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Retiree Center **SAVE THE DATE 2010**

- August 16** | Tours of the New Hall East, New Center West, and Integrated Wellness Complex, 9:00am
- August 16** | Winona State University Family Picnic, 4:30-6:30 pm, Lake Park Bandshell
- August 17** | Move In Welcome Crew - Volunteer any time between 9:00-5:00pm
- August 23** | Classes begin
- August 26** | Socrates Café Discussion Group, 2-4pm, WSU Retiree Center
- September 9** | Retiree Center Steering Committee Meeting
- September 17-19** | Big Sky Event; Family Weekend 2010
- September 23** | Socrates Café Discussion Group, 2-4pm, WSU Retiree Center
- October 13** | Retiree Reunion 2010, Alumni House back yard
- October 14** | Retiree Center Steering Committee Meeting
- October 16** | Homecoming, WSU vs. Augustana, see *Currents* for schedule
- October 28** | Socrates Café Discussion Group, 2-4pm, WSU Retiree Center



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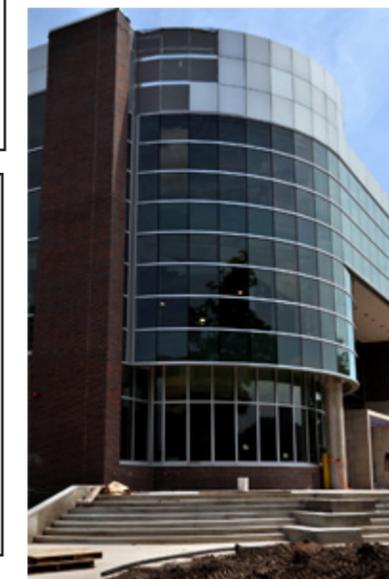
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Tours of New Winona State Buildings

This Fall marks the opening of Winona State University's two new residence halls, located on Mark Street: New Hall East, and New Center West. These two buildings feature 408 beds, organized in two and four bedroom suite-style rooms, intended for upperclassmen.

9:00 am Residence Hall Tour.
 Meet in the lobby of the New Hall East.
 Groups will be divided to assure everyone gets to see and hear about the new facilities.
 Sign up - call Retiree Center 507.457.5565



Five years ago, a comprehensive approach to health and wellness at Winona State University was a dream. The road has been long, but the dream of integrated wellness at WSU is nearly a reality.

Identified as an institutional priority in 2006, the 90,000-square-foot, Integrated Wellness Complex is ready for a new student class – and the rest of the Winona State community. Inside, they'll find new opportunities to go for a jog, work on a research project, lift weights, pick up a prescription, or walk through the Sports Hall of Fame.

10:00 am Integrated Wellness Complex Tour
 Sign up - call Retiree Center 507.457.5565
 11:30 am - Open House Integrated Wellness Complex

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WSU Retiree Center Mission

To support the mission of WSU and enrich the campus community as well as the lives of retired staff, faculty and administration by providing institutional connections between the University and retirees who may wish to continue their intellectual and social participation in collegial life and service to the University.

Retiree Center Steering Committee

Margaret Boland	Judy Routhe
James Bromeland	Sally Sloan
Marilyn Brower	Ronald Stevens
Bea Hoffman	Michael Swenson
James Reynolds	Charlie Zane
Steve Richardson	Kristi Ziegler

Note From the Director

...this has been a real summer. The heat reminded me of summers when I was a kid and we would take off in the morning on our bikes with a peanut butter/jelly sandwich and a Mason jar with water and 'soon to be melted' ice cubes (such mid-century conveniences) for a day of exploration.

August is here with the reminder that due to our long relationship with education we are all oriented to starting our year with the academic one. Thus we planned the tours of the new Residence Halls on Mark Street and the Wellness Complex for August 16 - 1st day back. Coffee will be served - plan for a leisure morning - campus Open House begins 11:30, so we have plenty of time to see everything and stay and visit campus friends. RSVP for the tours - 507.457.5565. Thank you.

This edition of the Newsletter features Bill Meyer's first column. Bill is a contributing columnist on the Newsletter staff. His column characterizes a seasonal look at the trees of WSU campus and what to watch for as each time of year passes. It is a great read. Welcome, Bill.

Senior University fall semester registration is included in the newsletter. Carol Jefferson is leading ecology field trips to places you may have been once before and this time you will get a personal guide. The poetry and Chaucer classes are in response to Learner's requests as is the opportunity to learn watercolor painting with Jean Billman. Enrollment is limited in some classes.

