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WIU honors Welty, Kim, Nardi and Strong for achievements

Western Illinois University bestowed an Honorary Doctorate to **John D. Welty '65**, inaugural International Alumni Achievement Award to **Hyuk-Jong Kim '87**, Alumni Achievement Award to **Herb Strong '72**, and Distinguished Alumnus Award to **Thomas A. Nardi '76** at Western's Spring Commencement Exercises May 15.

The Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters is the highest award Western Illinois University can bestow upon an individual who has made significant contributions to his/her career and to WIU.

Welty has been president of California State University (CSU) Fresno since 1991. He is also a professor in the Kremen School of Education and Human Development. Fresno State enrolls more than 21,000 students and offers 61 undergraduate degrees, 45 master degree programs and two doctoral degrees. During his tenure at CSU, the university has completed a major planning effort, expanded minority enrollment, created an Honors College, revised its general education requirements, introduced service learning into the curriculum and expanded community service opportunities for students, added new academic programs and institutes, and constructed \$404.3 million in facilities, including a new library.

"Dr. Welty's contributions and dedication to higher education and his outstanding support of Western Illinois University are to be commended. It is with great pride that we bestow upon Dr. Welty WIU's honorary doctorate," said WIU President **Al Goldfarb**.

Welty has served on both of the CSU System's major strategic planning efforts, and he participated in the creation of the Voluntary System of Accountability, which has been adopted by more than 200 colleges and universities. A national leader in higher education, Welty has served on several advisory groups to the U.S. Departments of Education and Agriculture, and is past-chair of the Renaissance Group, a national organization of more than 30 Universities dedicated to improved teacher education programs. He



John D. Welty Hyuk-Jong Kim Thomas A. Nardi

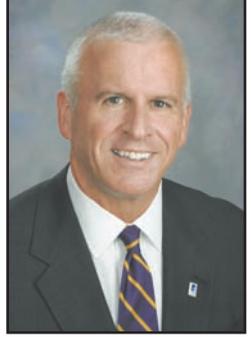
co-chaired CSU's effort to create CALState Teach, an innovative program designed for emergency credentialed teachers and chaired a CSU group on preparing

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Bainter named vice president for advancement and public services

Brad Bainter '79 MS '83, director of University development and planned giving, has been named vice president for advancement and public services following a national search, effective July 1, according to WIU President **Al Goldfarb**.

Bainter has served as director of University development and planned giving at Western since July 2009. He is the executive officer of the WIU Foundation, and he has also served as director of planned and major



Bainter

giving since 1996. Bainter was the assistant to the dean for development in Western's College of Business and Technology from 1986 to 1996, and he also worked as a WIU admissions counselor from 1983 to 1986.

"Brad's years of experience, as well as his knowledge of the division and the University, will provide a seamless transition as we move forward with the public phase of Western's capital campaign," Goldfarb said. "His years in fundraising and development provide him the background and knowledge necessary to lead the advancement and public services division."

At the University, Bainter is involved with Western Illinois Now, the Leatherneck Club (formerly called

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2010 Reunion
Classes of
1960 · 1970 · 1985

September 24 & 25

Turn to page 11 for your official invitation
and an exciting announcement about a new
reunion banquet format!

Upcoming Alumni & Friends Events See pages 2 & 32 for entire calendar and complete details!

<p>June 2010 21 Silvis, IL 25 Peoria, IL</p>	<p>July 2010 8 Washington D.C.</p> <p>August 2010 6-8 . . . Chicago, IL 27 Mt. Carroll, IL</p>	<p>September 2010 11 West Lafayette, IN 23 Macomb, IL 24-25 . . Macomb, IL</p>	<p>October 2010 14 Burlington, IA</p> <p>December 2010 5 Detroit, MI</p>
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We're coming
to a city
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Director's Corner News from Your Alumni Association

Dear Alumni & Friends:

Please join me in welcoming our May 2010 graduates as the newest members of the WIU Alumni Association. As you know, everyone becomes a member the day they graduate, and they now join a network of more than 107,000 alumni around the world.

In addition to the networking opportunities all of you receive, we are pleased to announce a few additional benefits, including the new WIU credit card. We look forward to making an official announcement in the coming weeks, and we hope you will consider carrying the card

and supporting your alma mater! Also, on July 1, we will share the exciting new Alumni Volunteer Program currently being developed as part of our recently completed Alumni Association Strategic Plan.

As always, we hope to see ALL of our alumni and friends at an event this summer. Have a great one!



Amy E. Spelman
Amy Spelman MS '98

From the President

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



Despite the current economic challenges facing this country, we have experienced numerous accomplishments during the 2009-2010 school year, such as the recent recognition by the Southern Education Review Board for our retention and graduation rates and for the second year as a member of the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. We had remarkable successes in fundraising, and construction is underway on our new Quad Cities Riverfront Campus. Construction on Memorial Hall on the WIU-Macomb campus continues, and we are hopeful that the Performing Arts Center on the Macomb campus will become a reality in the near future.

We've also had our fair share of challenging times. The serious cash flow situation in this state continues to affect Western. As I have stressed in the past, we remain committed to continuing to provide outstanding academic opportunities and services to our students, as well as provide a quality, affordable education. We are also committed to retaining our employees. The University continues to do everything in its power to conserve resources, and we continue to work with our legislators and other public university presidents and chancellors to keep this dire situation at the forefront.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. I hope to see you at Western for the annual Homecoming celebration Sept. 24-25. I also look forward to seeing many of you at one of our other alumni events across the U.S. in 2010-2011.

All my best wishes,

Al Goldfarb
Al Goldfarb

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WIU Alumni & Friends 2010 Events

June 2010

21 Quad Cities Golf Outing – TPC Deere Run, Silvis, IL

25 Peoria Area Golf Outing – WeaverRidge, Peoria, IL

July 2010

8 Washington D.C. Alumni & Friends Event - City Club at Columbia Square

August 2010

6-8 Black Alumni Reunion Weekend - Chicago, IL

27 Mt. Carroll, IL Alumni & Friends Event

September 2010

11 WIU vs. Purdue Pre-Game Social & Football Game - West Lafayette, IN

23 Founder's Day & Honorary Alumni Award Presentation - Macomb

24-25 WIU Homecoming 2010

24-25 WIU Homecoming & 25/40/50 Year Reunion

October 2010

14 Burlington, IA Alumni & Friends Event - Burlington Country Club

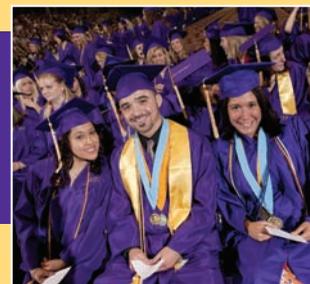
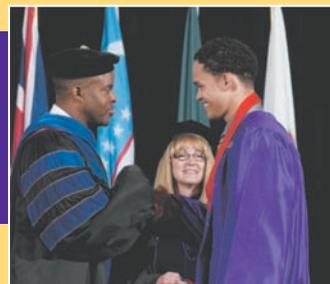
December 2010

5 WIU Alumni & Friends Event - Bears vs. Lions Pre-Game Social and Football Game - Detroit, MI

April 2011

Celebrating Town & Gown

Spring 2010 Commencement



Ceremonies recognizing the academic and personal accomplishments of Western students and alumni were held May 14-15 in Macomb and May 16 in the Quad Cities during Western's Spring 2010 Commencement Weekend. More than 2,400 students—including nearly 1,900 undergraduate and approximately 515 graduate students—were eligible to participate in the Spring 2010 ceremonies.

College of Business and Technology



Agriculture alumnus receives IL Farm Bureau Young Leaders Award

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92

Jay Solomonson '02, who earned his bachelor's degree in agriculture education from WIU, works as an agriculture teacher at Orion (IL) Middle School and High School. Late last year, Solomonson and his wife Sheryl were honored with a Young Leaders Excellence in Agriculture Award from the Illinois Farm Bureau.

The honor "recognize[s] extraordinary accomplishments in service to agriculture by those individuals or couples whose primary source of income is not from production agriculture," according to the Illinois Farm Bureau website. Sheryl is the agriculture literacy coordinator for Rock Island County in Illinois, and Jay also serves as the Orion School District's Future Farmers of America (FFA) adviser.

Solomonson said he gained immeasurable benefits from his involvement with the School of Agriculture's student organizations, and noted that in addition to Western's preparation program for agriculture educators, the many student organizations provided him with the opportunity to grow his skills outside of the classroom.

"While at WIU, I was involved with Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR), Collegiate FFA, Ag Vocators, Ag Council, Alpha Zeta and the Ag Mech Club," he said. "These organizations provided me with experiences that helped me grow as both a leader and as an individual. The people I met through these organizations have become some of my best friends, and I continue to keep in touch with many of them."

Solomonson noted that when he first came to visit WIU before he started college in 1999, the School of Agriculture (which was known then as the agriculture department) was in the process of revitalizing its agriculture education program.



L-r: Jay '02 and Sheryl Solomonson (with daughter Adalyn); and Max Armstrong, host of "Farming America," at the Illinois Farm Bureau annual meeting in December 2009.

"Dr. Andrew Baker had been recently hired, and it was exciting to be involved with the changes he was implementing in the ag ed program," Solomonson said. "From the first time I visited Western's agriculture program, I knew WIU would be a good fit for me. It felt more like a family than an academic program at a university or college."

Today, Solomonson teaches subjects such as agribusiness, agricultural science, horticulture, agriculture mechanics, agricultural leadership and communications, veterinary medicine and environmental science.

"I couldn't be happier for Jay and Sheryl, and I was excited to hear about the news of their award," said Baker. "Their recognition is well-deserved. They both work hard in promoting the agricultural industry inside and outside of the classroom."

CBT names Distinguished Alumnus

Western Illinois University's College of Business and Technology (CBT) named **Donald J. Tomnitz '75** as the recipient of the 2010 CBT Distinguished Alumnus Award. Tomnitz earned his MBA in finance from WIU. He serves as vice chair, president and Chief Executive Officer for D.R. Horton, Dallas (TX), one of the largest homebuilding companies in the U.S.



Donald J. Tomnitz

Tomnitz visited Western's Macomb campus April 19 with his wife, **Sharon MS ED '76**, and delivered a presentation in Stipes Hall. WIU and CBT faculty and staff recognized his accomplishments at a private luncheon.

Prior to serving at the helm of D.R. Horton, Tomnitz served as a vice president of various divisions for the company (1983-1994). In 1994, he was named vice president-Western region. From 1996-1998, Tomnitz served as president for D.R. Horton's Homebuilding Division. In 1998, he was named executive vice president, and later he was named vice chair and CEO.

Tomnitz previously served as a captain in the U.S. Army, as a vice president of RepublicBank of Dallas, and as a vice president of Crow Development Company, a Trammell Crow Company.

He earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Westminster College.

'88 graduate holds key to international business success: An open mind

By Alison McGaughey

Last fall, the CNBC "On Assignment: Iraq" series included a segment about investment opportunities in the country, with host Erin Burnett accompanying a group of American investors. In the first segment, WIU graduate **Nick Padgett '88** calmly and respectfully asks a member of the Kurdistan Board of Investment to address the possible risks of investing—namely, the violence and unrest in the country.

"As a citizen, as a Kurd, I [can tell you] we are sick of fighting and hearing about violence," says the Iraqi businessman.

As managing director of Frontaura Capital, Padgett, based in Chicago, is building a successful business by investing in the very types of places that, as the Iraqi businessman seems to indicate about his homeland, get a "bad rap."

"We founded Frontaura to invest specifically in what are called frontier markets, in places people think of as way too risky," Padgett said. "But after I began to learn about these markets and travel to these countries, I was

amazed by what I found. Everyone spoke English, people were educated, the accounting standards were similar to the U.S., and stocks were cheap because people were ignoring them."

His company has invested in businesses in 23 countries, including in Sub-Saharan Africa, Bangladesh and Vietnam, with base holdings in Qatar, Sri Lanka, Zambia and on the Ivory Coast.

"Even in Iran, where the leadership is not pro-U.S., the people you meet tend to be pro-Western," he said. "They want to integrate into the global economy. They don't like that they're a pariah state in the world."

Padgett does not claim to view his business as a charitable venture. But when a country becomes more developed economically, its quality of life increases, he said.

"The larger goal behind the company is to make the max amount of money for those who invest; we are capitalists," he said. "We're participating, and to some degree helping, in raising living standards across the world. While making good returns for our investors, we



Nick Padgett '88, third from the right, on a recent investing trip to Iraq. CNBC's Erin Burnett (in purple) traveled with the group to cover a story about investors like Padgett, who are interested in frontier markets.

grease the wheels of capitalism that help people get a mobile phone or access the Internet for the first time, and become more literate. I think that's a better way than just giving aid. This way is self-sustaining."

Padgett is active with his alma mater, serving on the CBT Advisory Board and supporting a computer science scholarship he established while a student at WIU.

To view the CNBC video, visit www.cnbc.com/id/15840232?video=1300361285&play=1.

CBT young alumna: Kathleen Hensel '02 MACC '03

What is your current title/position?

Manager, Deloitte National Office - Ethics, Compliance and Independence

Tell us about the path leading up to your current position.

I began my career with Deloitte as an audit intern in the Davenport (IA) office. After graduating from Western with my Master of Accountancy, I started full-time at Deloitte as audit staff on the Deere & Company engagement team. Over the course of my career in the Davenport office, I was promoted to an audit senior and then audit manager. I recently joined the firm's Management Development Program and have relocated to the Deloitte National Office in Wilton (CT). The Management Development Program places professionals in challenging technical assignments that help enrich their skills and develop a more complete understanding of the organization's mission, strategies and resources. During my two-year assignment in the program I will be focusing on the firm's independence policies, procedures and compliance.

What interested you in the accountancy field and why did you decide to pursue it?

I was drawn to the field because of its complex and challenging nature. While most people think accountants



Kathleen Hensel

deal with math and numbers, it is really much more than that. As an accountant you need to be able to think analytically and problem solve. A lot of the issues you will encounter will not have a black and white answer, so you need to be able to analyze the facts, weigh the options and use your professional judgment to reach a solution. I continue to stay interested in the profession because of how versatile my career has been. In a single day you can be a business adviser to a client, an auditor investigating an issue and a professional researching a financial reporting issue.

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

I had the privilege to begin my career with one of the Big Four Public Accounting firms. This provided me with some incredible experiences early on in my career, from being able to serve a Fortune 500 client, to working with industry leaders, to receiving cutting-edge training. I also had the benefit of working in a smaller office, which allowed me to take on leadership roles with the firm and have daily interactions with the local firm leaders.

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

I believe a lot of my success can be attributed to the

solid foundation I received at Western along with the assistance of the mentors I have had along the way. While Western provided me with the skills to succeed, my mentors were able to assist me along the peaks and valleys of my career.

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

The best advice I received in college was to take advantage of whatever opportunities came my way. I think this is still great advice and might be even more important with the current state of the economy. I would advise students to attend their department's professional presentations, go to every interview offered and, build a network of colleagues by participating in professional and community organizations. You never know what might result from these opportunities.

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

Western provided me with the skills and knowledge I needed to be successful in my career. The professors in the Department of Accountancy go above and beyond their responsibilities to ensure their students are prepared to be successful. It is not only the coursework that you are taught, but also the hands-on experiences and real life examples provided by the faculty. When I started my career, I had an in-depth knowledge of what to expect and how to handle the challenges that would face me.

The 'Tripp' of a lifetime

Western Illinois University business professors emeriti **Carolyn** (marketing) and **Jim Tripp** (finance) came to Western in 1990. Both first-generation college students from working class families, the Tripps met as undergraduates at Missouri State University, married soon after graduation and eventually landed at Western, where they enjoyed successful and productive 18-year careers in the department of marketing and finance.

The Tripps, who retired in 2008, still consider WIU their "home" university and keep in touch with former colleagues, students and their University via phone and electronic communication—e-mail, Facebook and the WIU website. They are also avid readers of the McDonough County Voice and Western News to keep track of their hometown and university of so many years.

"Western was a good fit for us. As a married couple, we were fortunate to serve in a college that allowed us to teach in the specialties we loved the most," Carolyn said. "We enjoyed so many close friendships—sharing work, vacations, golf outings and so many laughs."

Both Jim and Carolyn earned outstanding reputations during their time at Western for their innovations in teaching and for their commitment to their students. Jim was regarded as a strong presence in the College of Business and Technology because of his background in banking and ties to professionals in the field, while Carolyn gained recognition for her students' performance in international competitions. Carolyn received Western's Provost Award for Excellence in Community/University Service, while both received the college's award for Teaching Excellence.

"Working at the same institution for so many years, we developed such a sense of ownership, pride and commitment," Carolyn said.

That commitment led to the Tripps endowing \$25,000 to the College of Business and Technology Executive in Residence program.

"We wanted to have a connection to Western after we retired because of the strong tie we had to our students," Jim added. "It is important to have business executives in the classroom. Students need to interact with successful professionals who began as we did. This direct interaction with successful professionals will enhance their studies."

Despite retiring from a long career at WIU, both Jim and Carolyn continue to keep higher education at the forefront of their lives. Carolyn spends several hours a week tutoring English as a Second Language (ESL) students at a community college in Springfield (MO), and during the spring semesters, Jim and Carolyn teach at Southeastern



Since retiring from teaching in the CBT, Jim and Carolyn Tripp now divide their time between living in Missouri and Florida.

University in Lakeland (FL). But they aren't all work and no play—traveling also takes up much of their "free" time.

"We've come to love Scottsdale and Sedona (AZ), and Destin (FL) is a beautiful spot. And, we are always up for time spent on the Outer Banks (NC)," Jim added.

And if continuing to teach and travel isn't enough for the duo, when they are back in Missouri, Carolyn also finds the time to work part-time with a longtime friend who operates Aflair Events, a wedding planning company, while Jim volunteers at a retirement center one day a week. A musician, Jim can also now devote time to playing acoustic guitar and writing his own songs.

"We also have a consistent exercise schedule, attend a great Sunday school class, play golf and attend Springfield (MO) Cardinals baseball with Jim's brothers and

their wives," Carolyn added. "It's really fun to be home for Tripp family birthday parties and other special events with our nieces and nephews. Retirement has been fabulous. We sometimes wonder how we had time to work!"

College of Business and Technology



CBT, accountancy maintain AACSB accreditation

Western Illinois University's College of Business and Technology and the accountancy department have maintained their accreditation by AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Founded in 1916, AACSB International is the longest-serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees in business and accounting. CBT and the accountancy department were officially recognized for the achievement at the AACSB International Conference and Annual Meeting April 18 in Anaheim (CA).

According to the AACSB website, only 593 schools of business—or less than five percent worldwide—have earned this distinguished hallmark of excellence in management education. To maintain accreditation, a



L-r: Tom Erikson, CBT dean; Jack Thomas, provost; Jack Elfrink, CBT associate dean; and Hassan Espahbodi, accountancy department chair.

to achieve dual accreditation in both business and accountancy, noted **Jack Elfrink**, associate dean in CBT and the College's accreditation officer.

