Aug. 29 added even more to the growth over the past two years. Wednesday, Western Illinois University-Quad Cities (WIU-QC) campus has been expanding semester last week at the new campus, the grand opening of that first building Phase I in March 2010, to a ribbon-cutting.

By Darcie Shinberger ’89 M.S. ’98

Phase II WIU-QC Riverfront Campus breaks ground for

From the initial groundbreaking for Phase I in March 2010, to a ribbon-cutting and grand opening of that first building in January 2012, to the start of the fall semester last week at the new campus, the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities (WIU-QC) campus has been expanding over the past two years. Wednesday, Aug. 29 added even more to the growth of WIU’s presence in the Quad Cities as the official groundbreaking for Phase II of the Riverfront Campus took place at at the campus’ River Drive location in Moline.

Throughout the years, businesses, industries, local organizations, government leaders and higher education have worked together to support legislation and funding for the expanded Riverfront Campus.

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Wetzel Hall Implosion

In front of a crowd of hundreds gathered to mark the historic occasion, Wetzel Hall came down July 14. Many past residents of the hall came back to campus to witness the implosion, which took mere seconds to bring down the 13-story building. The building opened in September 1970 and was home to more than 22,000 students over the years. WIU biology student William Schmidt (Mokena, IL) pushed the ceremonial plunger to bring down the building. A park and native arboretum will be placed on the site once clean-up of the debris is complete.

Alumni Legacy Project

The Alumni Legacy Project, kicked off by the Alumni Council in December 2011, supports renovations to the Alumni House grounds. Phase I construction of a lower stone wall will be finished by Homecoming 2012. Phases II and III will continue into 2013 with more renovations to the front yard and around the Alumni House. “We hope other alumni will join us in our effort to raise funds for this campus beautification project,” said Roger Clawson ’77, past president of the WIU Alumni Council. “Visit wiu.edu/alumni to learn more or to make a contribution.”

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Alumni Council welcomes new members

Three Western Illinois University graduates joined the 26-member WIU Alumni Council, representing the interests of Western’s more than 115,000 alumni July 1. Michelle Banas ’97, the director of Academic Support Programs at Monmouth College in Monmouth (IL); Dan Szajna ’00, the contract coordinator for University Sourcing at The University of Illinois in Champaign; and Matthew Toland ’05 M.A. ’10, the assistant director of The Campbell Center for Historic Preservation Studies in Mt. Carroll (IL) will each serve a three-year term.

WIU and Caterpillar: alumni, students sustain connection

By Teresa Koltzenburg ’92 M.S. ’11

Rich Lavin ’76, Steve Larson ’78 M.B.A. ’79 and Gary Stampanato ’77 are three WIU alumni who have reached well-earned positions at Caterpillar Inc. (CAT), one of the world’s most recognizable manufacturers of construction equipment. All three credit Western, in part, for their trajectory into the highest echelon of CAT, which is 106 on Forbes’ list of Global 2000 Leading Companies and employs approximately 500 alumni.

Leatherneck Football Coach Darrell Mudra (1969-74) not only imparted a winning record that contributes to his legacy at Western Illinois University, but his approach to competition and performance has also been carried on through the substantial success of one his former players. That player is Caterpillar Inc. Group President Rich Lavin. Lavin earned his bachelor’s degree

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Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Downtown Chicago

No Western Wednesdays After-Hours*

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49ers Social & Football Game

Mizzou Arena in Columbia (MO)

Wines

Monmouth Alumni & Friends Wine Tasting at Market Alley Wines

15 . . . . . . WIU vs. Missouri Social and Women's Basketball Game at Scottish Rite Cathedral in St. Louis, MO

16 . . . . . . Minneapolis Alumni & Friends Event - Twins vs. White Sox Social at SOB Bar and Restaurant & Baseball Game at Target Field

21-22 . . . . . Homecoming & Reunion

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11 . . . . . . Charleston (SC) Alumni & Friends Social at The Blind Tiger

12 . . . . . . Raleigh/Durham (NC) Alumni & Friends Social at Napper Tandy's

13 . . . . . . Charlotte (NC) Alumni & Friends Social at Harper's Restaurant

14 . . . . . . Atlanta Alumni & Friends Social at Fado Irish Pub

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15 . . . . . . WIU vs. Missouri Social and Women's Basketball Game at Mizou Arena in Columbia (MO)

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1 . . . . . . Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Chicago Suburb

10-12 . . . . WIU Commencement & Distinguished Alumni Awards Weekend

JUNE 2013

5 . . . . . . Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Downtown Chicago


17 . . . . . . Quad Cities Golf Outing

JULY 2013

3 . . . . . . No Western Wednesdays After-Hours*

AUGUST 2013

7 . . . . . . Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Chicago Suburb

SEPTEMBER 2013

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OCTOBER 2013

2 . . . . . . Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Chicago Suburb

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Health sciences faculty member co-authors study that explores non-medical prescription drug use and mental health

By Teresa Koltzenburg ’92 MS ’11

Western Illinois University Department of Health Sciences Assistant Professor Amanda Divin recently co-authored a study that explores non-medical prescription drug use and depressive symptoms in college students. According to the U.S. Department of Education’s Higher Education Center for Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention, non-medical prescription drug use by college students is a growing trend on most campuses. Due to this trend, Divin and her colleague, Keith Zullig, an associate professor in the West Virginia University School of Public Health, recently conducted and published the study, “The association between non-medical prescription drug use, depressive symptoms, and suicidality among college students.” The article appeared in the August 2012 issue of Addictive Behaviors: An International Journal.

For their research, Divin and Zullig utilized data from the fall 2008 American College Health Association National College Health Assessment (ACHA-NCHA), a national research survey that addresses seven areas of health and behavior of college students, one of which is mental health and behavior of college students, one of which is alcohol, tobacco and other drug use. The sample used for the study (from the ACHA-NCHA data) contained 26,600 randomly selected college students from 40 campuses in the U.S. The student respondents were asked about their non-medical prescription drug use (including painkillers, stimulants, sedatives and antidepressants) and mental health symptoms within the last year. According to Divin’s and Zullig’s results, approximately 13 percent of the college-student respondents reported non-medical prescription drug use, with those who reported feeling hopeless, sad, depressed or considered suicide being significantly more likely to report nonmedical use of any prescription drug. The results also showed this relationship was more pronounced for females who reported painkiller use.

“Because prescription drugs are tested by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and prescribed by a doctor, most people perceive them as ‘safe’ and don’t see the harm in sharing with friends or family if they have a few extra pills left over,” Divin explained. “Unfortunately, all drugs potentially have dangerous side effects. As our study demonstrates, use of prescription drugs—particularly painkillers like Vicodin and OxyContin—is related to depressive symptoms and suicidal thoughts and behaviors in college students. This is why use of such drugs needs to be monitored by a doctor and why mental health outreach on college campuses is particularly important.”

Divin and Zullig believe the results suggest students are self-medicating their psychological distress with prescription medications.

“Considering how common prescription sharing is on college campuses and the prevalence of mental health issues during the college years, more investigation in this area is definitely warranted,” Divin added.

“Our study is just one of the many first steps in exploring the relationship between non-medical prescription drug use and mental health.”

Adkins named associate dean of College of Education and Human Services

Dale Adkins, former chair of the Western Illinois University Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration (RPTA), has been named associate dean for academic affairs, research and innovation in the College of Education and Human Services (COEHS), effective July 1 according to COEHS Dean Sterling Saddler.

“Dr. Adkins’s well-earned professional reputation and creative approach to building interdisciplinary partnerships will serve the college well and enhance our outstanding academic programs as well as benefit our service centers,” Saddler said.

Adkins came to Western in 1992, after serving as assistant professor in the department of physical education and recreation at Western Kentucky University. Prior to that, he was a visiting lecturer and associate instructor at Indiana University. He also served as a manager for Sherwood Youth Camp (Dahinda, IL) from 1998-00; was the co-recreation director for the Illinois Youth on Campus Summer Program at WIU (1994-96); and was a program specialist for special populations for Indiana University’s Bradford Woods, an outdoor education, recreation and camping center.

During his time at WIU, Adkins served as an associate professor and internship coordinator in the RPTA department. He has published papers and research in conference proceedings for the Canadian Conference of Leisure Research; the Symposium on Leisure Research; the National Recreation and Park Association; and the Southeastern Recreation Research Conference. He has published articles in the Journal of Park and Recreation Administration, in “Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks” and in “Church Recreation Magazine.”

In addition, Adkins has received grant funding from such organizations as the Illinois Police Association (for Sherwood Youth Camp, Inc.), as well as the Department of Natural Resources for the State of Illinois and the Illinois Association of Park Districts Research Grant Program. Adkins serves (and has served) on various WIU committees and planning and policy groups, including the Master Plan Update Steering Committee 2012, the University Chairs’/Directors’ Council (chair, 2010-present), Employee Wellness, the University Theme Committee, as well as others.

Adkins is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association; the Society of Park and Recreation Educators, for which he served as president (2007-08); the American Association of Leisure and Recreation, for which he also served as president (2000-01); and the American Camp Association, for which he currently serves on the Student Camp Leadership Academy Steering Committee.

He received his doctorate in recreation from Indiana University (Bloomington, IN), his master’s degree in recreation and park administration from the Eastern Kentucky University and his bachelor’s degree in sociology and recreation from Morehead State University. Adkins also holds a master’s degree in Christian education from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville (KY).

The associate dean for academic affairs, research, and innovation provides leadership to academic programs and to faculty/student research initiatives; coordinates program approval/review/accreditation of all non-teacher education programs; enhances opportunities for academic departments and service centers to conduct and disseminate research; and supports and cultivates the attraction of grants and contracts through individual academic and service units, as well as through a variety of intra/inter University, governmental and private sector partnerships.
Student’s passion for fashion and thrift lands him TV gig

By Teresa Koltzenburg ’92 MS ’11

Leatherneck Saving on Style—whether it is saving money on style in your home, in your wardrobe or in your outdoor leisure spaces—is the forte of Chris Taylor (Quincy, IL). And he has landed a weekly television show to prove it.

Taylor, a senior fashion merchandising major in Western’s Department of Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising and Hospitality (DFMH), shares his passion for fashion and more every week on the Quincy (IL)-based KHQA-TV station, where, in May, he landed a regular Friday segment on the station’s 5-7 a.m. local news show. According to Taylor, a class project—as well as his love of, and thrifty approach to, fashion and design—helped get the job.

“In my visual merchandising class, we were put into groups to construct displays created out of recycled material. Because of a back injury, I could not be in class the week of creating the project, so I volunteered to work from home and create our outfit and left everyone else to create the background display,” Taylor explained. “After putting our components together, I shared a photo with KHQA on Facebook. About a month later, a newscaster emailed me and asked to talk with the creator of the dress. She also wanted to see any other projects that I had made. After my first appearance, I was asked to come back again.”

In his segments, Taylor provides tips and ideas for “reconsuming” used or vintage materials to make them usable and stylish again. Taylor said his designs are frequently based on using reconsumed, common household items and/or vintage materials. He also noted that saving money plays a large part in his drive to reuse items and materials.

“My inspiration comes from everywhere, but most of it comes from being cheap. I have always loved thrift shopping because it’s unpredictable; you never know what you are going to find. I refuse to pay full price for anything, and that has driven me to be creative in all aspects of interior furnishings and apparel,” Taylor noted.

To share his style-saving tips with the world, Taylor created a Facebook page called “ReConsumed4U,” which is available at facebook.com/ReConsumed4U. There, Taylor provides photos of the style projects he has produced, shares design and fashion tips, and talks about what style-saving advice he’ll be giving on his KHQA Friday-morning segments.

Read more about Taylor’s talents and background, and links to KHQA’s YouTube videos of Taylor’s Saving on Style segments, on Western’s Beyond the Bell Tower Blog at wiurelations.wordpress.com/2012/06/28/taylor-tv/.

WIU alumnus crowned Miss Illinois 2012

Western Illinois University graduate and former Miss Macomb titleholder Megan Ervin has been crowned Miss Illinois.

Ervin, a 22-year-old Rushville native, graduated from WIU with a bachelor’s degree in exercise science and a minor in dance. She was competing in the Miss Illinois pageant as the Miss Quincy titleholder. She finished as runner-up in last year’s state pageant as Miss Macomb.

“My dream has finally come true,” said Ervin. “When they said my name it was a big feeling of relief after all the hard work and anticipation for this event.”

While a student at WIU, Ervin taught fitness classes at the Donald S. Spencer Recreation Center and wrote a weekly fitness column for the McDonough County Voice newspaper. She also coordinated an April fitness-a-thon at Macomb High School to raise money for the Children’s Miracle Network and MHS physical education programming.

Over the next 12 months, Ervin will make more than 300 public appearances. She will also compete in the Miss America Scholarship Pageant at Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, NV in January.

Keep up to date with Megan Ervin, Miss Illinois 2012, at www.missillinois.org and follow her on Facebook.

Personnel changes for the College of Education & Human Services

Christie Carmack ’10
Assistant Director, Development, Marketing and Community Relations

Marcia Carter
Assistant Dean for Quad Cities

Dana Moon ’98 M.B.A. ’01
Director of Development, Marketing and Community Relations

Dean Zoerink
Interim Chair, Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration
Legacy of K-12 “Lab School” alive, well and celebrated every year

Each year over the last decade or so, hundreds of Western Academy/High School alumni have traveled to Macomb during its annual Heritage Days summer festival to celebrate the specialness of their K-12 education, which was delivered on Western Illinois University’s Macomb campus for most of the 20th century. Last June, students, faculty and staff of Western Academy/High School celebrated a 13th annual reunion, and plans continue among them for a 14th reunion. Out of the celebration and connection, a Western High Scholarship has emerged.

By Teresa Koltzenburg ’92 M.S. ’11

John Knowles ’76 began his 30-page history, “The School of Many Names”—which chronicles the uniqueness of his K-12 experience on Western’s Macomb campus—by stating its many monikers and then by getting straight to the point.

“The Training School, The Academy, The Campus School, The Laboratory School, Western High... Whatever its name, the Western Illinois University Laboratory School was special, from its inception in 1899 as the Training School until its closure in 1973 as Western High. Its doors have been closed for more than three decades, but its spirit lives on in the hearts of thousands of alumni, teachers, adored students and their families who, to this day, realize they were blessed to have been a part of such a unique educational institution,” wrote Knowles, who finished his high school career at this “School of Many Names,” in 1968.

Like his father, Buck Knowles ’47 (Western Academy 1940 and Western Illinois State Teachers College 1947) and his brother, Stephen Knowles ’72 (Western High School 1967 and Western Illinois University 1972), before him, Knowles completed his K-12 education in a single “school,” an extraordinary K-12 institution located on WIU’s campus from 1899-73. A trial lawyer and a part-time judge based in Portland (OR), Knowles said he wrote the history because of the distinctiveness of the institution, as well as because of the superb education he felt he received from his attendance there.

“The experience of going to kindergarten through 12th grade in one building, on a college campus, is one I have never heard anyone else—outside of those of us who received our education there—has. For those us who attended there, as well as for the faculty and staff who taught and worked there, we are all especially aware of the uniqueness,” Knowles noted. “As a youngster, to be exposed to college students and the whole educational environment of a college campus was truly a remarkable thing.”

Darlos Mummert, who graduated from Western High School and serves as associate professor in WIU’s curriculum and instruction department, said the lab school provided its students with the opportunity to have a high-quality liberal arts K-12 education.

“We had remarkably good teachers, and because the economy was healthy during my time there, we had the chance to experience ‘extras,’ like Spanish in elementary school, as well as art, music and physical education daily. Those early opportunities enhanced a solid educational background,” she explained.

Paula Swain Rhodes, who graduated from Western High School in 1967 and worked in Western’s Undergraduate Admissions office for 37 years, said many students benefited from formative relationships with faculty members at the Lab School.

“Working very closely with our yearbook advisor, Beth Stiffler ’58, is a cherished memory,” Rhodes noted. “She was my mentor and a mentor to many others. She was highly intelligent and a super English teacher, who was totally aware of her world around her. She was warm, nurturing and totally fun. After school hours my junior and senior years were spent in her office working on each yearbook,” she added.

