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Alumni News and Notes from Western Illinois University

Former Westerwinds player on Latvian Olympic team

Former Westerwinds basketball player **Zane (Teilane) Tamane** competed in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing for her home country as a member of the Latvian Women's National Basketball team.

This was the first Latvian team to compete in the summer Olympics since Latvia regained independence from the former Soviet Union in 1991.

While Tamane and her teammates had a tough series, going 1-4, the experience at the Olympics was a thrill.

"I am so thankful to God that I have this opportunity to be here with the best athletes of the world," Tamane e-mailed the Monmouth (Ill.) Daily Review Atlas, which covered her team's progress. "It was not an easy road, but



it was always my dream to be here, and here I am. It feels incredible!"

Tamane is also quick to give credit to her former Western coaches, as she told the Macomb Eagle: "Being able to play at WIU definitely helped me to achieve a lot

of things in my basketball career. Coach **(Leslie) Crane** and Coach **(Todd) Schulze** taught me a lot about basketball and myself. I became a much better player and person. I gained confidence and learned how to believe in myself."

Tamane was the Westerwinds' starting center from 2002-2006, and she finished her career as the all-time school leader in points (1,547), field goal percentage (.529), blocked shots (406) and rebounds (982), in addition to

holding the record for consecutive free throws made (53). She became the first women's basketball player in WIU and Mid-Continent Conference (now The Summit League) history to be drafted into the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) in 2006; played for the

WNBA Washington Mystics; and, prior to the Olympics, played for Spain's professional team Hondarribia-Irun. Post-Olympics, Tamane is planning to continue basketball with a professional club in Russia.

She started each of the five Olympic games, averaging nearly 16 minutes per game. In the must-win-to-advance game vs. Korea, Tamane recorded her best game with 11 rebounds, 11 points and two blocked shots in 17:13 minutes of play. Throughout the five Olympic games, Tamane led her team in offensive boards (13) and tied for the lead in steals (6).

Tamane shares the Olympic competition spirit with only two other Westerwinds: standout softball players **Dot Richardson**, now an orthopedic surgeon who played her

"I miss the fans we had, and the very nice people in Macomb. This might be silly but sometimes I miss going to class. I was very blessed to have had the best professors and instructors during my college career. I have been to many places in the world, but one of the places I will definitely return to visit is Macomb."

— Zane (Teilane) Tamane

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Core Value: Academic Excellence

WIU paleontologist hits 'pay dirt' at Utah dig site

By **Bonnie Barker '75 MS '77**

Matthew Bonnan, a WIU associate biology professor who specializes in functional morphology and vertebrate paleobiology, recently returned from a dig site in Utah that he calls "absolutely amazing."

So amazing, in fact, it made National Geographic News in June.

Bonnan was tapped by the Burpee Museum of Natural History (Rockford, Ill.) to join their team because of his expertise in sauropods, the largest animals to ever walk on land. He received University funding for a van and fuel, and—along with five Western students—made the trek to the Morrison Formation near Hanksville, Utah.

The Western group was only there 10 days, but they unearthed more than 100 bones.

"It was really exciting. The site is a hay day of really big sauropods of the late Jurassic period, about 147 million

years ago," Bonnan said. "This has the potential to be a very important site that will benefit everyone—scientists, federal historical and heritage societies and the town of Hanksville."

Bonnan said the number and the concentration of bones, as well as fossilized logs in the same area, are what make the site so amazing.

"You typically don't find these things together, so it's an extraordinary site," he added. "This site gives us nearly endless possibilities to expand studies of dinosaur growth, to focus on what the environment was like and more."

Bonnan is no stranger to exciting excavations. He has been to Africa three times as part of a National Geographic-funded expedition, as well as additional funding from several WIU sources. He also has received funding as an outside collaborator on a National Science Foundation grant.

Western students working onsite with Bonnan included: graduate biology student **Ashley Morhardt** (Macomb, Ill.) and her husband, **Dan**, a history teacher; sophomore social work major **Alexi Stauffer** (Northbrook, Ill.); junior biology major **Brad Wacker** (Winnebago, Ill.); senior biology major **Hillary Parks** (Oakwood Hills, Ill.); and junior pre-med/biology major **Sarah Reed** (Rockford, Ill.).



Matthew Bonnan lies next to the tibia (shin) of a giant sauropod dinosaur.

See the National Geographic article at: news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2008/06/080617-utah-dinosaurs.html

Director's Corner News from Your Alumni Association



Greetings! Mark your calendars - Homecoming is just around the corner. The football game time has been moved to 3 p.m. which allows our many alumni who live further away to make it to Macomb in time for kickoff. If you arrive early enough, I hope you will join us, along with our colleagues from across campus, at "The Right Place" under the big tent west of Hanson Field!

The start of a new school year last month welcomed the announcement of the University theme for 2008-2009: Health and Wellness -- Challenges and Responsibilities. We look forward to many conversations, events and a speaker series focusing on exploring health and wellness on an individual basis and for the greater community - we hope you might be able to make it back to campus for one of these.

I hope you had a wonderful summer and best wishes from your WIU Alumni Association!

Amy E. Spelman
Amy Spelman MS '98

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WIU Alumni & Friends Events for 2008

September

26 Portland Alumni & Friends Event—
Meriwethers Restaurant

27 Seattle Alumni & Friends Event—
Boeing Future of Flight Center

October

4 WIU Alumni & Friends Pre-game Tailgate—
WIU vs. Missouri State-Mille's Cafe
Springfield, MO

11 WIU Alumni & Friends Pre-game Tailgate—
WIU vs. North Dakota State-Applebee's
Fargo, ND

17-18 Homecoming/Reunion
Football Reunion ('57-'59 teams)

23 Mt. Sterling, IL Alumni & Friends Event—
Ridge View Winery

November

10-17 Travel Abroad—Provence Escapade

14 Alumni & Friends Educational Networking
Social - Chicago

17 Peoria Alumni & Friends Event

21 Alumni & Friends Event in conjunction
with the State of Illinois School Board
Conference - Chicago - McCormick and
Schmick's

24 Alumni & Friends Pre-game -
WIU vs. Florida State - Tallahassee

December

19-20 Commencement/Alumni Achievement
Award

January

25 Alumni & Friends Event - The Seafarer at
Steppenwolf Theatre

29-31 Florida Alumni & Friends Events

February

TBA The Ultimate Alumni Day in Arizona

March

27 Boston Alumni & Friends Event

28 Pittsburgh Alumni & Friends Event

See our calendar on pg. 16 for more information
on events or to register.

For more information call (309) 298-1914 or
visit wiu.edu/alumni/events.

From the President

The new academic year is upon us once again, and we hope to see you back on campus next month for Western's annual Homecoming celebration. There are many exciting developments taking place at WIU that we would love for you to see firsthand.



The new "green" Multicultural Center is progressing, and the expansion of the Donald S. Spencer Student Recreation Center is expected to be completed sometime early this fall. The teamwork across many campus departments made the recent Lake Ruth restoration a success, dramatically improving the appearance of our campus landmark.

I am excited that many new academic programs began this fall. New undergraduate and graduate programs in liberal arts and sciences and a new master's degree in museum studies are available at our Quad Cities campus. In Macomb, a bachelor's degree in religious studies is now offered, as well as the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, which provides additional education to registered nurses. Our new undergraduate/graduate computer science program allows students to complete both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in just five years. In addition, we have sent proposals to the Illinois Board of Higher Education for a four-year nursing program and an engineering program.

I am pleased to announce that we have entered the new academic year with an operating budget that includes a \$1.6 million increase in state support. These funds allow us to begin budgeting for our new degree programs in engineering and nursing, as well as help support a 3.5 percent pay raise for non-negotiated employees.

While we are making great strides in improving campus facilities, it is still our hope that the state legislature and the governor approve a capital bill so we can move forward with the Performing Arts Center for the Macomb campus and with the Riverfront Campus expansion in the Quad Cities, as well as address many deferred maintenance projects.

I am also pleased to announce that this has been a record breaking year for fundraising. We are extremely thankful for our alumni and friends' generosity.

As Elaine and I enter our seventh year at Western, I cannot stress enough our appreciation for the support we receive from the campus community, alumni and friends. I look forward to seeing you at "The Right Place" Oct. 18.

All my best wishes,

Al Goldfarb
Al Goldfarb

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freshman year at Western in 1980, and was a member of the gold-winning 1996 and 2000 U.S. Olympic teams; and Canadian **Kara McGaw '90**, who competed for Western Illinois from 1986-1989, and played in the Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996 as a member of the Canadian Olympic Softball Team.

College of Education and Human Services



COEHS Dean Smith-Skripps announces retirement

Bonnie Smith-Skripps '73 MA '74 ED SP '89, dean of Western's College of Education and Human Services (COEHS), will retire May 1, 2009, after 35 years of service.

Smith-Skripps was named COEHS dean in 2004. Prior to that she served as interim COEHS dean from 2001-2004. Smith-Skripps has been responsible for the overall leadership and management of the college, including faculty recruitment, development and evaluation, as well as program development and review. She also has taken an active role in fundraising and developing several external partnerships. She serves as chair of the University Teacher Education Committee



Bonnie Smith-Skripps

and oversees the accreditation process of Western's teacher education program.

During her tenure as dean, the doctoral program in educational leadership and the undergraduate emergency management major were approved as new degree offerings, and the department of law enforcement and justice administration became a school. Smith-Skripps has a cumulative record as principal/co-principal investigator of more than \$28 million in grant awards. Her professional and scholarly activities have been in the areas of early childhood special education, rural education, adult education, professional

development and instructional technologies. She has been an advocate for technology integration in teaching and learning across disciplines and was the principal investigator of a five-year, multi-state USDE Star Schools Project, STAR-Online, funded for \$9.75 million.

She was a member of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) Technology in Teaching Committee, serving as chair for one year; and she served two terms as chair of the United Star Distance Learning Consortium and one year as president of the Illinois Association of Deans of Public Colleges of Education.

Smith-Skripps earned her Ph.D. (1993) in Educational Administration from Southern Illinois University.

2008 COEHS awards

The COEHS recognized four faculty members for their outstanding contributions to the University at its annual opening school reception Aug. 28.



Jennifer Plos

Jennifer Plos MS '00, a kinesiology instructor and clinical coordinator for the department's athletic training program, was named the COEHS 2008 Outstanding Teacher. Plos has been a faculty member at WIU since Fall 2004. Students from the athletic training program noted that Plos not only teaches the required material, she has integrated independent learning opportunities into a clinical

education class by using a simulation software program to help students develop critical thinking skills and has introduced an Internet scavenger hunt assignment in her Introduction to Athletic Training Class to increase students' curiosity about the field.

"Clinical education accounts for 50 percent of the student's educational preparation as an athletic trainer. Jennifer must be vigilant in determining the placements are appropriate for student learning," said **Miriam Satern**, chair of the kinesiology department. "Her greatest strength as a teacher is her ability to communicate with students, and she is an excellent mentor. The department of kinesiology has really benefited from Jennifer's presence. Her advocacy for the students and her commitment of time to the service roles she completes are exemplary."

Darlene Young, associate professor of kinesiology, received the COEHS 2008 Award for Outstanding Service. Young, who has served as the Sports Management Club adviser for four years, has been a faculty member at WIU since 1987 and has served as the graduate coordinator for the Master of Science Degree in Sport Management since Spring 2006. She has served on the Faculty Senate as a member-at-large, was a member of the first College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) Dean's Faculty Council and completed a three-year term as the COEHS representative to the Council on Intercollegiate

Athletics. As advisor to the Sport Management Club, Young leads members on field trips, hosts speakers and maintains ties with WIU alumni. During the 2007-08 school year, she brought two successful alumni to campus to speak, **Kevin Weiberg '79**, vice president of university planning and development for the Big Ten Network, and **Steve LaCroix '91**, vice president for sales and marketing for the Minnesota Vikings.

"My reward comes from knowing I have been involved in activities outside of the classroom that help strengthen the students' educational experience and in committee work that will contribute to achieving the departmental and University mission, goals and objectives," Young said.



Mary Jensen

Mary Jensen, special education professor, received the 2008 Award for Innovative Use of Technology. Jensen, who came to WIU in 1990, started from scratch in regards to technology, determined to learn the latest trends. Her philosophy of teaching with technology is based on the facts that current students in P-12 schools and colleges have lived, breathed and teathed on technology their entire

lives and that teachers must keep up in order to provide a quality education. She has integrated technology into her lessons – from Powerpoint lecture slides incorporating Quick Time movies to web-based activities – to keep her students motivated and interested. Jensen has also worked with students at West Prairie Middle School, incorporating technology into their classroom as a way to teach appropriate classroom behavior and social skills.

"Dr. Jensen has been continually devoted to integrating technology into education. Her creativity with implementing technology into student projects have enabled her to motivate her students to use technology



Darlene Young

in their coursework as well as in their preparation for their future classrooms. She has dedicated her own time and resources to go to local schools to provide training and support so those under-served populations have the opportunities to become technology literate," said **Dawn Sweet '01 MS-ED '06**, instructional technology systems manager, COEHS Office for Partnerships, Professional Development and Training.

Instructional Design and Technology Associate Professor **Leuanda Hemphill MS-ED '01** was named the recipient of the 2008 Award for Internationalizing the Campus. Hemphill joined the department in 2003. She was recently recognized by the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) for her project, "Looking at Technology Integration Issues in the K-12 Classroom: A Cross-Cultural Collaboration." She was the only Illinois educator to receive commendation. Hemphill has integrated the use of virtual worlds, specifically Second Life, to create rich learning experiences for her students in IDT 534, Issues in Instructional Technology and Professional Development for Educators. Students at the Macomb campus work with students and educators in China to review opportunities in Second Life for K-12 teachers.



Leuanda Hemphill

"In my classroom, I always try to include resources and activities to enhance educators' awareness and understanding of international and cross-cultural issues and challenges. For example, I wanted to incorporate global perspectives in my IDT 534 Issues in Instructional Design course. As part of their coursework, my students look at cultural, social and legal issues related to technology integration in the K-12 classroom, while gaining international awareness. I worked with a professor from Hebei University in China on two collaborative online projects between our two classrooms. Rich cross-cultural exchanges were evident in the discussion forums," Hemphill noted.



College of Education and Human Services

Vikings VP of Marketing and WIU alumnus visits campus



L-r: Kinesiology faculty Darlene Young, Steve LaCroix '91, and Miriam Satern, chair.

A Western Illinois University sport management alumnus and vice president of sales and marketing for the Minnesota Vikings recently returned to campus to speak with students as part of the 35th anniversary celebration of the department of kinesiology's sport management master's degree program.

Steve LaCroix '91 presented "From NBA to NFL...A Look into the Business of Professional Sports" and "Financial 'Keys' to Successful Professional Sports Organizations" in Horrabin Hall.

LaCroix is entering his eighth season with the Vikings. He oversees all aspects of Vikings-generated revenues, including corporate sales, sponsorships, media sales, ticket sales, suite sales and hospitality. LaCroix also leads the team's marketing, radio and television programming, websites, new media initiatives, merchandise and e-commerce operations, community and special events, marketing partnerships, advertising, branding, promotions and game day activities.

In each of his seasons with the Vikings, LaCroix has led the team to record-setting sales revenues. In 2007, the Vikings continued their sellout streak, reaching a total of 114 straight home games; launched a social networking website; and introduced the Vikings throwback uniforms that paid homage to the Vikings teams from the Super Bowl years in the 1960s and 1970s. In 2006, LaCroix and his staff

undertook the successful introduction of a new, more modern design of the Vikings traditional uniforms. In addition, LaCroix's tenure has resulted in several new sales and marketing initiatives, including bringing radio and television broadcast rights in-house, the creation of weekly television programming, opening "Vikings Locker Room" official retail stores, a full redesign of vikings.com and the construction of two terrace suites that created the first premium seat offering in the Metrodome.

LaCroix serves on the NFL Club Business Working Group comprised of eight club executives to help shape strategies for implementing league and club initiatives. In addition, he serves on the steering committee of the National Sports Forum, the sports industry's leading annual conference. In 2005, LaCroix was invited to participate in the NFL-Stanford Program for Managers at the Stanford Graduate School of Business, a program developed by the NFL to promote development of leaders within the league.

LaCroix's presentations were sponsored by the Visiting Lecturer Committee and the department of kinesiology's sport management program.

The WIU sport management graduate degree program, established in 1972, is one of the oldest sport management programs in the United States.

Kellogg Award for excellence in science teaching

Tracy Trimpe, a science teacher at Havana (Ill.) Junior High School and master's degree student at Western, has been named the recipient of the 2008 Western Illinois University Maurice G. Kellogg Award for Excellence in Science Teaching.

Trimpe has taught junior high science for 17 years at Havana. She is the founder and sponsor for the Havana Junior High Science Club, Scholastic Bowl coach, and coordinator for the Havana Nature Center and the annual Havana Junior High Health Fair in the fall. She has also served as coach of the Havana Junior High Science Olympiad team. She is the founder and host of The Science Spot website (sciencespot.net/index.html), an online resource for middle school teachers and students.

"I believe that students learn best by doing, and I feel it is my responsibility to guide the students in their learning rather than just instruct them," Trimpe said.

Trimpe graduated from Lewistown High School and earned her bachelor's degrees in math and science education from Illinois College in Jacksonville. She is working on her master's degree from Western and is a member of National Science Teachers Association, Illinois Science Teachers Association, Illinois Alpha Delta Kappa, and the Emiquon Audubon Society in Havana and Mason counties. She has been recognized as a 1998 and 2003 state finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching, a 1999 State of Illinois Teacher of the Year finalist and the 2000 Mason County Conservation Teacher of the Year.

According to Don Powers, director of the Maurice G. Kellogg Science Education Center at Western, this is the sixth year that the award for excellence in science teaching was presented as part of the science education conference at Western.

The man behind the name

The award is named for Maurice G. Kellogg '48 MS-ED '56, who is known throughout Illinois and nationally as a leader in science education. He was a faculty member in science education and biological sciences until his retirement from Western in 1990. Kellogg remains active in consulting in science education and service activities through his church and in the Macomb community.

Kellogg is one of the founders of the Illinois Science Teachers Association and served as one of the first presidents of that organization. He has been recognized as Environmental Educator of the Year for Illinois, among numerous other awards. It is in recognition of his outstanding record in teaching, scholarly work, and service in science education that the award for excellence in science teaching was created.

"I believe that students learn best by doing, and I feel it is my responsibility to guide the students in their learning rather than just instruct them."

—Tracy Trimpe



L-r: Former recipients Greg VanVleet '71 MS-ED '75 and Carol Van DeWalle MS-ED '77; Tracy Trimpe; award namesake Maurice Kellogg '48 MS-ED '56; and past recipient Kent Buckrop MS-ED '03.

College of Education and Human Services



Hall retires

Robert Hall, educational leadership chair, retired in June after 22 years of service.

Hall joined the educational leadership (formerly educational administration and supervision) department as an assistant professor in 1986 and was named chair in 2004. He has also served as a research associate and director of the education project for the Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs (IRA) at Western.



Hall (third from left) is congratulated—and affectionately teased via t-shirt—by former students (l-r) James Bryan '94 MS-ED '01, Norm Brown, and Chris Sullens ED SP '01, during Hall's retirement party.

