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Alumni News and Notes from Western Illinois University

Hallwas receives Distinguished Alumni Award

Frieden receives inaugural Young Alumni Excellence Award

The outstanding accomplishments of **John Hallwas** and **Aundrea "Andi" Frieden** were recognized May 16 when Hallwas was presented the WIU Distinguished Alumnus Award and Frieden was presented the inaugural Young Alumni Excellence Award at the Spring 2009 Commencement Exercises.

The Distinguished Alumni Award, given since 1973, recognizes alumni who have reached the pinnacle of their careers and have brought credit to the University and themselves through their professional accomplishments or community service at local, state, or national levels, and who have extended meritorious service for the advancement and continued excellence of WIU.

Hallwas, a 1967 (bachelor's) and 1968 (master's) graduate in English, served as an English professor and archivist at Western for 34 years, retiring in 2004.

Hallwas came to Western in the early 1960s from Antioch (IL). An NDEA (National Defense Education Act)

Fellow in the English doctoral program at the University of Florida (1968-1970), he earned his Ph.D. (1972) with a specialization in medieval literature. Two years before completing his dissertation, Hallwas accepted a call from his alma mater to teach British literature.

In 1979, Hallwas assumed added responsibilities as director of regional collections at the University Archives, a unit of the WIU Libraries, which complemented his emerging focus on American studies. Since the 1970s he has also lectured widely in Illinois and the Midwest.

Hallwas is the most widely published professor in WIU history. His most recent book, "Dime Novel Desperadoes," focuses on Illinois' most noted outlaws. He has written and edited more than 20 books and monographs, most of them focused on Midwestern literature and history. His 1998 book "The Bootlegger: A Story of Small-Town America" was nominated for the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize for Nonfiction. He has also won a



John Hallwas



Andi Frieden

variety of awards for his teaching and community service, including the WIU Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Award and the Macomb Citizen of the Year Award.

The author of "Macomb: A Pictorial History," Hallwas was also commissioned to produce "First Century: A Pictorial History of Western Illinois University" for Western's Centennial Celebration (1999-2000). Those

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Goldfarb to retire

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

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

"While my tenure will end in two years, there are numerous tasks I want to accomplish in that time," Goldfarb noted. "First and foremost, I'd like to see the Performing Arts Center in



Al Goldfarb

Macomb and Quad Cities Riverfront Campus construction begin. We are also preparing for our national re-accreditation and we must continue working on Western's fundraising campaign.

"I've outlined a fairly intense agenda during these next two years," he added. "This will allow the Board of Trustees and the campus community to start thinking about transition while we continue to work hard on the key issues confronting the University."

A national search for WIU's 11th president will begin during the 2009-2010 academic year. According to Western's Board of Trustees Regulations, the board will determine whether to function as a committee of the whole in the process of identifying the qualifications, experience and characteristics to be sought in a president and in selecting a president. There may be a campus advisory committee, which may include representatives of one or more external constituencies, appointed to conduct all presidential searches.

"I've had a long and wonderful career," Goldfarb said. "I'm so appreciative of what everyone has done for me and my family at Western and previously at Illinois State."



More than 2,450 students—including nearly 1,940 undergraduate and approximately 515 graduate students—were eligible to participate in the Spring 2009 Commencement exercises.



Director's Corner News from Your Alumni Association



I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our newest Alumni Programs staff member **Michael Jones**. He joined our department April 20 as the new assistant director, replacing **Amanda Shoemaker**, who was named associate director in March.

Michael, who is known as the "Voice of Western Illinois University Athletics," worked for Prestige Communications

(formerly Central Illinois Broadcasting) for 10 years, where he served as sports director and promotions director. Before that, he was a play-by-play announcer at WMOI/WRAM Radio in Monmouth.

I'm so pleased that Michael has joined our staff. He is well-known throughout this region and has a great deal of experience. I know you will enjoy meeting and working with Michael.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our events across the U.S.

Amy E. Spelman
Amy Spelman MS '98

From the President



I would like to welcome our newest graduates to Western Illinois University's Alumni Association. You will always be a member of the Western Illinois family and have numerous opportunities to stay involved with your alma mater. To those of you who are already active alumni and friends, we appreciate your continued loyalty.

It is always rewarding to take a look back at our many achievements during the past school year. While there are far too many to list in this column, I'd like to highlight just a few of our numerous accomplishments. Western's first nine doctoral candidates graduated in Fall 2008, while six graduated last month. The Illinois Board of Higher Education approved programs in engineering, nursing and anthropology, and Western's nursing program received licensure approval from the State of Illinois for our four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree, which begins this fall. Western received a \$1 million donation from the John Deere and Moline foundations for the WIU-Quad Cities-based engineering degree program, which begins in Fall 2009.

The University made national news when ABC selected Western's Inauguration Neighborhood Ball as one of the celebrations to be featured during the news broadcasts of inauguration activities, and Western was named to the Presidential Honor Roll for Community Service, which is one of the highest honors an institution can receive. Our Quad Cities campus continues to expand, as do our distance and online learning initiatives.

While the 2008-2009 school year has been rewarding, we've also had our share of challenging times. We experienced crisis situations twice during the 2008-2009 school year when anonymous threats disrupted our campus. As with past situations, we immediately issued an alert via the emergency alert system and heightened security on campus, including increased police presence. Our campus was affected by the recent H1N1 outbreak, and like much of the country, Western has also been affected by the economic crisis.

State budgets continue to remain in flux; however, we continue to provide our students with the exceptional resources and programs they need and deserve. What is most heartening is that even during these difficult times, Western continues to provide remarkable opportunities for all of its students.

I hope to see you at Western for the annual Homecoming celebration Oct. 16-17. I also look forward to seeing many of you at one of our other alumni events across the U.S. in 2009-2010.

All my best wishes,
Al Goldfarb

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WIU Alumni & Friends Events for 2009

June

22 Quad Cities Alumni & Friends Golf Outing - Short Hills Country Club—East Moline, IL

23-July 6 Travel Abroad - Ukraine/Romania

25 Peoria, IL Alumni & Friends Social & Art Viewing with Preston Jackson—Contemporary Art Center of Peoria

26 Peoria, IL Alumni & Friends Golf Outing - WeaverRidge

July

8-12 WIU at the John Deere Classic

9 Washington D.C. Alumni & Friends Event - Monocle Restaurant

11 Cubs vs. Cardinals Alumni & Friends Event - The Cubby Bear—Chicago, IL

30 Root Against the President Alumni & Friends Event - US Cellular Field—Chicago, IL

August

1-2 Black Alumni Reunion Weekend

7 Ravina Four Tops & the Temptations concert & social—Chicago, IL

27 Princeton, IL Alumni & Friends Event

September

3 WIU vs. Sam Houston State Football Pre-Game Social—Huntsville, TX

11 Quad Cities Campus Alumni, Friends & Students Block Party—Moline, IL

12 WIU vs. NIU Football Pre-Game Social—DeKalb, IL

24 Quad Cities Collage Concert with WIU School of Music

25 San Diego, CA Alumni & Friends Event

26 San Francisco, CA Alumni & Friends Event - Giants vs Cubs

October

16-17 2009 Reunion

17 Homecoming

22 Raleigh/Durham, NC Alumni & Friends Event

23 Charlotte, NC Alumni & Friends Event

24 Atlanta, GA Alumni & Friends Event

November

7 WIU vs. ISU Football Pre-Game Social—Normal, IL

December

19-20 Commencement/Alumni Achievement Awards

January 2010

24-30 Florida Alumni & Friends Events

Williams drafted by Dallas Cowboys

Highest draft pick in WIU history

By Jason Kaufman MS '99

Western Illinois senior Leatherneck **Jason Williams** became the top draft pick in WIU history when the Dallas Cowboys picked him with their first selection in the 2009 NFL Draft April 26.

Williams was the fifth player selected in the third round and the 69th pick overall, just 30 minutes after the draft round started. On April 25, Dallas traded its second-round pick to the Buffalo Bills, leaving the Cowboys without a pick in the first and second rounds.

Fifteen minutes after Williams arrived at Chick's on the Square in Macomb—where about 50 fans and family members were gathered to watch the draft—he received a phone call from Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. Moments later, Williams' name was announced by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell on the podium in New York City.

Williams was the first Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) player selected in the draft, the first linebacker taken on day two and the fifth outside linebacker taken overall in the draft.

Most draft experts listed Williams at best a late third-round pick, behind three other FCS players, and some had him listed as late as the sixth round.

"Through the whole process I'd heard there was an outside chance I would be taken early in the third round," said Williams. "I wasn't sure how early, but



Williams, receives the phone call from Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones.

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College of Business and Technology



Western students head into Outback and see agriculture industry in Australia

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92

The "trip of a lifetime" is how three Western Illinois University students described a recent trip to Australia offered through Western's agriculture department.

Lindsey Hanks (Galesburg, IL), who is pursuing an MBA at WIU and earned a bachelor's degree in agribusiness resource management at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, along with **Justin Sparrow** (LaHarpe, IL) and **Renae Goodwin** (Algonquin, IL), seniors majoring in agriculture science, traveled "Down Under" with 15 fellow WIU students in March. Agriculture department faculty members **John Carlson** and **William Bailey** went along as well, providing the students with guidance and opportunities for learning throughout the almost two-week trip.

"One purpose of the trip was to expose the students to Australia's agriculture," explained Carlson. "While some of the crops the Australian agriculture industry produces are similar to what we produce in the United States, they go about it much differently than we do. We also wanted to expose the students to a different culture, as virtually every agricultural company is international. Many of our students will eventually be working with people in other countries as business partners, customers or suppliers," he added.

After their 14-hour flight from the U.S. into Sydney and seeing some of Australia's unique sites, Carlson, Bailey, Hanks, Sparrow, Goodwin and the rest of the students headed into the outback to get a look at some of the country's sheep and cattle operations and other agricultural industry facilities.

"We toured various agricultural businesses and industries in Australia," noted Goodwin. "We visited wineries, sheep stations—a 'station' is what we in the U.S. call a ranch or farm—cattle stations, a rice farm and an orchard. We also experienced some of the sites the country is famous for, like the Sydney Opera house and Aboriginal Cultural Center," she added.

Both Sparrow and Goodwin noted that one of the main reasons they decided to take advantage of the agriculture department's and study abroad office's offering was directly related to the mission for the trip—to experience part of Australia's agriculture industry.

"I was interested in learning about the different farming techniques, as well as experiencing the different views and lifestyles of those who live in Australia," Sparrow said.

"I thought this would be the perfect opportunity to learn about the agriculture industry there and the differences. I was interested in seeing the different types of farming methods practiced and how they ran their operations," Goodwin added.

"At the sheep station we toured, the number of sheep they raise was incomprehensible to me," said Hanks, whose family raises sheep, and at one time, operated a farm with around 30 head of sheep. "This farm had close to 15,000 sheep!"

The View from Down Under

Hanks noted the trip offered "a good mix" of familiar aspects of agriculture, and it introduced her and her fellow students to new aspects of the agriculture industry too. She also noted it was interesting to learn about the challenges those working in the Australian agriculture industry faced by, noting there are difficulties there as well as here.

"Like farming in the United States, the farmers have to figure out what combination will allow them to make the most profit. But farmers in Australia have another factor to consider—they have been in a drought for a number of years. Because of this, farmers there are subject to restricted water usage. I learned one of the major ways those in the agriculture industry make a profit is by selling their water to other farmers, businesses and/or municipalities," she added.

In addition to their time in the outback, the group spent some time at Charles Sturt University, a national multi-campus university in Australia.



Photo courtesy of John Carlson

Front row, l-r: Jennifer Moore, Emmalee Brink, Jennifer Odell, Sandy Belshouse '04, Nicole Yotter, Renae Goodwin, Joanne Wenke, Lindsey Hanks, Alycia McCullough, Abbie Wear and Sara Totsch. Back row, l to r: John Carlson, Adam Bauer, Nathan Nielsen, Aaron Davidson, Luke Simmons, Alex Borkgren, Justin Sparrow and Brad Kreher.

"We spent some time touring one of the campuses and meeting some students. Some of the Sturt faculty members presented information about Australian agriculture and campus life," he noted.

Hanks said the trip was a resounding success and great learning experience.

"Every part of this trip was relevant to my education," she said. "It was very organized and well planned. As a person who likes to travel, it was nice not to have to worry about whether you were seeing parts of the city that you 'needed' to. The places we went to see were great, and we were also given time to experience places on our own. Dr. Carlson and Dr. Bailey did a great job, and I don't think there is a single person that regrets going on this trip."

An added bonus for Hanks, Sparrow, Goodwin and their fellow students was receiving course credit for their "trip of a lifetime."

Carlson noted this was the first time Western's agriculture department organized a short-term study abroad program to Australia, and the department has plans to go again in 2011.

"I'd really like to thank the faculty at Charles Sturt University for all of their help in working with us on organizing the agricultural visits," said Carlson. "Having a good relationship with schools in other countries makes experiences like this much easier. I also want to thank **Kim McDaniel '94 MA '06** in WIU's study abroad program. She put a lot of time and effort into the trip planning, and her work helped make the trip a great success."

According to Carlson, in 2010 Western's agriculture department and WIU's study abroad program are planning a student study abroad trip to Costa Rica in January, as well as a fifth trip to Russia in March.

For more information about the trip to Australia or the 2010 trips to Costa Rica and Russia, contact Carlson at (309) 298-1611 or JP-Carlson@wiu.edu.

Elfrink named associate dean

The College of Business and Technology (CBT) is proud to announce that **Jack Elfrink**, WIU accountancy department chair, has been named associate dean, effective June 1. Elfrink replaces **Larry Wall**, who retired last month after 28 years of service.

Prior to joining the WIU accountancy faculty in 2006, Elfrink was professor and dean of the Harmon College of Business Administration at Central Missouri State University (CMSU). He also served as accounting department chair at CMSU. Prior to his years at Central Missouri, Elfrink was a faculty member at Ferris State University, Southeast Missouri State University, McKendree College, Lincoln University and William Woods College.

Elfrink has been an active researcher throughout his years in higher education, publishing in a wide variety of

professional journals and making numerous presentations at national professional organizations. In addition, he has been actively involved in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants, as well as the Missouri Association of Accounting Education, where he has held many offices including president.

"We're pleased to welcome Dr. Elfrink as associate dean of the College. Jack is a seasoned leader and his experience with AACSB accreditation will be an asset as we seek reaffirmation of accreditation for our business and accountancy programs," said CBT dean **Tom Erikson**.

Elfrink earned his doctorate from St. Louis University and his master's and bachelor's degrees from Southeast Missouri State University.



CBT faculty spotlight – Don T. Johnson

Research contributes to the finance industry

By Schuyler Meixner '98 MBA '04

Beginning his WIU career in 1988, Cecil P. McDonough Professor of Business and Finance **Don T. Johnson** has shaped the landscape in real estate education for more than 20 years.

He has authored and co-authored numerous articles for professional publications; he is the current editor of "Managerial Finance;" and he has conducted surveys and studies regarding real estate-related issues, such as landlords and tenants. Johnson served as president of the Academy of Finance (2005-2006), and is currently the president of the 800-member academic and professional business association, Midwest Business Administration Association (MBAA) International.

In 2008, Johnson received the inaugural College of Business and Technology (CBT) Cecil P. McDonough Endowed Professor of Business. He received the WIU Provost Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Activities in Fall 2005, and also received the CBT Award of Excellence in Research and Creative Activities in 2005. Most recently, Johnson was named the WIU Distinguished Faculty Lecturer for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Johnson serves as adviser of Western's Rho Epsilon Real Estate Fraternity and has served as a member of the University Campus Planning and Use Committee and the North Central Accreditation Reaccreditation Task Force. From 1988-2003, Johnson was the program administrator for Western's real estate brokerage certificate and pre-licensing program.

"I was only able to have these accomplishments because of the positive work environment in the department and college and especially because of the productive interactions with my colleagues," Johnson noted.

Like many other WIU faculty, he said the rural,

"college-town" feel of Macomb drew him to—and kept him at—WIU.

"The University had a full-time real estate position, and **George Potter '48 '49** was convincing. He left the program in good shape," he added. "I really enjoy WIU for its friendly people, good resources and good students, and as a researcher, I also appreciate the flexibility that Western allows for research and service."

Throughout his career, his research has been concentrated in two areas: the role of real estate in an investment portfolio and corporate financial literacy. In his research, Johnson evaluates changes in home prices, mortgage effects, maintenance, property taxes, utilities, insurance and avoided rent, before incorporating the adjusted house return into investment models (including stocks, bonds, cash and other investment options).

"For most households in the U.S., the home is the largest asset. Even as individuals accumulate other assets, the home continues to be a significant part of their wealth," Johnson explained. "Since a home is both an investment and an item of consumption, analyzing it in an investment context is a bit tricky."

Johnson has also studied corporate financial reporting, reviewing the clarity and transparency of financial communications such as annual reports, CEO letters to shareholders, mutual fund reports, financial advertising and more.

"We've found a variety of interesting results. For example, we've proven that companies write clearer reports after good financial years," he pointed out. "With more complicated financial vehicles, financial literacy becomes more difficult. In the past, the financial decisions for a middle class household were fairly simple—buy a house, save some money in the bank, then collect a pension from your employer. Today, average people have



L-r: Tom Erekson, CBT dean; Don Johnson; and Larry Wall, retired CBT associate dean.

become responsible for more of their financial lives at the same time the financial landscape has become more complicated than ever."

While Western is fortunate that Johnson was drawn to WIU, one may wonder what Johnson may have pursued if he had not chosen his current career path.

"I'd aspire to be a tree farmer. My family and I grow trees, mostly pine trees, and I find it fascinating," he said. "There is much more to growing trees than one might think. I like the long-term nature of the business, the different product markets, as well as the ancillary issues such as wildlife management, hunting leases, and watershed protection."

Spoken like a true researcher.

WIU-QC business club focuses on Western's core values

When Western Illinois University-Quad Cities associate professor of management **Susan Stewart** started the WIU-QC Society of Business and Technology (SOBAT) student organization, she brought her research interest in integrating core values into the work setting with her.

"I've done research on how to incorporate core organizational values into employee work life, so I brought the idea of developing activities that center around Western's four core values to the students. By doing so, we demonstrate and enact this organization's values," Stewart explained.

As a result of Stewart's suggestion, the group formed four committees—one for each of Western's four core values: social responsibility, educational opportunity, personal growth, and academic excellence—and each committee is dedicated to planning projects and events that focus on its particular value.

The social responsibility committee, chaired by **Taylor Lutz**, a junior management major from East Moline, organized club members to volunteer at the Festival of Trees.

"SOBAT provides students with the opportunity to make a difference in the community," Lutz said.

