Six receive alumni achievement awards

Five Western Illinois University alumni were selected to receive the WIU Alumni Achievement Award at the December Commencement Exercises, while another Western alumni was named the recipient of the inaugural International Alumni Achievement Award.

This year’s Alumni Achievement recipients are Martin Green ’87 of Springfield, vice president of government relations, Illinois CPA Society; Daniel D. Voorhis ’67 of Macomb, director of Western’s Illinois Small Business Development Center; Tom Carper ’82 of Macomb, regional manager, west-central region, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity; Herb Strong ’72 of Macomb, president and CEO of MidAmerica National Bank; and Roseanne (Forrester) Bye ’69 of Orange (CA), retired vice president of TG Marketing and Advertising, Anaheim (CA).

The International Alumni Achievement recipient is Hyuk-Jong Kim M. Ed. ’88, president of Gwangju University in Korea. Kim, who cannot attend the December ceremony, will be recognized at the May 2010 Commencement Exercises. The Alumni Achievement Award is given in recognition of outstanding contributions to any of the following: exceptional accomplishment in one’s chosen field of endeavor; exceptional service in community affairs at the local, state or national levels; and exceptional service in support of the advancement and continued excellence of WIU.

Green, Strong and Voorhis will be recognized at the 9:30 a.m. ceremony, while Bye and Carper will be recognized at the 1 p.m. ceremony.

The additional criteria for the International Alumni Achievement Awards includes the recipient must be an international alumnus/na.

Green, a 1987 political science graduate, has served as the vice president of government relations for the Illinois CPA Society since 2008. Prior to joining the Illinois CPA Society, he served in several positions in the executive branch of state government including most recently as executive assistant attorney general for Illinois Attorneys General Lisa Madigan and Jim Ryan, and as director of the Illinois Governor’s Office of Citizens Assistance and assistant to the Governor for public affairs for Governor Jim Edgar. A lieutenant colonel in the Illinois Air National Guard, Green also serves as a staff judge advocate at the Joint Forces Headquarters. He is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) and the Lincoln Douglas Inn of Court; and is an Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America.

Green is a past president of the WIU Alumni Council and served as a council member for 12 years. As a student at

WIU paleobiologist’s team discovers new dinosaur

Find in South Africa sheds light on largest dinosaurs

Matthew Bonnan, associate professor of biology at Western Illinois University, has been featured in the international media after having been part of the team that discovered a new dinosaur in South Africa.

Named Aardonyx, meaning “earth claw,” the new find is shedding light on the origins of the biggest dinosaurs ever, the sauropods, Bonnan explained.

The discovery was accepted for publication in the Proceedings of the Royal Society B, a significant journal of biological research and reviews, with the title, “A new transitional sauropodomorph dinosaur from the Early Jurassic of South Africa and the evolution of sauropod feeding and quadrupedalism.”

“I can’t express in words just how exciting and what a privilege this is to announce to the world a brand new dinosaur, one that’s a transitional, that tells us in some ways how we moved from smaller biped animals to bigger, heavier quadruped animals,” Bonnan said. “And it fits in so well with the research I’m doing personally, and with students.

“On a scientific level, it’s really fulfilling to have a hypothesis on how you think dinosaurs got large, then to test that in the field and get back these kind of data—a new dinosaur—that really does start to fill in some of those anatomical gaps,” he added.

With funding from National Geographic Society’s Committee for Research and Exploration, and with support from Western’s College of Arts and Sciences and Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research (CITR), Bonnan has been to Free State, South Africa three times (2004, 2006, 2007) working with South African colleagues at two quarry sites determined to be Early Jurassic, approximately 195 million years ago.

An analysis of the bone microstructure of the 7-meter (20-feet) long herbivore indicates that it was young and still growing. Its skeletal anatomy shares a number of key features with sauropods. Limb proportions show that Aardonyx was a biped, although its forearm bones interlock—like those of quadrupedal sauropods—suggesting that it could

“Incredibly, not only were we finding pieces of the limbs and the ribs and the backbone, but we also started to find pieces of the skull.”

— Matthew Bonnan

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**Director’s Corner**

**News from Your Alumni Association**

On behalf of the WIU Alumni Association, I am pleased to introduce and welcome new Alumni Council President Roger Clawson. — Amy Spelman MS ’98

Greetings from the Western Illinois University Alumni Council! We are a group of 26 individuals who represent the interests of our more than 107,000 alumni around the world. As a 1977 agriculture business graduate, I am honored to work with this collection of talented alumni, all of whom share a passion to give back to Western. I’m sure that you, like many of us on the council, can think back fondly on the memories: the friends who supported you, the professors who inspired you, the classes that equipped you for life. We want to make sure that Western provides these great opportunities for students today and in the years to come. President Goldfarb’s vision and leadership have brought exciting developments to our campus. Western has so much to offer. The Alumni Council seeks to:

1) embrace and work through the challenges and changes our University faces;
2) equip students and alumni with the resources to stay connected and give back to our University; and
3) encourage alumni to attend University or alumni events in their area.

I was a student in Stipes Hall during the building of the Malpass Library — the construction didn’t allow us to sleep in class! Now, 30-plus years later, I get to enjoy the next wave of new buildings at WIU: the Performing Arts Center and the WIU-Quad Cities campus. As a resident of the Quad Cities, I’ve been able to participate firsthand in the expansion of the WIU-Quad Cities campus. With such a large alumni base here-nearly 9,000-the future is quite bright for WIU in the Quad Cities.

Finally, wear your Western Illinois University apparel proudly! I promise your experience will be the same as mine: no matter where you are, you will run into another proud WIU graduate.

Roger Clawson ’77
President, WIU Alumni Council

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**From the President**

We are nearing the end of another fall semester, and as in the years past, I am so proud of this University’s accomplishments, even in the face of extremely difficult economic times. We have had numerous achievements this semester, including opening the new Multicultural Center, which houses Casa Latina, the Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center and the Women’s Center. If you have not yet visited the new center, I highly encourage you to stop by when you are back on campus.

The new four-year nursing degree and a four-year engineering program, as well as a new bachelor’s degree in anthropology, began this fall. The University has expanded its online and distance learning offerings to reach more individuals who may be placebound. Biology Professor Matt Bonnan, working with scientists from around the world, made international news as part of the team that discovered a new dinosaur in South Africa, while senior agriculture major Ashley Mason was named a National Collegiate Agricultural Ambassador by the National FFA Organization for a second consecutive year.

Western continues to be ranked in the top tier of Midwest master’s granting universities by the U.S. News and World Report; and for the fifth consecutive year, the Princeton Review named WIU a best Midwestern university. Western was also designated as a “Military Friendly School” by G.I. Jobs Magazine and is featured in the Guide to Military Friendly Schools.

In addition to the opening of The Caxton Building in downtown Moline to temporarily house the University’s School of Engineering, we recently dedicated the Wright Residence near campus as the new Veterans Resource Center. The expanded Donald S. Spencer Student Recreation Center was completed, and work continues on the Memorial Hall renovation.

As I have frequently noted, I am very pleased that the capital bill signed by Gov. Quinn includes full funding for our Performing Arts Center in Macomb as well as the funds for the first two buildings on our new Riverfront Campus in Moline. I hope that these projects will become a reality in the not too distant future.

I had the good fortune to attend many alumni events this fall, and I want to thank those who attended. Please know how much we appreciate your continued support and commitment to Western Illinois University. I look forward to seeing all of you again soon.

You have all my best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season and a great New Year.

All my best wishes,

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Al Goldfarb

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Caterpillar Inc.’s Grove shares insights with students

By Julie Murphy ’94 MS ’95

“Craig and I met at Western, so it held a special place in our hearts,” said Lori Glattly ’81, referring to herself and her late husband, Craig Glattly ’81.

“We were both in the Greek system and always appreciated all the philanthropic efforts the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Council participated in, as well as the attitude of the University to giving back to the community. Craig felt his time in the College of Business (now College of Business and Technology) was a tremendous factor in building his career and being successful in the world of business, which is why I am so thrilled to be able to provide a scholarship to a business student who exemplifies the same ideals Craig did.”

The Glattly Memorial Scholarship was established in early 2009 to honor the 1981 finance graduate by assisting a Lake County (IL) high school graduate pursuing a business degree at Western. Preference is given to applicants with active involvement in University and community activities and who face financial hardships causing significant obstacles to completing their degree.

Glattly Scholarship honors ’81 graduate

Late finance major championed problem-solving approach

The Glattly Foundation, formed upon Craig’s untimely passing in 2006, initiated the scholarship. Empowerment is the primary focus of the foundation, formed by Craig’s family and closest friends in an endeavor to pay tribute to their friend and to help other people. It seeks to assist students and families who are working hard and committed to being productive members of society. The scholarship seeks students who are motivated in the pursuit of excellence and making a mark in the business community.

“It gives us incredible pleasure and we know Craig would feel so privileged to be able to provide an opportunity to a student with financial difficulties who might not have this opportunity otherwise,” Craig Glattly’s family said in a statement.

Craig earned his degree in finance, and Lori in special education. Before his death, Craig had been president and CEO of Salem Capital Group, but also was active in his community as a Scout leader, soccer coach, and deacon at his church. According to Lori, he was always giving back to the community and investing his time and life in the lives of others.

“We want to encourage and reward those who have a similar mindset,” said Lori, now a real estate agent with Prudential Preferred Properties in the Chicago area and Florida. “College is such a springboard for the balance of our lives. We learn to be independent, creative thinkers who are more anxious to solve the problem than be a part of the problem. Craig embodied the attitude of ‘less whining and more solving!’ He enjoyed the challenge of finding the solution and implementing a good, creative idea.

“Craig was proud to have been a graduate of the WIU College of Business and credited his success to the solid academic foundation he received at Western,” she continued. “He would have wanted to encourage other young men and women to go out and pursue their dreams and goals with the same zeal for life and the same passion for being a problem solver; which is an absolute in the business world.”

The first Craig Glattly Memorial Scholarship recipient is WIU junior Samantha Day of Long Grove (IL). She has received $2,500 to aid in her pursuit of an accounting degree. Samantha, the oldest of four children, stated in her application: “I am a hardworking student and this scholarship will be extremely helpful to my entire family.”

“We are thrilled to have been able to help Samantha,” Lori said. “She sent the most heartfelt thank-you…that’s what it’s all about - helping a young person achieve their full potential! We feel tremendously blessed to be able to carry on the legacy of love and kindness and encouragement that Craig so embodied.”

Student organization gathers support for member in Iraq

Members of Western Illinois University’s Student Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants (SCIMA) recently showed their support of a fellow member who is currently stationed in Iraq.

SCIMA students collected donations throughout October to send care packages to accountancy student Andrew Mulrooney, a junior from Pecatonica (IL) who is stationed in Iraq with his National Guard unit.

“The SCIMA students wanted to let Andy know we were thinking of him and are so proud that he is serving our country,” said Amy Ford, faculty adviser for the group and an instructor in the accountancy department.

“So many people pitched in on the project. Faculty and students throughout the College of Business and Technology donated food, candy and games to send to Andy and his National Guard troops.” said Ford added that Susan Behling, a professor in the accountancy department, even offered extra credit to her students who donated items for the care packages.

Mulrooney has been an active member of the group for the past two years. SCIMA students organized the donations and are sending out the US Postal Service’s “America Supports You” flat-rate donation boxes.

Western Illinois University’s College of Business and Technology (CBT) presented its ninth installment of the Executive in Residence (EIR) series, hosting WIU alumnus Rob Grove ’80 MBA ’85, who serves as director of treasury operations for Caterpillar, Inc.

Grove addressed attendees of a College of Business and Technology’s Executive in Residence Fall 2009 luncheon Oct. 13.

At Caterpillar, Grove is responsible for global banking relationships, internal and external funding, cash management and foreign exchange/commodity hedging for the corporation’s machine and engine business. He also provides leadership to Caterpillar’s regional treasury centers (located in Geneva, Switzerland, and Singapore). Grove’s primary responsibilities include maintaining enterprise financial strength; ensuring appropriate levels of enterprise funding; optimizing the use of available cash; and managing the risks associated with foreign currency and commodity price movements.