"Dr. Hall has provided exceptional leadership to the department and the College and is a well-respected educator. He will be missed," said Dean **Bonnie Smith-Skripps** '73 MA '74 ED SP '89.

Prior to working at WIU, Hall served in various administrative capacities at Forest City Community Schools in Iowa.

Hall has received numerous faculty excellence awards at Western throughout the years. In 1997 and again in 2001 he received the WIU Professional Achievement Award. He has authored and co-authored several articles for professional publications and presented at many professional meetings. Hall has also served as a consultant for school districts throughout Illinois.

A scholarship has been established in Hall's honor. To donate to the Hall Fund, which will benefit master's students in educational leadership and fund a dissertation award for the doctoral program, contact the WIU Foundation at (309) 298-1861 or mail contributions, payable to the WIU Foundation, Sherman Hall 303, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455-1390. Donations may also be made online at wiu.com/giving.

Core Value: Educational Opportunity

Research, hands-on experience gives graduate student an edge

By *Darcie Dyer Shinberger '89 MS '98*

Academic excellence and educational opportunity were just two of the reasons that Western Illinois University kinesiology graduate student **Beth Ewing** decided to continue her education at WIU after earning her bachelor's degree in 2007.

Ewing transferred to WIU from Illinois Central College in 2005 for two reasons: it was close to her hometown of Pekin (Ill.) and Western offered a strong degree program in kinesiology. She earned her bachelor's degree with academic distinction (magna cum laude) and now is a graduate teaching assistant in the department conducting numerous hands-on exercise and health-related studies to apply what she has learned in the classroom to real life.

"After my experience as an undergrad in the kinesiology department, I knew that I wanted to stay for my master's. Both the faculty and staff care about the students and offer assistance whenever needed," she said. "More specifically, after working with the professors as an undergrad I knew they were there to fully support my education and push me to do my best work. I also was drawn to stay at WIU because of the teaching assistant positions. Such positions are not only a great help financially, but also a great step toward the future."

Following her expected May 2009 graduation date from WIU, Ewing plans to begin working on her Ph.D. in exercise physiology. Her interests -- which began at Western -- include conducting research and becoming a kinesiology professor.

"As an undergraduate I really learned to push myself to do my best. Since being in graduate school, I have worked with professors, such as **Michael Godard**, who have helped me to expand my knowledge about research, education and the future," Ewing said. "All of

my educational experiences here have provided, and are providing, a terrific base for my future."

Ewing is currently involved in three research projects: an *Opuntia Ficus Indica*—which is similar to the prickly pear—study for pre-diabetic men and women aged 18-50; Forskolin (commonly used to raise levels of cyclic AMP [cAMP]) study for women aged 18-40, and research of cell physiology; and for her master's degree thesis, the relationship between body mass index and percent body fat in females ages 18-70.

"My academic curriculum at WIU has prepared me and is preparing me for the future by offering courses in several kinesiology-related topics to give me an expansive knowledge of the field. And the studies I'm able to conduct are giving me hands-on experience that is vital to my work as a researcher," Ewing said.

Classroom and research work aside, Ewing believes that personal growth through involvement in extracurricular activities is essential to the college experience. During her time at Western she has been involved in such organizations as the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, the American College of Sports Medicine, and the American Council on Exercise (Certified Personal Trainer), and the Student Kinesiology Honor Society.

If coursework, research studies and academic honoraries were not enough, Ewing has also served in numerous capacities as a volunteer at Western, including at the Donald S. Spencer Student Recreation Center, for Relay for Life, as a kinesiology department tutor, as a fundraiser for the Kinesiology Honor Society, for the University's We Care program and as a fitness instructor at the Everly House Nursing Home in Macomb.

COEHS Upcoming Events

Thursday, Sept. 25

RPTA's Fall Big Bogey Classic

Noon lunch; 1:30 p.m. modified shotgun start, four-person scramble @ Ruffled Feathers Golf Club; 1 Pete Dye Drive, Lemont, Ill.

\$125 (lunch, green fees, cart, social and support of the scholarship fund.)

Alumni who graduated in the last five years: \$85

Alumni who graduated between 6-10 years ago: \$100

Registration information at wiu.edu/rpta.



Friday, Sept. 26

Dedication of plaque in memory of Val Lindbloom

2:00 Brophy Hall First Floor



Sunday, Oct. 19

COEHS Homecoming/Reunion Brunch

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Horrabin Hall 1

All COEHS Alumni are welcome. RSVP by Oct. 10 to coehsalumni@wiu.edu or call (309) 298-1690.

Monday, Oct. 20

Cheryl J. Cohen Lecturer

Ellen Evans, Ph.D., FACSM; associate professor, University of Illinois Department of Kinesiology & Community Health, with joint appointments in the Division of Nutritional Science & Department of Internal Medicine, UI College of Medicine
 7 p.m.; Horrabin Hall 77 with reception following in Horrabin 1.
 No registration necessary.

Friday, Nov. 14

Educational Networking Event

Location and time TBA.

Friday, Nov. 21

Alumni Social in conjunction with the Joint Annual Conference of IASB/IASA/IASBO

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

McCormick & Schmick's; One East Wacker Drive, Chicago

Appetizers will be provided; cash bar



College of Education and Human Services

Kelley named health sciences chair

Mark Kelley, formerly associate professor of health promotion and health promotion program director at Oklahoma State University-Tulsa (OSU-Tulsa), has been named chair of the department of health sciences at Western.



Mark Kelley

Kelley replaces **Diane Hamilton-Hancock**, who served as chair of the department since April 2005. Hamilton-Hancock returned to fulltime teaching in the department.

Kelley had been a faculty member in OSU-Tulsa's School of Applied Health and Educational Psychology since 2003. He also served as a consultant for Trainer of Trainers and International Evaluation, training teachers, social workers and other professionals in Argentina, Belarus, Mongolia, Russia and other countries, since 1997. Prior to joining the OSU-Tulsa faculty, he served as associate professor and interim chair for the Department of Health Education and Health Promotion and as director of the school health education graduate program at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for five years. Kelley has also served on the health studies faculty at Southeastern Louisiana University.

Kelley's research experiences include childhood obesity, emergency life-saving and safety in schools, sexuality among college students and drug education. He has published numerous manuscripts, abstracts and book reviews, and has presented at several professional conferences and seminars. Kelley, a Certified Health Education Specialist, is a member of the American Association of Health Education, serving as chair and member of the research coordinating board, and the Centers for Disease Control Race and Ethnicity (R3) grant panel. He has been a member of the American Public Health Association, the American School Health Association and the Wisconsin Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Kelley received his doctorate in health science (1994) and his master's in exercise science (1987) from the University of Arkansas and his bachelor's degree in physical education (1983) from John Brown University.

House named chair of educational leadership department

Jess House was named the chairperson of Western's educational leadership department, effective July 1. He succeeds **Robert Hall**, who retired June 30 after 22 years of service to Western.

House leads Western's comprehensive graduate academic program, which offers a Master of Science in Education (MS Ed.) and an Education Specialist (Ed.SP.) degree, as well as the Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.). The University's first doctoral program, which began in 2006, trains school administrators with the leadership skills necessary to address the rapidly changing educational landscape and distinctive characteristics of Pre-K-12 public education in the University's service region. The first cohort will graduate in 2009.

"We are pleased to have Dr. House join the College's administrative team," said Dean **Bonnie Smith-Skripps '73 MA '74 ED-SP '89**. "He brings a strong record of scholarly accomplishments and a wealth of professional experiences



Jess House

that will continue to advance the educational leadership department's reputation for delivery of high quality school leadership programs."

House comes to Western from Northern Arizona University, where he had served as an associate professor and chair of the department of educational leadership since July 2007. From 2000-2007 he was an associate professor and coordinator of the educational leadership and curriculum and instructional doctoral programs at the University of Central Florida (UCF), where he led the development of Leadership 2010, an innovative doctoral cohort program and coordinated educational leadership doctoral programs in K-12 and higher education (2006-2007). House also coordinated the combined UCF educational leadership/curriculum and instruction doctoral degree program at Florida Gulf Coast University from 2000-2006. He served as a professor in educational leadership and research at the University of West Florida from 1999-2000.

For more information visit wiu.edu/coehs.

WIU counselor education programs receive accreditation

Two Western Illinois University counselor education programs recently received accreditation from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

The Master's of Science in Education Community Counseling degree program and the Master's of Science in Education School Counseling degree program each received accreditation through October 2016. CACREP is an independent agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education to accredit master's degree counseling programs.

According to CACREP, the accreditation decisions were based on the board's extensive review of the programs' self-study documents, the visiting team's report, and the University's response to the visiting team's report.

Western's department of counselor education, which has been accredited since 1987, was the first counselor education program in the state to receive CACREP accreditation. According to **Frank Main**, counselor education chair, WIU counselor education department graduates and interns are automatically eligible to sit for the National Board for Certified Counselors exam. In

addition, as graduates of the WIU CACREP accredited program they will meet many state licensures and certifications requirements.

"We are pleased to receive accreditation for the community counseling and school counseling programs at Western," said dean **Bonnie Smith-Skripps '73 MA '74 ED-SP '89**. "The accreditation of the two programs reaffirms that Western's counselor education program is among the best in the nation and provides our students with an excellent education and outstanding opportunities. The program will be up for reaccreditation in 2016, making it the longest continuing CACREP accredited program in the state of Illinois and one of the longest continually accredited programs in the country."

The school counseling track is also accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education and by the Illinois and Iowa State Boards of Education (ISBE) and the Iowa Educational Examiners Board.

For more information on Western's counselor education program, which is housed at the WIU-Quad Cities campus, visit wiu.edu/counselored or call (309) 762-1876.

Core Value: Educational Opportunity

Students selected for national nonprofit leaders program

Two WIU students were selected, along with 64 other students from colleges and universities across the U.S., for a program that prepares leaders for the nonprofit and philanthropic sector.

Jenna Dunlap, a junior communication major from Keokuk, Iowa, and **David Kurtz**, a recreation, park and tourism administration (RPTA) graduate student from Maysville, Ky., were chosen for the American Humanics Next Generation Nonprofit Leaders Program (NextGen),

and each received a \$4,500 scholarship to cover their living and educational expenses while completing an internship over the summer with a nonprofit organization. Dunlap and Kurtz are both enrolled in Western's American Humanics interdisciplinary minor, which is housed in the RPTA Department.

Kurtz completed a 300-hour internship with the United Way of America in Washington, D.C., while Dunlap completed her internship with Upward Bound

in Burlington, Iowa, as a tutor/mentor. In addition to the scholarship, Kurtz and Dunlap were paired with a nonprofit professional to serve as a mentor during their internship experiences. The internship is a major component of the American Humanics curriculum, explained WIU coordinator and RPTA Professor **Dean Zoerink**.

For more information on the American Humanics program at Western, contact Zoerink at (309) 298-2698 or by e-mail at DA-Zoerink@wiu.edu. Additional information is also available at wiu.edu/RPTA.

Foundation Year in Review

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to report a record year of fundraising for Western Illinois University. Our donors have been remarkably generous and have helped Western continue to be a nationally recognized university.

Your commitment to Western helps us provide our students and faculty with the additional resources necessary to succeed. Your generosity makes it possible for Western to develop new areas of study, such as new bachelor's degrees in nursing, religious studies and liberal arts; to establish endowed professorships, such as the recent Webb professorship in political science; and to provide outstanding scholarship support to many deserving students.

We also continue to enhance our facilities. Construction is underway on the Multicultural Center—which is a 'green' building—and the expansion of the Donald S. Spencer Student Recreation Center is progressing. We continue to lobby for the construction funds for the Performing Arts Center on the Macomb campus and the renovation of the first building at the WIU-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus.

In the years ahead, the University community will continue to focus on the key priorities outlined in our Higher Values in Higher Education strategic plan. Our core values of academic excellence, educational opportunity, social responsibility and personal growth continue to guide Western.

As we prepare for our capital campaign, we recognize

that these many achievements and accomplishments would not be possible without the continuing generosity from alumni, faculty, staff, friends, businesses and foundations. Thank you for your investment in the future of Western Illinois University. We pledge to use your donations to bring even greater recognition to our outstanding University.

Sincerely,



Al Goldfarb
President
Western Illinois University

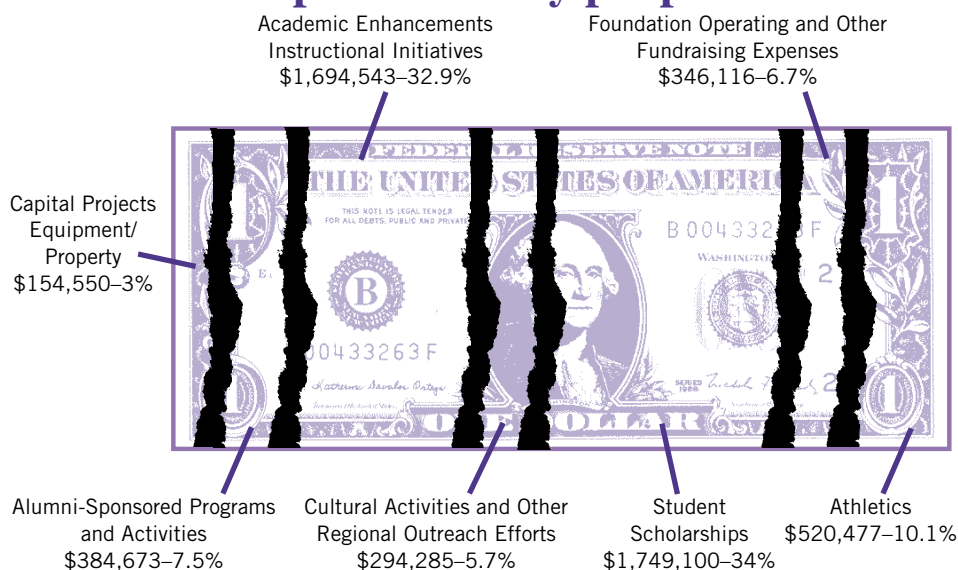


2007-2008 in review: highlights

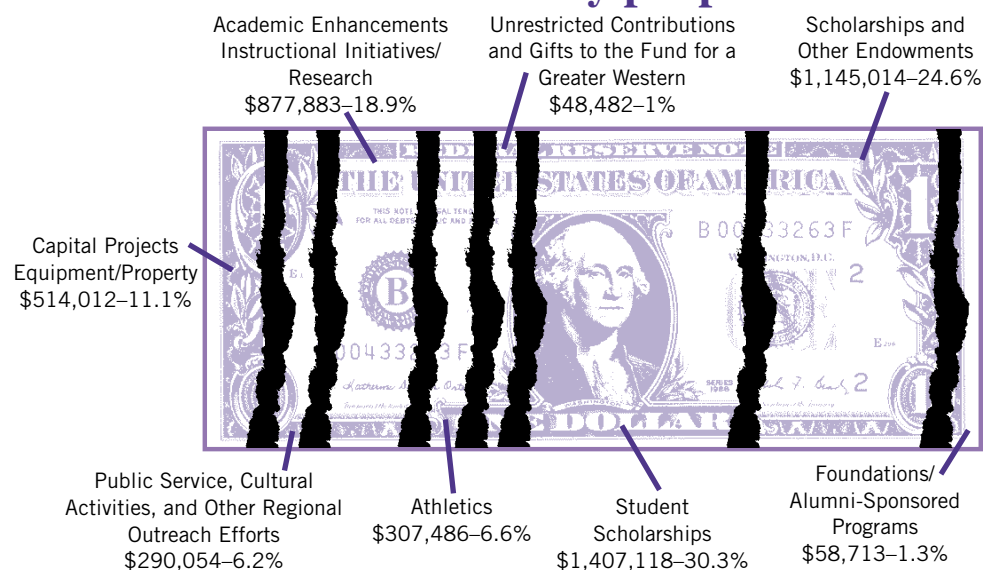
- One of Western's most recognized and distinguished alumni, **Dan Webb**, pledged \$500,000 to establish the Dan and Laura Webb Endowed Professorship in Political Science and the Dan and Laura Webb Pre-Law Scholarship Fund. This gift is in addition to the previously funded Keith Webb Memorial Scholarship in memory of his father, and the Dan Webb Political Science Internship.
- Retired educator **George Baughman '60** increased his future commitments to WIU by \$125,000 for a total of \$500,000 in planned giving to the George Baughman Scholarship, College of Business and Technology, Malpass Library, and Alumni Programs.
- Distinguished Alumni Award recipient **Sam Oliva '77** pledged \$332,000 to enhance the Samuel N. Oliva Endowment Fund to support scholarships for the Department of Accountancy in the College of Business and Technology.
- A gift of \$279,059 was received from the estate of **Harry Sockler MS-ED '51**, "Dean of Illinois High School Coaches," for football scholarships.
- WIU alumni **Charles '76 & Andrea Boe '75** committed \$207,306 in future IRA proceeds to award scholarships to entering freshmen who have graduated from District #200 high schools in Woodstock, Ill.
- **Rodney and Bertha Fink '76** donated 77 acres of land located on West Adams Street in Macomb, to establish the Rodney and Bertha Fink Environmental Studies Field Laboratory and Conservancy. In addition, the Finks also established the Bertha Grieshaber Fink Scholarship in Nursing.
- **Bea Wehrly** donated \$80,000 to endow the Beatrice Wehrly Study Abroad Scholarship Fund to provide assistance for students majoring in the "helping" professions. One student will receive \$3,000 annually to subsidize expenses associated with international study.
- **Brian Anderson** donated more than 100 artworks created by his father, **Warren Anderson '50**—scenes of America's past captured along historic Route 66 and other cross-country highways valued at \$77,705 to the WIU Art Gallery Permanent Collection.
- **The Rock Island County Board** presented \$75,000 for the new WIU-QC Riverfront Campus and establishment of two new scholarships for Black Hawk students transferring to WIU-QC, or Western students pursuing a degree in public service.
- **U.S. Bank in the Quad Cities** funded the Professional Writing and Academic Support Center at the WIU-QC Riverfront Campus through a gift of \$50,000.
- Professor emeritus **Jim Wehrly** committed \$50,000 to endow a scholarship in agricultural finance. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded each year to a junior student pursuing studies in agricultural finance.
- The **Nola '50 MS-ED '57** and **LaVern McEntire** Dietetics Scholarship Endowment was established with \$50,000 from the McEntires' IRA. They took advantage of legislation that allowed them to direct required disbursements from their IRA directly to charities of their choice without having to claim disbursements as income for the 2007 tax year.
- **First Bankers Trust** pledged \$30,000 for creation of the College of Business and Technology's "cyberspace café" in Stipes Hall.
- Former WIU Chair of the English and journalism department and professor emeritus **Ron Walker** and his wife, **Leslie**, established the Ron and Leslie Graduate Fellowships. Two graduate fellowships of \$1,000 each will be awarded each spring.
- **Larry Balsamo**, former chair and professor of the WIU history department, established the Larry T. Balsamo Scholarship upon his retirement in December. The scholarship will be awarded to academically talented history education majors.