The educational opportunity committee, led by **Julie Davis**, a senior management major from Princeton (IL), has organized a collection drive of canned goods, paper products and nonperishable items for the River Bend Food Pantry.

The personal growth committee, chaired by **Eric Skelton**, a senior management major from Geneseo, and **Emma Augustine**, a junior marketing major from Davenport, IA, is developing a student coupon book to use at participating Quad Cities-area businesses, and the academic excellence committee, led by **Kyle VanVoltenburg**, a senior management major from East Moline, (IL), is designing the SOBAT website.

"SOBAT is a fun group of students from all areas of academic study willing to work together in the community and to learn together about business and technology opportunities," added SOBAT Treasurer **Kathy Miller**, a senior Board of Trustees/Bachelor of Arts major from Moline (IL).

Stewart credits the hard work of the student committees as well as the founding officers, President **Valerie Paxton '08**, a graduate business administration major from Kewanee (IL); Secretary **Nicole Stevens**, a graduate business administration major from Davenport, IA, and Miller for the success of the group.

"Using WIU's core values as the foundation for our activities reinforces their importance to the students, staff, faculty and community," Stewart said. "We have fostered the integration of WIU's mission and values into all of our lives, namely into this new club's membership."

SOBAT recently received Western's Most Improved Student Organization Award, while Stewart received the Outstanding Student Organization Adviser Award.

WIU's Core Values:

- Academic Excellence
- Educational Opportunity
- Personal Growth
- Social Responsibility

College of Business and Technology



CBT young alumna – Kimberly Aldridge

Successful transition from IS to HR

What is your current title/position at Kraft?

I am currently the HR manager for Kraft Foods at Claussen Pickle Co. in Woodstock (IL). Interestingly, we're the only facility in the world that produces the Claussen Pickle. In the past, I've been the lead recruiter at Kraft Key School in recruiting WIU students as potential Kraft employees.

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

As an information systems (IS) major and computer science (CS) minor from WIU, I started as a programmer at Caremark PSD after graduation in 1994. I started with Kraft in August 1996 as a programmer analyst and progressed through the systems organization into a project lead role prior to transitioning into human resources (HR) in 2005.

What interested you in the human resources field and how did you decide to pursue it?

I expressed interest in the HR world linking the competencies that I had in IS to some in HR. After one year of job shadowing and several one-on-one meetings with HR professionals throughout Kraft, I was given the green light and support to apply for an entry-level HR position. This job change required me to take a job that was two salary grades lower at the time, but it was worth the sacrifice. I started out as the assistant HR manager at the Philadelphia Bakery. One year later, I was promoted to the associate HR manager and almost two years later promoted to HR manager here at Woodstock.

Tell us about your responsibilities at Kraft and some of the challenges.

As an HR manager, I am responsible for the development of my staff, as well as others in the facility. I make sure employee initiatives tie closely to the facility and the company's goals and objectives. Key challenges include motivating others during times of change. To overcome this, I strive to communicate well and allow for others to ask questions as often as possible to ensure inclusion.

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

First would be having goals and creating a plan to achieve effectively. Also reflecting often and being honest with myself that a change mid-career was needed. Another one is being well-networked by seeking personal and cross-functional mentors, inside and outside of work. Being a mentor to others has also been inspirational and rewarding. As a mentor, I received the Mentor of the Year Award from HFS Chicago Scholars, an organization that provides scholarships to inner city children. In my personal life, having a spiritual relationship has helped keep me grounded when everything all around seemed overly complicated. Having a loving and caring family helped me along my journey. They have always believed in me every step of the way even when I decided to move to a different state for work on short notice.



Kimberly Aldridge

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

Have fun, but keep in mind the primary reason for attending college. Maintain friendships and network with professors after graduating. Plan to give back to the University by volunteering or donating via the Alumni Association. Be open to changing careers if necessary and do not be afraid of what others might say. Seek out at least two mentors and work on a one, five and 10-year plan. It will be challenging, but helpful over the years. It doesn't have to be exact, but it would help guide you and keep you honest.

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

Having professors who cared really helped through tough times, and working with diverse cultures and perspectives made me well-rounded. Joining organizations also helped me see and understand different viewpoints and led to involvement in professional organizations after my time at WIU. I have since held roles in the Black Data Processing Association and have volunteered with Susan G. Komen Foundation of Philadelphia and successfully completed a three-day walk for breast cancer. While at WIU, I also established long-lasting friendships that continue to help me grow.

CBT unveils Beta Gamma Sigma Key

Since 1988, WIU has recognized more than 500 of its best and brightest business students as inductees in the international honor society Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS).

Beta Gamma Sigma serves business programs accredited by AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest recognition a business student can receive in a business program accredited by AACSB International.

Recently, in recognition of the BGS 20th anniversary at WIU, the College of Business and Technology unveiled a Beta Gamma Sigma Bronze Key in Stipes Hall.

"The bronze key is a true symbol of academic excellence in the CBT," said **Larry Wall**, former CBT associate dean and BGS Chapter adviser. "We wanted to add it as a permanent display in Stipes Hall—not only as a representation of future excellence in business education, but also to honor all of our BGS inductees throughout the years."

The display is located in Stipes Hall adjacent to Room 121 – the State Farm/Caterpillar multimedia auditorium.



L-r: Larry Wall, Brooke Gronewold, Janice Gates, and Jason DeLong with the Beta Gamma Sigma bronze key, included in a permanent display to honor the organization's 20th anniversary at WIU.

We want to highlight your accomplishments

Have you made a career move? We'd love to hear from you! Let us know about your professional accomplishments for future editions of the Western News!

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2009 CBT Ferguson Lecture

By Richard Longworth

Editor's Note: Richard Longworth visited WIU March 25 as the 17th Robert and Mary Ferguson Lecturer. He is a former foreign correspondent for the Chicago Tribune and author of "Caught in the Middle: America's Heartland in the Age of Globalism." The following is an excerpt of his comments.

It's an honor and a pleasure to be here in Macomb tonight to give this lecture in memory of Dr. Ferguson and his wife. Dr. Ferguson devoted his life to business education, and I suspect he'd have a lot to say about what's going on now, both in business and education and about the intersection between the two. The business, the entire economy, of Illinois and the Midwest is changing radically. How we educate our students to cope and compete in this new economy is literally a life or death matter, for them and for this region. Today's students will play a big part in how this economy evolves. More broadly, we all have a role to play in educating Midwesterners in general about the realities of this economy. This is really why I wrote my book, as an educational project to help Midwesterners understand this new economy and how it works. Everywhere I go these days, I talk with a lot of Midwesterners who are caught in this global transformation, and I find their lives are changing, are being changed, not always for the better, and they want to know why, and what they can do about it. That's what my book is about, and what I want to discuss tonight.

The Midwest, from Ohio through Iowa—does two big things for a living, which are intensive farming and heavy industry, and globalization has tossed both of them up in the air. We're not coping with this—not our leaders nor our governments nor our schools and universities. Once upon a time, about a century ago, the Midwest was the Silicon Valley of the United States, the wellspring of all the good ideas and innovations that made America tick. Many of these ideas and innovations were so good, so powerful, created so many corporations and jobs, that they've sustained us for generations and we didn't need to have any more good ideas. Somewhere along the way, we lost the knack of innovation. We made do with what we had.

I want to say right away that this is no anti-globalization tirade. Globalization is here and it's not going to go away. We can't raise the drawbridge. We

can't stop the world and get off, whether we'd like to or not. Globalization is the present and the future, and saying it's bad or good is like saying the last big economic wave—which was the industrial age—was bad or good. It was bad for some people and good for others and, once we figured it out, it was really good for the Midwest. We pretty much invented the Industrial Era and it made us rich. That era created Midwestern industry and Midwestern farming and Midwestern cities and Midwestern railroads and Midwestern education. Through all its ups and downs, we became the economic heart of the nation—indeed, the economic heart of the world. For all its raw power and labor battles and pollution, the Industrial Age was very, very good for the Midwest.

And now it's over. The age of globalization is here and, if you think the Industrial Age changed the way we live, you haven't seen anything yet. What I'm saying is that the thing we got good at, which is running heavy industry in a protected national market, has gone away. Western Illinois knows this, I think, but it's much more than just a local or state problem. It's a Midwestern—a regional—problem. We have new challenges from places and people that we never had to pay attention to before, and all my research shows that we aren't doing a very good job of it.

Basically, globalization means that we're in a global competition—not just with the south or California any more, or even with Europe and Japan but with the entire world—with factory workers in China and office workers in India and, yes, with farmers in Brazil. All this is really new. China, Russia and the other former communist countries have joined our economy in the past 20 years or so. India has been a major player for a decade. All the technology that makes this possible—the Internet and Web and Netscape and fiber optics—almost all of this is younger than today's WIU freshmen. Something like 3 billion new workers have joined our economy in the past two decades and compete with us daily and hourly. Since most of them come from poor countries, they didn't bring much new money with them. This means we have about

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—Richard Longworth

three times as many workers competing for roughly the same amount of money. No wonder the squeeze is on wages and costs and doing things as cheaply as possible.

If the Midwest has one huge asset, it's the galaxy of great universities—especially the big research universities in places like Ann Arbor or Champaign-Urbana, and the wonderful state universities like Western Illinois that are part of these state systems. These schools are literally the 21st century meal ticket for the Midwestern states.

The news is that, where state universities are concerned, the states are throwing away this asset. State funding for the universities that bear their name is shrinking to almost nothing. Everywhere, universities are looking to alumni or higher tuitions or, especially, to contracts with corporations to pay the rent.

We need to start thinking across state boundaries—start looking at this Midwest as a region with real global assets, instead of a clutch of state-based fiefdoms. People and places with common interests have to come together across political lines to leverage their strengths. This is the mandate of the future for the Midwest. All across this Midwest, cities and towns and universities and civic groups—all the players—should be finding what they have in common, should be pooling their research and knowledge and skills into a true Midwestern powerhouse.

Above all, we must recognize that the old days are gone, that the old industries that sustained us are going or gone. We have to look for new ways to earn our living. We should have realized this by now and this current economic crisis is nothing if not a wakeup call.

We have to build this future together. The fact is that this future is already here. It's a global future. Too much of the Midwest still is in mourning for the past. But we're in a new era now. The good news is that all this has just begun. The bad news is that the Midwest is already behind.

To read the full text version of Longworth's speech, and to learn more about his specific ideas for change visit wiu.edu/cbt/longworth.



Richard Longworth

Professor Emeritus John "Jack" Daniels passes away

John "Jack" P. Daniels, 65, a Western Illinois University management professor emeritus, passed away March 21 at his home in Macomb.

He taught one year at Georgia College before he came to Western Illinois in Fall 1977 as an assistant professor of management. He earned full professorship in 1992, and he retired after 21 years of service in May 1998.

Daniels was a productive researcher, often teaming with colleagues in other disciplines to produce numerous articles for peer-reviewed journals, industry periodicals, and conference proceedings. He presented at a variety of conferences in the U.S. and abroad, in areas ranging from

management to production research to small businesses to criminal justice sciences.

Daniels, who was born June 5, 1943 in New York, NY, to John J. and Rosella McIntyre Daniels, earned his bachelor's degree (1965) in psychology from Iona College (New Rochelle, NY); his master's degree (1968) in clinical psychology from Long Island University, NY; and his Ph.D. (1976) in industrial/organizational psychology from Louisiana State University, with a minor in social psychology/management.

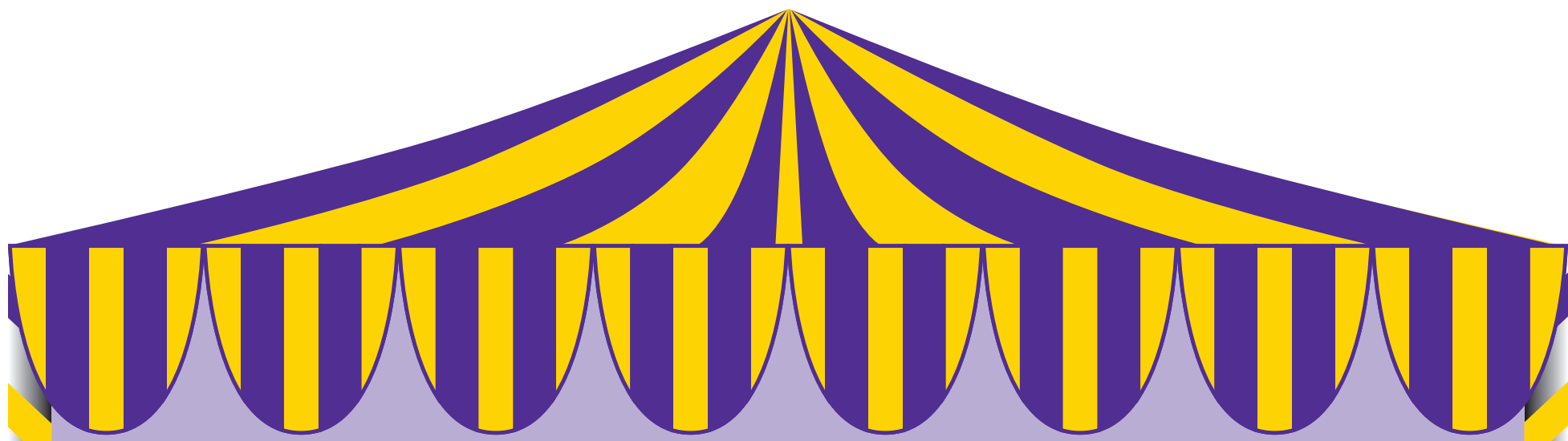
He served his country as a combat infantry officer in Vietnam (1968-1971) and was awarded three Bronze Stars

and the Silver Star.

Daniels is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Kathy Daniels of Little Rock, AR, and their children, Brendan Daniels of St. Louis, MO and Emily Daniels of Little Rock.

Daniels endowed a scholarship—the Dr. Jack P. Daniels Scholarship—through the Western Illinois University Foundation, which is available for College of Business and Technology (CBT) students.

Memorials be made to the Jack P. Daniels Scholarship, WIU Foundation, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455-1390.



Homecoming 2009

Oct. 10-17

“All Around the World”



Homecoming Week, October 10-17

“All Around the World”

Saturday, Oct. 10

Spirit Day
Paint the Town

Sunday, Oct. 11

Boat Regatta

Monday, Oct. 12

Deck the Campus

Tuesday, Oct. 13

Variety Show

Thursday, Oct. 15

Yell Like Hell

Homecoming Weekend

Friday, Oct. 16

5-10 p.m. Alumni and Friends Social, Alumni House
Complimentary food and beverages
2009 Reunion Check-In & Social

Saturday, Oct. 17

8 a.m. Old Stompin' Ground Runaround
5K run/2 mile walk, Alumni House
(see registration form p. 10)

9 a.m. Continental Breakfast, Alumni House

10:30 a.m. Homecoming Parade—Watch from the
Alumni House and Gwendolyn Brooks Park

Noon-3 p.m. Alumni Cookout—Menu: brats, burgers,
hot dogs, chips, pasta salad, cupcakes,
beverages, and cash bar at
“The Right Place” (the big tent directly
west of Hanson Field)

3:05 p.m. Leathernecks Football vs. Missouri State,
Hanson Field

Parking

Permits will not be required in lots as of 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16 through 7 a.m. Monday, Oct. 19, with the exception of residence hall lots. Visitor parking is not allowed in reserved residence hall lots. Tickets will be issued to violators in handicapped spaces, reserved spaces and no parking zones (any area not designated as a parking space). If you have any questions or a special parking need such as handicapped parking, contact Parking Services at (309) 298-1921.

Lodging

On campus:

Olson Hall (309) 298-3328
University Union (309) 298-1941

Off campus:

Rodeway Inn (309) 837-2220
Days Inn (309) 833-5511
Econo Lodge (309) 833-4521
Holiday Inn Express (309) 836-6700
Hampton Inn (309) 837-6000
Inselhaus B&B (309) 833-5400
Pineapple Inn B&B..... (309) 837-1914
Super 8 (309) 836-8888



Call the Office of Student Activities at (309) 298-3232 for details about any of the above events.

Homecoming Hotline (309) 298-1914
wiu.edu/alumni
A-Association@wiu.edu

Fill out your registration form on p. 10 and join us for Homecoming 2009!

Freebies!

Music!

Prizes!

Join us at "The Right Place" th

College of Arts & Sciences

Join many of your favorite faculty members under the tent at "The Right Place."

Join us for the third annual scholarship fundraising dinner at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16 in the University Union Grand Ballroom to benefit CAS scholarships. This event is co-sponsored by the Black Student Association. Enjoy live music and a dinner while catching up with friends, old and new. Cost is \$60 per person. Each person attending the dinner will receive a gift receipt for the portion of the ticket supporting scholarship funds.



College of Fine Arts & Communication

The College of Fine Arts and Communication Welcomes COFAC Alumni!

Join us at "The Right Place" under the big tent for Homecoming 2009.

- COFAC alums look for your "FREE Lunch" ticket in the COFAC e-news. Visit wiu.edu/cofac/enews and print your "FREE Lunch" ticket from the e-news Homecoming 2009 link.
- Bring your ticket to "The Right Place" for a free lunch, compliments of COFAC, or stop by the COFAC table at "The Right Place" to get a "FREE Lunch" ticket.
- Be one of the first COFAC alums to visit "The Right Place" and receive a FREE COFAC T-Shirt.
- Attend the outstanding Symphonic Wind Ensemble Fall Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16, in the COFAC Recital Hall. FREE.
- Don't miss Band Alumni playing with the Marching Leathernecks at half-time.
- See the University Theatre production of Moliere's madcap, farcical comedy "The Miser"— 7:30 p.m., Oct. 14 to Oct. 17, Hainline Theatre. Tickets available at Hainline Box Office at (309) 298-2900.



Centennial Honors College

Honors College alumni and friends, we look forward to seeing you at "The Right Place."



Director **Bill Knox** will be on hand to meet you and share the Honors students' latest accomplishments.

Learn more about Undergraduate Research Day, the Pre-Law Symposium and other great Honors events held on campus, and be sure to pick-up your Honors Homecoming gift!



Student Services

Join Student Services as we host our annual WIU Alumni & Friends Luncheon from Noon-3 p.m. Reconnect with your friends and colleagues from the division. If you are planning to attend, please let us know in advance by calling University Housing and Dining Services at (309) 298-3320, the Office of Student Activities at (309) 298-3232, or the Vice President for Student Services office at (309) 298-1814. Tickets will be available the day of the event.

We look forward to seeing you again this year!

A special
thank you



to our Home
Norm '67 and
recipie
2006 Honorary

Freebies!

Music!

Prizes!

The Right Place

the big tent near Hanson Field!

College of Business & Technology



Stop by "The Right Place" and celebrate with the College of Business and Technology! Visit with new Associate Dean **Jack Elfrink** and register for our Homecoming door prize: a \$500 Bose Wave Music System!



