

"We will sell more than 5 billion gallons of fuel this year," he said. "I am responsible for managing this business from concept to opening and operating."

Dehague said he and his wife wanted to develop the \$2,500 annual scholarship at Western to honor professors



Gerald Dehague '70 M.A. '72 and his wife, Deby, recently established a scholarship at WIU in honor of three geography professors.

Alford, Caspall and Longwell, "who were instrumental in encouraging me in my formative college years to be a geography major, and they were always there to help any student with whatever issues they had."

"Drs. Alford, Caspall and Longwell went out of their way to help me achieve a great education, and Dr. Longwell recommended me for a graduate teaching assistantship so I could afford to get a master's degree," Dehague said. "I was Dr. Alford's teaching assistant, and Dr. Caspall was my major thesis adviser. All three of these gentlemen, in my opinion, are what college professors should be, great educators and deeply caring about their students' success and well-being."

Dehague said he wanted the three men to be recognized for their contributions to Western and to its

geography department.

"Without their guidance, support and encouragement, I know I would not have achieved the success I have had," he said.

One of the scholarship criteria is financial need, because Dehague said he struggled to be able to afford to complete college and needed help from friends and family.

"I asked the department to give weight to financial need and to someone who shows promise, but they don't necessarily need to have the highest grade point average," Dehague said. "I needed financial help and

encouragement to seek a higher degree. I got all of this from these three great professors."

Dehague said his master's degree from Western helped him "get in the door" with Fortune 500 companies.

"My degree in geography has given me a wide variety of skills that have helped in my career," he said. "I knew a lot about urban planning and economic geography, which helped me in the real estate and the operational part of my three companies. The physical geography classes helped me tremendously as I went more into the oil side of the business. And the cultural and world geography gave me great insight into different countries and cultures when I worked abroad."

Dehague called geography, "one of the most wide ranging, but underappreciated, liberal arts degrees you can have."

As a Burlington (IA) native, Dehague said he returns to the area every few years and usually takes time to stop by WIU for a visit.

"I have always kept in touch with **Gordy Taylor '68** and most often go to the reunions here in Denver (CO)," he said. "I also stay in touch with Dr. Alford and his wife, **Dee ED-Sp '77**. Plus, I have a few friends from my WIU days, and one is a Macomb native."

Of his days at Western, Dehague said one of his favorite memories is The Kings Castle nightclub.

"I was a bartender there, and it was the social hub for the crowd I knew," he said. "It was a nice place to let off steam on the weekends or after finals."

For more information about the scholarship established by the Dehague family, contact the Department of Geography at (309) 298-1648.

Rodeffer chosen 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award winner

Frank Rodeffer '61 has been chosen as the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award winner for the WIU College of Arts and Sciences (CAS).

Rodeffer was recognized at the annual CAS scholarship dinner Dec. 8.

After coming to WIU in 1957 as a physics major in the School of Education, Rodeffer participated in the Physics Club.

He subsequently obtained an FCC commercial radio-telephone license and worked as an engineer and eventually, chief engineer, at Western's FM radio station (then WWKS-FM). He was a charter member of the national service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega (APO), Mu Nu Chapter, which was formed in 1958 at WIU.

As part of that organization, Rodeffer remembers being part of the team that organized and conducted Friday night swim lessons at the WIU pool for Boy Scouts from Macomb and surrounding communities. During the summers, beginning in 1958, he worked in various positions at the Boy Scout Camp Pearl near Tennessee (IL). In 1961 and 1962, he was the program director at the summer camp. Frank also served as an assistant scoutmaster and subsequently, as Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 9, sponsored by the WIU Laboratory School.

Following graduation, Rodeffer entered graduate school with the intention of pursuing a master's degree in guidance and counseling. In December 1962, on the verge of being drafted, Frank joined the U.S. Air Force (USAF). He completed officer training school as a distinguished

graduate.

Following commissioning in the USAF, Frank married Peggy J. Vogler, of Macomb. They moved to Biloxi (MS), where Rodeffer graduated from the basic communications electronics officer training in January 1964. In November 1967, he returned to Biloxi, where he attended the staff officer communications electronics course, graduating in June 1968.

While on active duty in the USAF, Frank served primarily in Strategic Air Command (SAC), with one three-year assignment to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Throughout his Air Force career, Rodeffer was assigned to bases in Michigan, Guam, Nebraska, The Netherlands, Kansas and North Dakota. During his career, he was cited on five occasions for "bringing great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

After retiring from the USAF, Rodeffer began working for TRW (Thompson Ramo Woolridge) as an ICBM (Intercontinental Ballistic Missile) systems engineer and technical advisor at Hill Air Force Base (AFB), Layton (UT). During his tenure at Hill AFB, Rodeffer led the installation of new computer systems in all ICBM Launch Control Centers and worked on various other ICBM-related projects.

He and his wife moved to Colorado Springs in 1998

and Rodeffer retired in 2003 as a senior project manager for strategic nuclear C3 systems from Northrop Grumman, formerly TRW.

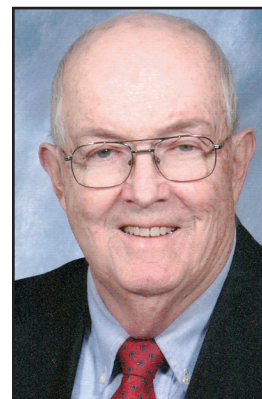
In October 2003, Rodeffer was requested by a Northrop Grumman vice president to provide technical and program expertise for a future ICBM weapon system. Then in April 2004, he was requested to return to his office in Colorado Springs to work on another ICBM project, before formally retiring.

Rodeffer and his wife raised two children, a son, Robert, who lives with his family in Utah, and a daughter, Linda, who lives with her family in Colorado. Between them, Frank has six grandchildren.

Peggy Rodeffer passed away in November 2011 after a lifelong battle with several life-threatening medical issues. The Rodeffers were married 48 years.

Rodeffer has been a licensed radio amateur since 1960, and he belongs to several amateur radio clubs and groups in Colorado. Rodeffer also enjoys the outdoors and fishing.

Over the years, Rodeffer has been supportive of WIU and its physics department, helping with various scholarship programs. He has said many times, "if my small contribution can keep one talented, bright student from having to drop out for financial reasons, it will have been well worth it."



Frank Rodeffer

Arts and Sciences

CAS announces new department chairs

Keith Boeckelman was named the political science department chair July 1. He had served as interim department chair since July 2010.

Boeckelman received his bachelor's degree in economics and political science from Drake University in Des Moines (IA) and his master's degree in political science and doctoral degree in political science, with specialties in public policy/administration, American government political theory and public finance from the University of Illinois.

Before coming to Western in 1998, Boeckelman was an assistant professor of political science at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and Louisiana State University. He was also a visiting assistant professor at Texas A&M University and worked as a legislative analyst for the Illinois House of Representatives.

Boeckelman was a research fellow for Western's Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs. He has published and revised a book on Barack Obama, as well as numerous political journal articles and book chapters.

Boeckelman received the 2007 College of Arts and Sciences Award in teaching and has been the campus co-chair for the WIU American Democracy Project. He also serves as adviser for the WIU Student Government Association and is on the board of advisers for the Project Vote Smart program "Key Votes."

F. Erik Brooks, formerly of Georgia Southern University (GSU), became chair of WIU's African American Studies Department July 1. Prior to that, Brooks served as assistant to the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at GSU, as well as an assistant professor.

At GSU, Brooks served as director of the master of public administration program in the political science department from 2004-2007. He began at GSU in 2002 as an assistant professor in the political science department and he also taught in the African studies department.

Brooks received his doctoral degree from the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government at Virginia Commonwealth; a master's degree in education from Alabama State; a master's of public administration degree from Auburn University; master's of science degree in agency counseling and human development from Troy State University and his bachelor's degree from Troy State.

Brooks was promoted to associate professor in 2009 and was previously an adjunct instructor at the Jepson School of Leadership at the University of Richmond from 2001-2002 and in the Alabama State University Department of Advancement Studies. He was also the student coordinator for the public policy and administration's Ph.D. program at Virginia Commonwealth University from 2001-2002.

Simon Cordery, the former chair of the history department at Monmouth College, began history chair duties at WIU July 1.

Cordery received his doctoral degree from the University of Texas at Austin, his master's degree from the University of York (UK) and his bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University.

Cordery began at Monmouth College as a lecturer in 1994 before coordinating the Midwest Initiative and

Alumnus promoted to associate dean at Northwestern University's Kellogg Center School of Management



Roxanne Hori '74

Roxanne Hori '74 was recently promoted to associate dean of business partnerships at the Kellogg Center School of Management at Northwestern University.

Hori received her bachelor's degree from Western in African American studies.

Prior to being promoted at Northwestern, Hori was assistant dean for career management at the Kellogg School of Management for nearly 17 years. She also previously worked as a vice president and in human resources at The Northern Trust Bank in Chicago, focusing on recruiting, diversity and human resources support.

"This is an exciting new role at Kellogg," Hori said. "We are identifying our top corporate partners and developing ways to engage them with the school more deeply. We act as the connector between companies and various areas of the school."

Hori said her education from Western has been

influential to her life and her career.

"I grew up as a city kid in Chicago—I had not spent much time outside of the city," she said. "At WIU, I met students from so many parts of the state and even out of state. The classes I was able to take were broad and challenging. My African American studies classes were diverse and touched on a number of different disciplines."

Hori added that she also had the opportunity to study music, art, history and literature and how it relates to African American studies.

"The experiences of being a different minority in the classroom has helped me succeed in the work I've done. I learned to listen to differing viewpoints and how to work with people who had different life experiences. In addition, it awoke my own cultural self-awareness and prompted me to learn more about the Japanese-American experience. The volunteer work and professional work I do today has greatly benefitted from these experiences."

Hori said she "keeps up with the happenings at WIU" and enjoys reading about the changes at the University. She added that one of her favorite WIU memories is the numerous concerts she was able to attend on campus.

serving as interim history department chair from 2004-2005. He became the department chair in 2008.

In 2005, Cordery was the director of the ACM Central European Studies Program in the Czech Republic and previously taught history at East Carolina University and Louisburg College (NC).

Cordery has authored two books, titled "Mother Jones: Raising Cain and Consciousness" in 2010 and "British Friendly Societies, 1750-1914" in 2003, as well as having numerous articles, book reviews and book chapters published. He has also presented at numerous professional conferences and been awarded a variety of research grants.

Cordery is a member of the American Historical Association, Friendly Societies Research Group, the North American Conference on British Studies and the Society of the Study of Labour History.

Charles Lydeard took over as chair in the WIU biological sciences department July 1.

Before coming to Western, Lydeard was the program director for the National Science Foundation (NSF), where he worked as a director and cluster leader in systematics and biodiversity science in Arlington (VA).

Lydeard received his bachelor's degree in zoology from Fitchburg State College in Massachusetts, his master's degree in mammology from Memphis State University (TN) and his doctoral degree from Auburn University in Alabama.

Lydeard has also been a lecturer in the American University's Department of Biology, and he was the management director for the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute. He has also been a development officer for the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, was a visiting scientist in the Mollusk Division and the

Evolutionary Biology Center at the Australian Museum in Sydney.

Lydeard has also worked as a professor and curator of mollusks and the coordinator of the ecology and systematics section of the University of Alabama Department of Biological Sciences.

He has received numerous grants and awards for his work from the NSF and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and his work has been published in numerous science journals and magazines.

Gary Schmidt, formerly of the University of West Georgia (UWG) became the foreign languages and literatures (FLL) chair July 1.

Schmidt received his Ph.D. from Washington University in St. Louis; his master's degrees from the University of California, Santa Barbara and Northern Illinois University and his bachelor's degree from Knox College in Galesburg.

Schmidt joined UWG as an assistant professor in 2006. At UWG, Schmidt served as chair or co-chair of the Faculty Development Committee and the Committee for Responsible Sexuality; the acting director of the FLL department; the interim chair of the foreign languages department and the director of the Study Abroad program in Oldenburg, Germany.

Before coming to UWG, Schmidt coordinated the second- and third-year German program at the University of Minnesota and taught at Mount Holyoke College, the Monterey (CA) Institute of International Studies and at Luther, Grinnell and Knox colleges. He also previously taught German at Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park and Amos Alonso Staff High School in Palos Hills (IL).