Financial Summary

Expenditures by purpose—FY08



Contributions by purpose—FY08



*Income only, outstanding pledges and testamentary gifts not included.

Foundation Year in Review

92-year-old folk artist creates legacy through loan

Historian, poet, novelist, and fiddler **Erwin Thompson** was named a "folk treasure" by Arts Across Illinois in 2005. In 2006, Thompson took up clearing brush again on the 100-acre family spread on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River. In 2007, he celebrated his 92nd birthday with a partner-swinging square dance.

Thompson offers these three suggestions for longevity: 1) stay active mentally and physically; 2) practice moderation; and 3) keep good company. His daughter Janet Riehl adds that his "secret spiritual practice" is another factor for her father's good, long life. "His kindness is one of his spiritual practices."

Thompson and his late wife, **Ruth Johnston Thompson '39**, donated a block of stock to Western Illinois University in 1985 to establish the Court and Grace Johnston (named in honor of Ruth's parents) Loan Fund. Since its inception, the fund has assisted nearly 750 Western Illinois University students. The purpose of the fund is to offer interest free loans to high performing students with financial need.

"I like the spiritual principle of the revolving loan fund," says Thompson. "There is the giving...and the giving back. There is the sense of a common good, not only the individual benefits."

The "giving and the giving back" are ideals that have guided both Erwin and Ruth throughout their lives; principles learned from their parents and extended families, which have, in turn, been passed to their own children and community at large.

Ruth graduated from Western in 1939, the recipient of great emotional and financial support from her family. An automobile accident left her unfit for physical labor, so her entire family shared in the expense of her education. She taught in rural schools before marrying Erwin in 1942.

Erwin, raised by his three aunts in Evergreen Heights, the house his grandfather built in 1863, graduated high school with honors, served in the military from 1942 to 1945, then spent 33½ years in the Gas Department of Union Electric.

Ruth went on to earn her master's degree at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., and their three children all graduated from the college of their choice, "debt free due to our combined incomes," said Thompson. "On the day we were married, Ruth asked me to promise her that our children would receive a college education," said Thompson. "It was the only promise she asked of me, and I gave her my word." For Erwin, it was like a second set of wedding vows, and their family life was designed around the promise of education.

Thompson has been writing poetry, family history, music, and lyrics for original songs for some 75 years. Thompson has documented letters from his mother, father, and extended family network, now archived at the University of Illinois and is considered an invaluable resource to researchers of that time period. He has been featured on Arts Across Illinois' TV broadcast and website, as well as the Alton, Ill. *Telegraph*.

Lifelong learning – and teaching – resonates with all the Thompson clan. While Ruth chose the formal route, Erwin's journey was informal. Two of their children held more conventional positions within the education field; daughter Julia was a physicist and professor while son Gary is a teacher and president of the teacher's union.

Youngest daughter Janet has had a less conventional approach, teaching villagers in Africa and working with other cultures upon her return to the United States.

"My wife Ruth taught in a grade school classroom for 32 years. Our son **Gary Thompson '68** and daughter Julia both received 'Teacher of the Year' awards the same year in totally different settings," boasts Thompson. "Our younger daughter Janet taught English as a second language and literature and designed literacy curricula in Africa during her five years there.

However, according to Janet, "in a family of teachers, dad was the teacher of teachers." A remarkably talented and accomplished man who lives simply but well, enjoys life and people, values learning and shares profusely. Countless individuals and causes have benefited from Thompson's teachings and generosity of spirit. Western Illinois University is proud and honored to be counted among them.

To read some of Thompson's work and to learn of the collaboration of father and daughter, visit riehlife.com.



Thompson, a "folk treasure," has been writing poetry, family history and lyrics for 75 years.

Dear Alumni and Friends:

It is with pride and gratitude that I present to you the 2007-2008 Western Illinois University Foundation report. This annual report of contributions is a testament to the commitment, trust and generosity of our alumni, friends and business partners.

This was a record year for the Foundation, which received more than \$8.4 million in contributions. This is the highest amount ever received by the Foundation in a single fiscal year. Given the uncertain economic climate, this is indeed significant. At a time when daily living costs are precariously high and still on the rise, our donors saw fit to support Western Illinois University at an unprecedented level.

I hope you take great pride in knowing that your investment strengthens the University's core values and touches the lives of students on both of our campuses. Your investment in Western Illinois University is sincerely valued and appreciated. In the coming year, we will continue to seek private support for our four priority areas: student scholarships, faculty support, capital improvement, and information and technology.

I would like to thank the WIU Foundation staff and board members. Much of our success can be attributed to the outstanding staff members and dedicated volunteers that have served this institution.

Thank you again. Each and every gift received by the Foundation is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dan L. Hendricks
Vice President for Advancement and Public Services
WIU Foundation Executive Director



Dear Friends of Western:

I have concluded my tenure as president of the WIU Foundation. It has been a privilege and an honor to have held this position for the past two years. The time has been fleeting, but the Foundation's advances have been significant. The endowment's assets have grown in spite of periodic downturns in the fortunes of the investment world, and we are looking forward to continuing growth in future years.

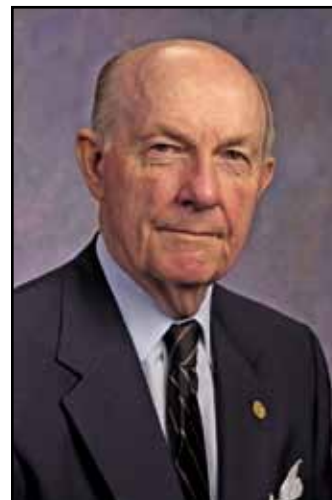
The Foundation provides continuing support through scholarship assistance, grants, and short-term loans that allow many students to continue their educations during difficult times. Your generosity is the primary means that allows us to continue this vital work. Thank you very much for all you have contributed in the past and in advance for the future support we know you will provide. It is vital and it is deeply appreciated.

Western provides educational opportunities that are specifically relevant to students' aspirations. These students will shape the future and the continuing advancement of our culture and society. They will continue to provide the vision and the leadership that Western graduates have been doing for the past century.

Please accept my deep gratitude for your continued involvement with the WIU Foundation and its board of directors.

Most sincerely,

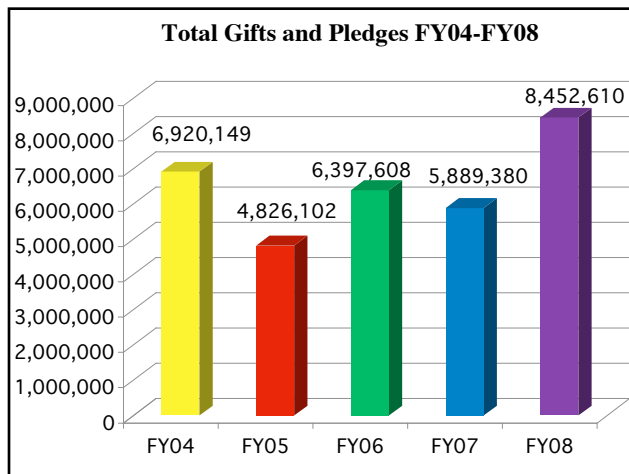
Archie Seymour '53 MS-ED '59
Past President
WIU Foundation



Foundation Year in Review

WIU Foundation announces record year in fundraising

The Western Illinois University Foundation has reported a record high in fundraising for Fiscal Year 2008 (FY08), with donors contributing more than \$8.4 million, according to WIU President **Al Goldfarb**.



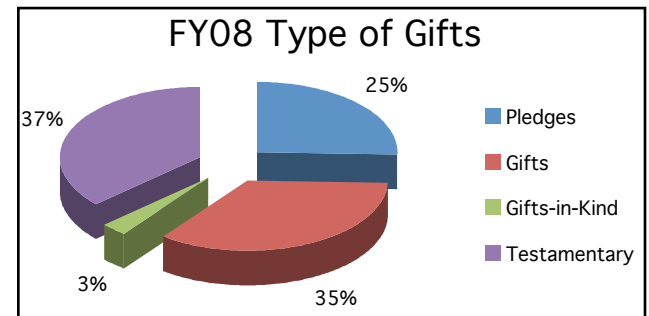
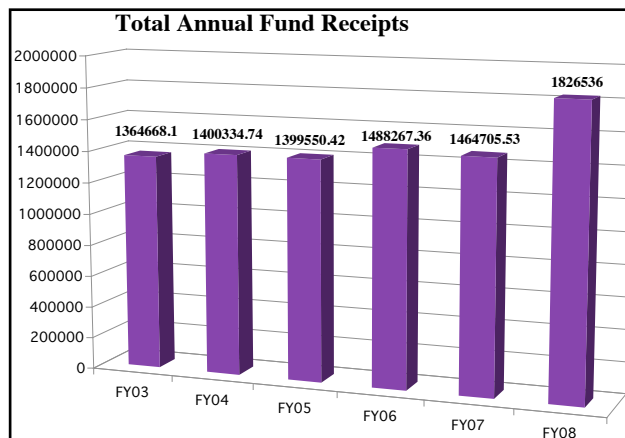
"We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to everyone who has made a contribution to Western Illinois University," Goldfarb said. "The commitment of our alumni and friends provides our students and faculty with the resources necessary to succeed."

The previous fundraising record occurred in FY04 with a total of \$6.2 million, noted Vice President for Advancement and Public Services **Dan Hendricks**. Subsequent years have raised an average of \$5.6 million annually.

"We are extremely pleased and impressed that our donors have demonstrated such remarkable generosity," Hendricks said. "Despite the uncertain economic climate, sliding stock market and rising prices, support for Western is at an all-time high and is truly exceptional."

Western's Annual Fund, which generates annual support for the academic departments and programs, jumped from \$1.4 to \$1.8 million this past fiscal year, while support for the President's Scholarship Fund, established in 2006 to reduce the average debt load for students, increased 18 percent.

"Western has always benefited from consistent and loyal support from our alumni and friends," added Director of Development **Brad Bainter '79 MS '83**, who has been with the Foundation since 1995. "What we have seen this past year is an increase not only in outright cash gifts, but also an increase in planned giving and more creative vehicles such as gifts of real estate, IRA rollovers and remainder trusts."



Even parents of WIU students gave record amounts. Gifts to the Parents' Fund surged from \$11,000 last year to \$50,420 this year.

"We are appreciative of the support that parents and families have given this year. Student Services has made a concerted effort to reach parents and have done so with great success," said **Jessica Butcher MS '96**, interim assistant to the vice president for student services.

"I can only attribute this generosity to the confidence our donors have in quality education that Western provides, as well as the University's commitment to students," Hendricks added. "I thank each one of the more than 14,000 individuals responsible for this exceptional total of more than \$8.4 million. Because of them, the educational experience at Western will be strengthened, and we are well-positioned for the future."

For more information on giving opportunities, visit wiu.edu/giving or contact the Foundation Office at (309) 298-1861.

Art gallery receives historic donation

More than 100 artworks of America's past captured along historic Route 66 and other cross-country highways, created by the late alumnus **Warren H. Anderson '50**, were recently donated to the WIU Art Gallery Permanent Collection.

Brian Anderson gave the University the generous gift of a variety of his father's artworks, which include his "Retro Roadside America" and "Vanishing Roadside America" series of neon diner and motel signs and old sculptured gas pumps, as well as images of vintage cars and architectural details of America's pre-interstate highways from the 1930s-1950s.

The collection stands as the largest donation in quantity and value per single gift to the Art Gallery in history. It has been valued at \$77,705.

"We appreciate the generosity of Brian Anderson in giving his father's works to Western, and the artistry of Warren Anderson in these wonderful works," Vice President for Advancement and Public Services **Dan Hendricks** said.

His works have been widely exhibited across the U.S. and are in the permanent collections of several museums. Art forms incorporated by Anderson include photography, two- and three-dimensional montages, PrismaColor pencil drawings and boxed assemblages (found objects and drawings combined).

"In all those varied forms, there is also a hint of a slightly offbeat romanticism. In essence, my art

commemorates the vernacular of the past from the heightened perspective of the present," said Anderson about his 2006 "Vanishing Roadside America" exhibit at the Etherton Gallery in Tucson, Ariz.

"We are proud and privileged to receive this donation of Warren Anderson's work from his son, Brian. Already some of the works are on loan due to their relevance and popularity," said College of Fine Arts and Communication Dean **Paul Krieder**.

Born in Moline (Ill.), Anderson earned his Bachelor of Science in Education (art) from Western Illinois (State College) in 1950 and his master's degree from the University of Iowa in 1951. He taught in the Crystal Lake (Ill.) school district until 1956, when he joined the University of Arizona faculty and founded the department of art education. Anderson, who earned his Ph.D. at Stanford University in 1961, taught for 30 years at Arizona, retiring in 1986. He authored several articles and a widely recognized textbook on art education, "Art Learning Situations in Elementary Education."

Anderson, who was married to the late WIU alumna **Audrey Anderson '50**, received Western's Alumni Achievement Award in 1980. His "Vanishing Roadside America" exhibition was a featured solo show at Western's Art Gallery during the 1994 season.

"I remember him with great fondness; he cared a lot about Western," said **John Graham '73 MA '84**, curator of exhibits at Western's Art Gallery. "I also greatly appreciate

the efforts of the staff at the Etherton Gallery in getting this extensive collection to us. They were highly instrumental in this process."

The Etherton Gallery includes a retrospective of Anderson's work on its website at <http://ethertongallery.com/html/archive/temple/anderson/index.htm>.



(L-R) COFAC Dean Paul Kreider, COFAC Director of Development Mick Cumbie and Art Gallery Curator of Exhibits John Graham '73 MA '84 display one of 1950 alumnus Warren Anderson's PrismaColor drawings, which is among more than 100 of Anderson's artworks recently donated to Western.

New Alumni Council members

Four new members will serve the Western Illinois University Alumni Council for the 2008-2009 year.

Comprised of 25 alumni appointed to three-year terms and the president of the Student Alumni Association, the Alumni Council represents the interests of Western's

nearly 105,000 alumni. Members serve as liaisons to various University areas and on advisory boards. The council assists in the recruitment of students, selects Alumni Award recipients and was instrumental in establishing the Student Alumni Association. The council meets on a quarterly basis. **Pam Hoffman '70**, an adjunct faculty member at Oakland Community College in Auburn Hills, Mich., serves as president.

New members:

Katie Kellum '03 MBA '04, a transportation specialist at KONE, Inc. in Moline, graduated from WIU with a bachelor's

degree in marketing and a master's degree in business administration.

Lisa Lyons '03 MS '05, an academic adviser for Saint Xavier University in Chicago, graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in college student personnel.

Steve McLaughlin '70 MS '71, vice chancellor for student services and dean of students at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in college student personnel.

Shari Gresham Rich '91 MS '93, associate dean of students/director of applied learning at Eureka College, graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in college student personnel.

For more information on the Alumni Council, visit wiu.edu/alumni/about/alumniCouncil.



Steve McLaughlin



Katie Kellum



Lisa Lyons



Shari Rich

Jazz Concert to benefit Ann Collins scholarship



Ann Collins

Ann Collins '61 MA '68 is living the essence of retirement—she is almost as busy now as when she was on the piano faculty (1968-1988) and when she served as music department chair (1988-1997) at her alma mater, Western Illinois University.

Fortunately, she holds tight to schedules, so the place to be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 is the COFAC Recital Hall (Simpkins

Hall) for the Ann Collins and Friends Jazz Concert. The show promises to be an entertainment feast for all types of music lovers, not just jazz fans, and the \$10 admission fee will benefit the Ann Collins Jazz Piano Scholarship in Western's School of Music.

The concert will begin with solo piano, adding instrumentalists and vocalists and ending with a special arrangement for combined Praise Band and Dixieland Band, Collins said.

Performing with Collins will be: duo-piano with Music Assistant Professor **Michael Stryker**; piano trio with bassist **Jim Betts MS '00** and drummer **Woodie Brassil MS-ED '94**; past and present scholarship winners; feature vocalists **Vicky Mayo**, who has sung in commercials and cabaret in New York City, **Jennifer Wallis '06** and **David Lafary**; jazz combo performance with **Pete Hannen '87**,

saxophone, and Director of Jazz Studies **John Cooper**; Dixieland Band with clarinetist **Craig Bullis MA '77**; and the Wesley United Methodist Church (Macomb) Praise Band, with vocalists **Marta Clugston** and **Tanya Coker**, vocalist/guitarist **Lafary**, bassist **Don Vance** and drummer **Randy Grove '76**.

Collins established the Ann Collins Jazz Piano Scholarship in 2003 to benefit her former department.

"Western Illinois University has an excellent piano faculty, which includes a jazz piano specialist," she said. "Adding the Ann Collins Jazz Piano Scholarship incentive gives the School of Music the ability to be competitive when recruiting the talented high school jazz pianists, who are in short supply"

It's easy to see that jazz is what drives Collins.

"I'm passionate about supporting and promoting this style of music, which is such an important part of American heritage and culture," she said.

Collins, a WIU Presidential Merit Award and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, is devoting her retirement years to playing jazz, writing jazz piano texts and helping classically trained piano teachers learn to teach jazz. She maintains a busy schedule as a clinician at conventions and colleges throughout the U.S. and as an instructor of jazz piano clinics for piano teachers.

For more information visit www.anncollinsjazz.com.

Collins, who was born not far from WIU in Mercer County (Ill.) and graduated from Alexis High School, is also an active member and performer in two

communities—Macomb, from spring to early fall, and the South Texas area during the winter, where she is an adjunct professor at the University of Texas - Brownsville. She is one of the original planners, and a dynamic part of the organizing committee, for Macomb's annual Al Sears Jazz Festival (www.searsjazzfestival.com), which held its seventh celebration Sept. 12-14.

She played with bass and drums as the Ann Collins Trio on two CDs: "6:05 Central Standard Time," which was recorded with bassist **Joe Vick** and drummer **Dave Rogers**; and the CD "re: Romance" which was the same trio and vocalist Mayo. Both CDs are enjoying international sales (CDbaby.com or contact ACollinsJz@aol.com), with all proceeds going to the Ann Collins Jazz Piano Scholarship.

Individuals not able to attend the Oct. 19 concert who wish to contribute to the scholarship fund may send donations, made payable to the "Ann Collins Jazz Piano Scholarship," to the WIU Foundation, Sherman Hall 303, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455-1390.

Cincinnati Alumni & Friends Event

5/29/08 Mt. Adams Pavilion



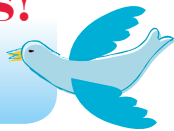
L-r: Elliott Weinstein, Patti Noddin Weinstein '80, Mark Wagher '83, Robert Haley '85 MA '87, Ed Volk '78, Karen Volk and Mike Madison '81.



Front row, l-r: Arlene Timpson Wise '91, Cathy O'Brien Fitzgerald '85, Trudy John, Paige Durkee MS '97, Annell Bach and Bonnie Church. Back row, l-r: Marc Wise '91, Bob Fitzgerald '86, Gary John '71, Mike Madison '81, Pat Havlik Stern '78, David Bach '92 and Ken Church '53 MS-ED '58.