Grove joined Caterpillar as a finance analyst in 1981. He earned his bachelor’s of business and a master’s degree in business administration from Western Illinois University. Grove’s diverse career assignments include responsibilities focused on core treasury operations and financial marketing. Prior to his current position, he served as the distribution services director for Caterpillar’s Asia Pacific division; as the finance director for Caterpillar Asia; and as Caterpillar’s Six Sigma deployment champion for Caterpillar’s Asia Pacific marketing. Other assignments include serving as finance manager for Caterpillar’s North American commercial division’s eastern and Canadian regions; treasurer of Caterpillar Brazil in Piracicaba; and business manager for Caterpillar Industrial Products.

Grove is also a former finance director for New Life Christian Church in Morton (IL) and is a current board member (vice president) for Peoria Friendship House of Christian Service.

“The EIR program is an amazing opportunity for all of our students to interact with high-level executives in a casual environment. I’m certain the information Rob shared with the students will have left a lasting impression as they advance into their own careers,” said CBT Dean Tom Erekson.

“America Supports You” flat-rate donation boxes.
By Teresa Koltzenburg ’92

In 1919, two years before the Illinois General Assembly approved a name change from “Western Illinois State Normal School” to “Western Illinois State Teachers College,” what we know now as Western Illinois University began offering a full four-year curriculum for those who would teach high school agriculture—an opportunity that was then only available at the University of Illinois.

Ninety years later, what is now the School of Agriculture at WIU not only prepares students for careers in agricultural education, but it also offers 12 other programs of study ranging from international agriculture to urban forestry, and pre-professional programs in agricultural engineering, forestry and veterinary medicine.

A Growing Need

From the time the Western Illinois State Normal School (WSINS) opened its doors in 1902, WSINS educators recognized a need “for Domestic Science and Agriculture courses for those preparing to teach in the agricultural section of our State.” According to a 1950 edition of the Western Illinois State College Bulletin, plans were made in 1904 to “prepare the basement rooms and the grounds for the introduction of these courses.”

The first course in agriculture at WSINS was Elementary Agriculture. Organized by John T. Johnson and offered through the geography department, the course was available to students beginning in the spring of 1907 “after the completion of the work on the building and grounds,” according to the Bulletin.

The Bulletin also noted that the 1919 establishment of the full four-year curriculum in agriculture resulted from a rapid increase of the number of agriculture courses between 1916-1918. In 1920, what was then the Department of Biology and Agriculture was divided into two separate departments, and W.A. Cleveland was made head of the Department of Agriculture, a position he would hold until 1927.

The Form of the Farm

Over the years, the department and its curriculum continued to change based on what was happening in the agriculture industry.

“The only place you could get certification to teach ‘vocational agriculture’ was the U of I. I immediately began work on getting the department certified to train agriculture teachers.” — H. Edward Breece

“From a fundamental standpoint, agriculture around the U.S. has changed,” explained William Bailey, director of the School of Agriculture. “Farms that were diversified—which had livestock, poultry and crops—have become more specialized. You also see chickens anywhere, and while there are very few dairy farms, very few people have dairy cattle, unless they operate larger farms. So, over time, agriculture has evolved from farms with complex production systems with a lot of different animals and plants to farms that are more mono-culture, marketing their products to a very specific part of the industry.”

To reflect the changes in the agricultural industry, Bailey noted, WIU’s agricultural curriculum and facilities have morphed in order to prepare students for the agriculture world they find outside of academia.

“When individual farms had more diversity, the University’s facilities and curriculum reflected this diversity. For example, we had a dairy and a poultry facility here at one time. We also used to grow a lot of oats and rye,” Bailey explained. “Today, we grow corn and soybeans. There are still more diversified farms operating in the industry, for example, organic farming operations, such as our Allison Organic Research and Demonstration Farm. But in the mainstream agricultural industry, much of the production is specialized in nature,” he said.

To help prepare 21st-century agriculture students for this industry full of specialized niches, the School of Agriculture’s facilities continue to provide hands-on and research-oriented opportunities at its Agriculture Field Laboratory (AFL), which is located on Tower Road, about a mile north of WIU’s Macomb campus.

Before 1948, most of the agricultural “experimental” work performed on the “grounds” was done where some of the campus buildings (Malpass Library, Morgan and Stipes halls) stand now. In 1948, the University purchased 90 acres approximately one mile north of campus. Known as the Braun farm before it was purchased, the farm allowed space for a herd of purebred Guernsey cattle and some registered Hampshire hogs, as well as cropping, fertility and conservation demonstrations. According to “First Century: A Pictorial History of Western Illinois University,” by WIU Professor Emeritus John Hallwas ’67 MA ’68, in 1957, an additional 183 acres were purchased and added to the AFL.

In 1967, Bruce Engnell was hired to manage the swine operations on the AFL. Engnell, who now manages the University Farm, lives in the farmhouse just east of the University Residence, near the farm. Over Engnell’s long career at WIU, he has had the opportunity to work with thousands of agriculture students and been a first-hand witness to the changes at the University Farm.

“When I first started here, there was a boar station, but because the hog business has gotten so specialized, we no longer have that. These days, we have feed efficiency tests for bulls, rams and even for goats, as the demand for goat meat in the U.S. is increasing,” Engnell said. “We also have a lamb sale every year, and Dr. Gordon Roskamp ’71 and Dr. Win Phippen utilize some of the acreage for their research investigating weed control and alternative crops.”

Engnell said that working with students and the everyday activity going on at the University Farm gives him “the best job in the state.”

“I have always felt that I am here because of the students. I like to think that we prepare them for their lives in agriculture as best as we possibly can, both in the classroom and on the farm,” he said.

During Engnell’s time at Western, the AFL has not only changed in regard to the kinds of livestock and cropping activities, but it has also shifted in terms of its geography. In 1999, 2002 Honorary Alumni Lawrence “Mel” Kerr and his wife Judith donated an additional 219 acres to WIU’s agriculture department. The gift from Mel, who was an ophthalmologist in Macomb, and Judy, who is a member of the WIU Foundation Board of Directors, included a house, barns, and grain bins. The donation enabled the expansion of the AFL and kept it from losing any acreage due to the expansion of the Harry Mussatto Golf Course. The golf course, which is adjacent to the Agriculture Field Laboratory, was able to add nine holes, and the AFL was able to continue serving as a classroom and lab.

The Faces in the Field

Over the years, the agriculture curriculum at WIU has had 14 chairpersons, beginning with Harry Waggoner, who was chair of the Department of Biology and Agriculture from 1917-1920. Following Cleveland in 1927 was C.H. Oathout, who chaired the department from 1927-1946.
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Rodney Fink, who came to Western in 1968, was appointed chair in 1972. During his time as a faculty member and as chairperson, the department underwent a great deal of change, which reflected some of the social changes that were taking place in the workforce and in society at large.

“At that time, we experienced a significant increase in enrollment in the department,” Fink explained. “Part of that was due to the number of women who were starting to enroll in the agriculture programs of study. We started seeing a significant percentage of women coming into the department to study agriculture and horticulture.”

The enrollment increase was also likely attributable to the number of international students who were coming to Western to study agriculture.

“During Dr. Elsner’s time as chair [1965-1967], the department benefited from some federal grants through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Dr. Elsner and Dr. Knoblauch both worked to get these grants, and these programs brought in mainly African students. My feeling was that students from Illinois needed to know that there was a world outside of Illinois, and so we worked quite a bit to increase the number of international students.”

Fink chaired the agriculture department through 1974, after which he was appointed Dean of the College of Applied Sciences, which then included the agriculture department. Fink retired in 1990.

Another department chair, H. Edward Breece (chair from 1977-1989) started out his life at Western as a student.

“Dr. John McVickar [chair from 1946-1965] and Dr. Loren Robinson [chair from 1974-1977] came to the department in 1941. I was a student in the department from 1954 to 1956, and I had both of these men as professors. I, along with 18 others, transferred to the University of Illinois, as we wanted to be agriculture teachers at the secondary level. At that time, the only place you could get certification to teach ‘vocational agriculture’ was at the University of Illinois. I considered Dr. McVickar and Dr. Robinson the backbone of this department until they retired,” Breece said.

Breece returned to Western and started as a faculty member in 1965.

“I began work immediately on getting the department certified to train agriculture teachers, so they wouldn’t have to transfer as I had done,” he added.

Agriculture students in the 21st Century

In 2009 the University’s School of Agriculture offers students significantly more than it did 90 years ago. There are 14 student organizations, ranging from the Agricultural Education Club to the Horticulture Club to the renowned Livestock Judging Team. These clubs and organizations provide students with ways to not only interact with their fellow agriculture peers, but also with opportunities for hands-on and leadership work experience in the various facets that comprise the industry today. For example, the School of Agriculture continues to hold its annual Farm Expo, which is the largest student-run farm show in the United States.

In addition, the School of Agriculture also boasts some innovative research projects, such as the organic farming techniques practiced at the Allison Organic Research and Demonstration Farm; the research into such alternative crops as milkweed; the investigation into the emerging market for goat meat in the U.S.; and the weed control research trials held at the University Farm.

Having started out with Elementary Agriculture in 1907, and the 1919 establishment of the full-four year agriculture program, the newly designated “School of Agriculture”—as of July—consists of more than 300 students, 25 faculty and staff members, and a plethora of research and hands-on activities for students and faculty.
CBT Young Alumnus - Bryan Lunt ’98

Military background leads to a thriving career in supply chain management

How did you decide to make supply chain management your field of choice?

During my senior year, a representative from the Air Force visited our school. I was always interested in logistics, and I knew that a career in this field would provide high demand and stability. I decided to focus on getting a degree in finance, but when I met Dr. Russell Morey and found out about the supply chain management courses, I knew I wanted to pursue a minor in that field. Once I began taking those courses, my interest continued to grow in the field of logistics. Knowing there is always a demand for moving product, I felt this would be a career field with high demand and stability.

What positions have you held that helped lead to your current position as the inbound value stream manager at Cat’s Waco Distribution Center?

I’ve been fortunate to experience several areas within the Cat Logistics Division leading up to my current assignment. After college, my career with Caterpillar began as an operations supervisor at the Morton (IL) and Denver (CO) Distribution Centers. From there I transferred back to Morton as a planning analyst, where I had the opportunity to plan and lead the setup of distribution centers from creating layouts to transferring inventory. This opportunity required a lot of travelling over a two-and-a-half-year period, from various locations within the U.S. to setting up a facility in Australia. I then moved back into operations as an operations manager at the Irwin Industrial Tools facility in Indianapolis (IN). Cat Logistics offers supply chain services (third party logistics) to other companies, which creates many opportunities for those of us within the Cat Logistics Division. From there I became a Sigma Black Belt and was in that role for two years, which included a year of traveling to various Case New Holland (CNH) facilities and a year at the Bombardier facility in Des Plaines (IL).

Tell us about your current responsibilities at Cat Logistics.

I am responsible for the inbound operation, the inbound packaging center and the quality department. On a daily basis, my focus includes monitoring our performance of four key metrics: people, quality, velocity and cost. This opportunity has been one of the most rewarding and challenging of my career. The Waco facility, which opened in March, is part of the new Cat Logistics modernized distribution strategy. Having the opportunity to be a part of the team that begins this journey for Caterpillar is one that I will appreciate for the rest of my career.

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

I would definitely attribute my experience in the military as the foundation that launched my career, but my time at WIU also played a significant role in my development. Having a learning environment where professors are able to work closely with their students and their availability outside of class to work one-on-one with students is a tremendous advantage to attending WIU. Without the guidance and compassion of the professors at WIU my career may not have taken the same path.

What advice would you give to other young alumni and students graduating from Western in the near future?

