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ON THE COVER: A totally renovated Agenstein Hall opened this semester with an updated planetarium. Photo by Eric Callow '97.

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Zumba in the Room-ba!

What do you get when you cross almost 500 Zumba enthusiasts with a fund-raiser for women's athletics and the YWCA Choices program? You get Zumba in the Room-ba, lots of positive energy and a possible entry in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Anyway, that's what Softball Coach Jen Bagley got when she coordinated the event in the Griffon Indoor Sports Complex in January. "It was a fun day," she said. "It was easy for people to get excited about it."

Jen coordinated a Women's Walk as a fund-raiser for the past two years, but this year she wanted to try something different. When she decided on Zumba in the Room-ba, someone suggested they see what the Guinness record was for the largest group of Zumba-ists at one time.

When Jen checked into it, she found that there was no set record, but Guinness told her she had to have at least 250 doing the Zumba for an hour in order to get in the record book. Thirteen enthusiastic instructors agreed to lead the record-setters and 490 enthusiastic Zumba-ists showed up for the event, paying \$10 each.

"It was an absolute blast," said Ally Browning, '08, one of the instructors. "The energy was extremely high and it was so great to see people catching on to the songs."

Jen had to make sure she followed all the Guinness guidelines: two people counting, two timekeepers, certified instructors, one witness for every 50 persons to make sure everyone danced for the full hour, and two "upstanding members of the community to serve as witnesses" – Mayor Bill Falkner and Buchanan County Presiding Commissioner R.T. Turner.

The Y's Choices program was running out of funding when women's athletics at Western partnered with it, so Jen's fund-raisers have kept the program going. "We wanted to raise money for women athletes but also reach out to the community," Jen said. "The partnership with the YWCA is a great fit. Our women athletes can mentor the girls and help in the Choices program."

Jen says she hasn't heard back from Guinness yet, but she's already planning Zumba in the Room-ba II. She noted that the indoor field was only about half full for Zumba in the Room-ba I ... ■

Student Chapter garners award

For the second year in a row, Western's student chapter of The Wildlife Society was named Student Chapter of the Year for the North Central Section of The Wildlife Society. The Western students have won the award four of the five times they have applied.

Dr. Cary Chevalier, associate professor of biology and chapter advisor, said Western's group competed against some very large universities and some chapters with much larger memberships than Western's. "This is a very significant achievement and a prestigious honor," he said.

The 47-member chapter engaged in a number of professional development activities throughout the year, including several Missouri Department of Conservation workshops. They assisted the conservation department with its annual Insectorama and youth pheasant hunt. The chapter also worked with the department at the Pony Express Conservation Area and partnered with it to study the bobwhite quail habitat.

The students were very active in community service, as well. The chapter partnered with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to host a 40-hour Wildlands Fire Ecology and Behavior Training course. Several students who took the course assisted the BIA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with their prescribed burn program, and three student members went out west as members of wildlands firefighting crews during the summer of 2009.

The chapter co-sponsored the Natural Resource Conservation and Management Seminar Series with Western's biology department and the Midland Empire Audubon Society, which included 17 seminars for the community.

The students are also active volunteers at Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge near Mound City, Mo. They have

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New tradition begins at commencement ceremony

The Winter Commencement for fall graduates Dec. 18 marked a new tradition for the university. For the first time in school history, a student was the featured commencement speaker: Lindsey Jackson, a senior speech communication major.

Lindsey was chosen from candidates nominated for the honor by fellow students, faculty and staff. The executive board of the Student Government Association (SGA) interviewed finalists and presented a recommendation to Dr. Esther Perález, vice president for student affairs.

"Lindsey has been an outstanding leader on Western's campus, serving as an SGA senator, SGA director of communications and a resident assistant, just to name a few," Esther said. "She is an active volunteer in the community and has outstanding communication skills."

Students were excited to have one of their own speak at commencement, Esther said, and plans are to continue the new tradition every December. Lindsey said she was honored to be the first student chosen as commencement speaker. She will graduate this month. ■

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run the check station for the Squaw Creek managed hunt every year except one since 2002, and they help every year with the spotlight deer survey and Eagle Days.

In fall 2009, 16 members became hunter education instructors, which was a state record. In fall 2010, 15 members attended and passed the course.

"We can be very proud of the hard work and commitment that our student chapter members have invested, and the respect and recognition they have clearly earned across eight states and 23 other student chapters," Cary said. ■

President's Perspective

Dear Alumni and Friends,
Since Missouri Western's beginnings as St. Joseph Junior College in 1915, community members have been ardent supporters of this institution, and we deeply appreciate this commitment.



In turn, I am proud of the university's economic impact on the community and its commitment to service in the region.

In a 2009 study, Missouri Western had a \$183.5 million economic impact on the community.

Additionally, a 2010 study conducted by Dr. Patrick McMurry, professor of economics, shows that the first year of the Chiefs training camp had an impact of more than \$21 million.

During the 2008-2009 academic year, our students provided 100,000 hours and our employees provided 22,000 hours of community service to the region. From trash pick-ups to working with the Noyes Home, to leadership in local service clubs, Missouri Western is giving back to its community.

Of our more than 21,000 alumni, approximately 300 are employed with the St. Joseph School District – including Superintendent Dr. Melody Smith '87. Nineteen percent of Heartland Health's almost 3,200 employees are alumni and almost 350 have Western nursing degrees. A 2008 survey of new graduates showed that 65 percent of respondents are employed in the state, and of that number, 44 percent are employed in St. Joseph.

At the conclusion of each commencement ceremony, I tell our graduates that I know they will tell others, with pride, that they attended Missouri Western. I hope you will share our news with others and you, too, will proudly say that you are associated – as a graduate or friend – with Missouri Western.

Robert A. Vartabedian

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President



Piano major Hanna Chung gives piano lessons to one of 40 children who attended Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Nathanael May's three free piano workshops for children ages seven and eight this spring.

South Korean connection

Of the 36 international students enrolled at Western this semester, six are piano majors from South Korea, thanks to Dr. Matt Edwards, director of keyboard studies, and the relationships he has developed more than 6,500 miles away.

Three years ago, about the same time that the university hired Huey Shi Chew as its international enrollment coordinator and started making an effort to actively recruit more international students, Matt met Wha-in Lee, a pianist from Lawrence, Kan. Wha-in was planning to travel to South Korea to recruit piano students to colleges in the United States, and she invited Matt along. They auditioned students, most of whom were from Seoul Arts High School, the premier arts high school in South Korea, he said.

In Spring 2009, three piano students from South Korea began at Western, and three more started in the fall that year.

Matt returned to Seoul Arts High School in the fall of 2009, performing a recital and teaching some piano classes during his visit, and he hopes to return again soon. He and Dr. Nathanael May, assistant

professor of music, are attending a conference in Serbia this summer where they hope to recruit, and Matt said he would also like to travel to China, since Huey Shi has established relationships there.

Additionally, this spring, Western hosted five high school-aged students from a private music studio in South Korea for a two-week piano camp. Along with piano lessons from Matt and Wha-in, the students attended area concerts, master classes, toured the area and had 20 hours of intensive English classes. Two of those students hope to enroll at Western this fall.

"They really enjoyed it but I think they missed Korean food," Matt said with a laugh.

Matt noted that although he recruits internationally, the music department still heavily recruits in the community and the region. "One of my huge goals is to be a recognizable and desirable place for students from the community, the region and the nation to come. The music program is on fire right now – there is so much happening." ■

Students take research overseas

Dr. Bob Bergland's international journalism class included a study away trip to Croatia, Greece, Italy and London, but it had an added component for the students – they presented their research at two international conferences while overseas.

Seven students in his class and one graduate student all had their research selected for presentation. Five presented at the International Conference on Communication and Mass Media in Athens, Greece, and three presented at the Information Technology and Journalism Conference in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

"I've never been more proud of students as when I watched these students present at the conferences. Their presentations were stellar," Bob said. He believed the student presentations were equal to or surpassed others at the conference regarding the value of their findings, the style and manner of presentations and the quality of the research methodology.

Student Lauren Burbach said the conference added a great educational component to the overseas trip. Along with the presentation experience, the students were able to attend several sessions at the conference, hearing presentations from all over the world. "The conferences were eye opening and very educational."

Jodi Oliver, who presented her research with Lauren, said the conference attendees seemed interested in their work. "Our level of research was more like master's research," she said. "It was extensive."

The 17-day trip included sightseeing in Italy and London, as well. "We got to see so many things and so much history," Lauren said. "It was amazing."

Additionally, the remaining three students in the class who were unable to travel abroad submitted their research to a South Carolina national conference, and all three were selected to present. Their presentations were also published in the *Convergence Newsletter*. ■

Scholarship in memory of English professor

"It's a special way to remember a special lady." That, said Jeff Stubblefield '83, is why his family has established an endowed scholarship in memory of his mother, Sandra Stubblefield '84.