Locating the history

On page two of his chronicle, Knowles wrote about the purpose of this “training” or “laboratory” institution: “The 1907 ‘Sequel,’ the [Western Illinois State] Normal School yearbook, elaborated: it was a ‘research laboratory’ school where ‘advanced educational thought takes concrete form’ and where the validity and efficiency of advanced teaching methods, developed in the Normal School, were tested on Training School students. This purpose became policy for its entire existence. As a consequence, it is little wonder that the Training School eventually became commonly known as ‘the Lab School’.”

Knowles’ history is available online at wiu.edu/wls/History.html. The website on which he makes it available (in PDF form) features a photo of the plaque now secured to Simpkins Hall, the building that served as the school’s home for many years. It states: “In Commemoration: Site of the Western Illinois State Teachers College Training School 1937-1968. Laboratory of Future Teachers, Remembered for Its Tradition of Excellence in Academics, Music, Sports and the Performing Arts, and the Home of the Western High Cardinals.”

The plaque recognizes one of the locations of the school during its history. The purpose behind the construction of Horrabin Hall (now home to the College of Education and Human Services and departments in that College at WIU) was to provide a new location for this uncommon “all age school.”

“In the Fall of 1968, the School of Many Names was relocated once again. The new building, eventually named Horrabin Hall in 1973 in honor of our beloved principal, H. Waldo Horrabin, was built on the old college golf course at the cost of $2.5 million. It was just one level and had no windows, an unusual feature as were the limited-weight bearing interior walls which would allow for easier redesign in the future,” Knowles’ states in his “School of Many Names.”

Scholarship support for future teachers

Since 1999 (after skipping 2000 and then starting back up in 2001), alumni of Western Academy/High have been traveling back to Macomb for an annual get-together during the city’s annual Heritage Days summer festival. On June 22, the annual party, according to Knowles, was attended by about 250 people, but there has often been well over 300 people in attendance. Knowles said the annual event started with school’s alumni group, the “Cardinal Court.”

“Members of this group, which included Beth Stiffler, Maurice Kellogg ’48, Paula Rhodes, Darlos Mummert, Gary Sherer, Don Troyer and Deb Jones, wanted to get together and start having meetings to try and encourage and preserve the history of Western High School. They came up with the idea of having a big reunion party on the Saturday night of Heritage Days in 1999, and we did it that year at the old high school gymnasium, which is now the College of Fine Arts and Communication Recital Hall in Simpkins Hall.”

In 2001, Knowles explained, the party was moved to 6 p.m. Friday night at the Heritage Days festival, and it’s been that way ever since. Out of donations that individuals have contributed over the years to help pay for the costs of the reunion, a Western High Scholarship has emerged, he added.

“We were making money on the donations, and I wondered what we should do with it, so I thought, ‘Why don’t we start a Western High Scholarship?’ So, I talked to Darlos Mummert and Paula Rhodes about it, and we worked with Jennie Hemingway, who worked in development in the College, on it,” Knowles explained. “Essentially, we donate $1,000 two times per year to a WIU student who is majoring in education and who is from McDonough County. If an applicant has some sort of tie to Western High School, like a relative or something like that, that counts a little extra, too. Each scholarship applicant has to write a short essay about why he or she wants to become a teacher. We all felt very connected to the institution of teachers because of our experiences at our ‘lab school,’ and wanted to continue to promote the teaching profession.”
Alumnus’ audition-worthy pumpkin chili & career success stems from WIU

By Teresa Koltzenburg ’92 MS ’11

Susan Waltrip’s ’95 ’07 “Off-the-Chain Chili” recipe has evolved since she first cooked it up in 2006 as a student in Western’s Department of Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising and Hospitality (DFMH). The People’s Choice Award Winner in a chili cook-off held at WIU that year, Waltrip’s Off-the-Chain Chili is now known as “Pumpkin Chili,” reflecting her addition of the squash-family ingredient to the unique chili dish that, according to Waltrip, includes ground turkey, roasted tomatoes, red wine and “some secret ingredients.”

As for the Pumpkin Chili inventor, Waltrip—after earning her first bachelor’s degree in communication from Western in 1995 and her second WIU degree in dietetics in 2007—has come full circle in her pursuit of a gratifying career.

She now works at what she calls her “dream job”—since 2010, she’s been a dietitian at the supermarket retailer HyVee in Peoria (IL). These days, too, Waltrip is scheduled on a regular television segment that promotes healthy cooking, “Cooking with Susan,” which is broadcast on Peoria-based WHOI-TV’s evening show, “Good Company.” She readily admits she did not necessarily enjoy working in the media and communication field after she earned her first degree from Western in 1995. But both of the fields of study she pursued at WIU could not be more applicable to what she does today.

“When I was younger, I thought I would like to work in the media, but after I started to get into it, I was too nervous about it. So, when I graduated from WIU the first time, I worked in banking for a few years. I moved to Dallas (TX), then came back to Illinois and worked in Springfield at a bank. After a few years of that, I just decided I didn’t want to wake up and have that feeling of ‘I wish I would have,’ and I started looking into dietetics. I’ve always been interested in what you put into your body and what you can get out of it, and I love to cook. So, with the help of Betty Dean ’87 MS ’90, who was an academic adviser in the College of Education and Human Services at the time, I made a plan, and I eventually earned another bachelor’s degree at Western. I never conceived I’d be able to use both areas of study in my career today, but working in the communication field has certainly come full circle,” she said.

In July, Waltrip used her cooking and communication skills to audition in Chicago for a new ABC-produced cooking show, which will feature American chef, author and television personality Anthony Bourdain and British food writer, journalist and broadcaster Nigella Lawson. Although she didn’t get the part, she said the audition experience was fun and it was an honor to be considered for the part.

“In Peoria, we have two TV networks that have joined forces. WHOI-TV is an ABC affiliate, and WEEK-TV is an NBC affiliate and are located in the same building. When they were approached by ABC about this new show, they collaborated together and looked at the possibility of pushing their local talent.” Waltrip explained. “Beyond anything else, for me, it was a huge ‘Holy Cow’ moment—they chose me. So, prior to the audition, we were able to use it as a special ‘Good Company’ segment, which we called, ‘Getting Susan Ready for Her Audition.’ Every day that I was on, I showcased a different style of cooking I could try at the audition. Then, just before the audition last July, the viewers could provide suggestions, through email or regular mail, about what I should cook at the audition. But I already knew what I was taking, my Pumpkin Chili, which originally came from my Off-the-Chain Chili recipe developed at WIU.”

Falling back to Western

After graduating (again) from Western in 2007, Waltrip started her required dietetics internship at Illinois State University (ISU). She chose a program in which she could both complete the internship and pursue a master’s degree in dietetics, which she finished in 2009.

“There is an amazing Horticulture Center at ISU, run by Jessica Chambers. While I was there during my internship part, Jessica approached the internship director and asked, ‘Hey, would some of your interns like to come and label some of our plants to provide information about their nutritional benefits?’ My internship director told Jessica, ‘I’ve got one better. I’ve got an intern who likes to cook, and I bet she would do a demo for you.’”

Eventually, Waltrip explained, the addition of pumpkin to her Off-the-Chain Chili recipe stemmed from this opportunity.

“Every autumn, the Horticulture Center organized and sponsored this event called ‘Autumnal Festival.’ The idea behind part of the festival was to take the produce grown at the Horticulture Center and show people how to cook with it, which would hopefully encourage people to purchase produce from the center. For these cooking demonstrations, I would take the Horticulture Center’s autumn crops—fall produce, such as squash, pumpkins, zucchini, spaghetti squash or acorn squash—and host these ‘Cooking Cucurbits with Susan’ demonstrations. So, one year, I took the chili and I added pumpkin to it. It’s now one of my favorite recipes,” she said.

Today, in her professional life, Waltrip is a licensed dietitian and nutritionist (LDN), and she passed the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) national examination in 2010, which is required for every registered dietitian (RD) in the U.S. She noted that her job at HyVee is varied, and she gets to work with people in her community, which is an aspect of it she loves.

“I have to say that my time spent studying in the dietetics program at Western was one the best parts of my life, so far. I had such good experiences there that I often cannot stop telling people about it.”

“Basically, I’m here to create organized chaos,” she said with a laugh. “I develop and teach a lot of cooking classes. For example, at least once a month I will do a ‘kid’s’ cooking class for children, as well as an adult cooking class. In between those, I often host classes for groups of ladies who want to have a ‘ladies night out’ class, or I’ll teach a wine-and-food pairing class, so I’ll work with HyVee’s wine and spirits department. In addition, I often give store tours, and I have one-on-one clients. I also develop weight-loss programs. Every day is different, and that’s why I like it.”

In her personal life, she maintains a personal connection to WIU by getting involved with mission trips through Western’s Wesley Foundation. She’s traveled to Costa Rica three times and Guatemala once so far.

“Typically, I’m building houses or build additions on churches, but there is always a feeding program. I’ve done a little bit of advising with those and helped out with how they can make meals better. That kind of stuff is near and dear to my heart,” she said.

She also maintains her connection with many of the faculty and staff in the DFMH department at Western, who she credits for pushing her to perform cooking demonstrations while she was a student at WIU.

“I loved the classes at Western, and I still love the faculty and staff. All of my professors were amazing—people like Karen Greathouse, Lorri Kanauss ’94 MS-Ed. ’97 and Rita Kaul. They are the reason I got through, and they are the reason I am successful. They do an amazing job, and it’s a tremendous undergrad program,” she said. “I did so much there. I really grew, because whenever there was an opportunity, they backed me. If something came up, I would go to them and say, ‘What do you think?’ And they would say, ‘Do it!’”

One year while she was earning her bachelor’s degree in dietetics, Waltrip had the opportunity to participate in the Heart Smart for Women program, which is held during the Spring semester at WIU. It is a 12-week lifestyle change program, including food and exercise, designed for female students and employees.

“I really enjoyed working with Judy Yeast MS ’81 from Campus Recreation and JoAnn Hairston-Jones from Beu Health Center on Western’s Heart Smart program. It was experiences like those that gave me opportunities to speak. While I was nervous, my professors pushed me to do it. I don’t think I’m great at it by any means, but I’m not nearly as afraid as I used to be. And now, I’m frequently on television, not only hosting but also developing my own cooking segments,” Waltrip noted. “I have to say that my time spent studying in the dietetics program at Western was one the best parts of my life, so far. I had such good experiences there that I often cannot stop telling people about it. The alumni license plate holder I have on my car is from Western, and I adorn my car with it proudly. That’s where I like to say my professional career began.”
Haas chosen for international orchestral competition

Western Illinois University music student Chris Haas (Nauvoo, IL) was named one of three finalists in the International Trumpet Guild’s (ITG) 2012 Orchestral Excerpts Competition. Haas, a music-instrumental performance major, performed with the other finalists in the 37th annual ITG Conference in May at Columbus State University.

Haas, who started playing the trumpet in third grade, began trumpet study with WIU Music Professor Bruce Briney during his junior year at Nauvoo-Colusa High School, upon the recommendation of his band director.

Since coming to WIU, Haas has been named one of four national finalists in the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Young Artists Brass Competition (Spring 2011). He previously won the state and the five-state regional competitions to advance to the MTNA finals. He was a three-time finalist in the WIU Fall Concerto Competition (2009, 2010, 2011) and a WIU Concerto Competition winner (Fall 2011). Haas also plays third trumpet with the Quincy Symphony Orchestra (Quincy, IL).

Haas is a Trustee Scholar at Western, which is awarded to six students each year. Haas is on track toward his goal of playing with a major symphony orchestra. Haas is scheduled to graduate in Spring 2013. He then plans to earn a master of music in trumpet performance, followed by obtaining a doctorate.

Fansler inducted into elite association

Western Illinois University Director of Bands Mike Fansler has been inducted into The American Bandmasters Association (ABA).

The placement was made during the annual ABA convention in March, which puts Fansler in the elite company of less than 300 band conductors and composers across the United States.

Each inductee was unanimously approved by the ABA’s voting body, which considers achievements in the areas of musical leadership and the promotion of the concert band genre.

Fansler’s application to the ABA included recorded performances under his direction by the WIU Wind Ensemble, the University’s premier concert band. He also conducts Western’s Chamber Winds.

Under Fansler’s direction, the Western Illinois Wind Ensemble has performed at the Illinois Music Educators Association All-State Conference, the College Band Directors National Association’s North Central Conference, and twice on Armour Stage in Chicago’s Orchestra Hall.

Fansler has conducted around the world with guest adjudicating and conducting appearances at numerous high schools and with many honor bands. Fansler also has appeared with the Army Ground Forces Band, Northern Arizona Wind Ensemble and the Johnson City (TN) Symphony Orchestra.

He has lectured on the music of Percy Grainger at the Midwest Clinic and received a grant to visit the Grainger Museum in Melbourne, Australia to further study Grainger’s music and life.

Fansler is also a professor of music, teaching graduate wind conducting and literature and various undergraduate education courses.

He joined Western’s music faculty in Fall 2001 as associate director of bands and was named director of bands and director of Western’s summer music camps in May 2005.

As associate band director, Fansler conducted Western’s Concert Band, the Fighting Leathernecks Marching Band, the Pep Band and served as interim conductor of the Symphony Orchestra.

Fansler has been conducting bands for 27 years and has served as WIU’s Wind Ensemble conductor since 2006.

Four ABA members, including former director of bands James Keene of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Jon Dugle retired WIU music professor, and current band directors Scott Casagrande of John Hersey High School (Arlington Heights, IL) and David Maccabee of United Township High School (East Moline, Ill.) comprised Fansler’s nominating committee.

Previously, Fansler directed the Idaho State University and Mars Hill (NC) College summer music camps, was the interim director of bands at Mars Hill College and the director of athletic bands and professor of saxophone at Idaho State University.

Fansler is a member of the College Band Director’s National Association, the National Band Association, the National Association for Music Education, Phi Beta Mu International Band Masters Fraternity and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

He earned a bachelor of music in music education (1993) from James Madison University, a master of music in music education (1995) from Syracuse University and a doctor of education (Ed.D.) in music education and conducting (2009) from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The American Bandmasters Association was founded in 1929, with John Philip Sousa as honorary life president.

WIU theatre student gets audition with American Idol

Capturing the title of Tri-State Idol earned a Western Illinois University musical theatre major an American Idol audition in July.

Aaron Zetterlund, of Keokuk, IA, completed the American Idol audition July 12, but was not chosen to move on to the next round of competition.

Zetterlund won the Idol contest in Quincy July 7.

He will be a senior at WIU this fall.


Clow named COFAC dean

William T. (Billy) Clow has been named the dean of Western Illinois University’s College of Fine Arts and Communication. He began his duties July 1.

Clow had served as dean of the College of Fine Arts at the University of Montevallo (AL), as well as a professor at the school, since 2009. Prior to that appointment Clow was the interim associate dean of the College of Liberal Studies and director of the School of Arts and Communication (2007-2009) and chair of the department of theatre arts (1999-2007) at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (UWL), as well as serving a professor.


Clow has published professionally, and has numerous theatrical honors, including lighting design awards and certificates of merit from the Kennedy Center America College Theatre Festival. He has served as the scenic and/ or lighting designer for several plays throughout the United States and is a member of the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences and the International Council of Fine Arts Deans.

“Mr. Clow’s diverse experience in the fine arts will further enhance COFAC’s mission of providing an outstanding education to its students and to serve as the major cultural center for the region,” said WIU Provost Ken Hawkinson ’78 MA ’79.

Clow received his MFA from Illinois State University (1989) and his bachelor’s degree from the University of Missouri (1985).
Dear Alumni & Friends,

It is with pride and a sense of gratitude that I thank you for your generous support of Western Illinois University this past fiscal year. Your commitment to Western Illinois University in the face of a challenging economy and difficult state financial environment has made it possible for another 1,840 students to meet their dream of graduating from college.

The last decade has certainly changed the landscape of higher education in Illinois and across the country. No longer does money freely flow to the public colleges and universities, and no longer is it a given that students can apply for, and receive, financial aid. Western Illinois University is facing a critical time in its future and there is no doubt that additional private support will be needed to continue to offer access and opportunity to higher education. The Foundation’s fundraising efforts are focused on keeping a Western education accessible to as many students as possible, regardless of means.