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



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Columbus Alumni & Friends Event

5/30/08 Muirfield Village Golf Club



L-r: Tom Arth, Laura Curtin '77, Ann Downey Weidenbenner '78, Clement Weidenbenner '77, Nathan Weidenbenner and Alumni Council member Jim Miner '72 MS '73.

Homewood Alumni & Friends Event

6/5/08 5th Quarter Sports Bar & Grill



L-r: Alumni Achievement Award recipient Darryl Hollimon '83 MBA '93, Robbin Ware Johnson, Dennis Shannon '70, Kathy Shannon '72 and Al Perry '74.



Front row, l-r: Jan Ferency Rompala '72, Denise Devine Carriel '81, Judy Breen '82 and Julie Caulfield Nisivaco '81 MA '82. Back row, l-r: Paul Gentile '72, Dave Rompala '72, Ed Carriel, Tom Tomaszewski '70 MBA '72 and Richard Guerine '72.



Front row, l-r: Alumni Council member Lyneir Cole '87, Robbin Ware Johnson, Kim Calhoun Dawson '89, Alumni Council member Lisa Lyons '03 MS '05, Clowana Gardner Walker '91 and Joyce Ross '87. Back row, l-r: Mario Koonce '90, Couren Jackson '89, Tyrone Scruggs '91, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Darryl Hollimon '83 MBA '93 and Miles Dawson '89.

"The Western Open" at Seven Bridges

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For names of those pictured visit wiu.edu/alumni/eventphotos/7bridges2008 or call (309) 298-1914.





Sports

Van Alstine named president of FCS ADA

Tim Van Alstine, director of athletics, has been elected president of the Division I Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA) for 2008-09.

"I want to thank 2007-08 President Jim Murphy, director of athletics at Davidson College, for his contributions over the past year," Van Alstine said. "I look forward to serving as the association's president in 2008-09 and another outstanding year."

The Division I FCS ADA also elected Peter Fields, director of athletics at Montana State University, to serve as 1st Vice



Van Alstine

President; Greg Burke, director of athletics at Northwestern State University to serve as 2nd Vice President; and Marilyn McNeil, director of athletics Monmouth University as the 3rd Vice President for the 2008-09 year.

Now in its 16th year, the Division I FCS ADA's mission is to enhance Football Championship Subdivision football. The association is administered by NACDA, which is now in its 44th year. NACDA is the professional and educational association for more than 6,100 college athletics administrators at more than 1,600 institutions throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

Football coach on medical leave

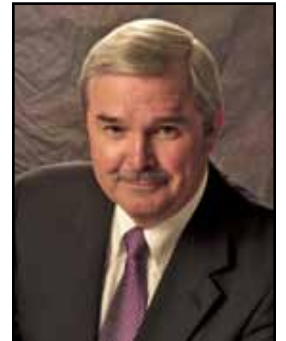
Entering his 10th season at Western Illinois University, Head Football Coach **Don Patterson** announced in July he would be taking an immediate leave of absence due to a recent diagnosis of tonsillar cancer.

Patterson, 57, had surgery in Iowa City in July, starting a seven-week treatment plan, which forced him to miss pre-season camp and several games early in the season. In his absence, assistant head coach and offensive coordinator **Mark Hendrickson** is serving as acting head coach.

"I really feel like I am receiving the best possible care," said Patterson about the University of Iowa Department of Otolaryngology. "And on top of that, I have been told that I am really the ideal patient because of my health and lifestyle."

"We will certainly give Coach Patterson all the support we can," said Athletics Director **Tim Van Alstine**. "Doctors have communicated to him a very high success rate, so we expect a full recovery and we wish him the very best."

"I expect out of myself the same things that I expect out of my players," said Patterson. "I am going to be very coachable, doing exactly what my doctors tell me to do, and I am going to be mentally tough. I will maintain the same positive attitude toward this that I have always had throughout my life. After meeting with the players and coaches when I made the announcement, I have no doubt they will respond in a way that will make us all very proud."



Don Patterson

Former Leatherneck named to Packers Hall of Fame

Former Western Illinois offensive lineman **Frank Winters '87** was elected into the Green Bay Packers' Hall of Fame at the Lambeau Field Atrium in July.

"It is an honor," said Winters. "The Packers is an organization a lot of great people and players have been in and a part of, and to be selected and honored to be with these guys is a great honor for me and my family."

Winters, who was introduced by close friend and former Packers quarterback Brett Favre, played 11 of his 16 NFL seasons with the Packers, including being the starting center for eight straight seasons (1993-2000). He played in the 1999 Pro



Frank Winters

Bowl and earned USA Today All-Pro honors in the same year. Winters won a Super Bowl with the Packers in 1996.

"When you think of great linemen, there are some great names within this organization," Favre said. "You think of (Fuzzy) Thurston and (Jim) Ringo and (Jerry) Kramer and (Forrest) Gregg. You need to think of Winters as well."

At Western Illinois, Winters played in 42 consecutive games for the Leathernecks from 1984-86 and earned All-American honors from Kodak, The Sporting News and The Associated Press his senior season. Winters was also named to the Gateway Football Conference's All-Decade Team in 1994.

'Necks help with flood response



Leathernecks **Brandon Kreczmer** and **Buddy Dudczak** help fill sandbags in Niota, Ill.

On June 16, representatives from WIU Athletics put their muscle toward helping to hold off a crisis.

Leathernecks football defensive coordinator **Thomas Casey** took three football players, along with **Jason Kaufman** MS '99, assistant

athletics director for media services and broadcasting, to Niota, Ill., to help with sandbagging.

The group was among one of many WIU faculty, staff and students to give their time in volunteering to help with those affected by flooding along the Mississippi River.

Team members who worked alongside members of Macomb's Illinois National Guard unit at the Appanoose Township building were junior linebackers **Brandon Kreczmer** (Chicago) and **Buddy Dudczak** (Rolling Meadows, Ill.) and sophomore defensive lineman **Victor Visoky** (Northbrook, Ill.).

Leatherneck football television clearances announced

Television clearances for Western Illinois University's football schedule have been announced, as the Leathernecks will appear on FSN Midwest and Fox College Sports Saturday, Nov. 22 against Youngstown State, and on the North Dakota NBC Network Saturday, Oct. 11.

In addition, every game will be broadcast locally on wiutv3.

The season finale in Macomb against Youngstown State will be the final game of the 2008 Missouri Valley Football Conference TV Network package, airing live at 1 p.m. Fox College Sports has a national distribution of seven million homes. Additional clearances for the league's package, including games on The America Channel, may be added at a later date.

The Leathernecks' first-ever visit to North Dakota State will be broadcast live across the state. Kickoff has been changed from 6 p.m. to 3 p.m.



Football - 2008 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time (CST)	Media
Sat, Aug 30	Arkansas	at Fayetteville, Ark.	6 p.m.	
Sat, Sep 06	Quincy (Hall of Fame Game)	Macomb, Ill.	6:05 p.m.	wiutv3
Sat, Sep 13	South Dakota State *	at Brookings, S.D.	6 p.m.	
Sat, Sep 20	Stephen F. Austin (Family Weekend)	Macomb, Ill.	6:05 p.m.	wiutv3
Sat, Oct 04	Missouri State *	at Springfield, Mo.	2 p.m.	
Sat, Oct 11	North Dakota State *	at Fargo, N.D.	3 p.m.	North Dakota NBC Network
Sat, Oct 18	Indiana State (Homecoming) *	Macomb, Ill.	3:05 p.m.	wiutv3
Sat, Nov 01	Northern Iowa *	Macomb, Ill.	12:05 p.m.	wiutv3
Sat, Nov 08	Southern Illinois *	at Carbondale, Ill.	2 p.m.	
Sat, Nov 15	Illinois State *	Macomb, Ill.	1:05 p.m.	wiutv3
Sat, Nov 22	Youngstown State *	Macomb, Ill.	1:05 p.m.	FSN Midwest, Fox College Sports
Sat, Nov 29	NCAA Playoffs	at TBA	TBA	

* Conference Games

Sports



WIU brings volleyball back to Brophy Hall NCAA official volleyball playing surface easier on players' bodies

The Western Illinois volleyball team will play all Summit League home matches on the brand new Sport Court in Brophy Hall this season.

The WIU volleyball program unveiled Sport Court flooring—the NCAA official volleyball playing surface—in Brophy Hall in August. In past seasons the team had named Western Hall as its home court.

"This is a significant day for the volleyball program and women's athletics at Western Illinois," said head volleyball coach **Kym McKay MS '08**. "We are bringing volleyball back to Brophy Hall and doing it in style.

"Head baseball coach **Stan Hyman** has always gone out of his way to comment on the quality and home court advantage of our matches in Brophy Hall," McKay continued. "After this past season's matches against Oral Roberts and North Dakota State, which were played in Brophy Hall, he questioned why we didn't play all of our matches there to benefit from the amazing crowds. This got us thinking, and we started putting together a plan to make this happen."

Western Hall has a crowd capacity of over 5,000, whereas the court in Brophy Hall holds roughly 800 with fans tightly surrounding the court.

"The crowd's impact in Brophy Hall creates a home court advantage that is unmatched at most Division I schools," McKay said. "The smaller venue makes the facility extremely loud and is a major intimidating factor for opponents. All fans will be a vital part of the match experience and should be able to truly impact the positive outcomes."



The Western Illinois volleyball team will play all Summit League home matches on the brand new Sport Court in Brophy Hall.

The 'positive outcomes' that have been most prevalent in the past four seasons for the Western Illinois volleyball program relate with the 21-7 home conference record they hold. Having at least five home conference wins and two or less losses in the conference at home each year has earned the Westerwinds a spot at The Summit League Tournament for four straight years.

Western now becomes the only volleyball program in The Summit League to have the playing surface and is only one of two Illinois Division I Athletic programs with Sport Court, with Northwestern being the other. For the 2008-09 season, the Westerwinds will play all conferences matches in Brophy Hall and all non-conference opponents in Western Hall.

"The floor will serve two major functions," McKay said. "First and foremost, it will reduce the physical wear and tear on the players' bodies. In the past, we preferred to play matches in Western Hall due to the quality of the floor and its ability to absorb lateral and vertical shock. The floor in Brophy Hall did not provide this and the players' shins, ankles, knees, and backs endure higher levels of stress and discomfort. But the Sport Court will provide more lateral and vertical forgiveness on a player's body. The other function that the floor will provide is an aesthetic one. It makes a statement."

The newly added Sport Court is a total of 5,000 square feet with the actual court containing 1,800 square feet and the outside playing surface occupying the final 3,200 square feet. The volleyball court playing area is a simulated maple with the surrounding floor in purple with gold court lines. It is made of a polypropylene copolymer and has a locking system to integrate the tiles together. Each square tile is 9.8 inches, a half inch thick and weighs .62 pounds. The court was funded through private sources.

"This new floor clearly enhances our volleyball program, and we hope it will separate us from our competition," said **Tim Van Alstine**, director of athletics. "Moreover, this is another indication of our commitment to advancing women's programs. Kym has done a great job building our volleyball program into a perennial contender in The Summit League, and our program deserves this enhancement."

Gateway Football Conference now Missouri Valley

Presidents of the nine-member Gateway Football Conference and the 10-member Missouri Valley Conference have approved a rebranding initiative that changes the football conference name from the Gateway Football Conference to the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

It represents the second name change for the football league, which begins its 24th season this fall. Initially, the conference competed under the Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference (1985-91) and the Gateway Football Conference (1992-2007).

"This is going to allow the Missouri Valley Football Conference members to take advantage of year-long positive exposure received by the Missouri Valley Conference," said Missouri Valley Football Conference commissioner **Patty Viverito**. "Both leagues have developed a tremendous brand name, but the timing for the name change is right. The league expanded July 1 with two new members, and with this new, stronger lineup, rebranding now makes sense."



Westerwinds soccer home win streak at 10; host Summit League Nov. 7-9

Western Illinois women's soccer team has its first-ever berth to the NCAA Tournament in its sights in 2008; but to do that, second-year head coach **Tony Guinn's** squad will have to claim The Summit League title, instead of runner-up to Oakland University as they have the past two years at the OU Grizzlies home field.

But this year is different. The Westerwinds charge into the 2008 season with 10 consecutive wins on their home field, the John MacKenzie Alumni Field, that date back two seasons and include two overtime wins in 2007. And Western hosts the conference championship this fall (Nov. 7-9), bringing the pre-season top-ranked Grizzlies to MacKenzie Field.

The 2008 team returns eight of 12 starters from last year's school record-setting 16-3-1 team, paced by leading scorer senior **Ashley Hoch** (Brookfield, Wis.), who was named to The Summit League all-league first team, all-tournament team and Great Lakes all-region third team by Soccer Buzz Magazine. **Kim Schuneman** (Elm Grove, Wis.), who set defensive

school records for shutouts (9) and goals allowed per game (0.78), and second leading scorer **Katelyn Wisner** (Lenexa, Kans.) were also league first-team selections who return to the experienced squad. Senior defender **Lainey Bruhn** (Leawood, Kans.) and redshirt sophomore goalkeeper **Meghan Tyk** (Whitefish Bay, Wis.), all-Summit League second team players, along with **Kelsey Pillsbury** (Chatham, Ill.), who was named to The Summit

League's All-Newcomer Team, and defenders **Amanda Wright** (Springfield, Ill.) and **Teresa McDonnell** (Springfield, Ill.) round out the experienced returners.

Western captured The Summit League regular season title in 2007 after a perfect 8-0-0 record in league play, and Guinn was named The Summit League Coach of the Year as well as Coach of the Year Runner-Up for the Great Lakes region by Soccer Buzz Magazine. Now Coach Guinn's first recruiting class at Western Illinois—eight freshmen and four transfers—has earned him national recognition, being named the top recruiting class in The Summit League by Soccer Buzz Magazine.



Junior **Amanda Wright** exchanged a Western Illinois soccer shirt for a jersey from a Northern Ireland U-19 National team player.

Thanks for the Memories

La Belle Epoque: Barracks 3, the Icons of W.I.S.C., and the Class of 1957

By Ron Nikceovich, Class of 1957

I remember the beauty of Western's campus when I first visited in Summer 1954. It was said Western's was the most beautiful campus in the Midwest, prettier even than Iowa State's. For a Chicago neighborhood kid, I saw a lot of green. There wasn't much green in our neighborhood, no lawn mowers either. In the summer we had Wrightwood Playground where status was determined by how far one could hit a 16-inch softball, slow pitch, Mike Royko style. What green there was at Wrightwood was weeds, though well cut by Tony, the laborer. The infield was all gravel, slide at your own risk. We even had an outdoor dirt basketball court.

By any standards, particularly a neighborhood kid, Western's campus was beautiful. I came in the Fall 1954, having transferred from Marquette University, a neighborhood school in another neighborhood town, Milwaukee. There wasn't much difference between Chicago and Milwaukee.

Coach Tex Winter recruited me from Lane Tech to come to Marquette. That's all that mattered. I loved Tex, but he left Marquette for a bigger job and greater glory at Kansas State, and that didn't leave me with much. Macomb is not Milwaukee, nor is it Chicago. But Macomb had W.I.S.C. (Western Illinois State College) and its beautiful campus and a cast of characters and places with names like Rock, Stix, Wix, Tuffy, Bugsie's, Carroll House, the Pace, Dr. Beu, Shag's, the Varsity Café, the Jenny Wren, and a colossus called Barracks 3. Norman Rockwell would have loved the town, its cast of characters, the places.

My new home away from home was now Barracks 3. The Ritz? No. The Hotel Crillon? No. The Excelsior? No. How many rating stars? None. Well, what? My mom asked me for my new address: "Barracks 3, W.I.S.C., Macomb." She wondered, "a college or a prison?" How can Barracks 3 be described other than elongated, partitioned, bath area in the rear, two to a "room" and filled with basketball players?

Early in 1954 I frequently heard the remark that "Western is the Harvard of the Midwest." In truth, there were faculty who were Harvard types, certainly great teachers. **Dr. Robert Shiley**, head of the English department, comes to mind and **Dr. Tillman, Dean Thisted, Dr. Blackford, Dr. Bodine** and others form Western's wonderful world of academia. Those faculty, I'm sure, could function at Harvard or Princeton or Duke or Stanford. Dr. Shiley's Ph.D. was from Yale. Somehow, they arrived at Western and the students were the beneficiaries. They were great teachers, worthy of pens placed on their desks by their peers. Harvard has a huge reputation, worldwide. It has most of the ivy from the Ivy League. Harvard has it all. Well, not all. It doesn't have a **Rock Hanson**, a **Stix Morley '29**, a **Dr. Beu**, a **Jim Grigsby '34** or even a **Tuffy Harwick**. Come on, not even a Jenny Wren! Harvard has a Gothic campus, serene, sophisticated, elegant. It has it all. Well, not all. It doesn't have a Barracks 3. Barracks 1 and 2 were for other student athletes at W.I.S.C.—football players and wrestlers notably, and even some transients hung around Barracks 1 and 2. But, for the most part, student athletes lived there.

And Barracks 3? Ah, Barracks 3 and the cherished goal of membership in the Barracks 3 Alumni Association—something like Phi Beta Kappa. If Western was indeed the Harvard of the Midwest, then Barracks 3 was certainly the cultural, intellectual hub of Western's campus. More than student athletes, Barracks 3 housed scholar athletes, basketball players who brought academic prestige and

athletic glory to their alma mater. The chief scholar athlete of Barracks 3 was Dr. Beu's head consultant, **C. Maynard Schramm '57**: some called him Chuck, others Charley. There were the **Talbot brothers, Gene and Don '57**. And the Chicago kid who "talked funny," **Ron Nikceovich '57**. Other scholar athletes were **Don Resler '58 MS-ED '64**, **Dick Maher '59**, **Chuck Behrends '58**, **Marshall Stoner '56 MS-ED '60**, and **Lupe Rios '56 MS-ED '62**. As years went by, many of the scholar athletes were inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame: Schramm, Nikceovich, the Talbot

brothers, Behrends, Maher, Stoner, and Rios (all who recently celebrated 50th anniversaries with wives Pat, Marcia, Linda, June, Mary, Pat, and Mary, respectively).

There's something about Barracks 3—no ivy, no Gothic façade, no tiled baths, nor carpeted rooms. However, the residents—the scholar athletes—made Barracks 3 an institution unto itself. Barracks 3 should be the first building on campus to be inducted into Western's Hall of Fame, a building in a Hall of Fame! Barracks 3 was more

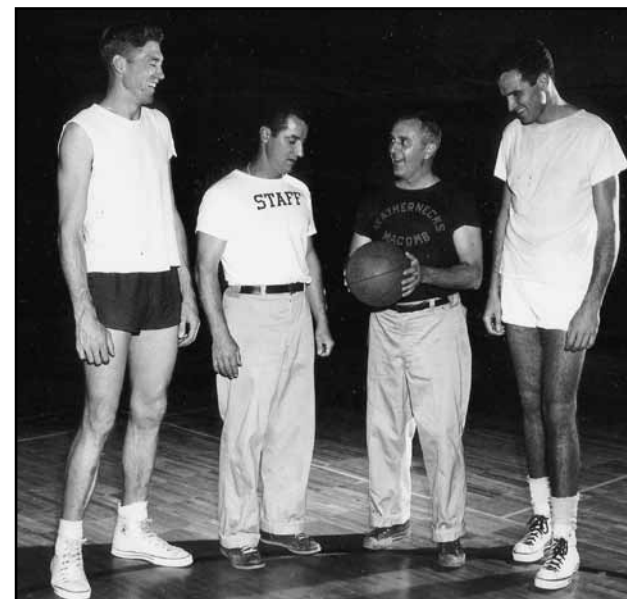
than a carpenter's delight. It was a symbol of good old-fashioned values: determination, heart, head, integrity, hard work. **Dr. Harold C. Ave**, assistant dean of men, wrestling coach, and one-time football coach, was the guru of Barracks 3. Given to calling everyone "Huskie" he was also a health teacher who, when I complained about him giving me a C—"Huskie," he said, "A's are for girls. A C is good." A "C" in health—come on...