Education and Human Services

An application for growth

While school was winding down last spring, instead of sending scores of résumés to prospective employers, Elise Pinkowski spent time working on her application for a full-time volunteer post at Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 M.S. '11

For many young people, graduating from college often means taking that next big step: applying for, and getting, that first permanent job. Graduates often can be eager to move into the routine of work and home to get the rest of their lives underway. But for **Elise Pinkowski '12** serving in a full-time post in a volunteer program was what she had in mind for the beginning of the “rest of her life” after finishing her bachelor’s degree in social work last May.

Pinkowski first became interested in serving for the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC), a non-profit organization that “offers women and men an opportunity to work full-time for justice and peace during her studies in the social work department. Jesuit volunteers are called to the mission of serving the poor directly, working for structural change in the United States, and accompanying people in developing countries,” according to the JVC website (jesuitvolunteers.org).

“Throughout my undergraduate program, I had been interested in taking part in a full-time volunteer program before obtaining a permanent job or starting a master’s program in social work. I knew it would be vital for me to gain the experience necessary before jumping into an advanced degree program, and I realized volunteering would be a great opportunity. I first heard about JVC from my sister who lives in Baltimore and is who acquainted with some of the recruiters where the JVC main office is located,” Pinkowski explained. “I began to do some research on my own and was very moved at the values the program promotes: social justice, community, spirituality and simple living as a means to grow in solidarity with populations served.”

After making it through the application process—which Pinkowski said “entailed much time, commitment, honesty and reflection”—she started her post at the JVC placement site, St. Joseph the Worker (SJW), in Phoenix in mid-August. Although she was excited to be selected for the program, she was realistic about the difficulties it could present, too.

“I knew living in a new city, with a community of new people and on a very small stipend would be challenging, but I also felt it would benefit me in my growth on a human and spiritual level. After being here for a few

months, I now know the hard work the application process took, and the wait to hear that I was accepted was worth it in the end!”

Pinkowski works as the client facilitator for SJW. In that role, she is the first point of contact for individuals seeking full-time sustainable employment in their efforts to become self-sufficient and obtain permanent housing.

“I greet and screen each client for job readiness prior to his or her meeting with a job developer who will become his or her case manager through the process of finding work. I thoroughly enjoy having this role in the office because I can be alongside clients during their job

searches, assisting them with filling out applications and being the liaison between them and potential employers,” Pinkowski noted. “I am blessed with the opportunity to watch each client’s growth during his or her journey and being a supporter every step of the way. Every month, a job developer and I visit the men’s and women’s jails to teach a job-readiness course to inmates who are to be released in two weeks or less. The class is catered to those who have been incarcerated and feel as though their convictions might be a barrier to finding employment. SJW does more than provide the tools necessary for those working to find employment and get out of homelessness: it really gives them their individual worth and dignity back and that is what I love most about my job.”

Pinkowski said her social work classes prepared her well for the work she is doing today with SJW clients.

She noted generalist practice courses taught by **Karen Zellman**, associate professor in Western’s social work program, focused on the skills necessary for individual and group interactions with clients.

“Practicing with others in class really challenged me to step outside of my comfort zone and envision myself

as that social worker meeting with clients in a particular setting. Karen’s ongoing emphasis of the importance of empathy and ‘person first’ dialogue was extremely valuable in practice. In these courses, sharing and openness were often encouraged. I enjoyed this because it made the classroom setting much more comfortable and positive, allowing me to break out of my shell and really open up to the support of those in the class. Karen was a superb role model and support system during my undergraduate studies. I always felt she believed in me, and I am very much grateful to have been under her instruction, receiving her warm encouragement along the way,” Pinkowski said.

According to the JVC website, full-time volunteers can commit to one or two years of work for the organization, and after she finishes her time with JVC’s SJW, Pinkowski said she plans to pursue her master’s degree in social work and obtain her social work license. She noted she has a strong interest in continuing what she’s doing now (working with homeless individuals and those who have been incarcerated in their searches for employment), and she’s also interested in working with individuals who are battling addiction.

“I have a hard time predicting a clear cut future for myself because every day is a new learning experience and an opportunity to grow,” she said. “I hope to keep my mind and heart open during these next few months, so I will be open to any new opportunities that could come my way.”



Elise Pinkowski '12 is serving in a full-time post at St. Joseph the Worker (in Phoenix), a placement site for the volunteer program Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

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Education and Human Services

Elementary education graduate “Teacher of the Year” shares honor with her students

Angela Barker Wilson '97 was named the 2012 Teacher of the Year for the U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity Schools (DoDEA) and was one of four finalists for the National Teacher of the Year held at the White House, last April.

Wilson earned her bachelor's degree from Western in elementary education, and she has been teaching for 11 years in schools in Illinois and Utah and in DoDEA schools in South Korea, Turkey and Italy. She currently serves as a seventh-grade language arts and forensics teacher at Vicenza Middle School affiliated with Camp Ederle Army Base, near Venice, Italy.

“There aren't words to describe what this honor means to me,” Wilson said. “There are millions of teachers in America, giving their hearts and souls to students every day. I am here because of amazing professors, mentors and colleagues. I am humbled to represent them. Representing DoDEA is something extra



Angela Barker Wilson '97 (center) was named the 2012 Teacher of the Year for the U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity Schools and was one of four finalists for the National Teacher of the Year ceremony held at the White House (Washington, D.C.) in April 2012. She's pictured here talking with U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta (far left).

special and this award is shared with my students—the children of America's heroes.”

During her time at Western, Wilson was recognized for her academic achievement as the elementary education department scholar in 1997. She completed her master's degree in education at Southern Utah University in 2010, and she is currently enrolled in an online doctoral degree program at Walden University.

Wilson is the daughter of **Bruce Barker**, who served as WIU's instructional technology department chair (now the instructional design and technology department) from 1992-1996. Barker also served as the assistant dean in the WIU College of Education and Human Services

from 1996-1998. (Barker now teaches at Southern Utah University.) Wilson's husband, Chance Wilson '99, is also a WIU graduate.

According to the DoDEA website, the Department

of Defense Education Activity Schools consists of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools located overseas, and the Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools located in the U.S. and its territories and possessions. DoDEA provides education to eligible DoD military and civilian dependents from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. DoDEA also provides support and resources to local education activities throughout the U.S. that serve children of military families.

According to the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), the organizations represented on the 2012 National Selection Committee for the National Teacher of the Year Award include: American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, American Association of School Administrators, American Federation of Teachers, Association for Childhood Education International, ASCD, Association of Teacher Educators, National Association for the Education of Young Children, National Association of Elementary School Principals, National Association of Secondary School Principals, National Association of State Boards of Education, National Congress of Parents and Teachers, National Education Association, National Middle Schools Association, National School Boards Association and National School Public Relations Association.

Alumnus Erin Merryn makes Glamour magazine's 2012 'Women of the Year' list

By *Teresa Koltzenburg '92 M.S. '11*

It was almost three years ago that we first shared the story of Western Illinois University alumnus **Erin Merryn '08**, who received her bachelor's degree in social work. The story read:

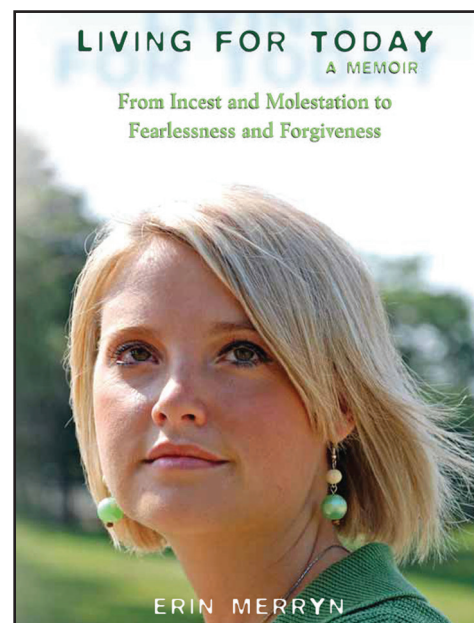
“A rainy night in October 2004, at a “Take Back the Night” rally and march at Hanson Field, marks the first time Erin Merryn spoke to a crowd about her sexual abuse. Today, Merryn can also list “Good Morning America” and the “Montel Williams Show” as other significant public venues in which she has provided a “face and voice” of a sexual abuse survivor.”

That story was about the publication of Merryn's second book, “Living for Today.” (She published her first book, “Stolen Innocence” while she was still in high school.)

Today, Merryn's story continues to be one about her mission to educate kids about sexual abuse prevention. This year, she made “Glamour” magazine's 2012 “Women of the Year” list: “Erin Merryn is a ‘Woman of the Year’ because... “She has taken her personal crusade and turned it into a public one. So many children will be protected because of her.” — TV host Katie Couric, 1992, 2002, and 2006 Woman of the Year,” states Erin Zammett Ruddy in the “Erin Merryn: The Guardian Angel” article on glamour.com. Ruddy notes:

In 2010 she helped draft Erin's Law, which encourages schools to educate children about sexual abuse prevention. (The gut-wrenching statistics: More than 300,000 reports of such abuse are filed in the United States each year.) “Think of how many kids could have been saved from monsters like Jerry Sandusky if they had the tools to speak up,” she says. “I want that second grader to tell her mom what happened at the sleepover, not wait until she's 30 to break her silence.” One nine-year-old survivor did exactly that—and wants to be “just like Erin” when she grows up. “If I had learned about sexual abuse when I was younger,” the girl says, “I would have definitely told someone sooner.”

Her crusade and her recognition was mentioned on the “Today” show as well. (See the video on



Erin Merryn '08 was recently recognized as a 2012 “Woman of the Year” by Glamour.com for her personal crusade to educate children about sexual abuse prevention.

Merryn's YouTube channel at <http://youtu.be/bNGDS24S650>; she's mentioned beginning around the 4 min. 7 sec. mark.)

According to Ruddy's article, Merryn's goal is to “put sex offenders out of business,” noting: “She's undaunted in her mission to pass Erin's Law in all 50 states and has already checked four off her list: Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, and Maine. ‘Because of Erin,’ says Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, the first to sign the law, ‘our schools are making sure students are educated about sexual abuse. Because of Erin, further cases of child sexual abuse are being prevented.’”

Read more at www.glamour.com/inspired/women-of-the-year/2012/erin-merryn. Learn more about Merryn at erinmerryn.net.

Education and Human Services

COEHS honors alumni at Scholarship & Distinguished Alumni Gala

Three Western Illinois University College of Education and Human Services' (COEHS) alumni were honored in September at the COEHS Caribbean Nights Scholarship and Distinguished Alumni Gala in Naperville (IL). WIU kinesiology major and newly crowned Miss Illinois **Megan Ervin** served as the emcee at the event.

According to COEHS Director of Development, Marketing and Community Relations **Dana Moon '98 MBA '99**, the three distinguished alumni honored included **Charles Adams '95 M.S. '99** (Aurora, IL), history and instructional design and technology; **Karen Bloch '98** (Long Beach, CA), athletic training; and **Carolyn Parks M.S. '84** (Duluth, GA), health education.

"We honored Charles, Karen and Carolyn at the Caribbean-themed event, and the \$17,000 raised supports student scholarships. Charles was honored for his accomplishments in his chosen field; Karen was honored for her service and/or significant contributions to WIU; and Carolyn was honored for her service at the local, state or national level," Moon said. "Law enforcement and justice administration alumnus **Von Matthews '84** received the award for Carolyn, who was in Africa on a Centers for Disease Control appointment."

Adams earned his master's degree in instructional design and technology (formerly instructional technology and telecommunications) in 1999. Currently, he works as a global talent development operations leader/delivery leader for Aon Hewitt (Chicago, IL), where he is responsible for managing the teams and technology platforms supporting training deployment and delivery. His operations group has responsibility for global training deployment, North American budgeting and vendor management and global metrics and reporting. The delivery group reporting to him is responsible for aligning and executing training delivery in North America, the United Kingdom and Ireland, as well as Europe and the Middle East. Prior to joining Aon Hewitt in 2004, Adams served as a senior instructional designer and instructional designer at Tellabs, Inc., in Naperville. Adams also earned his bachelor's degree in U.S. history from Western (1995).

Bloch earned her bachelor's degree in athletic training in 1998. She currently is the head athletic trainer and chiropractor for USA Water Polo and Olympics and the co-owner of the sports performance and injury prevention business, Complete Concepts, in Long Beach (CA). She is a National Athletic Training Association (NATA) and certified strength and conditioning trainer and serves as an advisory member for the kinesiology department's Athletic Training Education Program. She mentors/supervises WIU athletic training student interns. Bloch has covered the USA Olympic Water Polo program for the past two summer Olympics (Beijing 2008 and London 2012). During her career as an athletic trainer, Bloch has worked with the Women's Professional Softball League and a variety of USA National teams, including softball, bobsled, volleyball, weight lifting, judo and water polo. In 2001, she served as an athletic training fellow at the U.S. Olympic Committee in Colorado Springs. She has also served as a staff athletic trainer at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Bloch earned her master's degree in health and human performance at Oklahoma State University (2001) and her doctor of chiropractics from Southern California University (2012).