"It takes a great deal of self-evaluation and determination to earn and maintain AACSB accreditation," said Jerry Trapnell, chief accreditation officer of AACSB International. "Schools not only must meet specific

business program must undergo a rigorous internal review every five years, at which the program must demonstrate its continued commitment to the 21 quality standards relating to faculty qualification, strategic management of resources, interactions of faculty and students, as well as a commitment to continuous improvement and achievement of learning goals in degree programs.

Western is one of only 174 universities worldwide

standards of excellence, but their deans, faculty and staff must make a commitment to ongoing improvement to ensure continued delivery of high-quality education to students," he added.

"I am extremely proud of the efforts of all of our faculty and staff," **Tom Erikson**, CBT dean, said. "The process for reaffirmation of accreditation was a major initiative that involved everyone in the college. This major accomplishment is to the credit of the contributions of time and talent among our faculty and staff over the last five years."

Hassan Espahbodi, chair of WIU's accountancy department, noted the faculty and staff in the department pride themselves on being a part of such a distinguished group of AACSB accredited programs.

"This accomplishment of dual accreditation in business and accountancy is incredibly rare among business schools today," Espahbodi added.

The AACSB team report noted that faculty and staff in WIU's accountancy department "[are] to be commended on strong support for student organizations, including release time and travel support for faculty [advisers]."

WIU's College of Business and Technology was established more than 40 years ago and offers courses on the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses.

A year-in-review: WIU School of Engineering

When Western Illinois University kicked off its first semester of the new engineering program in August 2009, it had three prime goals for the academic year: create the School of Engineering, start its first class of students, and implement a plan to obtain Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) accreditation within three years.

"I'm so pleased to say that we have achieved these goals during our first year," said Director **William Pratt**.

In 2008, the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) approved Western's longstanding plan to offer a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree. Last August, officials from WIU, the City of Moline, Renew Moline, the Quad Cities Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Deere Foundation, and other organizations brought that plan full-circle when the Caxton Block Building in Moline (IL) was dedicated as the new temporary home for the WIU engineering degree program.

Western began offering a Bachelor of Science in Engineering in August 2009 at the Caxton Building, which is an extension of the WIU-Quad Cities 60th Street campus. Once Building One on the new WIU-QC Riverfront Campus is completed, the engineering program will relocate to that campus.

Since August, faculty have taught 10 classes to more than 65 students. Nine engineering students are enrolled through the School of Engineering, and faculty are currently working with more than 100 students at all levels, from high school to entering juniors, who have indicated an interest in engineering at WIU-QC. And while the first cohort is underway, the program continues to evolve, Pratt said. The curriculum has been enhanced and fine-tuned to bring it into alignment with the needs of QC-area companies.

"We've increased the engineering content, and made



Since August, faculty have taught 10 classes to more than 65 students.

the degree both multidisciplinary and 'agile' to enhance the skills and knowledge of our graduates," he added. "Often, large companies will hire a traditional engineer and spend the first few years sending him or her around the company for training until he or she finds a place where he or she 'fits.' Our students have a broader base of knowledge and skills, and will be able to fit into many areas within an organization."

While the program's first year has been a success, Pratt noted that one of the biggest challenges the School of Engineering has faced—like many others—has been the current economic climate.

"We are working hard to find resources and the regional companies are pitching in, but the truth is, engineering programs are expensive in the startup phase as the need for equipment and software is extensive," he added. "John Deere; the Moline Foundation; Caxton on Bass Street, LLC; Mid-America National Bank; Ruhl and Ruhl; Shive Hattery and many others have stepped forward. Their generosity has allowed us a strong beginning."

What's in store for the second year of the program? According to Pratt, more classes, continuing to enhance the curriculum and completing the ABET's self-study.

"Now that we have the basic structure in place for the curriculum, we will do a top-to-bottom assessment of each course to ensure we have a self-reinforcing curriculum in which knowledge gained in predecessor courses serves as the foundation for subsequent courses," Pratt explained. "This is a formal and critical step for us. There is a real art to this process and it will involve a concerted effort on the part of faculty, selected students and our advisory board. It will also involve our partner two-year institutions as they teach part of our four-year curriculum, including the math and science courses."

In addition, the school has partnered with community colleges, high schools and business entities in the region to enhance the total educational experience and to promote growth in the program. One of the initiatives, the unified tuition and advising program, involves WIU engineering faculty providing advising and administrative support to Black Hawk College and Scott Community College students enrolled in the engineering track.

"It has been a fantastic first year. What we offer, and continue to offer, is rigorous learning with no compromises," Pratt added. "We mentor our students. To those interested in the program: we will teach you, we will test you, we will assess your mettle and we will insist on the highest standards of integrity, and in the end, we will certify you as an engineer."

For more information about the Western Illinois University engineering degree, visit wiu.edu/qc/engineering. Prospective students interested in learning more about the program and transferring to WIU-QC may call Western's Quad Cities admissions at (309) 762-3999.

Graduate's family impacted by Haitian earthquake

By Alison McGaughey

When the news broke on Jan. 12 that an earthquake had struck Haiti, **Patrick Leyendeckers '98** was driving and heard the story on the radio. He called his wife, and within five minutes, he was inundated with calls himself.

"Nobody had any details," he said.

But once the details did start coming in, there were still no answers about the Leyendeckers' children—his soon-to-be-officially-adopted son and two daughters, whom Patrick and his wife, Mervi, had started the process of adopting from a Haitian orphanage more than three years before.

"It took us about four to five days just to get a hold of the orphanage," he said. "We learned that everybody was okay."

The Leyendeckers have now cared for Dieunika, 12; Modeline, 13; and Kenley, 16; in their Quincy (IL) home for four months. Patrick relays the story with a sense of calm, betraying no signs of the anxiety the situation might have caused. In a sense, the earthquake was just another episode in the long and arduous process of adopting their children.

"In January 2007, we were approved by the U.S. government to adopt three kids. It was approved by a judge in Haiti in August 2009, but they won't let kids out of country without a Haitian passport, which takes six months to a year to get, unless you pay bribes," he explained.

In fact, when they had first expressed interest in international adoption, Patrick and Mervi had been warned by different agencies that they would have to deal

with a corrupt government and judicial system if adopting from Haiti.

"Those kids would still be in Haiti [if the earthquake hadn't happened]," Patrick said. "By that time we learned they were trying to evacuate all 70 kids, including our three, out of the orphanage to San Antonio (TX), I was thinking I'd be able to go pick them up. After two weeks, when I realized this [evacuation to Texas] wasn't making any progress...that's when I decided I'd just go to Haiti myself."

The Leyendeckers had first gone to Haiti to meet the children in April 2007, and either Mervi or Patrick visited every six months afterwards, making phone calls and sending care packages in between.

"We had always talked about adoption," he explained. "My wife is an optometrist, and she has been on a few healthcare trips to Mexico and the Philippines as part of the medical team. In 2006, she went to Haiti, and that was life-changing for her. Even though she'd been to the Philippines and Mexico, she'd never seen people as poor as the people in Haiti. There were literally orphans all over the place. She literally couldn't sleep when she came back from that trip, because of all the devastation and poverty she saw. And keep in mind that was long before the earthquake."

Patrick and Mervi agreed to adopt older children, since the majority of kids over 12 in Haiti will not find adoptive parents. However, they did not expect that the children would be teenagers by the time they came to live in Quincy.

"We pretty much take things day by day," he said. "At

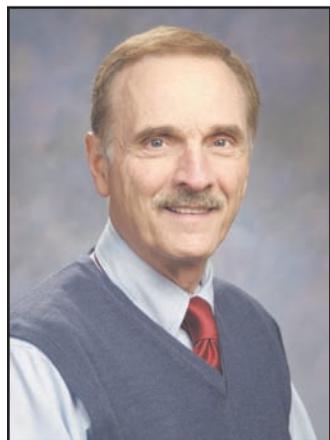


Patrick '98 (right), Mervi (far left) and Derek (third from right) Leyendeckers greet their new Haitian family members, Modeline, Kenley and Dieunika.

first everything was a little overwhelming for them. For people who are interested in adoption, I tell them you've got to be in it for the long-haul; it's not for the weak or faint at heart."

Patrick explained that his time at Western played a role in his desire to adopt kids from another country. "One of the things in the accounting department the instructors always instilled in us was to try to look at things from a global perspective, and, it's always in the back of my mind, not just with the adoption, but just the events in the world. And my wife and I came to the conclusion before we started this process that we can't change the world, but, we can change the world for two or three kids. That's kind of what got us to where we are."

Business professor can speak to true 'tunes' of business ethics



Frederick Perry

Frederick Perry, associate professor of management, came to WIU in Fall 2009 after a career of more than 20 years in law. So when he teaches business ethics in the classroom, he's speaking from experience—specifically, from representing a publicly traded, \$2.5 billion media company that happens to be one of the largest wholesalers of music and movies in the world.

And that's in addition to conducting international business for many years—all of which serves as valuable teaching material and background for the business classroom, particularly in terms of giving students examples of ethics questions that arise in the real world.

"I don't teach anyone with the idea that they're going to be lawyers; I teach that they're going to be business people, or simply informed citizens," said Perry, who taught in the South Florida area at two universities before coming to WIU. "When I was growing up, we didn't talk about insider trading or whether you should pollute a

stream in Nigeria. So I think it's valuable for students to think about how in any institution, even if it's your own business, there will be contracts, potential liability issues and other situations where ethics come in to play.

We don't want to educate the Jeffrey Skillings [former Enron president types]. We want to help create the corporate heroes, not the corporate demons," he added.

Perry came to teaching after serving as vice president deputy general counsel for Source Interlink Companies Inc., which sells music and movies to companies like Best Buy and Barnes & Noble as well as distributes magazines. He now teaches Business Law, International Business Law and Business Ethics. In these courses, Perry covers issues, such as the purchase and sale of goods in international trade, foreign licensing and investment, institutional ethics and corporate social responsibility, discussing how society impacts business and vice versa.

"I find that students do understand the prisms you can look through in a certain situation, but it's a little more difficult to make the connection between their own lives now, and what their lives will be like in 15 years," Perry said. "One thing I ask students is, 'Have you ever seen anyone cheat on a test?' And then I ask, 'What did you do about it?' I try to explain that out in the world, they're going to be involved in that kind of thing, so will they continue on as is, or do something about it?"

Despite the fact that he rose to the role of second-in-command of counsel for such a large company, Perry never

considered pursuing law when he was an undergraduate himself.

In fact, Perry majored in Spanish and English for his bachelor's degree, and earned a master's degree in Spanish literature at Kent State. But indirectly, it was literature that played a part in leading Perry to consider law.

"At that time I wanted to be a college professor," he said. "I served in the military as a barracks Marine. When I came back from overseas, I had a lot of time on my hands. I read a lot...including works by Eldridge Cleaver, a self-taught essayist. I learned that if you want to be able to defend yourself against oppression, you really need to be able to understand the law."

Perry later lived in Germany, went to graduate business school and then pursued his Ph.D. in international business and international affairs by taking night courses at the University of Miami while practicing full-time as a lawyer.

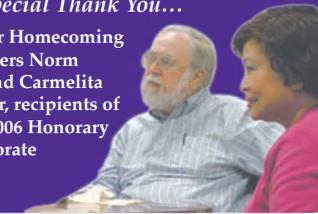
"So many students are first-generation college students," Perry said. "I grew up just like they did; I didn't have any relatives who went to college. And I've done some really interesting things, and they can do the same. I hope to be able to make a difference in these kids' lives."



Homecoming 2010 Sept. 17-25

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“2010 Reasons to Love Purple & Gold”

Homecoming Week, September 17-25

“2010 Reasons to Love Purple & Gold”

Friday, Sept. 17

Paint the Paws

Saturday, Sept. 18

Paint the Town

Sunday, Sept. 19

Cardboard Boat Races

Dec the Campus

Women's Soccer vs. Eastern Illinois, 12 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 20

Spirit Day

Volleyball vs. Eastern Illinois, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 21

Variety Show

Thursday, Sept. 23

Yell Like Hell

**Emceed by President Goldfarb*

Homecoming Weekend

Friday, Sept. 24

5-10 p.m. Alumni and Friends Social, Alumni House
Complimentary food and beverages
2010 Reunion Check-In & Social

7 p.m. Volleyball vs. IUPUI (details p. 15)

Saturday, Sept. 25

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

9 a.m. Coffee and donuts, 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 p.m. Leatherneck Football vs. Indiana State, Hanson Field

Lodging

On campus:

University Union (309) 298-1941

Off campus:

Rodeway Inn (309) 837-2220

Days Inn (309) 833-5511

America's Best Value Inn (309) 833-4521

Best Western-Macomb Inn (309) 836-6700

Hampton Inn (309) 837-6000

Inselhaus B&B (309) 833-5400

Super 8 (309) 836-8888

Parking

Permits will not be required in lots as of 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24 through 7 a.m. Monday, Sept. 27, 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.

To help celebrate this year's Homecoming theme, we are compiling 2010 Reasons to Love Purple and Gold. We want to hear your favorite WIU memories, the great people you met while at Western and fun times you had! Just fill in the blank, “I love purple and gold because _____.”

Submit your favorite memories via e-mail to miuub@wiu.edu or post them on the University Union Board's Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=116467641726375). Submissions will be posted online and on posters during Homecoming events at the editorial discretion of the UUB staff.

Call the Office of Student Activities at (309) 298-3232 for details about any of the events held Sept. 17-23.

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Fill out your registration form on p. 10 and join us for Homecoming 2010 or p. 11 and join us for your 25, 40, or 50 year reunion!





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Join us at "The Right Place" t

College of Arts & Sciences

Meet our new dean, **Sue Martinelli-Fernandez!** Sue will be there along with other alumni, faculty and friends who have found that the College of Arts and Sciences is "The Right Place" to be.



College of Fine Arts & Communication

COFAC alumni: Welcome to Homecoming 2010!
Visit the COFAC table and get your **FREE** lunch ticket.



- Attend the School of Music Scholarship Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 24, in the COFAC Recital Hall.
Enjoy the music of all the major ensembles: University Singers, Jazz Studio Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and the WIU Symphony Orchestra.

Call the Hainline Theatre Box Office for tickets: (309) 298-2900.

- Cheer on the Marching Leathernecks.
Don't miss the band alumni playing with the Marching Leathernecks at half-time.

Art, Broadcasting, Communication, Communication Sciences and Disorders, School of Music, Theatre and Dance



Centennial Honors College



Attention Honors College graduates! Stop by the Centennial Honors College table under "The Right Place" tent and meet Honors College Director **Bill Knox**.

We want to hear how our graduates are doing and share the latest news from the Centennial Honors College.

We look forward to seeing you at Homecoming 2010!

School of Graduate Studies

Join us at "The Right Place" for Homecoming 2010. You can share OLD memories with office staff, or let us share information with you if graduate school is NEW in your future. Pick up a great souvenir too. See you there!

Be sure to visit us on Facebook!!



Student Services

Join Student Services as we host our annual

WIU Alumni & Friends Luncheon from Noon-3 p.m. at "The Right Place"

Reconnect with your friends and colleagues from the division. Make your reservation by calling 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!





The big tent near Hanson Field!

Center for International Studies

Did you study abroad while attending Western? Please stop by the Center for International Studies table at "The Right Place" to visit!

Also, if you are a former WESL or international student, please come by -- we want to see you at Homecoming!



College of Education & Human Services

Stop by and visit the College of Education and Human Services at the Homecoming celebration this year! Dean **Nick DiGrino** invites you to connect with College faculty, friends and fellow alumni.

Make sure you drop by our table to pick up a COEHS giveaway and register to win a prize!

We are excited to see you again this year!



University Libraries

Reminisce about the good old days with University Libraries! Stop by our table at "The Right Place" and thumb through old copies of Western's yearbook, "The Sequel." Dean **Phyllis Self** and University Archivist **Jeff Hancks** will be on hand to answer any questions.



During Homecoming Weekend, visit University Archives/Special Collections on the Sixth Floor of the Leslie F. Malpass Library and see the special display in honor of Hanson Field's 60th Anniversary. You will also be able to view old photos of campus, look through past issues of the "Western Courier" and enjoy a breathtaking view of campus.

College of Business & Technology



Moving forward and making things happen! CBT has been reaccredited with the AACSB International! Stop by "The Right Place" and help us celebrate!

And, if you're a CBT alumnus, you won't want to miss our raffle for the Bose Wave Music System! We'll also have fun giveaways and some special surprises!

On hand for the Homecoming activities:

Tom Erekson, dean

Jack Elfrink, associate dean

Becky Paulsen, director of development

Schuyler Meixner '98 MBA '04, director of communications and external relations

We can't wait to see you!



Board of Trustees Bachelor of Arts Degree

We hope to see our alumni at Homecoming this year! Please stop by the BOT/BA booth at "The Right Place" tent—the "right" place to be between the parade and the football game!



Make Your Homecoming 2010 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 \$ _____
# _____ Saturday 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 may also be made online at wiu.com/alumni. 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 may 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 Right Place" tent until game time.

24th Annual Homecoming Old Stompin' Ground Runaround 5K Fun Run/2 Mile Walk **With new race route*

Time: 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 **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.

NEW 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 _____ E-mail _____ Cell _____

T-Shirt Size M L XL 2XL (Circle one) _____ Age on 9/25/10 _____ 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 Sept. 25, 2010, 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.



1960 • 1970 • 1985 2010 Reunion and Half-Century Club Banquet

including the classes of 1959, 1961, 1969 and 1971



***Attention Classes of 1960, 1970 and 1985 • The 2010 Reunion Weekend will culminate on Saturday evening with an exciting new event format!**
Drop by the LaMoine Room in the University Union anytime between 6 p.m.

and 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 25 to reminisce with former classmates, renew old friendships, dine at our many exotic food stations and experience wonderful entertainment! A short program will be held at 7:15 p.m. to introduce all of our reunion attendees and give each an opportunity to tell a favorite WIU memory and be done in plenty of time to attend other activities planned elsewhere! Feel free to come dressed casually in your football attire, or if you prefer to be more formal – just dress as you please!

Friday, Sept. 24

- 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, Sept. 25

- 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 p.m. Homecoming Football Game vs. Indiana State
- 6 p.m. Social, University Union LaMoine 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 Induction Banquet

REGISTRATION FORM FOR WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY 2010 REUNION EVENTS

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

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 2XL)
 ___ Mum - \$5
 ___ 5K Run / 2 Mile Walk - \$10
(Fill out form on p. 10)
 ___ Half-Century Club Banquet - \$20

Credit card information:

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

Mail form to:
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 Macomb, IL 61455-1390.
 Make checks payable to
WIU Alumni Association.
 Reservations may also be made by calling
 (309) 298-1914; faxing (309) 298-2914;
 or online at wiu.com/alumni.

SUBMIT YOUR INFORMATION FOR THE MEMORY BOOKLET TODAY!

Update your classmates on what you have been doing all these years. Even if you can not make it to the reunion, send us your information so it can be included! We will distribute the Memory Booklet at the reunion. If you can not make it, we will send you one for \$10. Please submit by Friday, Aug. 27.