I remember visiting Barracks 3 on graduation day, 1957. It was vacant, desolate, sad. The screen door, badly damaged, flopped open and shut in the breeze. It was like a scene from the movie, "The Last Picture Show." It seemed to say, "It's all over. Now get on with your life. There's a lot of living to do." The Barracks 3 Alumni Association fulfilled that prophecy and then some. And where's the plaque commemorating where Barracks 3 once stood?

Western Hall, no edifice, is a benign-looking place, a building of brick and cinder block. On game days during Western's glorious days of the 1950s Morgan Gym became Morleyville, as electric as any campus arena anywhere. Western Hall is, well, what can one say—Western Hall. Resurrect the place. Call it the Leroy "Stix" Morley Memorial Convocation and Special Events Center. Honor a fabled figure in Western's history who has largely been ignored. Enliven, invigorate the place. Erect a statue of Stix, a man symbolic and synonymous with the glories of the past. The building needs a new life. Rename Western Hall, give honor to an icon who gave so much to his alma mater. And the basketball coaches of Harvard's past? Sorry. Stix and his reputation is not ivy; try gold with a mix of purple.

Coach Morley was a decent, honest, honorable, family-first person. He was Mr. Integrity. Unlike coaches everywhere at every level, he had no ego; he never spoke about himself or his exploits, though there was much to say. Twice I went to talk to him privately. He was a good listener. He understood. He had an open mind. And he always talked family values. Stix was the kind of man I valued more as time went by. We were in touch more during his final years than the years following graduation. A native of Bardolph (Ill.), a star Western athlete, an esteemed basketball coach, probably in as many halls of fame that plaque space in his home would allow, Stix was revered throughout the basketball establishment.

And no college or university anywhere had a Rock Hanson. What can one say? **Alfred J. Lindsey's '54 MS-ED '60** biography, "Rock Hanson: The Life of a Hero," tried to



Left to right: Chuck Schramm, Guy Ricci, Leroy "Stix" Morley and Ron Nikceovich.

tell his story in 279 pages. And it did, although a reader may vaguely detect that there's a greater depth to the man with the bow tie, and unlit cigar in his mouth, driving his beloved Hudson. Everybody has Rock Hanson stories. The new football stadium was dedicated in his honor on Sept. 23, 1950. Western's teams years ago were known as the "Fighting Teachers." Until Rock intervened. With the Marine Corps' permission to use "Leathernecks," the only team anywhere to carry that storied name, Rock had what any good Chicago alderman had—clout. Rock's kind of clout would make even Mayor Daley blush. Mike Royko, Studs Terkel, Nelson Algren, throw in Simone de Beauvoir and Jean-Paul Sartre, they would have loved Rock and his Varsity Café, a Macomb haunt to add to their favorites in Chicago and Paris. Like any person anywhere and of any stature, they would have loved Rock.

A final figure, perhaps the all-time icon, was in a class all his own. I didn't know him as well as Stix or Rock. For me, he was a fairly obscure individual, although he did once thrust a \$5 bill in my hand after a particularly good game and in full view of others, including reporters. As far as I know, he loved Western, his wife, all Western athletics, golf, shooting his shotgun in the Grote Hall ravine to rout noisy birds and C. Maynard Schramm. Those who better knew Dr. Frank A. Beu can add to, or re-order the above list. One thing was certain: he was the president, CEO and commander-in-chief of W.I.S.C. Furthermore, all the eccentric, bizarre, and astonishing stories about him are true. There are no ways to embellish Dr. Beu stories. They're true. His biography would make a marvelous musical on stage, later a movie.

OK, Harvard, so you're called the Crimson. Do you have a match to Stix Morley, Rock Hanson, or Dr. Beu? Probably some Nobel Prize winners, statesmen, former Presidents, esteemed nobles in the business world or politics, that kind of stuff. But Stix, Rock or Dr. Beu? And how about Barracks 3? No. No. No dice. Case closed.

The Class of 1957, including the Barracks 3 Alumni Association, is the last and greatest class in the history of Western Illinois State College—that is, before the advent of WIU. "We came, we saw, we conquered." We learned, we grew, and that flopping Barracks 3 screen door on graduation day, beckoning us to our futures, knew it was time for us to depart and live our lives for at least the next 50 years and beyond. With my Chicago slang, some of my classmates thought I talked "funny." "I talk funny?" Downstate accents and Chicago accents always clash, but during the past 50 years the Class of 1957 has expressed itself eloquently, honestly, and with the integrity and the fervor of graduates of the Harvard of the Midwest, the Purple and the Gold.

Editor's Note: Alumni are encouraged to submit their WIU memories, along with photos, to be used in "Thanks for the Memories." Submissions will be used at the discretion of editorial staff and may be edited for content and space.

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Campus Landmark Restored

Lake Ruth has once again been restored to its picturesque state – complete with a fountain – thanks to the dredging efforts undertaken by Physical Plant staff earlier this summer. Roughly 2,500 tons of sediment were removed from the lake.



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11 a.m. or 2 p.m. Walking Tour of Campus
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2-4:30 p.m. Registration begins, Alumni House
5 p.m. Social, Alumni House

Saturday, Oct. 18

8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast, Alumni House
10:30 a.m. Homecoming Parade
Noon-3 p.m. Alumni Cookout, "The Right Place,"
the big tent west of Hanson Field
3:05 p.m. Homecoming Football Game
6 p.m. Social, University Union Lamoine Room
6:30 p.m. Reunion Class Photos
7 p.m. Reunion Banquet



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Friday, October 17, 2008
5 -10 p.m. All-Alumni Social, Alumni House (Complimentary food and beverages)

Saturday, October 18, 2008
7-7:45 a.m. Old Stompin' Ground Runaround Registration, Alumni House
8 a.m. Old Stompin' Ground Runaround 5K Run/2 mile walk
9 a.m. Continental Breakfast, Alumni House
10:30 a.m. Homecoming Parade
Noon-3 p.m. . . . Alumni Cookout - Menu: burgers, brats, hot dogs, chips, pasta salad, cupcakes, drinks and cash bar - "The Right Place" (tent directly west of Hanson Field)
3:05 p.m. Leatherneck Football vs. Indiana State—Hanson Field

Upcoming WIU Alumni & Friends Events

See our calendar on Page 2 for a complete list of events in your area!

Saturday, September 13
WIU Alumni & Friends Pre-game Tailgate-WIU vs. South Dakota State University
 Brookings, SD
 3:30 p.m. Pre-game at the Beef Bowl
 6 p.m. Game
 \$23/pre-game & ticket
 \$7/pre-game only

Friday, September 26
Portland Alumni & Friends Event
 6 p.m. Dinner at Meriwether's Restaurant
 2601 N.W. Vaughn St., Portland, OR
 \$30/dinner & cash bar

Saturday, September 27
Seattle Alumni & Friends Event
Future of Flight Aviation Center
 8415 Paine Field Blvd., Mukilteo, WA
 5 p.m. Aviation Gallery Tour, Flight Deck
 6-8 p.m. Social & cash bar
 \$24.50/tour & social
 \$20/social only

Saturday, October 4
WIU Alumni & Friends Pre-Game Tailgate-WIU vs. Missouri State University
 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Pre-game at Mille's Cafe, 313 S. Jefferson, Springfield, MO
 2 p.m. Game
 \$17/adult social & game
 \$10/child social & game
 \$12/adult social only
 \$5/child social only

Saturday, October 11
WIU Alumni & Friends Pre-game Social-WIU vs. North Dakota State
 1 p.m. Social @ Applebee's, 2001 16th St. N., Fargo, ND
 3 p.m. Game @ Fargodome, 1800 N. University Dr., Fargo, ND
 \$30/Social & ticket
 \$10/Social ONLY

Friday & Saturday October 17-18
Homecoming & 50 Year Football Reunion - 1957, 1958 & 1959 Football Teams
 WIU Macomb Campus
 \$40/all weekend
 \$30/Friday only
 \$20/Saturday only

Thursday, October 23
Mt. Sterling Alumni & Friends Event
 5:30-7:30 p.m. Social @ Ridge View Winery, R.R. #4, Mt. Sterling, IL
 \$12/Social and wine tasting

Monday, November 17
Peoria Alumni & Friends Event
 5 p.m. Complimentary Social @ the home of Mike '76 & Debbie Wisdom, 6803 N. Stonecrest Ct., Peoria, IL
 7:30 p.m. World Famous Rockettes Performance @ Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave., Peoria, IL
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College of Business and Technology



WIU Allison Farm organic field day

Balancing organic and conventional production was the featured topic at the annual Allison Organic Farm Field Day Aug. 6.

The field day began with a complimentary lunch featuring local farm products (for example, pork, eggs, wheat, tomatoes, potatoes, cucumbers, celery, green beans, onions, basil and honey) on the Kane Farm, one mile west of the Allison Farm. Lunch was followed by a keynote presentation titled "Following the Market to Organics" by Gary Reding, a pioneering producer of conventional, specialty and organic crops and livestock in Greensburg, Ind. Reding discussed how he began diversifying into organics in 1999 after more than 20 years as a conventional farmer. He explained that "There is more money in doing things that are more difficult, dirty, or more highly regulated" and that he seeks out these lucrative opportunities rather than trying to compete exclusively in the commodity market. He then joined a panel of Illinois farmers to discuss the unique opportunities and challenges associated with managing both organic and conventional operations.

Activities at the Kane Farm closed with reports on organic markets by **Roger Hendricker '73**, manager of Clarkson Grain in Beardstown (Ill.), AgLeader guidance systems by Rex Garthaus of AgLeader and the CropCam system by Dale Crawford, a farmer in Sullivan (Ill.).

Following the presentations at the Kane Farm, the



Allison farm

field day transitioned to the Allison Organic Farm for equipment demonstrations and a tour of the farm's research plots. WIU Agriculture faculty assistant **Andy Clayton '96** demonstrated the farm's new AgLeader guidance system while Crawford and his son took aerial photos of the Allison Farm using their Crop Cam plane. WIU Agriculture assistant professor **Joel Gruver** led a walking tour of a soybean variety trial, an evaluation of Nature Safe fertilizer, a corn-following-cover-crops experiment and a corn hybrid comparison.

Approximately 100 people attended the field day. Gruver was pleased with the turnout and commented, "I think people left this year's field day with new awareness that diversification into organics is a profitable option for conventional farmers with exceptional management skills and that new technologies like guidance systems are compatible with organic farming."

Historically the WIU Allison Farm has grown primarily corn, soybeans and wheat, but Gruver said he is interested in expanding the farm's production of hay. "Three-plus year rotations are required in organics, but longer rotations including hay have added benefits such as reduced weed pressure for grain crops."

More information about Western's organic agriculture research program can be found at wiu.edu/ag/organicfarm.

Did you know?

The College of Business and Technology Advisory Board meets twice per year to review college curriculum and suggest initiatives for growth and advancement within the eight academic disciplines. The 20-member board is comprised of successful professionals from business and industry.

Paul Bobzin '62 (Management)
Jack Brannigan '76 (Industrial Technology)
Holly Deem '77 (Accountancy)
John Distefano '80 (Information Science)
Tamara Harris '92 (Information Systems/Human Resource Management)
John B. Henderson '73 MBA '76 (Management)
Laura Janus '70 (Accountancy)
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Andrew Scott
Patty Sullivan '88 MBA '89 (Management)
Thomas Trainor '78 (Management)
Steven Vanne '79 (Marketing)
Julie Winkler '92 (Information Systems)

Engineering program moves forward

The proposal to establish a new degree program in engineering at WIU has been submitted for approval to the Illinois Board of Higher Education. The WIU Board of Trustees formally recommended the 133 semester-hour degree to be offered at the WIU-Macomb and WIU-Quad Cities campuses at its June meeting.

The program is designed for two-plus-two degree completion, allowing students who have completed pre-engineering transfer programs at WIU-Macomb, or regional community colleges and universities, to transfer to WIU and complete the degree during their junior and senior years.

Developed to meet the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) Engineering Accrediting Commission (EAC) standards, the new program was designed with the goal of enhancing interaction and partnership between WIU and the communities it serves.

"The new engineering program will contribute to economic development in Illinois communities and enhancing educational opportunity for Illinois citizens," said CBT Dean **Tom Erikson**.

While efforts continue to secure funding for the development of the Riverfront Campus, a search is underway to secure space for the WIU QC-based engineering program. A search for a program director will begin this fall.

Core Value: Academic Excellence

Computer science celebrates 25 years

New BS/MS offering one of largest programs

During the 2008-2009 academic year, the computer science department will celebrate 25 years at Western Illinois University. As it exists today, computer science grew out of several areas, including math, accountancy, and quantitative and information sciences before becoming the department of computer science in 1983.

"We're pleased to take this opportunity to reflect on the past, present, and future of the computer science department," said department chairperson **Kathy Neumann '86 MS '88**. "There's so much about the CS field and department that has evolved in the last 25 years." Many of the course offerings are different today, in order to accommodate new technologies and new majors like telecommunications management, implemented in 2007.

However, many of the core concepts like programming, privacy, security, and software engineering remain important. To meet the changing demands of CS employers, the department has conceptualized and

developed an innovative five-year BS/MS degree in computer science to begin in Fall 2008. The program

provides an opportunity for outstanding undergraduates to complete a traditional four-year undergraduate degree in computer science and then, with one additional year, earn a graduate degree. The integrated five-year BS/MS computer science degree builds on the University foundation of academic excellence and promotes the intellectual and personal growth of our students. The program will also send much-needed, qualified master's graduates into the workplace one year sooner. The computer science master's degree program is one of the largest at WIU, with enrollment numbers approaching 100 students. Annually, the department gives the Computer Science Alumni Award to its most promising and

successful student. The inaugural award was awarded in 1988 as the Inforte Award and sponsored by computer science alumni **Nick Padgett '88** and **Ron Meyer '88**.



Peek named academic mentor of the year

George Peek, retired accountancy professor and academic mentor for the Student Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants (SCIMA), was named Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) Academic Mentor of the Year.

The award recognized Peek's commitment to promoting the profession and supporting students. He has worked with Western's chapter throughout the years, including serving as adviser for the student video case competition (see below). During his tenure as adviser, SCIMA has been awarded the Silver Award from IMA in 2002-2003 and Gold Awards for four consecutive academic years (2003-2007). The chapter has also been named an Outstanding Student Chapter for two consecutive academic years (2005-2007), and won the student manuscript competitions in 2004 and 2007.

Peek, who joined Western's faculty in 1987, was nominated for the Academic Mentor of the Year Award by SCIMA adviser and accountancy instructor **Amy Ford '01 M.A.CCT '02**, who was once



Amy Ford '01 M.A.CCT '02, one of Peek's former students, is now a WIU accountancy instructor. Ford was one of Peek's nominators for the Mentor of the Year Award.

Peek's student. SCIMA President **Sean Sutton '08** and former president **James Kveton '08** joined Ford and **Diana McCabe '94 M.A.CCT '96**, the first SCIMA faculty adviser, in nominating Peek for the award.

"George's support has been the backbone for the success WIU has achieved in the past 15 years with IMA," Ford said in her nomination letter. "I first met George as a student at WIU. We did not yet have a student chapter of the IMA, but had active student groups, with the Accounting Society and Beta Alpha Psi chapter. He supported these groups and the Accounting Society became a student chapter of IMA. Without his efforts, I do not believe we would have been able to accomplish that task.

"One pervasive theme is that George is always there for our students. His commitment to helping our students is unprecedented," Ford added. "I am proud to call Dr. Peek our IMA academic mentor."

Peek was recognized at the IMA National Conference over the summer.

SCIMA chapter wins national competition

Five students from Western Illinois University's Student Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants (SCIMA) were named one of the four finalist teams in the IMA Student Case Competition. The team advanced to the national title at the IMA Conference in June in Tampa, Fla.

According to **Amy Ford** (see "Peek," above,) SCIMA adviser and accountancy instructor, the case competition challenges the students to prepare a 15-minute videotaped solution to a case published in Strategic Finance. This year's case focused on the budgeting process of a not-for-profit healthcare company. The students' solution used a creative board meeting setting to solve the questions from the case.

"This unique team of accountancy, finance and marketing students was highly effective in presenting their case solution," Ford noted.

Members of the WIU case team included **Erin Austin**, a senior accountancy major from Warsaw (Ill.); **James**

Kveton '08, a senior accountancy major from Sandwich (Ill.); **Greg Piotrowski**, a junior accountancy major from Chicago; **Bernard Potkanowicz**, a senior marketing major from Geneva (Ill.); and **Sean Sutton '08**, then a senior finance major from Shoreview, Minn.

In addition to the case competition, Western's student chapter competed in the student award of excellence competition, where SCIMA was named "Outstanding Student Chapter" for the third consecutive year. According to Ford, this prestigious award recognizes the top three student chapters nationwide. SCIMA also won a Best Practices Award for Best Newsletters.

The WIU chapter last appeared as a finalist in 2006. Western students won the competition in 1993 and 1998, and were finalists in 2005, 2002, 2000, and 1997.

Western's team competed against the University of Southern Indiana, Wright State University and Rider University.



(L-r) Sean Sutton, Greg Piotrowski, and Amy Ford.



The WIU team's case solution focused on the budgeting process of a non-profit healthcare company.