Approach each and every opportunity with an open mind. Be determined to learn as much as you can and stay humble as you begin your journey. Unfortunately, I have seen too many cases where new college grads are looking to advance before they get a good foundation and understanding of the business. Absorb as much as you can from the individuals you work with from hourly associates to managers. Having an understanding and appreciation of what people go through on a daily basis will increase your probability of success as an effective leader. Also take advantage of opportunities to gain experience in other departments within an organization and be as flexible as you can during the early part of your career.

George Potter

George Potter, 88, a marketing and finance professor emeritus, died Oct. 7 in Macomb.

He joined Western’s faculty in 1949 and directed the Veterans Service Bureau, which he had helped form while an undergraduate at WIU. He was named director of off-campus student teaching at Western in 1956, returning to fulltime teaching in 1964 and developing the real estate and insurance program that would be used when the College of Business formed in 1968. Potter directed this program until his retirement in 1987.

A native of nearby Avon, Potter was a World War II Bronze Star and Purple Heart South Pacific Infantry veteran. He enrolled in Western State Teachers College in Fall 1945, and he earned his bachelor’s (1948) and master’s (1949) degrees in education. He received his Ph.D. (1959) from the State University of Iowa.

While a student at WIU, he and other veterans formed the Western Veterans Association (or Vets Club), and Potter was the first president.

Potter was a charter member of the Lamoine Valley Board of Realtors, serving three terms as president; he served on the board of directors of the Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation for 10 years; and he was a founding member and the first president of the Illinois Real Estate Educators Association (REEA), which, in 1988, recognized him for a lifetime devoted to real estate education. He was a charter member of the National Real Estate Educators Association. He was an active member of the Macomb YMCA board of directors; St. George’s Episcopal Church; the United Way; the Boy Scouts; and he was the owner of Potter Real Estate Appraising in Macomb. Potter received Western’s Alumni Achievement Award in 2001. The Dr. George C. Potter Scholarship in Marketing and Finance is a WIU Foundation scholarship available to fulltime junior and senior students in those disciplines.

Memorials may be made in his name to be used for scholarships by contacting the Western Illinois University Foundation, at Sherman Hall 303, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455; WIUFoundation@wiu.edu; or (309) 298-1861.
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Riverboat Development Authority Funds WIU-QC Classroom

The Riverboat Development Authority (RDA) of Davenport, IA, has donated $26,000 to Western Illinois University-Quad Cities to construct an electronic classroom. WIU-QC was one of 48 awards totaling $978,500 in the Fall 2008 funding cycle.

Twice each year the RDA accepts grant proposals from nonprofit agencies, educational institutions and government departments for programs benefitting residents of Scott County, IA.

“The RDA funds projects on both sides of the river, with the caveat that Illinois programs must benefit residents of Scott County. Western Illinois University serves all residents of the greater Quad Cities area, so our board felt this grant to be most appropriate,” explained RDA President Mary Ellen Chamberlin.

More than $47 million has been awarded to more than 400 community organizations and projects since 1991.

“RDA receives 150-200 grant applications each year,” said WIU-QC Director of Development Gary Rove. “We are grateful for their vote of confidence and happy they have joined us in our traditions of academic excellence and educational opportunity.”

Kelloggs continue legendary commitment to WIU

Couple that met at Western helps fund athletics, kinesiology and science education

By Julie Murphy ’94 MS ’95

Alice ‘52 MS ’69 and Maurice Kellogg ‘48 MS ’56 are legendary names on the Western Illinois University-Macomb campus and in the Macomb community.

Both had long teaching careers, impacting their disciplines and mentoring countless students. And they have both made significant gifts to WIU and bequests in their wills to support the areas where their passions lie: Maurice to science education, and Alice to physical education, particularly tennis.

In a recent conversation, the Kelloggs discussed their motivation for supporting WIU.

“I believe there is a strong correlation between the number of quality interactions with an institution and the strength of one’s commitment for financial support,” said professor Emeritus Maurice Kellogg. Alice and I have been associated with WIU for more than 60 years. We met here as undergraduates, both completed graduate degrees here, and then we taught here. Alice retired after 26 years of teaching, and I taught for more than 30 years. Our allegiance to Western was nurtured through social and professional friendships with peers and staff.”

Given their 60-plus year association with Western, the opportunities for an affordable education came first and foremost. After the couple married and raised a family, later came opportunities for teaching and professional development, and Kelloggs’ three children received a great education through Western’s Laboratory School.

The Kelloggs met as undergraduate students when they both were part of a Gymnastics Club “gymkana” variety show. They were married following Alice’s sophomore year (1949), and she finished her degree while Maurice taught at nearby Cuba (Il.). In 1958, with three small children, they returned to Western for Maurice to teach science education. Alice joined the physical education faculty in 1959 part-time, and became a full-time faculty member in 1969.

“Our allegiance to Western was nurtured through social and professional friendships with peers and staff,” continued Maurice. “Administrators were supportive and helpful in getting us established, and fellow teachers became lifelong friends.”

Kathleen Brophy and Mary Bennett ’52, undergraduate advisers to the Kelloggs, attended their wedding.

“We enjoyed these relationships, and found our teaching very enjoyable,” added Alice. “We also feel a great appreciation and satisfaction for the recognition we have received.”

The annual Hinds-Kellogg Classic Tennis Tourney was established in 2005 to honor Alice and colleague Dee Hinds. The two were credited with saving the sport from being dropped for women. In addition to her teaching, Alice was, and is, an avid sportswoman, competitor and staunch supporter of the WIU women’s teams. Alice still holds the records for the running long jump, the 50-meter and the 100-meter dashes in several age groups at the State Senior Olympics.

Maurice has received several awards over the years: the third WIU Faculty Lecturer in 1972, 1983 Distinguished Alumni Award, 1989 Outstanding Teacher in the College of Education and the Illinois Environmental Educator of the Year in 1988. He is one of only five WIU faculty members to be selected as the WIU Faculty Lecturer and to have received the Distinguished Alumni Award. In 2005, the Science Education Center in Horrabin Hall was renamed the Maurice G. Kellogg Center for Elementary and Middle School Science to honor the quality WIU science education program built by Kellogg and his colleagues.

The Kelloggs first began working with the WIU Foundation in 1987 by establishing the Kellogg Science Education Student Fund to enable students to attend professional meetings and conferences. In 1990, Maurice named WIU as owner and direct beneficiary of a life insurance policy to fund a Maurice Kellogg Scholarship in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

In 1993, Maurice matched funds from colleagues and former students to begin the Kellogg Science Center Endowment to provide professional development and share instructional strategies. Alice has made provisions in her will to fund an Alice Kellogg Scholarship in the kinesiology department and to support the women’s tennis team. These major gifts are in addition to annual gifts to the Western Athletic Club, the WIU tennis teams and various ongoing initiatives.

“Maurice and Alice have devoted their lives to Western as students, alumni, faculty members and donors, and we are a better university because of their involvement,” said Brad Bainter ’79 MS ’83, director of University Development and Planned Giving. “We are extremely appreciative that they have included Western in their charitable estate planning, and this will only add to, and continue, the outstanding legacy they have at Western Illinois University.”

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New Veterans Resource Center dedicated

The University dedicated the Wright Residence as the new Veterans Resource Center, located at 333 Ward St., during a ceremony on Veterans Day. The Wrights also established the Kenneth T. and Betty L. Wright Scholarship at Western for qualifying students entering Western as freshman who graduated from a Hancock, Henderson or McDonough county high school.

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Office Spotlight

Student Assistance and Parent Service Center

The Student Assistance and Parent Service Center (SAPSC) is the place for students and parents to go with any questions that they might have. The center serves as a “one stop shop” and is located on the first floor of the University Union so that students and guests can get their questions answered in one convenient place. Students and parents can call, e-mail, or drop in for any information pertaining to policies or processes associated with admissions, housing, dining, financial aid, billing, payment, registration, healthcare, STARS and e-mail assistance, etc.

The Parent and Family Association (PFA), an organization for parents of currently enrolled students, is administered through the SAPSC. The PFA keeps parents more informed about campus news and events. Benefits include quarterly newsletters related to the academic year of their student, scholarship opportunities for members’ students, a member directory, an electronic parent handbook and much more. The SAPSC also served as a point office for student-veterans. When the center opened two years before transferring to the University of Illinois, where he earned his degree in veterinary medicine. Betty Wright, who grew up in the Henderson County town of Terra Haute, graduated from LaHarpe High School, and like her husband, Western holds a special place in her heart: her mother and her mother’s six siblings all graduated from Western Illinois State Teacher’s College.

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Announcing the new University Union Bookstore website

The University Union Bookstore is pleased to introduce its new website, [www.wiu.edu/bookstore] which was recently re-designed with WIU alumni in mind. The site, which contains more than 200 items, is updated daily and will include nearly all the gifts and apparel the bookstore has in stock by the end of the year. In addition, all in-store discounts will be offered online, and orders over $100 have a flat shipping rate of $10.95.

“We hope our alumni, students, friends, faculty and staff enjoy our new site,” said Jude Kiah MBA ’03, University Union Bookstore director. “We have worked to make the new site user-friendly and have it include all of the items in the bookstore rather than just a select few. We welcome any feedback you have about the new site and look forward to you utilizing it soon!”

Popular North Quad Dining Center cashier passes away

Lorene Lewis died Oct. 12 at Heartland Health Care Center in Macomb.

In 1990, at a youthful 52, Lewis started a new era in her life. Her career move brought her to Bayliss Cafeteria at Western Illinois University Food Service. She began as fry cook for four years, and went on to become a cashier for the next 15 years.

“She thoroughly enjoyed taking care of the diners. Her job became her passion and she quickly became a ‘substitute mom’ away from home. She touched the lives of countless students,” said Brenda Hite, Lewis’s co-worker. “Returning alumni would be delighted to see Lorene at her cashier station taking care of the next generation of student diners. They would share old dining memories and bring Lorene up to speed on their current endeavors. She will be missed by her family at WIU.”
Students, community come together to ‘Stuff the Bus’

The WIU and Macomb communities came together in November for a great cause—to attempt to shatter the Guinness World Record for the most food collected by a non-charity organization (Sodexo) in a 24-hour period and came in second place in the nation.

According to Eva Galbraith ’99, WIU’s Sodexo marketing director, 50 student organizations and 400 volunteers assembled to collect 14,401.5 pounds of food on the WIU-Macomb campus in an attempt to collect 25,000 pounds of food for the annual Helping Hands Across America Stuff the Bus event. The University of Findlay (OH) placed first with donations of slightly more than 17,000 pounds.

“We won’t know the results of the Guinness attempt for a while, but the event was extremely successful for our community,” Galbraith said.

Sodexo donated the collected food to the WIU Black Student Association for their annual Thanksgiving Basket Project, in which 160 baskets were donated to area families in need, and to Western’s Resident Assistants Council for the annual Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner. Galbraith added that all remaining food was given to Loaves and Fishes Etc. of Macomb. In 2008, Western collected 15,176 pounds of food.

Individuals had the opportunity to drop off nonperishable food items at Go West buses parked at the Sherman Hall Circle Drive, the Macomb Courthouse Square and the Macomb Wal-Mart. Student volunteers were also stationed at the entrances of the Macomb Hy-Vee, County Market and Wal-Mart to accept donations. Individuals also had the chance to purchase “Helping Hands Bags” at Wal-Mart and HyVee that already contained items needed for Thanksgiving baskets.

The residence hall floors that collected the most food won a pizza party for their entire floor.

“This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to our community, especially during these rough economic times when more individuals than ever are in need of assistance,” Galbraith said. “Collecting all of this food required a lot of hands, so besides asking our communities to come together to donate 25,000 pounds of food, we also appreciate all the volunteers who helped sort and count the donated items.”

The event was sponsored by Go West Transit System, University Housing and Dining Services, Sodexo, Inter-Hall Council, Student Government Association, WIU Athletics, the Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center, Inter-Fraternity Council, WIU Civil Service Council, WIU Veterans Club and the Office of Student Activities.

Students and staff work to sort the 14,401.5 pounds of food gathered by the WIU and surrounding communities.