Jeff said ever since Sandra died in 2000, the family had wanted to honor her memory in some way and decided a scholarship was a good way to do it. "Long after we're gone, we'll have a scholarship. That means a lot to us."

Sandra started taking night classes at Western when she and her husband, Stanley, and their children, Bob, Jeff, Diane and Steven, moved to Savannah, Mo., in 1976.

"Mom was always reading a book," Jeff said. "She was really into literature and she was an educator."

Jeff, who graduated from high school in 1979 and spent his freshman year at Baker University, said it was "not a successful freshman year." He said his mother took one look at his grades and insisted they enroll together in a summer biology class at Western.

"Of course, she made me sit right up front with her and we had to be 10 minutes early or we were late," Jeff said with a laugh. At the time he was a little

embarrassed about it, especially when a reporter for the St. Joseph News-Press wrote an article about his mother and him taking the class together.

"But it turned out to be a cool experience. I cherish it now," Jeff said.

He graduated in 1983 and Sandra earned her degree in English in 1984. After graduating from Western, Sandra immediately launched into earning her master's from Northwest Missouri State University and began teaching in the English department at Western.

He said the family especially wanted the scholarship to be for junior or senior nontraditional students with a 3.0 GPA because Sandra was a serious student. The scholarship is also for English majors, and preference is given to students from Andrew, Atchison, Holt and Nodaway Counties.

The family chose Western not only because Sandra was a graduate, but so was Jeff; his wife, Jolene '86; his daughter, Julia Henggeler '10; his sister, Diane Stubblefield '85; and his niece, Karri Stubblefield '08.

"Western is part of our family," Jeff said. ■

Students Ahmad Shah Salimee and Melanie Schneider help paint a mural in the foyer of the Blum Union. The finished mural contains almost 200 flags of the world.



NEWS Briefs

Arts Society founded

A new organization has formed on campus to support Western's arts programs: The Missouri Western Arts Society is kicking off its first fundraising program in June.

Dan Nicoson, executive director of the MWSU Foundation, said the society will not only provide financial support for the arts programs, but also encourage attendance at performances and exhibitions, and help spread the reputation of the university's arts programs.

Examples of how the donated funds will be used include enriching the arts curricula, expanding performance and exhibition opportunities for students and scholarships for youth enrolling in Community Arts classes.

Donors may give to the general fund or they may direct contributions to any one program or to a combination of programs. The arts programs at Western include art, music, theatre, musical theatre and the Western Institute's Center for Community Arts.

For more information about the Missouri Western Arts Society, contact the MWSU Foundation at 816-271-5647. ■

IRA Charitable rollover

Congress has once again extended the IRA charitable rollover through Dec. 31, 2011. So if you are 70 ½ years or older, you may transfer up to \$100,000 free of tax directly from your IRA to a qualified charitable organization.

For more information, check out www.missouriwestern.edu/givingtowestern, and click on "Gift Planning." ■

Anonymous donation

The MWSU Foundation recently received a \$40,000 grant award to provide scholarship assistance for students enrolled in graduate programs at Western. The funds will also be used to support summer research for faculty members in the Steven L. Craig School of Business. ■

Dodd Foundation funds to Western

Thomas Dodd was an entrepreneur and a caring person. The 1903 Iowa State University civil engineering graduate came to St. Joseph, Mo., in 1914 to start a steel fabricating plant, St. Joseph Structural Steel. In 1941, when business was booming during World War II, Thomas and his wife, Edna, took some of their profits and created the Dodd Foundation, a charitable foundation for scholarships.

Over the years, the Dodd Foundation distributed more than \$1 million in scholarships, but it recently dissolved and donated its funds, approximately \$175,000, to Western's Craig School of Business (CSB).

Judy West, administrator of the Dodd Foundation, said since her grandfather's business closed in 1985, there has not been enough money to fund scholarships as

they had for so many years. "It was very traumatic when it closed. The company had financed the Dodd Foundation, and now it wasn't taking in more money. It wasn't enough to do what we wanted to do," she said.

Judy said she and her family explored several nonprofit organizations before they decided to donate the Foundation's funds to Western's CSB as a permanent, endowed fund.

Since the Dodd Foundation had been funded by a business, Judy thought it was appropriate to give the funds to a school of business, and one reason they chose the CSB was because the family liked its focus on entrepreneurship.

She and her husband and several family members had attended Western, as well.

Her husband, Ed, graduated from the Junior College, and Judy returned as a nontraditional student to graduate in 1980.

Although the Dodd Foundation was created to fund scholarships, the gift to Western is unrestricted, meaning the CSB may use it as they see fit. However, part of the donation, approximately \$22,000, must be used to fulfill the Dodd Foundation's commitment to students who had received renewable scholarships and have not yet completed their education.

The family also purchased a memorial bench by Everyday Pond on campus to honor Thomas and Edna.

"We're proud of the business school; I think all of St. Joseph is proud of the business school and the university," Judy said. ■

Lights and Tights

In December, theatre and music students and professors transported their audience to 17th century Italy for the Lights and Tights Renaissance Feast. The evening featured Western's Renaissance Singers, roving actors, jugglers and other performers providing entertainment. Jim Carolus, chair of the Foundation Board, and his wife, Susan, served as Masters of the House of Medici. ■



Graduate program responds to workforce needs

Ever since Western began exploring master's programs to offer, the workforce needs of the region have always been at the forefront of its decisions. One of the best examples of that has been the development of the graduate-level TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) programs.

Western offers a master's of applied science in assessment with a TESOL option and a graduate certificate in TESOL.

Kay Dickerson, who teaches the courses, said the need for teachers with TESOL training has grown in recent years. She said in 1986, when she began teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) at a school district in the Kansas City area, she and a volunteer worked with seven students. By the time she left 20 years later, there were 14 full-time teachers working with 450 students from 40 different countries.

Additionally, in many smaller school districts, the children who speak other languages are in the main classrooms for longer periods of time because the districts do not have the resources for the number of students who do not speak English. Those mainstream classroom teachers would benefit from Western's TESOL program, said Kay, who has a master's in cultural diversity with an emphasis on TESOL.

The program is designed for teachers at all levels and disciplines. ■

Drum Major for Justice

Western's Center for Multicultural Education presented Drum Major for Justice Awards to four individuals at a reception in January. The annual award recognizes campus and community members who are committed to social justice, multicultural education and community service.

The 2011 recipients include Kathy Kelly, administrative coordinator in Student Affairs; Brittany Taylor, senior business management and marketing major; Dale Rodney '96, a mentor for Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity members and other Western students; and Stephen Holdenried, a retired UPS driver who serves on several community boards and committees, including the Bartlett Center Board and the Martin Luther King Jr. planning committee. ■



Jeff Meyer sits in the director's seat in the control room in Invesco Field at Mile High in Denver.

Mile-high creativity

Jeff Meyer took his creativity and talent westward last summer when he completed an internship with the creative services department at Invesco Field at Mile High in Denver, where the Broncos play.

Jeff, a theatre/cinema major, said he enjoyed a wide variety of experiences, from creating commercials and highlight reels, editing videos, running the video for stadium events, working on a web video for the Broncos, and directing the scoreboard for a lacrosse game and a Broncos practice. He also spent a week editing a one-hour television show on the Bronco cheerleaders tryouts.

"I really enjoyed the atmosphere I was working in. It was a creative atmosphere and they let you take things in the direction you felt inspired to take them," Jeff said. Because of the experience Jeff brought to the job, his supervisor told him that he was given more responsibility than interns they had hired in the past. "They told me, 'You raised the bar for interns.'"

Jeff, a native of St. Joseph, had already been producing an online video of his church's weekly services and working for KQ2 television station when he was in high school, so he decided to enroll at Western so he could continue in those roles.

While in college, Jeff has worked on a lot of Western's theatre productions and he began working at the American Angus Association in St. Joseph. It was his supervisor at American Angus that connected him to personnel at Invesco Field for the internship.

Jeff thought he would have to go out to Denver for an interview, but after they saw samples of his work, they hired him without meeting him in person.

"I enjoyed the standard they set," Jeff said. "When you're doing things for the NFL, there is an expected standard of excellence. It has to be flawless." ■

Get a great ringtone!

Griffon supporters now have the opportunity to get the Western Fight Song as a ringtone for their cell phones. The Discover Gold logo is also available as wallpaper for cell phones and handheld wireless devices, and more Western wallpaper will be available shortly. Check out the website at missouriwestern.edu/ringtone for details. Go Griffis! ■



Read any good books lately?

Here's what some of our faculty members recommend:

*Kelly Wittenberg, Assistant Professor
Director of Theatre and Cinema*
"Just Kids," by Patti Smith

This is the autobiography of Patti Smith in New York City in the late sixties and early seventies, when she met Robert Mapplethorpe, and the two were young struggling artists. It won the 2010 National Book Award for nonfiction.