CBT faculty retiring in 2008

Accountancy

Pouran Espahbodi came to Western in August 2007. Espahbodi taught financial accounting in both the graduate and undergraduate accounting programs. An active researcher, Espahbodi's works have appeared in such journals as the Accounting Review and the Journal of Business and Finance. P-Espahbodi@wiu.edu

Tony Falgiani came to WIU in 1989, the first full-time faculty member to teach accounting at the Quad Cities campus. He was adviser to the Society of Accountancy, and coordinated the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which has provided tax assistance each year to more than 200 low-income taxpayers. AA-Falgiani@wiu.edu

Marcia Lucas '75 M.A.CCT '82 taught in the department for 26 years and served as interim chair for two years. She worked closely with students as the adviser to the Accounting Society and as director of the internship program. Recently, Lucas collaborated with the Illinois CPA Society in hosting the Accounting Challenge for area high school students. MJ-Lucas@wiu.edu

George Peek, who started at WIU in 1997, had four accounting certifications (CPA, CMA, CFE, and CISA), and helped ensure that the department and students were at the forefront of the technology curve. He was instrumental in helping the Society of Accountancy become the Student Chapter of the IMA (SCIMA) and was the faculty mentor of the group until he retired. G-Peek@wiu.edu

Lucia Peek who started at WIU in 1997, received several awards for her creative approaches to teaching and is well known for helping prepare students to sit for the auditing section of the CPA exam. L-Peek@wiu.edu

Engineering Technology

Tom Bridge started as assistant professor in 1977 and was named department chair in 1985. He has obtained numerous grants for fuel training, adult and vocational education, and faculty development, and has been recognized nationally by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. TG-Bridge@wiu.edu

Information Systems and Decision Sciences

Steve Straub began teaching at WIU in 1981. His teaching interests included descriptive and inferential statistics, systems analysis and design, decision support, and cyber crime. He was recognized for outstanding teaching in the College in 1997. S-Straub@wiu.edu

Marketing and Finance

Carolyn Tripp began at Western in 1990. During her tenure, she has been recognized six times for her outstanding accomplishments in the College and has published 18 major journal articles. As faculty adviser in the international Marketplace Simulation, her student team, PC Solutions, won its flight and placed second overall in the 23rd Annual Marketplace Global Competition in 2006. C-Tripp@wiu.edu

Jim Tripp also began at WIU in 1990. He is highly regarded as a strong presence in the College of Business and Technology because of his background in banking and ties to professionals in the field. For more than 10 years, he personally arranged and chaperoned a trip to the Chicago financial district for students in the Finance Club. J-Tripp@wiu.edu

College of Business and Technology



Richard Longworth to speak on campus

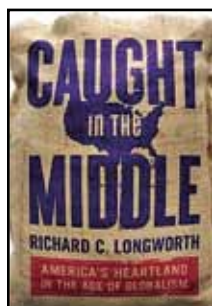
The College of Business and Technology has confirmed the appearance of Richard C. Longworth as the college's Ferguson Lecturer in Spring 2009. Longworth will speak March 25 on both the WIU-Quad Cities and Macomb campuses.

Longworth, author of "Caught in the Middle: America's Heartland in the Age of Globalism," is a senior fellow at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and Distinguished Visiting Scholar at DePaul University. He joined the council in 2003 as executive director of its Global Chicago Center after a career in journalism, most recently as senior correspondent for the Chicago Tribune.



Author Richard Longworth

For 20 years, Longworth was a foreign correspondent for the Tribune and United Press International and was the Tribune's chief European correspondent. He has reported from 75 countries on five continents. In his speech at Western, which will be titled after his book, Longworth will talk about the way globalization is transforming the Midwest, the challenges it is presenting to everyone from old factory towns to universities, and the difficulty communities are experiencing in meeting these challenges. This includes his encouragement for cooperation across state lines, including cooperation between colleges and universities, to leverage the Midwest's many strengths and create an economically vibrant region, able to compete in this new global economy.



Longworth is the author of "Global Squeeze," one of the first books on globalization, and of a MacArthur Foundation report, "Global Chicago," which led to the founding of the Global Chicago Center. He is co-author of a book, "Global Chicago," published by the University of Illinois Press.

He also has won every major national award for economic reporting, plus the Lowell Thomas Award for a story on a camel trek through the Sahara Desert. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, has been a speaker at the Davos conferences and for five years was a mentor to StreetWise, Chicago's newspaper for the homeless.

Longworth, an Iowa native, graduated from Northwestern and won NU's Alumni Merit Award in 2000. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard, won the Overseas Press Club award twice, for series on globalization and the UN, and was twice a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, in 1980 and 2003. For more information, visit richardclongworth.com.

WIU hosts visiting international students

By Alisha Barnett, communication graduate student

Western Illinois University hosted students and faculty from two international universities for the fourth annual Mexican Student Summer Program, which was created to bring cultural exchange opportunities to Western.

The program was also designed to help fortify international entrepreneurship skills while giving the students an environment in which to improve their English.

According to Carol Fimmen, director of Western's Global Education Office within the CBT, 17 students and one faculty member from the Mexican universities of Queretaro and Chiapas arrived on campus June 21. The intensive five-week summer program, "Entrepreneurship and Innovation: The Future of Economic Development and an Intensive Program in Academic English Provided by Western's English as a Second Language (WESL) Institute," was coordinated by Janice Gates '73 MBA '92, a WIU management instructor.

Fimmen created the program several years ago through a U.S. Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) grant; however, it has evolved into a self-sustaining program over the years.

The students' schedule was comprised of daily classes in WESL and entrepreneurship and innovation, as well as seminars in choices and consequences, stress management, public speaking and presentations, dressing for success, applying to graduate school, creative thinking and decision making, football, web pages and other topics.



The 17 students and one faculty member from the Mexican universities of Gueretara and Chipas studied subjects ranging from public speaking to entrepreneurship.

The students also had a variety of cultural experiences, including tours of St. Louis, Chicago, Galesburg and Springfield.

During their stay, the students lived in Higgins Hall to get a feel of residential life at an American university.

"In Mexico, students go to the university in the city they grew up in and live at home; no one lives in residence halls," said senior business administration major Maricela

Martinez (Queretaro, Mexico). "It's fun to be so close to all of your friends and just walk down the hall to talk to them."

The students, who created business plans as part of their entrepreneurship class, presented their plans July 22 to WIU faculty and area leaders. Business plan topics included greenhouse tomato farming, an event planning service, employment agency catering to the outsourcing market, producing and

selling regional cheeses found in Ocosingo, Mexico and Vermiculture (the use of worms to create fertilizer).

Sophomore tourism major Deonicio Morales (Chiapas) said he hoped to take this experience and knowledge back to Mexico and eventually start an eco-tourism enterprise in Chiapas.

"This program provides invaluable experiences to the students from the participating universities, as well as for our faculty and staff," Gates added. "It also opens the doors for WIU students who wish to participate in an exchange program. Our students could travel to any of these universities and immerse themselves into a program that provides global experiences and cultural appreciation."

College to unveil new cyber café and coffee bar

The College of Business and Technology opened its new cyber café and coffee bar, Dividends on Aug. 25. Housed in the renovated first floor space in Stipes Hall, the study area and coffee bar have outside access, as well as, access via the interior of Stipes Hall. A grand opening and recognition of the project's sponsor, First Bankers Trust Company N.A. are scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 15. Watch for our photos in the winter edition of the Western News!



Core Value: Social Responsibility



Delta Sigma Pi members helped Habitat for Humanity build houses for hurricane victims.

Core Value: Social Responsibility

A winning attitude: Maxwells named Special Olympics Family of the Year

By Alison McGaughey

Agronomy graduate and Alpha Gamma Rho member **Joe Maxwell '71** and his wife, **Diane**, (who attended WIU from 1968-1970 and was a member of Alpha Sigma Tau), and their family were recently recognized as the Special Olympics Family of the Year for Special Olympics Illinois.

But for Joe, the award—even though “completely humbling” and “an honor”—was simply formal recognition for something the family would be doing on its own anyway: providing outstanding support for Christine, 31, the couples' youngest of three grown daughters, who has Down syndrome.

“I believe we were chosen because, with us, everything [involving Christine and Special Olympics] is a family event. When you include sons-in-laws and grandkids, there are 13 of us now, and if you see one of us at an event, chances are you'll see a good portion of the rest of us, too.”

Joe and Diane live in South Barrington, (Ill.), near their three daughters and six grandchildren. The couple met at Western, and together they successfully started and ran Benefax, an office equipment company, with Diane working as Joe's assistant. (“When we met, I typed a paper for him, and I've been typing for him every since,” Diane joked.) Joe's son-in-law has mostly taken over the company, and Diane has retired to spend time with her grandkids. (One of their three daughters, **Becky '94**, also attended Western, where she met her husband, **Mike Rodriguez '96 MA '04**.)

The Maxwell clan participates in fundraisers throughout the year ranging from the infamous Polar Bear Plunge to golf outings, as well as advocacy at the local and state levels. In fact, as a Global Messenger for Special Olympics, Christine has led her parents to national events including a White House dinner, a photo op with Michael Jordan and Stevie Wonder, and sharing announcing duties on a stage with “voice of the Chicago Bears” Hub Arkush at the Summer Games opening.

But those things all come second to the Maxwell family's first priority, cheering on Christine in her events, which in June included the running long jump (for which she received a Gold Medal) and 50-meter run.

“Everything is a family event when it comes to her,” Joe said. “But that's not any different than it would be for any other [member our family].”

In fact, Joe and Diane see the benefits of Special Olympics, and their involvement in the organization, as being just as central to the development and success as sports and family involvement in activities would be for a child without disabilities, Joe said.



Center: Christine, Joe '71 and Diane Maxwell and family receive the award from Doug Snyder, president and CEO of Special Olympics, before the Summer Games Opening Ceremonies at Illinois State University in June.

“In [Special Olympics] you learn to take instruction from a coach, and from someone other than your parents. The more you practice, the more you improve; the better you get, the more recognition you receive. And you learn how to interact with teammates. These are the same lessons for every kid who has come up through sports in the school system,” Joe said.

Christine first participated in Special Olympics at the traditional starting age, when she was eight years old, and has been involved every year since. Her favorite activity as a child was gymnastics, but now she concentrates on track and field. Joe said he finds that many people do not realize that Special Olympics offers as many as 20 sports, from soccer to softball, as well as a Winter Olympics that include downhill and cross-country skiing. The track and

field component is perhaps most well-known, held annually at Illinois State University in Bloomington/Normal.

“Special Olympics creates self-esteem. You give somebody an opportunity to do something, and they win or excel, and now the focus is not on ‘what I can't do,’ it's on ‘what I can do.’ And once you capture self-esteem, there is no limit. Now you start goal-setting, and the whole family has gained self-esteem, too, because of what that special-needs child has brought to them,” Joe said.

Starting from the self-esteem she developed through Special Olympics, and including her schooling and family support, Christine has grown to live an active, independent life, he added.

Christine attended and graduated from a two-year specialized program in Evanston, (Ill.), connected with National Louis University. She has lived in a residence hall and rented an apartment; lived with roommates; and now has a large social circle of friends she sees regularly. She has also had a job for the past seven years at a movie theater in Evanston.

“That in itself is an accomplishment,” Joe said. “She has her own condo. She is totally independent, but she works hard at it. She's an amazing person. Failure just not in her vocabulary. She has never quit. We all take a lesson from her. Every day, she's a constant reminder.”



Christine receives the Gold Medal for running long jump.

“Once you capture self-esteem, there is no limit.”

Joe Maxwell

Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship

Melissa Yeast, a Spring 2008 summa cum laude graduate, was recently awarded a Phi Kappa Phi (PKP) Graduate Fellowship for the 2008-2009 academic year. The fellowship will assist in her studies toward a master's degree in agricultural economics at the University of Tennessee.

Yeast, an agriculture departmental scholar who also had minors in management and international relations, is among 60 students nationwide to receive the fellowship, which includes a \$5,000 award. She is the 18th WIU student to receive the fellowship since the University's chapter was chartered in 1972, and the fourth student fellowship winner since 2000.

After her senior year at the former Northwestern High School (now West Prairie High School), for which she was valedictorian, Yeast participated in a yearlong Rotary International cultural exchange and language immersion program to São Paulo, Brazil. She chose to study agriculture at WIU because “I wanted to focus on an area that impacts people at the most basic level of life: their food supply.

“I quickly learned that agriculture is much more than food production. It is also an industry where travel and understanding of other cultures is imperative due to all the trade and international politics that affect producers,” Yeast said.

Yeast returned to Brazil and the Universidade Estadual de Ponta Grossa in Paraná in 2005 on an exchange program through Western's agriculture department to study agronomy. In 2006, she traveled to the Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro in Querétaro, Mexico, to work with three agricultural firms in analyzing business practices. She also participated in a yearlong program focusing on corporate social responsibility, with one semester at WIU and the second semester at the Universidad Panamericana in Guadalajara, Mexico, under the direction of Western's management faculty **Steve Axley**, **Gordon Rands** and **Barbara Ribbens**. While in Guadalajara she helped to prepare presentations for local hotels regarding cost-saving measures and opportunities in environmentally friendly business practices. In Spring 2008, she traveled through Russia for 10 days studying agriculture and visiting historical locations in Moscow, St. Petersburg and Ryazan with Agriculture Professor **John Carlson**.

Following her master's degree, Yeast intends to serve in the Peace Corps before going on for a doctorate degree so she can pursue her career goal of teaching at the college level.



Melissa Yeast

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wiu.edu/alumni.

— WIU Alumni Programs

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1943

L. Everett Belote, Galesburg, is retired and was initiated into the Carl Sandburg College Founder's Circle in April.

1950

Mildred Howarter MS-ED '60, Ft. Myers, Fla., is retired and was recently honored by the Ft. Myers Beach United Methodist Church with a scholarship fund to the Red Bird Mission School established in her name. (howarter1@aol.com)

1965

Barry Marten MS-ED '68, Williamsburg, Va., has retired as manager of facilities services and environmental affairs for Siemens-VDO Automotive Corporation in Newport News. (bmarten6@cox.net)

1966

Margaret Hicks Wainer Barkley, Shorewood, Wis., retired in March. (margaretbarkley@yahoo.com)

1967

Jane Moore Vaughn MS-ED '71, Garland, Texas, has retired from teaching. (thevaughn@hotmail.com)

1968

Michael "Mick" Aleno, De Land, Fla., is self-employed in real estate. (aleno@totcon.com)

Eric Coleman, Phoenixville, Pa., is regional director for TriCore Integrated Employer Solutions. (e.coleman@comcast.net)

1970

Robert Wilson, Orlando, Fla., is a human resource manager for McCoy Federal Credit Union. (carmenbob47@mac.com)

1971

Nancy Goeransson Burton, Litchfield Park, Ariz., is a teacher for Tolleson Union High School District. (ncburton@aol.com)

Steve Horn, Newburgh, Ind., is vice president of sales for Champion Laboratories in Albion.

1972

Alvin Brandenburg, Clinton, is a research scientist for Syngenta. (alvin.brandenberg@syngenta.com)

David Schmidt MA '76, Princeton, N.J., was promoted to senior consultant for James F. Reda & Associates.

1973

Larry Johnson, San Francisco, Calif., is a senior customer support engineer for Oracle. (larry@larryandpeter.com)

Ed Ohlin, Robins, Iowa, is president of H-BR Automotive Consulting. (ohlin1@yahoo.com)

All Greek Alumni Social

6/7/08 Cork & Kerry



Delta Sigma Phi – Front row, l-r: Tim Smith '90, Daniel Pletke '78, Mike Breslin '78 and Robin Day '76. Middle row, l-r: Russ Phillip, Paul Buchanan '94, Bud McCarthy '78 and Jeff Sorensen '78. Back row, l-r: Bob Smola '89, Tom Russell '93 and Tom Fleming '78.



l-r: Tom Rafferty '75 (TKE), Patti Walsh Davey '75 (ASA), Sandy DeHertogh McGovern '76 (ASA) and Frank McGovern '76 (Theta Xi).



Alpha Sigma Tau – l-r: Donna Joyce Lawley '76, Lisa Riehm Schomer '89, Pat Kilroy Strebing '76, Lisa Toland Smola '89, Beth Cole Smith '92, Ann Chin Brewer '75 and Teresa Daly Panko '76.

Charles Wagenecht, DeKalb, is an individual and classroom aide for DeKalb School District # 428.

1974

Jeffrey Clark, Muncie, Ind., is chairperson and a professor in the Department of Physiology and Health Science at Ball State University. (jlark@bsu.edu)

Duncan Rarity, New Lenox, is a partner with Fusion Risk Management.

Steve Roberts, Manchester, Mo., is an accountant for Vertex Chemical Corporation in St. Louis. (roberts705@charter.net)

Michael Skopes, Thousand Oaks, Calif., is a stage manager for Universal Studios and published a book, "My Little Skinny Greek Life: On Liberty Street."

1975

Joseph Cobb, Beulah, Colo., is a self-employed auto dealer.

Katherine Firch Creighton, Hamilton, Ohio, recently retired from the Illinois Department of Agriculture and is now the administrative assistant for the Cincinnati Museum Center. (rockinghorse83@yahoo.com)



Delta Zeta – Front row, l-r: Kim Morsovillo Hilt '93, Lisa DeLuca '94, Taressa Fassio Leonardo '93 and Carrie Clark Mazza '92. Back row, l-r: Sherri Cuplin '93, Amy McCoy Friel '93 and Leslie McDermet Quirk '93.



Phi Sigma Epsilon - Front Row, l-r: Carlie Malone, Bob Litz '78 and Bill Hair '77. Back row, l-r: Joseph Notoreanglo '85, Ed Sullivan '80, Kevin Gibson '81 and Tony Cozzi '75.



Tau Kappa Epsilon – Jeff Chudy '03 & Tom Rafferty '75.

Stephen Hacker, Gurnee, is vice president of national accounts for Celadon in Indianapolis, Ind. (slh1325@yahoo.com)

Patrick Hibbeler MBA, Quincy, is the regional sales manager for Norpac Food Sales and recently received his Doctorate of Business Administration from Saint Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. (hibbeler@flavrpac.com)

Linda Middleton, Forest Park, is a teacher for Cicero School District # 99. (forlindam@yahoo.com)

Dave Moeller, Lexington, Mo., is an LTC in the US Army and has been recalled to active duty for the next two years as the recruiting officer for SROTC, Wentworth Military Academy and College. (dave@eisentor.com)

Margaret Bloch Rupert, Oreana, recently retired after more than 20 years of teaching. (mrrupert@excite.com)

Michael Steelman, Bushnell, is chairman and CEO of Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Bushnell and was elected chair of the Illinois Bankers Association for the 2008-2009 term.

Lake of the Ozarks Alumni & Friends Event

6/14/08 Tan-Tar-A Resort



Front row, l-r: Mary Roberts, Pat Goodwin Kaiser MS-ED '71 ED SP '88 and Rita Heimer Litchfield '60. Back row, l-r: Stan Kaiser '68 MS-ED '72 ED SP '75, Frank Canavit '58, Shirley Green Canavit, John Dilks '61 and Larry Litchfield '62.



L-r: Tim Farniok '84, Jamie Hartman Farniok '02 SSP '06, Lisa Diggs Morrison '83 and Jay Morrison '83.



Front row, l-r: Jeff McCully '04 and Ricky Woodard '03 MA '05. Back row, l-r: Rod Ahitow '69, Mary Churchill Ahitow '73, Annie Bushnell Johnson '52 and Patti Royce Shoemaker '72.



L-r: Jennifer Tobin Tibbitts '84 MS '97, Steve Tibbitts, Dave Thompson '72, V.P. for Administrative Services Jackie Thompson '85 MS-ED '94 and Asst. Alumni Director Amanda Shoemaker.



Front row, l-r: Honorary Alumni Cathy Early '97, Rita Heimer Litchfield '60 and Anne Edsall. Back row, l-r: Ricky Woodard '03 MA '05 and Jeff McCully '04.

1976

Dirk Christiansen, Schaumburg, is chief of staff for the Schaumburg Police Department. (dc3769@gmail.com)

Umberto Davi, Willowbrook, is an attorney and was elected to the Illinois State Bar Association Board of Governors for a three-year term.