Students got in the spirit during the Homecoming Parade Oct. 17, with floats depicting the Homecoming 2009 theme, “All Around The World.”

Junior elementary education major Melissa Downin, of Table Grove (IL), and senior law enforcement and justice administration major Delmar Dade, of Round Lake (IL) were crowned king and queen of Western Illinois University’s 2009 Homecoming at the Oct. 15 “Yell Like Hell” pep rally.

Coming Soon!

Join us for the WIU-CSP/SS Summer Institute

Third Annual
College Student Personnel/Student Services Summer Institute at Western
Summer 2010
For more information, please call (309) 298-1814.
Details will be available this spring at: vpss.wiu.edu/summerinstitute
Check out the CSP newsletter online for more department news at wiu.edu/csp
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Bruinsma picked up his fourth assist of the season to push his season point total to 10, while Gasecki’s goal, his third of the season, placed him in a tie for second on the team in goals scored and third in points (7).

The UMKC Kangaroos (7-10-2, 2-2-2 Summit League) attempted a furious comeback in the closing minutes of the match, but Leatherneck goalkeeper Stephen Paterson, a senior from Thunder Bay (Ontario, Canada) preserved the win and improved on his school record with the 23rd shutout of his career.

Paterson made eight saves in the second half, including two in the final eight minutes to earn tournament MVP honors, and recorded two shutouts while making 12 total saves in the league tournament.

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Hendrickson named Leatherneck Football head coach

Leatherneck Football Acting Head Coach Mark Hendrickson has been named head coach of the Leathernecks squad, according to Tim Van Alstine, director of Western Illinois Athletics. Prior to being named acting head coach in September, Hendrickson served as offensive coordinator for 11 seasons. He also served as acting head coach for the first seven games of the 2008 season while former Head Coach Don Patterson was on medical leave. Hendrickson joined the Leathernecks coaching staff in 1999 after serving as assistant coach at the University of Iowa for six years. He has also coached football at Southeast Missouri State University, Georgia Tech, Clinton (IA) High School and Cedar Falls (IA) High School.

During his tenure as Western's offensive coordinator, Hendrickson produced seven of the top 10 scoring teams in the modern era, five of the top six offensive teams and five of the top 11 passing teams, along the way tutoring the program's all-time leading rusher and the all-time leading receiver.

As acting head coach for the first seven games of the 2008 season, Hendrickson led the Leathernecks to a 5-2 record and a No. 12 national ranking. Hendrickson, who also coached punters and kickers, developed Mike Scifres '02 into just the second player in Western's history to earn three first-team all-conference honors. Hendrickson's 2001 team still owns the top passing mark in program history (285.5 ypg), while three other squads hold modern-era records: 2003 scoring offense (36.3 ypg), 2005 total offense (418.2 ypg) and 2007 rushing offense (251.5 ypg).

In 11 years, Hendrickson has helped produce nine 1,000-yard rushers and two of the program's three 1,000-yard receivers. Most recently, former Leatherneck Herb Donaldson '08 became the fourth of Hendrickson's running backs to lead the league in rushing. Donaldson was a finalist for the 2008 Walter Payton Award, given to the nation's top offensive player in NCAA Division I FCS Football.

“I’m pleased that Mark has accepted the position as the head coach of the Leatherneck football program. He has been a loyal and committed member of the Western Illinois University family. While there have certainly been some challenging times for our football program of late, we have full confidence in Coach Hendrickson’s knowledge, enthusiasm and motivation in leading our football student-athletes on and off the field,” Van Alstine said.

Hendrickson earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Northern Iowa, where he was a four-year letterwinner and three-year starter at wide receiver.

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64-74-6, which included one 20-win year (1981). The 1981 Western Illinois team took first place at the Southern Illinois University Classic.

While at Western, Niedospial-Duffy was also a Special Olympics coach, an intramural sports participant, and a Western summer volleyball camp coach. In the offseason for the intercollegiate varsity team, she participated in the United States Volleyball Association as part of Western’s club team.

An education graduate, Niedospial-Duffy went on to gain a variety of experiences in special education and coaching while garnering numerous accolades. Most notably, she was recognized as coach of the Team of the Month in the August 2005 issue of Volleyball Magazine and the 1985-1986 Reavis High School Coach of the Year.

Todd Hutcheson ‘84

Hutcheson, an industrial technology graduate who is the senior director for human resources and lean supply at Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids (IA), was instrumental in the success of Western Illinois men’s basketball in the 1980s. A four-year varsity letterwinner, he received a number of academic and athletic honors and is still among Western’s all-time leaders in a number of statistical categories. In 1984, his senior year, he earned first-team all-conference honors, was voted as Most Valuable Player at the conference tournament and was recognized as an honorable mention All-American.

Currently, Hutcheson is tied for 12th in career points at Western (1,228) and is a member of the prestigious 1,000 Point Club. Other notable statistical records include being second in career field goal percentage (.533, 455-850) and being the 1983-1984 team free-throw leader (132).

His academic achievements included receiving the Division I Basketball Academic All-American Post-Graduate Scholarship Award in 1984.

Venus Taylor ’97

During her WIU career, Taylor led Western to three consecutive regular-season Mid-Continent Conference (now Summit League) titles from 1995-1997.

She has established herself as one of the best players to come through the softball program, holding the University’s single-season records in hits (68), runs scored (50) and stolen bases (42). The outfilder’s statistic of 42 stolen bases in 1997 is also the most by any player in Summit League history. In 1997, she was named the league’s Player of the Year as she led the team to a 31-22-1 record and a conference title.

Starting her professional softball career in 1997, she played for five teams throughout her career, including the Carolina Diamonds (1997-1998), the Tampa Bay Firestix (1999-2000), the National Pro Fastpitch Tour Team (2001), the New York New Jersey Juggernauts (2002) and the Chicago Bandits (2003). She was twice selected to the league’s All-Star Team and was a member of two World Championship teams (Firestix, 1999, and Juggernauts, 2002).

Taylor began her coaching career in 2001 as an assistant coach at Lake City Community College, helping the team win the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) national championship. A physical education graduate, she now works for Wilson Sporting Goods Co. in Chicago.

Villano named head baseball coach

Western Illinois University announced in November the hiring of Mike Villano as its new head baseball coach.

Villano takes over the program after the passing of Stan Hyman, who served as head coach of the Leathernecks for eight seasons.

“This is a bittersweet announcement in that we will always remember Stan Hyman as a great person and a great baseball coach,” said Tim Van Alstine, director of athletics.

“However, I am pleased to announce that Mike Villano will continue in Stan’s footsteps as the new Leatherneck baseball coach. Mike has an impressive and extensive background that spans from his time as a student-athlete to his professional playing career and his time as a coach.”

Villano spent the past six seasons at Central Michigan University, where he served as the pitching coach and recruiting coordinator and spent last season as the team’s hitting coach.

“I am excited about this great opportunity at Western Illinois,” Villano said. “I believe the program has tremendous potential because of its location in an area of the country that produces many great baseball players.”

Media services director named

Western Illinois University announced in December the hiring of Patrick Osterman as athletics media services director.

Osterman comes to Western after serving as the assistant athletics director in charge of Athletics Media Relations at Georgia Southern (Statesboro) since 2004. He came to GSU following seven years as the assistant sports information director at Eastern Illinois University.

At Georgia Southern, Osterman served as the primary publicist for the football and baseball teams while overseeing the day-to-day athletic media relations department operations and the 15 varsity sports programs.

Osterman earned a master’s degree in athletic administration from Gonzaga University in 1998 and his bachelor’s degree in public relations in 1995 from the University of Northern Iowa.

“Western has built a tremendous reputation for its Athletics department, and I’m looking forward to working with the staff and student-athletes to continue that tradition,” said Osterman.
“By the end of 2006 we had enough of the skull to get you if you have a new dinosaur or not,” Bonnan said. “But we also started to find pieces of the skull. That’s when we started laying these bones out and looking closely at the features on them,” Bonnan said. “We realized this animal, while it shared certain features with ones that we know, had features that we’ve never seen before. We finally were able to say this is indeed a new species of dinosaur. That was an incredible feeling.”

The skull and jaws show signs that this dinosaur had a wide gape and could bulk-browse, taking in huge mouthfuls of vegetation in each bite, an adaptation amplified later in sauropod dinosaurs. Despite its “small” size, sauropod-like vertebral joints had developed to brace its backbone, and the thighbone (femur) was straightened for weight-support, Bonnan added. The feet were flattened, bore large claws, and were more robust medially, features of a weight-bearing axis shifted towards the midline as in their giant near-descendants.

He said the next step was to take the bones back to the lab in South Africa and clean them, assemble them and start to figure out whether what they had unearthed was something new to science or whether it was already known and maybe just a bigger form.

“It got really exciting in 2007 when we started laying these bones out and looking closely at the features on them,” Bonnan said. “We realized this animal, while it shared certain features with ones that we know, had an idea of what this animal looked like.”

The two bones in the forearm of the new dinosaur Aardonyx was the tipoff to Bonnan that this animal was related to the giant sauropods. “The forearm bones of Aardonyx are beginning to show the interlocking position found in the giant sauropods. In other dinosaurs that are bipeds, that walk on their hind legs, you don’t see that feature. You only see that in sauropods,” Bonnan explained. “Aardonyx may not have walked on all fours all the time, but it was certainly capable of dropping down and walking on those forearms because it had the ability to resist the stress.”

Co-researchers include primary investigator Adam Yates, Ph.D. (paleontologist), Bernard Price Institute for Palaeontological Research, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa; Johann Neveling, Ph.D. (geologist), Council for Geoscience, Pretoria, South Africa; Marc Blackbeard, a master’s degree student at the University of the Witwatersrand, who discovered the first bones of Aardonyx and helped excavate and map the site; and Anusuya Chinsamy, Ph.D., (paleontologist) of the University of Cape Town, South Africa, who specializes in histology - examining thin-sections of bone in living and fossil vertebrates for clues to their growth.

“Both on a scientific level and a personal level this has just been absolutely fantastic,” Bonnan added.
Dykstratas, Burke honored during CAS scholarship dinner

More than 100 alumni, students, and friends of Western Illinois University gathered in the University Union Ballroom Oct. 16 for the College of Arts and Sciences’ third annual scholarship fundraising dinner, held as part of the college’s Homecoming celebration.

Virginia Dykstra ’80 MS Ed, and her late husband, history professor Darryl Dykstra were honored for the scholarship they set up prior to his passing. Macomb Mayor Mick Wisslead presented a proclamation naming Oct. 16 Virginia and Darryl Dykstra Day in Macomb. History student Abby Lagemann, a recipient of the Dykstras’ generosity in her education.

Roland Burke, a 1968 graduate of the political science department, was honored posthumously as the 2009 College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Alumnus. Burke was named as the award recipient by the CAS Advancement Board in April 2009, but passed away suddenly in August. Burke’s widow, Connie, his son Matthew, and three family friends accepted the award in his memory.

The total funds raised for scholarships in the College of Arts and Sciences exceeds $67,700, including a $30,000 bequest from the estate of Roland Burke to establish an endowed scholarship in political science.

Jack Stites

Longtime Western Illinois University Foundation Board Member and 2008 WIU Honorary Alumnus Jack Stites, 84, died Oct. 25 in Macomb.

“The General,” as he was known to those close to him, played one season of basketball at Western and was an infielder on the 1944 Illinois Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) championship baseball team, which swept a doubleheader against Northern Illinois University to capture the state title with just nine players.

Upon his return from a stint in the U.S. Navy as a pharmacist mate, Stites earned his bachelor’s degree in pharmacy from the University of Illinois in 1952, then opened Stites Pharmacy in Macomb, which operated for nearly 50 years. In 1982 he added Stites Medical Service to his ventures. The pharmacy was later sold to Hy-Vee, where Stites still served as a part-time pharmacist.