Parks earned her master's degree in health education, community health, in 1994. Parks is currently employed at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. There, she is on the science application team in the capacity building branch in the division of HIV/AIDS prevention, and her current work includes serving as a technical monitor and behavioral scientist for three women-focused interventions: WILLOW (Women Involved in Life Learning from Other Women), Sister-to-Sister and Healthy Love. In 2012, Parks was admitted to Cohort 14 of the International Experience and Technical Assistance Program (IETA) in the division of global health, where she will perform a four-month TDY (temporary duty) in Nairobi, Kenya, working with CDC Kenya to adapt and scale up HIV/AIDS interventions for women. She has published peer-reviewed articles in such scholarly publications as the Journal of Religion and Health; Health Promotion Practice; and the Journal of Health Education. She is a member of the American Academy of Health Behavior, American Association for Health Education and American Public Health Association. Parks earned her bachelor's degree in biology from Wheaton College (Wheaton, IL) in 1981 and her Ph.D. in education, health education emphasis, from the University of Tennessee (Knoxville) in 1993.



Von Matthews '84 accepts award (for Carolyn Parks M.S. '84, who was not present) from COEHS Dean Sterling Saddler.



COEHS Dean Sterling Saddler and Karen Bloch '98



L-r: JR Niklos '01, Marianna Vaughan '10, Sarah Janicek '04, Miss Illinois Megan Ervin and Kim Adams '96.



Macomb Mayor Mike Inman and Melissa Inman with Miss Illinois Megan Ervin.



Charles Adams '98 M.S. '99 and COEHS Dean Sterling Saddler

Education and Human Services

Western faculty and staff visit historically black colleges and universities to recruit graduate students

By Alisha Barnett

During spring 2011, a group of Western's faculty and staff hopped in a car for a road trip south to three different states. Their goal included recruiting students for WIU's graduate programs, specifically while visiting historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

"This started as a way to increase diversity at Western. Several faculty and staff were trying to determine how we could attract students who are underrepresented," said Dale Adkins, associate dean of academic affairs, research and innovation for the College of Education and Human Services (COEHS), who is leading the next trip in 2013. "Underrepresented can mean anything from minority students to students with disabilities."

Erskine Smith, associate dean of administration for the COEHS, helped organize the group of WIU faculty and staff. The group included Dan Yoder, recreation, park and tourism (RPTA) professor; Janet Wigglesworth, kinesiology department chair; Barry McCrary, law enforcement and justice administration (LEJA) assistant professor; and Susan Moore M.S. '97, health sciences assistant professor. The five faculty and staff members visited five HBCUs: Mississippi Valley State University, Ita Bena (MS); Jackson State University, Jackson (MS); Grambling State University, Grambling (LA); University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Pine Bluff (AR); and Alcorn State University, Alcorn (MS).

The schools chosen were based on their geographical

location, in order to visit as many schools as possible in a short period of time, as well as if they had programs that paralleled Western's, such as LEJA and RPTA.

"The schools were such wonderful hosts," said Yoder. "We were welcomed so graciously, and I think we definitely planted some seeds for new relationships that will hopefully grow and blossom in time."

The group did recruit one student for Western's RPTA graduate program, Joanna Hulitt (Jackson, MS) from Jackson State University.

"Joanna has been such a great addition to our program," Yoder said. "I admire a number of things about her, but one of the things I admire most about her is her courage. To move to Macomb and not know a single person—that takes a lot of courage and a strong character. She's a hard working individual, and she's very passionate about helping people. I think she will be very successful."

Hulitt added that some of the reasons she chose Western are: the relationships she built with Western faculty while they were on the recruiting trip, which continued after the group returned to WIU, and she also learned that Western had a respected RPTA program and offered graduate assistantships.

"I am so excited to complete my degree in May," added Hultitt. "The opportunities I've been offered while at Western have been endless."

Smith noted that the COEHS dean's office is planning a second recruiting trip, which is scheduled for early 2013. Adkins will lead a new group of WIU faculty and staff back to the same HBCUs.

"The whole process is very much about relationship building with the different schools," Adkins said. "During these trips, the informal gatherings provide just as much richness as the formal events."

Adkins added that the goal of these trips is not only to increase student diversity at Western, but also to increase faculty diversity. The recruiting group is hoping to make HBCU's faculty aware of Western as well.

"For the next trip, based on Dr. Smith's recommendations, we are looking for ways to go beyond what we did in 2011," Adkins said. "We want to line up guest speakers in their

classrooms and maybe even take some underrepresented graduate students from Western with us. We also thought about trying a student exchange with a school. We have a lot of ideas for different ways to improve our recruiting methods and increase diversity at Western."

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- DALE ADKINS

New book by WIU law enforcement faculty emeritus focuses on importance of voting

A new book by a retired faculty member in the Western Illinois University School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration (LEJA) focuses on the importance of voting. According to LEJA

Professor Emeritus Clyde Cronkhite, "Law Enforcement and Justice Administration: Strategies for the 21st Century" (published by Jones & Bartlett Learning), in the republic form of government, laws and how they are enforced are meant to be a reflection of the will of the majority.

"Those who vote, however, elect those who make, interpret and enforce these laws. Members of the criminal justice system take an oath to uphold the will of the majority, but in reality it is the will of those who vote," Cronkhite said.

Cronkhite explains how the criminal justice system plays a major role in our country's freedom.

"The laws enforced, the protection of individual rights and the freedom that people in the United States enjoy all depend on citizens expressing their will by voting," Cronkhite continued. "It is unfortunate that today in many elections not even the majority of registered voters vote (this is particularly true in local elections). This can leave a criminal justice practitioner having to enforce laws the majority may not favor. How people vote is not the issue—the issue is it is the votes of the people that control the administration of criminal justice."

According to the publisher's website, "Law Enforcement and Justice Administration: Strategies for the 21st Century" is a "comprehensive examination of the prevailing criminal justice organizations present in law enforcement, courts

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- CLYDE CRONKHITE

and correctional systems. Using a realistic, field-based approach that combines theory with application, this text explores the operations, issues and practices that administrators within criminal justice face today."

Comments about Cronkhite's book, posted on the Jones & Bartlett Learning website, are attributed to two high-level federal law enforcement officials, including Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director Robert Mueller and Assistant FBI Director John J. Miller.

"Law Enforcement and Justice Administration: Strategies for the 21st Century" is available at New Cooperfield's Book Service in Macomb, as well as from the publisher's website at www.jblearning.com/catalog/9781449655167/, and at most locations where books are sold (Amazon, Barnes & Noble, etc.).

More about Cronkhite and his latest book is available on his website, Criminal Justice Consulting, at www.clcconsultants.com. Contact Cronkhite at (309) 833-1249 or via email at CL-Cronkhite@wiu.edu.

Learn more about WIU's School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration at www.wiu.edu/leja/.

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while an International Floor is housed in Olson. New student lounges are available in both towers, while a new computer lab is provided on the Olson side and a game area is provided in Corbin. Each floor is outfitted with lounge space, and studio/practice space, and each floor houses its own laundry room. The largest change is the complex's renovated dining center and student commons area.

Corbin Hall was erected during the building boom of President **A.L. Knoblauch's** tenure. The eight-story hall, named for **Mabel L. Corbin**, cost \$2.8 million and was move-in ready for 800 female students by September 1962. Olson Hall, once referred to as "Corbin's Twin," was completed in 1965, at a cost of \$3 million. Named for Corbin's close friend, **Blenda Olson**, it housed 602 women. While still under construction, Olson Hall was dedicated Nov. 22, 1964, along with Corbin, Lincoln and Washington halls.

Blenda Olson and Mabel Corbin were hired in 1909 and 1910, respectively, by President **Alfred E. Bayliss**. Olson was the head of Western's foreign languages department during most of her 29 years at the University, while Corbin taught English and served as the Western Courier adviser for many years.

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as to assist with Rocky's Fund," said **Brad Bainter '79 M.S. '83**, vice president for advancement and public services. "His good nature brings smiles to everyone's faces. He's a hit wherever he goes."

Rocky, who turned two on March 3, has been at the center of numerous Western activities since joining the WIU family in May 2010 as a 10-week-old puppy. WIU alumni **Joe Roselieb '07 M.S. '08**, director of residential facilities at Western, and **Carisa Swanson '08**, a kindergarten teacher in Astoria (IL), are Rocky's caretakers, providing him with a loving home, teaching him tricks, making sure he's healthy and chauffeuring him to WIU and community events.

The English bulldog was donated to Western by Richard and Beth Siess of the Siess Ranch in Seneca (KS). Dr. Karen Blakeley of Macomb's All Pets Veterinary Clinic and the WIU School of Agriculture, along with other University and community organizations and individuals, make sure Col. Rock's care is tended to.

To follow Col. Rock on Facebook, visit facebook.com/Col.RockIII. Col. Rock's photo shoots over the past two years, taken by WIU Visual Production Center photographers, can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/cwcds93>.

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& Associates, Henderson worked for Daubert Chemical Co. He is a member of the Association of Management Consulting Firms and the Professional Pricing Society. He is also a frequent speaker and has published articles related to marketing products through distributors. Henderson is currently a member of the College of Business and Technology (CBT) National Advisory Board and has supported several areas at WIU over the years including the CBT, the Alumni Association and athletics.

Hoffman, an English graduate, taught at Mundelein (IL) High School for eight years and later as an adjunct at ICC in East Peoria (IL) for 18 years and for the University of St. Francis (Joliet). She is currently an adjunct faculty member at Oakland Community College (MI). Living in Pekin for almost 20 years, Hoffman volunteered for the school districts, the library board, youth soccer, band boosters, after prom and other community projects. Hoffman currently serves on the Friends of the Library Board in West Blomfield, MI and on her subdivision Board of Directors, delivers meals to the homebound and is a volunteer for Wayne State's retirees program. A longtime member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Hoffman is president of the AAUW 300-member local branch and was elected to the AAUW Michigan state board for two terms. Hoffman was a member of the WIU College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board for three years. A 10-year member of the WIU Alumni Council, her move did not prevent her from traveling often to Macomb and other venues while serving as president and past president of the council. Hoffman received her master's degree in English from Illinois State University.

Neader, a 1975 accountancy graduate, worked for Arthur Young & Company (now Ernst & Young) after graduation, and as Chief Financial Officer of a media company. In 1989, he founded The Neader Financial

Group which is headquartered in Geneva (IL). The Neader Financial Group is comprised of several businesses that provide investment advisory services, insurance services, financial and business planning and accounting, tax consulting services for businesses and high net worth individuals. These businesses serve more than 2,000 clients and employ more the 75 associates and professional staff. Neader is a member of the WIU Accountancy Advisory Board and he has established the Neader Accounting Scholarship at Western. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Illinois CPA Society, among many other professional organizations. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Financial Planner. In the community, Neader is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, his community's hospital board and the Lions Club of Illinois.

Paulding, a 1993 communication and 1995 master's graduate in educational and interdisciplinary studies, established STAFFLOGIX Corporation in 1998. Today, STAFFLOGIX employs more than 1,600 professionals in 38 states, with 15 branch locations. STAFFLOGIX Corporation provides Fortune 1000 companies with professional, administrative, healthcare and light industrial staffing services in 38 states. Paulding began his entrepreneurial career in 1992 by conceiving and managing the first Micro-Fridge program for Western's residence halls. Paulding has been actively involved with the University, the Alumni Association and the College of Fine Arts and Communication over the years. He has generously supported WIU since his graduation, providing support to a variety of University activities including scholarships, student programs, performing arts and alumni programs.

Shonrock, a 1979 geography graduate and a 1981 college student personnel master's graduate, was named the 16th president of Emporia State in January 2012.

He has served more than 30 years in higher education, including serving as the senior vice president, vice president, dean of students, and an associate professor in the College of Education at Texas Tech University; director of student life at Pittsburg State University; and coordinator of Greek affairs at Central Missouri State University. He also currently teaches at Emporia State. He received the WIU College of Education and Human Services Distinguished Alumni Award in 2010. Shonrock received an Education Specialist degree from Pittsburg State University (Kansas) and his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. Shonrock, and his wife, Karen, are actively involved in the Emporia community serving on the boards of the Emporia Arts Council, Emporia Chamber of Commerce, Regional Development Association of East Central Kansas, United Way of the Flint Hills and members of the Emporia First United Methodist Church.