Name _____ Maiden Name _____
 Home address _____ City, State, Zip _____
 Home phone number _____ Cell phone number _____ Home e-mail _____
 Second home address _____ City, State, Zip _____
 Second phone number _____ Dates at second home address _____
 Year of Graduation (Place "X" by one) 1959 1960 1961 1969 1970 1971 1985
 Business _____ Retired? Yes No Job Title _____ Business e-mail _____
 Business address _____ City, State, Zip _____
 Spouse's/partner's name _____ Maiden _____ WIU graduation year _____
 Children's names _____
 Hobbies _____
 What was your favorite college hangout? _____
 What impact has your education from Western had on your life? _____
 Western Memories _____
 Which faculty/staff member influenced you the most and how? _____
 Additional information you would like printed in the Memory Booklet _____

Feel free to attach separate sheet if needed.

Save a stamp! Fill out the form online and submit it electronically at wiu.edu/alumni/memorybooklet/index.php

Division of Student Services

A shot and a goal: WIU Hockey Club rises from unglamorous beginnings

Submitted by Bill Cardinell '73 (liamcard@juno.com)

Lynn Fulton '73

Wolfgang Kittner '73 (veh_neg@yahoo.com)

February 2010—in front of millions of television sets across America, there is screaming and chanting USA-USA-USA as Zach Parise ties the score with less than a minute in regulation in the gold medal hockey game with Canada.

Fall 1969—WIU's Hockey Club is screaming and chanting things like "E, shoot!" or "Great save, 'Tool'!" or "Howie, I'm open," or "Get a bead on him 'Bird'!" or "Nice shot, 'Lynn'!" or "Nice check, 'Wolf'" or "Pass the puck, 'Noodle'!" And "blue line - back, red line-back, blue line - back, all the way down - back"... but no fans were chanting "WIU-WIU-WIU." No fans period!

There were many organized campus initiatives and efforts in this time—those that were seen, but also many that were quiet, unrecognized, un-seen: like a bunch of guys who just wanted to play hockey.

Without University sports affiliation, without any money, without uniforms, without ice, a club was started anyway, mostly subsidized individually. These were not times of entitlement. Some had experience with formal coaching and cohesive organizational structure, but many had been introduced to the game skating outdoors whenever and wherever they could find ice.

And so the Hockey Club began at WIU. One thing led to another and the early members of the club were selling programs at the home football games to make a dime for the club on each copy sold. Where were those farm ponds north of campus that we received permission to shovel and skate on? And, you can't do much without a coach, and we were fortunate enough to find a guy working in the athletics department who agreed to volunteer his time and energy, and "eh," he was Canadian.

Things began to evolve, and our new coach pulled out all the stops and negotiated a loan from the athletics department to allow us to 'borrow' some old short-sleeved WIU football jerseys to wear as uniforms.

Coach "Randy" Swedburg even negotiated a hockey stick deal from Kitchner Hockey Sticks, and when playing with these sticks, you felt like you had a 1x4 board fused to the shaft of the stick. Then we found some ice; and, a rink, to skate on with a Zamboni, in Pekin (IL)! Somewhere along the way some of us cut out small adhesive letters and ironed them on the back of windbreakers.

Soon, other club teams were contacted and games were set. We competed against teams from Parsons College, Bradley University, and Illinois State...the first season of '69-'70 was embryonic at best.

The growing passion of playing hockey in the region evolved into WIU becoming a member of the newly formed CSCHL, the Central States Collegiate Hockey League. Small CSCHL patches were created and sewn on newer purple and gold WIU hockey jackets, or new purple and gold WIU hockey jerseys, all at the player's expense.

The spirit of those times on campus was truly engaging. We, as a club, learned from the Student Activities Committee that we could not expect to receive any significant financial lack of on-campus activities.

That was of course unless the student population agreed that this was a worthwhile University function even with limited on-campus presence. Through a herculean effort by the club members, we obtained 8,700 student signatures from the student population, which documented that the students supported this hockey club initiative and could therefore receive some money for ice time and travel.

That was the good news; the bad news was that prior to this effort, Coach Swedburg found an ice rink that was closer to campus and less expensive...so in '70-'71 we got a chance to drive in our own vehicles to skate between 7 and 9 a.m. in Keokuk (IA), that is after we dressed in a warming house with no heat and the outdoor rink that needed to be shoveled. Above is a picture of the '70-'71 WIU Hockey team.

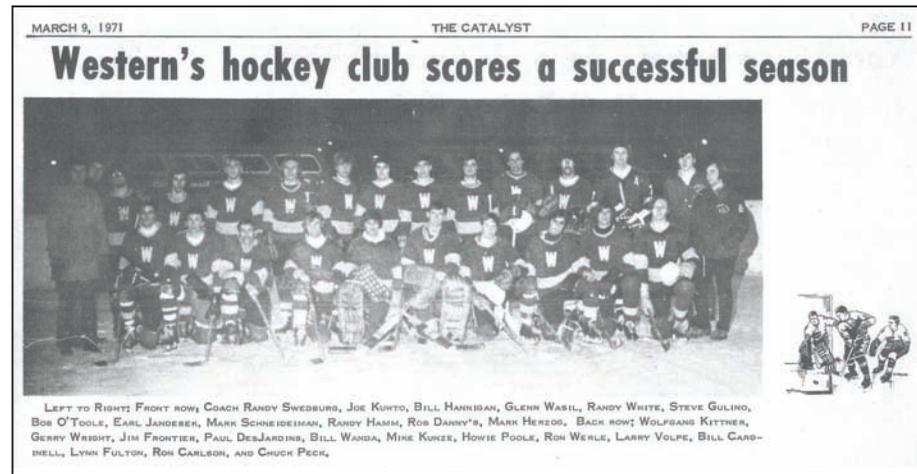
Eventually Peoria (IL) became the home rink. They put a dome on the artificial ice, and we actually got hospitable locker rooms and some lean degree of warm water in the showers. Some funds were allocated to hire a small bus with a driver, so travel was no longer via the few who had personal vehicles. These were special times.

Additional collegiate club teams over time were scheduled to compete against: Chicago State, College of Dupage, Iowa State, Purdue, NIU, Drake, Wisconsin State, Loyola, Moraine Valley, Northeastern, Lewis College, and even the Peoria Blades. Over the tenure of these six to seven years, we humbly collected awards.

The original club members listed in no particular order were...Bob "Tool" O'Toole '73 M. ACCT '74; Earl "E" Jandacek '73; Howie "Howard" Poole '74; Mike "Kunta" Kunze '73; Bill "Bird" Cardinell '73; Joe "Noodle" Khuta; Wolfgang "Wolf" Kittner '73; Paul Des Jardins '71; Jim "Erector Man" Brennen; Pete Ross; Ron Carlson; Larry "Mops" Volpe '73; Mark Jaros; Lynn "Lynn" Fulton '73; Mark Herzog '76; Art Gill '71; Tom Kasanders '73; Steve Sirota; Dave Pillar; Steve Barnstead '76 and Coach Swedburg. Hopefully no name was missed here, but should that have happened, apologies are offered.

Others followed in the next few years, players like leading scorer Mark "Markie" Schneiderman '74; Glen "Captain America" Wasil; Gerry "Cesa" Wright '74; Steve "Lips" Gulino; Al "Griz" Gjundjak '73; Duane "Grahav" Grahovec; Chuck "Dudley Dooright" Peck...and a wave of new talent including star Danny Englebright '76 right to the 'U' from Pekin.

For all students and/or faculty who attended WIU in these early times of WIU Hockey, we hope you remember or saw a glimpse. For those who did not, we hope you have enjoyed this little recap of a special moment in time for a dedicated small bunch of guys who just wanted to play hockey.



Editor's Note: It was the writer's original intent to document the WIU Hockey Club from its beginning in 1969. The hope is that others will fill in the blanks.

Residence hall staff grab top awards

A delegation of Western Illinois resident assistants (RAs) recently attended the 2010 Illinois State Resident Assistant Association (ISRAA) conference and came home with several top awards.

Corbin Hall RAs **Sara Nobbe**, a senior Spanish major from McHenry (IL), and **Dani Lee**, a junior biology major from Belvidere (IL), presented the "Tunnel of Oppression," a program that originated at Western in 1994 and is a model for programs across the nation. The duo received the "Top 10 Program" Award at the ISRAA; while **David Arnold**, a senior marketing major from Williamsville (IL) and Higgins Hall resident assistant, and **John Seely**, a senior special education major from Lebanon (IL) and Thompson Hall resident assistant, were nominated by their peers and chosen by a representative from each school at the conference as the "Most Outstanding Leaders."

"Haunted Higgins 19," which debuted at Western during the Fall 2009 semester, along with the "Tunnel of Oppression," earned "Most Outstanding Program" awards. The ISRAA host committee also selected Western's delegation as the "Most Spirited," and the ISRAA executive board and host committee chose Western as the ISRAA "School of the Year" based on WIU's staff work and delegation preparation.

"Our student leaders clearly embrace Western's values of educational opportunity, academic excellence, social responsibility and personal growth. While WIU was represented by a small fraction of our student housing staff, these delegates truly showcased the outstanding students we have on the Western Illinois University campus," said **John Biernbaum**, assistant vice president for student services-student life.

Division of Student Services

ACPA

American College Personnel Association
WIU Alumni and Friends Social, Boston, March 2010

AND

NASPA

National Association of
Student Personnel Administrators
WIU Alumni and Friends Social, Chicago, March 2010



L-r: Assistant Vice President for Student Services John Biernbaum, Zach Fichtor '04, and Chris Wheeler '97, MS '00.



L-r: Dan Calhoun MS '00, Mitch Nasser MS '00, and Terri Frysch MS '07.



ACPA Diamond Honoree Celebration-
L-r: Mary Ann Ryan MS '76 with W. Garry Johnson Vice President for Student Services, Katie Sermersheim MS '91, and 2010 Honorary Doctorate recipient John Welty '66.



L-r: Alicia McCullough MS '09 with W. Garry Johnson Vice President for Student Services, Ellen Engh MS '10, and Allison Morgan '09.



L-r: Jessica Bunch Butcher MS '96, Donna Denoncourt MS '95, Katie Sermersheim MS '91, and Beth Lingren Clark MS '96.



L-r: Stephanie Milner MS '09, Joe Haferman MS '09, Matt Nelson, and Blake Antonides '09.



L-r: Erika Lowe '09, Director of Student Activities Ann Comerford, Director of Student Assistance and Parent Services Karolynn Heuer '90 MS Ed '93, and Sarah Cunningham MS '04.



L-r: Ryan Macleod MS '08, Nicole Remy MS '08, Pat Walsh MS '09, Alandis Johnson MS '10, Kevin Merrill MS '08, and Ashley Wee.



Intercollegiate Athletics

Roche retires



Dwaine Roche

Associate Athletics Director **Dwaine Roche '94**, announced his retirement effective June 30. Roche, a longtime WIU Athletics administrator, helped Leatherneck Athletics reach unprecedented growth in donations and scholarship dollars raised.

For nearly 25 years, Roche's responsibilities included development, marketing, promotions and tickets for Leatherneck Athletics.

He directed all Leatherneck Club (formerly Western Athletic Club) functions and fundraising activities, and was heavily involved in fundraising for facility improvements, including the student-athlete academic advising center, the football locker room, the track renovation and installation of lights at Hanson Field, creation of the Hall of Fame room inside Western Hall, an office complex for the men's and women's basketball coaching staff, and the resurfacing of the tennis courts.

Early in Roche's tenure, he helped oversee the merging of the men's and women's programs fundraising efforts to form the then-Western Athletic Club. One of the major events Roche started was the Purple and Gold auction. Entering its 21st year, Roche said the event began with a simple setting and now it has grown into one of the biggest fundraising and social events of the year.

"When we first started, we put up a tent outside of the old Holiday Inn, had a fish fry and brought in bails of hay and three-row bleachers for people to sit," said Roche. "From there we went to the Union Ballroom but have outgrown that facility, and now we host the event in Western Hall. This is a great way for Western Illinois Athletics to kick off the fall sports season."

Not only is Roche one of the most well known members of the Western Illinois University community, his voice at athletic events is unmistakable. Roche served as the public address announcer at Western Illinois basketball games for nearly 20 years, and the 2009 football campaign marked his 39th year as the PA announcer at Hanson Field.

Tim Van Alstine, assistant vice president of Student Services/director of Athletics, said Leatherneck Athletics will be losing a valuable member of the administrative staff. According to Van Alstine, with the University's comprehension fundraising campaign nearing the public phase the search for Roche's replacement will begin immediately.

"During his long tenure at Western, Dwaine has been involved in many progressive and positive changes within the Athletics department. In many ways, Dwaine is the face of our department as he is very well respected internally and externally. He is the ultimate ambassador for what we value in the name of Leatherneck sports," he said. "One would be hard pressed to find a more loyal and dedicated supporter of the Leathernecks... and I expect he will continue that interest and support. We wish him all the best in his retirement."

On the run with Nike

WIU record-breaker blazes trail that began in childhood

Western Illinois track and field standout **ChrisDell Harris** graduated with the class of 2010 and has moved on to a contract with the Nike Developmental Team. The Wichita (KS), native will be living in Kansas City (MO) as she trains and competes with Nike.

"Western Illinois has been very good to me," Harris said. "There are so many people who helped me get to where I am today, from the support staff to coaches and professors, all who helped me to get where I am—I could go on for days with all of the people who have pushed me to succeed. Western is like a family and that's what I believe in."

Family is exactly what started Harris in the direction she is now headed, as she grew up alongside twin brother and competitive runner ODe'll Harris.

"My mom is very big on discipline and when we knew we were in trouble we would take off running," Harris said, laughing. "When she saw we could run as fast as we could, she immediately signed us up for primary, AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) and USATF (USA Track and Field)."

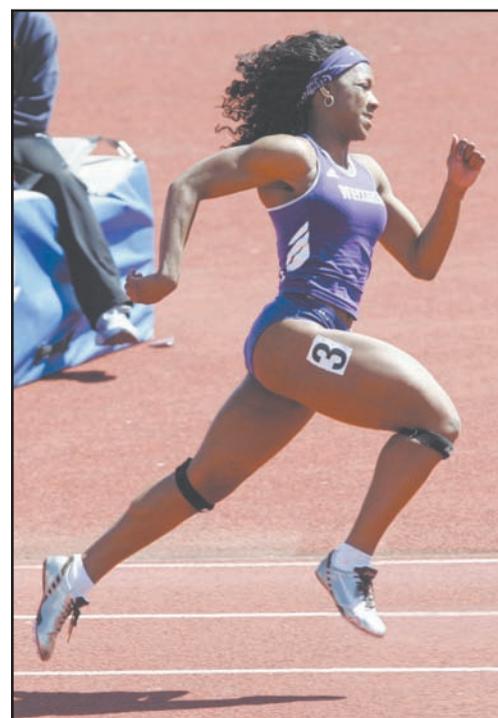
ODe'll and ChrisDell grew up in competition and both attended Barton County Community College and ran track and field.

ChrisDell continued on to set Western Illinois records, become a three-time Summit League Champion and rank in the program's top-10 all-time fastest times, while ODe'll raced for the U.S. as a part of the Nike team at the 11th IAAF (International Association of Athletics Federations) World Junior Athletics Championships in Beijing, China in 2006.

"We've always had this rivalry that will never be broken," ChrisDell said. "I always tell him (ODe'll) that one day I will catch him and I'm almost there. He is my own personal angel that God sent to me. He has always been the consistent male in my life and a true motivator."

In 2008, ChrisDell set Western's record for the indoor 60-meter dash with a time of 7.52 at the Eastern Illinois Early Bird Invitational. She went on to win the indoor 60-meter dash at the Summit League Championships for three straight seasons, setting arena-record times and Summit League records. Her dedication and training have been proven with her many accomplishments. When the start gun fires, Harris has one goal in mind.

"I get a rush. All I can think about is who's getting to the line first. Once I'm ahead of them no one is catching me so it's all about getting out of the blocks," Harris explained. "I want to be the best and in order to be the



best you have to win. In order to win you have to practice harder than every other person that's practicing.

"If you get beat at a track meet, then that means that person worked just that much harder than you. I get out and run when I know everyone is in class or asleep and when I know no one is looking. I want to be the one who comes out of nowhere and shows people that I can work that hard."

Harris' coach growing up, Pierre Wilkens, saw potential in her as a child as he bought Harris her first pair of running spikes when she entered the second grade. Wilkens made the call to Harris' Nike coach Al Hobson, which helped her along to where she is today.

"Nike is the foot in the door, I want to take it and literally run with it. I dream, but I get shaken every time I get to say that I'm with Nike," Harris said with tears in her eyes. "I get the privilege to work with Victoria Howard who's on the team now. We grew up running AAU track together. We've been running together since primary and we talked about Nike all the time and now we get to run together. My sophomore or freshman year we raced against each other at KU Relays and I took second and

she won. I hope to get under her wing since she's working with Nike now."

Harris is off and running with Nike now that she has earned a diploma and made her mark in the Western Illinois track and field record books.

Joe "Coach" Byrne

Joe "Coach" Byrne '76, age 56, of Mapleton (IL), passed away March 3 at his home.

He was born Dec. 21, 1953, in Chicago, and grew up in Lockport (IL), where he attended junior high and high school.

Byrne taught physical education, driver's education, and coached football and wrestling at Limestone High School for 31 years. He earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Western Illinois University, where he holds the school record for most assisted tackles in a single football season. He later received his master's degree from St. Xavier University.

Surviving family members include three daughters and seven grandchildren.

(Information from The Peoria Journal Star.)

Intercollegiate Athletics



Salute the Colonel!

WIU debuts secondary mascot at Leathernecks baseball game

Courtesy of WIU Athletics

Western Illinois University has officially welcomed a new member to the Leatherneck family. Colonel Rock III, was introduced to the University and local community May 15 at Alfred D. Boyer Stadium.

Through the efforts of George Visoky, father of WIU Football Leatherneck **Victor Visoky**, working with the Siess Ranch in Seneca (KS), Colonel Rock was donated to the Athletics department. Joining "Rocky" as the Athletics department mascot, Colonel Rock will attend sporting and University events.

The arrival of Colonel Rock III reinstates a tradition after a 37-year hiatus.

Western's first "real" bulldog mascot made its debut Oct. 10, 1959 at the Homecoming football game. One day earlier, the dog, which was purchased by the Student Government Association, was officially named "Colonel Rock" at the Homecoming bonfire. The English bulldog, which is the traditional mascot of the U.S. Marine Corps, was cared for by the **John Storey** family in Macomb.

In the late 1960s, Capt. Dale Luster, a recruiter from the Marine Corps League of Chicago, was instrumental in assisting the Corps' purchase of Colonel Rock II, a.k.a. "Rocky." Two years later, Luster was killed in action over North Vietnam. Rocky retired in 1973 and was replaced with a costumed version.

According to Associate Athletics Director **Dwaine Roche '94**, several people have helped make Colonel Rock's arrival a possibility.

"We are all excited about having a live mascot on campus again. We know that Colonel Rock III will bring



L-r: Beth and Richard Siess, owners of the Siess Ranch in Seneca (KS), deliver Western's newest Leatherneck to his new caretaker, Joe Roselieb '07 MS '09, assistant director of residential facilities.

tremendous enthusiasm to all University events, but more importantly help renew the Leatherneck tradition. Without their generous support and contributions, this special gift to the University would not have been possible."