The Industry (IL) native served on Western’s Athletic Advising Board since its inception and was the past president of the WIU Foundation. He was one of the first members of the McDonough County Board of Health, appointed in 1975. Thirty-two years later he remained on the board, serving as treasurer. Stites received the WIU/Macomb Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award and was inducted into the WIU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2005.

Jack and Margaret Stites donated $10,000 toward the renovation of the WIU baseball stadium, and following Margaret’s death, Stites established the Margaret and Jack Stites Pre-Pharmacy Scholarship to honor Margaret.

In 2006, Jack pledged $50,000 to name the Leatherneck Baseball Stadium press box in Margaret’s memory.

He is survived by three sons, Tom (Ann) Stites of Macomb, John (Katy) Stites of Edina (MN) and David (Marcia) Stites of Blandinsville (IL); four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the WIU Baseball Press Box or the Jack and Margaret Stites Pre-Pharmacy Scholarship Fund, in care of the Western Illinois University Foundation; or the Margaret Stites Memorial Scholarship at UIC, in care of the University of Illinois Foundation at Chicago. The latter scholarship was established by Stites in honor of his wife, to be used for students with a demonstrated interest in drug abuse prevention.
COFAC honors Belles, Reid

A. Gilbert Belles, professor emeritus, received the 2009 Distinguished Friend of the College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) Award. The award was presented to Belles Sept. 18 prior to the Al Sears headliner concert with Karrin Allyson in the COFAC Recital Hall. Belles gave the lead gift, which inspired the renovation of the COFAC Recital Hall Green Room. The Green Room was renamed the Performing Arts Society Green Room in Honor of Gil Belles. “Gil’s generosity and enthusiasm for the college made this award an easy choice,” said Dean Paul Kreider. “He was a hardworking member of the Performing Arts Society (PAS) for six years, but his dedication to the PAS extends beyond his board duties to substantial financial support of the organization as well. “His generosity also extends to the college’s Tri States Public Radio. He is a regular supporter and often pledges a matching gift during the membership drive. Friends like Gil make the work of the college, which is dedicated to outreach, possible whether in the form of broadcasting information or arts opportunities for children,” Kreider added. In 2007, Belles established Western’s first donor-advised fund through the WIU Foundation with an irrevocable gift of $100,000 from American Funds and a pledge of $100,000. When fully endowed, the Belles Fund will support three areas: the Performing Arts Society, Tri States Public Radio and the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration (RPTA), where he taught from 1985 until his retirement in 1996. Scott Reid ’78 was named the 2009 COFAC Distinguished Alumnus during an Oct. 1 luncheon held in his honor. Reid has a broad and varied background in broadcast communications. After graduating in the spring of 1978, Reid interned at WGN-TV in Chicago, working on “The Bozo Show,” “The Phil Donahue Show” and others. His first “on-air” job was at radio station WVFM-FM in Dundee (IL) where he was a disc jockey—spinning the soft hits of the 70s six nights a week. In 1979, Reid moved into television at WIFR-TV in Rockford (IL), where as assistant promotion manager he wrote and produced on-air promotions for news, movies and syndicated shows. Then it was on to a similar job at WITI-TV 6 in Milwaukee. His big move came in 1981 when he became the director of creative services and production at Storer Cable Communications, based in Miami (FL). He was responsible for the creation and production of all TV, direct mail and print materials for what was then the nation’s third largest cable operator. In 1988, he became the vice president of creative services and production for the Home Shopping Network. Breaking away from the inside of the corporate cable industry in 1990 (but staying in Florida), Reid became a partner in WengerReid, Inc., a boutique creative shop that produced materials for Showtime, Disney, Comcast and others. In 1994, he joined Evergreen Direct Marketing and Advertising before settling in at MediaWorks Advertising and Marketing in Ormond Beach (FL) in 1997. He is now president and a partner in the award-winning creative services firm, which specializes in creative work for the cable industry. Reid received the 2007 Broadcasting Department’s Distinguished Alumni Award, and is vice chair of the COFAC Alumni Advisory Board.

B-roll and bright stars on the E! beat

Broadcasting student interns during one of Hollywood’s hottest summers

By Alison McGaughey

Jacqueline Gargaro

Gargaro, a broadcasting major, completed an internship last summer with the show, which chronicles stars’ biographies. “I had wanted to work at E! since high school,” she said. “I also knew that where you intern can make a big impact on what kind of job you get after graduation, so I wasn’t afraid to aim high. So when it came time to find an internship, I went to E! Networks online and applied to probably about 10 different positions.”

But networking helped, too. “I soon learned that a friend of my boyfriend’s who went to another university had also interned at E! and currently worked there. So I e-mailed her. I definitely learned quickly that networking is very important and it’s all about who you know.”

Gargaro spent the summer working as an assistant to the eight different production teams at “True Hollywood Story” (THS). Her daily tasks ranged from transcribing taped interviews, finding B-roll, and researching, to attending shoots and helping organize production team meetings.

Gargaro worked on the “True Hollywood Story” (THS) episodes on Farrah Fawcett and Natasha Richardson, a Christina Aquilera special, and “E! Investigates” episodes about female body builders and on stalkers.

But there was no more memorable subject than what happened on June 25—when news broke about the deaths of both Michael Jackson and Farrah Fawcett.

“I got into work and the office was just buzzing with what was going on [when Jackson died]. People were rushing down to the newsrooms and trying to research and find out what exactly had happened. Working for E!, they obviously deal a ton with celebrities, so it was cool to experience them watching all the other news stations and trying to get the story out first with the right facts. And the fact that it was all live and happening right then and there, it was crazy to see how everyone reacted and worked so hard to get the story.”

Gargaro just so happened to be assisting with production of the Fawcett episode when the star passed away.

“They fast-tracked her show so it would premiere sooner, and we had to take the show in a whole new direction so it would be more of a tribute to Farrah,” she said.

“It was interesting to learn about how the changes had to be made, and so quickly. The entire summer was a great experience.”
Library Gala gathers former student workers
Four decades of alumni represented

During Homecoming weekend 2009, Western Illinois University Libraries honored current and former student workers and librarians. The First Library Student Assistant Reunion Gala was held Oct. 17 in the Leslie F. Malpass Library’s Garden Lounge.

According to Dean of University Libraries Phyllis Self, more than 60 former faculty, staff and student library workers attended the event. She noted that the event drew former library workers who worked at University Libraries in the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s and the 1990s.

“Since the library doesn’t have ‘alumni’ like the colleges on campus, we consider our former student assistants our alumni,” Self said. “Many of them worked here the entire time they were students, and developed close bonds with library faculty and staff members.”

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Western, he was president of the Student Government Association. He received his Juris Doctor from Saint Louis University School of Law.

Voorhis, a 1967 business graduate, has served as director of the Illinois Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Western since 1992. Prior to his role as director of the SBDC, he was the director of the Technology Commercialization Center at Western for six years.

Voorhis established an International Harvester Company franchise in Macomb in 1972, forming the Lameine Equipment Company, which opened its second store in Rushville in 1983. Voorhis had also worked as a sales territory manager for International Harvester Company for several years. Voorhis, an Army veteran, served as director of the Illinois Farm Equipment Retail Association and as the adviser to Western’s Ag Mech Club. He has been a member of numerous community organizations including the Macomb Business Booster Breakfast Club, the Macomb Elks Club, the Macomb Rotary Club and the Western Leathernecks Club. While at Western, Voorhis was one of the co-founders of the original Vet’s Club (The Peach Blossoms).

Carper, a 1982 graduate, was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as a director of the Amtrak Board of Directors in March 2008 and was elected chair of the board in January 2009. He was named to his current position as regional manager for economic development for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in December 2003. Carper served as mayor of Macomb from April 1991 to April 2003. He has also owned several nightclub establishments in Macomb from 1971 to 1991. Carper served in Vietnam as a member of the U.S. Army from 1967-70, returning to Macomb in 1970. He has served as a member of the Illinois Municipal League Board of Directors from 1993 to 2003 and chaired the Non Home Rule Committee from 1994 to 2003. He also served on the Amtrak Mayors’ Advisory Council, the Illinois Humanities Council and the Illinois Arts Alliance Board of Directors. In the community, Carper has served as Heritage Days chair, was named Special Olympics Volunteer of the Year and received the United Way Way Lighty Award. He has served as a WIU track and field official since 1975 and is a recipient of the Performing Arts Society Distinguished Service Award.

Strong, a 1972 finance graduate, has served as president/CEO of MidAmerica National Bank since 1975 and is a recipient of the Performing Arts Society Distinguished Service Award.

Kim received his master’s in education from Western Illinois University in 1988. He has served as a member of the Illinois University Education Association; as chair of the Gwangju-Jeonnam University Presidents Association; as a member of the Daedong Cultural Foundation; and as a member of the promotion committee for the Gwangju World Women’s Forum for Peace. He has served as an adviser to the Presidential Committee on Balanced National Development and to the Council for the Promotion of the 2012 World Expo to the Provincial Area. Kim is a member of the Inspection Council for the Ministry of Justice and is a Standing Representative of the Main Center for the Mutual Support of the Two Koreas.

Voorhis, a 1967 business graduate, has served as vice president and trustee at Union National Bank of Macomb for 21 years. Strong was named trust division manager of MidAmerica National Bank in 1997, a position he currently holds. He is a member of the Macomb Area Economic Development Corporation, the Salvation Army of Macomb board, the Macomb Rotary Club (and was named a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow), Network Knowledge (public television WMEC, WQEC and WSEC) Board of Directors, the WIU Performing Arts Society (former board president) and the McDonough District Hospital Development Council. Strong has served as chair of the McDonough County United Way board member and chair of Bridgeway, Inc., and board member and officer of the Macomb Downtown Development Corporation, and was a former member of the Western Illinois Entrepreneurship Center Board.

Bye, a 1969 home economics graduate, retired as the vice president of TG Marketing and Advertising, Inc. in Anaheim. After graduating from WIU, Bye moved to California and began working in the test kitchen at Hunt-Wesson Foods, where she developed new products and recipes. She also worked for Lawry’s Foods, Inc. in product development; Carl Karcher Enterprises (Carl’s Jr.) as manager of new product development; and as vice president of research and development for Denny’s Restaurants. She has served as vice president of the Newport Chapter of ZONTA International, an organization that helps women and children in need; president of the California Home Economists Association; and marketing and public relations chair of the National Home Economists in Business. Bye has been an active member of the Friends of Santa Ana Zoo for 20 years, serving as past president and current board member. She served on the original Food Service and Nutrition advisory board that developed the department at Chapman University, served on the School of Theater and Dance Advisory Board and is also active in the Town and Gown Society and her local Christian Women’s Organization. Bye has helped organize WIU alumni events in California and has established a planned gift to Western.

Kim received his master’s in education from Western in 1988. He has served as president of Gwangju University since May 2003. He joined the Gwangju faculty in 1987, teaching in the department of education. He was named director of the Office of Planning at Gwangju in March 1994, a position he held in addition to teaching education classes until April 2003. He serves as a board member of the Korean University Education Association; as chair of the Gwangju-Jeonnam University Presidents Association; as a board member of the Daedong Cultural Foundation; and as a member of the promotion committee for the Gwangju World Women’s Forum for Peace.

He received his bachelor’s degree from Sungkyunkwan University.

### Alumni Council seeks new members

The WIU Alumni Association is looking for dedicated leaders of all ages, ethnicities, genders, geographic locations, and career fields to serve on the WIU Alumni Council.

Consisting of 25 alumni and one student representative appointed to three-year terms, this board meets on a quarterly basis at WIU. Members represent the interests of alumni and serve as liaisons to several University areas. The council assists in the recruitment of students, selects Alumni Award recipients, and was instrumental in establishing the Student Alumni Association.

Prospective council members are encouraged to attend Alumni & Friends Events in their area to learn more about the council and to meet current council members.

If you or someone you know is an active alumnus who would be a good candidate, call (309) 298-1914 or visit wiu.edu/alumni/about. The deadline to apply is March 1.