On hand for the Homecoming activities:

- Tom Erikson**, Dean
- Jack Elfrink**, Associate Dean
- Becky Paulsen**, Director of Development
- Schuyler Meixner '98 MBA '04**, Director of Communications and External Relations

...and many more of your favorite faculty!

We can't wait to see you!

College of Business and Technology - Accountancy - Agriculture - Computer Science - Economics - Engineering - Engineering Technology - Information Systems and Decision Sciences - Management - Marketing and Finance

College of Education & Human Services

Celebrate Homecoming with the College of Education and Human Services!

We invite you to connect with COEHS faculty, friends and fellow alumni.

Stop by our table at "The Right Place" to pick up a COEHS giveaway and register to win a prize!



University Libraries



Reminiscence about the good old days with University Libraries! Stop by our table at "The Right Place," thumb through old copies of Western's yearbook, "The Sequel"; and chat with Dean **Phyllis Self** and University Archivist **Jeff Hancks**.

During Homecoming Weekend, visit University Archives/Special Collections Malpass Library, sixth floor. View old campus photos, look through past issues of the "Western Courier" and enjoy breathtaking views of campus.

While in the library, stop by the Malpass Mocha for a cup of coffee and view the nearly 2,000 plants housed in the atrium and throughout the library.



Center for International Studies

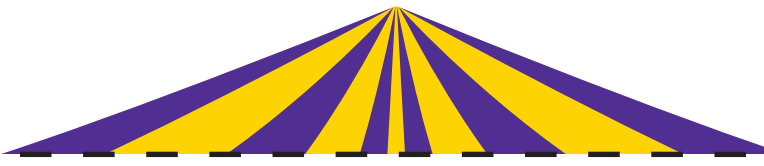
Give us a few minutes and we'll show you the world! During Homecoming, stop by and chat with the Center for International Studies Director **Terry Rodenberg**. The Center houses all international operations on campus from international student recruitment to study abroad. Learn more about Western's internationalization efforts on campus and pick up a great souvenir, too!

Board of Trustees Bachelor of Arts Degree

Cruise by "The Right Place" tent and pick up your BOT/BA alumni gift. Relax and connect with BOT/BA alumni and staff.



Homecoming partners and **Carmelita Teeter** recipients of the Library Doctorate Degree



Make Your Homecoming 2009 Reservation Today!

Name _____ Class Year _____
 Home address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home phone _____ Home E-mail _____ Cell _____
 Workplace _____ Job Title _____
 Work address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Work phone _____ Work E-mail _____
 Spouse/guest(s) _____

____ Friday Night Alumni Social no charge # ____ Cookout \$5/person \$ _____
 # ____ Continental Breakfast no charge # ____ Mums \$5/each \$ _____
 # ____ Football Tickets \$10/person. . . . \$ _____ # ____ Homecoming T-shirt \$10/each . . . \$ _____
 (Circle one) Small Medium Large Extra Large 2X
 TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____
 Print Cardholder's Name _____ Signature _____

Credit card reservations can be made online at wiu.com/alumni. You may also return this form, along with your credit card information or check (payable to WIU Alumni Association) to: WIU Alumni Association, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455-1390. Credit card reservations can also be faxed to (309) 298-2914 or phoned to (309) 298-1914. Game tickets will be held at the Alumni House until 11 a.m.; they will then be at the will call window at Hanson Field.

23rd Annual Homecoming Old Stompin' Ground Runaround 5K Fun Run/2 Mile Walk

Time: 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 **Registration:** 7-7:45 a.m. **Place:** Alumni House
Prizes: Based upon the number, ages, and gender of the entrants, prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories with grand prizes going to the first male and female to complete the course.
Fee: \$10 entry fee entitles participants to a commemorative T-shirt (while they last). Sponsored by the WIU Alumni Association and Coca-Cola of Macomb.
Race route: visit wiu.edu/alumni/events/homecoming
Questions? Call (309) 298-1914 or e-mail A-Association@wiu.edu



Name _____ Class year _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Daytime Phone Number _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____ Cell _____
 T-Shirt Size M L XL (Circle one) _____ Age on 10/17/09 _____ Male/Female _____ Runner/Walker
 Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____ Signature _____

****Parent or guardian must sign for participants under age 18.**
 Being of lawful age and sound mind and desiring to participate in the Homecoming 5K Fun Run/2 mile walk Oct. 17, 2009, I do hereby waive, release, and forever discharge any and all rights and claims which may hereafter accrue to me against the City of Macomb or Western Illinois University and their officers, agents, employees, volunteer workers, and assigns for any and all accidents, injuries, damages, or losses incurred by me at this event or through my use of any facilities provided. I further declare that this release binds not only me, but my heirs, executors, and administrators. I am aware of the risks and hazards which may arise through participation in this event and voluntarily assume the same. I certify that I have trained for a race of this distance and weather conditions and am in suitable condition to compete in this event. By signing this release, I hereby certify that I have read and fully understand and accept the conditions and terms contained herein.

Signature _____ Date _____
 Witness _____ Date _____

Please send reservation form and credit card information or check for \$10 (payable to WIU Alumni Association) to WIU Alumni Association, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455-1390. Credit card orders may also be faxed to (309) 298-2914. Entry will not be accepted without signature above. You may also register at wiu.com/alumni. Your signature will be required at the event.

Division of Student Services

Wetzel Hall closes; Corbin/Olson under renovation

Master plan includes reorganization, closures

Renovations and reorganization of WIU residence halls are two of the primary focuses of the University Housing and Dining Services (UHDS) Master Plan. The WIU Board of Trustees approved the reorganization at its December 2008 meeting.

As part of Phase I of the plan, Wetzel Hall closed at the end of the Spring 2009 semester. Corbin and Olson halls will undergo major rehabilitation, with construction anticipated to begin in 2010.

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

UHDS staff has worked over the past year to develop its master plan for current and future housing facilities.

According to Bierman, the decision to close Wetzel Hall, which had housed 443 students, fits in the plan, as well as into the University's Master Plan.

"As a part of our Housing Master Plan we have conducted a facilities assessment to inventory our deferred maintenance for campus. Our total liability for our facilities is nearly \$250 million. That amount is what it would take to make our current buildings 'like-new' with no changes in function," he added.

Wetzel was built in 1970 and had most recently housed mostly freshman students. The residence hall had been an integral participant in Homecoming and other campus events over the years. This past fall, Wetzel was

recognized for having the Great Lakes Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls Program of the Year for its annual "Club Wetzel," an alternative-to-alcohol program.

Architectural firms FGM and Mackey Mitchell (Chicago and St. Louis, respectively) were selected to do the programming study prior to a major rehab to Corbin and Olson halls, built in 1965 and 1966, as well as the cafeterias connecting the two buildings. Corbin is now a suite-style building that houses two fine arts theme floors. Olson Hall houses the University Counseling Center, Academic Advising, and the Illinois Law Enforcement Executive Institute. The renovation will concentrate on bringing the mechanical aspects of the buildings up-to-date, as well as aesthetic and programming renovations.

The entire University Housing and Dining Master Plan can be viewed at: student.services.wiu.edu/uahds/masterplan.

Spotlight on Career Services

Assistance available for all students, alumni

Career Services serves as the primary resource for career/occupational information and planning for all students and alumni of WIU. These services come in many different variations, from working with individuals who are just starting their career explorations to students preparing to look for a full-time job or internship, to alumni who are "re-careering." The office provides guidance on career/industry/occupational information for those who may or may not be sure as to which career path they wish to pursue. The office aids students and alumni with creating professional documentation (including resumés and cover letters) in order for individuals to successfully market themselves.

Career Services is a leader in the use of technology for the delivery of services while focusing on the individuality of each person that is served. During the past year more than 3,300 students and alumni visited the office, with more than 64,000 jobs listed on the eRecruiting website nationwide and nearly 3,000 jobs posted directly to WIU. The office is staffed by three professional staff members, two support staff members, two student workers, and several fully trained graduate assistants.

Technology

Career Services has continuously been in the forefront of implementing the latest technologies to better serve students and alumni. The online registration system (eRecruiting) allows students to create a file that can be viewed by potential employers seeking to hire individuals for full-time and internship positions. In addition, this system allows students and alumni to search job postings listed by employers that are directly in contact with the office, as well as national job postings.

This new technology has led the office to develop "virtual" career fairs for students and alumni to search for the latest job postings from their home computer.

There are more than 300 separate job bank sites on the home page. These sites are categorized by major and/or occupational interests. There is a separate link to sites that are solely related to students and recent graduates.

The "What Can I Do With This Major?" link allows individuals to find relevant information about potential

career paths that a particular major can lead to. Within the "Career Decision Making" link, students and alumni can focus on self-exploration as it relates to their possible career field interests. The "Career Interests Game" (which is based on the Holland Theory of Personality) explores how interests, skills, and beliefs match up with potential careers.

The "Vault" link allows users to research careers, industries, and occupations. In addition, this site has specific company information as well as job and internship databases. The Vault program is accessible by using the Ecom account number of any WIU community member. The extensive amount of information available on occupations, companies, job preparation, and other job-related topics makes the Vault an invaluable tool for any career-seeking individual.

"H1 Base" is a link for foreign national students looking for employment within the U.S. H1 Base was established to aid international students in obtaining practical training opportunities within the U.S. Employers identified in the H1 database support the H1 visa application of international students who seek permanent employment in the U.S. Prior to practical training, each student must establish through the International Studies Office their length of eligibility for practical training.

Outreach to the Campus Community

Each semester the office is routinely asked to conduct workshops on myriad career related topics including: resumé/letter-writing, job interviewing, dressing for success, graduate and professional school applications, and additional information. These workshops are presented to classes, fraternities and sororities, residence halls, student clubs, and organizations. The office presented over 75 workshops last year.

In addition, the office offers a University credit course (Pre-Employment Preparation) each semester. This eight-week course covers many of the topics that are presented in workshops or during individual appointments. Usually there are three sections per eight-week session that are instructed by a member of the professional staff or a graduate assistant. The office is active with Summer Orientation and Registration programs and Discover



A student speaks with law enforcement personnel at a career fair, one of three major fairs hosted at WIU each year.

Western, speaking to both parents and students.

The on-campus Career Fairs (Fall Fair, Law Enforcement Fair, and Spring Fair) have allowed more than 1,700 students to meet with more than 250 employers during the past school year.

Partnering with Faculty and Administration

During the 2008-2009 school year, the office conducted specialized presentations to faculty members, department chairs, deans, First Year Experience faculty, advisers, and administrators on what the office has to offer students and alumni. These presentations focused on how to navigate the Career Services website and utilize the available resources.

The Career Services website (careers.wiu.edu) was developed to be user-friendly for on-campus or off-campus users. Frequent requests from high school and community college counselors asking to be linked to the website and access the career information to share it with their students attest to its value to those planning on enrolling at WIU. With increasing frequency, parents visiting the University with their sons and daughters stop into Career Services to obtain additional information about career opportunities in specific study areas.

Division of Student Services

ACPA (American College Personnel Association) 2009

Washington, D.C.



L-r: CSP Class of '04 - Jen Garcia MS '04, Matt Petersons MS '04, Sarah Cunningham MS '04 and Molly Holmes '01 MS '04.



L-r: Diane Sledden Reed '88 and Mike Walker '90 MS '93.



L-r: Nick Winkler, Jason Ramirez and Meg Lane '07.



L-r: CSP Coordinator Tracy Davis, Julia Pond MS '08, Jen Garcia MS '04, Matt Petersons MS '04, Sarah Cunningham MS '04 and Jeff Long MS '99.



L-r: ACPA Diamond Honoree and Vice President for Student Services Garry Johnson and former Office of Student Activities Assistant Director-Greek Life Katie Sermersheim MS '91.



L-r: Alumni Achievement Award recipient and former Associate Vice President for Student Services Kathy Cavins '86 MS '89, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Services and Director of Community Relations Jessica Bunch Butcher MS '96, Vice President for Student Services Garry Johnson, Office of Student Activities Assistant Director Joan Maze, Assistant Vice President for Student Services-Student Life John Biernbaum and Assistant Director of Residence Life George Holman '98.

NACA (National Association of Campus Activities) 2009

Nashville, TN



L-r: Jason Ramirez, Nina Caliguiri MS '07, Melina Strohmman MS '09, Brian Novak MS '06, Paul Lidy MS '06 and Jessica Berkey MS '07.



L-r: Ellen Engh, Vice President for Student Services Garry Johnson and Jen Eral Cook MS '03.



L-r: Stephanie Russell Holz MS '98, Regina Young Hyatt '94 MS '97 and Dave DeAngelis MS '97.

Division of Student Services

Trying to reunite with friends from your residence hall floor?

Write to **John Biernbaum**, assistant vice president for student services-student life, at J-Biernbaum@wiu.edu if you are interested in reuniting with old friends from your floor,

Student Services is trying to reunite with former staff.

If you worked as a staff member in Student Services, (i.e. resident assistant, hall director, student activities, O-Team, etc.,) we would like to hear from you! The Division of Student Services has created a web presence at student.services.wiu.edu/vpss/alumni/update/front/index.asp to gather information on former staff members. Log on and help us provide better information to those working to set up staff reunions.

Alumni invited to return for Summer Institute

WIU welcomes alumni and friends to the third annual Student Services/ College Student Personnel (CSP) Summer Institute.

The institute is an inexpensive professional development opportunity and a chance to reconnect with colleagues and former classmates.

This year, the event will be held June 25-26 in Macomb. Featured speakers will include: Tracy Davis, Garry Johnson, Lou Hencken, Kathy Meyers, and beth triplett. Dan Dunne of Sodexo will present the keynote address, "Changing Student Demographics." The event also includes a golf outing, welcome reception, and dinner.

For a detailed schedule of speakers and events, or to register online, visit student.services.wiu.edu/vpss/summerinstitute.

WIU sends nine to nation's capitol

Nine students from Western Illinois University were selected to conduct internships in the Washington, D.C. area this summer as part of Western's Learning to Lead (LTL), a comprehensive experience that helps students develop and enhance their leadership abilities through courses, workshops, community service, and practical experience.

They are:

Carlin Anderson - Political Science, Arenzville, (IL)

Emily Quinn Bilyeu - English & Spanish, East Moline, (IL)

Darren Heard - Communication & Political Science, Chicago, (IL)

Kristen Leighty - Political Science & History/Sociology, Peoria, (IL)

Megan Mills - LEJA & Political Science/Psychology, Geneva, (IL)

Alexandria Morgano - Political Science and Law Enforcement, Romeoville, (IL)

Kaley Rowe - Graphic Communication & Journalism, Canton, (IL)

Ricardo Thomas - Management, Oak Park, (IL)

Devin Wilcoxon - Political Science & History, Bushnell, (IL)

Students selected for the program must have a minimum 2.8 cumulative GPA, go through an application and interview selection process, and successfully complete a leadership course.

For 15 years, LTL has provided students with leadership training and summer internship opportunities in Washington. Past internship sites have included CSPAN, the Federal Trade Commission, National Park Service, Telemundo, Human Rights Campaign, and the offices of Representative Ray LaHood (R-Peoria), Representative Tim Johnson (R-IL), and Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL). For more information, visit the Learning to Lead website at student.services.wiu.edu/ltl/.

NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrators) 2009 Conference

Seattle, WA



L-r: Women's Center Director Janine Cavicchia MS '88, Tim Johnson MS '09 and Megan Hockert MS '07.



L-r: Director of Residence Life Tera Monroe '96 MS '98, Tiffany Pelletier Lowe MS '01, Lance Lowe and Amy Noeldner Wilson MS '01.



L-r: Sue Haldemann MS '84, Andrea Trinklein, Alumni Achievement Award recipient and Alumni Council member Steve McLaughlin '70 MS '71, Alumni Achievement Award recipient and former Associate Vice President for Student Services Kathy Cavins '86 MS '89 and Ashley Tull.



L-r: Jen Quin MS '99, Tamara White Johnson MS '99 and Director of Student Judicial Programs Tim Sheridan.



2008 LTL Students pose near the White House.

Division of Student Services

Division of Student Services Awards

By Jessica Butcher MS '96

The Division of Student Services recently presented its annual awards at the year-end reception. Employee of the Year Awards are selected from the winners of Employee of the Month from the past year. Awards are based on the following criteria:

The Employees of the Year must be current full-time employees or student employees within the Student Services Division; provide significant services to the office, division or University; make vital contributions toward achieving the goals of the office, division or University; demonstrate professionalism and enthusiasm in the performance of responsibilities and daily interaction with staff, students, other WIU offices and the general public; strive to enhance the quality of student services provided at Western Illinois University; and be committed to their professional development.

The Top Flight Team Award is presented to the department/office/team that displays extraordinary contributions to the division and the University by doing the following: promoting team spirit within the department/office; promoting excellence in Student Services and at Western Illinois University; providing innovations that have a positive impact on student well-being; having a positive impact on student recruitment and retention; and working collaboratively with other areas in coordinating/improving services to students, faculty and staff.



Spring 2009 Top Flight Team - WESTEC

Western Technical Services (WESTEC) promotes excellence for Western Illinois University; has a positive impact on student well-being, recruitment, and retention; and has demonstrated a team effort with other areas in coordinating services to students, faculty, and staff. "Few institutions are fortunate enough to have such an organization on campus, let alone an organization of WESTEC's caliber," said Vice President for Student Services Garry Johnson. "The National Association for Campus Activities has recognized the skill level and professionalism of WESTEC's student crew members and repeatedly accepts applicants for the National Convention stage crew. During the month of April, WESTEC had more events than any other month this academic year. After they had already stated they could take on no additional events, they enthusiastically took on small projects. The division congratulates WESTEC – an amazing and unique organization!"



Administrative Employee of the Year– Bill Bushaw, Financial Aid

Bushaw has been in financial aid for more than 20 years. Recently, the student lender market was in deep crisis, which required the office to completely restructure the student loan system.

Bushaw was able to do this with professionalism according to his nominators. He takes a proactive role with students and his staff with regard to customer service. Bushaw sets up camp in the hallway during the first two weeks of school each semester and counsels students so the staff can continue to process paperwork in a timely manner. He is constantly searching for more efficient ways to communicate with students and families. He is also environmentally conscious. One of his goals is to reduce paper usage and waste in the office. Bushaw strives to enhance the quality of the student services provided at Western.



Graduate Assistant of the Year – Courtney James, Campus Recreation

James' nominators say that she has brought innovative and creative ideas to special event programming this year. She introduced Big Blue Ladder Golf with all funds raised donated to a charity to fight prostate cancer. James has had continued success within her professional association, the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association. This year, she was a recipient of the William N. Wasson Student Leadership and Academic Award. In addition to the Wasson Award, James has been named an Illinois Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (IIRSA) Scholarship winner for the second year in a row. "She is passionate about student development, student leadership, and has a bright future in student services," said Johnson.