Football - 2010 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time (CST)
Thu, Sep 02	VALPARAISO	Macomb	6 p.m.
Sat, Sep 11	at Purdue	at West Lafayette, Ind.	TBA
Sat, Sep 18	SAM HOUSTON STATE	Macomb	1 p.m.
Homecoming 2010			
Sat, Sep 25	INDIANA STATE *	Macomb	3 p.m.
Sat, Oct 02	at North Dakota State *	at Fargo, N.D.	11 a.m.
Sat, Oct 09	at South Dakota State *	at Brookings, S.D.	6 p.m.
Family Weekend			
Sat, Oct 16	YOUNGSTOWN STATE *	Macomb	6 p.m.
Sat, Oct 23	at Missouri State *	at Springfield, Mo.	1 p.m.
Sat, Oct 30	ILLINOIS STATE *	Macomb	2 p.m.
Sat, Nov 13	at Southern Illinois *	at Carbondale, Ill.	1 p.m.
Sat, Nov 20	NORTHERN IOWA *	Macomb	1 p.m.

* Conference Games

Save the Date



2010 VOLLEYBALL ALUMNI
HOMECOMING WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

RSVP to Melissa David by
calling (309) 298-1855 or e-mail
at ml-david@wiu.edu

FRIDAY, SEPT. 24

7 p.m. - Watch the Leathernecks take on Summit League rival IUPUI in Brophy Hall

Alumni Social at Buffalo Wild Wings immediately afterward

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25

Time TBD - Alumni Scrimmage in Brophy Hall

Noon - Tailgating Social

3 p.m. - Watch Leathernecks face Indiana State at Hanson Field

Shaymus Relays sees second year of success



Nearly one week after the second annual Shaymus Relays in May, donations continued to pour in, raising more than \$11,000 for Shaymus Guinn and his family.

The Shaymus Relays, a fundraiser for the son of women's soccer coach **Tony Guinn** and family, is put on by members of the Western Illinois track and field and cross country teams and headed by **Eric Anerino**, a senior from Naperville (IL) and **Michael McGraw**, a junior

from Knoxville (IL). Shaymus continues to battle Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer. For the second year, the relays brought support and participation from all over campus and the Macomb community.

"When I looked around, it was amazing to have the entire Athletics department, the teams, administrators and the children of the community in full support," Anerino said. "It was great that Macomb Little League actually canceled games that day to have full support for a great



cause; we really appreciated that. Seeing other individuals giving up their time and showing support means a lot to me."

One hundred percent of the money raised is donated to the Guinn family and came from the participation in the relays, T-shirt purchases and donations. The event consisted of track and field activities for first through sixth graders and a pair of events for WIU students. The relay competition had 135 elementary participants and 188 WIU

participants. In addition to the participants, hundreds of spectators came to show support.

"To see families come out together and participate to support Shaymus and his family is really cool, and to see this many people care that much," McGraw said. "We have hopes the Shaymus Relays will continue every year and when the time is right the proceeds will go to another Macomb family in need."

University Libraries

Hanson, other athletic stars to be highlighted during Homecoming

As part of WIU's 2010 Homecoming celebration, the Archives and Special Collections Unit will present a display for the 60th anniversary of Hanson Field's dedication.

Hanson Field was named in 1950 for **Ray "Rock" Hanson**, Western's beloved coach and athletics director from 1926-1964. Hanson was responsible for bringing the Leathernecks name to Western's sports teams in the 1920s, and he went on to lead Western's teams through some of their most successful seasons. A well-known and well-respected character around campus and in the community, Hanson is still remembered by many as a man of singular charisma, energy and drive. The football field was named in his honor Sept. 23, 1950 at a ceremony featuring many former players and coaches. The WIU Archives and Special Collections is fortunate to own several collections documenting Western athletics during the Hanson era, including the Ray Hanson Collection, comprised of documents, objects and photographs once owned by Hanson; the papers of **Leroy "Stix" Morley '29**, Hanson's close friend and a successful WIU basketball coach; and the papers of **Wes Stevens**, football coach in the 1950s and 60s. Additionally, the Archives contain the papers of WIU president **Frank A. Beu** and a set of informative scrapbooks kept by the athletics department.



Hanson Field was named in September 1950 in honor of the coach who brought the Leathernecks name to Western's sports teams.

The various collections include items such as Hanson's signature bow ties, handwritten notes from Beu to Morley advising Morley on managing the basketball team, scrapbooks full of mementos of winning seasons, photos of team members and coaches and letters congratulating Hanson on the naming of the field. These collections will be highlighted during Homecoming weekend. Archives will also host special hours from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 during the Student Assistant Gala. During this time, visitors can browse through these original historical documents relating to athletics at Western, as well as view yearbooks and photos from Western's history. All of the aforementioned collections—and countless more—are available for public viewing and research in the Archives. No appointment is necessary. Visit the Archives on the sixth floor of the Leslie F. Malpass Library from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, or call (309) 298-2717. The Archives



Legendary Coach and Athletics Director Ray Hanson, (third from right), and WIU President Frank Beu, far right, at the groundbreaking for the new football field and grandstand in 1947.

is always looking to expand its collections of materials documenting WIU's history. If you possess photographs, letters, scrapbooks or other similar materials you are interested in donating to our permanent repository, please contact Archives at (309) 298-2717.

Did You Know...



The Western Illinois University Archives and Special Collections and Digitization Units are working on digitizing WIU yearbooks for researchers and alumni to browse online. The collection includes the first yearbook from 1904, which was titled *The Souvenir*. The name was changed to *The Sequel* in 1905. It kept this name until the yearbook was discontinued in the 2005-2006 school year.

The digitized collection currently includes the years 1904 through 1913, but additional years are being added continuously. To review the collection, visit wiu.edu/library/units/archives, select "The Sequel Yearbooks" on the left side bar, and then select "browse" to find the year you are interested in reviewing. For more information, contact the Archives and Special Collections Unit at (309) 298-2717.

Former student workers invited to return to WIU Libraries

University Libraries will host its second annual Library Student Assistants Gala from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 in the Leslie F. Malpass Library Garden Lounge. Anyone who has ever worked for University Libraries, in any capacity, is welcome to attend.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to visit with old friends, reminisce about the library and how things have changed over the years and meet the current library faculty, staff and current student assistants," said **Phyllis Self**, dean of University Libraries.

"My mom, brother and I have all worked here, so it was wonderful to come back and see everyone who we have worked with over the years," said **Karen Trusley MS '10**,

who attended last year's gala. "It was really cool to see where life has taken all of us and how our training here in the library has molded our future careers."

During the gala, Archives and Special Collections will also host special hours to highlight various sports-related collections, including those of **Ray "Rock" Hanson** and **Leroy "Stix" Morley '29**. Visitors can browse these historical documents and view yearbooks and photos from Western's history.

Join University Libraries for refreshments and sharing of memories. R.S.V.P. by Sept. 10 by calling (309) 298-2762 or e-mail ss-sellers@wiu.edu.

Donations always welcome

University Libraries welcomes gifts in all forms, including monetary gifts, materials and Western Illinois University artifacts and memorabilia. Gifts of materials can be directed to **Greg Phelps '93** at (309) 298-2730 or via e-mail at GW-Phelps@wiu.edu. Historical WIU artifacts and memorabilia donations can be directed to **Jeff Hancks** at (309) 298-2717 or JL-Hancks@wiu.edu. All other donations, including monetary and planned gifts, should be directed to **Stephanie Sellers '00** at (309) 298-2356 or SS-Sellers@wiu.edu.



College of Education and Human Services

IDT at work: Alumnus leads students on tour of expanding business

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92

On any given workday **Ken Haas '04**, a multimedia training manager at Carthage (IL) Veterinary Service (CVS), Ltd., may find himself designing Flash animations for an instructional CD or DVD or scoping a new project for which he will serve as manager. Haas, who has worked at CVS since he completed an internship there in 2004, is an alumnus of Western's instructional design and technology (IDT) program. In mid-February, he hosted a group of IDT students, both undergraduate and graduate level, at CVS's headquarters in Carthage. The goal of the trip was to help IDT students gain an understanding of instructional design work and project management in a corporate training and consulting service setting.



The company recently finished remodeling work on the multimedia training department's new location, in the rehabbed Carthage College's Anthony Hall (middle building).

Located on the former Robert Morris College campus (also formerly Carthage College, which moved to Wisconsin in the 1960s), CVS serves the swine industry with animal health-related services, and employs nine veterinarians who work with swine-industry operations in the U.S., Japan, China and Brazil. The company also houses a multimedia training department, in which Haas, as well as WIU IDT alumna **Amy Bogatz '07**, develop high-end multimedia training for the swine industry.

CVS is in the process of gradually retooling the former Carthage College campus. The company recently finished remodeling work on the multimedia training department's new location, in the rehabbed Anthony Hall. Last month, Haas hosted the WIU students, who are members of Western's student chapter of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT), and the student group's faculty representative, **Hoyet Hemphill**, chair of Western's IDT department.

Haas began his presentation with an overview of CVS, then discussed the business side of instructional design when he talked about the multimedia training department's variety of projects.

"We use all kinds of tools here," he said. "We utilize software in Adobe's Creative Suite 4 Master Collection, which includes programs like Photoshop, Flash and Illustrator, and we use other Adobe products. We need all of these tools to offer the portfolio of services we do, such as instructional CDs, DVDs and videos; Flash animations; webinars; podcasts; 3D games and simulations; website and graphic design; digital photography; and audio production," he noted.

Haas also explained how the nature of his instructional design and project management work has changed since he began working at CVS almost six years ago as an intern.

"When I first started, the work we were doing was primarily along the lines of internal training projects—multimedia, CD-type lessons developed for our managed farms and the employees who work on those farms," Haas explained. "From those projects, we started to get a lot of interest from farm operations outside of the company, which had heard about the company's training lessons. So we started selling the training to other companies. Now, we are working with a few multinational companies and developing training lessons for them. One of those companies, Pfizer Animal Health, for which we developed a 3D multimedia training simulation called 'Virtual Walking the Pens,' along with numerous other projects, has been utilizing our training development and instructional design services for the past several years. We are also doing a great deal of consulting in the swine industry, which has helped us grow the number of projects we work on and has dramatically influenced the revenue my department brings to the company," Haas added.

Jessica Ruebush '09 of Macomb, an IDT graduate student and AECT chapter president, organized the field trip to CVS. She noted that Haas' presentation helped her understand the breadth of work an instructional design professional can encounter in a small yet growing organization.

"They seem to use about every technology tool out there," she said, recalling the slide from Haas' presentation that identified the software applications he and his team utilize on an everyday basis. "It was really valuable to hear Ken talk about how he and his team approach instructional design projects and the variety of equipment and applications they have to know how to use in order to do their jobs. It was also good to see how his department applies the instructional design process. It's clear that he uses what we learn in our IDT classes in his work every day."

Haas explained that his instructional design (ID) work at CVS is complemented well by the fact that the ID work he does is swine-industry specific—the nine vets who also work at CVS comprise an invaluable in-house resource of subject matter experts.

"That really gives us our competitive edge, as I see it," he said. "There are all kinds of non-industry specific multimedia shops. But CVS is unique in that we have our team of veterinarians who serve as our content experts," Haas added.



Members of WIU's AECT student chapter on the field trip to CVS, l-r: **Jessica Ruebush '09** (graduate student, Macomb, IL); **Ashley Gose** (senior, Towanda, IL); **David Liska** (senior, Macomb, IL); **Carlo Daniels** (junior, Macomb, IL); **Hoyet Hemphill**, IDT chair; **Kerry Wisdom** (graduate student, Jamaica); **Putrini Mahadewi** (graduate student, Indonesia); and **Xiaokai Jia** (graduate student, China).



Ken Haas '04 (standing) talks about instructional design in a business setting to students in WIU's Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) chapter.

Learning from the Best

"The IDT department works closely with AECT in helping find and support guest speakers and field trips," Hemphill said. "Ken has been a guest speaker for us, has come to our annual job fairs and was generous enough to offer this recent field trip experience for our students."

Haas noted that he enjoys facilitating learning opportunities for WIU's IDT and AECT-member students, and does so in part as a way to give back to a program that prepared him for his role today.

"I think my education in WIU's IDT program was top notch," Haas said. "The entire faculty—well, that department is just awesome. They all have lots of practical experience, and you can tell they are instructors who really enjoy teaching. It made going to class every day a pleasure."

College of Education and Human Services

Educational leadership alumnus receives national award

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92

Kim Hanks ED SP '09 of West Peoria (IL) was recently recognized as one of only seven graduate students and education administrators in the nation to receive the American Association of School Administrators's (AASA) Paul D. Houston Award and \$2,500 scholarship. She traveled to Phoenix (AZ) in mid-February to receive the national honor.

Sandra Watkins, associate professor in Western's educational leadership program, is among the faculty members who nominated Hanks for the AASA's scholarship award program.

Hanks, who is assistant principal at Bartonville (IL) Grade School Unit 66, said she was a bit stunned when she received the news. She noted that she didn't really believe she had a shot at it.

"In fact, I almost forgot to submit the paperwork," she said. "When Dr. Watkins told me she had nominated me, honestly, I kind of blew it off at first. I just didn't believe that I realistically would be in the running for it. But I finally submitted the paperwork, because I wanted to live up to the faculty members' expectations."

"Kim is a truly gifted instructional leader," Watkins said. "She is very goal oriented, as well. She is internally motivated and has high standards for herself and for the teachers she supervises. She believes in accountability for student achievement results—she is someone who definitely questions the status quo. Still, Kim remains very optimistic and passionate about making a difference in her role as an educational leader."

In addition to Watkins' vote of confidence, Hanks was supported by a letter of nomination from **Nick DiGrino**, College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) dean, as well as a letter from West Peoria Mayor James Dillon. Since she moved to West Peoria in 1994 with her family, Hanks has been active in civic life there, serving as a city council member for the municipality, as well as a member of West Peoria's city planning commission.

"I think all school systems need more professionals like Kim," Dillon said. "She is a quality teacher and administrator, as well as a devoted citizen."

For her own contribution to the award nomination, Hanks had to answer five questions. In one of them, she discussed a personal experience that has helped shape her perception of the education system.

"I wrote about my son. He was born prematurely, and at the beginning of his life, it was a life-and-death kind of situation. But the physician's approach was to do



Kim Hanks (far right), who recently earned her education specialist certificate from WIU, with Sandra Watkins (left), associate professor in WIU's educational leadership program, and Mike Johnson, former director of the Illinois School Board Association.

whatever it took for him to survive. The doctors also included my husband and me as partners in the process to save his life. Every step of the way, they included us," Hanks explained. "But when it was time for him to attend school, the system was not prepared to provide him with the learning facilities he needed. He has cerebral palsy, he's visually impaired and he can only use one hand. And when he started school, he couldn't walk or talk. He was very delayed. So, the premise of my essay was, like

physicians faced with life-and-death situations, education administrators need to instill and practice a sense of urgency—just like for my son when he was born. Each child that is in our education system deserves everything we've got to help them be successful, whether it's someone who needs to be enriched, or someone, like my son, who has a lot of extra learning needs."

Along with the scholarship, Hanks was also given \$500 in travel funds to attend the AASA's award ceremony and its 2010 National Conference on Education in Phoenix from Feb. 11-13. Although she noted it was exciting to attend the ceremony, she said she was equally excited about getting the chance to co-present with her mentor, Watkins, at the conference.

"Dr. Watkins was very gracious to allow me to co-present 'Resources for New Superintendents,'" Hanks said. "She really knows how to mentor people. She's just a wonderful person, and I still can hardly believe that I was able to present at a national conference with her. It's very exciting."

Along with Watkins and Hanks, faculty members from Western's educational leadership program who presented at the conference included **Carol Webb**, assistant professor; **John Closen**, assistant professor; and **Vicki VanTuyle MS ED '79**, instructor.

"It's always impressive to me when I see the names of Western's educational leadership program faculty members included in a variety of national-level conference brochures or conference materials. Many of them present at these conferences frequently, and many of them are also known nationally. I don't know if people really realize that," Hanks noted.

Hanks plans to make good use of her \$2,500 award; she plans to pursue her doctorate in educational leadership (Ed.D) at WIU (wiu.edu/edl).



Bruce Lawlor of Macomb, a senior athletic training major in WIU's kinesiology program, and Macomb Mayor Mick Wisslead, with the National Athletic Training Month Proclamation that Mayor Wisslead signed March 5 at Macomb City Hall. March was National Athletic Training Month (NATM) and WIU took part in this year's theme, "Sports Safety Is a Team Effort," with activities throughout the month.

Terry retires

Pamela Terry '82 MS '84, professor of health sciences and a nationally recognized trainer and consultant in the field of bullying prevention/intervention, was honored during a retirement reception last spring.

Terry was a member of the health sciences faculty since 1999, and had also served as a consultant for Terry and Associates, a private consulting business providing health education to individuals and corporate wellness programs since 1988. She has been invited to provide bullying prevention programming in a variety of settings throughout the U.S.

Prior to teaching at Western, Terry was an instructor at Lincoln College, and also served as director and assistant director of instruction and curriculum for Hult Health Education, Inc. in Peoria (IL). Terry also worked at Western from 1982-1987 as a counselor and academic adviser in what was then the College of Applied Sciences.

She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Western, and her doctorate from Southern Illinois University. Terry received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Department of Health Sciences in 1995 and was named the community health and health services management teacher of the year in 2001.



Pamela Terry

College of Education and Human Services

Connecting special education and spirituality

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92

Don Healy, Jr. '84 Ed SP, may have recently retired from Western's special education department, but the next few months, perhaps years, will be filled with work. Not that he minds, though. Healy (who started his career at Western as an assistant professor of special education in 1997), will continue the pursuit of the work he enjoys most: research into spirituality and the role it plays in the lives of those who are developmentally disabled.

"The branch of research I have chosen to pursue may be a bit further afield than some people might think that a special-education researcher should be working on, so I feel grateful to my department and the University for the unwavering support that I have received," Healy said.

Healy—whose 2009 article published in the *Journal of Religion, Disability & Health*, "Rediscovering the Mystera: Sacramental Stories from Persons with Disabilities, Their Families and their Faith Communities" was the culmination of his last few years of research—has already made significant headway in his latest research effort. He has completed more than 30 interviews with individuals in his ethnographic-based endeavor, which examines relational consciousness and developmentally disabled adults.

"When I was analyzing the sacramental stories for the 'Rediscovering the Mystera' article, I came across a construct in the area of disability theology called 'relational consciousness.' This research work is based, in part, on the work of English researcher David Hay, who worked in conjunction with Rebecca Nye. They looked at the spirituality of young children and the branch of theology called 'bio-theology' or 'neuro-theology,' which asserts people's brains are hardwired to be spiritual, that part of the evolutionary process in human development has been that of the development of spirituality as well," he explained.

According to Healy, relational consciousness involves how humans relate to their individual selves; how humans relate to others; how we relate to our surrounding environment; and finally, how humans relate to God or other deities. He noted that Hay's and Nye's research, as well as much of the relational consciousness research he reviewed, had been based on interviews conducted with young children and adolescents without disabilities.