Many of you have stepped forward to support the current $60 million Campaign for Western Illinois University: Higher Values in Higher Education. We have raised more than $50 million toward our goal and I have no doubt that by Dec. 31, 2013, when the campaign ends, we will have exceeded our goal. We are grateful to each and every one of you, for each and every gift.

Fiscal Year 2012 brought many fine accomplishments—we opened a new campus in the Quad Cities; had a student interview for a prestigious Rhodes Scholarship; had an alumnus receive a Pulitzer Prize; a faculty member receive a Fulbright Award; and another discover a new dinosaur. We could not have achieved these things without you, our donors.

I am confident that the steadfast support of our many alumni, faculty, staff, friends, businesses and foundations will allow Western to continue on its path of success and meet our campaign goal. I am grateful for your contributions, but it is not enough to just thank you. I invite you to visit the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses to see for yourself how your generosity influences our students and faculty. Again, thank you!

Sincerely,

Brad Bainter
Executive Officer, WIU Foundation

Foundation year in review:

- Seven-figure planned gift from Tate Lindahl, retired WIU administrator, to support the Performing Arts Center.
- $3 million estate land gift from an anonymous donor to support the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature and Renaissance Studies.
- Nearly $795,000 from the estate of Ralph & Gladys Anderson to support the College of Education & Human Services, specifically teacher education.
- $300,000 gift from Sodexo, Inc. & Affiliates for Student Services Facility Renovation.
- $269,345 in scholarship support from the estate of Mary Mabon '32.
- $181,250 from the Moline Foundation in support of scholarships and engineering for the Quad Cities Riverfront Campus.
- $100,000 from the AT&T Foundation for year five of the PACERS Program in the College of Education & Human Services.
- $97,742 scholarship gift from the estate of Dorothy Bates Jesse.

Scholarships—Helping students succeed

The scholarship program at Western Illinois University attracts talented and promising students to the University, rewards academic achievement and makes a Western education more affordable to qualified students. Through scholarship opportunities at Western, many students are able to complete their education and meet academic career goals.

The Western Illinois University Scholarship Program has hundreds of named scholarships awarded to students on an annual basis. Individuals or heirs choose to perpetuate family names and values by establishing either annual or endowed scholarships through the WIU Foundation.

In addition, alumni, corporations, small businesses and private individuals also provide monetary support to the Foundation and its scholarship program. What follows are highlights of the support and generosity in Fiscal Year 2012 that have enhanced the Western Illinois University Scholarship Program.

- The WIU Foundation distributed more than $2.1 million in student scholarships this past year, including institution-based aid and room scholarships; more than $3.4 million was awarded to over 3,879 WIU students in Fiscal Year 2012.
- Scholarship awards represented more than 31 percent of the Foundation’s total expenditures for the year.
- New contributions added an additional $1,792,500 to the endowment for scholarships, assistantships, research and similar areas.
- Donors to the WIU Scholarship Program include alumni, parents and relatives of WIU alumni, students and current and retired faculty and staff.

The following scholarships were established through the WIU Foundation in Fiscal Year 2012. We thank the individuals, corporations and foundations whose generosity made these scholarships possible.

- Shane & Tena Bennett Scholarship
- Richard & Janet Boynton History Honors Award
- Brattain Transfer Scholarship
- Delcamo Leadership Scholarship
- Ethan Dobereiner Memorial Scholarship
- Dukes & Dobereiner Scholarship
- Bruce Engnell Agriculture Scholarship
- R. Henry Biological Science Award
- R. Hodges English Education Scholarship
- Lowell N. Johnson Scholarship
- Maureen Marx Academic Excellence Award
- Marta Mounce Hayes Memorial Elks Scholarship
- Mabon Transfer Scholarship
- Mietus Sociological Master’s Scholarship
- S. Nelson Memorial Football Scholarship
- Quincy Crime Stoppers Memorial Scholarship
- Peggy Rodeffer Memorial Scholarship

$91,500 from the Caterpillar Foundation to sponsor six students to study in China fall semester 2012.
$50,000 gift from Olga “Kay” Kennedy ’46 for the Department of Biological Sciences.
$47,588 estate gift from Maxene Brooks ’40.
$45,000 gift from Ernie Codilis ’73 for a Pre-Law Honors Scholarship.
$30,000 planned gift from Ron ’68 & Gayle Peterson for scholarships in the College of Arts & Sciences.
$25,000 commitment from Dr. Virginia Boynton for the Richard & Janet Boynton History Honors Thesis Award.
$25,000 pledge from 2007 Honorary Alumnus William “Dr. B.” & Jacquie Brattain for the Brattain Transfer Scholarship.
$25,000 commitment from Ken Mietus ’64 M.A. ’69 & Chris ’79 M.A. ’83 Adamski-Mietus for a Sociological Master’s Scholarship.
$25,000 gift from Frank Rodeffer ’61 to establish the Peggy Rodeffer Memorial Scholarship.
$19,500 from the Eric Gleacher Foundation for Golf Scholarships.
Foundation Year in Review

Higher Values in Higher Education: The campaign for Western Illinois University

As of Aug. 22, 2012, the WIU Foundation is 84 percent of the way to its $60 million goal, having raised more than $50.6 million. Announced in 2006, the campaign is in effect until Dec. 31, 2013.

Private contributions are a necessary part of WIU operations. Currently, the State of Illinois supplies less than half of Western’s appropriated/general revenue budget. In addition, almost 80 percent of new freshmen on our campuses receive financial aid.

The campaign’s fundraising efforts are focused on keeping a Western education accessible to as many students as possible, regardless of their means, and of continual improvement of that educational experience. This simply cannot be done without the assistance of WIU’s many alumni, employees, friends, and corporate partners. Your investment is a meaningful way to share in Western’s values.

WIU-Quad Cities

Western Illinois University-Quad Cities (WIU-QC) experienced another strong and successful year. WIU-QC fundraising was enhanced by many significant institutional accomplishments. The School of Engineering graduated its first students, the supply chain management, human resource management, English and communication majors were extended to the Quad Cities Campus and a new entrepreneurial studies minor was established.

The WIU-QC Riverfront Campus opened at the start of the Spring 2012 semester. The new campus—on the banks of the Mississippi River—was made possible by a gift of land and property from John Deere and Company. Phase I supports the College of Business and Technology, all other undergraduate programs, student services and administration.

An August 2012 Phase II groundbreaking (five interconnected buildings) leads to 2014-15 opening of this new facility that will house Quad Cities programs in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education and Human Services, Fine Arts and Communication and other staff areas, including WQPT.

The addition of WQPT-Quad Cities Public Television to WIU-QC has enhanced public service. As a public broadcasting service of WIU, WQPT serves a viewing audience of 600,000 residents of Western Illinois and Eastern Iowa. Some of the new local programs include:

• WIU Presents: A monthly program showcasing fine and performing art presentations at Western.
• The Cities: A local public affairs program moderated by a local anchorman.
• Out & About: A one-to two-minute production throughout the broadcast day that highlights station programs and events sponsored by non-profit groups in the area.
• Re-broadcasts of home Leatherneck basketball games.

Cumulative comprehensive campaign and annual WQPT contributions total $7.4 million in gifts, pledges and grants for WIU-QC, with 35 donors in major gift categories and 80 in recognition categories for annual gifts, up from a total of two just three years ago. FY12 donors include:

• 3M Foundation
• Derek Bloomfield
• Thomas & Elaine Bridge
• Butler Insurance Services, Inc.
• CD Wiman Memorial Trust
• Roger Clawson
• Doris and Victor Day Foundation
• Dispatch Publishing Company
• Holabird & Root, LLC
• Illowa Construction, Labor & Management Council
• John Deere Classic
• Lowell N. Johnson Charitable Foundation
• Linguisystems
• McCarthy-Bush Foundation
• Mel Foster Co.
• Melvin McKay Trust
• Mid American Energy Foundation
• Midland Information Resources
• Modern Woodmen of America
• The Moline Foundation
• Robert & Blenda Ontiveros
• Paragon Commercial Interiors
• Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 25
• Quad Cities Chapter NECA
• Quad City Bank & Trust
• Raufeisen Development
• Royal Neighbors of America
• Sedona Technologies
• Scott County Regional Authority
• The Geneseo Foundation
• Whitey’s Ice Cream Manufacturers
• Robert D. Wismer

“The number and diversity of all the private and public investors in WIU-Quad Cities and those who have helped with the progress of the Riverfront Campus reinforces the entire community’s commitment to the betterment of both the regional economy and educational landscape of the entire Quad Cities region,” said WIU President Jack Thomas. “With their generosity, our dreams have become reality. We have advanced student scholarships, information and technologies, facilities and the public service mission of WQPT.”

“Every gift strengthens our community and makes an immediate impact on our campus and the students that we serve,” said Joe Rives, vice president of Quad Cities, Planning and Technology. “We have set a strong foundation, a culture of giving and support, that benefits current and future generations of students. We will continue to build on our fundraising successes in the years ahead so we can remain the public choice for higher education in the Quad Cities.”

Dear Friends of Western

Having just completed my second and final year as President of the WIU Foundation Board, I am continually impressed by your ongoing loyalty and generosity. The community of WIU donors—alumni, friends, and businesses—is reflective of the school itself; dedicated to maintaining academic excellence and preserving the welcoming and nurturing environment that Western is known for.

I recognize there are many causes worthy of your support, and it means a great deal that you continue to identify WIU as an important philanthropic priority, particularly in these challenging economic times. The fiscal situation in the state of Illinois means that your ongoing commitment to the financial assistance of WIU is essential. We increasingly rely on private support to advance our mission; your gifts make a difference, every day, on both the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses.

Your support makes it possible for Western to persevere during these times and endure. Despite declining state support, Western continues to deliver a quality education and assist students in overcoming the financial obstacles in earning their degrees. For that we are grateful.

As we enter the final stages of our current capital campaign, I want you to know how much your support of the campaign is appreciated. We are at approximately 88% of our goal as of Aug. 22, and with your continued generosity, hope to exceed our established goal of $60 million comfortably.

On behalf of our students and their families, our faculty and staff, I thank you again for your investment in the future of our graduates.

Sincerely,

Joe Rives
President, WIU Foundation Board
On behalf of the entire Western Illinois University community, the WIU Foundation thanks all of the generous individuals who made contributions to the University this past year. The following report highlights financial information, programs and services and contributions to the Western Illinois University Foundation covering the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

- Private support received through the WIU Foundation, including cash gifts, gifts-in-kind pledges and testamentary/deferred gift commitments totaled $8,387,318.
- The WIU Foundation processed 31,658 gifts from 14,126 alumni, friends, parents, faculty and staff members, corporations and business, foundations and other organizations.
- The average alumni contribution for all purposes was $356.90.
- WIU Foundation expenditures in support of the University for all purposes totaled $6,664,297.
- Contributions to the endowment added $1,792,500 to the WIU Foundation’s permanent asset base.

**TOTAL DOLLARS CONTRIBUTED BY CATEGORY—FY12**

- **ALUMNI** $2,178,172
- **CORPORATIONS/BUSINESSES** $1,224,230
- **FACULTY/STAFF & EMERITI** $258,116
- **FOUNDATIONS/ORGANIZATIONS/OTHER** $734,734
- **FRIENDS/PARENTS** $3,992,066

* Income only; outstanding pledges not included. Includes $268,286 of gift-in-kind income.

** Does not include $1,052,285 in outside scholarship donations for student support.

**NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS BY CATEGORY—FY12**

- **6,103 ALUMNI**
- **588 CORPORATIONS/BUSINESSES**
- **515 FACULTY/STAFF & EMERITI**
- **137 FOUNDATIONS/ORGANIZATIONS/OTHER**
- **6,783 FRIENDS/PARENTS**

* Does not include 473 employees who are included in the alumni count.

** Does not include 318 parents included in alumni count.
# Foundation

## Financial Summary

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

Includes all gift-in-kind and contribution income, including outside scholarship donations.
The Summit League announces the 2012 Spring Academic All-League Honorees

The Summit League has announced that 107 Fighting Leathernecks earned 2012 Spring Academic All-League recognition on June 14 with 46 receiving Distinguished Scholar honors.

Student-athletes who earned a minimum grade point average of 3.0 during the Spring 2012 semester made the list, and those posting a mark of 3.6 or higher were recognized as Distinguished Scholars. Eighteen Leathernecks turned in perfect 4.0 semester GPAs.

“Western Illinois student-athletes continued to be successful academically this spring and we could not be more thrilled to announce that 107 Leathernecks were placed on The Summit League’s Spring Academic All-League list,” Director of Athletics Tim Van Alstine said.

“This recognition shows that our coaches and student-athletes remain committed to academic excellence and make it a priority throughout the year.”

Track and field led the way for men’s teams with 22 student-athletes awarded. They were followed by baseball (12), swimming and diving (8), golf (6), tennis (4) and basketball (3). Track and field set the tone for the women’s teams as well with 19 honorees. They were followed by swimming and diving (10), softball (7), golf (6), basketball (6) and tennis (4).

Tanney hired as associate athletics director

Matt Tanney, director of compliance at the University of Oklahoma, has been hired as associate athletics director for Leatherneck Athletics.

Tanney will supervise all facets involving Leatherneck student-athletes, including: compliance, academic services, financial aid, strength and conditioning and athletic training along with facility management and sport administration.

Prior to working for the Sooners, Tanney worked two years at the University of Dayton in the same capacity.

“My family and I are excited to join the Leatherneck and Macomb communities,” said Tanney. “Participation in NCAA athletics can have a profound and positive impact on student-athletes, and I look forward to working with our coaches, staff and various campus departments to provide the optimal experience for all student-athletes during their time at Western.”

Tanney worked for a year and a half as a law clerk at the National Federation of State High School Associations in Indianapolis (IN), then at The Ohio State University as a compliance coordinator. Tanney received his Juris Doctor in May 2008.

In May 2005, Tanney graduated with honors from Wabash College with a bachelor’s degree in English.

For ticket information, visit GoLeathernecks.com

Intercollegiate Athletics

WIU Athletics announces new hires

Calhoun named WIU football equipment manager

The Western Illinois Athletics Department has chosen Dakarai Calhoun to take over the athletic equipment room duties for the Leathernecks Football program. In his second year at Western, Calhoun will also continue to work directly with the men’s basketball program.

Since joining the department in May 2011, Calhoun assisted with the Leatherneck sport programs in issuance and receipt of athletic equipment, setting up for practices and games, supervising the locker room services and security, and traveling with teams on occasion to assist with equipment needs.

Prior to joining Western, he worked for three years at the College of William & Mary as an assistant equipment manager. He worked directly with men’s/women’s basketball, volleyball, men’s/women’s soccer, men’s/women’s tennis, lacrosse and field hockey.

Calhoun spent one year in the Arena Football League, working with the Tallahassee Titans as athletic assistant and equipment manager.

Calhoun worked four years at Florida A&M University (FAMU) as assistant equipment manager, working with the head manager with the football program. He interned during the summer of 2005 with the Jacksonville Jaguars in player operations.

A member of the Athletic Equipment Managers Association (AEMA), Calhoun earned his bachelor’s degree from FAMU in political science with a minor in graphic design.

Flogaites named head coach of women’s soccer team

Following five successful seasons at Hastings College, 11-year coaching veteran Ted Flogaites has been chosen as the head coach of the Western Illinois University women’s soccer program.

Flogaites takes over as the Leathernecks’ fifth head coach in program history, bringing with him a career record of 123-85-13 in 11 years as a head coach, including a five-year mark of 76-22-9 (.752 winning percentage) with the Broncos.

He led Hastings to the 2010 NAIA national championship game, qualified for three national tournaments (2008, 2010, 2011), was nationally ranked the past two seasons, and set a program record winning 19 games last season.

“Joining the Leatherneck Athletics Department is a phenomenal opportunity for me, and I will do whatever it takes to build the program into playing attractive soccer, achieving and surpassing high standards in the classroom, and competing first for Summit League championships with our sights set down the line on qualification for the NCAA College Cup,” Flogaites said.

He inherits a Leatherneck team that started off last year 6-2 before slipping to a 7-12 overall record (1-8 in the Summit League). Western had finished among the top half in the Summit League six of the previous seven years, including an undefeated regular season championship in 2007 and three appearances in the tournament championship game.