The Alumni Association welcomes our newest member, business education graduate Becky Fitzgerald ’72, an assistant vice president-executive assistant to the president of Citizens Bank in Macomb.

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Cohen Lecture

Widely published sport psychology scholar and director of the Institute for the Study of Youth Sports at Michigan State University (MSU) Dan Gould delivered the second annual Cheryl J. Cohen Lecture on Sept. 29 at Western Illinois University. Gould, who is also a professor in MSU’s kinesiology department, has authored or co-authored more than 100 scholarly publications. He presented “Sport Parents: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly.”

Provided through an endowment from Cheryl Cohen, WIU professor emeritus, the Cheryl J. Cohen Lecture is the first endowed lecture series for COEHS. It is scheduled to occur every fall semester and kicked off its inaugural year in 2008.

‘Foster’-ing a mission in France

Graduate runs B&B to fund social work

By Julie Murphy ’94 MS ’95

When Don Foster ’94 MS ED ’87 earned his master’s degree in counseling from Western Illinois University in 1987, little did he know where it would take him.

Foster and his wife, Beatrice, live in northern France, where they own and operate La Ferme de la Papote Bed & Breakfast (la-ferme-de-la-papote.com). Situated in the “heart of Flanders” between Hazebrouck and Merville, the farmhouse was built in 1791 and features four guestrooms, a community kitchen and farm. The bilingual hosts serve regional dishes, rent bicycles for tours of the surrounding area and direct guests to nearby attractions including several World War museums, functioning windmills, carnivals and traditional harvest festivals.

Amidst the beauty of the old farmhouse and natural environment, some significant humanitarian work is also taking place: Don and Beatrice are missionaries, and the bed and breakfast business helps fund the other work they do. The two first established a social work association in France in 1998 to house single mothers and adolescent victims of incest. After 10 years, the Fosters partnered with a religious mission at the Ferme de la Papote to reunite families separated by the judicial system.

“We are non-denominational,” Don explained. “We believe that church is a caring place where people can find help and answers to their problems.”

The Fosters are true missionaries; they believe that to give a message, one has to live it.

“We show our Christianity by being involved in personal needs,” he added.

Don Foster’s inclination to social work is perhaps not surprising. His father, Homer, graduated with an MS. Ed. in counseling from Western in 1962 and spent many years as a counselor at Parkland Community College. Don’s sister, Dee Deutsch, earned an education degree in 1986, and his aunt Harriet Foster, a 1955 graduate, also worked in the College of Business and Technology.

“The counselor education program prepared me well for what I am doing,” Foster said. “At the time, the program was just getting into systems counseling, and that helped us in setting up the social work program here in France. Also, the multicultural training I received helped very much as we have worked and lived with people from all parts of Europe and northern Africa in our social work.

“What I like about France is that everyone is treated with respect,” Foster added. “In a roomful of people, each person is addressed individually. I love the people here in our rural region, and I was confident upon arriving it was the place for me to implement the training I received at Western.”

IDT alumni assist in video projects

One of the best ways to show off what you can do is through demonstration, and that’s exactly what members of Western’s instructional design and technology (IDT) department did over the summer.

Hoyet Hemphill, IDT department chair, and Katie (Xiaokai) Jia, IDT graduate student not only produced DVDs that will promote two new offerings in the department, but their productions also demonstrate the kind of skills current and future IDT students will acquire while studying in the program.

The videos highlight the new technology specialist emphasis in the IDT master of science degree program, which was specifically developed for certified educators and prepares them for applying for State of Illinois certification as a technology specialist, as well as the undergraduate program’s new web design minor.

The DVDs are each accompanied with a flatsheet that provides information about the program options. The materials were recently sent out to high schools and distributed at Discover Western open house events.

Work on the project was completed with the help of faculty, staff, students and even alumni of the department.

“During one particular part of the shooting process, we realized we had four generations of instructional design and technology students—undergraduates, new graduate students, graduate students like Katie who are finishing up their programs and IDT alumni—featured in one shot,” Hemphill noted.

To view the video projects, see youtube.com/watch?v=wp9K2nABqM (IDT master’s of science, technology specialist emphasis) and youtube.com/watch?v=QsyXmoHJEhk (IDT undergraduate minors).
Focus on families in transition
Symposium at WIU looks at homelessness

Western Illinois University's College of Education and Human Services and social work department presented the fifth annual Area 3 homeless symposium, "Innovations: Meeting the Needs of Families in Transition," in October on Western's Macomb campus.

The opening session of the symposium was an Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) panel presentation, which included coverage of early childhood education, Title I, transportation, and nutrition programs. The symposium provided participants with a variety of sessions on topics such as "Providing for English Language Learning (ELL) and Migrant Students," "Coordinating Community Services," "Best Practices: How to Effectively Provide for Homeless Students and Families," "Homeless Students with IEPs (Individualized Education Plans)," and "Choices: Defining Moments or Crossroads"

The day concluded with keynote speaker Patricia Walton, who serves as an associate judge for the Ninth Judicial Circuit. Walton earned her bachelor's degree from Hope College and her law degree from the College of Law at Valparaiso University. She earned her Illinois attorney license in 1985 and was in private practice before stepping-stone to a higher court.

"I believe that juvenile court requires the most experienced judges and attorneys, because it is in juvenile court that we are best able to provide assistance that will make a difference," she said.

In the juvenile division, Walton still hears cases in McDonough, Fulton and Warren counties relating to abuse/neglect and delinquency cases.

"It was exciting to collaborate with the Regional Office of Education to address a topic that is important to the region and to the professions prepared in our College," said Rori Carson '74 MS Ed '78, COEHS assistant dean.

"Innovations: Meeting the Needs of Families in Transition" was also presented by the Area 3 Homeless Liaison Project and the Regional Office of Education #26 -- Hancock/McDonough.

FBI leaders praise LEJA professor's book

A book written by Clyde Cronkhite, law enforcement and justice administration (LEJA), professor, has recently received praise by notable members in the law enforcement field including FBI Director Robert Mueller and assistant director John J. Miller.


"I wrote the book not only for law enforcement students, but also for those interested in how important the criminal justice system is in protecting individual rights while providing for public safety," Cronkhite explained. "With the current fight against terrorism, protecting individual rights becomes even more important. Criminal justice professionals must maintain the delicate balance between public safety and individual rights as provided for in the United States Constitution."

In addition to law enforcement officials, the book has received support since its publication from professors, students, and the general public, according to Cronkhite.

Praise from the FBI leaders included: "I congratulate you on the book and thank you for your commitment to strengthening the leadership of criminal justice agencies across the nation" (Mueller) and "I know it will be an outstanding resource for new police chiefs who attend the National Academy" (Miller).

Cronkhite, who has served in every law enforcement rank (in Los Angeles and Santa Ana, CA, police departments), said authoring the 576-page book gave him the opportunity to combine the works of many experts with his years of law enforcement and academic experience.

For more information, visit the author’s website at cecconsultants.com and click on Jones and Bartlett Publishers.

Western Illinois Administrators' Round Table speakers

L-r: Nick DiGrino, COEHS dean; Rep. Rich Myers '73, 94th District (IL); Rep. Jil Tracy, 93rd District (IL); Senator John Sullivan, 47th District (IL); Alene Reuschel '71 MS '76, superintendent, Macomb Community Unit School District No.185 and Round Table president; and John Closen, assistant professor, educational leadership, were speakers for the Administrators' Round Table of Western Illinois' annual Legislative Issues meeting held in October in conjunction with Western's educational leadership department and the Regional Office of Education #26. Don Moffitt, 74th District (IL), also spoke, but is not pictured.
Five faculty members receive recognition

Western Illinois University’s College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) recently recognized five faculty members with the annual COEHS Awards for their outstanding contributions to the University.

Jill Myers, associate professor (Law Enforcement and Justice Administration) — Excellence in Scholarly Activity.

According to her nominators, “Students in the School of LEJA often comment on the strength of faculty who have established themselves as practicing professionals in their respective fields, because of the real world view that such professors bring. This is definitely the case with Jill’s classes and her experience in the courts and criminal justice system.

‘Her scholarly work holds the capacity to connect and interact with countless other research opportunities. Jill has built a reputation for interdisciplinary and collaborative research.”

Leaunda Hemphill, associate professor, Instructional Design and Technology (IDT) — Excellence in Teaching with Technology.

According to her nominators, Hemphill “consistently seeks ways to effectively integrate technology, with a particular focus on such integration in educational settings. She exhibits an almost intuitive awareness of how what may seem an insignificant development or application can fundamentally improve the experience of learning for those who teach and study in schools. This talent has been recognized by others and contributes to her international orientation, which was responsible for her being the recipient of last year’s Faculty Excellence Award for Internationalizing the Campus.”

Eric Mansfield, professor, Educational and Interdisciplinary Studies (EIS) — Excellence in Community and University Service.

According to his nominators, Mansfield’s service is “characterized by its structured diversity. Those who had the opportunity to hear his keynote address at last year’s University Diversity Awards Reception would not be surprised by his work with the Affirmative Action Equity Council and Disability Support Services and by his multiple presentations to various groups on issues and responses to those with disabilities. One of his most demanding responsibilities has been his multi-year service as the adviser for the Student Education Association. It is evident that the steady stream of students visiting his office on association business brings a host of possibilities and an equally long list of challenges.”

Gloria Delany-Barmann, professor, (EIS) — Excellence in Internationalizing the Campus.

According to her nominators, “whether in Guatemala, Bolivia, or Beards town, Gloria burrows into culture and community as she works. And her approach has been complemented by the many grants she and her colleagues have secured over the years to expand and extend this critical work.”

J.Q. Adams, professor, EIS — Excellence in Multicultural Teaching.

According to his nominators, “At Western, many hold that Prof. Adams’ name is nearly synonymous with multicultural education. His film series and publications have been recognized internationally, and closer to home the Dealing with Difference Institute is approaching its second decade of preparing educators and others to deal effectively with a rapidly and continually changing world. He challenges people, and this sometimes means that his colleagues and students disagree with him. He welcomes such exchanges, however, because he has committed himself to reminding people here at Western and in a much larger and more complex society of the need to think and act beyond ourselves.”

‘Living for Today’

Alumna’s new book gives voice to silent epidemic

By Teresa Koltzenberg ’92

A rainy night in October 2004 at a “Take Back the Night” rally and march at Hanson Field marks the first time Erin Merryn ’08 spoke to a crowd about her sexual abuse. Today, Merryn can also list “Good Morning America” and the “Montel Williams Show” as other significant public venues in which she has provided a “face and voice” of a sexual abuse survivor. In addition, Merryn, who received her bachelor’s degree in social work from WIU, recently published her second book, “Living for Today,” released last month by HCI (Health Communications, Inc.), the media company known for publishing the “Chicken Soup for Soul” books.

Merryn started her writing career when she was still in high school. Her website (erinnerryn.net) tells the story of how her sexual abuse as a child prompted her to put a voice to her pain.

“I decided at a young age to take a stand against evil, expose it and put a silent epidemic in the spotlight. I turned my childhood diary into the book ‘Stolen Innocence’ and self-published it when I was a senior in high school,” the text on her website homepage states.

Merryn’s first book was republished by HCI in 2005, and after that she “began flying the country, telling my story of the sexual abuse I endured as a child,” she stated. In 2006, she appeared on another episode of the “Montel Williams Show,” on a “most memorable guest” update installment of the show.

Merryn, who grew up in Schaumburg (IL), noted that since she was 12 years old, she knew she wanted to be a social worker. Western’s Women’s Center’s Take Back the Night event—an annual march and rally held to increase awareness of domestic violence, sexual assault and other forms of sexual violence, which marked its 20th anniversary in October—was the catalyst for Merryn’s interest in attending WIU.

“I had heard about it from a friend already attending Western,” she explained. “I learned about Western’s social work program through my own research via the Internet before attending. I wanted to get far away from my hometown and start fresh somewhere new. In ‘Living for Today,’ I describe Macomb as that place where I found my fresh start and a place to create new memories.”