*Michael D. Niles, M.S.W., Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Tribal Member, Citizen Potawatomi Nation
Given Tribal Name, Wakshe ("Red Fox")*

"The Soul of an Indian and Other Writings from Ohiyesa," by Charles Alexander Eastman

I like this book a lot. Being a Native American social work professor here, I can't tell you how much this book has helped me when things get rough (i.e., my culture vs. the dominant world culture). I find this book very informative and healing. It provides those unfamiliar with Native American culture insight into how Native Americans see the world through their culture. I find it interesting and fun to review and compare and contrast with what I know about my tribal culture.

Kay Siebler, Ph.D., Director of Composition
"By Nightfall," by Michael Cunningham

Michael Cunningham is an amazing writer, his stories are layered and fascinating, and he is the only author of late who actually increases my vocabulary, which I appreciate. The story is about a middle-aged couple who are up-ended by the much younger brother of the wife. The issues Cunningham expertly interrogates are addiction, sibling relationships, desire and mid-life questions. The writing is beautiful and the narrative is brain food.

Michael B. Ottinger, Ph.D., Professor of Physics
"Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman! (Adventures of a Curious Character)" and "What Do You Care What Other People Think?: Further Adventures of a Curious Character," both by Richard Feynman

These two books are light autobiographical books about the life and adventures of Richard Feynman, a brilliant American physicist. In these books he discusses how he became interested in science by always trying to figure out how things worked. As a young man he worked on the Manhattan Project to help develop the first atomic bombs.

The second book is not a chronological continuation of the first, but includes parts of his life he forgot to include in the first book. One topic he includes is about his wife, who was terminally ill when they married. Both books are light reading and are intended for a nonscientist audience.

Pam Clary, Instructor of Social Work
"The Hunger Games," by Suzanne Collins

The book, the first in a trilogy, is set in what could be called a post-apocalyptic world. The Capitol (the powerful government entity) hosts The Hunger Games each year as a reminder to the other districts that they are basically powerless. The Capitol chooses one boy and one girl from each district to fight to the death.

I had a love/hate relationship with this book. The author does an excellent job depicting the thoughts and feelings of a person who is being hunted, as well as the thoughts and feelings of those who "survive." You can relate these feelings to someone who has experienced war or some other type of trauma.

*Roger Swafford '68, Director Public Relations & Marketing
Instructor of Marketing*
"Autobiography of Mark Twain--Volume 1" Edited by Harriet Elinor Smith, University of California Press

Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) dictated his memoirs in a daily routine over several years,

but before he died in 1910, he said his autobiography could not be published for 100 years. If you are a Twain fan, or just a fan of clean, honest humor, this book is a true treasure. I found myself laughing out loud if not at the episode itself, then at the way Twain tells it. This impressive, 737-pager is only volume one of a planned three volume set. Enjoy!

*Dr. faye I. smith Professor, Strategic Management
Craig School of Business*
faye recommends two books:

"Moving Beyond Words: Age, Rage, Sex, Power, Muscles: Breaking the Boundaries of Gender," by Gloria Steinem

In particular, the first chapter, "Freud as a Woman" is a three-layer essay that places a different perspective on the accepted wisdom about Freud's conclusions regarding psychology. Although somewhat complex (the third story is embedded in the footnotes), it is enlightening as well as hilarious.

"Escape," by Carolyn Jessop (with Laura Palmer)

This is the autobiography of Carolyn Jessop, who was raised in the Fundamentalist Church of Latter Day Saints religious compound, where she had little, if any, freedom to make decisions about her life. Members of the compound were brainwashed to believe that all "outsiders" were evil, but from my perspective, it was the attitudes and behaviors within the compound that were evil. Eventually she escaped the commune with her eight children and began her new life. This is a must read ... especially for women who live in physically and/or psychologically abusive relationships.

Dr. Reza Hamzaee, Professor of Economics
"Economics of Innovation" Edited by Bronwyn H. Hall and Nathan Rosenberg

Economists examine the genesis of technological change and the ways we commercialize and diffuse it. The economics of property rights and patents, in addition to industry applications, are also surveyed through literature reviews and predictions about fruitful research directions. The articles are written by economists for industry professionals, educators and anyone interested in new technologies. ■

NEWS Briefs

Degree changes

Gov. Jay Nixon asked the Missouri Department of Higher Education for a statewide review of academic programs that fell below their productivity threshold of an average of 10 graduates per year for the last three years at state colleges and universities. Western reviewed 19 undergraduate programs and recommended eliminating the bachelor of arts degree in art because most students now choose the more specialized bachelor of fine arts degree. Dr. Jeanne Daffron, provost and vice president of academic affairs, said students already in the program will be allowed to finish their course of study.

The state also recommended that three of Western's baccalaureate programs be retained at this time, but stipulated a follow-up review in three years: computer science, French and English. The state accepted Western's justification for keeping the balance of the programs that fell below the threshold. ■

iGEM Gold

A team of six biology and mathematics students earned a gold medal for the fourth straight year at the international Genetically Engineered Machines (iGEM) Jamboree, a synthetic biology competition at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. The jamboree featured 130 teams and more than 1,900 participants.

The Western students and faculty worked collaboratively with students and faculty from Davidson College in North Carolina to design a biological computer capable of solving a mathematical puzzle called the Knapsack Problem and to investigate foundational advances in synthetic biology. The team presented their work in the form of a Wiki page and in both oral and poster form at the iGEM Jamboree. For their project, the team earned a gold medal, a designation received by fewer than half the projects.

The team presented their work alongside teams from prestigious U.S. institutions like Cal-Berkeley, Harvard, MIT and Stanford, as well as international competitors from Tokyo, Slovenia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Australia and Stockholm. ■

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Another dimension of



art students last semester knew their 3-D Design class would involve creating a lot of, well, three-dimensional projects, but they were surprised to learn that the course included swimming in the campus pool, boating in a pond, building shelters in the woods and golfing in the Fulkerson Center. The instructor, Neil Lawley, new to Western this year, turned the class into a great learning experience and plenty of three-dimensional fun.

"Ultimately, I teach them how to be creative problem solvers," said Neil, assistant professor of art, sculpture and 3-D design. "My job is to challenge them so they can be successful."

And challenged they were. One assignment involved building a personal flotation device that had to hold up in the campus pool (think duct tape, netting, swimming noodle). Then students had to build a boat out of materials that would otherwise be discarded (think more duct tape, milk jugs, cardboard and Styrofoam) that could make it across the Everyday Pond with a passenger (wearing the homemade personal flotation device, of course).

Several students said they liked the project where they brought an ordinary object to class and then learned they had to create a model of it 10 times the actual size.

Neil said the class is time consuming, but he is preparing students for the rest of their art careers, acclimating them to the workload they can expect in upcoming classes.

"They have to learn to manage their time and prioritize. There is a direct correlation between the time they spend in the studio and their grade."

For the final course project, Chad Hammontree and Natasha Hatcher spent many hours outside of class creating a "Rube Goldberg" putt-putt golf hole (think mechanical parts and chain reactions) that stretched more than 20 feet and included a catapulting golf ball and a mirrored disco ball.

"It sounded easy at first, but it was pretty hard and time consuming," Chad said of the class. The golf project was his favorite; "it brought out the little kid in me."

Natasha said for the two weeks they had to work on the golf project, she'd get finished with class at 2 p.m. and work on it until 8 or 9 p.m. almost every evening. "I didn't expect to put in this much work in the class, but I've had fun overall."

Neil invited the campus community to try out the different golf holes that the four student groups had created. One with a Viking theme even included dry ice beneath a little ship. Another created tiny mall shops and an "escalator" conveyor belt. Neil said the golf project was a fun way to end the semester, and he plans to invite the campus to try them out every year.

"It was a lot of time, but it was worth it in the long run," Kristen Powers said. ■



Spring Sports Complex: New homes for baseball and softball

For the first time since the Griffon baseball team took to the field in 1969, its home field is now on campus in the new, top-of-the-line Spring Sports Complex. Both the baseball and softball teams played their home games this past season on the complex, a project that broke ground in late 2009 near the Faraon St. entrance. The complex includes a baseball field and softball field, both with bleachers; a building by each field that contains a press box, restrooms and concessions; hitting cages and a parking lot.

"The fields are very fan accessible," said Dave Williams, Western's athletic director. "Both fields are great places to watch a game."

The dugouts, which Dave described as "major league quality," contain heating units on the ceilings for early spring practices and games. The baseball infield is artificial turf, the same material as the Griffon Indoor Sports Complex's indoor football field, and the outfields are fescue grass.

"We have one of the finest fields in the MIAA and the country at our level," Dave said.

Ever since Western first fielded their baseball team, the men have practiced and played their home games at Phil Welch Stadium in St. Joseph, Mo. Softball came to Western in 1976, and home games were played at first at Walnut Field Park off the Stockyards Expressway and later Bluff Woods ball fields south of St. Joseph.

In 1995, the football practice field on campus was moved north of the stadium, and two softball fields were built in its place for the women's home games. Those softball fields are now a parking lot for the Griffon Indoor Sports Complex. While the new Spring Sports Complex was being built, the softball team played its home games at Heritage Park Softball Complex in St. Joseph during the 2010 season.