Civil Service Employee of the Year – Tara Chambers, VPSS Office

Chambers' nominators say that she is always willing to take on any task that they throw at her. She has taken on the task of being in charge of the division's laptop/projector check-out with excitement and no complaints. She has recently taken on the task of hiring a new student assistant, and she also provides administrative support to the awards committee. Chambers' nominators state that she always steps up and takes over the tasks given to her with an eagerness and smile. "Tara is truly a team player and the office would not be the same without her pleasant personality and cheerfulness," said Johnson.



Student Employee of the Year – Jeremy Homolka, UHDS

Homolka was a resident assistant in Thompson Hall and was the chair for the Eighth Annual Big Pink Volleyball fundraiser. He was the only returning member from the 2007 Big Pink committee and accepted the chair of this philanthropic event. "He did a fantastic job of organizing meetings, using the committee structure and holding each committee member to their role," said Johnson. "Homolka was a role model for the group and pulled the committee together."

For the first time, Big Pink topped 1,000 participants. He is also an active member of National Residence Hall Honorary.

RockeNetwork 'friends' Facebook

Western Illinois University alumni can now use Facebook to log in to Western's exclusive online network for alumni, RockeNetwork. With the help of the "inCircle Connections" application, RockeNetwork and Facebook users can access both social networks via the widely used Facebook platform.

Amanda Shoemaker, associate director of Alumni Programs and RockeNetwork coordinator, said the new application is designed to bridge Facebook with the Western-exclusive network.

"Once alumni have added the application to their Facebook accounts, they can access both RockeNetwork and Facebook with one login—on Facebook," Shoemaker explained. "The application allows RockeNetwork users to access a number of that network's features, such as updating their profiles, adding friends to their networks and searching out and/or posting career opportunities. This new application works just like RockeNetwork. If someone posts a job on RockeNetwork, or creates a new group, you'll see it in the Facebook application," she said.

Shoemaker noted Western alumni who use RockeNetwork for employment opportunities will not have to worry about potential employers viewing information they would not want them to view.

"Companies that post jobs for alumni to view will only be able to interact with potential employees via the application. This means that they will be able to view what you have on your RockeNetwork profile, but they will not be able to see the information listed on your Facebook profile," Shoemaker said.

Amy Spelman, director of Alumni Programs, added that WIU alumni can help RockeNetwork grow by asking their Facebook friends to add the application, which could serve as an introduction to WIU's online alumni network. In addition, she urged alumni on RockeNetwork to try out the application by posting information in RockeNetwork.

"If you have something to announce, announce it via RockeNetwork, and then check it in the inCircle Connections application. You can announce anything—from the creation of a new group to a request for relocation assistance. For easier access, my advice is to bookmark the inCircle Connections application on your Facebook page," she added.

As of May, RockeNetwork had 2,756 users, and that number is growing. May was also the third anniversary of the launch of RockeNetwork, Shoemaker noted.

"RockeNetwork is a great way to keep in touch with your fellow WIU alumni. It's one of the many benefits Western alumni receive," she said.

Western alumni can log in to RockeNetwork at rockenetwork.wiu.edu. For more information, contact Shoemaker at (309) 298-1914 or AJ-Shoemaker@wiu.edu.



Student Trustee a class act



D'Angelo Taylor

D'Angelo Taylor, a political science major and broadcasting minor from Richmond, VA, was elected by the student body to serve as student representative to the WIU Board of Trustees from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

As a high school student at Huguenot High School in Richmond, Taylor worked as sports editor of the Falcon Times newspaper and later was named editor-in-chief his senior year. As a senior, Taylor earned the Excellence in Journalism Award from the Richmond Times Dispatch and served as the student announcer for Huguenot basketball games.

He became involved in student activities immediately at WIU, attending the first Thompson Hall government meeting as a floor representative, and being elected hall government secretary the next week. A dedicated Resident Assistant for Thompson Hall, he is also the residence hall's representative to Inter-Hall Council, where he also participated in the decision-making process to determine room and board rates for incoming students.

Taylor also was selected as a Chapter Core member of the national Students Today, Leaders Forever service program, traveling to six cities during spring break to do volunteer work.

As a member of the Board of Trustees, Taylor is dedicated to representing the students and helping unite the student voice. He plans to increase awareness of campus issues among the students and work to build more partnerships with the administration, city and community.

"I believe that, in being a Board of Trustees member, I can help improve the students' drive here on campus and the drive within the Macomb community to make WIU the most comprehensive university in the country," he said.

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and other books have made him a well-known academic figure who symbolizes the University's commitment to the people and values of the western Illinois region.

Since retirement, Hallwas has served on several University boards, including the WIU Foundation. He and his wife Garnette are major donors and have made a variety of gifts to the University. Western's annual liberal arts lecture was renamed the John Hallwas Liberal Arts Lecture following his retirement. Hallwas was chosen to present the inaugural Liberal Arts Lecture in 2003.

Frieden was recognized May 16 as the inaugural recipient of the WIU Young Alumni Excellence Award. The Young Alumni Excellence Award is presented to an alumnus/na who has demonstrated exceptional accomplishments in his/her chosen field; exceptional service in local, state or national affairs; and exceptional service in support of the advancement and continued excellence of Western; and who is not yet 35 years old.

Frieden, a 1996 political science and pre-law graduate, is a partner with Gibbs & Bruns, LLP in Houston, TX. While she focuses much of her practice on securities matters, the scope of her litigation experience includes contract, environmental, construction, oil and gas, medical malpractice, intellectual property and directors' liability matters. Her practice has included representation of the Enron board of directors in connection with that company's iconic end, as well as pro bono representation of the City of Houston in defense of its air pollution ordinance.

While at Western, Frieden was an Honors scholar, a

member and assistant coach of the Western Debate Team, a member of Phi Kappa Phi, a resident assistant, the Lincoln Laureate graduate and the 1996 Honors Convocation student speaker. Following graduation, Frieden served as a performance auditor in the Illinois Office of the Auditor General. She then went on to obtain her juris doctorate from the University of Illinois College of Law in 2000. During law school, Frieden clerked for the Illinois Attorney General and served as articles editor for the University of Illinois Law Review. Following graduation from law school, she practiced with Jenner & Block LLC in Chicago before moving to Houston.

Frieden has been named a "Rising Star" by Legal Media's guide "Benchmark: Litigation" (2009); a "Texas Rising Star" by Texas Super Lawyers (2008-2009); and one of Houston's "Lawyers on the Fast Track" and "Professionals on the Fast Track" by H-Magazine (2004; 2008).

She is a member of the Houston Bar Association and is affiliated with the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of Texas, and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. She is licensed to practice law in Illinois and Texas.

Frieden is a member of the WIU President's National Advisory Council. She and her husband, Joe Gulley, established the C. Robin Frieden Memorial Scholarship at Western in honor of her mother.

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I was hoping it would be in the first half. Of all my visits, Dallas was one of my favorites, my top visit. Dallas was one of the top three teams that showed me the most interest, but I didn't know for sure how interested they were.

"Words can't explain (the feeling this morning). I was just waiting to get a phone call from an area code I didn't know. As soon as I picked it up and he said it was Jerry Jones I thought it was my agent playing around with me. Once I recognized him my heart jumped into my throat."

New Orleans Saints draft Herb Donaldson

Former Western Illinois University running back **Herb Donaldson '08** signed an undrafted free agent contract with the New Orleans Saints on April 27. Donaldson, who led all of Division I in both rushing and scoring last season had offers from several teams before deciding on the Saints.

"I hadn't heard from New Orleans at all leading up to the draft," said Donaldson. "I am just happy to have an opportunity at the next level and New Orleans looks like they offer the best opportunity for me."

Leathernecks in the NFL Draft

Jason Williams is the 34th Leatherneck to have been selected in the NFL Draft, and the 29th under the league's current format. The Leathernecks did have a first-round draft pick (Leroy Jackson) in 1962, but Williams is now the school's highest pick in the modern era. **Don Greco '87** was the No. 72 pick in the third round of the 1981 draft.

Foundation



L-r: William Bailey, agriculture department chair; President Al Goldfarb; and Growmark's Steve German.

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92

Western Illinois University's agriculture students will benefit from an infusion of funding from Growmark. The monies donated through the Growmark Foundation earlier this year will not only fund a third \$1,000 scholarship—in addition to two existing \$1,000 agriculture scholarships already donated by the Bloomington (IL)—based cooperative—in WIU's agriculture department, but also another \$5,000 is being donated via the Glen Webb Education Fund and the Growmark Foundation. The gift

Growmark donation provides support for Western agriculture students

will allow Western's agriculture department to enhance programs or projects that further students' development, explained Steve German, a manager at Growmark.

A cooperative that operates primarily in the Midwest, northeastern United States and Ontario, Canada, Growmark System is an Farm Services (FS) cooperative organization whose members provide the agriculture industry with a variety of products and services, including grain storage and handling systems, precision farming and advanced seed genetics services, as well as diesel fuels and lubricants.

"We have a very good relationship with Growmark and FS," noted William Bailey, chair of Western's agriculture department. "Steve, in particular, has spent a lot of time here with our students and our classes. He has also hired a good number of them."

"Growmark is committed to being a good corporate citizen through sound business practices and investments and advancing agriculture education, leadership development cooperatives and priority community needs," German said. "We support programs and projects that enhance the objectives of Growmark and its shareholders from contributions through the Growmark Foundation. During this past year, we thoroughly reviewed and reaffirmed our strategies for funding the Growmark Foundation, and during this review, we

decided to increase our investment in educational efforts."

German noted the \$5,000 is to be used at the agriculture department's discretion through the end of the calendar year. In 2010, also via Growmark Foundation's Glen Webb Education Fund, another \$5,000 will be made available.

The additional \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to an agriculture student who meets specified guidelines set by Growmark and the department.

"We also invite scholarship recipients to attend Growmark's annual convention in Chicago," German said. "At this year's convention, attendees will get a special treat as Jim Lovell, astronaut and commander of NASA's Apollo 13 mission, will deliver the keynote address."

According to Bailey, Growmark's annual convention provides Growmark scholarship recipients with beneficial networking and agriculture-industry learning opportunities. "Growmark is very generous and provides financial support for the students to travel to and stay in Chicago for its superb annual convention, too," he added.

For more information, contact Bailey at (309) 298-1080 or WC-Bailey@wiu.edu. Visit WIU's agriculture department online at wiu.edu/ag. Learn more about Growmark at growmark.com.

Scholarship sends student to new horizons

By Julie Murphy '94 MS '95

"This experience has given me knowledge I could never get in a classroom," said WIU junior Raymond King of studying abroad. "Learning to do things by myself, communicate with people, overcome stereotypes—I have a better understanding and outlook about people in general, which will certainly help me in my future career."

King recently returned from a semester at Birmingham City University in England. King, a human resource management major from Country Club Hills (IL), chose Birmingham University because it was in an English-speaking country and offered a course of study in his major.

"I took four courses at Birmingham that will transfer back to Western and count toward my degree," he said. "The coursework, combined with the experience of living in an international house and learning to communicate with all kinds of diverse people, reinforced my decision to go into human resources in the first place. I loved all of it!"

King was assisted in achieving this experience by receiving the \$3,000 inaugural Bea Wehrly Study Abroad Scholarship.

"When I started looking into study abroad, I was really worried about the cost. The scholarship is so greatly appreciated; it eased my financial worry and definitely helped out on my debt load," King said.

Bea Wehrly established the Study Abroad Scholarship in 2008 with a gift of \$80,000. King is the first recipient of Wehrly's generosity, and he gained the kind of experience Wehrly had in mind when she set up the scholarship.

"I'm hoping that students going abroad will be fully aware of their own cultural values before they travel and realize how these values impact their perspectives on the differing cultural values of other people," Wehrly said. "I endowed the scholarship at the level I did specifically for students to have a larger amount to offset the expenses associated with international study."

"Bea knew the importance of international experience before it was fashionable," said Western's Center for International Studies director Terry Rodenberg.

Wehrly, distinguished professor emeritus of counselor education, organized six international study programs while teaching at Western. In addition, her scholarly work in the area of cross-cultural counseling and contributions in the areas of multicultural understanding and career development have significantly influenced what is known today as multicultural counseling.

Bea established the Educators for Tomorrow scholarship in COEHS in 1999, and in 2009 donated \$20,000 to be used for short-term student loans. Her husband Jim Wehrly has funded the Wehrly Agricultural Finance scholarship, and together they endowed the Bea & Jim Wehrly Scholarship to assist students who have been involved in volunteer activities on behalf of human rights.

"We are in a global society, whether we like it or not, and our students will be much better prepared for their professions by an international study experience," she said.

King's study abroad is one of the many and varied experiences he has collected to prepare himself for a meaningful and productive future. He has been a resident



Raymond King, a human resource management major from Country Club Hills (IL), with scholarship benefactor Bea Wehrly.

assistant (RA) in the residence halls and has been involved in hall government, participated in departmental student organizations and the Phi Eta Sigma national honor society. Last summer, King interned at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, and returned there to work this summer.

King tells other students not to be deterred from studying abroad by finances.

"The Wehrly Scholarship enhanced what I could have done on my own. I'm just blown away by my experience and hope everyone can go global as part of their academic program," he said. "You will definitely have a different mindset and outlook upon returning."

College of Education and Human Services



DiGrino named interim dean

Nick DiGrino, COEHS associate dean for administration, has been appointed interim dean of the college, according to WIU Provost and Academic Vice President Jack Thomas.

DiGrino has served as associate dean since 2004. He will serve in the interim position until a permanent dean is hired to replace Bonnie Smith-Skripps '73 MS '74 ED SP '89, who retired this spring after 35 years of service.

Prior to being named associate dean, DiGrino served as chair and professor in Western's recreation, park and tourism administration (RPTA) department from 1986

to 2004. Before joining Western's faculty, he served as coordinator of the leisure services program at Iowa State University and as director of parks and recreation for the City of Eastlake, OH.

DiGrino has authored and co-authored numerous articles and book chapters within his field and presented at professional conferences internationally. He is an inductee of the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, and he has held offices and served on the governing boards of several state and national professional organizations.

DiGrino received his bachelor's degree from Kent State University, his master's degree from Indiana University and his doctorate from Texas A&M University. He is a recipient of Kent State University's School of Exercise, Sport and Leisure Distinguished Alumni Award and Indiana University's Garrett G. Eppley Distinguished Alumni Award.



Nick DiGrino

Alumni return for conference

By Dana Moon '98 MBA '01

Alumni from Illinois, Missouri, and Iowa came back to Macomb to be part of the Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration (RPTA) 2009 Professional Development Conference (PDC) and alumni weekend in May.

The event began April 30 with the Big Bogey Golf Classic. Close to 10 teams participated. On May 1, the conference featured alumni presenters speaking in breakout sessions about their experiences in the field. Topics included "Event Planning and Planning Your Future in RPTA," "Therapeutic Recreation in a Treatment/Correctional Setting," and "Tourism, Technology and/or Job Hunting." At the awards recognition luncheon, alumni awards were presented to:

Distinguished Alumni Award – Laura Barron '81

Barron is the director of parks and recreation at Oakbrook Terrace (IL) Park District. She received her bachelor's degree in RPTA from WIU and her master's in recreation administration from Aurora University. She received the RPTA Department Alumni Association Jim Berousek Distinguished Alumni Award in 2007. Barron also gave the keynote address.

Graduate of the Last Decade (GOLD) Award – Bridget Napolitano '98 MS '00

Napolitano is the site interpreter at Argyle Lake State Park in Colchester (IL). She has been an advocate for the department by offering students opportunities for fieldwork hours and internships at Argyle. Napolitano

has also successfully implemented several successful outdoor education programs at Argyle Lake State Park.

Distinguished Service Award – Ray Peterson '77

Peterson serves as executive director of the Macomb Park District. Through his years as director, he has supported several RPTA graduate students with assistantships with the district and/or with the local Special Recreation Association (SRA). Peterson is also an adjunct professor in the department.

The conference ended at Horn Field Campus with a cookout called the Buffalo Tro. Concluding the weekend was a surprise early retirement breakfast for Nick DiGrino, former chair of the department and current interim dean of the College.

"PDC is an opportunity to connect our students with alumni and provide positive professional role models," said Dale Adkins, RPTA chair. "It is also an opportunity for our department to reconnect with our alumni and celebrate their successes both professionally and personally."



Distinguished RPTA Alumna Laura Barron, director of parks and recreation at Oakbrook Terrace (IL) Park District, was keynote speaker for the annual RPTA Professional Development Conference.



RPTA graduate students Noreen Walton and Brandon Evanston present "Preparation for the Real World."



L-r: Roger Key '78, Cory Atwell '76 MS '78, and Thom Palmer '95 prepare for presentations.

Celebrating a decade of technology: Tech Fest 2009

Approximately 50 WIU departments and west central Illinois education and business communities celebrated "a decade of tech" at the College's 10th Annual Tech Fest in April.

The event featured numerous participants, including exhibits from the students at MacArthur Early Childhood Center, Lincoln School, Rushville-Industry High School and Macomb High School. McDonough District Hospital (Macomb) also exhibited and conducted a demonstration. In addition, various disciplines and departments at WIU showcased their forays and innovations in technology, with exhibits from education; geography; music; broadcasting; law enforcement and justice administration; instructional design and technology; dietetics, fashion merchandising and hospitality; and University Relations.

Mike Dickson '88, director of special projects at Western, delivered the Tech Fest 2009 keynote address. He outlined ways that information technology has impacted education and how it has changed the landscape at WIU.

"Tech Fest is an excellent way to illustrate how technology connects the University and the community," said Bonnie Smith-Skripps. "The event provides an opportunity for the University's departments and community organizations to showcase the latest in technology, and it demonstrates the partnerships Western has with area schools and community businesses," she added.



Local school children demonstrate using smartboards at Tech Fest 2009.



College of Education and Human Services

COEHS Week

Western celebrated the college, its departments, faculty, staff and students during COEHS Week April 13-April 17 on WIU's Macomb and Quad Cities campuses.

Highlights included the Inaugural Graduate Research Symposia on the Macomb and QC campuses; Tech Fest 2009; a fitness boot camp with COEHS Distinguished Alumnus **Joe Decker '98**, "The World's Fittest Man;" a retirement reception for Dean **Bonnie Smith-Skripps '73 MS '74 ED SP '89**; panel discussions on timely topics such as lifespan issues and English Language Learners; and much more.



Ann Marie Smith MS-ED '08 of Cedar Rapids, IA, a special education alumna, was among those who presented at the inaugural Graduate Symposium in the Quad Cities.