Lawrence Kaplan, Sandy, Utah, is chairman and CEO of the U.S. Autism and Asperger Association in Draper. (information@usautism.org)

James Kusyk, Redondo Beach, Calif., is a technical manager for NBC/Original Productions in Burbank. (jfkusyk@yahoo.com)

1977

Randall Jurasek, Byron, is president of Strategic Thinking Consulting, Inc. (rjurasek@comcast.net)

Randy Todd, Webster Groves, Mo., works in advertising sales for Pastoral Solutions. (ranman2107rt@yahoo.com)

1978

Fred Baier M. ACCT '83, Montgomery, is a senior cost accountant for The Dial Corporation. (fbair57@gmail.com)

Gregory Tatham, Lewiston, Idaho, is the assistant vice provost for student affairs for the University of Idaho in Moscow. (gtatham@gmail.com)

1979

Jayne Kralovec Forwood MS-ED '81, Payette, Idaho, is an adult education instructor at Treasure Valley Community College. (chcgcb@cableone.net)

Edy Rudnick Pineless, Longwood, Fla., is practice manager for the NeuroCare Institute of Central Florida in Winter Park and was elected president of the Advocates of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association for a two-year term.

Eric Rhein, Belleville, is an attorney, an instructor at SIU-Edwardsville, and a St. Clair County Assistant State's Attorney. (erhein@charter.net)

1980

Ruth Gergits, Palos Hills, is a biology teacher at Argo Community High School in Summit. (rgergits@argo217.k12.il.us)

Bruce Kamp, Greer, S.C., is general manager for TRUGREEN. (bkamp@trugreenmail.com)

Roger Morris, Stonefort, is retired from the U.S. Navy.

Jeffrey Owen, Franklin, Ind., has retired from the Johnson County Daily Journal after 23 years as publisher and editor and is now a director for US Biopsy/Promex Technologies. (jowen150@aol.com)

1981

James Craig Lynn, Mission, Kan., is a territory sales manager for DCT Solutions Group. (tpsclynn@aol.com)

Kathryn Parenti, Naperville, is an art instructor for Neuqua Valley High School. (ktparenti@yahoo.com)

beth franck triplett [sic], Dubuque, Iowa, is vice president for enrollment management at Clarke College. (beth.triplett@clarke.edu)

1982

Linda Acheson Cockerill MS '89, Jacksonville, is a health education instructor at Illinois College. (lcockeri@ic.edu)

Amy Farwell Humphreys, Normal, is assistant to the dean for constituent relations in the College of Business at Illinois State University and remains active as a national consultant, author and presenter in the field of education; as well as being a National Board Certified teacher. (alhumph@ilstu.edu)

1983

Marilyn Eslinger Lemmon, Coal Valley, is retired and has become a certified Terry Madden watercolor instructor with exhibits in several art shows in Florida.

Martin Zaworski, Cooper City, Fla., is solution director of homeland security, justice and public safety for Unisys Corporation. (zz73@bellsouth.net)

1984

Lori Torgerson Chesser, Des Moines, Iowa, is an attorney with Davis Brown Law Firm and has been recognized by Best Lawyers in America 2007, the oldest peer-review publication in the legal profession.

Christopher Conway, Rockford, is a mechanical designer for Keene Technology. (csonway9@hotmail.com)

1985

Rich Payne MS, Cape Girardeau, Mo., has been appointed the new head football coach for Cape Central High School.

Lincoln Rodman, Algonquin, is vice president of merchandising for FTD.com. (lincolnrodman@aol.com)

1986

Pat Pickard, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., is chief staff officer of Destroyer Squadron 14 for the U.S. Navy at Naval Station Mayport. (pick789@aol.com)

1987

Abdul Sukor Haji Dawan, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, is a senior manager for Cimb Aviva Assurance Bhd. (abdulsukor@cimbaviva.com)

Jeffrey Kellogg, Macomb, is an associate professor of Arts Management and Theatre at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo. (jkkellogg@culver.edu)

1988

Mark Jaycox, Medina, Ohio, is general manager for Salem Communications in Cleveland.

Danny Jones, Aurora, is a production services manager for Innoviant in Oak Brook. (d.jones703@gmail.com)

Sharon Hopkins Jones, Aurora, is co-founder and president of BarrJones Construction Corporation.

1989

Merrie Colgrove, Quincy, is a volunteer coordinator for Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community Center. (merrie_colgrove@usc.salvationarmy.com)

1990

Deborah Shugall Schwab, Glenview, is a social worker at Oak Park and River Forrest High School. (dschwab@oprffhs.org)

1991

Debbie Colucci MS, Kensington, Conn., is the affirmative action and staff development coordinator for Manchester Community College. (dcolucci@mcc.commnet.edu)

Kim Hartweg, Hamilton, is the elementary principal at George Washington School in Keokuk, Iowa.

Shari Weintraub Mesch, Henderson, Nev., is a marketing manager for Cox Communications. (shari.mesch@cox.net)

Michael Novak, Paris, Texas, is a plant manager for Campbell's Soup. (novak_mn@msn.com)

Melody Wilson, Avondale, Ariz., is an online marketing coordinator for PetSmart, Inc. in Phoenix. (melodious709@yahoo.com)

1992

Jeph Bassett, Springfield, is captain of the Springfield Fire Department. (jeph1@sbcglobal.net)

Bruce Becker MS '00, Troy, Mo., is a corporal with the Missouri State Highway Patrol and is deploying for the second time with the Missouri Army National Guard to serve as a Civil Military Officer with Taskforce Saber in Kosovo.

Don Haisch, Los Angeles, Calif., is vice president of Americas Finance for CB Richard Ellis. (marathon326@yahoo.com)

Patrick Kaler, Los Angeles, Calif., is senior director of travel industry and tourism development for LA, Inc. (pkaler@lainc.com)

Christopher Kennedy, Coconut Creek, Fla., is vice president and credit products officer for Florida Capital Bank in Boca Raton. (chris_kennedy@comcast.net)

Michael Michalak, Wheaton, is a senior developer for HAVI Global Solutions in Downers Grove. (michaelcmichalak@yahoo.com)

Springfield Golf Outing

6/16/08 Piper Glen Golf Club

Hole Sponsors: • Neil F. Flynn & Associates Neil Flynn '75 '76 • Heartland Credit Union Ed Gvazdinkas '74 • College of Business & Technology

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Bart Rogers, Morton, is president and CEO of the Peoria Rivermen and was named chief administrative officer for Central Illinois Arena Management.

David Scott MBA '94, Peoria, is a systems analyst for Caterpillar. (dabmejunk@comcast.net)

1993

Bret Derrickson, Warrenville, is a real estate broker for American InvSCO. (bderrickson@americaninvSCO.net)

David Julian, Aurora, is vice president of sales for Desks, Inc. (yodjrun@yahoo.com)

Michael Miller, Homewood, is a web designer for Northwestern University. (mrmiller@blackhawkzone.com)

Kevin Zook, Waterloo, Iowa, is a lead sales associate for Dollar General Stores. (kevinzook@gmail.com)

1995

Elizabeth Lichter Jurasek, Byron, is a pediatric registered nurse for the Rockford Health Physicians in Rockford. (eljurasek@comcast.net)

Carla Spencer Newton, Grafton, is the owner of The Mississippi Half Step Restaurant. (mississippihalfstep@gtec.com)

1996

Shawnya Covington Atlas, Calumet City, is associate director of accounting and finance for the University of Chicago. (shalcov412@sbcglobal.net)

Cheri Fry, Jacksonville, is a graphic arts specialist for Bound To Stay Bound Books and marketing director for the Midwest Civil War Civilian Education, Inc.

Michael Hoffman, Jr., Cape Coral, Fla., is an internet producer for Waterman Broadcasting. (mikehoffmanjr@mac.com)

Scott Holm MS-ED, Rock Island, is a counselor and therapist for the V.A. Medical Center. (ejetson@localnet.com)

Michelle Lukavsky MS-ED '01, Columbus Junction, Iowa, is a high school principal in the Keokuk (Iowa) School District.

Julie Flagg Mezzina, Orlando, Fla., is director of product development for Hello Florida, Inc. (jflagg22@hotmail.com)

Robert Newport, Crystal Lake, is assistant director of the Round Lake Area Park District.

Julie Kelly Olsen, Hoffman Estates, is a flight attendant for United Airlines in Elk Grove Village. (jolsen0703@yahoo.com)

Scott Padgett, Miami, Fla., joined the Local 10 weather team as a meteorologist in April.

Constance Stoetzer Weaver, Metamora, is a television news anchor. (r_charles@hotmail.com)

1997

Carrie Neff Andrews, Peoria, is a training coordinator for the Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health in Chicago. (bubbajaan75@hotmail.com)

Erica Sims Bollendorf, Aurora, has been promoted to assistant director of Kindercare in Lisle.

Heather Engstrom Johnson, Elgin, is an accountant for Laurus Technologies in Itasca. (heatherjohnson129@yahoo.com)

Shawn Russell, Aurora, is a financial advisor for AIG Financial Advisers. (shawn6185@comcast.net)

Tiffany Hasa Russell, Aurora, is an assistant principal for Valley View School District # 365. (tjrussell1@comcast.net)

1998

Matthew Johnson, Elgin, is a web developer for Hewitt Associates in Lincolnshire. (matt.johnson@datasbyte.com)

Centrella Jones, Everett, Wash., works in the process and research department of AT&T Wireless. (centj1181@netzero.com)

Frederick Jutton MS, Warrenville, is a scientist II for Cabot Microelectronics Corporation in Aurora. (fjutton@hotmail.com)

Shawn Konicki, Beach Park, is market manager for Kimberly Clark Professional in Norcross, Ga. (shawn.m.konicki@kcc.com)

Front row, l-r: Past Alumni Council president Marty Green '87, Megan Coons Leahy '01 (holding Ronyn Leahy), Terri Pearson Nelson '86, John Walcher '08, Rebecca Davis Leatherwood '00 '02 and Regena Wilson '99. Middle row, l-r: Noreen Watson and Nikki Mann Jones '97. Back row, l-r: Jack Dodds MBA '71, Chad Jones '98 MS '00, Head Men's Basketball Coach Jim Molinari and Kortney Leatherwood '92 MS '98.

Sandbagging

6/18/08 Niota, IL



Front row, l-r: Amanda Shoemaker, Spc. Dan Shiting, Nancy Crossman '72 MA '75, Spc. John Trimpe '08, Judy Edwards '96, Leslie Jefferson '82 MS '95 and Director of Alumni Programs Amy Spelman MS '98. Back row, l-r: Sgt. Adam Rider, Spc. Cameron Naumam, Spc. Nathan LeMaster, Sgt. Travis Coffman '06, Lt. Art Miller '04 and Bev Stuckwisch.

Richard Lawrence, Reno, Nev., is a food service administrator for the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Herlong, Calif. (richard.lawrence@us.army.mil)

Marc Peterson, Chicago, is assistant director of the public safety department at Levy-Evanston Hospital. (jaster1138@hotmail.com)

Seth Stinnett, Alton, is a narcotics detective for the City of Alton. (stinnett_isp@yahoo.com)

Jenni Steinbrecher Young, Wauconda, is a section manager for VW Credit, Inc. in Libertyville. (jenni.steinbrecher@sbcglobal.net)

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Quad Cities Alumni & Friends Golf Outing

6/30/08 Short Hills Golf Club

Hole-In-One Sponsor:

- Jim Epperly - Epperly's Insurance Agency, Inc., State Farm Agent, Milan, IL

Hole Sponsors:

- Roger Clawson '77 State Farm Agent
- Matthew Miller '92 Rally Appraisal LLC
- Quad City Bank & Trust

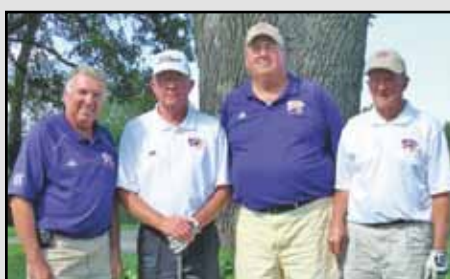
- Steven L. Nelson - Class of 1970 Snyder, Park & Nelson PC Attorneys at Law
- Toppert Services Deb '86 & Larry '87 Toppert
- WIU College of Business & Technology



Save the date for the Quad Cities Golf Outing at Short Hills—June 22, 2009

- WIU College of Education & Human Services
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- WIU Quad Cities Executive Studies Center, Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow
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Quad Cities Alumni & Friends Golf Outing

6/30/08 Short Hills Golf Club (continued)



Jacqueline Sandell Day, San Diego, Calif., is a project manager for ETIC Engineering. (dolfyn6@msn.com)

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Anne Lhotka, Wheaton, is a counseling assistant for North DuPage Special Education Cooperative. (aelhotka@hotmail.com)

Scott Minteer, Davenport, Iowa, was ordained in April and is an associate pastor at the First Presbyterian Church. (minteer@fpcdavenport.org)

Joshua Monninger, Elgin, works for Village Profile.

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2002

Angela Bick, Ewa Beach, Hawaii, is a program assistant for the U.S. Veterans Initiative. (angelabick@hotmail.com)

April Fanella Courtney, Lakemoor, is a sixth grade math teacher for Gavin School District # 37. (aprilcourtney@ymail.com)

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Krista Johnson DeHaan '06, Burlington, Iowa, is a middle school teacher for Burlington Community School District. (kristareneejohnson@yahoo.com)

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Chris Malek, McHenry, works for Frito Lay/Pepsico.

Curt McReynolds MS '04, Yorkville, is an associate executive director for the Boys and Girls Club of Dundee Township. (curt.mcreynolds@gmail.com)

Claire Haas Radtke, Colorado Springs, Colo., is a teacher for the Colorado Springs School District # 11. (clairehaas13@gmail.com)

Mark Radtke, Colorado Springs, Colo., is an EMT for AMR.

Michelle Ashley Sanders, Mt. Zion, is the assistant public defender of Macon County in Decatur.

Darren Thomas MS '03, Ocala, Fla., is a quality engineer for Lockheed Martin.

2003

Casey Allen MBA '05, Sycamore, is a buyer and planner for Ideal Industries.

Kathleen McEldowney Broline, Oak Lawn, is a staffing manager for Medical Staffing Network. (kkmce@hotmail.com)

Hal DeLaRosby MS, Tacoma, Wash., is an area director for Pacific Lutheran University.

Robyn Ebbing, Quincy, is a K-4 special education teacher at Palmyra (Mo.) Elementary School. (r_ebbing@yahoo.com)

Amber Walker Ford, Rockbridge, is a high school and middle school counselor for Southwestern High School in Piasa.

James "Andy" Ford, Rockbridge, is a sales engineer for Ellison Technologies in St. Charles, Mo.

Patrick Kelly, Jr., Aurora, is a statistical analyst for National Insurance Crime Bureau in Des Plaines. (pkelly@nicb.org)

Jacob Knight MS '05, Charleston, is a complex director at Eastern Illinois University. (jacobknight@gmail.com)

Kristin Camasta Malek, McHenry, works for Target.

Michael Osborn, Lewistown, is a math teacher for Lewistown School District # 97.

Nicholas Van Hyfte, Bartlett, is a financial representative for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. (nicholas.vanhifte@nmfn.com)

Tanya Zehr MA '05, Dwight, is a nuclear security officer for Exelon Nuclear Security in Marseilles. (icecream48@hotmail.com)

2004

Matt Buchanan, Jasper, Texas, is a corporate sales and marketing manager for Southeast Texas Industries in Buna. (mtb_buchanan@hotmail.com)

Thomas Clarkson, Champaign, is a division manager for Orange and Blue Distributing Company. (tjclarkson05@yahoo.com)

Mary Cox, Charleston, is manager of the Coles County Farm Bureau. (colesmgr@consolidated.net)

Aaron Egan, Las Vegas, Nev., is an IT technician and sales representative for Equipment Management Technology. (aaron@emt1.com)

Patrick Geary, Downers Grove, is an air traffic controller for the FAA.

1999

Keith Barclay, Aurora, is a battalion transition team leader for the U.S. Army in Ft. Riley, Kan.

Mike Carroll, Belle Chasse, La., is a search and rescue pilot for the US Coast Guard in New Orleans.

Samm Cwinten, Streamwood, is the senior account manager of major accounts for Dell/ASAP Software in Buffalo Grove. (samm.cwinten@sbcglobal.net)

Kevin Thomas, Washington, is a communication specialist for Caterpillar in Peoria.

Anthony Westen, Macomb, is a teacher for the Beardstown school district. (gab7@iname.com)

2000

Carrie Blomquist, Los Angeles, Calif., recently performed in and served as co-choreographer for "All Female 1929 Skidoo Revue" at the Actors Forum Theatre in North Hollywood. (drmatik13@hotmail.com)

Pamela Weiss Kelly, Bloomington, is assistant director of bands at Bloomington High School. (fireworks78@yahoo.com)

Terry Paggi, Mokena, is senior manager of corporate security investigations for E*TRADE Financial in Chicago. (terry.paggi@gmail.com)

Benjamin Swope, Yuma, Ariz., is a border patrol agent for the United States Border Patrol. (sgtswoop@yahoo.com)

Chris Vorac, Geneseo, is an IT analyst for John Deere.

2001

Matthew Agrall, Chicago, is a fourth and fifth grade bilingual teacher at Scott School in the Mannheim School District, Melrose Park, and received his M.A.T. in bilingual bicultural education from Northeastern Illinois University in May. (mateo_c793@hotmail.com)

Mt. Carroll Alumni & Friends Event

7/5/08 The Sawyer House and Timber Lake Playhouse



First row, l-r: Andrea Todd and 2006 Honorary Doctorate recipient Carmelita Teeter. 2nd row, l-r: 2006 Honorary Doctorate recipient Norm Teeter '67 and Jan Palmer Van Buskirk '64. 3rd row, l-r: Ed Juracek and Arlene Juracek. 4th row, l-r: Mike Risko and Bev Kilpatrick.



L-r: Gene Teeter, 2006 Honorary Doctorate recipient Carmelita Teeter, 2006 Honorary Doctorate recipient Norm Teeter '67 and Director of Planned & Major Giving Brad Bainter '79 MS '83.



Front row, l-r: Sharon Welton, Mary Brunner Nagel '73 and Tracy Mays. Back row, l-r: Mike Welton, Dayle Nagel, Jim Phillips '98 MA '00, Edward Olds MS-ED '73 ED SP '81 and Susan Epperson Harkness '91.



L-r: Robert Brunner '73, Sheila Brunner, Daniel Hartman '86, Janell Hartman, Marcia Teeter Roberts '59 MS-ED '81, Harlan Brunner and Donetta Brunner.



Front row, l-r: Mary Jo Becker Frederick '77 and Gloria Wydeveld Davis. Back row, l-r: James Frederick and Pat Davis '72 MA '95.



L-r: Barbara Sparboe '72, Bill Sparboe, Director of Alumni Programs Amy Spelman MS '98, Director of Planned & Major Giving Brad Bainter '79 MS '83, Diane Louck Olds and Edward Olds MS-ED '73 ED SP '81.



L-r: Paul Tobin '67 MS-ED '69, Nancy McKeown Tobin '69 and President Al Goldfarb.