Homecoming festivities are all planned. A Retiree Reunion is set for the Wednesday of Homecoming week, September 15. There was a great turnout last year and an opportunity to visit with friends you may not see at other times during the year. The recent *Currents* Alumni magazine has a complete listing of all events. Need a copy? Give me a call - I'll mail one out.

Retiree Steering Committee is changing some faces this fall. I want to thank Pauline Christensen, Ken Gorman, Rosanne Kubicek, Judy Routhe and Pat Tolmie for their commitment to assure Retiree Center realization. Great volunteers are the cornerstone to a successful program - you have been the best. Thank you.

... until the next time, Cathie

Retiree Parking Permit Update

Parking Services offer WSU Retirees the privilege of a free parking pass for all Purple Lots on Winona State University campus. Purple Lot locations include: one block of Johnson Street north of railroad tracks, corner of Main & Mark Street, south of the railroad tracks on Main Street, and east Howard Street north of railroad building.

WSU Retirees must renew their permits in August of each year at the Retiree Center located on the 1st floor of the Alumni House, corner of Winona & Wabasha streets. Office hours are 8-4:30 pm. Stop by to pick yours up.

**Attention
2009-2010 WSU Retirees**

Have you received your WSU Retiree Privilege ID Card? Make an appointment with Cathie or stop by the Retiree Center. There is a short form to fill out before you go to Maxwell 227 to have a new ID photo taken and receive your card - avoid the first week of classes.

The academic year provides a wealth of opportunities on campus for art, theatre, dance and athletic events. The WSU Retiree Privilege ID Card provides free admission to all these occasions for WSU retirees with ID.



**WSU Retiree Center announces
Grandparents University!**

Debut of *Grandparents University* is scheduled for Summer 2011 by Winona State University Retiree Center in partnership with Alumni Relations. This intergenerational learning experience for grandparents and grandchildren ages 7-14 provides an opportunity to spend time together on Winona State University campus in a 2-day intergenerational educational environment.



WSU welcomes participants to campus for a taste of college life; with an opportunity to stay in the new Mark Street Residence Halls, learn in WSU classrooms with WSU professors and sample the many summer highlights of Winona State University.

Grandparents University is a fun-filled experience that actively engages kids in academics at WSU while creating memories for grandparents and their grandchildren.



Grandparents University gives that special grandparent (aunt, uncle) an opportunity to explore college life and create lifelong memories with their grandchildren. Grandparents and grandchildren learn from each other in a dynamic atmosphere.

Grandparents University is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, June 23 -24, 2011. Grandparents and grandchild select a major of study and participate in classes over two days covering their field of interest.

Development of *Grandparents University* website outlining details and guidelines for Summer 2011 is in process to be available October 2010. General registration begins December 1, 2010. Sign up for priority registration by emailing gpu@winona.edu or call 507.457.5565.

This collaborative program is being brought to campus by Alumni Relations and Retiree Center.

Grandparents University is self-supporting and relies entirely on registration fees to cover all expenses.



Necrology



Barbara P. Ricciotti
Spouse of Dominic
May 3, 2010



Charlotte Tripp
Nursing
May 15, 2010



Robert Keller Wilson
Library Services
May 30, 2010



Harold Cada
Maintenance
May 30, 2010



C Gordon Holte
Maintenance
June 30, 2010



Mary Elizabeth Rieder
Economics
July 20, 2010



Emil M. Nascak
Spouse of Grace
July 21, 2010

We honor and mourn our University colleagues who have recently died. We recognize the richness of each life, the gifts these members have brought to many, and loss felt by family and friends.

(Full obituaries available on the WSU Retiree Center Website: www.winona.edu/retiree/memorial.asp)

If you know of colleagues we have missed, please contact Retiree Center at 507.457.5565, or send an email to retiree@winona.edu.

Fall Leaves



As I am sitting here writing about viewing the trees this fall, I am reminded how hot and sweltering a mid-July summer day can get. But I know how quickly these lazy, hazy days of summer turn into the cool, crisp days of autumn. And here on the campus of WSU there is no better season to check out the trees than in September and October. With over 100 cultivars of trees on campus, there are leaves changing colors all the time. One can see trees proudly displaying their yellows, oranges, reds, browns, bronzes, and even purples. The best time to experience the fall colors on campus is on a Sunday morning. While the University rests from its usual hustle and bustle, a quiet peacefulness permeates the grounds. One feels like he or she is strolling through an arboretum looking at all the diverse trees.