Celebrating retirement, I-r: Donna Phillips, retired chair, kinesiology; newly retired COEHS dean **Bonnie Smith-Skripps '73 MS '74 ED SP '89**; and Honorary Alumni Award recipient **Charlene Callison '01**, retired chair, dietetics, fashion merchandising and hospitality.



Faculty from the college presented "Lifespan Issues: A Panel Discussion." Front row, I-r: **Deb Allwardt**, **Tammi Bories**, **Paul Schlag**. Back row, I-r: **Mike Goddard**, **Marcia Carter** (on screen), newly retired COEHS dean **Bonnie Smith-Skripps '73 MS '74 ED SP '89** and **Emily Shupe '94**.



Many alumni returned to present at the "Careers in Aging" lunchtime discussion, including, I-r: **Robyn Nelson '04**, **William "Digger" Oster '05 MS '06**, **Moria Rothert '06**, **Shelly Ward '85**, and **Kathy Wyatt '77 MA '87**.

Alumna gives advice to current students

Alumna **Carrie Benson '02** presented "Networking: Making Connections Today... Maintaining for Tomorrow," in March on the Macomb campus.

In her presentation, Benson emphasized the importance of networking as she described her professional work experiences with the United States Olympic Committee, the Billiard Congress of America/Billiard Education Foundation, the Boys and Girls Club of the Pikes Peak Region, and her newly-established company, **Benson & Associates, LLC**, which focuses on grant-writing and fundraising for nonprofit organizations.

Benson earned her master's degree in sport management, with an emphasis in marketing, from WIU in 2002. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology

from Culver-Stockton College (Canton, MO) in 1999.

While employed with the Boys and Girls Club of the Pikes Peak Region, Benson served as vice president (2006-2008), development director (2005-2006) and marketing manager (2004-2005). At the Billiard Congress of America/Billiard Education Foundation, Benson served as associate director of Junior National Events and Education Programs. In 2002, she worked as an intern for the U.S. Olympic Committee in Denver (CO), and in 2001, she worked as a merchandise coordinator for the St. Louis Rams' summer training camp at WIU in Macomb.

Benson is a Hannibal, MO native, and her current post, as the founder/owner of **Benson & Associates, LLC**, is based in St. Louis, MO.

Her presentation was sponsored by the Visiting Lectures Committee and the kinesiology department at WIU.



Benson, left, with Darlene Young, kinesiology professor.

College of Education and Human Services



A day with the 'World's Fittest Man'

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92

Joe Decker, who graduated from WIU in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology, was the recipient of the College of Education and Human Services' 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award and visited campus during COEHS Week (April 13–17) to speak to and work out with students.

Once overweight and out of shape, Decker is an ultra-endurance power athlete, renowned fitness trainer and syndicated columnist who has helped thousands of women, men, kids and seniors get into shape and lose weight. In 2000, Decker made his mark on the fitness world by breaking the Guinness Book of World Records' 24-Hour Fitness Challenge, giving him the right to claim the title of "World's Fittest Man."

Decker is a personal testament to overcoming addictions and obstacles, and he has founded his own high-speed fitness company working with individuals, groups, and corporate clients. In addition, Decker is regularly involved in charity work and has established a research fund at WIU for childhood obesity from his winnings on the television show "The Weakest Link."

While on campus, Decker led an intense fitness

workout for students, faculty and staff, and presented to Honors students and the public about his experiences and sticking with a healthy lifestyle. He was also honored for his contributions to WIU and the fitness community.

"Receiving the COEHS Distinguished Alumnus award was an incredible honor and a wonderful experience," Decker said. "Getting the opportunity to return to WIU to work with the students and hang out with the staff made me realize how much I truly missed and appreciated my



Decker led students and staff on a "Fatness to Fitness" exercise challenge.

years here. WIU rocks!"

"Joe was the perfect choice for the Distinguished Alumni award," said **Smith-Skripps**. "His willingness to return to Western to address the campus community and work out with students fit well with the University's 2009 theme of health and wellness. It was a great day full of energy and enthusiasm."

To learn more about Decker, visit his website at joe-decker.com or gutcheckfitness.com.



Decker (far right) poses with, l-r: wife Nicole Decker; retired COEHS dean Bonnie Smith-Skripps and Bill Griffin, WIU Board of Trustees.

WIU student helps Rainbow Riders achieve pot of gold

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92



Becky Hoelscher

The rainbow, throughout human history, has been a symbol used to explain various propositions thought up by humankind. Pots of gold and promises among them, the rainbow is also as an emblem of beauty and hope—meanings not lost on Western Illinois University student **Becky Hoelscher** (Monmouth, IL).

A senior majoring in social work, Hoelscher volunteers at the Rainbow Riders Therapeutic Horseback Riding Center in Monmouth (IL), so she knows first hand how the center provides hope and is a place of beauty for those it serves.

"Rainbow Riders' official mission statement is 'to provide safe, professional and affordable therapeutic horseback riding opportunities that contribute positively to the physical, cognitive, emotional and social well being of children with special needs,'" Hoelscher explained. "But to really understand what Rainbow Riders does for children and their families, people have to experience it for themselves."

Hoelscher began volunteering at Rainbow Riders about three years ago, first as an arena assistant, helping instructors with riding lessons, then as a side walker, which involves assisting riders. Helping others comes naturally to Hoelscher, who noted her social work major is a direct result of her frequently finding herself helping family or neighbors. With her love of animals, of horses in particular, for Hoelscher, Rainbow Riders provides a perfect fit for her social activism and humane interests.

"I try to help out the center any way I can," she said.

"It's an amazing place that does amazing things for people."

Hoelscher's help at Rainbow Riders has also resulted in an \$8,000 grant, which was recently awarded to Rainbow Riders through the Illinois Equine Industry Research and Promotion Board. As part of her degree coursework, Hoelscher enrolled in a social work policy course in Fall 2008 taught by **Michael Fimmen**, interim chairperson of WIU's social work department. The "Barn and Paddock Restoration in Support of Rainbow Riders" grant proposal was the result of what she learned in Fimmen's class; a grant-proposal writing assignment in a general practice class taught by **Rebekah Clark**, social work instructor; and her volunteer efforts at Rainbow Riders.

"Dr. Fimmen provided step-by-step instructions for writing grant proposals, and Rebekah gave students the freedom to write proposals for any that we chose. My first thought was to compose a proposal for Rainbow Riders. I figured this assignment would be a perfect opportunity for another way to help," Hoelscher said.

Clark noted that Hoelscher's initiative on the grant-proposal assignment demonstrates the type of professional she will be in the world of social work.

"Instead of just treating it like another assignment, she used the opportunity to stretch herself educationally and make a real-life impact on her community," Clark said. "Becky is an exceptional student and will make an incredible social worker—I would be thrilled to one day call her my co-worker!"

Hoelscher humbly attributes, in part, the success of the grant proposal to Fimmen and to Clark. She also noted that **Drew Angotti**, the executive director at Rainbow Riders, helped her with the proposal.

"Becky gathered the information and then wrote the first draft of the grant proposal. It was then revised, but most of the work was put in by Becky," Angotti said. "The



Drew Angotti (on left) and a volunteer side walker, walk with nine-year-old William Bordowitz.

money was used for a new roof over the barn and is now finished. The barn is totally dry for the first time in quite a while," he added.

After she graduates, Hoelscher has plans to continue to volunteer at her hometown Rainbow Riders Therapeutic Horseback Riding Center.

"Rainbow Riders provides an excellent volunteer opportunity for those who love to help and work with people and horses," Hoelscher said. "As I said, it's an amazing place, and it really does provide hope and offer a beautiful and therapeutic experience for the children and their families."

To learn more, visit rainbowridershome.org, contact the center at (309) 734-4848, or email Angotti at drewangotti@rainbowridershome.org.

Photo courtesy of Caren Bordowitz



Got victory?

FAMU'S Taylor thanks Western for 'getting to it'

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92

"To get to, you have to go through."

That seemingly simple rhyme is just one of the many inspirational messages that alumnus and WIU Hall of Famer **Joe Taylor** lives by and passes along to his student football athletes at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University—better known as FAMU. Taylor, who graduated from Western in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in physical education and is now the head coach of Tallahassee-based FAMU's Rattlers, also has motivational sayings about acting like a champion every day of the week ("not just on game day") and "controlling your dash."

"That simply means a person has four numbers that precede him—the year he was born—and, at some point, there's going to be four more numbers that will follow those, which represent his expiration. But between those two numbers there is always a dash, and that's really all we have control over," Coach Taylor explained.

In other words, it's what you do with that time in between that's important, and Coach Taylor has done a lot with that in-between time.

According to a 2007 Associated Press article upon the announcement of Taylor's moving from Hampton [University] to FAMU, Taylor is one of the most successful coaches in the NCAA's Football Championship Subdivision, with only two losing seasons in 25 years.

At Hampton [University], he was the all-time victories leader with a 136-49-1 record in 16 seasons at the school, according to the AP. The article stated that Taylor's career record was 197-78-4, including stints at Howard University and Virginia Union. Taylor's Hampton teams won the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference—in which Florida A&M also plays—five times.

Getting to... the top

Before his illustrious head-coaching career, Taylor successfully "got through" various assistant coaching positions, including serving as defensive line coordinator and an offensive line coach at the collegiate level. At the high school level, where he worked for five years after graduating from Western, Taylor started a wrestling program and served as a coach of wrestling, football and baseball. Later in his career, in 2001, Taylor was elected to and served as president of the American Football Coaches Association. A year after that, he was inducted into Western's Hall of Fame.

Along his successful path of "getting to," Coach Taylor has never forgotten his college days at WIU, fondly recalling his time as a student in the University's physical

education curriculum (from 1968–1972); the place where he met his wife of 35 years, Beverly Richardson Taylor; and the team where he played as offensive guard under **Darrell "Dr. Victory" Mudra**, who served as head coach of the Leathernecks from 1969–1974. In fact, Taylor attributes his career successes to Mudra's "blueprint"—under Mudra, the Leathernecks had winning teams every year—and noted that he has used it in every single coaching position he has had since leaving his alma mater in 1972.

"The blueprint is simply this: You can't be a champion on game day unless you're trying to be a champion every day. Take care of your business and be responsible all week. That's what champions are: they are responsible. If you do that, then you don't need to be concerned on game day about the outcome of a game, because you are a champion already—you've been doing champion things. The only thing that changes on game day is the atmosphere," he said.

Taylor noted that philosophy and his "controlling your dash" message are the mantras he used to help the FAMU Rattlers turn around the football program last season with basically the same student athletes as from the season prior.

"The 'D' stands for discipline, the 'A' for attitude, the 'S' for sacrifice and the 'H' for habits. So that's the 'dash,' and I was able to get these young men to buy into controlling their dash. That's why, it seems to me, they went from a 3-8 season the year before I arrived to a 9-3 season in 2008," Taylor explained.

According to **Jennie Hemingway**, COEHS director of development, Taylor embodies the College's outstanding alumni.

"What strikes me about Joe is his humility, his work ethic and how he uses what he learned playing football at Western to build successful programs. It's not just a philosophy for the football field, it's a philosophy for life," she said. "We view our COEHS alumni as being agents of change, and with the esteem he builds in his players and the way he takes a team with a losing record and turns it into a winner, Joe epitomizes that motto."



Joe Taylor

"You can't be a champion on game day unless you're trying to be a champion every day."

— Joe Taylor

Many 'Master Teachers' are WIU alumni

Seven of the 12 teachers named in this year's Moline Dispatch/Rock Island (IL) Argus "Master Teacher" program are Western Illinois University alumni.

The 12 teachers were honored in May at the 19th Annual Master Teacher Awards Banquet at the i wireless Center in Moline.

According to an April 12 Argus news story, the newspapers' program salutes the area's best educators. Nominees may be from public or private schools in Rock Island, Henry, Mercer or Whiteside counties in Illinois. In addition to the nomination form for the individual teachers, a minimum of four letters of support was required on each teacher's behalf to qualify for the honor.

2009 Master teachers who are WIU alumni:

Nancy Bartscher, bachelor's degree, education, 1998; Hampton (IL) Elementary

Pam Bischoff, master's degree, educational leadership, 2005; Rock Ridge High School (Taylor Ridge, IL)

Andy Campbell, master's degree, education, 2005; Rock Island (IL) High School

Kirk Humphreys, bachelor's degree, mathematics, 2001; Washington Junior High School (Rock Island, IL)

Jennifer Knuth, master's degree, education, 1991; Denkmann Elementary (Rock Island, IL)

Christine MacDonald, bachelor's degree, education, 1993; Thomas Jefferson Elementary (Milan, IL)

Brian Stahl, bachelor's degree, agriculture, 1983, and secondary education certificate, 1997; Geneso (IL) High School

Teri Lynn Miller, Audubon Elementary (Rock Island, IL), master's degree program, elementary and special education, 1982-1995.

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Broadcasting alumni happy to be 'Stuck in the 70s' for reunion

Conceived and organized by **Scott Reid '78**, president of Media Works Advertising and Marketing, Inc. in Ormond Beach, FL, the "Stuck in the 70s" reunion coincided with the Department of Broadcasting's seventh annual recognition banquet April 24-26. More than 20 alumni from the Department of Broadcasting, 14 of whom graduated in the 1970s, gathered for the weekend.

The "Stuck in the 70s" reunion included classroom visits Friday afternoon; the Friday night banquet and

social at The Change of Pace; a Saturday morning WIUS radio show and visit with parents and students who were on campus for Discover Western; a tour of the broadcasting facilities; lunch; a tour of Tri States Public Radio; an uptown pub crawl; and brunch on Sunday.

At the Friday night Banquet, the Department of Broadcasting recognized **William (Bill) Bund III '76** from Chicago as its Alumnus of the Year. Bund is senior vice president for ABC television network and is a member of President Goldfarb's National Advisory Council.



L-r: Dennis Majewski '74 MA '80, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Thom Cornelis '71, Bill Bund '76, former faculty member Joe Tenerelli '70 MA '72, Cheryl McClenahan Kuba '76; Tom Brooks Jr. '75, Chris Johnson Maggee '78, Scott Reid '78, Dennis Douglass '77, Catherine Johns '75, Tom Akers '76 and Joe Torroll '76.



Event organizer Scott Reid '78.



Alumnus of the Year Bill Bund '76.

WIU musicians take to renowned Chicago stage

In April, Western Illinois University's Wind Ensemble musicians, under the baton of Director of Bands **Mike Fansler**, took to the renowned Armour Stage at Symphony Center Chicago, home of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Western's Wind Ensemble was the Circle of Honor Band for the Tour-Rific of Texas program, which brings in elite high school bands from across the nation for clinics, critiques and professional recordings.

This was the second such accomplishment, the first having taken place in March 2006.

"This was a wonderful opportunity for the Wind Ensemble, Western's School of Music and the University's Chicago alumni," said Fansler.

Following the performance, President **Al Goldfarb**, COFAC Dean **Paul Kreider** and the WIU Alumni Association hosted an alumni social in the fifth floor rotunda.

The program, which was recorded by symphony sound techs, included a piece with Western's Camerata Woodwind Quintet faculty ensemble-in-residence as guest soloists; and "Words of Love (2008)" by James Mobberley, with soprano and WIU vocal music alumna **Bethany Worrell '08** of Macomb, who was the winner of the 2008-2009 Amelia Guthrie Promising Singer of Merit Award through the Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center of Rockford (IL).

Chicago Alumni & Friends Event

4/4/09 The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Hall



Seated, l-r: Lauren Walter, Garnette Hallwas '89 and Elaine Goldfarb. Standing, l-r: Matthew Walter '96, School of Music Director Bart Shanklin, Alumni Achievement Award and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient John Hallwas '67 MA '68 and President Al Goldfarb.



Seated, l-r: Jacinda Au '80, Nick Brennan and Mary Carlson Brennan '81. Standing, l-r: Wayne Miyata '79, Don Bouseman '49, College of Fine Arts & Communication Dean Paul Kreider and Keith Brennan.



Seated, l-r: COFAC Dean Paul Kreider, School of Music faculty member Ginny Broffitt, and Monica Knowles Lightner '04. Standing, l-r: School of Music faculty Mike Ericson, Randall Faust, Eric Ginsberg, Doug Huff, Mike Fansler; and Brian Lightner.



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Alumnus directs Obama-alma-mater band

When faculty member **Terry Solomonson** heard a National Public Radio story about a high school marching band, surely he stopped in his tracks when he heard a name mentioned in that story—well, make that two names.

Solomonson heard WIU music education alumnus **Jason Sivill '99**, now a high school band director, on NPR talking about his students marching in the then-upcoming Inauguration Parade.

Those students were members of Punahou High School Marching Band—otherwise known as President Obama's alma mater in Honolulu, HI.

Sivill's marching band led the Obama Inauguration Parade in Washington, D.C. During the television coverage

of the event, President Obama could be seen giving the band the Hawaiian "shaka" (a common greeting gesture) from the reviewing stand.

In the December 2008 story from NPR's "All Things Considered," which can be read in full at npr.org, Sivill is quoted as saying that his school's officials tried not to rely too heavily on Punahou's relationship with Obama—who graduated from the school in 1979—in their application process.

"We think we were tactful about it, but we definitely included it in the essay portion of the application," Sivill said. "We tried not to make it the most important thing that we were casting our application in favor of."

The story also mentions Sivill's attempt to prepare his Hawaiian students for a serious challenge they would face when they

arrived in Washington: the dramatic temperature change.

"We let them know how the cold weather is going to impact them," he said at the time. "How that affects the instruments, and how that affects them and their psychology. . . We're taking all necessary steps to facilitate great playing at the parade."



Alstadt recognized by School of Music

The School of Music has begun a tradition and it starts with **D.J. Alstadt '99**.

He is the recipient of the first School of Music (SOM) Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Alstadt has been a consistent supporter of the SOM in his role as director of bands at Naperville (IL) Central High School. In this role, he conducts Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Chamber Ensembles, and Pep Band; teaches theory; and oversees all areas of the program.

Under his direction, the music program has been recognized as a Grammy Signature School. The Wind Ensemble performed at the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) All-State Convention. The Jazz Ensemble (Jazz Studio Orchestra) was a featured performer at the 2007 Illinois Music Educator's Conference. The Marching Redhawks have been finalists in the Illinois State University Invitational, and appeared in the 2005 film "The Weather Man" starring Nicholas Cage.

The band has traveled to and participated in festivals and competitions locally and internationally.

Alstadt serves as the artistic director for the Illinois Ambassadors of Music and toured Europe in the summer of 2008. He has served in a sabbatical role for one term as the conductor of the North Central College Wind Ensemble.

Alstadt received his bachelor's degree in music education from Western and his master's degree from Vandercook College of Music. Additionally, Alstadt earned National Board Certification in teaching in 2008. He has studied trumpet with mentor teacher **Bruce Briney** along with Tito Carrillo, Leah Schumann, and Doug Sharf. Principal conducting teachers were **Jon Dugle**, **James Stegall**, **Dale Hopper**, and **Charles Menghini**.