Flogaites led the College of the Southwest to a 17-3 record in 2006 as head coach, winning the Red River Athletic Conference regular season title and advancing to the NAIA nationals. For three years he coached at Lambuth University, appearing in the conference tournament each season and setting a program record for wins in 2005 (12).

Shondell named assistant volleyball coach

Kyle Shondell, former senior manager of the Purdue University women’s volleyball team, has been named assistant coach of the Fighting Leatherneck volleyball team. The team also announced Brad Taylor (Glen Ellyn, IL) as the team’s graduate assistant coach and Amanda Hokenson as volunteer assistant coach.

“I feel blessed for the opportunity and am extremely excited to help Coach (April) Hall rejuvenate the Leatherneck volleyball program,” Shondell said.

During Shondell’s tenure at Purdue, the Boilermakers advanced to three Sweet Sixteens and an Elite Eight. Shondell also played for (2008-09) and trained (2011) the Purdue Men’s Club Volleyball team.

Shondell graduated from Purdue University in May 2012 with a bachelor’s degree in professional writing and a minor in history.

Smalzer named assistant director of academic services

Western Illinois University graduate assistant Claire Smalzer (Palos Heights, IL) was recently named assistant director of Academic Services. Smalzer spent the last year serving as a graduate assistant in the department before accepting the full-time position.

“I am ecstatic that Claire has decided to join the Leatherneck family as a full time staff member,” said Assistant Athletics Director for Academic Services and Senior Woman Administrator Lisa Melz-Jennings MS ’94. “Her past year as my graduate assistant proved to be invaluable to her growth. I am certain she is ready for this next stage in her career.”

As a graduate assistant, Smalzer was responsible for the academic advising of six NCAA Division I sport programs including: football, men’s and women’s golf, women’s soccer, volleyball and softball. She also helped coordinate community events for Leatherneck student-athletes including Jump Rope for Heart, Rocky’s Reach and The Summit League Food Fight.

Smalzer came to Western Illinois after graduating from Duke University in 2011 with a bachelor’s of science in biological anthropology and anatomy and a minor in Education.

Tanney hired as associate athletics director

Matt Tanney, director of compliance at the University of Oklahoma, has been hired as associate athletics director for Leatherneck Athletics.

Tanney will supervise all facets involving Leatherneck student-athletes, including: compliance, academic services, financial aid, strength and conditioning and athletic training along with facility management and sport administration.

Prior to working for the Sooners, Tanney worked two years at the University of Dayton in the same capacity.

“My family and I are excited to join the Leatherneck and Macomb communities,” said Tanney. “Participation in NCAA athletics can have a profound and positive impact on student-athletes, and I look forward to working with our coaches, staff and various campus departments to provide the optimal experience for all student-athletes during their time at Western.”

Tanney worked for a year and a half as a law clerk at the National Federation of State High School Associations in Indianapolis (IN), then at The Ohio State University as a compliance coordinator. Tanney received his Juris Doctor in May 2008.

In May 2005, Tanney graduated with honors from Wabash College with a bachelor’s degree in English.
Leathernecks succeed in NCAA APR Report

Led by the women’s tennis team that recently received the NCAA Public Recognition Award for Academic Progress Rate (APR), Western Illinois Athletics once again had all 20 sport programs exceed the benchmark 930 multi-year score. The NCAA released the academic data June 20.

The Leathernecks scored a perfect 1,000 on 34 occasions between multi-year and 2010-11 scores of APR (10), eligibility/retention (12), and graduation (12).

The APR is calculated by allocating points for academic eligibility and retention of student-athletes on athletic scholarships. A team’s APR score is the total points earned by the team at a given time divided by the total points possible and multiplied by 1,000. The multi-year number is the average APR score of the four-year cohort spanning 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11.

To learn more about academics and APR, visit ncaa.org and click on Academics/Division I. The NCAA Division I APR database is available for the general public to view.

Of the 20 programs, 15 either kept their multi-year rate the same or increased compared to last year’s report—including six teams that jumped up by 10 or more points. Four of the five programs which slipped in multi-year were by seven or fewer points.

“In recent months APR has been talked about in the national media and consequences of poor scores leading to a postseason ban. That’s why I am very excited to report the APR success of all our programs. The NCAA increased the benchmark five points to a minimum 930 multi-year rate, and we continue to exceed that rate in every program,” said Director of Athletics Tim Van Alstine.

“Being named the NCAA Stolen Base Champion is not only a tremendous personal honor for Sammy, especially after missing 13 games with a broken ankle, but also a great testament to her teammates that helped her accomplish this award,” said Coach Holly Van Vlymen ’00 MS-Ed ’08. “We are excited to build upon the successes of last season in the upcoming year.”

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Women’s Tennis earns APR award

The Western Illinois women’s tennis program received national recognition by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) June 14, ranking among the top 10 percent nationally in the multi-year Academic Progress Rate (APR). The Fighting Leathernecks tennis team received a perfect score of 1,000.

Each year, the NCAA tracks the classroom performance of student-athletes on every Division I team through the annual scorecard of academic achievement. The score measures eligibility and retention each semester or quarter and provides a picture of the academic culture in each sport. The most recent APRs are multi-year rates based on scores from the 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-11 academic years. WIU Tennis Coach Chris Kane and his women’s program also scored a perfect 1,000 multi-year APR in eligibility/graduation and retention.

“Women’s tennis earning the APR recognition award by the NCAA is an incredible honor for the program, Coach Kane, Leatherneck Athletics, and the Summit League. To be ranked among the top 10 percent nationally in multi-year APR speaks volumes to the program’s dedication in the classroom,” said WIU Director of Athletics Tim Van Alstine.

Womens’s Leatherneck Football Camp

The program received positive input from several participants.

“I signed up with several of my friends,” said participant Cathy Early WIU Board of Trustees member and 1997 Honorary Alumnus. “We all had a great time and it was a nice opportunity to meet and interact with the coaching staff and student-athletes.”

Fellow participant Laura Swanson Leezer ’84 MS-Ed. ’98 agreed, saying, “As a graduate of the first WIU Ladies’ Leatherneck Football Academy, I’m even more impressed than I already was with the skill set and enthusiasm Coach Hendrickson and his elite coaching staff bring to the game. I can’t wait to watch them this fall.”

After a successful inaugural event, Leatherneck Athletics is already looking forward to the second annual Ladies’ Leatherneck Football Academy in 2013.

“The Leatherneck football coaches, student-athletes, cheerleaders and participants shared a memorable night on Hanson Field,” Homewood added. “We look forward to another successful event next year.”

Ladies’ Leatherneck Football Academy raises more than $1,100 for diabetes

Sixty-five women participated in the inaugural Ladies’ Leatherneck Football Academy as part of a diabetes fundraiser at Hanson Field July 25.

The fundraiser brought in more than $1,100 for the Diabetes Center at McDonough District Hospital.

“The Ladies’ Leatherneck Football Academy was a huge success on so many levels,” said WIU Director of Athletics Marketing Kelsey Homewood. “The diabetes fundraiser was an exciting opportunity for the women of our community to spend an enjoyable evening learning about the game of football, while supporting a great cause.”

WIU football Coach Mark Hendrickson, his coaching staff and 15 football student-athletes hosted the women for the two-hour event.

Following registration, the program included chalk talk, a film session, offensive and defensive philosophies, position techniques, offense versus defense, a kicking contest, a question-and-answer session with coaches and players and concluded with tailgating.

Marshall recognized as the NCAA Stolen Base Champion

Western Illinois softball shortstop Sammy Marshall (Naperville, IL) was crowned the NCAA Stolen Base Champion after swiping a school and Summit League record 45 bases in just 38 games for a steals-per-game average of 1.18.

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Alumnus’ WIU study translates to archeology career

By Bryce Dexter

What would lead you into the field of archeology? That was the question Patricia Anderson ’78 MA ’83 had to ask herself while growing up in Princeton (IL).

As a child, Anderson developed a deep love for animals and for showing her horse, “Twilight Time” throughout the Midwest. Dreams of becoming a professional horse trainer seemed more realistic for Anderson than anything else; however, to the relief of her parents, Anderson sold her horse and came to WIU to explore new possibilities.

While a student at WIU in 1977, Anderson joined 30 other students at the Orendorf Site Field School, southwest of Banner (IL), to uncover some of the secrets of this 13th Century Mississippian settlement. About 35 years later, in Summer 2012, Anderson found herself leading an enthusiastic group of anthropology majors to this same site to search for evidence of earlier occupations.

During her studies at WIU, Anderson expanded her interest in geography, in which she received her master’s degree and most notably, in archeology. She worked in Yucatan, Mexico for two years as a cartographer, teaching Mexican and American students how to map the ruins of Yucatan, Mexico for two years as a cartographer, teaching Mexican and American students how to map the ruins of Yucatan, Mexico for two years as a cartographer, teaching Mexican and American students how to map the ruins of Yucatan, Mexico for two years as a cartographer, teaching Mexican and American students how to map the ruins of Yucatan, Mexico.

Anderson was hired by WIU in 1999, soon after completing her doctorate. In 2000 she co-directed, with retired WIU Professor Lawrence Conrad, the WIU/Spoon River Archaeological Field School at the 10-Mile cau site, east of Peoria on the Illinois River flood plain.

The site overlooks the Rice Lake Conservation Area and the Illinois River Valley. It is one of the most famous archeological sites in Illinois, and although coal mining destroyed much of the site, an important part remains.

During the eight-week Summer 2012 session, students learned archeological methods and theory in the field at the Orendorf Site, and archaeological laboratory methods at Cuba High School. Field school students visited archeological museums, sites and field schools led by other universities including Dickson Mounds, near Lewiston (IL), Angel Mounds near Evansville (IN), Kincaid Mounds near Brookport (IL), the Illinois State Museum in Springfield, (IL) and Cahokia Mounds in Collinsville (IL).

With the help of the Cuba School Board and Cuba (IL) High School, faculty, staff and students received free accommodations in Cuba (IL), the base of operations outside the field.

“Without this incredible support, it is highly unlikely the field school would have been possible,” Anderson said. “Other venues explored in Fulton County were far beyond what students could afford. We are grateful for their kindness.”

Upon returning to WIU this fall, Anderson is creating the first archeological scholarship in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Eligible recipients must demonstrate an interest in archeology as a career and must have completed the WIU archeological field school.
New book about Hennepin Canal is latest in Western Illinois Monograph Series

By Teresa Koltzenburg ’92 MS ’11

“The year was 1874, and the Hennepin Canal had achieved national significance and would be built as a federal waterway.” Through this succinct declaration, the introduction section of Western Illinois University Geography Professor Emeritus and Board of Trustees member Donald “Bill” Griffin’s new book, “Voices of the Hennepin Canal: Promoters, Politicians, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,” sets the stage for a historical account of how this waterway, located in western Illinois and opened in 1908, was built and operated until 1951 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The work combines Griffin’s many years of research on the Hennepin Canal with the “words of the people who were part of its history,” from such sources as letters, newspaper articles and editorials, documented interviews, Congressional debates, survey reports and more.

“Voices of the Hennepin Canal”—the latest book in the New Western Illinois Monograph Series and published by the University Libraries and WIU College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)—encompasses the history, beginning in the 1830s, of the defunct waterway now utilized as a recreation area and known as the Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park. The author, who has served as a member of the WIU Board of Trustees since 2006, noted the Hennepin Canal is important not only for its contribution to inland water transportation in the U.S., but also because of the technology used at the time to construct the 75-mile route connecting the Illinois River (upstream from the village of Hennepin) to the Mississippi River west of Milan.

“From a civil engineering standpoint, this was the first time in the United States concrete was used in building navigation locks and dams. Engineers had done some work in Great Britain with concrete navigation structures, but the methodology used for the Hennepin Canal would lead to the locks built for the Panama Canal,” Griffin explained. “The canal, whose initial official name was the ‘Illinois and Mississippi Canal,’ was the western link in a water route from the Upper Mississippi River to the Atlantic Seaboard.”

According to Jeff Hancks MS ’10, WIU archivist and associate professor at University Libraries, the New Western Illinois Monograph Series was established in 2006 as a joint initiative between the University Libraries and the CAS to support studies in biography, geography, ethnography, literature, politics and the culture of the western Illinois region. “Voices of the Hennepin Canal” is available for purchase through University Archives.

“The original Western Illinois Monograph Series (1983-1991) published eight volumes and was well received by the region before it ended due to budgetary constraints. We decided to explore reviving the series, because there are some interesting, important stories from the western Illinois region to share with the public,” Hanks said. “Book publishing is an expensive endeavor, but with the generous financial support of the Haines Family Fund for Regional Studies it was possible to make our dream of re-starting the monograph series a reality.”

Hanks and CAS Dean Susan Martinelli-Fernandez serve as the series editors, while Roger Viadero, the director of the WIU Institute for Environmental Studies and a professor in the biology department, served as the volume editor.

“This collaborative effort came from the natural confluence of Professor Griffin’s 30-plus years of scholarship on the planning, construction and operation of the Hennepin Canal with my professional experience as a civil/environmental engineer,” Viadero explained. “The result is a book that bridges a broad range of disciplines from geography, to water-resource engineering, political science, history and economics. In this regard, ‘Voices’ is a great reflection of the Institute’s dedication to support multidisciplinary scholarship relevant to WIU, the region and beyond.”

Viadero also designed the book’s front and back covers and noted the book’s cover design features a contemporary landscape photo, as well as 1943 image of canal employees.

“My goal was to incorporate a visual representation of the historic ‘voices’ featured in the manuscript with the more enduring natural setting of the canal channel,” he said.

In addition to telling the important story of the Hennepin Canal, Griffin’s new book will help fund WIU Foundation Scholarships. He noted a percentage of the profits from book sales will go directly toward student scholarships.

Griffin will also be leading a field tour of the Milan area and three navigation locks of the Hennepin Canal in late September as part of the 2012 Upper Mississippi River Conference (UMRC). The Sept. 26-28 UMRC—organized by Davenport (IA) based River Action, a non-profit organization “dedicated to fostering the environmental, economic and cultural vitality of the Mississippi River and its riverfront in the Quad Cities’ region”—is slated to be held at the WIU-QC Riverfront campus and at the Stoney Creek Inn in Moline (see riveraction.org/umrc/).

According to Martinelli-Fernandez, Griffin’s leadership and participation in such activities as representing Western at the UMRC and working with individual and entities in the area not only provide important contributions to WIU, but also to the region.

“I want to thank Dr. Griffin for his vision and for his ongoing support of WIU and CAS initiatives through his collaboration with the diverse group of stakeholders from the government, community and the academy who are dedicated to enhancing environmental, economic and community sustainability along the Upper Mississippi River,” she said. Dr. Griffin teaches us that the river is our home; the river is our teacher; the river is our path to sustained progress as individuals and as communities,” she added.

To purchase copies of the “Voices of the Hennepin Canal: Promoters, Politicians, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,” contact University Archives at (309) 298-2717. Cost of each copy is $35, plus $2.71 sales tax for Illinois residents.
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in sociology from Western in 1976, and he remembers some timeless advice that Mudra—a member of the College Football Hall of Fame—gave his student athletes. Mudra’s words of wisdom have been key for Lavin since he left WIU.

“I was a part of two outstanding football teams at WIU and learned the value of discipline, teamwork and preparation, particularly from Coach Mudra, the head coach my junior year. Coach Mudra reminded us—and this was unusual for a head coach—to appreciate and learn from our competition. That’s something I’ve kept in mind over the years—to look at every situation as an opportunity to learn and develop,” Lavin said.

Caterpillar Inc. is one of the world’s most recognizable manufacturers of construction and mining equipment, engines, industrial gas turbines and diesel-electric locomotives. The unmistakable yellow machinery—branded with the all-capped word logo “CAT” in black with the yellow isosceles triangle—can be found on construction sites as near as its home base of Peoria (IL), to the far-flung nations of southeast Asia, for which Lavin is responsible. According to the Caterpillar website, Lavin has administrative responsibility for the construction equipment industry. The semester-long program, too, will demonstrate their ability to handle the demands of living and studying in a different culture.