L-r: Gene Teeter, 2006 Honorary Doctorate recipient Carmelita Teeter, Deborah Todd, Andrea Todd and 2006 Honorary Doctorate recipient Norm Teeter '67.

Kristen Jones, Aurora, is an eighth grade language arts teacher for Valley View School District.

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Ethan Mosley, Kalamazoo, Mich., is an associate veterinarian at Companion Animal Veterinary Clinic in Plainwell.

Stacey Serdahl MBA '05, Galesburg, is an insurance agent for Bi-County Insurance in Monmouth.

(staceyserdahl@hotmail.com)

2005

Feras Althomairi, Al-Khobar, Saudi Arabia, is a relationship manager for SABB-HSBC.

Julie Biebel, Brighton, Iowa, is a program coordinator for REM Iowa, Inc. (jewlz25@hotmail.com)

Michael Borgic, Springfield, is director of membership and outreach for the Illinois Pork Producers Association.

Nicole Buchholz MA '07, Yorkville, is a survey specialist for RTI International.

Sondra Kouimelis Clarkson, Champaign, is a dietician for Nutrition Care Services.

Megan Hare, Lacey, Wash., is an executive officer of the 547th Medical Company for the U.S. Army.

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Melissa Iverson MS, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is an academic adviser for the University of Northern Iowa.

Josh Kunze, Marion, Iowa, is an instructional systems developer for Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids.

Adam "Ish" Ledger, Brighton, Iowa, is an agronomy production specialist for Vision Ag.

Meagan Scholl Wentz MS, Bristol, Conn., is the wellness programs administrator for Central Connecticut State University. (meagan3@yahoo.com)

2006

Tori Pedigo Allen, Sycamore, is recreation supervisor for the Genoa Township Park District.

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Susanie-Ann Wilson Egan, Las Vegas, Nev., is a fifth grade teacher for Clark County School District.

(seegan@interact.ccsd.net)

Seth Elschlager, St. Louis, is a tier-two supervisor for Smurfit Stone Container Corporation.

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Kerri Funk, Urbana, is a program director of rape crisis services for A Woman's Fund, Inc. in Champaign.

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Washington D.C. Alumni & Friends Event

7/7/08 The Old Ebbitt Grill



Front row, l-r: Mary Ann McGee '72, Mary Fran Coffey '78 and Lacey Allaman Roderick '03. Back row, l-r: Hla Kyaw MS '91, Vikas Balani '89, Seth Roderick '99 and Scott Benton '87.



Front row, l-r: Andria Bernard, Donna Walter '73, Gayla Bell '73, Abha Singh MS '97, Gupreet Singh and Jill Danzl. Back row, l-r: Luke Kessler '08, Chris Riley, Joe Smith, Bob Ukachucwu '83 MS '85, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Dick Weart '70, Astrid Beltran '08 and Bridget Early '07.

Melissa Ignacek, Joliet, is a healthcare consultant for The Joint Commission in Oakbrook Terrace.

Douglas Kuriger, Geneseo, is a member-services coordinator for the American Rental Association in Moline. (doug.kuriger@ararental.org)

Betsy Nicketakis, Chicago, is a sponsorship coordinator for the Lincoln Park Zoo.

Olga Oletskaya, Rolling Meadows, is a marketing assistant for Developers Diversified Realty-Deer Park Town Center in Beachwood, Ohio.

(ooletskaya@ddr.com)

Jessica Casebeer Williams, DeKalb, is a library assistant at Northern Illinois University.

2007

Matthew Budreau, Grayslake, is a graphic designer for Warrender, Ltd. (mbudreau@gmail.com)

Sarah Pinkston, Carrollton, is a family nutrition program coordinator for the University of Illinois Extension.

Joseph Roderick, Galesburg, is a marketing consultant for Prairie Communications in Macomb. (jj.roderick@yahoo.com)

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(avervynck@dupageforest.com)

2008

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Taryn Bradley, Peoria, is a human resource manager for Universal Adcom. (tarynd.bradley@gmail.com)

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Cara Smith, East Moline, is a rehab consultant and mental health professional for Transitions in Rock Island. (csmith@transrehab.org)

Ashley Timm, Chebanse, is a probation officer in the Kankakee County Probation Department.

Jessica Wilke MS, Knoxville, Tenn., is a hall director at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

Mary Varner Woollard SSP, Quincy, is a school psychologist for West Prairie School District # 103. (mlwoollard@hotmail.com)

Marriages

Jaclyn Bellotti MS '01 and Jason Napoleon, June 27, 2008.

Jacqueline Berger '03 and Glenn Waliczek, April 26, 2008.

Kristin Camasta '03 and **Chris Malek '02**, Sept. 22, 2007.

Dana Duttlinger '03 MS '05 and **Patrick Kelly, Jr. '04**, May 17, 2008.

April Fanella '02 and **Thomas Courtney '02**, June 28, 2008.

Amanda Gillam '07 and Jason Guyton, Oct. 13, 2007.

Claire Haas '02 and **Mark Radtke '02**, June 7, 2008.

Susan Kirbach '81 and David Veach, May 12, 2008.

Kathleen McEldowney '03 and John Broline, Nov. 23, 2007.

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

Tori Pedigo '06 and **Casey Allen '03 MBA '05**, Oct. 6, 2007.

Marc Peterson '98 and Starr Fernandez, June 21, 2008.

Jacqueline Sandell '01 and Robi Day, April 26, 2008.

Meagen Scholl MS '05 and Larry Wentz, June 2007.

Births and Adoptions

Gregg Bollendorf '95 and Erica, a daughter, Tabitha Grace, Oct. 7, 2007.

Colleen Chesla Carroll '99 and **Mike Carroll '99**, a daughter, Sophie Chesla, April 17, 2008.

Thomas Christner '94 and Beverly, a son, Andrew Nolan, Sept. 12, 2007.

Thomas Clarkson '04 and **Sondra Kouimelis Clarkson '05**, a son, Tyler Thomas, May 30, 2008.

Jim Clary '79 and Sheila, a daughter, Erin Racine, June 28, 2008.

Jennifer Klever Earnest '05 and Jason, a son, Issac Paul, Dec. 30, 2007.

Jennifer Bubon Farm '96 and **Pete Farm '99**, a son, Tristen James, May 22, 2008.

Amber Walker Ford '03 and **James "Andy" Ford '03**, a daughter, Kimberlee, April 10, 2008.

Kristin Kindig Fritz '03 and Adam, a son, Mason Wayne, May 15, 2008.

Margaret Browne Gallagher '93 and Michael, a daughter, Molly Browne, July 7, 2008.

Kristin Renner Garrity '94 and Paul, a son, Colin Joseph, Oct. 23, 2007.

Melissa Moens Gyure '92 and **Steven Gyure '92**, a daughter, Lilian Marie, June 3, 2008.

Jana Poliska Knupp '02 MBA '04 and **Scott Knupp '00 MBA '07**, a son, Kaden Leslie, June 12, 2008.

Brandy Clifton McKinney '01 and Michael, a daughter, Dorothy, May 19, 2008.

Shari Weintraub Mesch '91 and Terry, a son, Samuel Jacob, June 19, 2008.

Julie Flagg Mezzina '96 and John, a daughter, Molly Grace, April 30, 2008.

Michael Michalak '92 and Julie, a son, Benjamin, July 20, 2007.

Michael Miller '93 and Monica, twin sons, Matthew and Martin, May 12, 2008.

Joshua Monninger '01 and Angela, a son, Noah Kristopher Xavier, Jan. 4, 2008.

St. Louis Cards Rooftop Deck Alumni & Friends Event

7/19/08 Busch Stadium, Coca-Cola Rooftop Deck



L-r: Sandy Holzwarth Taylor '86 MS-ED '95, Mike Taylor '86 MS-ED '90, Jeff Mabrey, Tammie Mabrey '01 MS-ED '08, Jackson Mabrey, Derek Mabrey, Brett Taylor and Matt Taylor.



L-r: Rod Ahitow '69, Mary Churchill Ahitow '73, Tim Fritz '79, Lynn Fritz, Valerie Johnson, Mike Bleich '73 MS '79 and Brad Johnson.



L-r: Dick Helmers, Karen Frowein Helmers MS-ED '75, Melinda Hutti, Angela Hutti '03, Steve Hutti, Gary DeMoss MS-ED '77 ED SP '83, Adam Kronfeld and Jim Kronfeld.



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L-r: Jeff Lorber MS '90, Dustin Bainter and Director of Planned and Major Giving Brad Bainter '79 MS '83.

Darren Moser '01 and Amanda, a daughter, Abigail Darlene, June 30, 2008.

Cheryl McCasland Newport '95 and **Robert Newport '96**, a son, Charles Patrick, June 18, 2008.

Coni Jo Dobbels Pronschinske '99 and Chad, a daughter, Mallory Ann, June 13, 2008.

Karl Schnoor '02, a son, Ethan Karl, June 25, 2008.

Sara Loos Schwab '92 and Jeffrey, a son, Ryan Christopher, June 6, 2008.

Sarah Mix Skiles '02 and **Chad Skiles '95**, a son, Jackson Neil, April 28, 2008.

Sean Snook '92 '98 and Karen, a son, Emerson Kay, Dec. 4, 2007.

Kimberly Brinkman Sparks '01 and **Ryan Sparks '00**, a son, Nolan Ryan, May 7, 2008.

Shawna Sprinkle '04 and **Curtis Steiner '03**, a son, Felix, June 30, 2008.

Kip Stevenson '91 MS '95 and **Tristan Tegtmeier Stevenson '96**, a son, Kam Edward, Dec. 1, 2007.

Heather Nelson Stokes '96 and John, a son, Jeremy Aiden, Jan. 16, 2008.

Heather Berry Thomas '05 and **Darren Thomas '02 MS '03**, a daughter, Charlotte Louise, July 12, 2007.

Kevin Thomas '99 and Carrie, a son, Colin Raymond, Oct. 24, 2007.

Michael Thornley '95 PB-CER '01 and Carrie, a son, Anthony, March 31, 2008.

Trena Alton Zanders '00 and **Mark Zanders '02**, a son, Dane Christopher, June 14, 2008.

Deaths

Darleen Burkhart, Burnside, July 13, 2008.

Olive Corder, Plymouth, May 12, 2008.

Ollie E. Cunningham, Macomb, April 25, 2008.

Frederick "Rick" E. Fess, Macomb, July 25, 2008.

Alan V. Jones, Macomb, May 2, 2008.

Homer "Dewey" Lynn, Bloomington, June 11, 2008.

Truth Carlson Manning, Macomb, June 4, 2008.

Clifford R. Maxwell, Knoxville, July 4, 2008.

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Left row: Vice President for Student Services Garry Johnson, Kilie Kurger Erickson, John Erickson '01, Alumni Council member Reggie Karas Devers '78, Alumni Council member Matt Bills '99, Carrie Shoraga Bills '98 and Interim Assistant to the Vice President for Student Services Jessica Bunch Butcher MS '96.

Right row: Alycia McCullough, Jason Mann '97, Gretchen Mann, Erin Seal '02, College of Fine Arts and Communication Director of Development Mick Cumbie, Rich Guerine '72 and Paul Gentile '72.

James E. McPeak, Blandinsville, April 30, 2008.

Everett Moon, Colchester, May 2, 2008.

Garry E. Nelson, Colchester, July 1, 2008.

Ann Mullin Renshaw, Macomb, May 1, 2008.

Jack H. Sharpe, La Harpe, May 11, 2008.

Berniel Wolf Thatcher, Bois D Arc, Mo., Sept. 1, 2007.

Maryella Timms, Macomb, March 5, 2008.

Eloise Rowan Walther, Warsaw, May 6, 2007.

1931 Mabel Knudstrom Collins, San Diego, Calif., March 28, 2008.

1932 Ruth Hedberg Ringstrom '44, Lacrosse, Wis., April 2, 2008.

1933 Bertha Swanson Staggs '42, Avon, May 12, 2008.

1934 Helen Hickey Flynn, Knoxville, June 5, 2008.

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1937 Joy Bywater Blum, Brevard, N.C., March 20, 2008.
1938 Lilabelle Beaird Traylor, Decatur, May 19, 2008.
1939 David R. Ewalt, Waterford, Mich., March 28, 2008.
1940 Alice Vinson Johnson, Southfield, Mich., Feb. 4, 2008.
1942 Ethel Muelder Miller, Rushville, Feb. 27, 2008.
1947 Gaston G. Freeman MS-ED '48, Des Plaines, June 9, 2008.
1948 Floren K. Baker, Lompoc, Calif., April 19, 2008.
1948 Beverly Maring Reedy, Venice, Fla., July 21, 2008.
1949 Frank H. Jones MS-ED '67 ED SP '72, Stronghurst, May 2, 2008.
1949 William Pearson, Jacksonville, May 8, 2008.
1950 Otto Werner, Ft. Collins, Colo., June 14, 2008.
1951 Loleeta Ingmire Clayton, Macomb, June 16, 2008.
1951 Robert A. Morrow, Greenfield, April 3, 2008.
1952 Rex E. Mayhew, Dover, Del., May 7, 2008.
1955 Lorraine Moroney Abel MS-ED, LaVerne, Calif., Dec. 21, 2007.
1956 Clark W. Pontsler, Jr., Rio Rancho, N.M., Sept. 1, 2007.
1957 Frederick L. Abel MS-ED, LaVerne, Calif., June 4, 2008.
1958 G. Franklin Cramm, Orion, July 7, 2008.
1958 Evelyn Coleman White MS-ED, Mesa, Ariz., Feb. 12, 2008.
1959 Helen France Berkshier, Chillicothe, Jan. 16, 2008.
1959 Joseph G. Wylder, Jr., Clinton, July 21, 2008.
1961 Gladys Clauser Keefner, Springfield, June 8, 2008.
1964 Kathleen Sprague Hendricks MS-ED, Plainville, May 2, 2008.
1964 Gladys Anderson Keebler, Oregon, April 21, 2007.
1965 Leroy M. Anderson, Bonner Springs, Kan., June 10, 2007.
1965 Ellen Dinsmore Robison, Sheffield, April 28, 2008.
1968 John S. Black '72, Park Forest, May 31, 2007.
1968 John A. Ourth MS-ED, Carthage, Dec. 10, 2007.
1969 Thomas J. Ahling, Huntington Beach, Calif., Nov. 29, 2006.
1972 Charles "Buck" Bentley, Ft. Madison, Iowa, June 7, 2008.
1972 Douglas Rem, Springfield, May 23, 2008.
1973 James R. Gillespie, Sr. ED SP, Hillside, Aug. 5, 2006.
1973 Gregory A. Hammond, Galesburg, May 6, 2008.
1974 LaVeta Fouts Crabtree, Smith Mills, Ky., June 27, 2008.
1974 James C. Goldthorpe, Galena, May 5, 2008.
1974 Roland J. North, Bradenton, Fla., July 31, 2007.
1974 Wayne B. Silvey, Smithfield, Nov. 12, 2007.
1975 Michael W. Adams, Hampshire, June 8, 2008.
1975 Wendy Zang, Springfield, June 10, 2008.
1978 John "Jack" J. Kelly ED SP, Shorewood, June 3, 2008.
1987 Sharon "Sherry" Andrews, Kewanee, June 5, 2008.
1988 Bobby J. Davis, Jr. MBA '89, Hazel Crest, Nov. 6, 2006.
1989 Jesse W. Goldsmith, Round Lake Beach, June 2, 2008.
1989 Torie Chase Sampson, Woodstock, June 4, 2008.
1991 James R. Bohlander, Macomb, May 13, 2008.
1993 Robert A. Califf, Hamilton, May 2, 2008.
1994 Douglas Weinberg, Springfield, April 1, 2008.

We are excited to announce a new feature for the Western News - "Celebrating your 100th Birthday" as we will list those alumni turning 100. This past August, Maxine Laughlin Polhill celebrated her 100th birthday on 8/8/08 - what a way to ring in her big day. Congratulations Maxine, and all of our alumni who have this milestone in 2008!



January 2008 - Hazel Volk
March 2008 - Florence Jared
May 2008 - Marie Thomas, Mary Johnson
August 2008 - Virginia Connell, Maxine Polhill
October 2008 - Amelia Bauner
November 2008 - Helen Earp, Suzanna Farr, Louise Garrison, Helen Austin
December 2008 - Elizabeth Roark, Margaret Willsey

Former Western Illinois University accountancy faculty member **Jean L. Clow**, 87, passed away Sunday, Aug. 3, 2008. Clow taught accounting theory courses in Western's accountancy department from 1962-67 and from 1969-77.

She received her bachelor's degree in education from Western Illinois State Teachers College and her master's degree in education from Western Illinois University. Prior to joining Western's faculty, Clow was a high school teacher and also worked as a junior accountant for J.W. Bent and Company, and for the Western United Gas and Electric Company.

Donations may be made to The Robert and Jean Clow Scholarship Fund at Western Illinois University, 1 University Circle, 303 Sherman Hall, Macomb, Ill. 61455.

Roger Lynn Vernoy, 52, of Ottumwa, Iowa, formerly of Macomb, died at 6:47 p.m. July 31, 2008, at Ottumwa Regional Health Center.

A graduate of Southern High School in Stronghurst, Ill., he received a B.A. and an M.A. in law enforcement administration from Western Illinois University. He served as a police officer for the city of Macomb, and was an original member of the Illinois State Police West Central Drug Task Force between the years 1980 to 1987. He then served as special agent for the Drug Enforcement Administration in the Miami Field Division, Tampa District Office, from 1987 to 1997. While there, he developed numerous domestic and international investigations that successfully disrupted major international organized crime organizations. In 1997, he transferred to the St. Louis Field Division at the Quad Cities Post of Duty. He was there until 2004. He then was promoted to group supervisor for the Drug Enforcement Administration, Springfield, resident office. Upon retiring in November 2007, he became the director of the Criminal Justice Department at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa.

Former Western Illinois University art professor **Ann Mullin-Renshaw**, 67, of Macomb, died May 1 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Mullin-Renshaw joined the WIU art department in 1967. She took a two-year leave of absence in 1974 to teach at Virginia Commonwealth University as a visiting artist and returned to Western in 1976, where she taught for 34 years before retiring in 2002.

Throughout her career some of her works were displayed at the Barbara Gladstone Gallery in New York City, the Whitney Museum in New York City and Ann Nathans Gallery in Chicago. Most recently, she was working on her own Christmas ornament and birdhouse collection that was to be distributed nationwide as the Ann Mullin-Renshaw Collection.

Mullin-Renshaw received her bachelor's degree from Connecticut College and her Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Duane Beck, 85, of Macomb, who served as the Western Illinois University Registrar from 1969 to 1979 and assistant dean of admissions and records from 1979 until his retirement in 1983, died Aug. 18 at McDonough District Hospital in Macomb.

Beck joined WIU's staff in 1963 as an admissions assistant, and in 1966 he was appointed recorder at Western. Prior to working at WIU, he was the principal for two years and superintendent for seven years of the VIT Unit School District. Beck also was a principal at St. Elmo High School and joint principal of the grade and high schools in Herrick (IL).

Beck received his bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University and his master's in education at the University of Illinois. He received his certificate of advanced study from Western. Beck served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

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