Alstadt was featured in the cover story in "Drum Corps International" (DCI) magazine as the Illinois representative for "50 Directors Who Make a Difference" in the School Band and Orchestra Magazine. His extensive background in marching band comes from intensive tours with two

world-champion DCI corps: The Cadets and The Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps. As a member of The Cadets, he performed in the closing ceremonies of the Summer Olympics in Atlanta, GA; as a Cavalier, he participated in their first World Championship season. He was recognized as an outstanding first-year teacher in Naperville District 203.

Alstadt remains active as a trumpet player, continuing to hone his craft in all styles of music. Alstadt humbly credits his success to "the amazing education I received at Western Illinois University, and in particular, master trumpet teacher Bruce Briney."



D.J. Alstadt

Researching 'under the surface'

Quesal knows effects of stuttering, keeps quality of life in mind

Robert Quesal's recent publication of an assessment tool designed for people who struggle with stuttering came about through more than a strictly academic interest.

As a person who stutters himself, Quesal, professor in Western's communication sciences and disorders (CSD) department, says he did not receive good speech therapy until he was an undergraduate student at Indiana University.

Quesal co-authored "OASES – the Overall Assessment of the Speaker's Experience of Stuttering," which was published by NCS Pearson, Inc. in 2008, with J. Scott Yaruss, a CSD associate professor at the University of Pittsburgh.

Designed for individuals aged 18 and older, the OASES test information can help speech-language pathologists design treatment and write appropriate treatment goals for their adult clients who stutter.

The OASES has been in development for more than 10 years. Its creation was spurred in the mid-1990s by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's focus on treatment outcomes and evidence-based practice.

"There has been a need to develop good tools to assess the more difficult-to-measure aspects of the stuttering

disorder, commonly referred to as cognitive and affective, features of stuttering," Quesal explained. "In other words, this refers to the thoughts and self-evaluations of the person who stutters, and the feelings of the person who stutters.

"Most assessment tools focus on surface disfluency, which, while being the most noticeable part of stuttering, is often not the most important to the person who stutters, and is often not the most debilitating part of the disorder."

In many ways, the publication of the OASES is the culmination of his life's work. His commitment to researching the under-the-surface features of stuttering goes back more than 30 years.

The treatment he received at Indiana University addressed more than surface fluency. His master's thesis topic was attitudes in stuttering, and the topic has been his primary interest throughout his career.

The OASES is based on the World Health Organization's International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health (ICF), which provides an internationally recognized theoretical framework for understanding health conditions like stuttering.

Yaruss and Quesal collaborated on a number



Robert Quesal

of different versions of the assessment tool, beginning with three separate instruments, Functional Communication and Stuttering (FCS), Speaker's Reactions to Stuttering (SRS) and Quality of Life and Stuttering (QOL-S).

The authors determined that the three scales could be combined into a single instrument, which was further refined into the 100-item OASES, which consists of four sections: General Information,

Your Reactions to Stuttering, Communication in Daily Situations, and Quality of Life.

More than 300 people who stutter comprised the sample population for the project. While the test can be administered in approximately 15 minutes, it provides a wealth of information relating to the totality of the stuttering disorder. Results are summarized as "impact scores" which describe stuttering's impact on a scale from mild to severe.

And his efforts to help those who suffer from the disorder will continue.

Yaruss, Quesal, and a third colleague from the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, are currently working on teen and school-age versions of the OASES.

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Krauspe wins inaugural Ludwig Playwriting Scholarship

Christian Krauspe '07 received the first-ever Ken Ludwig Playwriting Scholarship in April for his play, "Dearborn Americana," as part of the 2009 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

The scholarship is the latest addition to The Michael Kanin Playwriting Awards Program, which encourages and supports the development of student-written plays.

Krauspe earned his bachelor of fine arts (BFA) degree in theatre in 2007 from WIU, where "Dearborn Americana" was staged in 2008. This production was also the University's entry to the 2009 American College Theatre Festival.

Among Krauspe's professional and college experiences: his first full-length play, "Inside Out," was presented at the Village Theatre in Dubuque, IA, and his play "The Zero Hour" was showcased at Chicago's Live Bait Theatre. His work has also been produced at the Whole Art Theatre in Kalamazoo, MI and Space 55 in Phoenix, AZ. He is now a playwriting graduate student at Arizona State University.

The play's premiere in Hainline Theatre was directed by **Marcus Olson**, WIU theatre professor.

"Dearborn Americana" is basically a farce, with clashing ideals between the great American innovator



Christian Krauspe

Henry Ford and three misguided Soviet spies who have invaded Ford's home in Dearborn in order to kidnap him," Olson said. "Christian has a terrific knack for writing comedy, and 'Dearborn' is a well-structured comedic vehicle. Christian has a fairly wacky sense of humor, and this sense is delightfully reflected in the dialogue and action."

The written play also won Krauspe the Best New Play award at the American College Theatre Festival (ACTF) Region III competition in 2007. As an entry for the festival, adjudicators attended Western's production, then met with other regional adjudicators to determine which productions from the five states would be performed at the festival.

Theatre Professor **Bill Kincaid** played Henry Ford, with alumnus **Doug Menke '92**, an instructional technology systems manager for WIU University Technology, cast as Ivan.

Krauspe was also a 2007 third place regional award winner in the National Playwriting Program 10-minute Festival for his play "Friendly Fire," which was among six student-written plays presented at the festival. He penned "Inside Out," a comedy about the worst play ever written, which was performed at Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse (Rock

Island, IL) with WIU alumni as actors and producers.

Ludwig, the prestigious award's namesake, is an internationally acclaimed playwright. His works include "Crazy For You," which won the Tony and Olivier Awards for Best Musical; "Lend Me A Tenor," which won two Tony Awards; "Moon Over Buffalo," which marked Carol Burnett's return to Broadway after 30 years, and many others.



The premiere of Krauspe's play, in Hainline Theatre, featured **Doug Menke '92**, **Joshua Murphy**, and **CJ Langdon** in the cast. Menke and Langdon received "Special Commendation for Distinguished Achievement" from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival for their performances in the play. **Kellan Smith**, **Macomb**, who played young Henry Ford II was also an award recipient.

Alumni provide insight during Career Prep Day

Seven WIU alumni joined forces to present the inaugural Department of Communication Career Preparation Day during the spring semester. More than 140 communication majors and minors met at the University Union to learn about interviewing, networking, job seeking, and transitioning from college students to full-time employees.



Students enjoyed lunch in the University Union Grand Ballroom provided by communication alumnus **Bill Paulding**.

Thanks to a generous donation from communication alumnus **Bill Paulding '93 MS-ED '95**, president and CEO of Stafflogix in Naperville (IL), attendees were treated to a luncheon with a keynote address by speaker **Bruce Western '89 MBA '98**, recruiter from McDonough District Hospital.



Students listen intently to one of the Communication Career Preparation Day speakers.



Communication Career Preparation Day speakers included (l-r) **Julie Brown O'Brien '97 MS '98 MS '08**, WIU academic adviser; **Bruce Western '89 MBA '98**, McDonough District Hospital; **Megan Bolt '07**, Dot Foods; **Melissa Bradley Stormer '06**, Target Stores; **Mariahn Watkins '99**, National College of Business and Technology in Nashville, TN; **Martina Jackson-Green '97 MA '99**, University of Illinois Chicago. Not pictured: **Michele King '02 MA '06**, Director of Admissions, Graduate School of Management, Lewis University.



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Tri States Public Radio news honored by AP and INBA

After being honored with two first-place Edward R. Murrow Awards in April, the month of May brought more accolades to the Tri States Public Radio news staff, courtesy of the Associated Press in Iowa and the Illinois News Broadcasters Association.

The Iowa Associated Press presented First Place awards only in its General Radio Division, and Tri States Public Radio picked up three of them.

In the Farm/Agribusiness category, the award went to reporters **Julie Root** and **Jason Parrott '02**, along with **Nick Wilkens '08** and News Director **Rich Egger** for the series "Local Foods—A Growing Trend."

The awards for Technical Excellence and Documentary/Public Affairs Reporting went to Jason Parrott for his work on "School Days at the Civil War" and "After The Flood."

Former Tri States Public Radio student reporters Wilkens and **Alex Heuer '08** picked up five awards in the student competition sponsored by the Illinois News Broadcasters Association.

Heuer won first place in the soft radio program category for "Rural Illinois During the Great Depression Through Story and Song," a 30-minute program that aired on Illinois Public Radio's "Illinois Edition." He also received a first place award for Use of Sound for his piece on History Demonstration Day at WIU.

He earned two second place awards as well, in the Radio Newscast and Radio News Reporting categories. Heuer is now as a reporter for Iowa Public Radio, based in Cedar Rapids.

Wilkens received first place for Radio News Reporting for a compilation of stories he did while working at Tri States Public Radio the semester prior to his graduation. Wilkens is now news director for KCII in Washington, IA.



Alex Heuer



Nick Wilkens

Art professor, alumni return to campus for special show



Bruce Bobick

Two related exhibitions—"Bruce Bobick: A Retrospective" and "Watercolors by 'Purple Max Award' Alumni Et Al"—brought a group of WIU art alumni back to campus last spring.

A kickoff public reception featuring Bobick, former art faculty member, and many alumni artists was held opening night (March 24) at the WIU Art Gallery with Bobick leading a special Gallery walk.

Bobick taught at Western from 1968-1976. He then went to the State University of West Georgia (Carrollton, GA), where he served as chair and is a professor emeritus. His display was a retrospective exhibition of watercolors, quilts and books produced from roughly 1968-2008.

The companion exhibition presented watercolors winning the highly coveted "Purple Max" award, which Bobick gave to his WIU students. He presented the cast-pewter watercolor tube trophy to students who showed exceptional merit.

Many alumni exhibited early watercolors done when they were students at Western in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

"I have the fortunate pleasure of being one of his former students," said Graham. "He was my teacher in the early 1970s for several classes in drawing, art education methods and in watercolor. Now, many years later, as curator of exhibits at my alma mater, I had the privilege of

producing this retrospective exhibition."

Several early watercolors by Bobick have been donated to the WIU Art Gallery Permanent Collection by WIU history professor **William Burton** and his wife, Doris; former director of institutional research and planning

Lowell Lueck; and the late music professor **Sylvesta (Sally) Wassum**. In addition, the Wassum bequest of a sculpture, "Flower Form," is now installed on the lawn at the University Residence.



L-r: Greg Freres '76; William (Bill) Sanders, professor emeritus; Marlene Brackmann Jungmann '76; Terri Johnson Moisan '76; Ed Herbeck '76; Carolyn Cook-Fauble '68 MA '75 ; Thomas C. Jackson '72; WIU Art Gallery Curator of Exhibits John Graham '73 MA '84; Bruce Bobick, former Department of Art faculty, 1968-1976; Jo Ann Gecsy Sanders, professor emeritus; Dan Gillogly '72; Bill Sanner (father of alumna Luanne Sanner); Ken Clubb '73 MA '80; Rick Clubb '75; Carla Carson Yager '75 MS-ED '80 ; Luanne Sanner '76; Brian McCormick '74.

Intercollegiate Athletics



Students, community take the lead

Hundreds come together to raise support for Guinn family

By Katie Kane MS '08

WIU and the Macomb proudly came together in May to show support for the family of Shaymus Guinn, son of Western Illinois women's soccer coach **Tony Guinn**, with a fundraiser that brought hundreds to Hanson Field.

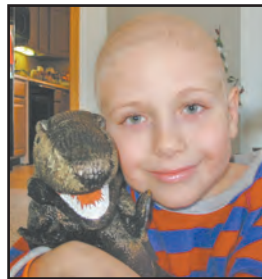
Members of the cross country and track and field teams organized The Shaymus Relays, consisting of track and field activities for first through sixth graders and for WIU students. The event raised \$10,590 to date; 100 percent of the proceeds went directly to the Guinn family.

Shaymus, 8, was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer, in November 2008. He continues to fight through chemotherapy treatments and will undergo a month-long hospital stay in July followed by radiation.

Teamwork on and off the field

The idea for the event was sparked when members of the cross country and track and field teams visited Shaymus in the hospital in Iowa on their way to a meet.

Despite both teams being in-season, student athletes from the men's team took time to organize the event and gather support from members from other sports. A student-designed logo was placed on hundreds of T-shirts, which were sold for \$10 each. With decorated milk jugs, 30 students spread out over campus for 90 minutes, going door-to-door in search of money anyone was willing to give, and returned with \$2,200.



Shaymus Guinn



The event included track and field activities for kids first through sixth grade.

Tony Guinn, who teaches in Western's kinesiology department in addition to coaching, was touched by the students' commitment.

"I am reminded that there are and will always be great young people in this world who want to be involved and help," he said. "Three students who had never even met me decided to take it upon themselves during their season and in school full-time, to take time for a family that they don't even know. That is a great, unselfish way to look at the world."

Hurdles ahead

When he started treatment, Shaymus had 12 different locations of cancer, called hot spots. But in May, the Guinn family received the results of a scan showing that the main site of the cancer, in Shaymus's right knee—which had originally been the size of a baseball—is the size of a quarter, and 11 of the 12 "hot spots" no longer show up.

"We just cried when we got the news," said Tony Guinn. "Shaymus gave the group of doctors high fives. I feel like we ran about the ninth mile in a marathon. We still have quite a ways to go, but it's good news."

WIU athletic team names unified

After a two-year deliberation, Western Illinois University President **Al Goldfarb** reached a decision to unify the athletic team names. Beginning Fall 2009, all Western Illinois athletics teams will be called the Leathernecks. Goldfarb made the announcement at the June 5 Board of Trustees meeting. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the decision.

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

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

Swimming and diving programs eliminated

Western Illinois University Vice President for Student Services **Garry Johnson** and Athletics Director and Assistant Vice President for Student Services **Tim Van Alstine** announced at the June 5 Board of Trustees meeting that the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics will eliminate its men's and women's swimming and diving programs in an effort to reduce annual operating expenses.

According to Van Alstine, the decision was based strictly on economics and will not impact the department's gender equity numbers.

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams consisted of 23 student-athletes on partial scholarships in 2008-2009. The scholarships will continue to be awarded, and any student-athlete wishing to transfer will be granted immediate eligibility by the NCAA.

"We will do everything we can to ensure that our current student-athletes graduate," said Van Alstine. "We are appreciative of the many academic and athletic accomplishments of our swimming and diving student-athletes, both past and present. They are still part of us and we will always value their contributions."

Players, coaches earn League honors

Western Illinois Head Tennis Coach **Michael Hunt** was named The Summit League's Men's Tennis Coach of the Year during the league's annual awards presentation at the championship banquet. In addition, the men's and women's tennis teams placed a total of five players on all-Summit League teams.

The WIU softball team collected three individual awards and placed eight players on the all-league teams at the at The Summit League Awards Banquet in May. Head coach **Holly Van Vlymen '00 MS-ED '08** was named the conference's coach of the year for the second time in three years.

Moon named associate athletics director

Josh Moon, assistant athletics director for compliance and sports administration at Central Michigan University (CMU) since May 2008, has been named associate athletics director.

Moon's duties at Western Illinois will include supervising all areas impacting student-athletes: academics, compliance, eligibility, financial aid, athletic training, and strength and conditioning. He will also have supervision responsibilities over a number of sport programs.

Previously he was in compliance as director (2006-2008), coordinator (2005-2006), and assistant (2004-2005) at CMU. A former NCAA Division III student-athlete, Moon also has experience in facility management, media relations and business operations.

Moon earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and exercise and sport science (2003) from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, and a master's degree in administration.

WIU's legendary Lou Saban dies

Western Illinois University, along with many other collegiate and professional organizations, recently mourned the loss of legendary football coach **Lou Saban**, who died March 30 at the age of 87.

Saban coached the only undefeated team in school history—the 1959 Leathernecks, who went 9-0 and won their games by an average of 22 points. His 1958 squad earned a 6-1-1 record, suffering its only loss by a single point and winning the first of back-to-back conference titles. Saban's three seasons with the Leathernecks, 1957-1959, resulted in a 20-5-1 record, two first-place finishes and a second-place finish in the Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

"He felt closest to Western Illinois—that was the job he enjoyed the most," his wife, Joyce, said in a Chicago Tribune article.

Saban had recently returned to campus, in October 2008, for a 50-year reunion of those 1957-1959 teams; and for the 1959 coaching staff, which served as the WIU Homecoming parade grand marshals—**Saban, Robert "Red" Miller '50 MS-ED '55, Joe Collier MS-ED '57, Art Dufelmeier MS-ED '52** and the late **Guy Ricci**.

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Friday, Oct. 16

11 a.m. or 2 p.m. ... Walking Tour of Campus
 1-3 p.m. Photo Extravaganza,
 Malpass Library
 2-4:30 p.m. Registration begins,
 Alumni House
 5 p.m. Social, Alumni House

Saturday, Oct. 17

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 vs. Missouri State
 6 p.m. Social, University Union Capitol Room
 — Join us right after the game... come as you are!
 6:30 p.m. Reunion Class Photos
 7 p.m. Reunion and Half-Century Club Banquet

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Name _____ Class year _____
 Address _____ City, State, Zip _____
 Home phone _____ Home e-mail _____
 Name of business _____ Job title _____
 Address _____ City, State, Zip _____
 Work phone _____ Work e-mail _____

Credit card information:

Card # _____
 Exp. date _____
 Name on card _____
 Signature _____

Number of graduates attending:

___ Reunion Weekend Package - \$47
(all reunion events, Memory Booklet & reunion photo)
 ___ Friday Only - \$10
(all Friday reunion events & Memory Booklet)
 ___ Saturday Only - \$37 *(all Saturday events,*
Memory Booklet & reunion photo)
 ___ I am unable to attend but would like
 the Memory Booklet - \$10

Number of guests attending:

___ Reunion Weekend
 Package - \$42 *(all reunion events)*
 ___ Friday Only - free
(all Friday events)
 ___ Saturday Only - \$32
(all Saturday reunion events)

Additional options:

___ Football Ticket - \$10
 ___ Homecoming T-Shirt - \$10
(Select a shirt size: S M L XL XXL)
 ___ Mum - \$5
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Second Annual Ultimate WIU Day in Arizona

3/14/09 (Golf, ballgame, and Dueling Pianos)



L-r: Joshua Kutilek '06, Tom O'Brien '07, Mike Scifres '02, Matt Salisbury and Alumni Council member Jay O'Brien '78.



L-r: Joe Durbala '81, Maria Durbala, Vice President for Advancement and Public Services Dan Hendricks and Mark Mueller '76.



L-r: Bob Liss '73, Assoc. Athletics Director Dwaine Roche '94 and John Barry '71 MBA '75.