The \$3.5 million Spring Sports Complex was partially paid for by the Max Experience funds, a fee that students voted for in 2006. Since the Griffon Indoor Sports Complex/Chiefs Training Camp project displaced the softball field, the Spring Sports Complex was also partially funded by the state, county and city money from the Chiefs facilities project. ■



Welcome home, Baseball team!

Baseball's Spring Sports Complex firsts:

- First hit and run scored - Jason Solma
- First RBI - Ian Atkinson
- First home run - Issac Rome
- First Griffon win - Brandon Simmons, March 18 against UCM.

Spring Sports

Griffon softball got off to a hot start beginning the season 17-5 as they entered conference play which led to a #22 ranking in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) national poll. To date, the Griffons have a .301 team batting average and have hit 33 home runs.

Leading the home run barrage is senior outfielder Toni Dance, Brisbane, Australia. Through 22 games, Toni hit 12 home runs with a batting average of .386 and with 26 RBIs. She was named the National Hitter of the Week by the NFCA.

Senior pitcher Jonnelle Belger, Kansas City, Mo., opened the year with six wins and a ERA of 3.59. Freshman Jackie Bishop, Kirksville, Mo., has posted a 10-1 record while striking out 79.

March 17, 2011, will be forever remembered by Griffon baseball players as the day baseball was played on campus for the first time in the 41-year history of the program. Unfortunately, the Griffons fell to the University of Central Missouri, 8-3.

Director of Athletics Dave Williams threw one of the first pitches in the pre-game, and baseball alumnus Tom O'Brien '74, threw a second. Tom is the only baseball player in Griffon history to have his number retired (#2).

Women's Tennis enjoyed early season success in the first annual Car City Chrysler/Hyundai Tennis Classic at the St. Joseph Tennis & Swim Club. The Griffons went 2-1 on the weekend, including victories over Morningside College and MIAA

opponent Lincoln University. Sophomore Nicole Kerr, Brisbane, Australia, won all four of her matches, singles and doubles, in the two events.

Men's golf opened the spring portion of their schedule in the Drury Classic in Springfield, Mo. Shane Feist, Bismarck, N.D., continued his good play from the fall finishing in a tie for first in the event before losing in a playoff. Shane has an excellent chance to qualify as an individual for the NCAA Division II Golf Championship which takes place this year in Florence, Ala.

Women's Golf spent spring break in Pottsboro, Texas, competing in the Texas A & M Commerce Classic. Reigning MIAA Freshman of the Year Natalie Bird, Nixa, Mo., finished in a tie for 32nd out of the 105-player field. ■

Two plaques honor coach and national champions

When the Spring Sports Complex was dedicated this spring, a plaque honoring Doug Minnis, Western's first baseball coach, was placed in the press box of the baseball field, and a plaque recognizing the 1982 national champion softball team was placed in the press box by the softball field.

Doug was hired in 1969 as the first coach of the new baseball team. He served as coach for 30 years, retiring in 1999.

Doug joined Western as head baseball coach and assistant football coach after serving as assistant football, and head basketball and baseball coach at Bishop Ward High School in Kansas City, Kan. He coached at high school and college levels for a total of 45 years.

As Western's baseball coach, Doug's Griffons earned six NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) Dis-

trict 16 championships, and his 1975 team played in the NAIA World Series that was held in St. Joseph, Mo. That Griffon team finished fifth nationally. His teams made appearances in the MIAA post-season tournaments in 1991, 1995 and 1997.

In 1978, Doug was named coach of an all-star team comprised of NAIA players that toured Korea and Taiwan.

He was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1989, the American Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1990 and the Western Athletic Hall of Fame in 1990.

The 1982 softball team, coached by Rhesa Sumrell, advanced to the NAIA national championship in Kearney, Neb., after winning the District 16 Tournament for the first time in the team's history.

On May 27, at the national tournament, the Griffons won four games to advance to the finals. The next day, all games were

rained out. Western beat St. Francis (Ill.) 5-0 on May 29 to win the national championship.

Cheri Kempf '85, called a "freshman phenom" by the St. Joseph News-Press, was named Tournament MVP. In the national tournament, she won four games, pitched 24 shutout innings, struck out 38 and hit .389. Rhesa was named NAIA Coach of the Year.

The team finished the regular season 24-14. Throughout the season, the team set 20 individual and team records.

The 1982 softball team's feat is Western's first and only national championship. ■

2010-2011 Basketball

Men's basketball endured the highest of highs and lowest lows this season, going 12-16 overall and 10-12 in MIAA play. The Griffons opened the year with a tough road win over 2010 NCAA Tournament Team Quincy University, 92-88, and won three of their first five MIAA contests.

Memorable MIAA wins included a 78-77 home win over then ranked #6 Fort Hays State and a Feb. 23 overtime road win at Central Missouri 95-91. That win marked 599 career wins for Head Coach Tom Smith. It was also the Griffons' first win in Warrensburg since 2001 and only the second time the Mules had lost at home all season.

Individually, the Griffons had two players recognized by the MIAA: Forwards P'Allen Stinnett, Omaha, Neb., and T.J. Johnson, Pflugerville, Texas, were both named Honorable Mention.

Women's basketball used the MIAA's preseason polls as motivation for success

during the 2010-2011 season. Picked 11th in the media poll, it became obvious early in the season that the Griffons would far exceed the expectations. The women finished the year 14-13 overall and 11-11 in conference play, including several impressive wins along the way.

Two of those came against nationally ranked teams, beating then #4 Washburn by a score of 60-41 in the fieldhouse in December and knocking off defending national champion and then 14th ranked Emporia State 78-71 at Western.

Individually, junior guard Jessica Koch, Kansas City, Mo., had another outstanding season as she was named Second Team All-MIAA. Third Team All-MIAA honors went to senior center Rachel Luteyn, Fond Du Lac, Wis. Senior guard Lauren Nolke, Columbia, Mo., finished second all-time on the career three-point list with 204 made. ■



Head Coach Lynn Plett and the women's basketball team. The women finished the season 14-13.



Join Gold Coat!

The Gold Coat Club Membership Drive begins this month. Each Gold Coat Club package is tailored to fit the buyer's needs. All packages include season tickets to Griffon sports, along with other à la carte options such as reserved parking opportunities, the football Stadium Club, Fitness Center privileges, social invites and more. Gold Coat Members also receive a 20 percent discount on Griffon apparel in the Barnes & Noble Bookstore on campus and reduced rates on the purchase of additional single game tickets. For membership information visit the Gold Coat Club link at www.gogriffons.com or call the athletics department at 816-271-5904. ■

Student Athletes honored

Griffon athletics honored 145 student athletes for outstanding academic achievement. For Spring 2010 and Fall 2010, 76 student athletes were recognized for recording a semester GPA of 3.00-3.49, 43 student athletes achieved a semester GPA of 3.50-3.99, and 26 earned a semester GPA of 4.00. ■

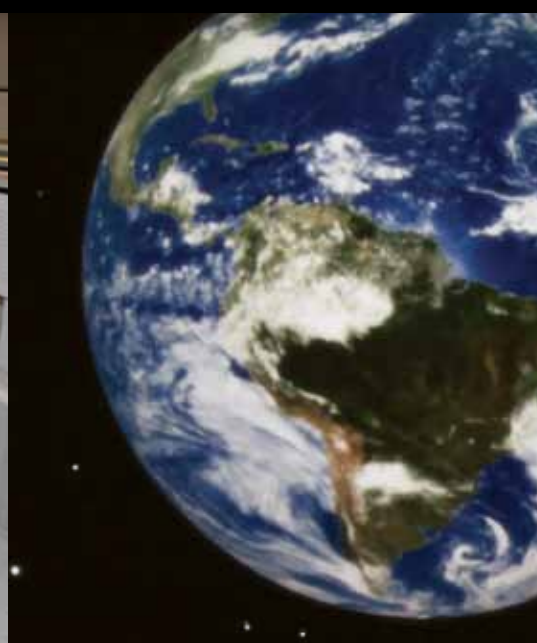
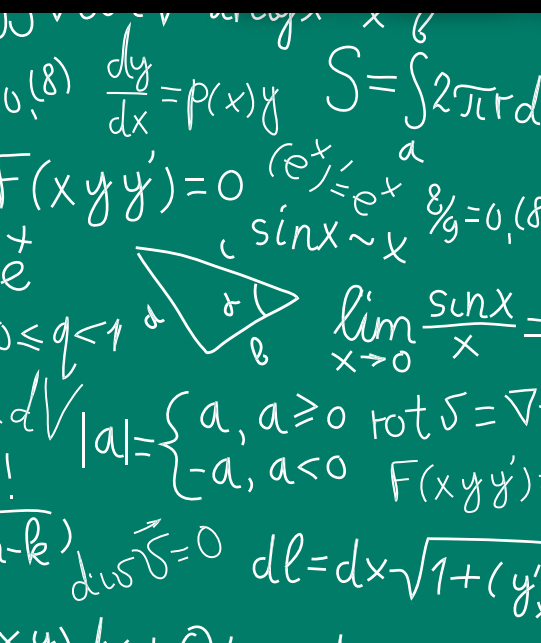
Western hosts NCAA Championships

St. Joseph was a championship city once again as Western, along with the City of St. Joseph, hosted the 2011 NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Championship at Civic Arena. Three of the seven games were televised live nationally on the ESPN family of networks. ■

Go online at
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Griffon sports schedules.