“Challenge for those interested in working in our industry is that significant growth is occurring in the emerging markets of China, India, Indonesia, etc.; thus, global mobility is becoming a much more important requirement or prerequisite to employment at some of the construction equipment manufacturers like Caterpillar,” Stampanato noted.

“Employers look for validation of capability, work ethic, integrity and achievement,” Lavin added. “So, it’s important to have a track record of accomplishment. Caterpillar needs people with expertise in their fields, fresh ideas, energy and the ability to adapt to an environment of rapid change. Many areas of our business require deep professional expertise, the supply chain area being just one example where specific, rather than general, skills are important.”

Fostering Success

According to Western’s Vice President for Advancement and Public Services Brad Bainter ’79 MBA ’83, Western Illinois University has enjoyed a wonderful, and a mutually beneficial, relationship with Caterpillar for decades.

“Throughout the years, Caterpillar has employed more of our alumni than any other company, and we look forward to even more partnerships with Caterpillar in the future. We are proud of the success our many alumni, such as Rich, Steve and Gary, have achieved during their careers at Caterpillar.”

For Lavin, Coach Mudra’s words—“to appreciate and learn from our competition”—he’s kept in mind throughout his successful career at Caterpillar have ingrained in him the ability to take competition in stride. He noted that, today, students can still heed Mudra’s timeless advice: to survey your competition and embrace that opportunity to better yourself.

“Today’s market is extremely competitive,” Lavin said. “Students need to continuously assess how they are differentiating themselves from those they are competing with in the marketplace—learning a second or third language, earning an advanced or additional degree or balancing their studies with extracurricular activities. It’s always impressive to see the resumes of students and others who have continuously invested in themselves, who have tried to differentiate and improve themselves.”

Alumni-Admissions Initiative Update

From Director of Admissions Andy Borst...

As we begin a new academic year, we are very excited about this year’s incoming class of new students. Thank you to those of you who have shared your story with a son, daughter, grandchild, friend, neighbor, or anyone who would listen, about your experience as a student at Western Illinois University. As I mentioned in my summer update, we did receive a record 10,086 new freshman applications for this fall semester. We are expecting an increase in both average ACT and high school GPA of our freshman class. Nothing does more to help us recruit students than having you say something to a prospective student or parent about your Western story and we are forever grateful to you for your continued support of your alma mater. THANK YOU!

wiu.edu/alumni/recommend.php
CBT Announces New Department Leadership

The Western Illinois University College of Business and Technology (CBT) is pleased to announce three changes in department leadership.

Marketing Professor Craig Conrad ‘89 M.B.A. ’91 has been named Interim Chair of the WIU Department of Management and Marketing. Conrad, a double alumnus from WIU (Chemistry ’89, M.B.A. ’91) joined the Western faculty in 2001 after serving at the University of Tennessee-Martin and Wingate University.

Conrad’s 50-plus research based articles and presentations have been featured in trade and academic publications including The Journal of Marketing Management, The Journal of Strategic Marketing, Psychology and Marketing and at multiple professional conferences. His background includes significant consulting experience in custom market research and training solutions, e-communications strategies, online segmentation strategies and mobile marketing solutions with clients including Coca-Cola Mexico, Inc., Professional Golfer’s Association and the Mitsubishi Corporation. He has served on the Western Illinois Credit Union Board of Directors and the Academic Outreach Council of the Mobile Marketing Association.

Conrad noted, “While the economy has, in general, posed significant challenges, opportunities for students and graduates of the disciplines in the Department of Management and Marketing remain plentiful. I look forward to working with our faculty to further institutional goals and foster an environment where students learn interactively. Strengthening relationships with the business community and alumni will help significantly in this area.”

Computer Science Professor Dennis Devolder ‘83 M.S. ‘89 has been named interim director of the School of Computer Sciences for a second consecutive year. Devolder holds a bachelor’s degree in Health Science (’83) and a M.S. Computer Science (’89) from WIU, and a Ph.D. from Florida State University.

Devoler joined the computer science department in the fall of 1996 as an assistant professor with a teaching focus on computer architecture and digital circuit design. He has completed research in computer-assisted instruction and computer-based distance learning systems, and has an extensive University service record, including Graduate Council (chair FL ’04 - SP ’06), multiple terms on Council on Admission, Graduation and Academic Standards (CAGAS) (chair in 2002-03), and Faculty Senate (Executive Committee FL ’04 - SP ’07, Chair FL ’08 - SP ’11).

Commenting on this second year appointment, he noted, “I’m very happy to have this opportunity. In the past year we began a number of new initiatives in the School of Computer Sciences, involving program changes and significant facilities upgrades. With this reappointment I hope to see them through to completion and to get a few more underway.”

Associate professor of Accounting Gregg Woodruff has been named chairperson of the Department of Accounting and Finance. Woodruff holds both bachelors and masters degrees in accountancy from Southern Illinois University and a Ph.D. from the University of Memphis. He was awarded the WIU HOPE (Honoring our Professors of Excellence) award in 2009 and 2010, and also received the Outstanding Research, first place paper award for the University of Memphis Fogelman College’s Conceptual/Theoretical category in 2006.

He is very active in community and professional service in the Department of Accounting and Finance. In recent years, he has organized numerous academic field trips for students and faculty and has attended more than 40 presentations of external professionals (student chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants) making presentations to Beta Alpha Psi and SCIMA.

Serving as the department’s internship coordinator, Woodruff made supervisory visits for student interns throughout Illinois and the Quad Cities region. He is active and interested in CPA prep and review and has taught more than 50 CPA Review Units over the last five years.

“Going through the accreditation process, I was reminded of the remarkable credentials of our faculty and that reaffirmed my decision to apply as chairperson,” he said. “Our students have a tremendous drive to achieve. I’ve enjoyed working on the growth of our internship program and helping students prepare for the CPA exam. I look forward to a continued partnership with employers and alumni to help place students.”

Atlantis program celebrates fifth year

Riding on the success of a Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) project named the Transatlantic Dual Degree Program, four students recently graduated with their M.B.A. from WIU and a brand new cohort of students are beginning their M.B.A.

Professor Doug Druckenmiller started the program in 2007 and funded it with $696,000 in federal grant money. It’s based on a reciprocal relationship with Ecole Commerce European in Lyon, France and Linköping University in Linköping, Sweden. Since its beginning, the goal of the program has been to prepare both WIU and European students for the “triple convergence” of new technological infrastructure, innovative business processes and global networks. Over the years, the grant project has become known as the “Atlantis Program.”

In the beginning, the international student exchange program worked like this: WIU students entered the program in their junior year and after studying abroad in Lyon and Linköping for one year, they completed a bachelor’s degree from Sweden. They then returned to the U.S. to finish their bachelor’s degree from WIU.

“When we finished the grant (in 2011), we transitioned the program into a 3-plus-1 dual degree program with the U.S. students returning from Linköping with a bachelor’s from Sweden. They then returned to the U.S. to finish their bachelor’s degree from WIU,” said Druckenmiller.

“Within four to four-and-a-half years, these students have a bachelor’s from a European university, an MBA, and they have lived abroad for one year. That really sets them apart,” he said.

In addition, students from all institutional partners participate in intensive language and cultural curricula that build their professional ability to work in a competitive global environment and help them develop communications skills with diverse business partners from other countries and cultural backgrounds. Participating students receive language and cultural instruction in Swedish, French and English.

In all, 21 WIU students have earned bachelor’s degrees through the program, which aims to prepare students for highly skilled 21st century jobs that place a premium on managing a diverse global workforce and innovating new business processes. Three WIU students are entering the program this fall and are scheduled to begin their studies in Lyon in early September.

“We’re really excited about the future of this program—especially with its new integration with the M.B.A. from WIU,” said Druckenmiller.

May 2012 Atlantis graduates from l to r: WIU supply chain management major Derek Winston ‘12 (Monmouth, IL), Marion Boiteux (Lyon, France), WIU management major Paul Kolkau ‘12 (Darien, IL) and WIU finance major Andrew Newcomb ‘12 (Godfrey, IL). And, according to Druckenmiller, the benefits are tremendous.
Distefano named among top 25 consultants

Western Illinois University alumnus John Distefano, ’80, was recently chosen by “Consulting” magazine as one of the top 25 consultants for 2012.

Distefano, a native of Macomb, graduated from WIU with a bachelor’s degree in business. He is now a principal at Ernst & Young LLP.

Distefano was among 476 award nominees considered by “Consulting” magazine. He was nominated by Chell Smith, Ernst & Young’s Americas Advisory Markets Leader, who was honored by the publication for her leadership in 2011.

“Ernst & Young is extremely proud of John and thrilled, but not surprised, that his pioneering leadership and expertise in health care are being honored by the industry,” said Smith. “John’s vision and positive leadership have contributed to tremendous growth in our business and have mobilized our people in truly inspiring ways.”

Distefano currently works with Ernst & Young’s clients to align their business strategies to meet the challenges and opportunities presented by ongoing health care industry transformation. He is credited with increasing the average account size of Ernst & Young LLP’s top 10 accounts in health care and moving the entire national portfolio of health care accounts into priority sector status.

“I’m honored by this recognition and grateful to my colleagues and clients who motivate me to continually challenge myself,” said Distefano. “It’s a great privilege to work for a firm and with clients who share a vision for how things can be, and who are totally committed to improving the system and transforming it into one that genuinely meets people’s health care needs.”

WIU alumnus hopes to trade pair of dice to make child’s dream come true

By Jodi Pospieszil

Trading on a pair of dice he found in his apartment, Western Illinois University alumnus Sam Annable, ’11, hopes to make a series of trades that will result in tickets for the 2013 Super Bowl for a critically ill child from the region.

Annable, a marketing graduate who grew up in Fulton County, is using his marketing degree from WIU to help others. Since graduation, he has been working as an account executive for the Peoria Chiefs minor league baseball team.

“Since moving to Peoria and starting my career I knew I wanted to get involved with helping others,” Annable said. “I knew I was fortunate to already have landed the job that I wanted to start my career and decided it was time to give back to those who may not be as fortunate as I am.”

While researching ideas, Annable remembered a story he’d heard about a man who began with a red paper clip and made a series to trades that eventually ended up with a house.

“I thought I could use the same idea toward charity,” he said. “I combined that with my love for sports and that was the birth of my project.”

Annable began the process with the dice initially just because it was something small to start with. But as he pondered the program’s path he realized there was symbolism to his decision.

“The child that I want to send to the Super Bowl in the end takes a roll of the dice everyday,” he said.

They may have procedures or operations that may be very risky, so in a way, the dice symbolize his or her life and the odds that are against them.”

Trading opened just over one month ago and Annable has already made two trades.

The dice were initially traded for a 1994 Alex Rodriguez rookie baseball card. Then, the card was traded for a game model Ike Davis A2000 baseball glove made by Wilson. The glove is rare because it is custom made for Davis, a New York Mets baseball player.

Annable is writing a blog about the trading progress, which is available at twobluedice.blogspot.com. He also has a Twitter account @TwoBlueDice.

Eventually Annable hopes to trade up to ticket to the Super Bowl, but will also consider selling a valuable traded item to get the money for the tickets. He has not yet chosen a recipient, but hopes to work with Peoria-based children’s groups to locate a child.

Annable will also be collecting donations to help with travel to the Super Bowl and with the child’s medical expenses.

“So far the support has been good,” he said. “It is pretty hard to get the word out all by myself while still working full time but I am putting a lot of effort into making sure this is going to happen. I am trying to reach out to people who I think can help by posting it on social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter.”

Donations can be mailed in care of Annable to Peoria Chiefs Community Baseball, 730 SW Jefferson St., Peoria, IL, 61605.

Dobson leads 17th trip to Europe

Management Professor Joe Dobson led a group of 10 students on a European Business Study in June. The trip began for WIU students in 1995, and has been held every year except 2009.


One of this year’s highlights was a visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. Whitechapel made Big Ben and the Liberty Bell.

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Dobson’s study abroad students at IBM’s eBusiness Centre in Paris during their 10-day European tour.

Dobson noted, “This place has been around since before Shakespeare, and we stood on the exact spot the Liberty Bell was cast. When I kind of joked to the manager that the bell had a crack in it, without missing a beat he replied, ‘If you’ll return it in the original packaging and with the original receipt, we will gladly replace it at no charge.’”

To date, more than 260 students have experienced Europe through Dobson’s study abroad cohort.
Alumni Profile: MBA Enrique Arce—An International Success

What is your current title/position?
I have been managing the banking administration department of one of the largest real estate companies in Canada, based out of Vancouver, for the last year—Bentall Kennedy.

What positions did you have leading up to your current position?
I moved to Canada about 10 years ago. I worked for the Royal Bank of Canada for six years and taught at the business school of a university for about a year, before joining the company.

Before moving to Canada, I worked for different companies where I held senior management positions, including retail sales manager, business development manager and country manager. I also did some business consulting and corporate training.

What interested you in your field and how did you decide to pursue it?
I had finished my business administration and accounting degree at home in Paraguay and was working for a pharmaceutical company as controller and was also teaching part time at the largest private university.

Paraguay was just coming out of a long dictatorship and many changes were happening. I realized that, in order to stay ahead of the pack, I needed to upgrade my academic skills and get an M.B.A. I applied for a Fulbright Scholarship (a grant from the U.S. government for those engaged in academia) to study for an MBA and was lucky enough to be selected as my field of study matched their requirements.

What would you consider to be the highlights of your career up to this point?
I was able to work in different roles in different functional areas and in different industries that allowed me to have a good understanding of business and industry dynamics which I would have not had if I would have just worked in one area of business. I worked in sales, marketing, finance and general management. This allowed me to quickly understand how the different parts of the organization interrelate with each other.

Tell us about your responsibilities and some challenges in your position?
We manage the relationship with all the banks and also about 250 accounts with a total average monthly balance of roughly $40 million.

My team has five members and they are all from different parts of the world. Canada is a country that embraces multiculturalism strongly. So in dealing and motivating my team, I always have to be aware that people from different parts of world may react differently to a type of management style. It is not a cookie cutter operation.

To what do you attribute your success as a young professional?
I was never afraid to learn something new in the business world or to take different roles although I did not have previous experience. I was always looking for opportunities that would allow me to grow professionally. And, if I did not know what the functions or activities were or how they were done, I would consult books and other materials that would show me how to do something. A case in point, when I was named retail sales manager in an oil and gas company, I did not have retail sales experience, and I did not have a clue how a gas station worked, how car oil was manufactured, or even the engineering terminology used in the construction of gas stations. On top of that, my team was made up of engineers. In order to perform in the role, I even had to learn Engineering concepts and terminology in order to be able to communicate with them.

What advice would you give to students graduating from Western in the near future?
Never stop learning. I am still reading business books. And, never be afraid to assume new roles or take new challenges. You never know if you may need them in the future. It will also give you a better and well-rounded business foundation. You will be able to discuss issues with other professionals even though you may not be in the same role as them. And, if possible try to be part of the solution rather than the problem.

Don’t forget that the world is now a big village. You need to be cognisant of the fact that business happens everywhere now.

And, lastly, if a mistake happens, it is better if it happens out of commission and not omission. (i.e. you tried to do it and not avoid it)

How did your time at Western prepare you for where you are today?
The MBA program gave me the tools and problem solving skills that have been extremely useful. Another thing I learned in the program was to interact with people from other parts of the world. This was huge for me because I was from a small country in South America with very little travel experience.

Also, being in a small class environment allowed me to build friendships and a better interact with the instructors (which to me equals a better quality of education).

I always keep in mind what one of my managers once told me, “having the tools and the skills are important but it is also important to perform. What happened yesterday no longer counts, it is what you are doing today and will do tomorrow what will continue to secure your position or employment.”

Please feel free to comment/add anything else that you think would be interesting to other CBT/WIU alumni.
If someone plans to come for a visit to this beautiful part of the world, please feel free to email me at enjarce@gmail.com or call me at (604) 271-5888.

WIU plays host to annual Allison Farm Field Day

Precision in organic agriculture was the theme for the Western Illinois University Organic Research Program’s annual Allison Farm Field Day Saturday, Aug. 11.

According to Joel Gruver, director of Western’s Organic Research Program and assistant professor in the WIU School of Agriculture, the Field Day was held at the Dakin Farm shop and the Allison Organic Farm located near Roseville (IL).