L-r: Jim Royce, William Adams '66, Eddie Brooks '67 and College of Fine Arts & Communication Development Director Mick Cumbie.



Seated, l-r: Marjorie Wessels Wilson '71 MS-ED '72, Andrea Boyer, Janet Alexander, Matt Salisbury and Dawn Root Bronson '01 MBA '02. Standing, l-r: Erik Johnson '06, Terry Alexander '70, John Wilson '84, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Al Boyer '72, Joshua Kutilek '06, Curt Alsvig '06, Colin Parker '05 MS '07 and Jennifer Dudycha '08.



Seated, l-r: Cheryl Wamsley, Dave Dunn '53, Annette Marroquin '02, Chips Giovanine '58 MS-ED '61 CAS '68 and Myrna Smith Kelly '71. Standing, l-r: Lee Doty '73, Tom Drury '66, Vice President of Advancement and Public Services emeritus and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Larry Mortier '70 MS-ED '71, Sandy Blomgren Mortier '71 MS-ED '86, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Mike Kelly '70, Jerry Wamsley '69 and Lupe Rios '56 MS-ED '62.



Seated, Erik Johnson '06 and Katiria Mayor '08. Standing, l-r: Sean Kelly MS '05, Bob Liss '73, Jason Scott '99 and Jason Briggs '00.



L-r: Leonard Newson '78, Jim Sackett, Sherrie Robinson Stoltman '72 and William Stoltman '73.



L-r: Assoc. Athletics Director Dwaine Roche '94, Steve Mikez '74, Keith Andziewicz '83 and Jim Maloney '78.



Front row, l-r: Dave Dunn '53, Director of Alumni Programs Amy Spelman MS '98 and Annette Marroquin '02. Back row, l-r: Director of Planned and Major Giving Brad Bainter '79 MS '83, Lupe Rios '56 MS-ED '62, Rick Rios and Chips Giovanine '58 MS-ED '61 CAS '68.

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

— WIU Alumni Programs

1940

Tilden Wayne Perry, Van Buren, AR, received the Purdue University Distinguished Animal Sciences Alumnus Award. He received WIU's Alumni Achievement Award in 1981.

1963

Larry Miller, Centreville, MD, was inducted into the Hall of Fame by the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service at USDA in Washington, DC.

1966

Mike Kerber, Bloomington, retired from Advance Trading as a commodity broker. (m.kerber5@verizon.net)

1968

Antonio Cardona, W. Palm Beach, FL, is the Latin America sales director for the Grote Company. (tonycardona@bellsouth.net)

George "Mike" Ingles, Pontiac, has retired from Caterpillar. (ingles.mike@yahoo.com)

1970

Bernie Potter MS '71, Avon, is the band director at Christ Lutheran School in Peoria and was awarded the Outstanding Bandmaster Award at the Illinois Music Educators All-State Convention. (bptuba@mchsi.com)

1971

Christine Zelm, Greenwood Village, CO, is the senior vice president of sales for Artistic Studios in San Francisco, CA. (cjzelm@msn.com)

1972

Roger Brown, Bartonville, is a machinist at Cast Technologies in Peoria. **Ronald Lange**, Streamwood, serves as president of the Elgin Sports Hall of Fame Foundation.

1973

John Kokoska, Powder Springs, GA, is the managing director at BDO Consulting Corporate Advisors, LLC in Atlanta.

Gail Porter McIntyre MS-ED '89, Columbia, SC, is the principal of Palmetto Montessori School in Ridgeway. (gail.mcintyre@pmsr.org)

Ronald Nilsson MS, Wheaton, received the Donald Hunt Life Time Achievement Award from the Midwest Cooperative Education and Internship Association.

1975

Robin Burnham Clawson, Boca Raton, FL, is the vice president and associate general counsel for Kaplan Higher Education.

Paul Heady MS '83, Anderson, CA, is the patrol captain for the U.S. Forest Service.

Steve Kruse, St. Louis, MO, is the chief of police for the Maplewood Police Department. (smkruse223@aol.com)

Rick Pott MA '77, Downers Grove, retired from the Illinois State Police, is a member of the Medinah Highlanders Bagpipe Band, and is the Chairman of Recruitment for the Medinah Shriners. (rickpott@gmail.com)

Gerald Skarr, Naperville, is the vice president at Benefits Consultants. (g.skarr@yahoo.com)

1976

Frank Caccavallo MA '77, Boulder, CO, is a Wachovia Securities premier advisor and was named to Barron's top 1,000 Advisors list.

1976

Julia Crisman McNabb, Fox River Grove, is a senior writer at HIMSS in Chicago. (jamcnabb@comcast.net)

1977

Ronald Lane MA, MA '87, Brownsville, TX, is an associate professor at the University of Texas at Brownsville. (ronald.j.lane@utb.edu)

1978

Charles Bruner, Fairfax, VA, is a research fellow at LMI Government Consulting in McLean. (cbruner@lmi.org)

Joyce Oscar Cross, Roswell, GA, is the co-anchor and co-producer at WDEF-TV in Chattanooga, TN.

Ann Gustafson Elmore, Story City, IA, is an adjunct professor of music at Illinois State University in Ames.

1979

Edy Rudnick Pineless, Longwood, FL, is the president at Advocates for the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association in Tallahassee. (edy@pineless.com)

1980

Phil Dietmeyer, Gurnee, is a health instructor at John T. Magee Middle School, coaches softball, basketball, and volleyball and oversees the environmental club. (dadofdes@sbcglobal.net)

Alan Greenberg, Odenton, MD, is the technical director for Boeing. (amgreen96@aol.com)

David Lindberg, Memphis, TN, is the director of sales for Bryce Corp.

1981

Liz Imes Gordon, Sky Valley, CA, is a teacher at DSUSD.

Sharon Graham Lindberg, Wheaton, is an agent staff at State Farm in Glen Ellyn.

Black Alumni Black Tie Scholarship Gala

3/21/09



L-r: Alumni Achievement Award recipient Fred Hoffman '70, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Darryl Hollimon '83 MBA '93, Miles Dawson '89, President Al Goldfarb, Alumni Council president Pam Rigsby Hoffman '70, Alumni Council member Lyneir Cole '87, Alumni Council member Lisa Lyons '03 MS '05 and Alumni Achievement Award recipient and Alumni Council member Belinda Staple Carr '81.

Down the staircase on the left from the top: Alumni Director Amy Spelman MS '98, Calisse Nance Dinwiddie '84, Alumni Council member Lisa Lyons '03 MS '05, Alumni Achievement Award recipient and Alumni Council member Belinda Staple Carr '81, Kim Calhoun Dawson '89, Kim Smith '84, British Jefferson-Minor and Robbin Ware Johnson. Down the staircase on the right from the top: Miles Dawson '89, Victor Easley '99, Randy Twilley '73, Marion Wallace '88, President Al Goldfarb, Lemarr Ketchens '02, Couren Jackson '89, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Darryl Hollimon '83 MBA '93 and Alumni Council member Lyneir Cole '87.

Boston Alumni & Friends Event

3/27/09 Lir Irish Pub & Restaurant



Seated, l-r: Amy Conry Gusitsch '99, Darcie Coble Foley '99, Linda King '71, Sue Chiri Buta '84, Teri Schneller Lyons '78, Marianne Granger Ebert '78 and Daniel Lyons '79. Standing, l-r: Dave Gusitsch MS '00, Michael Foley MS '99, Nancy Marsh, Rick Marsh '74, Jim Zanolli '78, Marty Conboy '77, Donna Hartig Klocko '72, Wayne Klocko '72, College of Arts & Sciences Development Director Bryce Dexter, Keith Lourdeau '78, Alison Vanderhoof, Aaron Pollock '08, Patrick O'Hern '04 and Mike Ebert '77.

Chicago Alumni & Friends Event

4/3/09 The Art Institute of Chicago



Seated, l-r: Malicho Taborn, Ann Green Baise, Milusha Miller, Michele Baise and Abby Baise '06. Standing, l-r: Kevin Miller '82, Alumni Achievement and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Gary Baise '63, Brian Taborn '91, Erik Baise '95, John Matthews, Lisa Toland Smola '89, Kim Meinhart Inman '76 and Jewel Wiltfang MA '79.



Seated, l-r: Chuck Berra '74 MBA '75, Leslie Coyle Lorenz '73, Julia Conroy Mikulich '73, Chris Delfava Panitz '73, Judy Verhaeren and Caron Saffell Brouillet. Standing, l-r: Gregory Brown MBA '08, Evelyn Kelly '83 MA '90, Phil DeNotto '73, Sandy DeNotto, Mary Ellen Johnson Balas '74, Terry Balas '73, Bill Brouillet '73, Dennis Bomke '76 and Terri Pearson Nelson '86.



Seated, l-r: Alumni Council member Reggie Karas Devers '78, Alumni Council member Mona D'Antonio Spencer '76, Alumni Council President Pam Rigsby Hoffman '70, Monica Gavino '83, Carol Lewis Scott '70, Diane Jagger Maxwell and Kathy Sullivan Gumbel '78. Standing, l-r: Alumni Council member Jay O'Brien '78, Alumni Achievement Award recipient and Alumni Council member Steve McLaughlin '70 MS '71, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Fred Hoffman '70, Kris Kiefer Mackey, Bill Scott, Joe Maxwell '71, Jack Brannigan '76 and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Marcus Sipolt '77.



L-r: Rocio Lopez-Ayala Fisher '88, Nora Ten Broeck '91 MS '96, Janice Marshall Bernholdt '90 and Erik Bernholdt '89.

Madonna Davis Marks, Naperville, is the host of The Lively Family Massacre documentary on PBS.
Adrienne Moch, San Diego, CA, is the president of the San Diego Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners. (amoch@san.rr.com)
Steve Robinson, Bolingbrook, is a program supervisor at Lifelink Corporation.

1982
Tom Carper, Macomb, is the chairman of Amtrak's National Board of Directors.
Linda Acheson Cockerill MS '89, Jacksonville, passed the Community Health Education Specialist Examination at WIU. (lcockeri@ic.edu)



Seated, l-r: Jess Manning '06, Sue Puskedra O'Brien '78, Pam Barnes '82, Assoc. Alumni Director Amanda Shoemaker and Director of Foundation Communications Julie Chatterton Murphy '94 MS '95. Standing, l-r: Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Al Boyer '72, Tom O'Brien '07, Matt Saey '06, Alumni Council member Jay O'Brien '78, Josh Kutilek '06 and Vice President for Student Services Garry Johnson.

1984

Kent Harrington MA '97, Cyprus, is the chief security officer/adviser for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force. (harrington@un.org)
Mark Kitzis, Appleton, WI, is the vice president of global accounts at Alcan Packaging.
Tun Nyein MS, Durham, NC, is the Dean of Continuing and Adult Education at Misericordia University.
Michael Salatino MA, Bensenville, is the chief of police at Benedictine University in Lisle. (msalatino@ben.edu)

1985

Angela Henry Dow, Rochester, MN, is the customer service manager at Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center. (dowa_86@charter.net)

1986

Karen Gray Atkinson, Sanford, NC, is the collections manager for the City of Sanford.
Kimberly Wagner Babiarz, Crystal Lake, is an insurance broker at Magnussen Benefit Consultants, Inc. in Hampshire. (kimbabiarz@att.net)
Brett Shields, Baxter, TN, is a special agent for the FBI in Memphis. (brett6219@aol.com)
Mark Watson, Naperville, is the executive director of Radiological Society of North America.

1987

Inez Medlang Metzger MA, Burlington, IA, is the owner of Squirrel's Nest Bed & Breakfast and also retired from teaching art and science. (squirrel.nest@artysquirrel.com)
Jeffrey Standard, Farmington, is the sheriff for Fulton County in Lewistown. (jstandard.fcso@fultonco.org)
Nitin Vengurlekar, Coppell, TX, published a book on Oracle Storage Management.

1988

Elizabeth DeMovic, New York, NY, is the vice president, HR business partner at Deutsche Bank. (ldemovic@aol.com)
Howard Johnson, Queen Creek, AZ, is the owner of Johnson Property Services in Chandler. (rockyappr@aol.com)

All Leatherneck Reunion

4/18/09 Hawthorne Race Course



Seated, l-r: Deb Allison, Ina Hartmann Marquardt '77 and Sue Hopkinson. Standing, l-r: Head Football Coach Don Patterson, Jim Burke, Steve Nelson '77, Head Women's Basketball Coach Leslie Crane, Mike Marquardt '77, Vice President for Student Services Garry Johnson, Steve Kandal '76 and Donald Smith '64.



Seated, l-r: Mike Drymiller '73 MS-ED '77, Brodie Westen, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Charlie Carey '75, Mark Bloom '84, Tom Hendersen '73 and Greg Outlaw. Standing, l-r: Carl Franks, John Passananti '75, Frisman Jackson '06, Leathernecks Defensive Coordinator Tom Casey, Thaddaeus Ward, Frank Melchert '04, Tony Cozzi '75 and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Ron Comm '70.



Seated, l-r: Dan Knytych '75, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Skip Begley '74 MS '86, Alumni council member John Sanders '74, Assoc. Athletics Director Dwaine Roche '94 and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Ron Comm '70. Standing, l-r: Dave Hilderbrand '77, Kevin O'Hara '90, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Ron Nikceovich '57, Harvey Ahitow '68, Frank Stout '73, Gary Lewis '73, James Sirota '76, Alumni Achievement Award recipient, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient and Board of Trustee member Bill Epperly '68 and Jim Bergeron '70 M.ACCT '74.

Lorella Graham McLaughlin, Edwardsville, is a teacher for Edwardsville School District. (macx4@charter.net)

Jeffrey Wolff, Lake St. Louis, MO, is the project manager at Whelan Security in Brentwood. (jwolff@whelansecurity.com)

1989

Clifton Clarno II, Grayson, GA, is the assistant director of roads and grounds at Emory University in Atlanta. (cclarno@emory.edu)

Yamirle Acosta Lopez, Miami, FL, is the zoning plans processor 3 at Miami Dade County. (yamlop1@yahoo.com)

Andre Rompis MBA, Timur, Indonesia, is the chairman and managing director at Unilever (Malaysia) Holdings Sdn.

1990

James Kimble, Mesa, AZ, is the chief deputy sheriff for Pinal County in Florence.

Monte Lowderman, Macomb, earned the designation of CAI through the National Auctioneers Association. (monte@lowderman.com)

Celebrating Town and Gown

4/17/09 The Forum



Honorary Alumni Award recipients, l-r: Ed Holzwarth '00, Cathy Early '97, 1993 Honorary Doctorate recipient Don Dexter '04, Bob Anstine '09, Marilyn Johnson '05 and Bill Brattain '07.



L-r: 2006 Honorary Doctorate recipient Carmelita Teeter, Charmaine Patino, Honorary Alumni Award recipient Charlene Callison '01, Honorary Alumni Award recipient Marilyn Johnson '05, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Lorraine Barnhart Epperson '48 MS-ED '52, 2006 Honorary Doctorate recipient Norm Teeter '67 and Vice President for Student Services Garry Johnson.

Jodi Alexander Miller, Philo, completed a Master of Education degree in human resource education from the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign.

1991

Kevin Lampon, Bangkok, Thailand, is an airline pilot for Singapore Airlines. (klampon@usermail.com)

Jim Spenner, Mt. Prospect, is the owner of The Drum Experts in Wood Dale. (sales@thedrumexperts.com)

James Welch, St. Charles, is the regional sales manager for Tyco International. (jl.welch@sbcglobal.net)

1992

Katie Anderson, West Point, IA, received her master's in physician assistant studies at Des Moines University and works at Fort Madison Community Hospital in the Annex-Business Health and Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Center.

Chris Martin, Rockton, is an account executive at Insurance Plans Agency in S. Barrington. (chris@ipachicago.com)

Timothy Schardein, Wheat Ridge, CO, is the owner of Vital Chiropractic, LLC. (vitalchiro@comcast.net)

1993

Bradley Bonner MS '97, Surprise, AZ, is the groundskeeper for City of Goodyear. (bigredbonner@hotmail.com)

James Carle, Ft. Maudson, IA, is the captain at Fort Madison Police Department.

Kathy Crick, Frankfort, was elected Illinois Jaycees vice president.

Paul Weltha, Bloomington, was inducted into the Iowa High School Athletic Association 2009 Hall of Fame.

1994

Torsten Bonacker MS, Frankfurt, Germany, is the marketing communications manager at Dunlop Sport in Hanau. (torsten_bonacker@dunlop.de)

Chet Carey, Leesburg, FL, is the assistant general manager for the Shreveport-Bossier Captains.

Denise Anderson Dieffenbach, Minneapolis, MN, is director of multicultural student services at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul and was honored for outstanding service.

Scott Doerr, Elkhart, is the superintendent of schools at Nokomis CUSD # 22. (sed1224@yahoo.com)

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George Powell, Ft. Myers, FL, is the senior manufacturing engineer at Pall Aeropower Corporation. (gepamp@msn.com)

1995

Melinda Dessert, Madison, WI, is a firefighter/EMT for the City of Madison Fire Department. (deedshay@hotmail.com)

Raymond Mason, Des Moines, IA, is a project specialist for FEMA. (rayzoray@yahoo.com)

Joel Moeller MS-ED, ED-SP '08, Belvidere, is the associate superintendent at Belvidere School District #100. (jmoeller@district100.com)



Town and Gown recipients, l-r: Chuck Gilbert, Alumni Council member Jerry Cremer '89 and John Maguire '73 MS '80.



L-r: Alumni Achievement Award and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Zack Stamp '75, Kim Smith Wisslead '90 MS '00, Mark Wisslead, Sue Powell Dexter '80 MBA '81, College of Arts & Sciences Development Director Bryce Dexter and Penny Howe Lawyer.



Seated, l-r: Suzi Stambaugh Miner '72 MA '73 and Alumni Achievement Award recipient and Alumni Council member Jim Miner '72 MS '73. Standing, l-r: Brandon Dowacter '01, Erin Orwig '02 MBA '04, Jana Poliska Knupp '02 MBA '04 and Alumni Council member Vian Vance Neally '96 MS '02.

Tim Niedermeier MS '01, Charlotte, NC, is the athletic director at Cox Mill High School in Concord.

Darryl Taylor MS-ED, ED-SP '98, Rock Island, received his Ed.D in Educational Administration from Illinois State University and is the superintendent of Lincoln ESD 156 in Calumet City.

1996

Gordon Baker, Cedar Rapids, IA, is a senior buyer at Alliant Energy. (gordonbaker@alliantenergy.com)

Terri Turnquist Hare MS '07, Macomb, is the vice president for Senior Public Institutions in the Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Thomas Richardson MS-ED, E. Petersburg, PA, is the assistant vice president for student affairs at Millersville University of PA in Millersville. (tom.richardson@millersville.edu)

1997

Kevin Deitrich, Carthage, is the vice president at First State Bank of Illinois at the Carthage branch.