Evan R. Agenstein Hall



The “all-new” Agenstein Hall

As family members of Evan R. Agenstein joined a standing-room-only crowd, the renovated Agenstein Hall was officially dedicated and opened for classes on the first day of the spring semester this year. The approximately 60,000 sq. ft. building, which houses biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics and physics, had been closed for about 12 months to receive its complete makeover.

Agenstein Hall, one of the first three buildings built on the present-day campus in 1969, was totally renovated as part of the university’s approximately \$37 million construction and renovation project of its science and mathematics facilities. In January 2010, the new Remington Hall, which adjoins Agenstein Hall, was dedicated on the first day of the spring semester. Faculty and staff moved out of Agenstein Hall in December 2009 so its renovation could begin.

“Our students now benefit with 120,000 sq. ft. of state-of-the-art science and math facilities,” said Dan Nicoson, vice president for university advancement and emcee at the dedication ceremony in the W.T. Kemper Lecture Hall.

Dr. Ben Caldwell, chair of the chemistry department, said while

students and faculty are very excited about all the new facilities, he is most proud of the labs, especially the space for student/faculty research. Both the chemistry and biology departments have six times the amount of space dedicated to student/faculty research than they had before.

“We’re very excited about the improvements to the laboratories,” said Dr. Todd Eckdahl, chair of the biology department. “You learn science by doing science.”

Dr. Jason Baker, professor of biology who was faculty shepherd of the project since May 2010, said the most frequent comment they hear from students about Agenstein is, “I can’t believe this is the same building.”

Since most of the teaching labs and computer labs are now in Remington Hall, the original lab space in Agenstein was converted to classrooms, and there are now four large classrooms that hold 40-50 students. Enrollment in the sciences and mathematics disciplines has more than tripled since Agenstein was built, so there was a great need for more classroom space.

Agenstein has always had three large lecture halls, one on each floor, but the renovated classrooms

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now make it easier for students to work collaboratively and interact more with each other, Jason said. The stationary desks have been replaced with tables and movable chairs. All the classrooms in both Remington and Agenstein have state-of-the-art presentation technology.

The Bushman Planetarium, which was part of the original structure and renovated in 1998, was completely gutted and is now an immersive theater. It opened in February. Dr. Jerry Zweerink, faculty shepherd on the project until May 2010, said planetarium technology had changed so much that Western's current setup was obsolete even though it was little more than a decade old.

The office areas on each of the three floors in Agenstein were reconfigured, as well, and the areas are a lot more functional. There are more offices, too, so the departments now have space for part-time faculty. Jason said the

architects made efficient use of the windows in Agenstein, so many more offices have windows now.

He said the office configuration is more welcoming to students, too. The whole building is student friendly and provides much more student-faculty collaborative spaces than before. "By far, that's the best thing that's happened."

A greenhouse was on the roof of Agenstein, but that has been removed and a new, approximately 640 sq. ft. state-of-the-art structure is now at ground level on the southwest corner of the building. The building is divided into three sections, and a computer-driven system that controls lighting, heating, shading, etc., will create three unique environments for different types of plants. "It has all the features for working and doing plant research, as opposed to just a 'show' greenhouse," Jason said.

He said the special Solitex glass in the greenhouse provides dispersion of light to avoid hot spots

from the direct sun and allows the best entry of natural light wavelengths for photosynthesis.

In 2002, Western received a \$250,000 federal grant to work with Project Kaleidoscope/National Science Foundation to draw up plans for the project. In May 2007, the university received \$30.1 million from the state's Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative, and in October 2007, a \$5 million donation for the expansion and renovation. In the Achieving Greatness capital campaign, \$1 million was raised for equipment and almost \$1.5 million was raised for a building endowment fund.

"It's been an amazing transformation. The architects, HOK and Ellison-Auxier, have been fabulous to work with, and the general contractor, Lawhon Construction, has been incredibly accommodating," Jason said. "A good project can turn into a great project when you have people you can work with. This has been a great project." ■

What about the animal heads?

When Agenstein Hall's renovation began, the animal heads that hung in the hallways and stairwells were the first to go. But, don't worry, most of them will return! Several of the heads were sold, but many are being refurbished and will hang in a new 1,200 ft. glass-enclosed display along the east hallway on the second floor of Agenstein. The heads were donated to Western in the 1970s by Harold and Alma Dugdale. ■

Dr. Jerry Zweerink – faithful, proud and true

Dr. Jerry Zweerink began his career as a chemistry professor at Western when Agenstein Hall was only two years old. As the years passed, he noticed classroom and lab space becoming limited, and equipment and furnishings becoming older and outdated. For many years, he was working in a building that was not able to handle the increasing technological needs. So Jerry was very happy to see the structurally sound building for sciences and mathematics completely renovated, and he played a large role in the process.

Jerry said he and his chemistry colleagues were discussing what they would like to see in an addition to Agenstein Hall as far back as 2000. While Sen. Christopher Bond was working to secure a \$250,000 federal grant for planning, Jerry and a colleague attended a building seminar in Pennsylvania that was conducted by Project Kaleidoscope.

"We met in a renovated building with an addition, and we met with several architects," Jerry said. "And we listened to find out what needed to go into building a new building."

When Western received the federal grant, Jerry was involved in writing the request for proposals and the selection process for an architect. And when the university received \$30.1 million from the state for the project, he was chosen as the faculty shepherd.

"I really enjoyed it. It was pleasant to see that faculty had their input," Jerry said. Since he was planning to retire in May 2010, he was a good choice for the role. "I didn't have a vested interest in it since I knew I was going to retire. But I would have loved to teach in those classrooms. They are gorgeous."

Jerry said when he was hired in 1971, he wanted to help improve Western's image in the community since it had not been a four-year institution very long. He and his colleagues worked closely with area high schools and established the Chemathon that is still held every year. He also initiated using computers in chemistry classes when computers first made their way to college campuses.

Jerry also served as department chair for several years and he was the first director of the Honors Program when it began in 1988. He served in that role for six years.

"I realized that teaching at a small college allows you to re-invent yourself and I enjoyed that," Jerry said. ■

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Dr. Jerry Zweerink at the Remington Hall groundbreaking.



CSB partners for great program

When successful entrepreneur Steve Craig said he wanted to help Craig School of Business graduates become entrepreneurs, he wasn't thinking "sometime in the future." It's been a little more than two years since Steve first presented his entrepreneurial plan, and three graduates are now operating Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory stores, with a fourth graduate to soon follow.

Steve, owner of Craig Realty Group in Newport Beach, Calif., donated \$5.5 million to Western in May 2008 to establish the Craig School of Business (CSB), and a few months later, he presented his ideas to Carol Roever, who was interim dean of the CSB and now coordinator of the entrepreneur program.

In an outlet center owned by Steve in Silverthorne, Colo., a Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory (RMCF) had recently closed. With a loan and guidance from the CSB and him, Steve wanted a CSB graduate to operate the store and eventually take ownership of it.

That's just what happened. In 2009, the Silverthorne store was awarded to Seth Lyons '08, who had taken Western's Applied Entrepreneurship course and submitted his business plan. That was so successful that, in 2010, Brady Ellis '10, opened a store in Vicksburg, Miss., and Rob Schimming '10, began operating one in Lake Elsinore, Calif. Another graduate is scheduled to open a store this summer.

"We have the very strong advantage of Steve being able to look at sites and assess if an RMCF franchise will work," said Dr. Phil Nitse, dean of the CSB.



Brady Ellis '10, and TyAnn Williamson '10, in Vicksburg, Miss.

"It has worked out exceptionally well. We're pleased with it," said Greg Pope, senior vice president, franchise development for RMCF. "We were a little hesitant at first, but Steve is a visionary."

"It has been a great adventure so far," said Rob of his Lake Elsinore store. "We graduated in May, got married in June, got the (entrepreneurship) opportunity in August, and moved out to California in November to start a business just in time for the holiday rush."

As the alumni pay back the loans and eventually take over ownership of the stores, Steve plans to re-invest the money in other CSB graduates' entrepreneurial opportunities. The three stores have been very successful, and Greg predicts that the loans will be paid back quickly.

Carol said that in the beginning, she didn't think three, soon to be four, graduates would be in stores by now. But she believes the product — high quality, gourmet chocolate — has contributed to the program's success, along with the strong partnerships and relation-

ships of everyone involved — Steve Craig, RMCF and the CSB.