Merryn credits Western’s social work faculty for providing her with important preparation work and a solid background for working in the rewarding, but oftentimes difficult, field of social work.

“Karen Zellman is an incredible professor who prepared me for what life would be like in the field,” she recalled. “I remember so many role-playing activities in which we acted out client and social worker. I realize now the importance of getting that practice. Karen did a great job of preparing us, and I appreciate that immensely now that I am in the field working as a youth and family counselor in the Chicago suburbs.”

Merryn, who recently finished her master’s degree in social work at Aurora University, continues to travel around the U.S. to speak out about sexual abuse. She speaks at sexual abuse advocacy centers and national conferences, and she maintains a blog (accessible via her website) to continue to fulfill her personal mission of giving voice to the “silent epidemic of sexual abuse in America.”

“I want to reach those who are survivors and help them learn how they can heal their pain and live for today,” she said. “Sexual abuse is the ‘hush-hush’ topic that many people avoid discussing, yet it has affected many lives. Oftentimes, you just don’t hear about it because people are ashamed and keep quiet.”

“Living for Today” is available via Merryn’s website, as well as through Amazon.
Adams receives national Multicultural Educator Award

J.Q. Adams, educational psychology professor in Western’s educational and interdisciplinary studies (EIS) department, received the 2009 G. Pritch Smith Multicultural Educator Award from the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME) Oct. 31 at NAME’s annual conference in Denver (CO).

The prestigious award is given each year to an educator who has demonstrated a “long-term, scholarly commitment to teaching from a multicultural perspective” and who teaches the many facets of diversity, including culture/ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation and exceptionality; models multicultural ideals in his life and work; and blends theory and practice effectively.

Adams joined Western’s faculty in 1988. Previously, he had served as a director of minority and intercultural affairs at Joliet (IL) Junior College, and at Illinois State, where he was the first director of the College of Education’s Urban Education Program. He also was the community coordinator and team leader for ISU’s Teacher Corps Project.

At Western, Adams regularly teaches Multicultural and Social Foundations of Education, a required course for education majors. Among the graduate courses he teaches are Implications of Diversity for Educational Leaders and Social Change and the Multicultural Aspects of School, courses he helped create and implement.

Shortly after being appointed a faculty associate in WIU’s Office of Faculty Development (now the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research), Adams led a small group of faculty in the development and approval of a course in cultural diversity, Group Diversity, which became a multicultural requirement in WIU’s general education curriculum.

In the 1990s, Adams developed and taught Dealing with Diversity, a 24-hour teleclass produced at Governors State University (GSU) and distributed through the PBS Adult Learning Service. The service also distributes the revised 2001 version of the course. Because of the success of the first two versions, a third has recently been produced and is currently being offered online through GSU.

Adams co-authored the grant “Expanding Cultural Diversity in the Curriculum and in the Classroom,” which the Illinois Board of Higher Education awarded to Western annually for more than 10 years, before adding the $50,000 to WIU’s annual fiscal budget. Projects sponsored through the grant have included eight anthologies that Adams co-edited, more than 15 annual conferences he co-directed, and several video and DVD initiatives for which he served as researcher and on-screen instructor or interviewer.

Adams’ “Effective Strategies for Learning and Teaching about Diversity in the USA,” a 10-hour course on DVD, offers an in-depth exploration and evaluation of the structure of society as it impacts schooling.

In addition, Adams has co-directed Western’s annual Dealing with Difference Institute, and he has led numerous cultural diversity workshops both on- and off-campus.

“Dr. Adams’ commitment to multiculturalism encompasses a willingness and an ability to review regularly new scholarship and research related to cultural diversity and education, to weigh its value in furthering an understanding and appreciation of diversity and to re-examine and revise his own thinking and approaches accordingly,” said Janice Welsch, English professor emeritus and co-director of the Dealing with Difference Institute. “Over three decades of work in multicultural education, he has paid close attention to the overarching trajectories of cultural diversity as they have evolved nationally and globally and has been able to be a student as well as a teacher.”

Adams earned his bachelor’s degree in social studies and psychology from Grand Valley State College, his master’s degree in alternative education and psychology from Indiana University and his doctorate in educational psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
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--- WIU Alumni Programs

1959
James Williamson, W. Peoria, is a night audit at J.Q. Hammond Hotels in E. Peoria.

1966
Lawrence Cramm, Hot Springs Village, AR, is retired from University of AK College of Medicine as a business agent and research division.

1969
Lawrence “Larry” Reakes, Moline, has retired from Wal-Mart as the regional leadership champion and works part time at Wal-Mart and Trevor True Value Hardware.

1970
Larry Huffman MS ’71, Peru, has been named to the Board of Trustees’s at Illinois Valley Community College.

1971
Dale Doty MS ’73, Grand Junction, CO, is the vice president of academic affairs at Florence-Darlington Technical College.

James Evans, Mt. Vernon, IA, is retired from Solon Community Schools as the art teacher.

1972
Marc Adelman, San Diego, CA, is the managing partner of his law firm.

Jim Deal, Brentwood, TN, was appointed to MedCath’s Board of Directors.

1973
Judith Schwegel Buerkle, Sammamish, WA, is a retired elementary teacher.

Bradley Gottfried, Bryans Road, MD, is the author of two books “The Maps of Gettysburg” and “The Maps of First Bull Run.”

Richard “Dick” Rizzo, Pensacola, FL, is the director of communications at Nowak Enterprises, Inc.

1974
LaRue Cook, Alexandria, VA, serves as the director of wellness, fitness and recreation at the College of Southern Maryland, and has his own private fitness and sports conditioning practice. He will have 2 articles published in December Tennis Life and has his own private fitness and sports conditioning practice.

1975
Kathy Finch Creighton, Hamilton, OH, works at the Cincinnati Museum Center which has received The National Medal for Museum and Library Service. Ms. Creighton is the director of communications at Nowak Enterprises, Inc.

1977
Douglas Wakeley, Bartlett, is a business development manager at RiverPoint in Des Plaines.

G. Edward Webb, Stafford, VA, is a special agent branch chief for defensive equipment at Diplomatic Security Service in...
Dallas Alumni & Friends Event  
September 2, 2009 at Cadillac Ranch

Seated, l-r: Wallace Westerdale, Kathy McCarthy Emerson ’69 and Rick Flatt ’78. Standing, l-r: Jesse Tarbutton, Bradley Rosychy MS ’95, Dave Faries ’83 MA ’85, Daryl Scott MA ’99 and David Zachmeyer ’90.

Washington, D.C. (webbge1@yahoo.com)

1979
Selene Skonie Hardin, Bakersville, NC, is the testing and international baccalaureate coordinator at Johnson City School System. (skonard@yahoo.com)
Susan Meyer Kelly, Grayslake, is an R&D Technologist for Dow Chemicals.

1980
Roland Corvington MA ’82, Chesterfield, MO, is a special agent in charge of the FBI’s St. Louis Division.
Mary Rapp MacBain, Shawnee, KS, is an executive director at Kansas Society of CPAs in Topeka.
John Morrison, Oswego, retired from the FBI as a supervisory special agent in Chicago, and is now the director of investigations at Integrisguard in Omaha, NE. (jmorr38@aol.com)
Dale Sabo MBA ’83, E. Peoria, completed the AICPCU/IIA program for CPCU and received the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter designation in August 2009.

1981
Dianne Hoover MS, Bakersfield, CA, serves as president of the National Recreation and Park Association.
Nick Pionrack, Chapel Hill, NC, is a managing partner at MOMENTUM Development Partners. (pionrack@momentum.com)

1982
Douglas Slaton, Knoxville, is the vice president at First Midwest Bank in Galesburg.
Rory Suomi MS, Stevens Point, WI, is the associate dean of health, exercise science, & athletics at University of Wisconsin in Stevens Point.

1983
Julie Colwell, Lincolnwood, was named the Girls’ Volleyball Official of the Year for the IHSA.

1984
Kimberly Cini Jiron, Denver, CO, is a learning specialist at Douglas County School District in Castle Rock. (kim.cini@hotmail.com)
Tim Walsh, Pocatello, ID, is the assistant coach for men’s basketball at Idaho State University.
Dow Williams, Ivins, UT, is a sponsored climber for Gear Manufacturers. (dowww@aol.com)

1985
Mike Trafton, Joliet, is the deputy chief at Joliet Police Department.

1986
Don Cripe MA ’88, Reno, NV, is an environmental scientist for the Nevada Department of Natural Resources in Carson City. (mocripes@hotmail.com)

1987
Bill LaTour, Quincy, is the chief of campus police at John Wood Community College. (quincysc2010@yahoo.com)

1988
Michelle Lee MS ’94, Springfield, is the assistant principal at Ball-Chatham Schools. (michellelee588@yahoo.com)

1989
Armand “Armie” Gasbarro, New Lenox, is the assistant superintendent of business at Marquette School District # 15 in Glen Ellyn Heights. (agasbarro@dl15.us)
Kevin Mowbray, Ladue, MO, is the president/publisher at St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

WIU vs. Sam Houston State University Pre-Game Social  
September 3, 2009 at Sam Houston State University

San Antonio Alumni & Friends Event  
September 4, 2009 at Zuni Grill


Quad Cities Campus Block Party  
September 11, 2009 at WIU-Quad Cities Campus

E. Elene Crossman Waters MS-ED ’97, Aledo, is a 3rd grade teacher at Mercer County Schools in New Boston. (mrsh2o@frontiernet.net)

1991
Julie Williams Moore, Marion, AR, is the principal at Osceola School District.
Michael O’Reilly, Springfield, is a medical consultant for Health Care and Family Services. (oreillyon4th@comcast.net)
Mike Schneider, Evansville, IN, is the production second shift manager at Toyota Boshoku of America in Princeton. (mike.schneider86@yahoo.com)

1992
Susan Field, Park Ridge, is a graphic artist at All American Trophy.

1993
Steven Felicelli MA ’95, St. Louis, MO, published a book “Notes Toward a Monograph of The Moment.”
Rosalie Howard Lowery, Springfield, is an administrative law judge for the Illinois Department of Employment Security. (rosalie.lowery@illinois.gov)

1994
Timothy Daudelin MA ’88, Chicago, is the vice president at W. M. Putnam in Bloomington. (tim_daudelin@hotmail.com)

1995
Armando Rios, Chicago, is the executive director of the National Alliance of Latino School Boards. (arois@hotmail.com)

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WIU vs. NIU Pre-Game Social
September 12, 2009 at NIU Alumni Village

Front row, l-r: Lisa Guthrie ’09, Chrissy Tluczek ’07 and Nick Jackson ’07. Back row, l-r: Phil Goens, Randall Shelton, Ronald Chatmon ’80, Ron Jones, Mike Miller, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Darryl Hollimon ’83 MBA ’93, Dion Jefferson ’87 and Kyle Collins.

1994

Joseph Lampinen, McHenry, is the director of Americas Engineering Practice SME for Kelly Services in Arlington Heights. (jlampin@yahoo.com)

Stacy Busen Lester, Palatine, is an internal audit manager for Lake & Associates CPA’s in Schaumburg. (stacy@lakecpas.com)

Misty Lyon MS, Galesburg, is the director of trio student support services at Carl Sandburg College.


1995

Troy Pugh, Fruitland, IA, is a financial advisor at Edward Jones Investments in Muscatine. (troy.pugh@machlink.com)

Trista Elionos Vosburgh, Woodstock, is the dean of students at Parkland School in McHenry. (tvosburgh@d15.org)

1996

Nathan Anderson, Richmond, VA, is the regional loss prevention director at Lowe’s Home Improvement. (nathan.anderson@lowes.com)

Heidi Engel-Swiatek, Carpentersville, is an independent consultant for Tastefully Simple. (heidi@swiatek.com)

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Barbara Checkley-Slaton MS ’91, Knoxville, is a special education teacher at United Junior High School in Monmouth. (kweejie@yahoo.com)

1997

Tammy Moore Kockaya MS, Woodbridge, VA, is an associate director of contracting at Corporate Executive Board in Arlington, VA. (tammy.kockaya@gmail.com)

Paul Kybartas, Woodridge, is an environmental consultant for Aines Consulting Group Inc. (kybertasics@hotmail.com)

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Amber Jennings Talley, Clovis, CA, is an elephant keeper/trainer at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo. (cooltwist2@aol.com)

Jiugen Zhang MS, Marietta, GA, is a chemist for The Coca-Cola Company.