Jeffrey Fieroh, Des Plaines, is a physical education and health teacher at Hancock High School in Chicago, and coaches football and track. (fimsod@aol.com)

Maureen Burke Moeller MS-ED, Rockford, is an elementary counselor at Belvidere District # 100. (moellermaureen@gmail.com)

Ramon Rodriguez MA, Budapest, Hungary, is the credit manager southwestern Europe for IBM Global Financing. (ramon.rodrihuez@hu.ibm.com)

Matthew Strnad, Alpharetta, GA, is a senior commercial underwriter for Fireman's Fund. (matthew.strnad@ffic.com)

1998

Mercedes Pfister Draftz, Gilberts, is a first grade teacher at Benjamin School District # 25.

Bethany Hildebrandt Merenick, Riner, VA, is a research scientist for Intrexon Corporation in Blacksburg. (bmerenick@gmail.com)

1999

Gerald Myers MA, Fenton, MO, is the director of choral activities at St. Louis Community College at Meramec. (gmyers34@stlcc.edu)

Benjamin Nickel MS '04, Waterloo, IA, is a senior business development manager at Deere Employees Credit Union. (kbnickel95@live.com)

Lacie Neff '08 and Bart Thompson, Nov. 1, 2008.
 David Rappenecker '08 and Megan Scales, June 6, 2009.
 Trenton Samuels '04 and Taren Miller, June 21, 2008.
 Jessica Schuler '06 and Benjamin Munge '06, Sept. 6, 2008.
 Alan Taylor '05 and Christina King, June 7, 2008.
 James Welch '91 and Danielle Trucano, May 24, 2008.
 Corey Yager '01 and J. Wibbell, May 9, 2009.
 Sarah Youngblood '03 MS '08 and Eddie Shamblin, Feb. 15, 2008.

Births

Bruce Arndt '81 MA '88 and Vicky, a daughter, Elizabeth Marie, Dec. 27, 2008.
 Jeremy Bradt '01 MS '03 and Angela, a daughter, Jaclyn Grace, Mar. 8, 2009.
 Rebecca Virag Cannon '00 and Tom, a daughter, Zoe Synclaire, Nov. 16, 2008.
 Michele Powell Coker '00 and Jason, a son, Brayden Henry, Feb. 27, 2009.
 Mariah Ward DiGrino '00 and Sam, a daughter, Madeline Grace, Nov. 1, 2008.
 Mercedes Pfister Draftz '98 and Jason Draftz '00, a son, Ryan Dean, Mar. 5, 2009.
 Jennifer Duffy Fryer '00 and Kenneth, a daughter, Kenzie Aubrey, Nov. 29, 2008.
 Lynn Sheridan Holat '99 and Stan, a daughter, Evelyn Rachael, Mar. 5, 2009.
 Brenda Stimpson Jameson '94 and Robert Jameson '94, a son, Benjamin Aiden, Sept. 17, 2008.
 Jonathon Julius '02 and Kylee, a son, Kieffer Carr, Mar. 21, 2009.
 Vasanta Nandyal Knight '95 and John, a daughter, Jessie Reid, Mar. 13, 2009.
 Kristin Squires Leiker '07 and Jeffrey Leiker '05, a son, Nicholas, Aug. 6, 2008.
 Shawna Thomasson Lewis '01 and Christopher Lewis MS '01, a son, Connor Richard, Jan. 11, 2009.
 Christina Hickey Mann '05 and Ryan Mann '05, a daughter, Hayle Raeann, Dec. 23, 2008.
 Heather Black Manning '01 and Jerry Manning '02, a son, Henry Armstrong, June 20, 2008.
 J. Andrew McFarlane '97 and Sarah Buss McFarlane '97 MS-ED '05, a son, Andrew Robert, Oct. 15, 2008.
 Tracy Gapinski Morris '94 and Mike, a daughter, Caroline Grace, Jan. 27, 2009.
 Melissa Robinson Newman '05 and Joshua, a daughter, Tinsley Jean, Oct. 30, 2008.
 Jena Stankiewicz Otto '01 and Randy, a daughter, Ella, Jan. 14, 2009.
 Courtney Czech Persky '03 and David Persky '03 MS '04, a son, Andrew Michael, Mar. 7, 2009.
 Melissa Frieden Roeder '99 and Jason, a son, Austin James, Oct. 27, 2008.
 Maggie Cox Ullrich '00 and Michael, a daughter, Madelyn Elizabeth, Oct. 18, 2008.
 Julie Cali Wages '95 and Brian, a daughter, Jenna Leeann, Jan. 13, 2009.
 Elizabeth Bartlett Young '97 MS '98 and Dan, a son, Jacob Wesley, Mar. 12, 2009.

Deaths

William L. "Bill" Cassidy, Table Grove, Jan. 2, 2009.
 Rosemary E. Crnjak, Chicago, Dec. 31, 2005.
 Samuel M. "Sam" Gines, Macomb, Jan. 24, 2009.
 Anna Marie Gruber, Shenandoah, IA, Mar. 5, 2009.
 Doris L. Hamel, Orange Park, FL, May 28, 2008.
 David Birtus Herbst, Macomb, Apr. 10, 2009.
 Frances Eileen Cousins Icenogle, Macomb, Jan. 31, 2009.
 Helen Clark Larner, Tuscola, Mar. 1, 2009.
 Ruth Violet Schiedman O'Donnell, Athens, TN, Mar. 4, 2006.
 Edward F. "Ed" Orłowski, Surprise, AZ, Jan. 27, 2009.
 Larry L. Plunkett, Alpha, Sept. 27, 2006.
 Karen Quinlan, Island Lake, June 20, 2007.
 Sandra Jo Logan Reedy, Table Grove, Sept. 15, 2008.
 Gerldine L. Reeves, Mesa, AZ, Apr. 15, 2009.
 Joseph F. Riccio, Sr., Tucson, AZ, Jan. 25, 2008.
 Norma Josephine Soule, Blandinsville, Apr. 1, 2009.
 Robert Paul Sutton, Macomb, Feb 17, 2009.
 Dorothy J. Turke, Macomb, Jan. 27, 2009.
 Vernon E. Wallin, Alpha, Sept. 23, 2008.
 1926 Alice R. Leaf Knoedler, Seabrook, TX, July 8, 2006.
 1926 Doris L. Chambers Peterson, San Antonio, TX, Dec. 4, 2006.
 1927 Eva M. Shores Logan, Colchester, Aug. 4, 2004.
 1928 Mildred Clark '43, Macomb, Mar. 16, 2009.
 1928 Helen E. Earp, Rosemead, CA, Jan. 11, 2007.
 1928 Edna K. White Lecroy, San Jose, CA, Oct. 19, 2006.
 1929 Margaret E. Jones Carstensen, Palm Desert, CA, Aug. 4, 2007.
 1930 Margaret Norton Willsey, Laura, Oct. 30, 2006.
 1933 Florence E. Kabrick Buffington '62, Quincy, Oct. 23, 2004.
 1934 Howard E. Moon, Macomb, Mar. 16, 2009.
 1934 Beulah H. Brown Patterson, Monmouth, Mar. 26, 2008.
 1934 Evelyn A. Hinman Smith, Decatur, Aug. 22, 2006.
 1935 Mildred E. Carl Geer '56, Springfield, Oct. 26, 2004.

Correction

In "Thanks for the Memories" (March 2009), by Buck Knowles, it was inadvertently written that John was Harry Sockler's son. John is Knowles' son. Western News regrets the error.

Robert Sutton

Robert Sutton, professor emeritus of history and past director of the Center for Icarian Studies and Local and Regional Collections in University Library Archives, died Feb. 17 at age 68 at his home in Macomb, surrounded by family. He died from esophageal cancer.

Sutton came to WIU in 1970 as an assistant professor of history, specializing in American legal history and the Age of Jefferson and Jackson. Previously, he taught at Mansfield University of Pennsylvania, Christopher Newport College (VA) and the College of William and Mary. In the mid-1970s, his research interests expanded to areas associated with his new surroundings—Illinois, Abraham Lincoln and the history of American communal utopias, specifically French Icarians.

A prolific scholar, Sutton earned international recognition for his expertise in utopias, which is the basis of nine of his 13 published books. He earned the Illinois State Historical Society Certificate of Excellence Award for his book "Rivers, Railways, and Roads: A History of Henderson County, Illinois," and his book "Revolution to Succession: Constitution Making in the Old Dominion" was nominated for the Merle Curti Award in American Intellectual History. In 1998 he received the Donald E. Pitzer Distinguished Service Award from the Communal Studies Association. He also co-authored and co-narrated the 12-episode documentary "Illinois Historic Panorama," and was recognized as a leading authority on the history of Illinois.

Sutton served as the grievance officer for Western's statewide faculty union. He also served on the board of directors for WIU's LIFE (Learning is ForEver) program. He was on the National Communal Studies Association board of directors and on the historic markers committee of the Illinois State Historical Society. Sutton had been a manuscript reviewer for Oxford University Press, the University of Chicago Press and several journals including the William and Mary Quarterly, Utopian Studies and Journal of the Early Republic.

He retired in 2004, after 34 years of service to the University, the western Illinois region and the state of Illinois. Throughout those years, Sutton earned seven Faculty Excellence awards, three Professional Achievement awards for outstanding teaching and research and the College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Research Award (1993).

His early career flourished in the East. He was a pre-law major at Juniata College (PA), where he earned his B.A. Sutton served as a lecturer at the College of William and Mary while earning his M.A.; and he was an instructor at the University of Virginia while earning his Ph.D. with the assistance of a Thomas Jefferson Foundation Fellowship.

Survivors include **Christopher Sutton '88 MA '91** of Macomb, who is a professor of geography at WIU.

Memorials may be made to scholarships in Western Illinois University's history department, the McDonough District Hospital Hospice Program or to the American Cancer Society.

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Final thoughts for Western News

One of the traditions for the Alumni Council President occurs at Homecoming with a radio interview on the steps of the Alumni House. At Homecoming 2008, **Cathy Early**, 1997 Honorary Alumna and staunch supporter of Western, current president of the Foundation Board and local radio personality for WJEQ /Classic 103, asked several questions that provoked memories and allowed me to reflect on my two years as Alumni Council president.

"How do you feel when you come back to Western?" she queried. No matter what route I take to campus, I always drive past Sherman Hall, the solid symbol of Western, and I feel as if I've come home. As I walk through campus, I delight in watching the students; I am impressed with the condition of the campus, and I am still proud to be a Western graduate.

"What changes have you seen in the years since graduation?"

Do you have an hour, Cathy?

When I came to campus in 1966, the population was not quite 7,000 students. Women had hours and a dress code; co-ed residence halls (formerly called dorms) didn't exist; men were only allowed on floors one Sunday a month for two hours; Saturday night was "steak night" in the cafeterias, and we dressed in "church attire" for Sunday lunch; we had phone "party lines" in the dorms and a pay phone in the hall for long distance calls, and we were lucky if someone had a record player.

"What is the best part of your position?"

Again, do you have an hour, Cathy?

I took my own advice from this column two years ago

and attended events and met a number of you. I applaud Alumni Programs Director Amy Spelman and her staff for the innovative programming that has connected WIU alums all over the country. I thank President Goldfarb and Vice Presidents Dan Hendricks and Joe Rives for supporting the Alumni Council—and by extension, the Alumni Association—with their time, advice and attendance at our quarterly meetings.

But the best part of the position has been representing the Alumni Council and Alumni Association at Commencement, remembering my own transition from student to graduate. I came to Western as many of us did—young, energetic and excited about the new adventure. I left four years later with not only positive feelings about my classroom experiences and a degree (and a job!), but also with lifelong friends and mentors and the rewards of extra-curricular involvement, which I still call on today. When I watch the traditional students walk across the stage, I see the same young people we all were. They came to Western like we did, and they leave as we did. In their four years, the Western experience has become theirs.

At Commencement, I have the honor of representing you in presenting alumni awards to graduates who represent Western Illinois University in various professions all across the country, and I am humbled by the experience. As a participant in the ceremony, I am in awe of the WIU administration and staff who make the day memorable for all. All graduates are recognized by



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the dean of their colleges, the president of the University, the chair of the Board of Trustees, and their department chairs. The representatives of the administration are genuine in their congratulations, and the graduates are sincere in their appreciation as they cross the stage. But not all are 21- or 22-year old traditional students who have taken advantage of Grad Trac.

At the December 2008 Commencement, we saw our first Ed.D. in Education candidates receive their hoods. What a milestone for Western! In addition to the hundreds of traditional students, Western

still graduates Board of Trustee candidates who have taken circuitous routes and often many years to receive their degrees. One of those candidates crossed the stage on Mother's Day 2008. As she reached to shake President Goldfarb's hand in the lull after her name was called, a male voice called from the audience, "Way to go, Mom!" She smiled and said, "It's taken me a long time to get here!"

And there it was—the best part of being your Alumni Council President. I represented you on the Council, at events and at Commencement—all of you, from the 21-year-olds to the new doctoral degree recipients to that mother who crossed the stage with her son in the audience. Thank you for that honor!

Your new Alumni Council President, **Roger Clawson '77**, will serve you with dedication and commitment to the job. I hope he has as much fun as I have had.

Pam Rigby Hoffman '70
Alumni Council President

Alumni Events in Chicago

Upcoming Signature Alumni & Friends Events

July 11

Cubs vs. Cardinals Baseball Game
Watch the game at *The Cubby Bear*

2:30 p.m. Social, The Cubby Bear
956 West Addison St. Chicago, IL

(Game ticket will not be included.
We will remain at the
Cubby Bear throughout.)

\$39/Cubby Bear Party includes
appetizers & all drinks.

July 30

Root Against the President
White Sox vs. Yankees Baseball Game

5:45 p.m. Patio Party, 7:11 p.m. Game
U.S. Cellular Field
333 West 35th St., Chicago, IL

Adult ticket & buffet \$79, child/sr. \$58.50

Show President Goldfarb that Illinois
Major League Baseball teams rule!

August 7

Watch the Four Tops and
the Temptations at Ravinia

5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Social at the Northern Trust Tent
8:00 p.m. Performance in Pavilion seats
418 Sheridan Road,
Highland Park, IL

\$70/Social, food, drink package and
Pavilion ticket.

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- 1935 Ada Helen Lundquist Slater, Moline, Feb. 7, 2007.
- 1936 Florence June Yocum Joiner, Green Valley, AZ, Jan. 9, 2009.
- 1938 Wrenn Routh Grice, London Mills, Feb. 19, 2009.
- 1940 Gladys Helen Hudson Wirth, Quincy, July 10, 2008.
- 1947 Daniel Warren "Dan" Fullmer MS-ED '52, Honolulu, HI, Feb. 20, 2009.
- 1948 Charlotte A. Plassman Collins, Rock Island, Mar. 18, 2009.
- 1948 Wayne James Opoien, Marinette, WI, Mar. 8, 2009.
- 1949 Muriel Nelson Gurr MSE, Sun City, AZ, Apr. 19, 2007.
- 1951 Louise Violette Schappat, Quincy, Nov. 3, 2005.
- 1952 Ruth Darnell Armstrong, Manitou Springs, CO, Mar. 31, 2009.
- 1952 Dean Gordon Larson, Libertyville, Mar. 12, 2009.
- 1952 Norval D. McCord, Jr., Tinley Park, Mar. 15, 2008.
- 1954 Richard D. "Dick" Friichtenicht, Annandale, VA, Mar. 4, 2009.
- 1954 Florence E. Wilson Jackson MS-ED '65, E. Moline, Mar. 1, 2008.
- 1956 Harriet L. Mize MS-ED, Decatur, Jan. 9, 2004.
- 1956 Roger M. Webster, Lincoln, Feb. 2, 2009.
- 1957 Maxine Reis Babington, Crystal Lake, Apr. 9, 2009.
- 1958 Norman L. L'Hommedieu MS-ED '60, Mission, TX, Nov. 26, 2008.
- 1959 Richard Lee Hoffmann MS-ED '60, Mapleton, Jan. 29, 2005.
- 1959 Francis B. Kelly, Morrison, Aug. 30, 2008.
- 1960 Philip W. "Phil" Carpenter, Cataumet, MA, Sept. 29, 2008.
- 1960 W. Roger Hainline, Springfield, MO, Feb. 25, 2009.
- 1963 Gerald Norman Cox, Rapid City, SD, Jan. 27, 2009.
- 1966 Donald Libby, Jefferson City, MO, Mar. 6, 2009.
- 1966 Louise T. Simshauser Tonigan MA, Newtonville, MA, Oct. 28, 2007.
- 1968 Mabel Arminata Anthony Anderson, Keokuk, IA, Feb.13, 2009.
- 1969 Deborah L. Shultz Pleviak, La Grange, Jan. 8, 2006.
- 1970 Gloria June Green Dace, Rushville, Mar. 11, 2009.
- 1971 James Peter "Jim" Traba, Naperville, Dec. 3, 2008.
- 1974 Michelle Lenore Teich Deines, Newburg, OR, Sept.17, 2006.
- 1974 Nancy E. Schar Kolk, Elgin, Feb. 13, 2004.
- 1976 Andre L. Hicks, Spring, TX, June 7, 2007.
- 1976 Ann Marie VanDeVelde Peterson, Mt. Carroll, Feb. 15, 2009.
- 1978 Faye M. Scheil MS, Mequon, WI, Jan. 18, 2009.
- 1978 Richard A. Sonnevill, Cincinnati, OH, July 7, 2008.
- 1980 Randal L. Parkinson, Hardin, Jan. 31, 2009.
- 1982 Robert J. "Bob" Irvine, Quincy, July 26, 2007.
- 1982 Scott Richard Landa, Tower Lakes, Jan. 15, 2009.
- 1983 Jeffrey John Jachim, Laveen, AZ, Mar. 10, 2009.
- 1986 Byron Daniel "Dan" Oesch, Pekin, Feb. 15, 2009.
- 1988 Lori Ann Holt MS, Monmouth, Jan. 6, 2008.
- 1988 Michelle Marie Yacoben Thom, Oswego, Feb. 16, 2009.
- 1990 Mike Joe Borich, Midvale, UT, Feb. 9, 2009.
- 1992 Sherrill Duplain Leath, Stronghurst, Dec. 5, 2006.
- 1992 Nhu Ngoc "Victoria" Truong, E. Moline, Aug. 25, 2007.
- 1997 Crystal Darlene Kelly Peterson, Keokuk, IA, Mar. 20, 2009.
- 2002 Agnes K. Torday, Tulsa, OK, July 3, 2006.
- 2003 Scott D. Silver MS-ED, Maple Falls, WA, Apr. 18, 2008.