She also credits the success of the program to RMCF's willingness to be flexible. The company offers the CSB graduate discounts on the franchise fee and equipment, and when the time arrives that the new entrepreneur pays off the loan to Steve and takes over ownership of the store, RMCF will waive the transfer fee.

This spring, students interested in the entrepreneurship program enrolled in the Applied Entrepreneurship course. Three finalists were selected and will complete internships at each of the three current stores this month. They will then present their business plan to a panel that will include Steve and a representative from RMCF, and the panel will select the winner for a store that will open this summer in California.

"The experience that we are gaining from operating a business is invaluable," Rob said. "We have already completed a few fund-raisers for a local high school and hope to become more involved in the community."

"Steve Craig helps us with whatever problems or challenges arise, and he has the patience to guide rookies through the process of setting up and operating a business," Brady said. "I can't say enough good things about him."

An instructor in the CSB, Rick Zimmer, also continues to work with the graduates as a consultant. "Faculty will assist them to help

Rob '10, and Danell '10, Schimming in Lake Elsinore, Calif.



them avoid the pitfalls and help them do the best that they can do," Steve said. That, he said, is an essential part of the program.

Another aspect of the program, and in fact, part of the agreements between the graduates and Steve, includes a provision that graduates will offer internships to CSB students and visit campus to talk to current students and high school students. Seth, in fact, returned to campus last fall to speak to high school students at an Entrepreneurship Challenge.

"That is Steve's provision because of his belief in the value of giving back and supporting your roots," Carol said.

The entrepreneur program also receives great support from the university. Christi Kilroy, executive director of the Vicksburg Chamber of Commerce, said she was surprised and impressed by the number of people from Western who attended the grand opening of the Vicksburg RMCF store — Western's president, Dr. Robert

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Seth '08, and Kelsey '08, Lyons in Silverthorne, Colo.





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Vartabedian; his wife, Dr. Laurel Vartabedian; Phil and his wife, Barbara; Dave Shinneman, chair of the CSB Advisory Council and his wife, Sonja; Carol, Rick, and Steve and four of his family members.

"That told me a lot about the school. It's obviously a school that cares about their students and their success," Christi said. "I thought they'd just send one person."

She said the city is happy about a new business opening, especially a chocolate store. "People in Vicksburg are excited to see young people come in and take an entrepreneurial risk. They want to see them succeed."

"Based on comments from others, this program will continue to grow. People like what we're doing," Phil said. ■

Dave Shinneman helps Rob Schimming '10, prepare for the opening of Rob's Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory Store in Lake Elsinore, Calif.

Dave Shinneman – faithful, proud & true

St. Joseph business leader Dave Shinneman is a great supporter of the Craig School of Business (CSB), especially its program that offers graduates an entrepreneurial opportunity (see "Chocolate Success"), according to Carol Roever, who served as interim dean of the CSB.

She said Dave has played a large role in the success of the CSB's unique partnership with Steve Craig and the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory.

For the past three years, Dave, who owned and operated several McDonald's restaurants in the area, served as chair of the CSB's Advisory Council, which is made up of several business leaders from the community.

"Dave is invaluable," Carol said. "He brings franchisee experience and knowledge to our program. He is a key to our success."

But Dave does more than just offer advice and expertise. Because he opened seven

McDonald's restaurants throughout his career, he said he knows how hard you have to work to get a business opened. He volunteered to work at all three of the CSB graduates' Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory stores in the days before they opened for business.

"The days leading up to the opening are really, really hard days," Dave said. "There are a lot of things that take extra hands."

"He loves helping these kids get up and running," said Dr. Phil Nitse, dean of the CSB.

Dave and his wife, Sonja, also hosted a reception in their home when an AACSB International accreditation team visited the CSB last spring, and another reception for candidates for the CSB dean position. Carol said the reception for the accrediting team was huge, as it included several professors and students. "I believe Dave played a key role in the CSB gaining accreditation," Carol said.

Dave was also part of a panel that judged high school teams' presentations when Western's Students in Free Enterprise group hosted the Entrepreneurship Challenge last fall.

"Dave has provided invaluable leadership and support for the Craig School of Business," Carol said. "We are better because he has generously shared his experience and wisdom with us." ■

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From the Alumni Association President

Dear Fellow Alumni,
Do you remember the advertising slogan, "You've come a long way, baby"? This slogan was used in the '70s to promote cigarettes to young professional women, and the advertising campaign emphasized freedom and empowerment. While I am absolutely not promoting cigarette smoking, I have recently felt this slogan applies to Missouri Western.

As I end my term as president of the Alumni Association, I can't help but reflect on how far our university and our



Diane Hook '90

St. Joseph Junior College or Missouri Western.

I've also seen our alumni excel in their fields of work. From college presidents to corporate CEOs, Grammy Award winners

alumni have come. Over the last several years, I've seen our reputation as a strong academic institution grow – both within in the greater St. Joseph community and within the state – and I've seen our alumni grow, both in numbers – now more than 21,000 strong – and in influence. Today, of the seven voting members of the university's Board of Governors, six hold degrees from either the

to professional athletes, nuclear chemists to novelists, Missouri Western alumni have as many different careers as you can imagine. We achieve our dreams and create new ones.

We still have a long way to go, but we have indeed come a long way, baby! With new graduate programs and state-of-the-art living and learning spaces, our students will have opportunities we never dreamed existed. And so I ask you, what is the value of your Missouri Western degree?

Leadership, excellence... Griffons.

Diane Hook

Diane Hook '90
President, Alumni Association

ALUMNI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 14

Spring 2011 Commencement

May 22

Junior College Reunion, 11:30 a.m., Spratt Hall, Enright Room, 214.

June 1

Western Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Tap Room, 1702 N. Belt Hwy.

June 18

Cardinals vs. Royals at Busch Stadium, see p. 25

June 24

MIAA @ the T-Bones, see p. 25

July 6

Western Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Tap Room, 1702 N. Belt Hwy.

July 9

Alumni Night at the Mustangs, Phil Welch Stadium, St. Joseph, Mo., see p. 25

Aug. 3

Western Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Tap Room, 1702 N. Belt Hwy.

Sept. 9-10

Family Weekend

Sept. 20

Convocation on Critical Issues, 9:30 a.m., M.O. Looney arena, featuring Thomas L. Friedman, Foreign Affairs columnist for the New York Times

Oct. 7-8

Athletics Hall of Fame weekend

Oct. 20

Alumni Awards Banquet

Oct. 21

Homecoming alumni golf outing, reunions

Oct. 22

Homecoming parade and game - Griffons vs. Truman State

Oct. 23

Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc., 20th Anniversary and Celebration

Nov. 5

Griffons vs. NWMSU at Spratt Memorial Stadium and 5th Annual Football Reunion

Check out missouriwestern.edu/alumni/events for more information on all alumni events!



Melanoma aware

Last year, Elizabeth Woolery '07, was enjoying her job as an emergency room nurse at Heartland Health when she noticed a spot on her hip. Because she was putting in a lot of extra hours, she didn't take the time to see a doctor. Besides, she had had suspicious moles before and they turned out to be nothing. When Elizabeth noticed the spot becoming red after a while, she just assumed the waistband on her pants was rubbing it. In March 2010, she was diagnosed with stage-three melanoma.

"I knew very little about melanoma when I was diagnosed," she said. "Had I gotten it looked at when I first noticed it, I might have a completely different story to tell."

As a nursing student at Western, Elizabeth had made presentations at high schools throughout the region on the benefits of folic acid when Western received a grant from the March of Dimes. So she thought the current nursing students could do something similar for melanoma awareness. She presented her idea to the Community Health Nursing class this spring and they were immediately on board. The nursing students visited 10 schools this spring, sharing Elizabeth's message.

Additionally, Western's Student Nurses Association is planning a Melanoma Awareness Walk May 21.

This is Elizabeth's message and the message she wants the student nurses to share: *Don't go to a tanning salon. Always use sun block. Wear sunglasses and a hat when you are out in the sun. Check your entire body for suspicious spots at least once a month. And if you find a mole that looks suspicious, see a doctor right away.*

"I would hate to see anybody else go through this, and there's no need to," she said. "If you catch it early, it's a whole new ballgame."

Elizabeth said she first got the idea to help others become aware of melanoma when she was recovering from surgery. "I was a lifeguard for three years, and no one ever mentioned anything about wearing sun block," she said. "I thought I should talk to lifeguarding classes."

Elizabeth also contacted the National Melanoma Awareness Project (spotaspot.org) and helped develop a student chapter on Western's campus, the first in the nation that is not affiliated with a medical school. The chapter now has access to the Project's power point presentations that the student nurses used when they went out to schools.

Elizabeth says she wanted to start talking to high schoolers but eventually wants to talk to children in elementary school because she's afraid that by high school age, it may be too late to change behaviors like going to tanning salons and not using sun block.

She spent a lot of time on the water and in the sun growing up, and because she doesn't sunburn easily, Elizabeth doesn't remember ever using sun block. "There is no such thing as a healthy suntan. The damage the sun does is permanent."