Stutz, a 1978 home economics graduate, was named the CEO and president of Cosi, Inc., a 135-unit restaurant chain, in January 2012. She is also a member of Cosi's Board of Directors. Previously, she served for four years as the Chief Operating Officer and president of Global Business Development for Brinker International where she led franchise development and operations for 240 Chili's and Maggiano's restaurants around the world. Prior to that, Stutz was executive vice president of operations for Applebee's International. Before transferring to Applebee's, she was the Pacific Division vice president for Wendy's International; served as Regional Operations vice president for Sodexo, U.S.A.; and was vice president of Corporate Operations for NutriSystem, Inc. In addition to her role at Cosi, she is also the chair of the Women's Foodservice Forum, an organization in the food service industry dedicated to developing gender-diverse leadership talent. Stutz has been active in her communities and with her alma mater.

Alumni-Admissions Initiative Update**From Director of Admissions Andy Borst...**

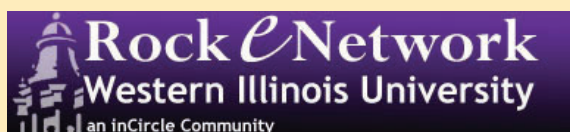
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WIU Hosts Alumni Event in Korea

To continue Western Illinois University's internationalization efforts, and to celebrate one of the University's largest organized alumni groups, two former WIU faculty recently hosted a series of alumni events in Korea.

Patti Jones '70 M.S. '81, former assistant director of the University Advising and Academic Support Center, interim director of Western's English as a Second Language (WESL) program and WESL faculty member, and **Siyoung Park**, geography professor emerita, met earlier this month in Korea, where Park is currently teaching at Gwangju University, to visit with former students and friends of Western. The pair visited WIU Alumnus **Hyuk-Jong Kim MS-Ed '87**, president of Gwangju University and International Alumni Award recipient, at his office, and the three had lunch hosted by Kim the next day with four WIU alumni who are on faculty at Gwangju University.

Kim has a long-standing relationship with Western: his son, **Dong-jin (Gwangju, South Korea)** is currently a graduate student at Western, his wife **Sook-nam** took print-making classes at WIU during their time in Macomb, and his father, **In-Kon Kim**, received an honorary doctorate from Western in 1983.

In addition to visiting Kim and Gwangju faculty, Park and Jones met with Gwangju students who had attended Western for five weeks earlier this year as part of an exchange program between the two institutions. The finale to the trip was a formal alumni event in Seoul, with graduates from as long ago as 1973 to as recent as May 2012 in attendance.

Jones' contact with Korea extends back to 1981 when she was teaching English as a Second Language classes in Seoul. That experience, coupled with her years of working with international students at Western, and Park's many connections from her time at Western, has kept the Korea alumni relationship thriving.

"There are 1,400 WIU alumni from Korea. The Korean alumni group is the largest organized international alumni cohort from Western, and the group keeps in contact through a website and listserv," Jones said. "It's an important part of the culture to connect and network

with those individuals who attended the same school. It's wonderful to visit our alumni and see the connections they have."



Jones said the favorite memories of WIU that come up time and time again among the Korean contingent include Lake Argyle and the beauty of the Illinois landscape, and their affinity for Western's professors, including Park and the late **Jai Lee**, a longtime journalism professor.

Western currently has 10 students enrolled from Korea, and recently, President **Jack Thomas** and **Rick Carter**, executive director of the School of Distance Learning, International Studies and Outreach visited the Korean Embassy in Washington, D.C. to strengthen the University's ties with Korea. Because of the institution's longstanding relationships with Korean alumni, in 2007, an inaugural WIU-hosted event was held Korea. President Emeritus **Al Goldfarb** and other University officials traveled to the country to meet with alumni and friends, and host a series of events in various cities.

"We are so pleased with the relationships we've established over the years, and the wonderful commitment to Western from our Korean alumni," Jones added. "The friendships and support are incredible, and illustrate the lifelong connection that alumni should have with their alma mater."

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— WIU Alumni Programs

1968

Jan Hoelscher Keevil MS-ED '80, Chicago, is retired from Urbana High School as a teacher/reading specialist and is tutoring part time at Huntington Learning Center in Skokie. (jantutors@aol.com)

1970

Tom "TR" Kerth, Huntley, has published a book *Revenge of the Sardines* and writes a weekly column for the Northwest Herald and Naples Daily News in FL. (trkerth@yahoo.com)

1972

Lewis "Joe" Wenzel, E. Peoria, is retired. (wenzelj50@gmail.com)

1974

David Claeysens, Belvidere, is the director of golf at Rockford Park District. (daveclaeysens@rockfordparkdistrict.org)

Julie Sellers Claeysens, Belvidere, is retired after a 38 year teaching career in FACS. (jlclaeysens@aol.com)

Sandra Keiser Edwards MS-ED, Fayetteville, AR, is deputy director of museum relations for Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville and is receiving the 2012 Outreach Pioneer Award.

1975

Sherry Cappitelli Toberman, River Forest, is retired from the U.S. Army after 36 years.

1977

Victoria Grabarczyk Taus Aquin, Colorado Springs, CO, is an instructor in the Bachelor of Innovation Program at University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. (ecopwife@juno.com)

Herman Lane MA, Goldvein, VA, is retired from the Federal Aviation Administration.

G. Edward "Ed" Webb, Stafford, VA, is retired from the Diplomatic Security Service (DSS) as a special agent and now serves as senior security analyst advisor for the DSS.

1978

Ellen Miller Morgan MS, Normal, is a medical social worker at Advocate Hospice.

Donita Barnes Pfahl, Boardman, OH, is the COO at Ezeflow in New Castle, PA.

1979

Jeanine White MS-ED '94, Geneseo, is retired after 34 ½ years at Moline Schools. (amcbrwyn@hotmail.com)

1980

Thomas Albrecht, Ashburn, VA, is an information management tech specialist for the U.S. Department of State in Washington, DC. (jetfuel123@yahoo.com)

Andre Hawks, Findlay, OH, is the food service director at the Mennonite Memorial Home in Bluffton. (andrehawks@hotmail.com)

Craig Hintz ED SP, Warsaw, IN, was named Indiana Superintendent of the Year by the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents.

Michael Myers, Mt. Sterling, retired from the Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation as a controlled substance inspector.

Michael Sturonas, Chicago Ridge, released a CD called Discovery in July. (sturonas@sbcglobal.net)

James Yardley, Jr. MBA '08, Blacksburg, VA, received an emeritus certificate from Virginia Tech.

1981

David Gustafson, Cypress, TX, is the director of placement and associate professor of Pastoral Theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, IL.

Raymond Pfahl, Jr., Boardman, OH, is a consulting quality and manufacturing engineer for Primus Medical LLC in Xiamen, China. He is a retired military officer after 28 years of service. (rpfahl@kconline.com)

Paul Rega, Standard, is the author of *How to Find a Job: When There Are No Jobs*.

Denver Alumni & Friends

Cardinals vs. Rockies Social & Baseball Game, August 2, 2012



Seated, l-r: Jonathan Stockton '09, Cominic Ackerman, Vickie Walsh Herlihey '77 and Eileen Cannon. Standing, l-r: Mark Bick '97, Eason Polson '08, Chris Coffin '08, Steve Struck '99, Tim McDowell '99, Dan Herlihey and Dean Cannon '78.



Seated, l-r: Thomas Meyer, Linda Johnson Meyer '82, Briana Smith '08 and Frank Rodeffer '61. Standing, l-r: Anthony Nicholson '09, Nick Armstrong '00, Glenn Taylor '93, Mary Lea Ware Prentice '58, Fina Prentice Rylander '90, Abby Lagemann '09 '11, Dana Waller Schueneman '83, Leo Schueneman and Ron Nebinger '94.

Western After Hours Alumni & Friends

115 Bourbon St. in Marrionette Park, IL, August 2, 2012



Seated, l-r: Tom Moran '76, Madonna Toomey and Jack Toomey '76. Standing, l-r: Del Pearson '87, Doug Kunow '87 and Al Krasich '86.



Front row, l-r: Carrie Sobotka Erwinski, Eileen McElligott-Keating '03 and Kathleen McEldowney Broline 03. Middle row, l-r: Tom Paxson '70, Jim Peschel '76, Catherine Halpin '03, Kelly Sobotka Curtin and Anne O'Gorman '04. Back row, l-r: Kevin Gibson '81, Joe Collins '02, Marty Dorow '78, Mike Manning '78, Mike Gordon '79 and Paul Hermanson '79.

Caterpillar Alumni & Friends

Weaver Ridge Golf Club in Peoria, IL, August 9, 2012



L-r: Brian Fosen '96, President's National Advisory Council member Steve Larson '78 '79, Fatima Anderson '99 '01, Earl Pilgrim '88, Michael Kleiber '69, Kathleen Swanson Kleiber '70, Leah Anderson '00, Tim Musselman '86 and Chris Tulac '87 '89.



L-r: Adam Heinz '94, Wenc Czernecki '77, Debbie Stevenson Czernecki '78, Alumni Council member and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Rhonda Haffner '87, Director of School of Engineering William Pratt, Kevin Thomas '99, Shane Bundy '02 and Jay Ferguson '88.



L-r: Maggie Mundy Mabry '87, Vilma Kinney, Lionel Kinney, President Jack Thomas, Tom Eberlin '79 '80 and Marcus Fair '88.



L-r: Vice President for Advancement and Public Services Brad Bainter '79 '83, President's National Advisory Council member and event co-host Steve Larson '78 '79 (Caterpillar Vice President), President Jack Thomas and event co-host Rich Lavin '76 (Caterpillar Group President).

1983

Jay Johnson, Indianola, IA, retired from USDA after 28 years and was appointed Iowa Deputy Secretary of Agriculture. (jayjohnson@iowaagriculture.gov)

Todd Marsh, Boise, ID, is the head swim coach at Treasure Valley YMCA.

1984

Vicki Primmer Marsh, Boise, ID, is the fitness instructor and swim coach at Treasure Valley YMCA. (vicki50marsh@gmail.com)

Carolyn Parks MS, Duluth, GA, is a behavioral scientist at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (carolSPACE24@aol.com)

1985

Gwen Gartland Petersen, Aurora, is the employee services manager at the Old Second National Bank.

1986

Joni Carls Soer, Jerseyville, is the CFO at Jersey State Bank. (jsoer@jsbmail.com)

1987

Len Kuntzman MBA '88, Peoria, is the senior vice president, team leader in Associated Bank's commercial banking division.

Steve Tracy, Hainesville, was selected Officer of the Year 2011 by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.

1988

Sharon Davidson Butcher, Macomb, retired from COEHS/CPEP academic advisor for Special Education at Western Illinois University.

Deborah Barzano Haglund, Cary, is the business manager at Wauconda Park District. (hagl4@comcast.net)

Zachary Hart, Lakeside Park, KY, is the interim chair for the Department of Communication at Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights.

1989

Ken Zimny MA '05, Mankato, MN, is an assistant professor at Minnesota State University.

1989

Darcie Shinberger MS '98, Macomb, IL, is the assistant vice president for advancement and public services at Western Illinois University.

1990

Joseph Drennan, Skokie, is the director of international sales at DM Systems, Inc. in Evanston.

1991

Kathy Schlotfeldt Gillum MS-ED, Sherrard, is retired.

John Rives, Quincy, is a chemist at SEM Minerals. (johnrives2418@gmail.com)

1992

Michelle Taylor Whited MS, Bloomington, is the programming coordinator at Illinois State University in Normal. (mawhite@ilstu.edu)

Lora Kies Wolff MA, Keokuk, IA, is an assistant professor at Western Illinois University.

1993

Keith Zimmerman, LaSalle, is an on air announcer at SKY106.net, is on the floor crew at Walmart in Peru, and does a monthly podcast at candidradio.com. (candidradio@gmail.com)

1994

Eric Gold MS, Calabasas, CA, is an attorney at the Law Offices of Eric J. Gold. (egold@egoldlaw.com)

Mark Hutchinson, Fort Wayne, IN, is a cost accountant at STAR Bank. (mwhutchinson@gmail.com)

Joe Lampinen, McHenry, received LEED AP certification from the Green Building Certification Institute and Green Manufacturing Specialist certificate from Purdue University. (lampijw@kellyengineering.com)

1995

Jonathan Ahl, Macomb, is the general manager at Tri States Public Radio WIUM at Western Illinois University. (ahljonathan@gmail.com)

John Schumacher, Texarkana, TX, is a machinist for the U.S. Army, Red River Army Depot. (saxjps@gmail.com)

1996

Andrea Hamilton Brian, Peoria, is an organizational development consultant for Caterpillar, Inc.