“There are many opportunities for improved weed control, nutrient cycling and energy efficiency through greater precision on organic farms,” Gruver explained. “Our keynote speaker, Jacob Bolson, an engineer and precision ag specialist, talked about emerging opportunities for the use of precision technologies in organic agriculture, with examples from his wife’s family’s farm in Hubbard (IA). Bolson’s work was featured in a recent issue of Corn and Soybean Digest.” (see http://cornandsoybeandigest.com/precision-ag/farming-edge-strip-intercropping-edges-capture-more-light-reward-higher-yields)

Gruver noted other speakers included Chad Sperry ’95, director of the GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Center at WIU and Gary McDonald, an organic farming consultant and cultivation specialist.

Registration began at 9 a.m. in the Dakin Farm shop and was followed by an overview of recent research on the Allison Farm and presentations on GPS (geographic positioning systems) and precision cultivation. The morning’s events concluded with a panel discussion featuring organic grain farmers who use GPS guidance and other precision ag technologies.

A free lunch was provided featuring local farm products. Bolson’s keynote presentation, “Emerging Opportunities for Precision in Organic Agriculture,” concluded the events in the Dakin Farm shop.

At approximately 2 p.m., the program transitioned to the Allison Farm, where Gruver hosted a walking tour of research and production fields (including examples of precision planting and cultivation).

Learn more about Western’s Organic Research Program at wiu.edu/cbt/agriculture/farms/organic/.
CBT Study Abroad Advisor Travels to Cuba

After a year and a half of planning, the stars aligned for Western Illinois University College of Business and Technology (CBT) academic and study abroad advisor Michelle Terry ’78 when she was able to participate in an unprecedented trip to Cuba in mid-June.

A socialist nation, Cuba was closed to U.S. travel in the 1960s as part of an embargo enacted by President John F. Kennedy. The restrictions have varied throughout the last 50 years, with periodic easing for educational travel off-and-on since the early 2000s.

In January 2011, President Barack Obama re-opened travel for short term study abroad programs.

During that time, Terry was participating in an educational leave to do international research to benefit study abroad students. When she learned Obama had enacted legislation that would open up travel to Cuba she was more than intrigued.

“I had been curious about Cuba for some time,” Terry said. “Everyone wants to go to Cuba and see what the country, culture and people are really like. Since it had been forbidden due to the U.S. embargo, our curiosity could not be satisfied. So, when President Obama opened up travel again to Cuba for educational purposes, I was very excited.”

Terry contacted Rick Carter and Emily Gorlewski from the WIU Center for International Studies to verify that WIU would consider Cuba as a study abroad location and a possible site for faculty programs. Shortly thereafter, Gorlewski was able to connect with John McAullif, an expert on Cuba, at a national conference and relayed his information to Terry.

McAullif’s non-profit organization, The Fund for Reconciliation and Development (FFRD), has been working to help normalize U.S.-Cuba relations since the late 1990s, by traveling with educators to Cuba to build relationships and facilitate study abroad programs.

Through the years, WIU has sponsored only a handful of students for study abroad to Cuba, but the last of those students studied abroad long ago. Travel restrictions under the Bush administration resulted in a sharp decline in academic travel to Cuba in the 1980s.

This makes the possibility of a WIU study abroad trip to Cuba entirely unprecedented according to Gorlewski, WIU study abroad assistant director.

“Michelle’s trip is an important step in our being able to develop programs for students and faculty to research and study in Cuba. We are very excited that she has taken the initiative with the support of the College and we hope that students and faculty will be interested in academic travel to Cuba.”

Throughout her 10-day trip, Terry traveled with McAullif and 11 other people from nine U.S. universities. They traveled to Havana, Matanzas, Villa Clara and Cienfuegos and visited seven universities, where they met with university officials, attended presentations about U.S.-Cuba relations, listened to discussions on social and economic renovation in Cuba, and learned about the Cuban system of higher education.

In Cuba, every university is a state university and many have satellite campuses. Cuban higher education is completely free to all Cubans and there are no private universities.

The university system is under the ministry of higher education. One similarity to the U.S.—they have a wide range of fields in both graduate and undergraduate programs. Recently the Catholic Church and the Spanish system have started discussions about sponsoring a business management training MBA in Cuba, however, that’s the only diversion from the state structured system.

Terry was surprised that the Cuban university employees demonstrated such enthusiasm to collaborate with U.S. universities and were very willing to talk about their country. McAullif said that talking directly with the Cuban university administration was a major breakthrough on this trip.

“This was a first,” he said. “American universities have been going to visit, but there’s been no real communication about collaboration and no real ability to have access or for an official reception of U.S. educators by the Cuban universities.”

Throughout the trip, Terry and her group were also given a window into the richness of Cuban culture. They enjoyed a private performance by an Audtrain Celtic Cuban band, sampled local cuisine and attended a performance of the Opera de la Calle, a “street opera” community project.

“Old American cars (pre-1960) are still a primary mode of transportation in Cuba and are a reminder of the trade embargo (banning all U.S. goods) which began more than 50 years ago.”

The group also had the opportunity to visit an agricultural market, shops by the self-employed (local businesses) and Finca Vija, the home of Ernest Hemingway.

Although she enjoyed the trip immensely, getting there wasn’t easy. Terry noted that in addition to the U.S. travel embargo, communism makes travel more restrictive with more rules to understand and abide by.

“Only three travel companies are approved by the government in Cuba to arrange educational trips; you can’t contract with an independent travel company in Cuba for lodging or meals,” she said. “But you can pay on the side, you can go individually to private businesses (hotels, restaurants), but the travel agent cannot recommend those places or take you there.”

In addition, there’s no U.S. embassy in Cuba. The equivalent is called the U.S. Interests Section and there’s one American contact there. However, that contact is restricted to Havana only and cannot travel throughout the country.

All visitors to Cuba are required to have non-U.S. medical insurance. American visitors have to buy health insurance in Cuba because U.S. insurance is considered an import and is not accepted.

Since 2008, cell phone access has been opened to more Cubans. Internet access is available in a few regions, but is extremely limited and very expensive at $6 for 30 minutes. This lack of “connectivity” surprised Terry noting, “this significantly impacts the ability of Cuban and U.S. professors to exchange information and research electronically.”

Aside from the challenges, Terry and McAullif see tremendous benefits to study abroad programs for WIU students in Cuba—a nation that is very literate and well educated and puts a great value on higher education.

“Visiting students get all the cross cultural and linguistic benefits that are available in other Latin American countries,” said McAullif. “Cuba has been engaged in this sort of social experiment for 50 years; it’s an interesting process that faculty and students can witness the nation’s transformation and see them put aside the things that didn’t work.”

Terry added, “I see the opening up of Cuba for educational travel as an opportunity to teach faculty and students about Cuba, and get them into the country, so they will be better prepared to work with Cuba if the embargo is lifted. If the embargo is lifted, there will be many business opportunities for the US to work with Cuba.”

In all, Terry said she was overjoyed to have gotten the opportunity to travel to a country where so few WIU delegates have been able to go.

“My hope and goal is to lead students on a short term student trip with faculty on a separate program to do research,” she said. “I’d like to do this in the 2013-14 academic year. It would be open to all University students and faculty.”
Malpass Mini-Golf

For those interested in practicing their putting in November, University Libraries will host the inaugural Malpass Mini-Golf fundraiser Saturday, Nov. 3 from 6 - 9 p.m. in Western Illinois University’s Leslie F. Malpass Library.

“We are excited to host a fun, family event and raise money for University Libraries at the same time,” said Michael Jones M.S. ’12, director of development for University Libraries. “The Malpass Library will be transformed into a miniature golf course for the evening, with holes on each of our six floors, showcasing everything University Libraries has to offer.”

Admission at the door is $5 for adults; $4 for students with a valid ID; and $3 for children ages 10 and under. Money raised will benefit the Library Atrium Society Fund, which supports miscellaneous operation expenses, as well as books and equipment.

“We are especially thankful to our hole sponsors for their support. Their generosity will ensure a successful and entertaining event,” Jones added. Anyone interested in sponsoring a hole should contact Jones at (309) 298-2356 or M-Jones2@wiu.edu or Adam Frankhauser ’06 at (309) 298-2762 or An-Frankhauser@wiu.edu.

Art and Self Perception

University Libraries is coordinating a series of events and lectures for the 2012-13 academic year to promote events across the Western Illinois University campus. The events will be held in the Leslie F. Malpass Library on the Macomb campus, and at the Figge Art Museum in Davenport (IA).

“This is a wonderful opportunity for several departments on campus, such as museum studies, art, and the Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs to collaborate and promote their events to a broader audience,” said Phyllis Self, dean of libraries.


A complete list and details of the events can be found at wiu.edu/libraries/news/2010s/2012/artAndSelfPerception.php.

Questions about the Art and Self Perception events can be directed to the University Libraries’ Administration Office at (309) 298-2762.

Patent and Trademark Resource Center

Western Illinois University Libraries has been designated as a Patent and Trademark Resource Center (PTRC) by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. University Libraries joins a network of more than 80 public, academic, state and special libraries to assist a variety of customers including inventors, intellectual property attorneys/agents, business people, researchers, entrepreneurs, students and historians.

In addition to offering free electronic services and resources designed to support the intellectual property needs of local and state patrons, Chuck Malone, coordinator of the Government, Legal, Spatial, and Data Services Unit, has been trained to provide customer assistance on the use of the agency’s patent and trademark databases and public seminars on intellectual property topics for novice and experienced users.

The PTRC is located on the fourth floor of the Leslie F. Malpass Library, and Malone can be reached at (309) 298-2722.
Announcing new and restructured benefits for WIU alumni

Your WIU Alumni Association is pleased to announce some exciting changes to many of the benefits and services we provide for our graduates! As many know, the day you graduate from Western, you automatically become a member of the WIU Alumni Association and along with that membership comes a number of benefits and services, many of which we have restructured to better fit the needs of our alumni.

“We kicked off our new and restructured programs July 1 and hope you will join us in showing your WIU pride!” said Alumni Director Amy Spelman M.S. ’98. “It was time to take a closer look at ways we could provide better opportunities for our alumni to be reconnected with their alma mater, including more economical options to show how proud they are to be Leathernecks. In addition, we searched for new companies that were really committed to being partners with the Alumni Association and our graduates.”

Diploma Display Frame—We are pleased to announce our new partnership with Church Hill Classics for custom Western Illinois University diploma frames. You’ve worked so hard to earn your diploma…now it’s time to preserve it and show it off! Frame prices start at $56; order yours today online or by calling (800) 477-9005. Please mention membership code WIUAA when ordering by phone.

WIU Class Ring—Would you like to design your own WIU class ring? Show your Western pride by designing and ordering your class ring through Jostens. Your school…your style…your choice…the design is in your hands. Start the design process online or call (800) 854-7464 for more information.

Travel Abroad Programs—We’ve missed traveling with you! The WIU Alumni Association is excited to share our newly-restructured Travel Abroad Program. We offer more trips, more travel dates and a wide range of prices by working with three travel partners, Alumni Holidays, Go Next and Gohagan. We hope you can join us on the journey(s) as we head to Ireland, Switzerland, Alaska and many more places in 2013. See page 23 to start your journey today!

Connecting alumni with USA-made custom diploma frames

It’s always great to discover a quality product that is handcrafted in the USA. This is true of diploma frames from Connecticut-based Church Hill Classics, which are now available to Western Illinois University alumni as an excellent member benefit. Diploma frames will certainly help build visibility and pride around the University!

Each frame is officially licensed, features the WIU name and seal, and will preserve your hard-earned diploma for a lifetime. You can also customize your favorite frame style online with choice of frame moulding, matting and upgraded glass options. Join the WIU tradition, and frame your diploma today!

Ordering information is available online at wiu.edu/alumni/diploma_frames.php or call (800) 477-9005.

About Church Hill Classics

Church Hill Classics was founded in 1991 by Lucie Voves. The company manufactures custom diploma frames, certificate frames, varsity letter frames, and photo frames, as well as a line of desk accessories for thousands of colleges and universities, high schools, the military, professional associations and corporate clients.

Alumni Insurance Program

The Western Illinois University Alumni Association offers many exciting benefits through The Alumni Insurance Program®.

The Alumni Insurance Program provides special rates and discounts on select insurance and financial products for alumni and their families. Our program offers health, life, and travel products in addition to auto, home and renter’s insurance. These plans are backed by highly-rated insurance companies and exceptional customer service.

For more information about the insurance plans available through the Alumni Insurance Program, visit TheAIP.com/wiu or call our plan administrator’s customer service department at (800) 922-1245 weekdays from 8 a.m.–6 p.m. Eastern Time.

Other Alumni Benefits Include

Other alumni benefits include:
- Access to the Leslie F. Malpass Library
- Ability to purchase memberships at the Donald S. Spencer Student Recreation Center
- Quarterly issues of the Western News and monthly issues of RockeNews
- Continued access to Career Services
- WIU Illinois license plates

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Mishelle Banas ‘97, the director of Academic Support Programs at Monmouth College, Monmouth (IL), graduated from WIU with a bachelor’s degree in psychology. She received her master’s degree in education from Missouri State University in 1999 and a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2010. Dan Szajna ’00, the contract coordinator for University Sourcing at the University of Illinois, Champaign, graduated from WIU with a bachelor’s degree in law enforcement and justice administration. He received a certificate as Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO) from the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) in 2011. Matthew Toland ’05 MA ’10, the assistant director of The Campbell Center for Historic Preservation Studies in Mt. Carroll (IL), graduated from WIU with a bachelor’s degree in women’s studies and a master’s degree in museum studies.

Comprised of 25 alumni appointed to three-year terms and the president of the Student Alumni Association, the Alumni Council represents the interests of Western’s more than 115,000 alumni. Members serve as liaisons to various University areas and on advisory boards.

The council assists in the recruitment of students, selects Alumni Award recipients, was instrumental in establishing the Student Alumni Association and initiated the Alumni Legacy project to support renovations to the Alumni House grounds. Phase I of the project was completed in September 2012. For more information about the project visit wiu.edu/alumni/groundsrenovation.php. The council meets on a quarterly basis.

Kris Kelly ‘90 M.S. ’92, a production supervisor for Perfecseal-Mankato in Mankato (MN), serves as president.
Cruise to the Lesser Antilles
March 22-29, 2013
Escape the depths of winter on this eight-day cruise of the tropical Lesser Antilles aboard the Six-Star, all-suite M.V. SILVER WHISPER. Cruise round trip from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to St. Maarten, St. Kitts, Dominica, Antigua, St. Barts and Virgin Gorda. San Juan Pre-Cruise Option offered.

Waterways and Canals of Holland & Belgium ~ MS Amadeus Silver
April 12-20, 2013
Journey along the waterways of Holland and Belgium aboard the exclusively chartered state-of-the-art MS Amadeus Silver.

Civil War & Southern Culture~American Queen: Memphis to New Orleans
April 26-May 5, 2013
Experience the culture and historical architecture of the South as you discover the legends, the glory and the magnitude of the American Civil War along the shores of the Mississippi River. The luxury steamboat American Queen takes you to ports in Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana. Begin with a day in Memphis. This unique river cruise explores both the culture of the South and a pivotal time in America’s history.

Sorrento
May 1-9, 2013
Discover the natural wonders and wealth of antiquities throughout the stunning region of Campania, home to writers, artists and emperors for over 2,000 years. Stroll through Sorrento, delight in Positano and the charming Amalfi and explore Paestum, Herculaneum and Pompeii. Then spend a day on the Isle of Capri.

Transatlantic Voyage
May 4-16, 2013
This 13-day transatlantic voyage is aboard the Six-Star Ship M.V. SILVER WHISPER. Cruise from New York to London with port calls in Halifax, Nova Scotia and St. John’s, Newfoundland; along the coast of Ireland; and the port of Fowey.

Trade Routes of Coastal Iberia
May 22-30, 2013
This spectacular nine-day itinerary showcases the resplendent Iberian Peninsula aboard the Six-Star Ship M.V. SILVER CLOUD. Cruise from Barcelona, Spain to Lisbon, Portugal, and visit the ports of Valencia, Cartagena, Málaga, and Cádiz, Spain; the Balearic Island of Mallorca; and Portugal’s Algarve region. Barcelona Pre-Cruise and Lisbon Post-Cruise Options offered.