"As far as I can tell—based on my reading to investigate the construct—no one has ever tried to conduct interviews, probing these four areas of relational consciousness, with adults with developmental disabilities," he noted.

Field Service and Beyond

Prior to coming to Western, Healy had served the education field in various capacities, including as an assistant professor of education at Marycrest International University; an adjunct professor in child development at Black Hawk College; a learning disabilities teacher and principal at Willard Elementary School (Moline, IL); a preschool teacher for at-risk children; and as the sole proprietor and director of H.E.A.L.Y. Educational Consulting. Healy earned his Ed.S. in educational administration in 1984 from WIU, after earning his M.S.Ed and bachelor's degrees from Illinois State in University in 1979 and 1975 respectively. Healy received his Ph.D. in



Photo courtesy of *The Dispatch* and *The Rock Island Argus*. **Don Healy (right)**, with **Jerry Schroeder of the Greater Iowa Alzheimer's Association**, during a seminar held on the WIU-QC campus.

1992 from the University of Iowa.

He has received grants from the U.S. Department of Education and from the Illinois State Board of Education; he has written and published articles and one book chapter; presented at numerous education and special education-related workshops nationally and internationally; and served on various University committees. Healy's service work as an academic also includes working with the Special Olympics and the Arc of Rock Island County, a non-profit organization that supports individuals with disabilities and their families. Healy has also been actively involved with SPEC, or Special Persons Encounter Christ.

"Over the years, I've been involved off and on with SPEC in the Quad Cities, which is a Christian-oriented

interdenominational evening of worship and activities for people with various levels of developmental disabilities. The meetings are held right up the street from WIU's Quad Cities campus," Healy said. I feel lucky to have been afforded the opportunity to engage in some of my service work through my involvement with groups like SPEC and the Special Olympics. It has been meaningful for me to do that."

Healy will also continue his memberships in such groups as the American Association for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and the European Society for the Study of Theology and Disability (ESSTD). Mostly, though, he will be immersed in compiling the data he gathered and will be working toward examining and analyzing the interview information. He added that the possibilities are still open for his research, but he hopes to present his findings at an upcoming meeting of the ESSTD. He also noted that while the possibility of sharing his work is exciting, he is most enriched by the work itself—the experiences he's had, what he has learned, from interviewing some of the individuals he's met through SPEC.

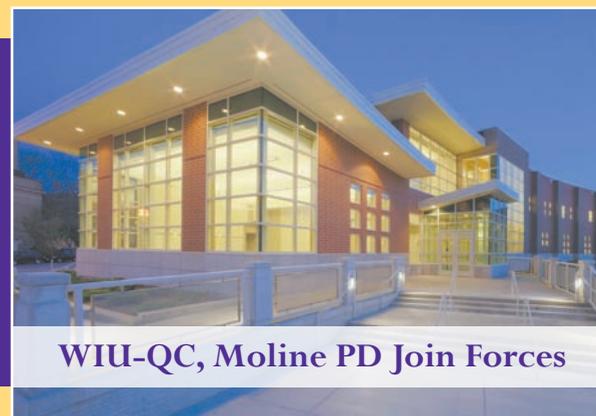
"I hired an undergraduate student, **Emilie Heald**, who is a senior elementary education major from Moline (IL), to help me with the interviews. She and I have reflected on our interview experiences, and she told me she feels the same way—that talking with the individuals in SPEC has been moving and humbling," Healy said. "A lot of these individuals have such a sincere trust and belief in God and in the people who provide these activities for them. I know this may sound corny, but I have felt privileged to interview these individuals. I have gotten to know about their perspectives about spirituality and how it has enriched their lives and the lives of those around them in their faith communities."

More news from COEHS



New three-year degree program

L-r: **Brian Ritter MS '02**, Eastern Iowa Community College District (EICCD) Conservation Instructor; **Don McLean**, RPTA Professor; **Nick DiGrino**, COEHS Dean; **Dale Adkins**, RPTA Chair at Nahant Marsh in Davenport (IA). WIU-QC and EICCD recently announced a partnership agreement for an accelerated curriculum that prepares students for an associate of science in conservation technology and a bachelor of science in RPTA with a minor in environmental studies, in three years.



WIU-QC, Moline PD Join Forces

A new partnership between the Moline Police Department (MPD) and WIU-QC brings select WIU School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration (LEJA) classes to the high-tech classroom in the MPD's downtown headquarters. In Fall 2010, WIU-QC and the School of LEJA will offer Organized Crime, Introduction to External Security and Seminar in Current Issues in Security at the station.

College of Education and Human Services

COEHS Distinguished Alumnus: Michael Shonrock '79 MS '81

What is your current position?

I am currently serving as senior vice president for enrollment management and student affairs and as an associate professor in the College of Education at Texas Tech University.

Could you please summarize your career since graduating from WIU?

My humble career in public higher education began as a graduate assistant in the Office of Student Activities and, later, I served as a graduate hall director and intern in the Student Personnel Services Office at Western. Upon completion of my master's degree I accepted my first full-time professional position as an area coordinator and Greek adviser at Central Missouri State University (with a starting salary of \$13,000 annually, plus room and board—I thought I was rich!).

From Warrensburg (MO), I continued my southern track, accepting the director of student life position at Pittsburg State University (Kansas). While at Pitt State, I also completed an Ed.S. graduate degree in community college administration.

At this point in my career, I recognized the importance of completing a doctoral degree in order to pursue my passion, which was, at that time, to become a senior student affairs officer. Having applied and interviewed at a handful of Big 10 and Big 8 universities (yes, I do enjoy intercollegiate athletics), I decided to stay in Kansas and pursue my Ph.D. in higher education administration at the University of Kansas. During my next two years at KU—along with completing my doctoral coursework and defending my dissertation—I enjoyed serving as a graduate assistant in the Office of Student Organizations and Activities (coming full circle back to my WIU experience), along with serving as the graduate student representative to the higher education program. I soon found myself in the great state of Texas as the new associate dean of students at Texas Tech University.

During my two decades of service to Texas Tech, I have served as associate dean of students, dean of students, assistant vice president for student affairs, vice president for student affairs, and now, senior vice president for enrollment management and student affairs, and for 18 years I have taught graduate students, advised master's and doctoral students, and chaired/served on numerous dissertation committees in the College of Education.

Like most relatively young professionals, I initially assumed that my tenure at Texas Tech would not exceed five years. However, less than one year into my Red Raider experience, I was flying from Lubbock to Dallas into Love Field and handed a bag down to a woman sitting in front of me, a woman to whom I was engaged one month later and married to six months later.

As I reflect over the past three decades, I began as a WIU Leatherneck, moved to become a CMSU Mule, later



Nick DiGrino, COEHS dean, and Michael Shonrock, at the Distinguished Alumnus Recognition Dinner.

a PSU Gorilla, then a mystical KU Jayhawk, and now a TTU Guns Up Masked Rider. It seems that only I have gotten older—the mascots are ageless.

Explain your current responsibilities and how your position is personally fulfilling.

Let me respond in reverse order, noting that the personal fulfillment in my current role is the opportunity to utilize my strengths daily.

As an associate professor, I teach one graduate course every fall or spring semester, along with a handful of doctoral students enrolled each semester in internship and research courses. Also, I serve as the chair of dissertation committees for a half-dozen doctoral students enrolled in dissertation hours. Generally, my

futures studies and/or leadership graduate courses in higher education provide a nice mix between aspiring master's degree students and overachieving doctoral students.

As senior vice president, I have the opportunity and privilege to work with a number of talented professional staff members, along with a number of graduate and undergraduate student staff.

Along with a handful of associate vice presidents, ultimately, my role is to keep our division focused on the overall mission of promoting student success and, not only pushing the envelope, but being ahead of the curve related to our university's strategic plan to grow our research and enrollment, our strategic enrollment plan to build graduate and transfer student enrollments, and our new responsibility centered management (RCM) initiative that is changing the paradigm of our traditional budget process to a revenue-based budget process.

Weekly, my office and I personally interface with fellow presidents' cabinet members, academic deans, system administrators, Board of Regents members, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board members, state legislators, and local business and civic leaders, and have opportunities to speak with both helicopter parents and "Black Hawk Down" parents!

What are some of the most interesting challenges you have had in your career?

It is a challenge to balance my personal/family life with the ever-changing demands and expectations at a large public university, along with recognizing not only the importance of but my obligation to contribute as a volunteer to various local civic organizations and professional organizations. I consider my role to be the ultimate juggler—juggling both the crystal balls and rubber balls—with the hope that the rubber balls do not turn into crystal balls! Bottom line—let nothing drop, period!

Why did you pursue a degree in college student personnel from WIU?

Fortunately, I had the opportunity to complete my undergraduate degree at Western, where, frankly, I majored in student activities and minored in college. As a fairly engaged undergraduate student, I had great admiration and respect for a number of WIU staff and faculty who clearly enjoyed their careers in the university setting. Without a doubt, pursuing a degree in college student personnel was significantly influenced by my interaction, particularly with student affairs staff, and a desire to give back to both the university and the profession that gave me a plethora of opportunities to grow during my undergraduate years.

You currently oversee numerous offices, 800+ full-time staff and 1,500+ student staff. How do you manage your time and stay grounded? What words of wisdom would you give to those looking to take on new endeavors?

After attending a number of professional seminars and workshops related to effective time management, I am convinced that none of these consultants have ever worked in higher education! My best advice regarding managing time and staying grounded is to never lose your "focus," both in taking and getting direction, following through, making corrections as necessary, prioritizing, and acting. Senior administrators are constantly provided with more help than we deserve but, ultimately, we need not to forget the ultimate mission of the institution and the division and, as importantly, remember that the staff and the students that you serve need to feel a sense of confidence that you can lead. While master planning is important, as important is strategic planning, providing direction and keeping the trains running on time. I am not sure my words of wisdom will be surprising, but as a novice futurist, who is always looking ahead, I never forget the importance of humility and humor in my daily professional life. There are already plenty of egos at any college or university and I remind staff to keep theirs in their back pocket, along with learning to laugh with others, being serious about your work, but reminding yourself not to be serious all of the time.

What advice would you give to graduating students? To what do you attribute your success?

Undergraduate students should continue into graduate or professional school. Graduate students should continue to pursue doctoral or other professional degrees. My experience over three decades highly suggests that future advancement and continued education are highly correlated and that no one can take away your education.

Humbly, any success in my career is due in large part to the success of those with which I've had the opportunity and privilege to work side-by-side and my continued faith that God will direct my life and provide me the opportunity to be a servant leader—the most successful leaders, in my humble opinion, are the most service-minded on their respective campuses and in their communities. Remember, it is not about you!

Finally, I think one of the most important attributes for any leader is optimism.

College of Fine Arts and Communication



Defending freedom of country and of expression

By Alison McGaughey

Scott Lenaway '09, who graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in art, was accepted into an art MFA program at Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, but soon after, received orders for deployment to Iraq. Currently working with a convoy operation, Lenaway is completing his second deployment, (after having served overseas in 2003-2004).

Lenaway shared the unique challenges and connections between serving one's country and creating art.

You came to WIU as a non-traditional student. When did you join the military? What led you to Western?

As a child, I always liked the idea of being in the military. I would read about military history, and I got involved in Civil War and English Civil War re-enactment groups. Additionally, my father was an MP (military police) in Germany when he was young. I would try on his old uniform as a kid. I joined the Army in July 1985.

After graduating from high school in 1983, I attended Illinois Central College and I went into graphic design. I had grown up in a small town with limited artistic influences, but I applied to The Art Institute of Chicago. I didn't think I had the ability to be accepted, but to my surprise, I was.



Scott Lenaway '09, whose printmaking helped lead to acceptance into an MFA program, is currently serving in a convoy operation in Iraq.

My time at The Art Institute had a great impact on me. I would spend hours spellbound by the amazing collection of art, making drawings and painting. That is when I really knew I wanted to be an artist. I wanted to inspire someone one day too.

I wasn't able to finish due to personal reasons. So I had to get a steady source of income. I have had a variety of jobs, from selling carpets to being a parts inspector for Caterpillar. Nothing really made me happy. It was more an issue of making money to live on. It troubled me that I was not able to finish my education; I always hoped that I could finish.

During my first deployment, I received educational benefits that allowed me to go back to school. A couple of my friends in my unit had been attending WIU. The staff members I talked with at WIU were of great assistance with the issues I needed to take care of while still deployed.

How did your time at WIU influence your artistic goals?

I have always loved art. My grandmother gave me my first set of oil paints, and to become an artist has always been a dream of mine.

But when I started out at Western, I was a special education major. I then considered history, but I ended up in the special education field, thinking that I could use my love of art by teaching kids with special needs. I took a drawing class at Western for personal interest, not so much related to gaining a degree. One class led to more, and

eventually I changed my major to art education. I took my first printmaking class with **Bill Howard**. It was during my first intaglio class that Bill approached me and asked if I had ever thought about grad school. At the time I didn't think that was realistic.

Printmaking has a physicality to it: a piece of zinc just wants to be a piece of metal, but you as a printmaker have to force it, through your will and passion, to become a successful print. It is one of the most blue-collar forms of art.

I always wanted to be an artist, so I thought to myself, "What if I do have the talent it takes to achieve my dream?" I basically came to the idea, "Damn the torpedoes, full steam ahead." If I didn't take a shot at grad school, I would regret it for the rest of my life. With help from Bill, I was accepted to the MFA program at Colorado State University. CSU was willing to work with me as far as deferring my enrollment, and I plan to start at CSU soon after I get back to the States.

While you are still serving, how do you combine the artist's life with serving your country?

To most people it might appear to be uncommon to be a soldier and an artist, but, I find that there are similar aspects. Artists have to spend a lot of time alone in the studio; that dedication and commitment is the same as being a soldier. There is a brotherhood among soldiers, just as there is a brotherhood among artists. Most soldiers have a limited idea about what art is, just as many artists do not understand the unique aspects of being a soldier. I feel that a soldier is called to defend the ideas of freedom in the U.S. Constitution, and art is fueled by freedom of expression. This may seem strange to say, but when I am in the studio, I can create art without fear because of what soldiers have done to protect our freedoms.

I have been able to create art while here, not so many prints, due to lack of supplies, but paintings and drawings.

An artist uses his or her talent in action to change this world, making it a better place.

Broadcasting students ace real-life test

Coverage requested by large networks

Early in the spring semester, the student TV station, wiuTV3, newsroom received a tip about a shooting incident at Macomb's Farm King store. Students put into action the knowledge and skills acquired in their broadcasting classes.

As a result, their coverage reached a broad audience: Quad Cities television stations, the Chicago News Service, CNN and St. Louis television stations all requested footage.

A wiuTV3 reporter and videographer were among the first news crews to arrive on the scene, while in the wiuTV3 newsroom, the executive producer was telephoning appropriate authorities, getting information, checking facts and keeping in touch with the on-site crew.

SWE Tours Brazil



The WIU Symphonic Wind Ensemble, along with faculty, staff and alumni, spent spring break visiting cities from Salvador to Rio de Janeiro, performing and providing lessons and instruments for underprivileged children in Brazil. See photos and much more at onthebeatbrazil.wordpress.com.

College of Arts and Sciences

CAS names dean: Susan Martinelli-Fernandez

Susan Martinelli-Fernandez, College of Arts and Sciences interim dean, has been named the college's dean following a national search, effective July 1, according to Provost and Academic Vice President **Jack Thomas**.

Martinelli-Fernandez has served as interim CAS dean since July 2009. She is also serving concurrently as associate dean, a position she has held since 2005. She is also a professor of philosophy, and has served as a faculty member in the philosophy and religious studies department since 1993.

Martinelli-Fernandez served as the interim associate director of Western's Centennial Honors College (2004-2005). Prior to joining Western's faculty, she was an adjunct faculty member at the College of St. Francis (now University of St. Francis) (1988-1989) and at Mundelein College (now Loyola University) (1988). She earned her doctorate and master's degrees from the University of Chicago and her bachelor's degree from Mundelein College.

She has served as the chair and co-organizer of CLASS (Celebrating Liberal Arts and Sciences), a College of Arts and Sciences awareness committee. Under her leadership

the group organized, and she moderated, the first panel discussion of the Dialogue series in which University and community leaders are brought together to discuss democracy and education.

With **Martin Dupuis**, then interim director of the Honors College, she co-designed Western's First Year Experience (FYE) initiative pilot program in the Honors College.

"Dr. Martinelli-Fernandez brings outstanding academic credentials, experience and administrative leadership to the position," Thomas said. "I'd like to thank the search committee for their diligence and I look forward to continuing to work with Dr. Martinelli-Fernandez and college faculty and staff."

In 2005, Martinelli-Fernandez received the CAS Outstanding



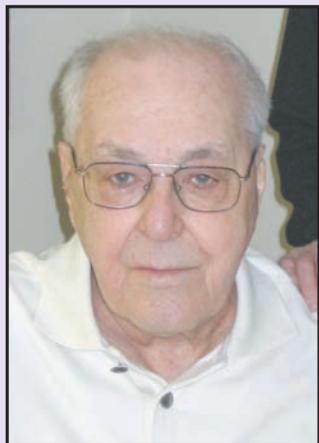
Susan Martinelli-Fernandez

Faculty Award for Teaching and was inducted into Western's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi honor society. She is also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and is an honorary faculty member of Western's Golden Key International Honour Society.

Martinelli-Fernandez has also served as co-director of Western's Program for the Study of Ethics and an executive board member of the International Society of Ethics Across the Curriculum.

"It is an honor and a privilege to serve as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences," Martinelli-Fernandez said. "I look forward to continuing to work with all members of the WIU community, especially with the College's talented chairs, faculty and staff who are committed to providing a quality liberal arts and sciences education to our students."

Victor Hicken, noted historian and Distinguished professor, dies



Victor Hicken

Victor Hicken, Western Illinois University's first Distinguished Professor, and a noted historian and prolific writer, passed away April 8 in Iowa City (IA). He was 88 years old.

Hicken was hired at WIU in 1947, and served as chair of the WIU history department from 1967-1969. He was instrumental in establishing the University Archives and

went on to document the history of the University in the book "The Purple and the Gold: The Story of Western Illinois University." In 1976, he was voted Illinois Author of the Year by the Illinois Association of Teachers of English. During his last five years at WIU, he held the position of Distinguished Professor, the first and only WIU professor to be awarded this honor by a faculty committee.

In his 34-year tenure, Hicken served on every major academic and administrative committee. He was named Most Popular Teacher by students, as well as the first annual Faculty Lecturer, a tradition that began with his address.

Hicken served on several state committees, including those that helped to define the role of junior colleges in the state, and developed and promoted the teaching of African American history. He is often listed among Illinois' most noted academic authors. His first major work, "Illinois in the Civil War," is considered a classic in the field, presenting one of the first and best descriptions of the Civil War in the West. Published by

the University of Illinois Press, the book has been in print for more than 40 years. Besides contributing pieces to the Chicago Tribune Sunday Magazine, Hicken also wrote for numerous scholarly journals on such subjects as African American history, political trends, and organized labor issues. He also served on the State Historic Sites Committee and, in 1976, was elected president of the Illinois State Historical Society.