Nichole Markley Linhardt, Forest Park, is the vice president and benefits consultant at The Segal Company in Chicago and serves on the board of directors of the Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust. (nmarkley@segalco.com)

1997

Shannon McCormick Fortney, Mackinaw, is a compliance specialist at Morton Community Bank. (skfortney7@gmail.com)

Mandy Blood Geiger MA '03, Jacksonville, NC, is a communication instructor at Coastal Carolina Community College.

Bob Gillum ED SP, Sherrard, is a retired superintendent from Ball-Chatham CUSD # 5 and is the CEO of GPS Consulting, LLC. (rgillum@gmail.com)

Rhonda Story, Mesa, AZ, is the 7th & 8th grade language arts teacher at Apache Junction Unified School District. (rhonda326@gmail.com)

Indianapolis Alumni & Friends

Slippery Noodle, August 23, 2012



Front row l-r: Bob Bestvina '76 '79, Mary Anne Budd Anerino, Gary Anerino '73, Joyce Hemmingway West '72, Dave Aschenbach '69 '74, Linn Livings Aschenbach '75, Laura Rychalsky '06 '09, Rick Brozak '93, Cara Benstine Cowlin '93 and Leslie Wilson '93. Back row l-r: Rhonda Glenn, Randy Glenn '95, EJ McNaughton and Greg Harris.

1998

Michelle Godinez, Lockport, is a clinical applications analyst at Presence Health in Bolingbrook. (mgodinez2004@yahoo.com)

Tim Isringhausen, Athens, is the athletic director at Athens High School.

Kelly Lynde Nestler '98, Pecatonica, is the owner of Delivered Pet Supplies.com.

1999

Courtney Conrad Gehrig, Chillicothe, is an AEMR credentialed trainer at OSF Healthcare. (courtney_conrad@yahoo.com)

2000

Ryan McMorro, Grayslake, is a social collaboration manager at Kraft Foods.

2001

Ryan Gehrig, Chillicothe, is the business manager at Birkey's Farm Store in Henry.

Dennis Monn, New Orleans, LA, is the executive director / owner of AllWays Lounge & Theatre. (dennis@theallwayslounge.com)

2002

Nika Clark, Chicago, is the floor director at WCUI-Weigel Broadcasting. (nclark@wciu.com)

Zachary Stone, Mt Pleasant, SC, is the property manager at Wyndham Worldwide in Isle of Palms.

2004

Keri Robinson Cosner, Ashland, is a learning coordinator at the Springfield Clinic.

Ozzie Skenderi, Chicago, is an investigator III for the Chicago Board of Education - Office of the Inspector General.

2005

Curtis Cosner, Ashland, is a farmer at the Cosner Family Enterprises.

Edgar Fair, Jr., McHenry, is retired. (justed1@sbcglobal.net)

Toby Lannholm MS, Peoria Heights, is the branch supervisor at Heartland Bank in Bloomington.

Shelley Rigg Runyan, Bushnell, is a closing agent at Terrill Title Co., Inc. in Macomb. (shelley@terrilltitle.com)

Western After Hours Alumni & Friends

N9ne Steakhouse in Chicago, September 6, 2012



L-r: Cory Wetzel '04, Nicole Seery Wetzel '06, Carol Frighetto Kuczowski '79, Alumni Council member Kathy Sullivan '78, Sue Sullivan '78, Evelyn Kelly '83 '90, Colleen Bradley Garbars '88, Mark Inman '77, Alumni Council member Mona D'Antonio '76, Lisa Toland Smola '89 and Angie Sutherland.



L-r: Alumni Council member Harvey Ahitow '68, Alumni Council member Mona D'Antonio '76, John Shartle '70, Jen Dixon '02, Board of Trustees member and Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient Bill Epperly '68, Jenna Steiner '01, Dan Farrell '97, Tom Elwood '73 and Armon Shahpar '11.

2006

Amanda Wallace Hinthorn, Cottage Grove, WI, is the director of Christian education at Sun Prairie United Methodist Church.

Jacqui Flickinger Jessogne, Palatine, is a 2nd grade teacher at District # 96.

Betsy Nicketakakis, Chicago, works in community affairs at Walgreens.

Marta Dobrzynski Nickols MA '08, Pleasant Hill, IA, is the supervisory immigration services officer for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in Des Moines. (maya1384@yahoo.com)

2007

Samantha Land Dare, Pekin, is a senior crop insurance underwriter at Great American Insurance in Peoria.

Amber Peterson Dwyer, Kewanee, is a 911/police dispatcher for the City of Kewanee.

Ashley Gilland MS '09, Murray, KY, is the assistant softball coach at Murray State University. (agilland@murraystate.edu)

Shane Green, Chicago, is a physical education K-8 and athletic director at Chicago Public Schools. (sgpsp17@gmail.com)

Daniel Hyson, Princeton, is a nursing home administrator for Petersen Healthcare in McLeansboro. (dhyson98@hotmail.com)

Elizabeth Krug, San Juan, Puerto Rico, is the general manager at Papillion Restaurant in Santurce.

Stephanie Derr Ragar, Quincy, is a corporate buyer at Kirlin's Hallmark. (stephanieragar@gmail.com)

2008

Alexandra Schifler Krug, Princeton, is the band and choir director at LaMoille School District # 303.

Sarah Lorenz, Naperville, is a staffing consultant at Advanced Resources in Downers Grove. (slorenz@advancedresources.com)

2009

McKenzie Higginbotham Mize, Carlinville, is a loan document specialist at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage in Springfield.

2010

Dana Kroeger, Elmhurst, is an adult day program coordinator at Northwest Special Recreation Association in Rolling Meadows.

Ashley Rauch, Prescott Valley, AZ, is a foster/adopt specialist and district trainer for AmeriPsych in Prescott. (swan24@aol.com)

2011

Caitlin Davis, Macomb, is the conference coordinator in UH and DS at Western Illinois University. (cn-davis@wiu.edu)

Colleen Webb Watts, Rock Island, is a staff accountant at Trinity Regional Health Systems.

2012

Melissa Bishop, Fort Collins, CO, is a case manager at Rocky Mountain Offender Management Systems.

Marriages and Civil Unions

Trevor Beck '05 and **Kristin Ebbing**, June 9, 2012.

Diane Biekert '05 and **David Kaiser**, June 23, 2012.

Alexandra Cameron '09 MS '11 and **Jared Geisler**, Oct. 27, 2012.

Courtney Conrad '09 and **Ryan Gehrig '01**, July 27, 2012.

Courtney Dawson '11 and **Mike Hirstein**, Aug. 25, 2012.

Patrick Downing '09 and **Kristena Easter**, Sept. 29, 2012.

Jill Duesterhaus '09 and **Joshua Venvertloh**, Sept. 22, 2012.

Jessica Entekin '10 and **Justin Sprecher**, Oct. 20, 2012.

Ted Ewing '08 and **Katherine Schaab**, Oct. 13, 2012.

Jacqui Flickinger '06 and **Jason Jessogne**, July 27, 2012.

Daniel Godar '04 and **Jennifer Long**, Nov. 10, 2012.

Wyatt Green '06 and **McKensy Long**, Nov. 3, 2012.

Summer Herren '00 and **Brian Prenger**, Nov. 24, 2012.

Lucas Hlavacek '03 and **Liesl Bubnik**, July 20, 2012.

Tim Isringhausen '98 and **Elaine Jarrard**, Sept. 1, 2012.

Herman Lane MA '77 and **Susanne Nielsen**, Mar. 31, 2012.

Angie Leckbee '04 and **Brian Christ**, Oct. 1, 2012.

Anne Leuck '06 and **Louie Zinn '04**, Oct. 13, 2012.

Lacey Little '11 and **Andrew Corrigan**, April 14, 2012.

Shannon McCormick '97 and **Branden Fortney**, May 26, 2012.

Debby Meyer '04 MBA '05 and **Josh Rabe**, Oct. 6, 2012.

Melissa Miller '09 and **Alexander Nicol**, Sept. 22, 2012.

Jennifer Moll '06 and **Andrew Brennan**, Oct. 13, 2012.

Julie Williams Moore '91 and **Michael Jett**, Dec. 15, 2011.

Adam Mowen '07 and **Rebecca Borhardt**, Sept. 8, 2012.

Jeff Neese '10 and **Kelsi Fesler**, Sept. 2, 2012.

Derek Nelson '09 and **Trisha Torri '07**, Nov. 3, 2012.

Letha Payne '09 and **Robert Franklin**, Oct. 13, 2012.

Jamie Peeters '08 and **Adam Herrin '08**, Sept. 22, 2012.

Debbie Protsman '09 MS '12 and **Scott Collins**, Aug. 10, 2012.

Michael Risley '11 and **Kaytlin Vinyard**, Aug. 4, 2012.

Jason Rodriguez MS '05 and **Sandra Carney**, Sept. 8, 2012.

Elizabeth Rosenberry '09 and **Richard Kraft**, Oct. 20, 2012.

Alexandra Schifler '08 and **Matthew Krug**, Aug. 11, 2012.

Jacob Schmidt '09 and **Alicia Ordner**, June 2, 2012.

Nicholas Schneckenburger '05 MBA '08 and **Morgan Brubaker**, May 26, 2012.

Ashley Scuttles '06 and **Scott Wall**, Sept. 8, 2012.

Rachel Shriver '12 and **Garrett Asher**, Nov. 3, 2012.

Ozzie Skenderi '04 and **Kristin Spatzek**, Sept. 15, 2012.

Michael Todd '09 and **Lori Reyling**, Oct. 20, 2012.

Jacob Warford '06 and **Elizabeth Postlewait**, Oct. 13, 2012.

Melanie Welding '09 MS '12 and **Derrick Weerts**, Dec. 15, 2012.

Births and Adoptions

Ross Bockhold '08 and **Sarah**, a son, **Grady John**, June 5, 2012.

Katie Kellum Borth '03 MBA '04, and **Christopher Borth '03**, a son, **Ross Christopher**, Aug. 8, 2012.

Al Boyer '72 and **Andrea**, a daughter, **Autumn**, Sept. 29, 2012.

Tricia Wallin Campbell '00 and **Michael**, a son, **Elijah Michael**, July 15, 2012.

Andrew Dwyer '07 and **Amber Peterson Dwyer '07**, a daughter, **Kynlee Kay**, Dec. 2, 2011.

Jeff Fryer '99 and **Ashley**, a son, **Jackson Charles**, Oct. 16, 2012.

Amber Knott Hardy '03 MS '05 and **T.J.**, twin sons, **Logan Michael** and **Noah Thomas**, Apr. 25, 2012.

Daniel Hyson '07 and **Patricia Jaramillo-Hyson '07**, a son, **Nicolas Alexander**, Dec. 9, 2011.

Kelly Lynde Nestler '98 and **Ryan Nestler '96**, a son, **Thomas James**, June 27, 2012.

Jennifer Moran Puckett '06, a son, **Carson Dean**, Feb. 29, 2012.

Shawn Russell '97 and **Tiffany Haga Russell '97**, a daughter, **Kaitlyn**, June 16, 2012.

Meghan McVey Schroeder '01 and **Brad Schroeder '01**, a son, **Braden August**, Jan. 3, 2012.

Katherine Parenti Swanson '97 and **Dunn**, a daughter, **Amber Reese**, June 28, 2012.

Tracy den Blaauwen Ver Mulm '06 and **Brent**, a daughter, **Mia Ellen**, Sept. 26, 2012.

Rhea Steffen Wright '91 and **Joel**, a son, **Isaac Maine**, July 30, 2012.

Deaths

Margaret J. Anderson, Gibson City, Mar. 21, 2012.

Marjorie E. Anderson, Knoxville, Mar. 12, 2012.

Louise Ash, Macomb, Aug. 18, 2012.

Wandaleigh Beck, Astoria, May 9, 2011.

Carol M. Brubaker, Bonita Springs, FL, Apr. 30, 2010.

Doris L. Butcher, Morrison, Nov. 15, 2008.

Celebrating Town and Gown

The Forum in Macomb, IL, September 13, 2012



L-r: College of Fine Arts and Communication Director of Development Mick Cumbie, Jamie Thorman Cumbie '98, Board of Trustees member and 1997 Honorary Alumni Award recipient Cathy Early, 2012 Honorary Alumni Award recipient Lisa Ward, Town and Gown Award recipient Lin Stults, Director of Donor Relations Julie Chatterton Murphy '94 '95, Retired Advisor Holly Heslop Garbo '76 '90, Instructor Tina Saddler and College of Education and Human Services Dean Sterling Saddler.