Jewels of Antiquity Cruise~Cannes to Venice ~ MV Aegean Odyssey
May 28-June 12, 2013
Cruise the Ligurian, Tyrrenhian, Mediterranean and Adriatic seas during this 14-night voyage from Cannes to Venice aboard the MV Aegean Odyssey. Set sail along the beautiful French Riviera to Cannes, the Côte d’Azur and Provence. Cruise Italy’s shores to Florence and Rome. Drive along the Bay of Naples to Pompeii or Herculaneum and Taormina. Sail to the Greek colony of Butrint, then visit Corfu, Dubrovnik, the Split and Zadar. End your journey in Venice.

European Mosaic~Oceania Cruises: Rome to Lisbon
June 5-13, 2013
Sample some of Europe’s rich past and exciting present as you cruise to distinctive ports in Italy, Monaco, France and Spain aboard Oceania Cruises Regatta. Cruise to Livorno, Pisa, Florence, Monte Carlo, Marseille, Barcelona and Cartagena, Spain.

Discover Switzerland
June 19-July 4, 2013
See the majesty of Switzerland’s landscape unfold before your eyes on this journey. From Meiringen in the Hasli Valley, your home for 14 nights, discover the heart of Europe by train, bus, boat and on guided walks with your Swiss Rail Pass. Enjoy views of the Alps and cruise Swiss villages such as Lucerne, Magisalp, Kandersteg, Grindelwald and Berne. Travel to Zermatt, Rosenlau Gorge and the Reichenbach Falls. Board the Simplon Alpine railway to the Italian towns of Domodossola and lakeside Locarno, visit historic Montreux and the Castle of Chillon.

Alaskan Adventures~Oceania Cruises: Seattle to Vancouver
August 5 - 12, 2013
Discover Alaska from the decks of Oceania Cruises’ Regatta. Depart from Seattle and travel north to Wrangell. Continue cruising through Tracy Arm; follow the Alaskan coast to Sitka, and visit Ketchikan. Sail on through the scenic Inside Passage heading to Vancouver where your voyage concludes.

Ireland
September 2-10, 2013
Experience the rugged beauty of Western Ireland during your seven-night stay in Galway at the deluxe Ardilaun Hotel. Enjoy daily excursions, visit the homestead of Dan O’Hara in Connemara, learn about bodhrán drum making in Roundstone and visit the workshop of a famous craftsmen. Enjoy Irish singing, Seanchal storytelling and “Sean-nós” dancing. Delight in the Cliffs of Moher and the Burren, attend a Hurling demonstration, and cruise to the Aran.

The Great Journey through Europe
September 5-15, 2013
This extraordinary 11-day “Grand Tour” of Europe features five nights aboard the M.S. AMADEUS DIAMOND. Travel through The Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland, on the Rhine River. Stay in Zermatt and Lucerne and ride aboard three legendary railways—the Gonergrat Bahn, the Glacier Express from Zermatt to Lucerne and the Pilatus Railway—and enjoy a scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne.

Island Life in Ancient Greece and Turkey
September 24-October 2, 2013
Join us for this exclusive nine-day odyssey to Greece’s ancient islands and Turkey’s fabled coast. Cruise from Athens to Istanbul aboard the M.S. L’AUSTRAL. Meet local residents during the specially arranged VILLAGE FORUM™ for a personal perspective of the Aegean Sea’s maritime culture. Take excursions to the ruins of Delos, the Old Town of Rhodes, the Monastery of St. John on Pátmos and Troy. Extend your voyage with the Athens Pre-Cruise Option and the Istanbul or Cappadocia Post-Cruise Option.

Mediterranean Inspiration~Oceania Cruises: Rome to Venice
October 18-29, 2013
Discover the Mediterranean aboard Oceania Cruises’ Marina, as you sail to ports in Italy, Greece, Montenegro and Croatia. Depart from Rome to Italy’s west coast, then visit Florence, Sorrento, or Capri, the harbors and hillside towns of Amalfi and Positano, Sicily’s Taormina, the Greek island of Corfu, Kotor, and Dubrovnik. Cap off your journey with a full day in Venice.

For additional trip information, visit wiu.edu/alumni/travel.php
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Information received will be published in the next edition of Western News only if any of the following have occurred in the past 12 months: a job change; promotion; special honor; retirement; marriage/civil union (include date); births or adoptions (include date).
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 directory and can be viewed in the online alumni database as well as in the online version of Western News at wiu.edu/alumni.
WIU Alumni Programs

1963
James Peck, Downers Grove, is a crossing guard in Hinsdale. (jpeck248@aol.com)

1964
Ev Cherrington, Ames, IA, is a retired teacher and still substitute teaches for the Ames and Ankeny schools. (E Cherrington, Haverhill, MA)

1966
Kathy Geuther Rodman, St. Petersburg, FL, is a human resource specialist for Westcare. (kathyinfa@gmail.com)

1968
Judy Ficht Matson, Waterloo, has retired from being a 1st grade teacher for the Waterloo CUSD 5.

1970
Ron Dunn, San Angelo, TX, has retired.

1971
Linnea High, Aurora, is a semi-retired 2nd degree black belt karate instructor due to medical issues. (highj@scglLOBAL.net)

1972
Marialyce Hunziker Havey, Springfield, is owner of ALL POINTS TRAVEL, LLC. (marialycle.havey@yahoo.com)
Connie Corcoran Wilson MS-ED, East Moline, is CEO of Quad Cities’ Learning, Inc., dba Quad City Press in Chicago. (czmmoc10@aol.com)

1973
Robin Bacastow Craig, Carol Stream, has retired after 30 years of service as a Guidance Counselor at Glenbard North High School.

1974
John Angster, Greenville, NC, is vice president of human resources for NAACO Materials Handling Group. (johangster@scglLOBAL.net)
Lucinda Siddons Chantry, Sherrard, retired on June 30 after 36 years with Deere & Company. (kskkl@mechsi.com)

1975
Doug Rokke, Rantoul, is semi-retired and is currently teaching K-8 as a substitute teacher in addition to various invited lectures all around the nation and world. (dlind49@aol.com)

1976
Beth Leimbach Ehrhardt, Layton, UT, is president of St. Joseph Villa Foundation for Charity Care which provides charity care for seniors in care facilities and senior housing to improve their quality of life by fulfilling unmet needs. (deehaardt@mechsi.com)

Mary Miles McMahon M5 ’78, Bloomington, is a business instructor at Heartland Community College and received The Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member Award for 2012 from the college in recognition of her excellence in teaching.

Ruth Semmens Schlosser, Pontiac, has retired after 35 years with Pontiac School District #429. (schloss4@frontier.com)

1977
Karen Esterday Foley, Naperville, has retired after teaching for 35 years.

Tom Peters, Palatine, is president of Elements Therapeutic Massage in Park Ridge.

Matt Polinski MS ’83, Evanston, has retired from teaching physical education and coaching baseball and football at Evanston Township High School after 35 years and is still coaches baseball at Notre Dame College Prep in Niles.

1978
Arthur Foley, Naperville, recently retired this Spring after teaching for 34 years. (afoley@wpscwyay.com)

Jeffrey Hayes, Morongo Valley, CA, retired June 15, 2012, from Palm Springs Unified School District and is moving from the Mojave Desert to Lander, WY to be their lead school nurse. (desertdog@icloud.com)

Donita Barnes Pfahl, Warsaw, IN, is chief operations officer for Ezeflow USA in New Castle, PA.

1980
Les Huddle MS-ED, Jacksonville, has become the superintendent of Lafayette School Corporation in Lafayette, IN.
1981
Mark Mangan, Chicago, has recently been promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief on the Chicago Fire Department. (macomb@iupui.edu)
Raymond Fahl, Jr., Warsaw, IN, is a senior quality engineer for Primus Medical.

Jeanie Riordan Zeitlin MA ’82, LaGrange Park, is assistant superintendent for the Brookfield-LaGrange Park School District #95 and recently received a doctorate in Disability and Equity in Education from National-Louis University. (jezzeit@yahoo.com)

1982
Michelle Friedlund, Sycamore, is a special education paraprof for Sycamore School District #427. (michelle@yaho.com)
Steven Hamm MS, Bradley, has retired after 36 years as a teacher, coach and athletic director for the Bourbonnais School District # 53. Jody Mitchell, Pekin, CO, is a senior recruiter for BAE Systems.
Cara Rogala Spalla, Natick, MA, is owner of Spalla’s Chicago Italian Beef which is the first and only Italian Beef “stand” in Massachusetts.
Jim Thompson, Chicago, is general manager of O’Brien’s Restaurant. (jname@prairiestate.edu)
Bob Vitt MA ’83, Muskego, WI, is an insurance agent for State Farm Insurance. (bob@bobbvitt.com)

1983
Michael Lehning, Bourbonnais, is the athletic director for Bradley-Bourbonnais High School. (mlehning@bbchs.org)
Kathie Grosskopf Miller, North Liberty, IA, is an executive administrative assistant for the University of Iowa Foundation.
Paul Solberg, New Hudson, MI, is a fleet manager for Pilot Transport – Auto Hauling Specialists in Brighton. (psolberg@unitedroad.com)

1984
Roy Albiani, Livermore, CA, is a global director of brand protection for Johnson & Johnson in Mipitas. (calbiami@yahoo.com)
Terresa Fender, Bolingbrook, is a foster care license worker for Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley in Glen Ellyn. (tfpinder@qps.org)
Gregory Schaaf, Chatham, has been honored with the 2012 Outstanding Citizen-Lawyer Award by the Fayette County Bar Association.
Richard Seelinger, Sammamish, WA, is senior vice president of Seafront Insurance Holdings.

1985
Michael Brooks, Atoka, TN, is an associate professor in the criminal justice department at the Dyersburg State Community College in Covington. (mhbros@352x.plinc.com)

1986
Matt Range MS-ED ’95, Warsaw, has been named the new school superintendent in Warsaw.

1988
Mary Hughes MS ’88, Coon Rapids, IA, is a department lead technician for Caleris, Inc. in Manning. (cosmk88@yaho.com)

1989
Michael Evans, Wiesbaden Army Airfield, Germany, has been promoted to the rank of Colonel in the United States Army and is an explosive ordnance staff officer assigned to the V Corps headquarters.

1990
Dennis Bingham MA, Quincy, has been promoted to the rank of deputy chief of police on August 1.

1991
Bonnie Koning Davis, Mt. Pulaski, is a support manager for Walmart.

1992
Lee Helbert MA ’93, Park Forest, is a director of testing services and intentional advisor for Prairie State College in Chicago Heights. (lhelbert@prairiestate.edu)
Dianna Wassenhove, Broad Brook, CT, is deputy director of the town of Enfield.

1993
Eric Davis, Mt. Pulaski, is a Major in the Illinois Army National Guard. (redleglg@gmail.com)
Jeffrey Gragg MS-ED, Quincy, is dean of students for Quincy Public School District #172. (jgragg@qps.org)
Susan Meredith MS-ED ’96, Andalusia, is a Jr. High math teacher for Edison School and was recognized by the Quad City Engineering and Science Council with the 2012 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Teacher of the Year Award.
Hewitt Ross, O’Fallon, MO, has been promoted to partner of Mueller Prost PC.

1994
Angella Rozycki Fentem, Colchester, is the instrumental and vocal teacher for the West Prairie CUSD #103. Anne Thomas Glenn MS’00, Edmond, OK, is a zoo keeper for the Oklahoma City Zoo. (mkygirl2000@yahoo.com)

1995
Christopher Lambert, Pittsburg, KS, was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel of the United States Army. ROTC Department at Pittsburg State University. (lambert0729@yahoo.com)

1996
Janine Watt Brenna MS ’08, Sherman, is a speech therapist for the Springfield School District #186.

1997
Clint Allaman, Bettendorf, IA, is a financial advisor for Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Davenport. (clint.allaman@msob.com)
Susan Berger MS, Bettendorf, IA, is a teacher and librarian for the Davenport Community School District.
Steve Carroll, Spearfish, SD, is owner, teacher and luthier of Black Hills Guitar. (blackhillsuitar@netscape.net)
Earnest McCall, Peoria, is a Sergeant with the Peoria Police Department. (emcall@ci.peoria.il.us)

1998
Chelsey Ratermann Allaman, Bettendorf, IA, is a human resource project manager for John Deere.

2000
Steven Beck MS ’11, Macomb, is director of operations at Durham School Services for Go West Transit. (sbeck@durhamschoolservices.com)
Amber Hoyt French, Fairfield, CT, is an account manager for Integrated Merchandising Systems in Darien. (amberfrrench@gmail.com)
Kristine Gregory, Montgomery, is a cyber security analyst. (kag1011@yahoo.com)

2002
Robin Levine Alicea, Roselle, is a correctional officer for the Cook County Sheriffs Department.

2003
Amanda German Liepitz, Springfield, is a product manager for BUNN. (amaendieam@bunn.com)
Darin Crossland, Springfield, is employed with Perten Instruments.
Anne Carr Larson, Chicago, is a residence life services manager for Saint Xavier University. (annielcarrig@gmail.com)

Washington D.C. Alumni & Friends District ChopHouse & Brewery, June 12, 2012

Front row, l-r: George Chao ’98, Kristin Leighty ’10, President Jack Thomas, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Mary Fran Coffey ’78 and Carolyn Barnes ’64. Back row, l-r: Student Board of Trustees member Jonathan McGee, Timothy Meloy, Sam Lozier ’07, Rob Taftinger ’01, Mary Ann McGee ’72, Deric Bowden ’84, Pam Eason ’83, Sam Howard ’94, Kevin Carson ’99, Brandon Dykema ’09, Katie Dykema, Vice President for Quad Cities and Planning Joe Rives, Margie McLaughlin ’73, Lakeisha Williams Steele ’04 and Derek Steele ’03.
Pictured with President Jack Thomas (right), Johnathon McGee (left center), WIU’s student Board of Trustees member is the 2012 recipient of the first ever Illinois State Society (ISS) Illinois University Intern Scholarship. WIU graduates Mary Ann McGee ’72 (left), WIU Alumni Achievement Award recipient Mary Fran Coffey ’78 (center right) and WIU Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Gary Baise (not pictured) ’63 are also ISS Board Members instrumental in founding the scholarship program. The ISS of Washington, D.C. was founded in 1854 and is one of the oldest state societies, having been among the founding members of the National Conference of State Societies.
Amanda Skrogstad, Ottawa, is a 7th grade science and social studies teacher at Shepherd Middle School.

Samantha Trimmer, Schaumburg, is a physical education and health teacher for St. Charles CUSD #203 at Haines Middle School and is also the head cheerleading coach.

**2012**

Anna Bulian, Davenport, IA, is a general ledger accountant for Creative Manufacturing Technologies, LLC.

Megan Erwin, Quincy, won the title of Miss Quincy in March and was crowned Miss Illinois at the Miss Illinois Pageant at the Marion Cultural and Civic Center.

**Marriages and Civil Unions**

Alexia Brems '07 and Aaron Johnson '09, June 6, 2012.


Amanda Caverly '12 and Nicholas Stoneking '08, July 14, 2012.

Buffie Scott '08 and Nicholas Stewart, Aug. 18, 2012.


Kristine Gregory '00 and Rebecca Van Brainer, June 9, 2012.

Josie Holst '11 and Jacob Thomas '12, May 19, 2012.


Todd Johnson '07 and Emily Halsey, June 23, 2012.

Randy Koch '03 and Sara Lenane, June 27, 2012.

Carl Kruthoff '06 and Courtney Grist, July 14, 2012.

Courtney Lewan '09 and Justin Mantack '10, May 27, 2012.

Christina Lunsman MAT '08 and Michael Santoyo '08, June 30, 2012.

Rana Matheson '07 and David Quezal '09, May 23, 2012.

Stephanie Mewes '05 and Bryan Potts, June 16, 2012.

Danielle Minehart '11 and Jeffrey Bryant '09, Sept. 1, 2012.


Mark Porter '08 and Melinda Jansen, July 2012.

Ann Reus '04 and David Tran '03, June 23, 2012.


Carrie Schmidt '09 and Joshua Potter, Sept. 8, 2012.