Hicken, born in 1921 in Witt (IL), earned his bachelor of arts in education from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. During WWII, Hicken was officer-in-charge of one of the first landing craft to hit the beach at the heavily fortified Vierville, France sector of Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944, which was depicted in the movie "Saving Private Ryan." Hicken's experiences in WWII were chronicled in the book "Omaha Beach: D-Day, June 6, 1944" by Joseph Balkoski.

After military service, Hicken attended the University of Illinois at Urbana, from which he received a Master of Arts and Ph.D. in American history.

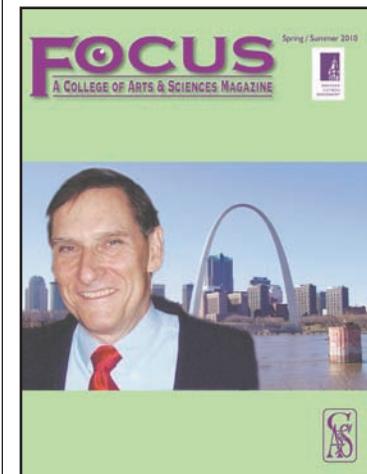
The family requests that memorials be directed to the Hicken Scholarship Fund at Western Illinois University, c/o Foundation Office, 1 University Circle, Macomb, Illinois 61455-1390.

David A. Frier Jr.

David A. Frier Jr., who taught political science for 20 years at WIU, passed away Feb. 27 in Springfield (IL). He was 78.

Frier, who held a doctorate from Southern Illinois University, taught at WIU from 1967-1987. He also taught college-level classes at state prisons. In 2002, he was appointed to the Illinois Prisoner Review Board by Gov. George Ryan. He remained a member of the board at the time of his death.

Latest edition of 'Focus' now online



The College of Arts and Sciences' biannual magazine, "Focus," has published its Spring/Summer issue. The newly online-only publication focusing on CAS graduates can be found at: wiu.edu/cas/about/focus.

The new issue includes

- a cover story on the late **Roland Burke**, the 1968 Political Science graduate named the College's 2009 Distinguished Alumnus, a man who literally built neighborhoods,
- an update on Western's activities on the Mississippi River,
- an interview with 1961 physics graduate **Frank Rodeffer**,
- news on WIU's Corporate Matching Gifts program,
- a "checkup" of the College's nursing program,
- a roundup of faculty activities,
- and much more!

College of Arts and Sciences

Physics alumni connection adds up to 'energetic(s)' combination

By Alison McGaughey

The idea of trying to find a job after graduation wasn't something **Christopher Milby '07 MS '09** worried about a lot.

But he probably couldn't have foreseen that a position relating directly to his interest would open up immediately after graduation—or that it would actually come looking for him.

Milby was in the midst of his research in the field of material science under the direction of **Mark Boley '87 MS '89**, chair of the physics department, when **Jerry Forbes '63**, senior scientist at Energetics Technology Center (ETC) in La Plata (MD) contacted him about possibly working for the ETC. Forbes, a physics graduate, happened to visit the WIU physics website and notice that Boley and Milby were working on research that related to his field.

"It sparked his attention because of what he does, and because there are a lot of researchers getting ready to retire, so there's a massive shortage of physicists right now," Milby explained. "I got the message that somebody from a Navy lab wanted to talk to me, and I wanted to talk to him, that's for sure."

Milby accepted a position and began working at the ETC as a research physicist, focusing on the application of material science in energetics research. He works closely with researchers at the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Indian Head on energetic material research. NSWC Indian Head division is a leader in the Navy's Energetics Enterprise—it is their job to research and provide energetics and energetic systems for U.S. military. And Milby's supervisor is one of the leading scientists in the area of shock wave physics, Jerry Forbes.

After graduating with his B.S. in physics and mathematics at WIU, Forbes went on to complete an M.S. in physics from the University of Maryland and his Ph.D. in shock wave physics in 1976 from Washington State University. He has spent 33 years at the Naval Surface Warfare Center (White Oak and Indian Head laboratories) and seven years at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as leader of the High Pressure Materials group in the Chemistry Directorate. While at the White Oak Navy Laboratory from 1976-1983 he was material interaction program manager for the Navy's Chair Heritage electron beam program, which later became the "Nations Star Wars program" run by the U.S. Air Force. In Fall 2009, Forbes came back to WIU and gave a seminar at the physics department on shock wave physics of condensed matter.

Forbes invited Milby to tour the ETC and for an interview, during which Milby was asked to give a presentation at the lab. Milby was well-prepared.

"Dr. Boley had me go to a lot of conferences and presentations, and sometimes it was in front of 20-30 Ph.D.-level scientists," he said.

Milby, who grew up in Industry (IL), near Macomb, came to WIU knowing what he wanted to study. But collaborating so closely with a faculty member over the course of both undergraduate and graduate degrees wasn't something he had initially set his sights on.

"I was always good at math," Milby said. "Physics gets to the core, about as much as you can get, in terms of understanding how the world works. Before I met Dr. Boley, I had no plans to get a master's degree," Milby said. "The nice thing was I could continue the same research I was doing [for my bachelor's degree]. He really motivated me."

Boley reflected on his working relationship with Milby and further explained how the alumni connection came about.

"Throughout his undergraduate and graduate career in my materials research laboratory, Chris was a unique student in terms of his abilities to build experimental apparatus in the machine shop or assemble the necessary laboratory equipment and electronics to carry out an experiment once he was turned loose with a new research project," Boley said. "This allowed him to successfully complete several measurement projects on materials that were the 'first of their kind.' As Chris presented these results at several national conferences, and these presentations were linked to our website, it was exciting



Mark Boley (left), chair of the physics department, with Christopher Milby '07 MS '09, whose collaboration caught the attention of Jerry Forbes '63.

that this attracted the attention of one of our earlier very successful alumni, who has now re-established a longer-term relationship with our department. An even greater delight was that this helped land Chris a position that was ideally matched to his abilities."

Mark Boley contributed to this article.

Welsch makes Civil Rights Pilgrimage

Janice Welsch, English professor emerita, was invited to participate in the 10th annual Congressional Civil Rights Pilgrimage, organized by The Faith and Politics Institute and led by Congressman John Lewis of Georgia. Welsch was invited by 17th District Congressman Phil Hare.

According to the letter of invitation, the "bipartisan, interfaith pilgrimages bring people together across political, religious and racial lines, offering opportunities for engaged and reflective dialogue on the value of the civil rights movement as a catalyst in our nation's history and its meaning for us today." The more than 100 U.S. House and Senate members who have participated in the pilgrimages have been joined by guests as well as by civil rights activists, journalists and religious leaders.

"I'm deeply honored and privileged to take part in this year's Civil Rights Pilgrimage," Welsch said at the time of the invitation. "I had initially learned about these annual pilgrimages after watching a documentary. Last year, National Public Radio's Nina Totenberg participated and reported her experience, which served to deepen my interest. When Congressman Hare was in Macomb last summer, I approached his aide to express my interest in participating, and several weeks later I received a call from Congressman Hare's office inviting me to attend the 10th annual pilgrimage. On March 5, the delegation visited sites in Birmingham, Montgomery and Selma, (AL), including several churches



Janice Welsch

that served as important meeting places for civil rights leaders and museums that commemorate the Civil Rights Movement. Among these are the 16th St. Baptist Church in Birmingham where four young girls were killed in 1963 when a bomb blasted the crowded church; the Rosa Parks Museum and the Civil Rights Memorial at the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery; and the Brown Chapel AME, host of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, in Selma. Participants marched across Edmund Pettus Bridge to commemorate Bloody Sunday when demonstrators were attacked in 1965 by state troopers as they tried to affirm the right of African Americans to vote.

Throughout the three-day pilgrimage, civil rights leaders met with participants to discuss

the ongoing impact and importance of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s.

Welsch, who retired from the English department in 2005, is co-director of Western's Expanding Cultural Diversity program. During her tenure at Western, she was instrumental in establishing the Cultural Diversity Cadre and implementing the annual Dealing with Difference Institute (DWDI). Welsch also served as director of women's studies (1987-1995) and as director of faculty development (1995-1999).



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Kozlowski Memorial Fund to support emerging playwrights



Gene Kozlowski

The remarkable generosity of the family and friends of **Gene Kozlowski '67 MA '68** has resulted in the endowment of the Gene Kozlowski New Playwright Fund.

Originally conceived by Kozlowski at his retirement in 2005, the fund is intended to facilitate the production of an

as-yet unpublished play at Western Illinois University. Ideally, the Department of Theatre and Dance will choose one play annually to produce on campus, directed by a graduate student or one of the department's directors. The fund will pay a royalty to the playwright, who will then be invited to campus for rehearsals and production.

Endowments through the Western Illinois University Foundation require a minimum of \$25,000, at which point the principal is maintained intact in perpetuity and the interest income is expended to support the purpose of

the endowment. Sadly, Kozlowski's untimely death in November 2008 was the catalyst to drive this fund into permanency.

Kozlowski, an actor, director and playwright, was a well-known and established personality at Western. He joined the faculty in 1973 and served as chair of the theatre department, head of the acting program, managing director of Summer Music Theatre, artistic director of Western's Regional Touring Theatre Company, and two stints as interim dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC). His professional accolades were numerous and his regard as a teacher was beyond compare.

"The time Gene spent in and out of the classroom nurturing young, talented students was truly remarkable," said **Dave Patrick**, chair of Western's theatre and dance department. "As the script is the framework for all theatre artists to work with, this fund will be Gene's most visible legacy for our department and University."

"We always expected that the fund would reach the level of endowment, due to Gene's popularity as a teacher

and the friendships he made over the years. We just didn't expect that it would happen so quickly," said Kozlowski's wife, **Marsha '68 MS Ed '80**.

An infusion of memorial gifts by family, colleagues, friends and former students boosted the fund substantially, as did a golf outing hosted by Kozlowski's sons, Matt and Adam, in September 2009. What put the fund over the top, however, was an anonymous \$10,000 contribution.

"While we cannot publicly disclose this particular donor, we would like to thank this individual and all those who honored Gene in this most meaningful way," said

COFAC Dean **Paul Kreider**. "By remembering him so generously, his idea will really happen. I can't think of a more fitting tribute to Gene's life and work than the ability to showcase a new playwright each year in his name."

"Our family is gratified to see how appreciated Gene was," added Marsha. "All teachers hope that their students and colleagues remember them well. It does our hearts good to see that he is remembered in this way."

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Hutinger supports visiting artists fund

Longtime arts supporter, activist and humanitarian **Patricia Hutinger** made a commitment this spring to support the Western Illinois University art department's Visiting Artist Fund through 2013. Hutinger's gift is made in honor of her son, **Scott Hutinger '82 MS '93**, who passed away in June 2007.

Hutinger has been an active patron of Western's art department, Art Gallery, and most recently, the Student Art League, for many years, contributing monetarily for supplies, equipment, materials and making gifts of artwork.

"I see myself as an artist, and spend a good deal of time around the department, taking classes and getting to know the students. I'm interested in providing some of the resources that the department's budget doesn't allow for—things that really make a difference to both students and faculty," she said.

The Visiting Artist Fund enables the department to bring in at least one outside visiting professional each year for lectures, demonstrations, and classes.

"I've talked to many students about what makes a difference to them, and they all think the opportunity to listen to and see the work of an artist from the outside is a really good experience," said Hutinger.

She first supported this initiative in 2009, and has now committed to doing so through 2013.

"We are appreciative of Patti's gifts to the college over the past several years," said **Paul Kreider**, dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication. "This gift

further illuminates her loyalty to Western's art program and to the art community."

"I speak for the entire art department in stating that we are all very pleased that Patti has chosen to continue her kindness to the department in this very generous way," added **Charles Wright**, art department chair. "Throughout the years, Patti's contributions have made it possible for the department to fund a variety of speakers and sponsor numerous artists' presentations. The significance of her generosity is that it can help to shape and enliven the teaching and learning environment in the art program."

Hutinger retired from Western in 2008. She was a professor of early childhood education and in 1975 founded Macomb Projects, which later became the center for Best Practices in Early Childhood Education. The center focused its work on children with disabilities and their families. Throughout her career, Hutinger evolved into a national leader in cutting-edge research and development for children with special needs.

Scott Hutinger was a talented computer specialist for the Center for Best Practices. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from WIU and was a certified flight instructor, avid pilot and skydiver. He is survived by two children, Jordan and Kelsey Bucholtz, and their mother, Karen Bucholtz. Support of the Visiting Artist Fund and the other gifts is in memory of Scott.

"Scott and I shared a love of art," said Hutinger, "and this seemed a meaningful way to honor him. I hope others

"I've talked to many students about what makes a difference to them, and they all think the opportunity to listen to and see the work of an artist from the outside is a really good experience."



Patricia Hutinger and Paul Kreider

will take the opportunity to support departments with enhancements to their instruction. Budgets are so tight, and many areas go without some pretty basic stuff. I just want to help students get the best experience they can at Western and provide faculty with some of the things they need to enhance instruction."

"I've been lucky to know quite a few students; it's fun to get to know them, to see their work, and to see how they grow" said Hutinger. "I learn so much from the students. Isn't that just how it should be?"

"In a time of dwindling funds for the arts nationally, this gift means so much more to our students, and to the entire regional art community, because it gives the department's newly formed Visiting Artist/Scholar Committee the ability to plan for and select ever more significant artists and scholars to bring to the Macomb community," said Wright. "Thanks to Patti we are able to add this element of a lecture series to the department's programming."

CLASS NOTE CRITERIA

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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

1960

Richard Shreve MS-ED '62, Boynton Beach, FL, is the chairman of the Physical Science Department at Palm Beach State College in Boca Raton.

1966

Clinton McChesney MA '69, Le Mars, IA, is a self employed financial planner. (clint@teg-ia.com)

1967

Richard Gillogly, Tolland, CT, is a retired educator. (richardandcarol@comcast.net)

1969

Michael Wilson MS '71, Terrace, British Columbia, is a secondary counselor/teacher at the Coast Mountains School District # 82. (mwilson@cmsd.bc.ca)

1971

Jerry Lane, Sullivan, was inducted into the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

1972

James Deal, Brentwood, TN, is the CEO at Hospice Compassus. (j.deal@comcast.net)

Karen McClune Dougan MS-ED, W. Kingston, RI, has been selected as AP Teacher of the Year for the State of Rhode Island by the Sieman Foundation.

Nancy Quimby Koltzenburg MS'08, Hamilton, published an illustrated children's story, "The Legend of the Carousel."

Carlos Rivera, Arequipa, Peru, is the sales manager at Resersur. (carlin01@speedy.com.pe)

1973

Lawrence Broughton MS '82, Maywood, is a US History teacher at Proviso East High School. (lbroughton@pths209.edu)

Richard Corwin, Bethany, is the Pastor at the Union Christian Church in Ramsey. (corwinbethany@yahoo.com)

Orin Rehorst, Houston, TX, is retired from the Port of Houston as MIS project manager and is now a private investor. (orin.rehorst@gmail.com)

1974

Ana Dale Gobledale, Sturgeon Bay, WI, is an ordained minister for the United Reformed Church.

Brian Rucks, Itasca, is a financial advisor at Donna M. Rucks and Associates in Valparaiso, IN. (brucks@sbcglobal.net)

Catherine Reynolds Woodall, Chicago, is retired from the Chicago Public Schools as vice principal. (crwoodall@att.net)

1975

Paula Schultz MS-ED '77, Indianola, IA, is retired from education.

1976

Robert Darling, Chassell, MI, works in family services at Good Will Farm. (bdarling@up.net)

James Marquart, Huntsville, TX, is the director of the criminology program at The University of Texas at Dallas.

1977

Mike Kudla, Mundelein, is the director of parks and recreation in Antioch.

1978

Frederick Buchman, Louisville, KY, is the president and founder of BBC, Inc.

John Ghidina, Jr., Pekin, works for the Pekin Police Department as a deputy chief. (ghidina5@comcast.net)

Scottsdale Alumni and Friends Event The Lodge, February 24, 2010

Seated, l-r: Lois Goudy Holler '60 MS-ED '69, Dixie Taylor LaMere '59 and Marti Strom Costenson '70. Standing, l-r: Lauren Gebauer '07, Janet Forgy '91 MA '95, Ron Holler, David LaMere '58 MS-ED '63, Parag Tengshe MS '05 and Ken Costenson '69 MS '75.



Seated, l-r: Barbara Ahlberg Schreiner '52, Dan Orban '74 and Cathy Murray Orban '75. Standing, l-r: Bill Koellner '70 MS-ED '71, Marty Kuepper Koellner MA '72, Steve Mikez '74, Connie Sass, Associate Athletics Director Dwaine Roche '94 and Bob Liss '73.



Seated in front, l-r: Karen Spinner Adame '78, Gary Seright MBA '83, Arlene Seymour and Arlie Seymour '53 MS-ED '59. Middle row, l-r: Tom Edwards '81, Alumni Council member Jay O'Brien '78, Dave Dunn '53, Dick Witter, Tom Drury '66, Bill Heap and Board of Trustees member Bill Griffin. Back row, l-r: Mickey Price '75, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Marcus Sipolt '77 and Dan King.

Tucson Alumni & Friends Event The Arizona Inn, February 25, 2010

Seated, l-r: Morris Hicks '58, Helen McCutcheon Yeast '35, Steve Stuebner '70, Joanne Sindt Findley MS-ED '70, Joan Booth '51 and Associate Athletics Director Dwaine Roche '94. Standing, l-r: Jack Harris '73, Dan Gleason '78, Carol Bacigalupo-Gleason, Lewis Westover '75 MBA '79, Barb Grier Westover '69, Rusty Palm '79, Bill Maynard '72, Deo Miller Maynard '72, Mike O'Brien '84, Cathy Christian Wysopal '80 and George Wysopal '80.

Joe Rossman, Las Vegas, NV, is retired from the Illinois Department of Revenue as field audit sales tax supervisor. (scuzzi83@yahoo.com)

1980

Kevin Eack, Bloomington, completed the FBI Fellowship at the National Counter Terrorism Center in Washington, D.C. and is now overseeing the Office of Counter Terrorism for the Illinois State Police.

1982

Andrew Bastert, Carthage, is the president of the Western Illinois Region at First State Bank of Illinois.

Patricia Marshall Hertzog, Littleton, CO, is retired from Trinor Enterprises in Monroe, LA. (plhertzog@comcast.net)

Cindy Ingold MA '85, Urbana, is the 2010 winner of the Association of College and Research Libraries Women's Studies

Section Career Achievement Award.

Lori Burkitt Sparks, Spring Valley, OH, is retired from Bellbrook High School as secretary.

Patricia Hill Thornborough, N. Canton, OH, is the director of area health education center at Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy in Rootstown. (pthornborough@neoucom.edu)

1983

Paul Anselment, Southlake, TX, is the regional director of operations for UPS Freight.

Robin Hatfield, Chiangmai, Thailand, completed his Masters in Education in June 2010 at Chiang Mai University.

1984

Patrick Coffey, San Bruno, CA, was selected to train new polygraph examiners in Erbil, Kurdistan, N. Iraq.