1998

George Chao MBA, Minneapolis, MN, is a senior buyer at Target. (ggcstuff@yahoo.com)

Kellie McGhee, Phoenix, AZ, is a detective for the City of Phoenix. (kellie.mcghie@us.army.mil)

Shawna Whalen, Orlando, FL, is a recruiter at Hilton Hotels Worldwide. (shawna.whalen@hilton.com)

1999

Nick Allen MS ’03, Chicago, is an associate consultant at United Airlines.

Samm Cwinten, Streamwood, works in global software sales for Dell Software in Buffalo Grove. (stcwinten@sbcglobal.net)

Mindi Becker Lile, Lincoln, is a National Board Certified Teacher NBCT. (mindi.becker@yahoo.com)
Quad Cities College Concert and Alumni Social
September 24, 2009 at Highland Park Bowl

L-r: School of Music Director Bart Shanklin, RPTA Chairperson Dale Adkins, Alumni Council president Roger Clawson ’77, College of Fine Arts and Communication Development Director Mick Cumbie, Patrick Downing ’09, Debbie Todd, John Cooper, Gene Teeter, Vice President for Quad Cities Campus, Planning and Technology Joe Rives, Quad Cities Development Director Gary Rowe, Linda Rowe, Grace Clark Johnson ’72 and Assistant to the Dean, College of Fine Arts and Communication Cathy Reis Null ’72, MA ’91 MS ’02.

San Diego Alumni & Friends event
September 25, 2009 at Bertrand at Mister A’s


San Francisco Alumni & Friends Event
September 26, 2009 at AT&T Park (Cubs vs. Giants)

L-r: John Gardner ’78, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Mike Kelly ’70, Warren Weiss ’78, Mary McCleary Ruberry, Marty Ruberry ’70, Don Ryndak ’71 and Chance Ryndak.

L-r: Karl Wallace ’80, Steve Delfey ’80, Mary Cupp and Tom Makar ’75.

Erin McCormick, Bloomington, is a claims representative at State Farm Insurance. (emccormick13@gmail.com)

Zachary Olmsted Murphy, Rockford, is a real estate broker for Commercial Associates of Il. (Zachary@caofil.com)

2000

Steven Beck, Macomb, is a transit supervisor at First Student Go West Transit. (sbeck75@rochelle.net)

Michael Bristol, Tampa, FL, is the assistant soccer coach at Florida State University. (mbristol@fsu.edu)

Jennifer Black McClelland MS-ED ’09, Rushville, is the science teacher at Schuyler Industry School District.

2001

Julia Jakstys Brodsky, Summit, NJ, received her MBA from Rutgers University. (juileirish@aol.com)

Bennett Campbell, Warner Robins, GA, is the company president at Sea, Land and Air Professional Services, LLC.

Jessica Sullivan Dunn MBA ’04, Plymouth, is an Accountant II at Western Illinois University.

Steven Greenley, Jr., Crystal Lake, is a partner of Franks, Gerkin, & McKenna, PC Law Firm in Marengo.

Nicole Nunn, Springfield, is the assistant vice president/financial advisor at the Bank of Springfield.

Michelle Kirchner Nutter, Lincoln, is the human resource representative for the State of Illinois. (mkirch78@hotmail.com)

Jarrod Sheets MBA ’02, Winterset, IA, is a project manager for Wells Fargo and was a winner of one of Wells Fargo’s Volunteer Leave Awards and will be involved with the Aids Project of Central Iowa.

Sarah Duncalf Stenger, Bloomington, is a finance analyst at State Farm Insurance.

Janet Stevens M.A.CCT ’02, E. Peoria, is a senior manager at Clifton Gunderson LLP in Peoria.

2002

Kelly Baker, Buena Park, CA, graduated from California State University, Long Beach with a Master of Social Work, and is a children’s social worker II for the Department of Children and Family Services in Los Angeles County. (bnelhetrombone@yahoo.com)

Monroe David MS, Kolonia, Pohnpei, is the school improvement coordinator at the Education Department.

Jackie Wynes McCall MFA, Marengo, IA, is the director of development and education at the Old Creamery Theatre Company in Amana.

Sarah Rockwell Merrill MS ’04, Ames, IA, is a destination Iowa State Coordinator at Iowa State University.

2003

Keith Anzelmo, Round Lake, is the center director at Sylvan Learning Center in Gurnee. (kra81@yahoo.com)

Brandi Lile Genge, Peoria, is a teller supervisor at Heartland Bank and Trust Co.

Kaja Okmark Keane, Allen, TX, is a compliance coordinator for Intrepid USA Healthcare Services in Dallas. (kajakeane@hotmail.com)

Anthony Maurice, Gilberts, is a social studies teacher in District U46 in Elgin. (anthony.maurice@U-46.org)

Carrie Baldwin Sputore MS, Batavia, NY, is an international admissions advisor at SUNY Geneseo Community College. (cesputore@genesee.edu)

2004

Kevin Curtin, Rolling Meadows, is an assistant project manager at Bovis Lend Lease in Chicago.

Trena Bradford Gologan, Buford, GA, is the admissions coordinator at GA Philadelphia College of Osteopathic and published a book called “Butterflies to Remember.”

Melanie Wellman Jesick MA, Arlington, VA, is the urban planner at Arlington County Government.

Maria Sanclemente Landsman, Port St. Lucie, FL, is a personal vacation planner for Carnival Cruise Lines. (maria@lanclemente@carnival.com)

Debby Meyer MBA ’05, Quincy, is a commercial credit analyst and underwriter at Mercantile Bank. (debby.meyer@mercbanx.com)

Hannah Mize, Ft. Worth, TX, is an elementary education teacher at Joshua ISD.

2005

H. Russ Brown MFA, Whitehouse, TX, is the theatre department chair and head of performance at Lon Morris College in Jacksonville. (brown@lonmorris.edu)
Homecoming October 17, 2009

L-r: 2006 Honorary Doctorate recipient Norm Teeter ’67 and 2006 Honorary Doctorate recipient Carmelita Teeter.

In front: Alex Bushnell. Back row, l-r: Jenny Beery ’05, Jerry Bafford, Tim Bushnell ’96 ’00, Holly Bafford Bushnell ’01, Cheryl Bafford, Gary Bushnell ’68 MS-ED ’70, Sandy Kelley and Department of Health Sciences chairperson Mark Kelley.

L-r: 2005 Honorary Alumni Award recipient Marilyn Johnson, 1997 Honorary Alumni Award recipient Cathy Early, Kathy Sullivan Gumbel ’78, Alumni Council member Mona D’Antonio Spencer ’76, Kim Olson Love ’76 and Assistant to the Vice President for Student Services Jessica Bunch Butter MS ’96.

Photo to the right:
L-r: Judy Ross, College of Education and Human Services Associate Dean Lance Ternasky, School of LEJA Director Darrell Ross, Bonnie Smith-Skripps ’73 MA ’74 ED SP ’89 and Skip Skripps.
Raleigh/Durham Alumni & Friends event
October 22, 2009 at Porter’s City Tavern

L-r: Gary Crosby, Vicki Jobe-Crosby ‘96 MS-ED ’00, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Larry Mortier ’70 MS-ED ’71, Rhonda Peterson Leahy ’89, Sandy Blomgren Mortier ’71 MS-ED ’86, Wendy Viar Galloway ’84 and Dan Galloway ’85. Seated, l-r: Wendy Cox, Patty Ray Dressen ’80 MBA ’82, Anita Watkins and Beth Moon Koziol ’78. Standing, l-r: Kevin Cox ’89, Ashley Lawson, Chris Lawson ’92, Marcus Baraks ’80, Patrick Lawson ’91, Virginia Lawson-Schaible ’83 and Ari Hrenda MBA ’92.

Charlotte Alumni & Friends event
October 23, 2009 at The Tavern on Park


25 – 40 – 50 Yr. Reunion
October 16-17, 2009


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Jennifer Rouse Byers, Macomb, is a graphic designer for Gatehouse Media.
Melissa Calkins, Temple Terrace, FL, is an animal care specialist/elephants at Busch Gardens.
Aaron Cervantes, Des Moines, IA, is an account manager at Group G.
Melissa Ignacek Conley, Joliet, is an account executive at The Joint Commission in Oak Brook Terrace.
Timothy Cordina, St. Charles, is an 8th grade science teacher at U-46 School District in Elgin.
Valerie Champer Cordina, St. Charles, is the promotions manager at WERV-95.9 The River/Next Media Group in Aurora.
Daniel Duda, Huntley, is a court officer/domestic violence unit in the Circuit Court of Cook County in Maywood.
Kalinda Isaacks Humke, Quincy, is a kindergarten teacher at Hannibal Public Schools.
Glenn Rivera, Jr., Orlando, FL, is the director of continued education at Market Traders Institute in Lake Mary. (grivera@markettraders.com)
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Shellie Sublett, Machesney Park, is a forensic caseworker at Janet Wattles Center in Rockford.
Amy Turney Tucker, Mt. Juliet, TN, is an intercompany accountant at Caterpillar and also, received her CPA from the state of Tennessee.
Elisa Gottwald Wax, Rockford, is a secretary at Pekin Insurance.
Kevin Wax, Rockford, is a loss prevention manager at Kmart.

2007
Brittany Baumann, Spokane, WA, is a news producer at KREM 2 News.
Andrew Clark, Naperville, is a test engineer at WMS Gaming in Chicago. (ryaku@dtnspeed.net)
Daniel Hyson, Princeton, is a financial services representative at OfficeMax. (dhyson98@hotmail.com)
Patricia Jaramillo-Hyson, Princeton, is a ELL/Bi-Lingual teacher at De Pue Unit Schools.
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Shane Mize MS, Ft. Worth, TX, is a community center supervisor for the City of Ft. Worth. (shanemize@yahoo.com)
Mark Swanson, Hoolehua, HI, is a Seed Technician 2 for Intermountain Paleo-Consultants.
Kirsten Vining, Chicago, is an exercise physiologist at Glenbrook...
Atlanta Alumni & Friends Event
October 24, 2009 at Pittypat’s Porch

Seated, l-r: Alumni Achievement Award recipient Tamara Harris ’92, James “Coach” Edlen ’98, Alicia Fox, Jennifer Fahnstock Lancaster ’82, Peg Rossman Taylor ’82 and Brenda Washington. Standing, l-r: President Al Goldfarb, Steve Ford ’70, Carol Downing Ford ’72, Bill Fox ’84, Brian Lancaster, Myat Aung ’03, Wayne Taylor, Gerold Washington ’05 and Mollie Mills ’08.

L-r: James “Coach” Edlen ’98 and President Al Goldfarb.
Deaths
Patricia J. Krontz, Brooklyn, IA, June 18, 2009.
Glady’s A. Rader, Galesburg, Aug. 29, 2009.

Florida Alumni and Friends Events

January 24
Remini of Ybor
Miami, FL 33134
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Delightful appetizers and cash bar - $20 per person

January 25
Sirata Beach Resort & Conference Center
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Savory hors d’oeuvres and cash bar - $18 per person

January 26
Libby’s Café Bar
Miami, FL 33134
11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Luncheon - $20 per person

January 27
Bayside Seafood Grille and Bar
Naples, FL 34103
11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Luncheon - $20 per person

January 30
The Winery at the Red Bar
Jacksonville, FL 32207
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Delightful appetizers and cash bar - $15 per person

Western News would like to acknowledge the team members and fans who gathered for a reunion celebrating the legendary 1957-1959 WIU Leatherneck football teams during Homecoming 2008. We regret the oversight.