L-r: Retired Professor Rodney Fink, Bertha Fink '76, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Ron Peterson '68, Director of Development for Libraries, Honors and International Studies Michael Jones '12, Distance Learning, International Studies and Outreach Director Rick Carter, Jenny Claudon and Tom Claudon.



L-r: Vice President for Student Services Emeritus Garry Johnson, 2005 Honorary Alumni Award recipient Marilyn Johnson, Retired Chairperson Clyde Cronkhite, Patricia Cronkhite, Instructor Mayssoon Biller, Sue Kaufman Anstine '60, 2009 Honorary Alumni Award recipient Bob Anstine, Mary Raymer, Pat Rigg Ward '59 '80 and Roger Ward.



L-r: Instructor Mayssoon Biller, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Services Jessica Bunch Butcher '96, Lori Waters Bilbrey '90 '96 '08, Danielle Pataky Blair '01 '02, President Jack Thomas, Leah Van Alstine '11, Lynn Van Alstine '04 and Vice President for Student Services Gary Biller.



L-r: College of Business and Technology Dean Tom Erikson, Distance Learning, International Studies and Outreach Director Rick Carter, College of Fine Arts and Communication Dean Billy Clow, Alumni Council member Carol Lewis Scott '70, Dave Maguire, Marsha McCormick, Kent Slater and John Nelson '82.

WIU vs. Iowa State Alumni and Friends Pregame Social and Game

Jack Trice Stadium in Ames, IA, September 15, 2012



Princeton Alumni and Friends

Hunter's Ridge, September 27, 2012



Front row l-r: Denny Miller '83, Christine Holland Compton '78, Sue Pizzuto Garvin '75, Beth Huizenga Bickerman '72, Daniel Russell '66, Marti Koller '76, Betty Boggio Brokaw and Sharon Smith. Back row l-r: Linda Esterday Fine '80, Leslye Anderson Mack '85, John Garvin '73, Bill Cox '73, Brian Lauritzen '98, Jerry Thompson '81, Jim Smith '65 and John Brokaw '62.



Front row l-r: Carla Bouslog, Marjorie Albrecht, Donna Stulik Dickison, Chips Giovanine '58 '61 '68, Foundation Board President Jim Lodico '62 '75, Dennis Thompson '68, Linda Johnson Thompson '68 and Rebekah Peterson Johnson '06. Back row l-r: Robert Krenz, John Krenz '76, Dennis Dickson '60, Sue Scruggs, Jim Scruggs '77, Steve Bouslog '73, Greg Elliott '79, Kyle Johnson '01 and William Lively '60.

Arlington Heights Alumni and Friends

Arlington Park Racecourse, September 30, 2012



L-r: Kelly Humke Streng '09, Tim Streng '07, Ann Marie (Musto) Murray '74 '80, Ken Lombardo '08 and Oracio Torres '07.



L-r: Paul Gustek '12, Jon Gluszak '03, Ed Sabourin '59, Gloria Katoll Sabourin, Sandy Sorensen '71, Laurie McDevitt '90, Brad Sims '61 '67, Germaine Hesiak, Jeff Simms '94, Lisa Mangold, Alumni Council member Brian Savage '73, Dave Whipple '94, Jean McArthur '74, Bill Howe '88, Maureen Hay Ciobanu '02, Shauna Thomasson Lewis '01, Jenelle Urban '01, Stacey Pichik Brolsma '02, Jennifer Turner '01, Bill Brouillet '73, Caron Saffell Brouillet, Dustin Brouillet '00 and Deborah Ball.

Western After Hours Alumni and Friends

Harry's in Countryside, IL, October 4, 2012



L-r: Lisa Toland Smola '89, Carol Frighetto Kuczkowski '79, Alumni Council member Brian Savage '73, Earl Jandacek '73, Bob O'Toole '73 '74 and Bob Kotula '78.



L-r: Earl Jandacek '73, Bob O'Toole '73 '74, Lisa Toland Smola '89, Bob Smola '89 and Jeff Bonk '08.

Charleston (SC) Alumni and Friends

The Blind Tiger, October 11, 2012



Front row l-r: Mary Cascio Rieger '92, Kathy Zalinski, Amanda Burkitt '02 and Mary Petrus Huffman '01 '08. Back row l-r: Todd Rieger '95, Bernie Kennedy, Steve Zalinski '68, Lucas Huffman '02 '02 and Bubba Kennedy.

Raleigh Alumni and Friends

Napper Tandy's, October 12, 2012



Seated l-r: Sue Gillespie Oliver '69, Virginia Lawson Schailble '83, Sandy Blomgren Mortier '71 '86, Sandy Ludlum Warner '80 and Scott Warner '81. Standing l-r: Dean Meyer '92, Pat Lawson '91, Derek Wayland '94, Chris Lawson '92, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient and Vice President for Advancement and Public Services Emeritus Larry Mortier '70 '71 and Mark Wagher.

Charlotte Alumni and Friends

Harper's, October 13, 2012



L-r: Gary Anderson '66, Jean Dilworth '85, Renemary DuBois '83, Damodar Nekkala '10, Amy Tocco, Carly Myers and Ericka Lowe.

Atlanta Alumni and Friends

Fado Irish Pub, October 14, 2012



L-r: Theon Washington '09, Amber Brainerd '08, James "Coach" Edlen '98, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Tamara Harris '92 and Scott Crawley.

Julian T. "Jay" Cowell, Roseville, Oct. 9, 2012.

Virginia C. Connor Cay, Leicester, NC, Apr. 30, 2009.

Tim Davern, Tempe, AZ, Aug. 30, 2012.

Catherine Phillips Davis, Canton, Nov. 15, 2010.

Grace V. Edwards Dempsey, O'Fallon, May 9, 2012.

Ronald Dirks, Macomb, Apr. 9, 2012.

Charles F. Eddingfield, Hamilton, July 26, 2012.

Margaret J. Eshelman, Canton, Mar. 26, 2010.

Margarita Francisco, Macomb, Aug. 4, 2012.

Helen Frugoli, Northlake, Mar. 22, 2010.

Phill Guarin, Good Hope, July 23, 2012.

Loren R. Hall, Indianapolis, IN, Aug. 13, 2012.

Mildred Haraburda, Norredge, Jan. 29, 2012.

Donna E. Hensley, Minier, July 30, 2011.

Louise Pierce Jonas, Chandler, AZ, July 18, 2012.

James B. Jordal, Sandwich, Aug. 12, 2012.

William E. King, Jr., Peoria, July 13, 2011.

Ann F. Kohler, Bloomington, Feb. 20, 2011.

Patricia A. Lamberson, Macomb, Aug. 21, 2012.

Belva J. Leighty, Macomb, Sept. 4, 2012.

Eleanor McArthur, Eagle, MI, May 7, 2008.

Earlene McClure, Quincy, Feb. 18, 2008.

Elizabeth Newell, Bushnell, Nov. 24, 2008.

Gerald L. Payne, Adair, Sept. 13, 2012.

Mary E. Cuba Prentice, Milwaukee, WI, Sept. 4, 2012.

F. E. "Gene" Raymond, Bushnell, July 7, 2012.

Kenneth B. Robertson, Normal, Oct. 5, 2010.

Janice M. Milburn Seeds, Princeton, Sept. 29, 2012.

Robert M. "Bob" Seltzer, Quincy, Oct. 14, 2012.

Connie A. Harkness Steinmann, Carbondale, Nov. 15, 2008.

Byrcha A. Stevenson, Jackson, MO, July 24, 2008.

Mildred L. Swanik, Hoopeston, Dec. 1, 2008.

Jean V. Thornberry, Peoria, Jan. 30, 2009.

LeRoy T. Walker, Durham, NC, Apr. 23, 2012.

Frederick J. Welch, Little York, June 12, 2012.

Kathleen L. Williams, E. Peoria, Oct. 13, 2011.

1929 Virginia V. Connell, Peoria, May 7, 2008.

1930 Mary E. Pendarvis Overstreet, Raritan, Sept. 7, 2012.

1932 Dorothy M. Dowdall Hackemack, Quincy, Feb. 15, 2012.

Homecoming 2012 - Cirque Du Western: The Carnival Never Ends

Old Stompin' Ground Runaround

26th Annual Old Stompin' Ground Runaround Winners

WIU alumni and friends joined in the 26th annual Old Stompin' Ground Runaround 5K run/walk held on Homecoming morning with 168 participants. Josh Einspahr was the overall male winner with a time of 18:08 and the female overall winner was 12 year old Emma Wohlstadter with a time of 20:59.

Male Winners

15 and under: Noah Pyles, first place; James Gaul, second place and Jared Burns, third place.
16 to 22: Cole Hennessey, first place; Davey Mueller, second place and Ben Berning, third place.
23 to 29: Torinn Pope '09 '11, first place; Jacob Baylor '08, second place and Matt Wand, third place.
30 to 39: Matthew Butler '96, first place; Robert Mazza, second place and Kenny Boyd, third place.
40 to 49: Joel Gruver, first place; Doug Harvey, second place and Mike Powers '94, third place.
50 to 59: Jeff DeJoode, first place; Mark Bestvina '78, second place and Bill Peterman '84, third place.
60 and over: Lawson Barclay, first place; Jim Martin '72, second place and John Tracy, third place.

Female Winners

15 and under: Tiffany Slater, first place; Victoria Morrell, second place and Veronica Morrell, third place.
16 to 22: Stacy VanLoan, first place; Katelyn Ramey, second place and Katie Libera '12, third place.
23 to 29: Heather Tanner, first place; Tiffany Bainter, second place and Genevieve Comeau '09, third place.
30 to 39: Carol Heflin, first place; Beth Scheihing '00, second place and Meagan Kramer, third place.
40 to 49: Rhonda Haffner '87, first place; Deann Rehling, second place and Julia Burns '06, third place.
50 to 59: Connie Wilcoxon, first place; Lisa Hinman '82, second place and Mona D'Antonio '76, third place.
60 and over: Brenda Martin '73, first place; Kathy Heikes '98, second place and Sandy Tracy, third place. Walkers Edward Ortiger, first place; Carol Clemons '85, second place and Cheryl Ravenschlag '61 '64, third place.

Walkers

First place: Leigh Terstriep '10; Second place: Julie Terstriep '88; Third place: Bill Brouillet '73



The Right Place Tent



L-r: Maureen Scollon, Garlan Scollon '62, Alumni Council member and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Kirk Dillard '77, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient and Associate Vice President for Alumni Programs Emeritus Gordy Taylor '68, Caleb Markey and Randy Freese '81.



Seated l-r: Jane Ray Dolieslager '74, Pat Heap and Mary Ellen Giovanine. Standing l-r: Don Dolieslager '57 '62, Bill Heap and Chips Giovanine '58 '61 '68.

25 - 40 - 50 Year Reunion



Class of 1962--Seated l-r: Elizabeth Melville Pickel '62 and Jim Esworthy '62. Back row l-r: Garlan Scollon '62 and Richard Morgan '62.



Class of 1972--Seated l-r: Alumni Achievement Award recipient Jim Miner '72 '73, Suzi Stambaugh Miner '72 '73, Mike Karch '72 and Judy Wagner '72. Back row l-r: Ken Klein, Ron Monson, Joe Wenzel '72, Carl Van Acker '72 and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Dave Thompson '72.



Seated l-r: Alumni Council member Mona D'Antonio '76 and Sue Sullivan '78. Standing l-r: Heather Schultz '98, Alumni Council member Harvey Ahitow '68 and Kathy Monte-Christo '98.

Homecoming Parade at the Alumni House



L-r: Alicia Wresinski '11, Candace Wilson '12, Patrick Pokorny, Melissa Downin '11 and Assistant Director of Student Judicial Services Jessica Mueller '01.



L-r: Michelle Frank Northcutt '88, Lori Lindo Harms '89 and Debbie Pfister Bay '89.



Front row l-r: Diane Finley Eads '80, Robyn Crowley '85 and Jan Snap-Neville '82. Back row l-r: Mark Eads, Kevin Neville '81, Kathy Lefort Armstrong '84, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Cathy Chenoweth Onion '85 '90 and Lori Parry-Deiningner '83.



L-r: Brent Haverback '01, Logan Haverback and Stephanie Pollina Haverback '10.