Chicago Educational Networking & Recruiting Event

Gatto's Restaurant & Bar, March 4, 2010



Seated, l-r: Alumni Council member Lisa Lyons '03 MS '05, Angie Smith Cromwell '93, Randy Twilley '73, College of Arts & Sciences Dean Sue Martinelli-Fernandez, Karen Gibbs, Brett Goad '74 MA '76 and Michael Davis. Standing, l-r: Michael W. Smith '85, Tarik Smith, Katrinia Hamilton, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Darryl Hollimon '83 MBA '93, College of Education and Human Services Assistant Dean Rori Foster Carson '74 MS-ED '78, Illinois Centennial Honors College Director Bill Knox, Unita Cole, College of Education & Human Services Dean Nick DiGrino, Tiffani Hermon, Pat Cox-Stanley, Veniese Bradley, Edna McCullum Brass '75 MA '75, Virgil Fleming, College of Business & Technology Dean Tom Erekson and Cathy Reynolds Woodall '74.

Canton Alumni & Friends Event

Official Time Out Sports Bar & Grill, March 11, 2010



Seated, l-r: Ruth Thomson Walker '51, Carla Presnell Murray '93 MS '98, Judy Johnson Smail '80, Lois DuBois Roberts '49, Pamela Tharp Jump '78 and Kathy Sarff. Standing, l-r: Alumni Council member Becky Ogle Fitzgerald '72, Bryan Murray '79, Kim Smail '78, Alumni Council member and Town and Gown Award recipient Jerry Cremer '89 and Gloria Schisler.



Seated, l-r: Dave Ford '65 MS-ED '69 ED SP '73, Martha Coultas Strode '58 MSE '70, Ernest Hoff '51, Alumni Achievement Award recipient John Thompson '55, Distinguished Alumni Award and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Marjorie Rich Bordner '33 '36, Dixie Taylor LaMere '59 and Clint Peterson '98. Standing, l-r: Gayle Strode Blodgett '76 MS '06, Mel Fletcher '51 MS-ED '57, Ted Strode '56 MS-ED '57, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Gale Schisler '59, Larry Sarff '98, David LaMere '58 MS-ED '63, Natalie Williams '74 MA '75 and Heidi Wilner-Leese '81.

1985

Mary Alice Micks Kovac, Afghanistan, is serving on behalf of the US Department of State as a Justice Advisor to the Attorney General of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

1986

Mark Anderson, Knoxville, IA, works for the State of Iowa as a social security disability determination specialist. (mark.m.anderson@ssa.gov)

Rick Klinedinst, Canton, is the CEO/President at MidAmerica National Bank.

1987

Cameron Ator, Lake St. Louis, MO, is the regional brands marketing lead for Monsanto in St. Louis. (camls1@charter.net)

1988

Wendell Adams, Delaware, OH, is the manager of communications catalog production at Cardinal Health in Dublin. (adamsw3@gmail.com)

Diahn Harrison, Chicago, is the regional director of operations at

Sunrise Senior Living. (diahn.burrows@sunriseseniorliving.com)

Kurt Jefferson, Columbia, MO, was a visiting professor at ICN Graduate Business School and was named director for Center for Engaging the World in the Churchill Institute at Westminster College in Fulton.

Kathy Burke Wozny, Elmhurst, is the general sales manager at Manheim in Atlanta, GA.

1989

Dawn Pavlak Adams, Delaware, OH, is the resource planning analyst at Ohio State University Medical Center. (adamsw3@gmail.com)

Kristin Andress, Solana Beach, CA, co-authored a book "Imagine Being - In A Life You Love."

Ryan Schulz, Winnebago, is a special education teacher at Harlem Middle School in Loves Park.

Robert "Bob" Smola, Westchester, published a book, "A Waltz Through La La Land: A Depression Survivor's Memoir."

Greg Williams, Lombard, is the president at Glaser Technology, Inc. in Chicago and received his MBA in June of 2009 from Lake Forest Graduate School of Management.

1991

Paul Byrne, Kevil, KY, is a geography and earth science instructor at John A. Logan College at Carterville, IL.

Mark Schoenherr MA, O'Fallon, is an academic advisor for the College of Arts & Sciences at SIU Edwardsville.

1992

Allan Hedin, Evergreen, CO, is a professional gambler.

Paul Kasting, Mundelein, is an account representative at Staples. (wuiyouth@yahoo.com)

Regina Peacock, Savannah, GA, is the outreach coordinator for Savannah Development and Renewal Authority.

Margo Tibbs Roethlisberger MS '94, Sugar Grove, is the division director of intervention services at Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc.

Heather Sanders, Ankeny, IA, is a biology teacher at Ankeny Community Schools. (hsanders0519@aol.com)

1994

Corliss Cartier, Rockford, received his MS-Ed in agency counseling from Northern Illinois University. (corlisscartier@yahoo.com)

Edward Delmore, Gulf Shores, AL, is the chief of the Gulf Shores Police Department.

1995

Jeffery Baumgardner MS, Galesburg, is an allied health adjunct instructor for the Institute of Business and Medical Careers at the Fort Collins campus.

1996

C. Ross Bjork MS, Miami, FL, is the athletic director at Western Kentucky University.

Tim Bushnell '00, Fort Carson, CO, is a Captain in the United States Army.

Dan McMahon, Aurora, is the director of sales and marketing at Doubletree Hotel Chicago Magnificent Mile.

Christian Schoenberger, Chicago, is the co-owner of Happytees.net. (christian@happytees.net)

1997

Denise Elmer Whitman, West Bend, WI, is the store manager at Aerial Beauty Supply.

1998

Kelly Lynde Nestler, Pecatonica, is the owner of Littlest Sweet Pea. (littlestsweetpea@hotmail.com)

Jeffrey Swoboda MS, Elgin, is the chief of police for the Elgin Police Department.

1999

Courtney Conrad, Oak Lawn, is a faculty member at Robert Morris University in Chicago. (courtney_conrad@yahoo.com)

Randy Obert MA, Chatham, is the director of risk management at St. John's Hospital in Springfield. (ranandkim@yahoo.com)

Brandon Raimondi, Monee, is a senior manager at The Condon Group, Ltd. in Tinley Park. (braimondi@thecondongroup.com)

Shawn Rapsin, Kirkland, WA, is a QC chemist I at Bio-Rap Laboratories in Redmond. (merlin7676@yahoo.com)

2000

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

Xaver Walton MS '02, Chicago, is a physical education teacher at Chicago Public Schools and is the President for Illinois X-CITEMENT. (illinoisxcitement@yahoo.com)

2001

John Cain MS-ED, DeWitt, IA, is the principal of Grand Wood Elementary School in Bettendorf.

Kevin Jaquet, Hannibal, MO, is the bsa & risk management officer at HNB National Bank. (jaquet@mywdo.com)

Julie Kowski Kasprovicz, Lockport, is the associate financial representative for Northwestern Mutual.

2002

Michael Aden, Glen Carbon, is a logistics analyst for Boeing and earned an MBA in Operations & Supply Chain Management from Saint Louis University.

Amanda Beck Brandenburg, Winnebago, is the co-owner of SportClips Haircuts in Machnesney Park. (akbeck98@yahoo.com)

Desmond Brandenburg, Winnebago, is the co-owner of SportClips Haircuts in Machnesney Park. (akbeck98@yahoo.com)

Black Alumni Black Tie Scholarship Gala

Martinique Banquet Complex, March 27, 2010



L-r, row 1: Alumni Council member Lisa Lyons '03 MS '05 and Alumni Council member Lyneir Cole '87. Row 2: British Jefferson-Minor and Joyce Ross '87. Row 3: Kim Smith and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Darryl Hollimon '83 MBA '93. Row 4: Calisse Nance Dinwiddie '84, Robbin Ware Johnson and Victor Easley '99. Row 5: Cathy Reynolds Woodall '74 and Couren Jackson '89. Row 6: Monique Rolling '03 and Provost and Academic Vice President Jack Thomas. Row 7: Alumni Achievement Award recipient and Alumni Council member Belinda Staple Carr '81 and Lemarr Ketchens '02. Row 8: Marion Wallace '88 and President Al Goldfarb. Row 9: Miles Dawson '89 and Anthony Jones MA '00.

Chicago Alumni & Friends Event The Art Institute of Chicago, April 9, 2010



Seated, l-r: Ann Ford, Sara Pump MS '04, Priscilla Velarde Wilson MS '03 and Amanda Rubio Dime '05. Standing, l-r: Saul Nache '05, Matthew Toland '05, Ryan Ford '96, Nick Allen '99 MS '03, Timothy Dime '04, Julie Tun and Gavin Tun MS '89.



Seated, l-r: Karen Hickey '89, Cynthia Dirksen '93 and Betsy Nicketakis '06. Standing, l-r: Diane Meister '69, Karen Felbinger Smith '70, Larry Smith '69, Carlyn Lloyd '80 and Lynne Oliverius '82.



Seated, l-r: Nancy Graham, Pamela Barnes '82 and Jane Tinker '81 MBA '88. Standing, l-r: Chad Kazos '91, College of Education and Human Services Dean Nick DiGrino, Mariah Ward DiGrino '00, John Deom, Cheryl Loudon Deom '75, Sue Tinker '75, Evelyn Kelly '83 MA '90 and College of Arts and Sciences Development Director Bryce Dexter.



Front row, l-r: Janet Moss Conlisk '80, Thomas Taylor '76, Fran Koszut Moran and Mark Von Schaumburg '77. Back row, l-r: Eric Moran, Tom Moran '76 and Rita McCauley Von Schaumburg '78.

3rd Annual All Leatherneck Reunion Ballydoyle's, April 10, 2010



L-r: Don Sirota, Jerry Auchstetter '60, Jim Sirota '76, Tom Pence '84, Gary Birch '75 and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Gene Strode '59.



Front row, l-r: Jim Ziganto '75, Kevin Conolty '79 MBA '80, Bill Barrows '79, Ed Angeli '78, Brodie Westen and Mark Skuteris '81. Back row, l-r: Scott Levenhagen '77 and Steve Heaviland '78.



L-r: Mark Bloom '84, Mary Humphrey Landa '83, Thad Ward, John Henderson '73 MBA '76, Tony Cozzi '75, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Ron Comm '70, Bill Lucky '70 MBA '71, Doug Smith '77 and Nancy Donohue Smith '78.



L-r: J.R. Niklos '01, Doug Ruse, Janet Citterman Czosek '82 Daralyn Niedospial Duffy '82 and Rich Westen '91.

Vanessa Beseling Voudrie, St. Louis, MO, is a registered nurse at Missouri Baptist Medical Center. (vveseling@gmail.com)

2006

Martha "Maya" Dobrzynski MA '08, Des Moines, IA, is the immigration services officer for the Department of Homeland

Security. (maya1384@yahoo.com)

Ryan Duffie, Mt. Pleasant, IA, is the director The REC Center. (ryan.duffie@iwc.edu)

2007

Kelley Christman MS-ED, Chicago, is a teacher for the Chicago

Leon Costello MS, Fairbanks, IA, is the senior athletic director for external affairs at South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD.

Eric Dust, Las Cruces, NM, is the geospatial analyst at National Geospatial Intelligence Agency in Ft. Bliss, TX. (eric.dust@conus.us.army.gov)

Timothy Sanders, Sanford, NC, is a major in the US Army and Section Chief for the logistic section of the 1st Training Brigade within the Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations command (Airborne). (timothy.sanders@ar-usacapoc.soc.mil)

2003

Lindsey Bowman Rossi, Chicago, is in specialty sales for Sanofi-Aventis. (lindseybowman@gmail.com)

Ashley Weitman, La Jolla, CA, is the director at EF International Language School in San Diego.

2004

Dorian Young Baucom, Oklahoma City, OK, is a marketing specialist for Franklin Electric.

Kenton Mustain, Fishers, IN, is a deputy sheriff at Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

James Webb, Poplar Grove, is a crop specialist for Conserv FS.

2005

Ashley Cox, Hillsboro, MO, is a victim advocate in Jefferson County Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team for Community Treatment, Inc. in Festus.

Drew Hendricker, Loves Park, is a district sales manager for Hughes Hybrids in Woodstock. (drewhendricker@gmail.com)

Chelsea Shinneman Koon, Roanoke, VA, is a global accounts specialist for Elizabeth Arden.

Lauren Kulinski MS '08, Warrenville, is the nature programs supervisor at St. Charles Park District. (lkulinski@st-charlesparks.org)

Nicole Lofgren, Lansing, is a biology teacher at Highland High School in Highland, IN.

Homewood Alumni & Friends Event

5th Quarter Sports Bar & Grill, April 19, 2010



Front row, l-r: Kim Calhoun Dawson '89, Rhonda Rangel '89, Judy Breen '82, Joyce Ross '87, Sue Puskedra O'Brien '78, Clowana Gardner Walker '91, Tom Tomaszewski '70 MBA '72, Kathy St. Lawrence Shannon '72, Dennis Shannon '70, Alan Perry '74 and Michael Michau '72. Back row, l-r: Steve Nemitz '82, Miles Dawson '89, Tyrone Scruggs '91, Robbin Ware Johnson, Demetrius Johnson '77, Alumni Council member Jay O'Brien '78, Alan Low '70, Eric Hager '71 and John Marquart '74 MA '76.

Libertyville Alumni & Friends Event Mickey Finn's Brewery, April 20, 2010



Seated, l-r: Ken Reese '61, Michelle Ellis Uthe '02, Garnette Stockstad Hallwas '89, Andrea Vigue and Shelby Dunivant Reese '61. Standing, l-r: Distinguished Alumni and Alumni Achievement Award recipient John Hallwas '67 MA '68, Duane Kovacek '71, James Uthe '03, John Linden '78, President Al Goldfarb, Jerry Vigue, Rick Weil '82, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Steve McLaughlin '70 MS '71, Mel Soltwisch '79, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Connie Kowal '74 and Terry Weppler '73.

Public Schools.

Chris Milby MS '09, La Plata, MD, is a research physicist at Energetics Technology Center.

Keith Winn, Galesburg, is a deputy sheriff for Knox County Sheriff's Office. (winn83@yahoo.com)

2008

Natalie Duffie, Mt. Pleasant, IA, is a service banker at MidwestOne Bank in Iowa City.

Terra Seidel, Springfield, is a 6th grade Language Arts teacher at Glenwood Middle School.

Cara Smith, Oglesby, is a correctional officer at the Pontiac Correctional Center. (ca-smith3@wiu.edu)

Dana Zempel, Peoria, is the assistant manager at Abercrombie and Fitch.

2009

Mark Hurty, Oakland, CA, was selected for the 2010 Teach For America Corps in the San Francisco Bay area.

Adrian Ritchie, Moline, is a security monitor at Moline High School. (ac-ritchie@wiu.edu)

Marriages and Civil Unions

Everett Belote '43 and **Juanita Lanier**, Feb. 14, 2010.

Holly Bisby '03 and **Nick Westgardes '04**, Oct. 10, 2009.

Lindsey Bowman '03 and **Michael Rossi**, June 6, 2009.

Chris Coopman '98 and **Katie Abete**, July 25, 2009.

Sarah Farwell '04 and **Ian Markham**, Mar. 20, 2010.

Kelly Garcia '01 and **Angelo Cosimo**, Aug. 1, 2009.

Scott Hutchcroft '01 and **Mijung Lee**, Mar. 6, 2010.

Julie Kowski '01 and **Dennis Kasprowicz '04**, Sept. 5, 2009.

Michelle Phillips '02 and **Jason Whitmore**, May 16, 2009.

Tony Sacco '04 and **Jill English**, Oct. 17, 2009.

Jerry Sears '99 and **Megan Barber**, Mar. 27, 2010.

Michael Urbaniak '06 and **Susan Cleveland**, Dec. 4, 2009.

Matthew Versluis '01 and **Jennifer Carney**, May 22, 2010.

Grant Weisinger '05 and **Whitney Cawiezell**, Apr. 24, 2010.

Shawna Whalen '98 and **Dustin Beleckis**, Mar. 12, 2010.

Births and Adoptions

Jennifer Meyers Byers '99 and **Kent**, a daughter, Karly Elizabeth, Dec. 10, 2009.

Paul Byrne '91 and **Shelley**, a son, Andrew Marvin, Feb. 9, 2010.

Michelle Stoerp Fay '04 and **Joshua**, a son, Cobin, July 22, 2009.

Laura Devaney Foote '95 and **Len**, a son, Henry Bruce, Jan. 17, 2010.

Amy Despain Fuhr '01 and **Jake**, a daughter, Olivia Grace, Feb. 12, 2010.

Amy Marquardt Harrison '93 and **Greg**, adopted a son, Tyler, July 6, 2009.

Eric Hays '01 and **Elizabeth**, a son, Thomas, Jan. 28, 2010.

Mark Hilliard '02 MBA '05 and **Tonya Sloma Hilliard '04**, a son, Evan Andrew, Dec. 27, 2009.

Jennifer Cox Kendrick '01 SSP '04 and **Chris**, a son, Myles Daniel, Jan. 22, 2010.

Alison Thompson McGrew '05 and **Justin**, a daughter, Payton Louise, Sept. 21, 2009.

Kelly Lynde Nestler '98 and **Ryan Nestler '96**, a daughter, Lily, Oct. 7, 2009.

Sara Houzenga Otta '97 and **Craig**, a daughter, Adria Corinne, Feb. 24, 2010.

Christian Schoenenberger '96 and **Eloisa**, a daughter, Madison Sage, June 28, 2009.

Bridget Kennedy Siverts '03 and **Kyle**, a daughter, Heidi Noel, Dec. 24, 2009.

Andrew Walzer '01, a daughter, Reid Katherine, Mar. 19, 2009.

Cyndi Borrowman Webster '99 and **Mark**, a son, August Perry, July 14, 2009.

Denise Elmer Whitman '97 and **Robert**, a daughter, Allison Grace, Jan. 5, 2010.

Stephen Whitson '05 and **Jill**, a daughter, Eden Ann, Feb. 2, 2010.

Deaths

Bernadette "Bernie" B. Landon Barnard, Los Lunas, NM, Feb. 4, 2009.

Betty A. Butcher, Winnebago, Jan. 30, 2010.

Dorothy "Dottie" M. Butler, Macomb, Apr. 21, 2010.

Vera B. Dougherty Cordell, Colchester, Apr. 3, 2010.

William "Bill" P. Fearer III, Oregon, Nov. 3, 2008.

David A. Frier, Springfield, Feb. 27, 2010.

Ross Gibson, Macomb, Jan. 20, 2008.

Victor Hicken, Iowa City, IA, Apr. 8, 2010.

Robert O. Jackson, La Harpe, Feb. 18, 2010.

Frank E. Laughlin, Broken Arrow, OK, May 1, 2009.

Ellis E. Leighty, Macomb, Jan. 23, 2010.

Ruth S. MacVean, Macomb, Feb. 15, 2010.

Violet H. Poppleton, Macomb, Apr. 4, 2010.

Don J. Sever, Long Beach, CA, Jan. 31, 2010.

Anabel Hamilton Soper, Seminole, FL, Jan. 22, 2010.

Kenneth Swierczek, Palatine, July 7, 2009.

Eloise Westover, Tucson, AZ, Mar. 11, 2010.