After her diagnosis, she found out two of her grandparents had died from melanoma, and family history is an important risk factor, too.

Since March 2010, she has had three surgeries and a year of interferon treatments to prevent the cancer from returning. But she knows the melanoma will affect the rest of her life: It means frequent PET scans, no vacations in the sun, and always worrying that the melanoma may return.

"It's been a long ride," Elizabeth said. "But not everyone has to go through it." ■

MELANOMA FACTS

Accounts for 4% of skin cancers; 74% of skin cancer deaths

Most common cancer in women age 20-29

95-100% curable if caught early and treated quickly

Know the ABCD's of Melanoma

See a doctor right away if you have a mole that has

- A – an Asymmetrical shape
- B – an irregularly shaped Border
- C – more than one Color
- D – a Diameter larger than 6 mm (the size of an eraser on a pencil)



Mary Fisher '95: Go-getter, goal-setter

When I called Mary Fisher '95, for an interview last fall, she was staying at her sister's recovering from surgery. By the time the interview was over, I realized that the surgery was merely a small setback for Mary and it wasn't going to keep her down for very long. In fact, nothing seems to keep Mary down for very long.

It was that can-do attitude, combined with being a high-energy person, that came in handy when the mother of eight decided to return to college at age 47 after a 27-year hiatus.

Mary still had five children living at home when she decided to enroll at Western to earn a teaching degree. Children's activities, 12 credit-hour loads some semesters, building a house and working three part-time jobs – Mary combined them all while earning her degree.

"The hardest thing was remembering where I was supposed to be," Mary said with a laugh.

She said there were many nights that she attended her children's school events or worked at one of her jobs, napped from 11 p.m. to midnight, got up and worked on homework until around 3 a.m., went back to bed and slept a few hours, then got up to start all over again the next day.

Her husband had to delay picking out carpeting for their new home when he wanted her opinion during finals week, Mary said. "I was afraid he wouldn't wait."

Mary started by taking just one class - history. "I figured if I make it through that, I'll do okay." And she did.

Armed with confidence from the history class, Mary next took a biology class during the summer, but her confidence

soon faded. "The whole family was up for hours helping me with biology. I made it through with a D, but after that I shaped up and was a B student."

More classes followed until eight years had passed and she had earned an English degree. Her graduation from Western was extra special, she says, because her daughter, Susan Canchola '95, graduated in the same ceremony.

Instead of teaching, Mary found she had enjoyed working in the campus library as one of her part-time jobs, so she got a job at the St. Joseph public library.

She said she never thought she'd graduate from college, but once the goal was set, there was no stopping her. "One of my favorite things to do is to set goals and knock them off one at a time," Mary said. "It's been a great, great life." ■



Alumni and friends gather for the fifth annual Mardi Gras at Boudreaux's Louisiana Seafood and Steaks in St. Joseph.



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Howard Neville '76: Professional artist

Not too many people can say an x-ray of their luggage has shut down an airport in a foreign country, but Howard Neville can. The 1976 art graduate was returning home from Costello, Italy, with clay rep-

“It was a positive part of my life,” Howard says of his days as a student at Western. “I met a lot of people.” Those who were around campus in the early '70s may remember one of How-

ard’s works of art. The red- and- cream-colored 32-foot urethane foam sculpture, “Pop the Drip,” hung on the outside wall from the roof to the ground of Potter Hall and attracted a lot of attention and phone calls from pass-ersby. It even resulted in Howard’s first television interview with the local station.

After teaching for a few years, Howard fulfilled his dream of being a full-time artist, but he contends it hasn’t always been easy, especially on his family. In a television interview, when he was asked what it was like to be a full-time artist, he told the reporter, “A group of

people knew me as a painter (people in St. Joseph), a group knew me as a sculp-tor, and a different group knew me as a teacher. But my kids probably knew me as unemployed.”

If you’re going to make it as an artist full time, says Howard, you have to be aggressive enough to make things happen. When he speaks in classrooms or when classes tour his studio, he tells students to be well read in English, math and the sci-ence of chemicals. “I’ve learned enough after the fact to keep me in the game,” he adds with a laugh.

There’s the business side of his career, too – bidding on projects and selling his uncommissioned works. Howard says the sculptures he’s done require a lot of historical research of his subjects, too, but he enjoys that aspect of the job.

Howard’s uncle was a talented artist, but didn’t work at it full time, and Howard remembers that his uncle regretted it later in his life. “I made up my mind that I couldn’t let that happen to me.”

And for the past 30 years, it hasn’t. ■



resentations of his latest sculpting project when operations halted at the Amsterdam airport to confirm that his work was not actually real body parts.

“That was quite an experience,” he says, but it was just one of many in his lifelong quest to pursue his passion for art. For more than 30 years, he’s been a professional public artist.

Among his many public bronze sculp-tures, Howard created a life-size sculpture of Glenn Miller for his birthplace museum in Clarinda, Iowa, and a one-and-a-half life-size sculpture of President Dwight Eisenhower (“Eisenhower Fishin’ the Fra-ser”) for Fraser, Colo. The trip to Italy was commissioned by a Catholic group who wanted a sculpture of a patron saint.

Howard was born in Maryville, Mo., and moved to Colorado at a young age. He attended a commercial art school in Omaha, Neb., and worked as an art thera-pist for awhile. He then attended college at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville. A friend offered Howard and his wife a place to stay if he moved to St. Joseph and transferred to Western after one year at Northwest, so that’s what he did, earning an art education degree.



Esther George '80, (center) was the guest speaker at a networking breakfast for alumni in the Kansas City area. The networking group was started by Greg VerMulm '89, R.D. Helt '85, and David Slater '82, and features a guest speaker at each quarterly event. Esther is the first vice president and COO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.



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1970s

ROBERT V. WALDROP '74, published, "President Who Did What?" The book is full of interesting trivia and facts about each U.S. president and is available at amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

1990s

DOUGLAS KELLNER, PE '92, joined Thompson Dreesen & Dorner of Omaha, Neb. The firm provides technical services in civil engineering, structural engineering, geotechnical engineering and environmental engineering, and land surveying services.

EARL SEARCY '92, completed the 35th anniversary run of the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., in October 2010.

KERRI (ANDERSON) STEVENSON, FNP '95, joined Heartland Internal Medicine Consultants. She earned her master's in nursing from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and was a critical care clinical instructor at Western.

JASON RILEY '96, released his fourth solo CD – "Funky Folk for Funsters," a CD of children's folk songs that are a mix of classical, jazz, blues, new age, bluegrass, Latin, folk and funk.

BINITA (THURMAN) WRIGHT '96, is a customer support specialist at Crown Center in Kansas City, Mo.

CHRISTI (COLLINS) WAGGONER '97, is director of the Title IV Student Support Services grant program at Highland Community College in Highland, Kan.

BRENT BATCHELLER '98, earned national board certification in social studies/history – adolescence and young adulthood. He has been teaching and coaching at Rockwood Summit High School in Fenton, Mo., since 2002.

CHRIS O'DONNELL '98, is the branch manager at MFA Agri Service in Kahoka, Mo.

2000s

AARON MCCOPPIN '00, and Holly Hare were married May 1, 2010. The couple resides in Atlanta.

Alumnus' energy work

Merrill Atwater '06, doesn't spend a lot of time at his home in Kansas City, Mo. Over the past 18 months, he says he obtained about 15 stamps on his passport and was out of the country anywhere from five days to two weeks at a time. But he loves to travel and he loves what he does on his trips – promote a toxic tree that just may be the answer to our country's dependence on foreign oil.

Merrill is president of new business development for Fox Energy Corporation, and he spends a lot of his time talking to Mexican and Latin American farmers and business leaders about jatropha and its potential as a biodiesel.

Jatropha, grown in tropical climates, produces seeds that contain a high percentage of oil, and Merrill's company is working with farmers to grow jatropha that will be used to produce biodiesel. Merrill noted that it is estimated that jatropha could produce 200 gallons of fuel per acre, compared to a soybean production of 48 gallons per acre.

"We're ahead of the game," Merrill said of Fox Energy. "We're changing the concept of how biodiesel is made."

Merrill was attending Valley Forge Military Academy in Pennsylvania when his mother moved to Kansas City, Mo., as the president and CEO of People to People International. He wanted to attend a university that was relatively close to his parents, and when he checked out Western, he

RICK MOECKEL '00, was named one of "40 under 40" by the St. Louis Business Journal. Rick is senior project manager at Clayco, Inc., and was recognized for being Clayco's first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) – accredited professional project manager.

J.J. PAWLOWSKI '00 and Stefani Benter were married Aug. 7, 2010. The couple resides in Fairway, Kan.

JENNIFER (BLAKLEY) BROWN '01, is marketing director and closing agent for St. Joseph Title & Abstract.



Merrill Atwater '06, and jatropha in Costa Rica.

not only liked the location, he also liked its size.

As a member of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, Merrill was encouraged to become involved in other activities, so he worked on the Campus Activities Board and the student senate.