Carthage Alumni and Friends

Lake Hill Winery, October 18, 2012



Seated l-r: Betsy Wujek '97, Holly Sharpe Whitaker '97 and Nathan Wisheart '01. Standing l-r: Carol McClintock, Assistant Professor Larry Andrew, Lynn Fisher '77, Debi Neff '87, Alumni Council member and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Rhonda Haffner '87 and Nathan Schlatter '07 '09.



Seated l-r: Alumni Achievement Award recipient Dave Thompson '07, Alumni Achievement Award recipient and Vice President for Administrative Services Emeritus Jackie Speer Thompson '85 '94, Karen Wetzel and Roger Wetzel '80. Standing l-r: Scott Whitehouse '85, Instructor Carolyn Kuehl Whitehouse '85, Alumni Council member and Town and Gown Award recipient Jerry Cremer '89, Diana Dubsky Cremer '74 '83, Director of Development for Libraries, Honors and International Studies Michael Jones '12, Honorary Alumni Award recipient and Professor Emeritus Gil Belles, Lynn Hay Van Vleet '73 and Greg Van Vleet '71 '75.



Seated l-r: Administrative Aide Lisa Wisslead Krieg '05, Angie Gallagher Ard '94, Nancy Gidney Unruh '86 '88, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Jim Unruh '86 '94, Dave Ard '86 and Tricia Minnie Kinnamon '96 '04. Standing l-r: Susan Isted Foster '65, Sherri Sandidge, Gregory Sandidge '91, Ginger Toland and Howard Toland '72.



Seated l-r: Kent Wildrick, Maria Worthington Wildrick '83, Assistant Director of Career Services Michelle Milstead Howe '09 '11, Alumni Council member Vian Vance Neally '96 '02, Dick Burling '80, Jodi Burling '98, Emily Farrar Gillett '02 and Mike Gillett '09. Standing l-r: Tim Farniok '84, LisaDiggs Morrison '83, Jay Morrison '83 and Martha Morrison '78.

Houston Alumni and Friends

Kenneally's Irish Pub, October 24, 2012



Seated l-r: Kathleen Comerford '86, Agnes Vollmer Hussey '51, Nancy Petersen, Renee Wagner and College of Education and Human Services Dir. of Dev/Marketing/Comm Outreach Dana Stites Moon '98 '01. Standing l-r: Steve Bretthauer, Dan Maxwell, Vic Saufley '80, George Hussey '53, Jeri Brown '60, Harry Petersen '74, Gordon Wagner '85 and College of Education and Human Services Dean Sterling Saddler.

San Antonio Alumni and Friends

20nine Wine Bar, October 25, 2012



Seated l-r: College of Education and Human Services Dean Sterling Saddler, Paul Jensen '86, Susan Dudolski '91 '97 and Ellen Glisan. Standing l-r: Michael Brown '84, College of Education and Human Services Dir. of Dev/Marketing/Comm Outreach Dana Stites Moon '98 '01, Christopher Barnes '10, Rosanne Proite '79, Jim Reidy '81, Lori Reidy, Roger Glisan '73 and Anne Forbes '00.

Austin Alumni and Friends

Fino Restaurant and Bar, October 26, 2012



Seated l-r: Debra Higgins '03, Ashley Bishop Cushman '04 '06 and Jay Cushman '05. Standing l-r: Michael Balistreri '05, Monty Dolieslager '80, Dianne Dolieslager and Nick Cassioppi '05.



Seated l-r: Imani Aanu, Lauren Macey '00, Holly Echternach Skraba '83 and Joe Lewis. Standing l-r: Shelvis Lewis '86, Herman Winston '86, Mickie Campbell Powers '67 '69, Steve Ruth '75, Michelle Bruno Ruth '75, Carmelita Cortes Harms '92 and College of Education and Human Services Dean Sterling Saddler.

Dallas Alumni and Friends

Truluck's, October 27, 2012



L-r: Linda Neeley Morones '86 '87, Joseph Brigandi, President Jack Thomas, Debra Allivato Murray '80, Jesse Tarbutton, Bradley Roschyk '95, Abbey Kern '03, Mindy Kern, Ron Sherga '76, Troy Mathieu '87, College of Education and Human Services Dean Sterling Saddler, College of Education and Human Services Dir. of Dev/Marketing/Comm Outreach Dana Stites Moon '98 '01, Shawn Crow '01, Jamie Rae Mitchell '09, Ricky Flatt '78, Vee Hobbs, Perry Cox '05 '07, Casey Cox, Brian Sarro, Andrea Lenart Sarro '90, Ryan O'Donnell '04 and Kimberley O'Donnell.

- 1934 Dorothy M. Curless, Quincy, Nov. 6, 2009.
- 1935 Georgia A. Parnell Becker, San Diego, CA, Mar. 26, 2009.
- 1935 Doris Blaisdell '38, Tulsa, OK, Sept. 22, 2010.
- 1935 Dorothea P. Riley Myers '79, Lincolnshire, Oct. 7, 2010.
- 1936 Freda W. Weaver Muir MS-ED '55, Peoria, Jan. 6, 2010.
- 1936 Florence E. Johnson Nebergall, Bloomington, IN, Oct. 10, 2011.
- 1936 Mary E. Switzer Penticoff, Ft. Walton Beach, FL, Mar. 23, 2012.
- 1936 Doris M. Green Scott, Winchester, Sept. 30, 2010.
- 1938 Vernon C. Bashaw, Elgin, Aug. 9, 2008.
- 1938 Dorothy L. Ulm Strayer Zuck '68, E. Galesburg, Jan. 16, 2011.
- 1939 Barbara L. Sample Scott, Milan, Jan. 25, 2012.
- 1939 Thomas K. Svob, Jacksonville, Nov. 12, 2010.
- 1939 Forrest L. Tabor, Rock Falls, Sept. 23, 2012.
- 1940 Ethel C. Paul Armstrong, Youngstown, AZ, June 9, 2009.
- 1940 John F. Mincemoyer, Rockford, Apr. 5, 2008.
- 1944 Harriet L. Stevens Pegis, Golden, CO, Sept. 13, 2012.
- 1945 Gwen H. Hunt Lindholm, Peru, Dec. 14, 2011.
- 1951 Wilfred O. "Bill" Wollman MS-ED, Milford, IN, Oct. 21, 2008.
- 1952 Gertrude D. Sherrill Jackson, Bellevue, IA, Feb. 25, 2009.
- 1952 Patricia A. Zook Nelson, Rio, Feb. 11, 2010.
- 1954 Hazel I. Steffey Main, Woodhull, Nov. 2, 2011.
- 1956 Marisue Browning Wilson MS-ED '75, Springfield, Jan. 10, 2012.
- 1958 Chester L. "Chet" Masten, Plainfield, May 11, 2012.
- 1959 Beverly S. Christy Garrelts, Wilmington, Aug. 16, 2009.
- 1959 Sara K. "Kathryn" Jarrett, Colchester, Aug. 17, 2012.
- 1961 Jack L. Allen, Venice, FL, July 11, 2012.
- 1961 Carl E. Carlstrom MS-ED '67, Matherville, July 18, 2012.
- 1961 Wayne F. McLennan, Quincy, June 15, 2012.
- 1961 Jesse E. Moore, Herrin, Dec. 21, 2008.
- 1961 Larry K. Smith, Danville, Apr. 25, 2011.
- 1961 Winifred Smith Witte, Burlington, IA, Nov. 18, 2010.
- 1962 David E. "Dave" Finley MS '63, Jefferson City, MO, July 13, 2012.
- 1963 Farries H. "Mickey" Morrison, Jr., Springfield, Jan. 5, 2011.
- 1964 Fred G. Gscheidle, Lake Barrington, Feb. 26, 2012.
- 1964 John D. Keller, Inverness, Aug. 26, 2012.
- 1964 Herbert E. Niemann MS-ED, Rock Island, Oct. 6, 2012.
- 1965 Arthur E. Cagle, Kankakee, Aug. 26, 2012.
- 1967 David R. "Dave" Empke, Rock Island, Mar. 21, 2010.
- 1968 Perry E. Bishop, Normal, Mar. 10, 2012.
- 1969 Lena B. Heck Brewer, Eureka, Aug. 12, 2012.
- 1969 James G. Craig, Longmont, CO, Apr. 24, 2012.
- 1970 James C. Greene, Glenview, Feb. 7, 2011.
- 1971 Frederick Gilbert MA, Henderson, NV, Jan. 7, 2012.
- 1971 David A. Van Nieuwenhuysse, Kewanee, Sept. 11, 2012.
- 1972 Ann O'Toole Caster, Spokane, WA, Nov. 5, 2011.
- 1972 Thomas L. "Tom" Darovic, Orland Park, Mar. 28, 2012.
- 1972 Thomas W. Rosene MS-ED '75 ED SP '82, St. Joseph, Aug. 14, 2010.
- 1972 Janice L. Weismann, Chicago, Sept. 8, 2012.
- 1973 Edna M. Peecher Browning, Pittsfield, Dec. 4, 2007.
- 1973 Mildred D. Welty Fox MS-ED, Bloomington, Aug. 31, 2012.
- 1973 Carol F. Gerson Guttenberger, Sylvania, OH, July 9, 2010.
- 1973 Charlotte A. "Char" Moore Pleviak, Glen Ellyn, July 11, 2012.
- 1973 Stephen D. Webber, Ft. Collins, CO, Nov. 2, 2011.
- 1974 Timothy A. Amundson, Schofield, WI, Sept. 7, 2012.
- 1974 Laurel C. Hull Schoon MS-ED '83, Rock Island, Mar. 24, 2012.
- 1974 Vicki L. Fisher Tabernier, Frederick, May 10, 2009.
- 1974 Judith M. Tures Trotter, Farmington, MN, Mar. 29, 2009.
- 1975 Terrence S. "Terry" Moloznik MBA '76, Potomac, MD, Aug. 14, 2012.

Alumni Travel Programs 2013

Cruise to the Lesser Antilles

March 22-29, 2013

Escape the depths of winter on this eight-day cruise of the tropical Lesser Antilles aboard the Six-Star, all-suite M.V. SILVER CLOUD. Cruise round trip from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to St. Maarten, St. Kitts, Dominica, Antigua, St. Barts and Virgin Gorda. San Juan Pre-Cruise Option offered.



Waterways and Canals of Holland & Belgium ~ MS Amadeus Silver

April 12-20, 2013

Journey along the waterways of Holland and Belgium aboard the exclusively chartered state-of-the-art MS Amadeus Silver.

Civil War & Southern Culture~American Queen: Memphis to New Orleans

April 26-May 5, 2013

Experience the culture and historical architecture of the South as you discover the legends, the glory and the magnitude of the American Civil War along the shores of the Mississippi River. The luxury steamboat *American Queen* takes you to ports in Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana. Begin with a day in Memphis. This unique river cruise explores both the culture of the South and a pivotal time in America's history.

Sorrento

May 1-9, 2013

Discover the natural wonders and wealth of antiquities throughout the stunning region of Campania, home to writers, artists and emperors for over 2,000 years. Stroll through Sorrento, delight in Positano and the charming Amalfi and explore Paestum, Herculaneum and Pompeii. Then spend a day on the Isle of Capri.

Transatlantic Voyage

May 4-16, 2013

This 13-day transatlantic voyage is aboard the Six-Star Ship M.V. SILVER WHISPER. Cruise from New York to London with port calls in Halifax, Nova Scotia and St. John's, Newfoundland, along the coast of Ireland; and the port of London.



Trade Routes of Coastal Iberia

May 22-30, 2013

This spectacular nine-day itinerary showcases the resplendent Iberian Peninsula aboard the Six-Star Ship M.V. SILVER CLOUD. Cruise from Barcelona, Spain to Lisbon, Portugal, and visit the ports of Valencia, Cartagena, Málaga, and Cádiz, Spain; the Balearic Island of Mallorca; and Portugal's Algarve region. Barcelona Pre-Cruise and Lisbon Post-Cruise Options offered.

Jewels of Antiquity

Cruise~Cannes to Venice ~ MV Aegean Odyssey

May 28-June 12, 2013

Cruise the Ligurian, Tyrrhenian, Mediterranean and Adriatic seas during this 14-night voyage from Cannes to Venice aboard the MV Aegean Odyssey. Set sail along the beautiful French Riviera to Cannes, the Côte d'Azur and Provence. Cruise Italy's shores to Florence and Rome. Drive along the Bay of Naples to Pompeii or Herculaneum and Taormina. Sail to the Greek colony of Butrint, then visit Corfu, Dubrovnik, the Split and Zadar. End your journey in Venice.