1936 Donald K. Brooks, Glenbrook, NV, Sept. 30, 2009.

1938 Majel G. Bull Bellinger '62, Roseville, Apr. 6, 2010.

1939 Sara L. Swagert Mize '47, Bunker Hill, Mar. 3, 2010.

1940 Marjory L. Anders MS-ED '50, Macomb, Mar. 15, 2009.

1940 Sally Rachac Sallee, Colorado Springs, CO, Jan. 26, 2010.

1941 Betty Eggeson Nordgren, Hartford, CT, May 5, 2009.

1942 Dorothy I. Dixon Burgard MS-ED '49, Macomb, Mar. 14, 2010.

1942 Elton H. Huston, Norwalk, OH, Feb. 16, 2009.

1945 Joyce L. Staples Reedy, Freeport, Sept. 23, 2009.

1947 Clark D. Griswold, Berwick, Apr. 13, 2010.

1947 Virginia Johnson Litchfield, Knoxville, Mar. 4, 2010.

1948 Walter E. Blunt MS-ED '57, Sun Lakes, AZ, Feb. 10, 2010.

1948 Elizabeth "Betty" Spurgeon Garner, Macomb, Apr. 7, 2010.

1950 Mary P. Whitehead Pazara, Ft. Pierce, FL, Feb. 23, 2010.

1950 Rachel A. Walty Tobin, Washington, Feb. 23, 2010.

1951 Robert W. Bergholtz, Bemus Point, NY, May 4, 2009.

1951 Mary Ellen Herndon Robb, Bloomington, Jan. 16, 2010.

1954 Robert J. Riley MS, Rock Island, Feb. 23, 2009.

1958 Harold R. Coleman, Danville, Feb. 9, 2010.

1960 Donald "Don" L. Reynolds '70, Pawnee, Dec. 22, 2009.

1961 Charles E. Stone, Greenfield, Feb. 24, 2009.

1962 James "Jim" P. Campbell, Boise, ID, Feb. 4, 2010.

1962 B. Joseph Ruberg, Daytona Beach, FL, June 20, 2009.

1966 Marjorie M. Atherton Cook, Scottsdale, AZ, Feb. 20, 2010.

1966 Sara J. Aldrich Hannah MS-ED, E. Moline, Oct. 3, 2008.

1969 David P. Siddens MS, Olney, Jan. 11, 2010.

1971 Doris S. Larson Eisele MS-ED, Portland, OR, Mar. 11, 2010.

1971 William "Bill" F. Pfuderer MA '71, Canton, OH, June 4, 2006.

1971 Dennis V. Rayl, Chicago, Nov. 2, 2009.

1971 Kristine I. Weisenberger, Wonder Lake, Apr. 4, 2009.

1973 Bradley K. Kroencke, Edmond, OK, Apr. 26, 2010.

1973 Charles M. Milem, Sycamore, Apr. 20, 2009.

1973 Nora H. Swanson Schenk, Oak Park, Sept. 30, 2009.

1973 David E. Starliper, Freeport, Mar. 10, 2010.

1973 Ann K. Potter Wall, Bushnell, Mar. 4, 2010.

1974 Donna J. Dietrich, Hardinsburg, KY, May 25, 2008.

1974 Judith A. Pisarek Edinger MS-ED '76, Athens, OH, Feb. 22, 2010.

1975 Margaret "Elnora" Foulke Miller MS-ED, Meredosia, Mar. 10, 2009.

1975 Linda C. Tassone MS '83, Deerfield, Nov. 21, 2009.

1976 Joseph "Joe" M. Byrne, Mapleton, Mar. 3, 2010.

1976 Gaylord "Jamie" J. Jackson, Jr. MS-ED '77, Hamilton, Apr. 25, 2010.

1976 William "Bill" A. Milewski, Altoona, IA, Jan. 31, 2010.

1977 Susan M. Johnson Bundgard, Woodstock, Mar. 26, 2009.

1978 Mildred D. Johnson Mitchell, University Park, June 15, 2008.

1978 Judith L. Shepherd Shirky, Clayton, WI, Aug. 11, 2009.

1980 Thomas H. Havens MS-ED, Sutter, Feb. 20, 2009.

1980 Aubrey A. MacCannell, Bloomington, Nov. 11, 2009.

1981 Lawrence "Larry" H. Schultz, DeWitt, IA, Feb. 15, 2010.

1982 Helen L. Ellison Harkins MS-ED, Davenport, IA, Sept. 8, 2009.

1982 Robert "Bob" J. Weaver, Jr., Roselle, Feb. 5, 2009.

1983 Daniel K. McNeal, Downingtown, PA, Aug. 10, 2009.

1984 Carolyn A. McCall Burdick, Edwardsville, Jan. 23, 2010.

1984 Gloria A. White Fordjour MA '89, Missouri City, TX, Mar. 11, 2010.

All Greek Reunion Doc Ryan's Bar & Grill, April 23, 2010



Sigma Sigma Sigma (unless noted), l-r: Linda Middleton '75 (Sigma Kappa), Kathy Schimanski Harmon '76 (Sigma Kappa), Reggie Karas Devers '78, Alumni Council member Mona D'Antonio '76, Sandy Silagi Sokniewicz '81, Michele Jemmi Schrader '82, Cherie Hoepner Palmer '82 and Director of Alumni Programs Amy Spelman MS '98.



Delta Sigma Phi, front row, l-r: Ed Noel '84 MS '87, Mike Lindsey '92, Dan Pletke '78, President Al Goldfarb, Gordon Zdeblick '74, Jeff Sorensen '78, Rob Day '76 and Bob Smola '89. Back Row, l-r: Jack Harris '73, Mike Breslin '78 and Bud McCarthy '78.



Front row, l-r: Jean Atchison Cornelison '74 (Zeta Tau Alpha), John Robinson, Brian Cornelison, Erin Buteau '01 (Chi Omega), Jen Duffy Fryer '00 (Chi Omega), Tracy Kenny-Scalise and Kristin Fiebrandt '09 (Phi Sigma Sigma). Back row, l-r: Kevin Johnson '84 MBA '85 (Phi Kappa Theta), Zachary Bokum '09, John Bokum '72 (Theta Chi), Bill Watson '80 (Alpha Gamma Sigma), Pat O'Neill '72 (Alpha Gamma Rho), Dave Onion '80 (Theta Chi) and Laurie Langer-Murray '90 (Alpha Sigma Alpha).



Alpha Sigma Tau, l-r: Lisa Toland Smola '89, Alumni Council member Carol Lewis Scott '70, Karin Berg '74 and Margie McLaughlin '73.

Galesburg Alumni & Friends Event McGillacuddy's, April 29, 2010



Seated, l-r: Thomas Rogers '97, Leota Plunkett McBride '54, Jeanne McCullough Rich '88 and Gene Solot. Standing, l-r: Wesley Olson MS-ED '06, David McBride '56, Vic Rich, Mike Hobbs '71 and President Al Goldfarb.

WIU Commencement Macomb, May 15, 2010



L-r: International Alumni Achievement Award recipient Hyuk-Jong Kim MS-ED '87, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Herb Strong '72 and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Tom Nardi '76.

LaGrange Alumni & Friends Event Mambo Room Latin Grill, April 21, 2010



Seated, l-r: Alumni Council member Carol Lewis Scott '70, Mary Carlson Brennan '81, President Al Goldfarb and Patrick Benjamin '83. Standing, l-r: Meredith Ritchie, Bill Ritchie '84, Curt Aronson '76, Charlie Hubbard '76, Bob Kotula '78, Alumni Council member Jay O'Brien '78, Dan King, Paul Gentile '72, Tom O'Brien '07, Josh Kutilek '06, Patrick Carlson '79, Director of Alumni Programs Amy Spelman MS '98 and Dave Toth '77.

Arlington Heights Alumni & Friends Event La Tasca Tapas Restaurant, April 22, 2010



Seated, l-r: Cindy Huff Bork '77, Allan Syc '69, Emma Martens '08, Don Barrett MS '61, Judy Nickel Winter '71 and Russ Winter '71. Standing, l-r: President Al Goldfarb, Lela Bork '07, Mark Inman '77, Kim Meinhart Inman '76, Tony Campo '64, Al Hooks '63, Pete Cassidy '67, Bill Howe '88, Ed Smetana '70 and Glenn Holmes '76.

- 1984 Catherine "Cathy" A. Rempe Ruetten, Antioch, Nov. 29, 2005.
- 1985 Gary L. Bitner, Ridgefield, WA, Oct. 10, 2005.
- 1985 Beverly J. Copple Brace MS-ED, Portage, IN, Apr. 20, 2009.
- 1986 Kathleen "Kathy" J. Reynolds Wain, Farmer City, Jan. 24, 2010.
- 1987 Lois J. Appel Kilkenny, Ft. Myers, FL, July 26, 2008.
- 1987 Charles L. Pritchett, Winchester, Feb. 2, 2009.
- 1988 Ruth A. Peterson Phillips, Geneseo, Mar. 15, 2010.
- 1989 Esther J. Morris Doty MA, Montrose, IA, Feb. 8, 2010
- 1989 Jack D. McNeely, Cherryville, NC, May 27, 2008.
- 1992 Catherine J. Muller Wheeler, Lee, June 10, 2008.
- 1996 Carolyn A. Galusha Bald MS-ED, Andalusia, Dec. 3, 2008.
- 2004 Gregory A. Stodgel, Galesburg, Apr. 6, 2009.

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educational leaders. He serves as chair of the CSU Gender Equity Monitoring Committee and also serves on the executive board of the Central California Campus Compact. In addition, Welty has chaired three national conferences on substance abuse and prevention and chaired a CSU effort to review alcohol policies and programs.

He was elected to serve as Commissioner of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) in 2000 and served a three-year term as the WASC Commission Chair. Welty is past chair of the American Humanics, Inc. Board and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, and Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Board of Directors. He served on the NCAA Board Executive Committee and the special NCAA Task Force on the Future of Intercollegiate Athletics. In his community, Welty has been a leader in establishing the Fresno Business Council, the Central Valley Business Incubator, the Central Valley Higher Education Consortium, the Collaborative Regional Initiative, the Regional Jobs Initiative, the Kenneth L. Maddy Institute and several other partnerships.

In 1999, Welty was presented the Chief Executive Leadership Award by the Council for Advancement and Support for Education and was recognized by the John Templeton Foundation for his leadership in Student Character Development in Schools and Colleges. In 2001, he was recognized by the California State Student Association as President of the Year, and in 2003, he received the Fresno Business Council's Excellence in Public Service Award. In 2007, he received the Fresno Compact's Harold H. Haak Award for Outstanding Business Partnership Educator of the Year. One year later, he was named an American Humanics 60th Anniversary Honoree. Last year, Welty was named an American College Personnel Association (ACPA) Educational Leadership Foundation Diamond Honoree, and he recently received the Sequoia Award from the Great Valley Center.

Previously, Welty served as president of Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) for seven years. Prior to this role, he served as vice president for student and university affairs for four years.

"It is especially appropriate to honor a Western Illinois University graduate who has had such a productive and meaningful career in higher education," said WIU Provost **Jack Thomas**.

A native of Amboy (IL), Welty has served as an admissions counselor at Michigan State University, East Lansing, and as assistant vice president for student affairs at Southwest State University in Marshall (MN). At the State University of New York, Albany, he was director of residences, associate dean for student affairs and assistant professor of counseling and student development.

Welty received his master's degree in college student personnel services from Michigan State University and his doctorate in administration of higher education from Indiana University, Bloomington.

Welty and his wife, Sharon Brown-Welty, have five children and three grandchildren.

International Alumni Achievement Award

Hyuk-Jong Kim, president of Gwangju University in Korea, has been named the inaugural recipient of the WIU International Alumni Achievement Award.

The International Alumni Achievement Award is presented to an international alumnus/na in recognition of outstanding contributions to any of the following: exceptional accomplishment in one's chosen field of endeavor; exceptional service in community affairs at the local, state or national levels; or exceptional service in support of the advancement and continued excellence of WIU.

Kim received his master's in education from Western in 1987. He has served as president of Gwangju University since May 2003. He joined the Gwangju faculty in 1987, teaching in the department of education. He was named director of the Office of Planning at Gwangju in March 1994, a position he held in addition to teaching education classes until April 2003.

He serves as a board member of the Korean University Education Association; as chair of the Gwangju-Jeonnang University Presidents Association; as a board member of the Daedong Cultural Foundation; and a member of the promotion committee for the Gwangju World Women's Forum for Peace. He has served as an adviser to the Presidential Committee on Balanced National Development and to the Council for the Promotion of the 2012 World Expo to the Provincial Area.

Kim has been instrumental in supporting Gwangju University students who attend Western's summer program, which allows students to further enhance their English skills and learn more about American culture. In addition, Kim has hosted a delegation of Western faculty and administrators at Gwangju University.

Kim is a member of the Inspection Council for the Ministry of Justice and is a Standing Representative of the Main Center for the Mutual Support of the Two Koreas. He is also currently serving as a committee board member for the Gwangju 2015 Summer Universiade.

He received his bachelor's degree from Sungkyunkwan University and a doctorate degree from The University of Kansas.

Distinguished Alumni Award

Thomas Nardi, executive vice president and Chief Financial Officer of Navigant Consulting, Inc., received the Western Illinois University Distinguished Alumni Award.

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 have extended meritorious service for the advancement and continued excellence of WIU.

Nardi, a 1976 accountancy graduate, has been the executive vice president and Chief Financial Officer of Navigant, an NYSE publicly traded, specialized, global consulting firm, since November 2008. Previously, Nardi served as president of Integrys Business Support, a unit of NYSE public utility and energy company Integrys Energy Group, and from 2001-2007 he served as executive vice president and Chief Financial Officer for Peoples Energy. Prior to joining Peoples, Nardi spent 19 years at NICOR, serving in a variety of executive-level operating, financial and regulatory positions. Nardi started his career in the Chicago audit practice of Arthur Andersen, where he worked from 1976 to 1981.

Active in his alma mater, Nardi received the College of Business and Technology Distinguished Alumni Award in 2002 and serves on the President's National Advisory Council, the College of Business and Technology Advisory Council and the Accounting Advisory Council. In addition, he is an active participant in WIU-sponsored alumni events and is a major donor. He established and continues to support the Thomas A. Nardi Endowed Scholarship in the Department of Accountancy.

Active in his community, Nardi is a member of the Economic Club of Chicago, the AICPA, the City of Naperville Public Utility Advisory Board and serves on the board of Trustees of the Adler Planetarium. He received an MBA from the University of Chicago in 1990. Nardi and his wife, Mary, live in Naperville (IL) and are the parents of three children. They have one grandchild.

Alumni Achievement Award

Herb Strong, retired President/CEO of MidAmerica National Bank in Macomb, received the Alumni Achievement Award in December, was highlighted in the March Western News and was recognized in May.

QC Riverfront Ground-breaking



Western Illinois University's vision of a Quad Cities Riverfront Campus became one step closer to reality with the official groundbreaking for Building One on March 31 on River Drive in Moline. Quad Cities Administrative staff members, l-r: **Andy Borst, Gary Rowe, Tami Seitz, and Kristi Mindrup** break ground on the new facility, which will consist of approximately 60,000-square-feet of space for the WIU-QC Riverfront campus.



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Western Athletic Club) and the Performing Arts Society, and he has been a member of the WIU Alumni Council. In the community, he is involved with McDonough District Hospital's fundraising efforts, most recently establishing Linda's Fund to assist breast cancer patients, and he is a member of the Maple Avenue Christian Church. Bainter has also been involved with Macomb High School athletics boosters and has coached local youth athletic teams.

Bainter earned his master's and bachelor's degrees from Western.

The vice president for advancement and public services provides leadership and administration of programs and operations related to University advancement, including Foundation and Development, University Relations and Visual Productions Center, Scholarship Activities and University Marketing. Working with the president and the senior management in the division, the vice president establishes priorities for institutional advancement and implements policies and guidelines for each area in the division. The vice president provides executive leadership and planning to the University's fundraising campaigns, serves as executive officer of the WIU Foundation, and maintains interactive relationships with the WIU Alumni Association which reports to the office of the President.

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Olson Hall Conference Center temporarily closed

To prepare for its "extreme makeover," the Olson Hall Conference Center has closed (effective May 1).

According to **John Biernbaum**, assistant vice president of student services-residence life, due to current capacities in the additional eight residence halls on the Macomb campus, special events that are typically held in Olson Hall will be discontinued during the construction. Lodging for such events as Homecoming, Family Weekend, Mom's Weekend, Dad's Weekend and other programs held during the academic year will be reconsidered once construction is complete.

The Olson Hall closure will not affect summer camps and conferences lodging, which will be available in other

residence halls, Biernbaum added.

As part of the University Housing and Dining Services (UHDS) Master Plan, Corbin and Olson halls, two of the Macomb campus's longest-standing residence halls, will be completely rehabbed and renovated beginning in October. The Corbin-Olson update, which will be funded through a bond issue, includes renovating the shared dining center and upgrading the heating and air conditioning system, plumbing, lighting, bathrooms and furniture. The entire project should be completed by Fall 2012.

Learn interesting WIU stories by going 'Beyond the Bell Tower'

Why was a Western Illinois University alumna recently mentioned in USA Today? How did a recent agriculture graduate become CEO of a company in another country that grows a crop he'd never seen before leaving the U.S.?

Find the answers and the stories behind them—and suggest other great stories—by checking out the new blog developed by University Relations, "Beyond the Bell Tower," at wiurelations.wordpress.com.

The blog is part of an ongoing initiative in University Relations to engage prospective and current students, alumni, faculty and the public with the department's existing social media applications such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, according to **Darcie Shinberger '89 MS '98**, director of University Relations.

"With the bulk of information that comes in to UR, sometimes we hear a great story that lends itself well to writing an in-depth feature and sending to the media," said Shinberger. "Other times it may be a great piece of news that's a bit quirky or offbeat, or maybe falls between editorial deadlines, so this new blog provides another venue to get the information out quickly and to a wide audience."

Alison McGaughey, public information specialist, developed the concept for the blog as a venue for the department to deliver news and information to its constituents, but in a way that might cover topics not traditionally included in news releases or the University's other primary sources of information. With this in mind, content will be centered around one strict criterion, according to McGaughey: that it be "interesting."

"Right now, 'the tag line' or subtitle is simply 'Fun Stuff You Need to Know about WIU.' So the feel and the overall tone is meant to be engaging for students, parents, alumni—stories that will appeal to everyone," McGaughey said. "Western has so many graduates, faculty, and current students who are doing interesting things, even if those things might not relate directly to their careers, or to their academic majors. The blog will attempt to seek out stories and highlight news that might go 'beyond the academic bell tower,' so to speak."

Another goal is to get traffic in terms of readers' comments, and users' connecting with and sharing of posts via Twitter and other applications.

"Simply sharing a link can start conversation. With the hybrid and viral nature of the web, and the 'Web 2.0' principles of sharing and collaborating, the point of the blog will be to spread the word about interesting things students, alumni and faculty are doing, and for web users to spread the word with each other, too," McGaughey added.

To submit post ideas for the blog, contact McGaughey at AR-Mcgaughey@wiu.edu, or leave comments on individual posts at wiurelations.wordpress.com.





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