"It was a very good time," Merrill said of his college years. "I had a very rich experience and I had some of the best people I've ever met teaching me."

The history major says he learned a lot in a Latin American history class and he has visited a lot of the locales they learned about. And, the course helped him understand the culture he moves in.

"I wake up every day enjoying my life." ■

NEIL ALLEY '02, and DINELLE HIGDON '03, were married Oct. 10, 2010. The couple resides in Liberty, Mo.

MARK LYNN '02, is a student worker in the Grand Valley State University (Grand Rapids, Mich.) Office of Graduate Studies. His role as a database analyst is analyzing and organizing information for the development of a new database, while providing support to team members. He is working on a master's in manufacturing operations at Grand Valley.

A drawing was held for a t-shirt among all Alumnote submissions for the Spring 2011 issue. The winner was Brent Batcheller '98. Congratulations!

NICK PARKER '02, and Kaycee Connell were married March 25, 2011. Nick is a senior associate in Experienced Recruiting for PricewaterhouseCoopers, an international accounting firm. The couple resides in St. Louis.

STACY (CALCOTE) WILLIAMSON '02, will serve as president of the Greater Kansas City Region of the Missouri State Teachers Association (MSTA). She served four years as president of the MSTA in the North Kansas City School District. Also, she will present a workshop on differentiated instruction at the Change Agent Conference in June.

ELIJAH HAAHR '05, was unanimously elected to serve as the 2011 president of the Springfield, Mo., Jaycees.

JEFFREY HUFF '05, is a state trooper for Zone 4 in Missouri, which patrols Clay County.

REBECCA (JACKSON) PLUMLEY '05, earned a master's in education from Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Mo.

AMBER ROUNER '05, and Brian McCrary were married Dec. 10, 2010. The couple resides in Prairie Village, Kan.

MATTHEW ALSAGER '06, and Sarah Stroesser were married Nov. 13, 2010. The couple resides in Jefferson City, Mo.

JENNIFER (FOSTER) GLADBACH '06, and her husband, Dustin, announced the birth of a daughter, Layla Ryan, born Oct. 2, 2010.

ALICIA SCHMIDGALL '07, and Andrés González were married Sept. 24, 2010. The couple resides in Kansas City, Mo.

TIFFANY ZIMMERMAN '08, and CODY AUSTIN '09, were married Nov. 27, 2010. Cody is attending dental school at A.T. Still University and Tiffany is working as a dental hygienist. The couple resides in Mesa, Ariz.

David Grahl '74 & '80 – Remembering Western

David Grahl '74 and '80, said computer science classes have changed quite a bit since he was a student at Western. Gone are the computers that took up a whole room, gone are the punch cards and the card readers. But David knows one thing hasn't changed since he was on campus – students still need financial support for their education.

With that realization in mind, David recently notified the MWSU Foundation that he has made Western a beneficiary of 25 percent of his estate to establish an endowed scholarship for math and computer science students.

"I wanted it (the gift) to continue on through the years, and not be spent all at once," David said. "I want it to help for many years to come."

David's family moved to St. Joseph when he was a junior in high school, and after he graduated from Central High School, he enrolled at Western. He spent one year downtown and then moved to the new campus as a sophomore. After two years, David transferred to University of Missouri-Columbia, with the idea of majoring in engineering. He didn't like the engineering classes there, but he did like his computer science classes, so he decided to return to Western and double major in math and computer science.

"I was just a number at MU," he said. "I did a lot better (at Missouri Western) than I did at MU because of the personal attention."

JESSICA ANDERSON '09, and Joshua Wyatt were married Sept. 18, 2010. The couple resides in Olathe, Kan.

JASON M. BISHOP '09, and KATHERINE FARRELL '10, were married Aug. 7, 2010. The couple resides in St. Joseph, Mo.

MARY (STONE) DOCKERY '09, was the poetry winner of the Langston Hughes 2011 Creative Writing Award, co-sponsored by the Lawrence Arts Center and the Raven Book Store in Lawrence, Kan. She had two poems accepted for publication in the Pennsylvania Literary Journal, and five poems published in the Blue Island Review, a journal that features poets in the greater Kansas City area. Mary is earning a

At Western, David was active in student government, even stepping into the president's role as a sophomore when the president didn't return to campus in the spring semester. He was also active in the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

"In student government, working with the administration helped me grow as a person," David said. "What I learned from the fraternity was how to work with others as a team."

David does have one memory from his college years that stands out, although he admits it's not a very good one. In 1970, after the four students from Kent State University were killed in a demonstration, David said the student government at Western asked the administration if they could plant four trees on campus for the four students killed. But the students didn't quite share their entire plan with administrators. Right after they planted the trees at a public ceremony, they chopped them down with axes to symbolize the death of the students. "That was radical for St. Joseph," he said. "It was definitely a shock to everyone and it hit the news."

When he graduated, he put his computer science skills to work at the American National Bank in St. Joseph, and has been in the field ever since. He now works as an IT systems analyst for UnitedHealth Group in Powell, Ohio. ■

master of fine arts at the University of Kansas, studying poetry.

2010s

STACY JACK SAYTHANY '10, and Kelsey Elizabeth Wear were married July 24, 2010. Kelsey is a student at Western, and the couple resides in St. Joseph, Mo.

BRIAN TURNER '10 and Melissa Bledsoe were married May 22, 2010. Brian was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army when he graduated from Western. Melissa, currently an ROTC cadet, will graduate from Western and be commissioned in December 2011. ■

In Memory ...

We honor those who have recently passed away. If you want us to include someone in this listing, please call 816-271-5651, mail to Alumni Services Office, 4525 Downs Drive, St. Joseph, MO 64507, or e-mail holtz@missouriwestern.edu.

VERNON DOTSON '73, Iowa City, Iowa, November 23, 2010.

LANDIS L. DOWNING '81, King City, Mo., Dec. 25, 2010.

HENRY E. ELLSWORTH '80, St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 20, 2011.

JOYCE (OTTE) HANKINS '93, St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 30, 2010.

JAMES R. "BOB" HAYES '71, St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 4, 2010.

EUGENIE L. (ALEXANDER) "GENIE" HECKER, '96, St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 9, 2011.

EDWARD S. JONES '65, St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 10, 2011.

NORMA J. (AHLE) KING '70, St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 18, 2011.

JEAN ANN (EGGLESTON) MARSOLA '43, St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 23, 2011.

TONY MASTERS '56, Riverton, Wyo., Aug. 30, 2010.

JANE (ADAMS) PERTAIN '34, Westminster, Colo., Nov. 4, 2010.

BARBARA (VETTER) PREBLE '57, St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 8, 2011.

MARY QUINT-LYONS '90, St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 5, 2010.

JULIANN (BOSWELL) REID '83, Smithville, Mo., June 11, 2009.

NELLIE (JONES) TURNER '30, Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 16, 2010.

DORSEY LOONEY

Delores "Dorsey" Robbins Looney, 77, died Jan. 24, 2011, at Cox South Medical Center in Springfield, Mo. Dorsey is survived by her husband, Dr. Marvin O. Looney, who was president of Missouri Western from 1967 to 1983.

Dorsey was born Oct. 1, 1933, in Mammoth, Mo. When she was five, the family moved to California. On July 9, 1951, she married Marvin Looney, an Ozark County native she had met the year before when he visited his brother in California. She graduated from Gainesville High School in 1952.

In her role as "first lady" of several college campuses, Dorsey hosted elaborate and creative dinners and also volunteered for numerous community organizations including hospitals and churches. At Missouri Western, she started the Faculty Wives organization on campus, and meetings were held in her home. Dorsey also made several banners for the annual Madrigal Feasts at Missouri Western in the early 1980s. Some of those banners were brought out of storage and used at the Lights and Tights Renaissance Feast in 2009 and 2010.

Along with her husband, she is survived by three sons and three daughters-in-law: Doug Looney and wife, Ronee, Castle Rock, Colo.; Bill Looney and wife, Sandy, Pontiac, Mo.; and Chris Looney and wife, Kate, St. Joseph; seven granddaughters and one stepgrandson; and five great-grandchildren. ■

Phantom

Western's music and theatre departments collaborated to produce the musical, *Phantom*, in March. All four performances sold out to a record 1,762 audience members.

"Phantom," book by Arthur Kopit and music and lyrics by Maury Yeston, is based on the novel, "The Phantom of the Opera," by Gaston Leroux. The production was co-directed by Tee Quillin, assistant professor of theatre, and Dr. Susan Carter, associate professor of music and director of vocal studies. Rico McNeela, associate professor of music and conductor and music director of the St. Joseph Symphony, was the orchestra conductor.

The art department also created a series of ceramic masks for the phantom. ■



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SUPER SCIENCE SATURDAY!

Once again, Western's biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics and psychology departments joined the St. Joseph Museum and area high schools for the 11th annual Super Science Saturday. This year, for the first time, the event was held on campus in Remington Hall. ■