Elizabeth Slack MS '09 and John Nelzen, May, 2012.

Autumn Twaddell '10 and Bryan Schullian '14, June 30, 2012.

Cory Vogel '02 and Kimberly Rowsey, May 19, 2012.

Diana Wagenbach '90 and Greg Eisenmann, June 3, 2012.

Phillip Wire '02 and Stephanie Schoepfer-Grosskurth, Aug. 25, 2012.

**Births and Adoptions**

Rhonda Murphy Adams '97 and Benjamin Adams '97, a daughter, Jacelyn Grace, Jan. 17, 2012.

Amber England Bowcott '05 and Chad, a daughter, Livia May, June 15, 2012.

Allison Gilbert Broadfield '93 MA '95, and Areen, a son, Adam Durk, June 21, 2012.

Jamie Skjpdlagen Coon '04 and Jacob, a son, Austin William, Apr. 5, 2012.

Amanda Thomas Crossland '02 and Darin Crossland '02, a son, William Kenneth, Apr. 18, 2012.

Jessica De La Torre '08, a girl, Jose Snyder, Sept. 14, 2011.


Angel Rocsicly Festem '94 and Larry Festem MS '99, a son, Ian Michael, June 22, 2011.


Elizabeth Shire Hermes '00 and Christian Hermes '00, a daughter, Ava Ashley, July 22, 2012.

Christopher Hootman '98, a daughter, Olivia S., Jan. 25, 2012.

Belaely McGee Kaiser '01 and Shawn, a daughter, Taelyak Makay, Apr. 27, 2012.

Steven Krause '06 and Angela, a daughter, Olivia Marie, July 5, 2012.

Whitney Anderson McCormick MS '04 and Jeffery, a son, Nathaneal Robert, Aug. 5, 2011.

Kevin Robinson '06 and Crystal, a daughter, Kristin Kayla, June 15, 2012.

Lorie Cox Rude '10, a daughter, Lily, July 29, 2011.

Eoin Boedling Schatz '10 and David, a son, William, May 23, 2012.

Trish Renken Staub '01 MS '03 and Devan, a son, Sawyer James, Jan. 9, 2012.

Janely Rivera Torres '04 and Antonio Torres '05, a son, Santino Antonio, Apr. 15, 2012.

Heather Dean Woods '00 MA '05 and Brian Woods MA '05, a daughter, Natalie Elaine, June 3, 2012.

**Deaths**


Matthew M. Bongiorno, Rockford, April 12, 2012.

Kevin Brandt, St. Louis, MO, Feb. 12, 2012.

Joshua Charles Lutes, St. Louis, MO, June 27, 2012.


William C. "Bill" Potter, Mantachie, MS, Nov. 9, 2011.


Helen M. Squire, Sarasota, FL, Apr. 13, 2011.


Thomas N. Tochtrop, St. Louis, MO, Feb. 12, 2012.

Louis H. Wyne, Macomb, June 12, 2012.

Heather Dean Woods '00 MA '05 and Brian Woods MA '05, a daughter, Natalie Elaine, June 3, 2012.

Front row, l-r: Josh Nobiling and Brandye Anderson Nobiling '05. Middle row l-r: Julia Jakstys Brodsky '01, Dawn Doubler Russo '85 and Associate Alumni Director Amanda Shoemaker '11. Back row l-r: Jared Brodsky, Michael Russo. Vice President for Quad Cities and Planning Joe Rivers, Annette Glotfelter '08, Retired Staff member Dick Foster '59, Retired Staff member Peggy Pennington Foster, Retired Faculty member Chuck Oprian, Linda Oprian, Viola Walker, Willie Walker '93, Evan Ritchie and Tim Abshire '92. Stars: Engler-For the Quad Cities and Planning Joe Rivers and Faculty Assistant Scott Brouette '10.
Fallen Soldiers Scholarship Fund established

The WIU Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of the Fallen Soldiers Scholarship Fund at Western Illinois University. The fund was established in honor and in memory of Capt. Derek A. Dobogai, a 2003 graduate in law enforcement and justice administration and Lt. Col. Robert E. Baldwin, a 1993 graduate in industrial technology, who lost their lives fighting for our country. The fund will support student veterans and service members enrolled at WIU. Donations made directly to the fund are tax deductible. Visit wiu.edu/alumni to register online or call (309) 298-1861 to register over the phone or to have a registration form mailed to you.

The inaugural Fallen Soldiers 5k Run/Walk will be held Saturday, Nov. 10 at 8 a.m. starting and ending at the Spencer Student Recreation Center. Everyone is welcome to participate. The entry fee is $20 and prizes will be given to winners in a variety of categories including overall race finish, gender, age group, winning team and more. Visit wiu.edu/alumni to register online or call (309) 298-1861 to register over the phone or to have a registration form mailed to you.
“The Western Open” Chicago Alumni & Friends Golf Outing • Seven Bridges Golf Club • June 11

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Quad Cities Alumni & Friends Golf Outing • TPC Deere Run • June 18

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“We have provided affordable, accessible public higher education opportunities for 100 years. Western truly is the public choice for the Quad Cities,” Thomas added.

According to Joe Rives, vice president for Quad Cities and planning, the Riverfront Campus expansion allows WIU-QC to further its mission as a comprehensive public university for the region by serving more than 3,000 Quad Cities-area students. The City of Moline is also revitalizing the area surrounding the WIU-QC Riverfront Campus into community and University-friendly development. The Quad Cities campus currently serves more than 1,300 students at its current 60th Street campus in Moline and at the Riverfront Campus.

“We are truly proud of Building One. It’s an exceptional facility that represents the very best of the Quad Cities. We will continue to build and support high quality educational opportunities based on regional needs and partnerships. Together, we have accomplished many things and we should all be proud,” said Rives.

Phase II will allow for the continued growth of the Quad Cities campus on the 20 acres of donated land and allow Quad Cities academic programs in the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education and Human Services and Fine Arts and Communication to relocate to the Riverfront Campus. The $42 million project is funded by the Illinois Jobs Now! capital construction program. According to Bill Brewer, assistant director of the physical plant - Quad Cities maintenance, single prime construction bids for Riverfront Phase II are due Sept. 26. Following receipt of bids, the State of Illinois Capital Development Board will review, process and submit to state procurement for award, with a contract to immediately follow. The Phase II project is expected to be completed by Spring 2015.

Building One, the former John Deere Tech Center, which was donated to WIU by Deere & Company in 2003, supports the College of Business and Technology, including the School of Engineering; academic and student services; and University administration.

WIU-QC has established partnerships with Renew Moline, including the development of a Midwestern Intellectual Property Institute, and the Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce, and WIU-QC continues its strong working relationship with John Deere, The Moline Foundation, Modern Woodmen of America, the Rock Island County Board and other Quad Cities businesses and organizations to help create new jobs and workforce retention.

To view architect’s renderings of the proposed WIU-QC Riverfront Campus development plan, visit wiu.edu/qc/riverfront_campus.
**Refer a Student to Western Illinois University**

Do you know a student who would be a great fit for Western Illinois University? Let us know by completing the form below. We also welcome recommendations for students who may wish to transfer to WIU. The WIU Admissions Office will personally follow up with the student and give him/her the option of registering as a prospective student. The student will receive information from WIU, will be added to our contact list and will be invited to special events in his/her area and in Macomb. The student will also be notified that you took the time to refer him/her to Western Illinois University (if you would like us to share that information).

**Student’s Information**

First Name: __________________________
Last Name: __________________________
Address: _____________________________
City: _____________________________ State: ______ Zip: ______
High School Name: __________________________
Expected High School Graduation Date: ______
E-mail: ___________________________
Cell Phone: _______________________
Home Phone: _______________________
Gender: □ Female □ Male

**Recommended by**

First Name: __________________________
Last Name: __________________________
WIU Graduation Year: _________________
Relationship to Student: __________________________
E-mail: ___________________________
Cell Phone: _______________________
Home Phone: _______________________
Address: ___________________________
City: _____________________________ State: ______ Zip: ______

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

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

If this student chooses not to apply:

□ Please use the application fee for another deserving student.

OR

□ Please refund me.

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

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

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

**Send Us Your News**

 Full Name __________________________ Maiden Name __________________________ Grad. Year ______
 Mailing Address __________________________
 City __________________________ State ______ Zip ______
 Is this a new address? □ Yes □ No
 Home Phone __________________________ Cell Phone __________________________
 Prefer □ Home □ Business □ E-mail __________________________
 Do you want to receive text messages from the University? □ No □ Yes
 Home E-mail __________________________ Business E-mail __________________________
 Title/Position __________________________ Employer __________________________
 Employer Mailing Address __________________________
 City __________________________ State ______ Zip ______
 Business Phone __________________________
 Marital Status: □ Married □ Single □ Divorced □ Widowed □ Domestic Partner
 Is spouse/domestic partner a WIU graduate? □ No □ Yes, Graduation Year ______
 If yes: Spouse/Domestic Partner Full Name __________________________ Maiden Name __________________________
 Title/Position __________________________ Employer __________________________
 Employer Mailing Address __________________________
 City __________________________ State ______ Zip ______
 Business Phone __________________________
 Home Phone __________________________
 Prefer □ Home □ Business □ Cell __________________________
 Do you want to receive text messages from the university? □ No □ Yes
 Include Information in Western News? □ Yes □ No

**Send Us Your Feedback** Western News wants to know! How are we doing? What items are your favorites, or which items don’t you read, in Western News? Tell us what you think.

□ Please accept the enclosed gift to assist with printing and postage of the Western News.

Send updates and feedback to: Alumni Association, 1 University Circle, Macomb IL 61455-1390, fax (309) 298-2914, or online at wiu.edu/alumni.

*NOTE: Information will be included in Western’s online directory and in the online Western News.*

**Super Spartan...for WIU scholarships**

What is with these WIU alumni taking part in these Spartan events? If you haven’t heard of them before, according to the Spartan Race website, “Spartan Race is the world’s leading obstacle race series. It’s an event of pure primitive craziness that you’ll never forget!” Spartan Race events are all about “challenging today’s perception of normal.”

WIU Alumni Achievement Award recipient Joe Decker ’98 participated in the Spartan Death Race last year. He won...for the second year in a row (http://blog.spartanrace.com/the-death-race-profile-series-2011-champion-joe-decker/).

Now another alumnum, Tim Hallinan ’95, the director of WIU’s Annual Giving, is planning to compete in a Super Spartan obstacle race later this year. Hallinan is using the event not only as a way to maintain his fitness, he is also leveraging his training and race day event as a fundraiser for WIU scholarships.

“I work with many great students who help Western raise money for the Annual Fund either as callers for the WIU Phonathon or by helping with our direct mail fundraising. Although Western remains committed to access and affordability, many of these students are familiar with the struggles to meet the cost of education,” said Hallinan. “As a Western alumni, I make my annual gift to my department to support scholarships, but wanted to do something extra this year to benefit a student that could really use some help. The Spartan Race is unique, and I thought it might be a good way to raise some much needed funds for our scholarship office to distribute and raise awareness for the University’s need for Annual Fund participation among current students, as well as friends, alumni and Western parents.”

Many students don’t realize the tuition they pay only covers about half of what it costs Western to provide their education in a given academic year. Gifts to the Annual Fund help keep scholarships in place and bridge the funding gap between tuition and appropriated funds from the State of Illinois. All funds raised by Hallinan from the Spartan Race will support the WIU Scholarship Program and will be distributed to students who need and deserve some extra help this fall to ensure they graduate. To pledge to Hallinan and WIU scholarships, visit firstgiving.com/fundraiser/timhallinan/midwestsuperspartan.

The event will be Saturday, Oct. 27 in Marseilles (IL). For more information, visit spartanrace.com.
UPCOMING WIU ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

September 27 Princeton Alumni & Friends Event
Hunter’s Ridge Golf Course
12927 IL Hwy 26, Princeton, IL
Social and dinner: 6-8 p.m.
Social: 6-8 p.m.
Rossini’s Italian Restaurant & cash bar—$20

September 30 Arlington Alumni & Friends Event
Arlington Park Racecourse • Miller Lite Party Deck
2200 W. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights, IL
Event: 12-5 p.m.
Admission, food & all beverages—$50

October 4 Western After-Hours in Countryside
9901 W. 55th St., Countryside, IL
Social: 5-7 p.m.
Complimentary appetizers while they last & cash bar

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

October 4, 2012
Western After-Hours in Countryside
Finally thirsty Thursday Event!
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Western Wednesdays starting in November

October 11 Charleston Alumni & Friends Social
The Blind Tiger
3836 Broad St., Charleston, SC
Social: 6-8 p.m.
Scrumptious hors d’oeuvres & cash bar—$15

October 12 Raleigh Alumni & Friends Social
Napper Tandy’s
126 N. West St., Raleigh, NC
Social: 6-8 p.m.
Scrumptious appetizers & cash bar—$15

October 13 Charlotte Alumni & Friends Social
Harper’s Restaurant
6518 Fairview Rd., Charlotte, NC
Social: 5-7 p.m.
Mouth-watering hors d’oeuvres & cash bar—$15

October 14 Atlanta Alumni & Friends Social
Fado Irish Pub 273 Buckhead Ave., Atlanta, GA
Social: 4-6 p.m.
Tasty appetizers & cash bar—$15

October 18 Carthage Alumni & Friends Wine Tasting
Lake Hill Winery
1822 E. County Rd. 1540, Carthage, IL
Social: 6-8 p.m.
Wine tasting, Italian buffet & cash bar—$15

October 20 Houston Alumni & Friends Social
Kennelly’s Irish Pub 211 S Shepherd Dr., Houston, TX
Social: 6-8 p.m.
Tasty appetizers & cash bar—$15

October 25 San Antonio Alumni & Friends Wine Tasting
2nine Wine Bar 255 E Basie Rd. 8940, San Antonio, TX
Social: 6-8 p.m.
Four course wine and appetizer pairing & cash bar—$30

October 26 Austin Alumni & Friends Social
Fino Restaurant and Patio Bar 2905 San Gabriel St., Austin, TX
Social: 6-8 p.m.
Mouth-watering hors d’oeuvres & cash bar—$20

October 27 Dallas Alumni & Friends Social
Truluck’s 2801 McKinney, Dallas, TX
Social: 6-8 p.m.
Scrumptious hors d’oeuvres & cash bar—$20

October 28 Fort Worth Alumni & Friends Social
Ferre Ristorante 215 E 4th St., Fort Worth, TX
Social: 4-6 p.m.
Tasty hors d’oeuvres & cash bar—$20

November 7 Galesburg Alumni & Friends Wine Tasting
Vintages Tasting Room 215 E. Main St., Galesburg, IL
Social: 6-8 p.m.
Paired wine tasting & cash bar—$15

November 8 Monmouth Alumni & Friends Wine Tasting
Market Alley
59 Public Square, Monmouth, IL
Social: 6-8 p.m.
Wine tasting, appetizers & cash bar—$15

November 15 WIU vs. Mizzou Women’s Basketball Pre-game Social & Basketball Game
Mizzou Arena
600 Stadium Blvd. East, Columbia, MO
Social: 5-7 p.m.
Social only with appetizers & cash bar—$10
Social, appetizers, cash bar & game ticket—$15

November 29 Milwaukee Alumni & Friends Social
The Pabst Mansion
215 E. 4th St., Fort Worth, TX
Social: 6-8 p.m.
Delectable hors d’oeuvres & cash bar—$20

Registration Form for WIU Alumni & Friends Events

Name __________________________________________ Class year ____________
Address __________________________________________ City, State, Zip ____________
Home phone ___________________________ Home e-mail __________________________
Cell phone ___________________________ Do you want to receive text messages from the university? □ No □ Yes
Name of business ___________________________ Job title ___________________________
Work phone ___________________________ Work e-mail ___________________________
Work address ___________________________ City, State, Zip ___________________________

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

Total: ___________________________

Payment options: ___________________________

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:
Card #: ___________________________
Three digit security code ______ Exp. date: ______
Name on card: ___________________________
Signature: ___________________________

Fax form to: (309) 298-2914 or mail form to:
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Online wiu.com/alumni
Phone (309) 298-1914
Check Payable to WIU Alumni Association
Credit card Please provide credit card information

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS!

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

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