European Mosaic~Oceania Cruises: Rome to Lisbon

June 5-13, 2013

Sample some of Europe's rich past and exciting present as you cruise to distinctive ports in Italy, Monaco, France and Spain aboard Oceania Cruises *Nautica*. Cruise to Livorno, Pisa, Florence, Monte Carlo, Marseille, Barcelona and Cartagena, Spain.

Discover Switzerland

June 19-July 4, 2013

See the majesty of Switzerland's landscape unfold before your eyes on this journey. From Meiringen in the Hasli Valley, your home for 14 nights, discover the heart of Europe by train, bus, boat and on guided walks with your Swiss Rail Pass. Enjoy views of the Alps and cruise Swiss villages such as Lucerne, Magisalp, Kandersteg, Grindelwald and Berne. Travel to Zermatt, Rosenlauri Gorge and the Reichenbach Falls. Board the Simplon Alpine railway to the Italian towns of Domodossola and lakeside Locarno, visit historic Montreux and the Castle of Chillon.



Alaskan Adventures~Oceania Cruises: Seattle to Vancouver

August 5-12, 2013

Discover Alaska from the decks of Oceania Cruises' *Regatta*. Depart from Seattle and travel north to Wrangell. Continue cruising through Tracy Arm; follow the Alaskan coast to Sitka, and visit Ketchikan. Sail on through the scenic Inside Passage heading to Vancouver where your voyage concludes.

Ireland

September 2-10, 2013

Experience the rugged beauty of Western Ireland during your seven-night stay in Galway at the deluxe Ardilaun Hotel. Enjoy daily excursions, visit the homestead of Dan O'Hara in Connemara, learn about bodhrán drum making in Roundstone and visit the workshop of a famous craftsman. Enjoy Irish singing, Seanchai storytelling and "Sean-nós" dancing. Delight in the Cliffs of Moher and the Burren, attend a Hurling demonstration, and cruise to the Aran.

The Great Journey through Europe

September 5-15, 2013

This extraordinary 11-day "Grand Tour" of Europe features five nights aboard the M.S. AMADEUS DIAMOND. Travel through The Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland, on the Rhine River. Stay in Zermatt and Lucerne and ride aboard three legendary railways—the *Gonergrat Bahn*, the *Glacier Express* from Zermatt to Lucerne and the *Pilatus Railway*—and enjoy a scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne.

Island Life in Ancient Greece and Turkey

September 24-October 2, 2013

Join us for this exclusive nine-day odyssey to Greece's ancient islands and Turkey's fabled coast. Cruise from Athens to Istanbul aboard the M.S. L'AUSSTRAL. Meet local residents during the specially arranged VILLAGE FORUM™ for a personal perspective of the Aegean Sea's maritime culture. Take excursions to the ruins of Delos, the Old Town of Rhodes, the Monastery of St. John on Pátmos and Troy. Extend your voyage with the Athens Pre-Cruise Option and the Istanbul or Cappadocia Post-Cruise Option.

Mediterranean Inspiration~Oceania Cruises: Rome to Venice

October 18-29, 2013

Discover the Mediterranean aboard Oceania Cruises' *Marina*, as you sail to ports in Italy, Greece, Montenegro and Croatia. Depart from Rome to Italy's west coast, then visit Florence, Sorrento, or Capri, the harbors and hillside towns of Amalfi and Positano, Sicily's Taormina, the Greek island of Corfu, Kotor, and Dubrovnik. Cap off your journey with a full day in Venice.



Tahitian Jewels

January 14-25, 2014

Save the Date

Caribbean Discovery

February 12-22, 2014

Refer a Student to Western Illinois University



Do you know a student who would be a great fit for Western Illinois University? Let us know by completing the form below. We also welcome recommendations for students who may wish to transfer to WIU.

The WIU Admissions Office or School of Graduate Studies will personally follow up with the student and give him/her the option of registering as a prospective student. The student will receive information from WIU, will be added to our contact list and will be invited to special events in his/her area and in Macomb. The student will also be notified that you took the time to refer him/her to Western Illinois University (if you would like us to share that information).

STUDENT'S INFORMATION

First Name: _____
 Last Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 School Currently Attending: _____
 Expected Graduation Date From Above: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Cell Phone: _____
 Home Phone: _____
 Gender: Female Male

REFERRED BY

First Name: _____
 Last Name: _____
 WIU Graduation Year: _____
 Relationship to Student: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Cell Phone: _____
 Home Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____

**Why would this student be a good candidate for WIU?*

Yes, I would like to pay the application fee (electronic/\$25; paper/\$30) for this student when he/she applies.

If this student chooses not to apply:

Please use the application fee for another deserving student.

OR

Please refund me.

Yes, I would like this student to know I recommended him/her.

No, I would prefer this student not know I recommended him/her.

Please mail form to: WIU Alumni Association, 1 University Circle, Macomb IL 61455-1390, or visit wiu.edu/alumni/recommend.php to complete the form online.

Send Us Your News

Full Name _____ Maiden Name _____ Grad. Year _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Is this a new address? Yes No Prefer Home Business Cell

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Prefer Home Business E-mail _____ Do you want to receive text messages from the University? No Yes

Home E-mail _____ Business E-mail _____

Title/Position _____ Employer _____

Employer Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone _____

Marital Status: Married Single Divorced Widowed Domestic Partner

Is spouse/domestic partner a WIU graduate? No Yes, Graduation Year _____

If yes: Spouse/Domestic Partner Full Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Title/Position _____ Employer _____

Employer Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone _____ Prefer Home Business E-mail _____

Home E-mail _____ Business E-mail _____

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Prefer Home Business Cell Do you want to receive text messages from the university? No Yes

Include Information in Western News? Yes No

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- 1975 Marion E. Parker Tinker, Des Plaines, Aug. 22, 2012.
- 1976 Michael A. "Mike" Manwaring, Clarendon Hills, July 31, 2012.
- 1976 Janice C. Hunter Meyer, Chicago, Feb. 19, 2011.
- 1976 Richard E. "Rich" Stults, Macomb, Oct. 11, 2012.
- 1977 Lonie M. Noland MS-ED '83, Jasper, AL, Oct. 8, 2012.
- 1977 Julian Hollis Spirios, Brookfield, Oct. 9, 2011.
- 1978 Phyllis M. Addison Ericksen MS-ED, Port Angeles, WA, Oct. 18, 2012.
- 1978 Craig A. Martins, Raleigh, NC, May 20, 2010.
- 1979 Walter W. Joy, Batavia, Sept. 19, 2012.
- 1979 Scott E. Swigart, Quincy, Dec. 6, 2011.
- 1979 James E "Jim" Williamson, Osh Kosh, WI, Sept. 4, 2012.
- 1983 Leta J. Coutts Gutsafson, Bemidji, MN, July 26, 2012.
- 1983 Richard J. "Rick" Steger, E. Moline, Sept. 18, 2012.
- 1984 John W. Williams, Selma, AL, June 20, 2009.
- 1985 James A. Cummins, Waverly, July 30, 2012.
- 1985 Kevin E. Hood, Longwood, FL, Apr. 23, 2010.
- 1986 Donald H. Johnson, Macomb, July 10, 2012.
- 1988 Leonard J. Bowman, Burlington, IA, Sept. 7, 2011.
- 1988 Patricia A. Fidler Leezer MA, Pekin, Oct. 25, 2012.
- 1991 Thomas A. "Tom" Giampaolo, Schereville, IN, May 11, 2008.
- 1992 Albert E. Imes, Bradenton, FL, May 22, 2011.
- 1993 Kay L. Frye, Macomb, Nov. 26, 2008.
- 1994 William G. Lafleur, Rochelle, Mar. 28, 2010.
- 1995 Paulette Y. Howard MS, Bushnell, Aug. 21, 2012.
- 1997 Floyd D. "David" Marshall ED SP, Petersburg, Aug. 30, 2012.
- 2002 Maureen A. O'Brien James, Manteno, May 20, 2012.
- 2007 Maurice N. Lavian, Buffalo Grove, Mar. 14, 2009.

SAVE the DATE

HOMECOMING & REUNION 2013

Oct. 11 - Oct. 12

Visit wiu.edu/alumni for the tentative schedule

2013 Florida Events

January 23 West Palm Beach Alumni & Friends Social

Top of the Point at The Breakers
777 South Flagler Dr., East Tower Club Level, West Palm Beach, FL
Social: 6-8 p.m.
Social, delectable hors d'oeuvres & cash bar — \$20

President Thomas will join us in Orlando and Tampa:

January 24 Orlando Area Alumni & Friends Social

SoNapa Grille
Social: 6-8 p.m.
Social, scrumptious appetizers & cash bar — \$20

January 25 Tampa Alumni & Friends Social

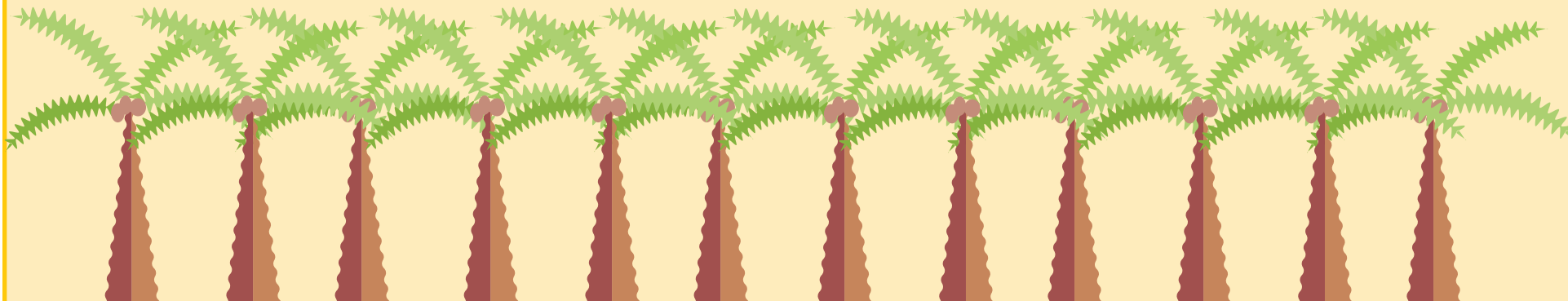
Cru Cellars
2506 S. MacDill Ave., Tampa, FL
Social: 6-8 p.m.
Social, delicious hors d'oeuvres & cash bar — \$20

January 26 Sarasota Alumni & Friends Luncheon

Columbia Restaurant
411 Saint Armands Cir., Sarasota, FL
Social: 11 a.m. & Lunch: 12 p.m.
Social, lunch & cash bar — \$20

January 26 Naples Alumni & Friends Social

The Club Pelican Bay
707 Gulf Park Dr., Naples, FL
Social: 6-8 p.m.
Social, tasty appetizers & cash bar — \$20



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Before flying south for the winter, leave your change of address with the WIU Alumni Association!

Send us your name, permanent address, temporary address and dates of residence

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Western Wednesdays started in November!

Your WIU Alumni Association started an amazing tradition in November 2011 with the first of many Western After Hours! Hundreds of alumni joined us on the first Thursday of every month for great food, great conversation and a few beverages! We are excited to announce that due to it's success, we're continuing our tradition only moving it to Western Wednesdays! Our inaugural **Western Wednesdays** took place on November 7 in Downtown Chicago and will continue the first Wednesday of every month from 5:00-7:00 p.m.!

WESTERN WEDNESDAYS

- January** – No Western Wednesday
- February 6** – Downtown Chicago
- March 6** – Naperville
- April 3** – Downtown Chicago
- May 1** – Deer Park
- June 5** – Downtown Chicago
- July** – No Western Wednesday
- August 7** – Chicago Suburb
- September 4** – Downtown Chicago
- October 2** – Chicago Suburb

Warm Holiday Wishes From the WIU Alumni Association

Registration Form for WIU Alumni & Friends Events



Payment options:

- Online** wiu.com/alumni
- Phone** (309) 298-1914
- Check** Payable to **WIU Alumni Association**
- Credit card** Please provide credit card information

Name _____ Class year _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Home phone _____ Home e-mail _____

Cell phone _____ Do you want to receive text messages from the university? No Yes

Name of business _____ Job title _____

Work phone _____ Work e-mail _____

Work address _____ City, State, Zip _____

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

Card #: _____

Three digit security code _____ Exp. date: _____

Name on card: _____

Signature: _____

Fax form to: (309) 298-2914 or mail form to:
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Macomb, IL 61455-1390

Name of event:	Number attending/Name(s):	Price:
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