So, what are the best trees for viewing fall colors on the WSU campus? Let's start with the Maples. They always are a knockout. Look for the 2 rows of Red Maples situated between Krueger Library and Minne Hall flaunting their reds and orange colors. Likewise, the Amur Maples have a similar colorful red leaf only smaller. They can be found on the southwest and northwest corner of the Gold parking lot just off Mark Street. The 'Autumn Blaze' Maple, which is a hybrid of the Silver Maple and the Red Maple, has its home in front of Somsen Hall, just east of the front steps. It is also known for its reds and orange colors.

Do you know how many different kinds of Maples grace the grounds of WSU? Eight different Maples! They include the Red Maple, Silver Maple, 'Autumn Blaze' Maple, Norway Maple, Amur Maple, Snakebark Maple, Mountain Maple, and the 3- Flowered Maple. We just lost our last Sugar Maple in a storm a few weeks ago.

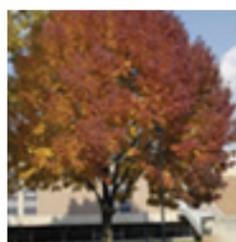
O.K. So how about trees other than the Maples. Check out some of our awesome Ashes. In particular, notice the 'Autumn Purple' Ash with its most colorful and striking purple leaves. The 'Autumn Purple' Ash is scattered throughout the campus, but don't leave WSU without seeing the Ashes on the south side of Morey- Shepard residence hall. With the Emerald Ash Borer problems, these trees could be only a memory soon.

Another tree that has a nice fall color is the Tulip Tree. Located in the grassy island between Pasteur Hall and Gildemeister Hall, the tuliped shaped leaves of the Tulip Tree turn a deep, rich bronzy brown in October. When the winds of late fall begin to blow in earnest, the large leaves can be found quite a distance from this unique tree. One can always trace them back to WSU's only Tulip Tree.

One of my favorites is the ' Shawnee Brave' Bald Cypress. In the fall this deciduous conifer has needles that have a bronzy orange or copper like appearance. The needle-like leaves eventually fall off by early winter. Also, notice the exfoliating, shedding red bark.

Hopefully, this has given you a flavor of what to see this fall at WSU. There are many more trees to see and appreciate. Also, don't forget the west campus. On the back side of the Tau Center near the fire pit, look for the London Planetree, the Sour Gum, and our very own Wahoo tree. Yahoo! That's all for now.

Bill Meyer, Contributing Columnist
2010 Retiree, Senior Groundskeeper



Autumn Purple Ash



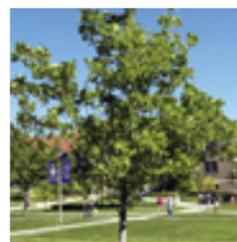
Kentucky Coffee Tree



Northern Catalpa



Ornamental Pear



Tulip Tree

WSU Fall Family Picnic



You and your family are cordially invited to join the Winona State University community for our fall WSU family picnic.

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and relax while you enjoy good food, conversation, and fun. Limited seating will be available. To ensure the safety of those attending, we will be blocking vehicle traffic on the road surrounding the band shell.

Date: Monday, August 16, 2010

Time: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Lake Park Band Shell

Please RSVP your attendance by Thursday, August 12, by calling (507) 457-5565

SKY FAIR!

September 17 & 18, 2010

The sky, like water and food, is both a universal experience and also very particular: we all share the sky, but we all have our own particular piece of it.

During the academic year Winona State University is looking at the sky from a variety of perspectives, hoping to raise awareness of its significance. WSU will sponsor lectures, films, artistic and educational events—starting with a Sky Fair, Family Weekend, September 17 & 18, 2010 (includes Winona Farmer's Market, Saturday morning).

Participants of Sky Fair include the National Weather Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wisconsin DNR, the Civil Air Patrol, the Experimental Aircraft Association. Sky Fair celebrates our connection to the sky through education and activities: an airplane for all to inspect; scale model of the solar system to walk; sun scopes for solar observation – the sky's the limit!

Sky Party - Friday and Saturday nights on Winona State's Max Conrad Baseball Field - an opportunity to view the night sky through telescopes provided at the field.

You are invited to explore and experience Sky Fair - a festive atmosphere for everyone.

Information: Jim Armstrong - JArmstrong@winona.edu
Drake Hokanson - DHokanson@winona.edu
Jennifer Anderson - JAnderson@winona.edu

2010 Welcome Crew Member

Move In Day - New Students

Tuesday, August 17th, 9 to 5

Do you want to help out for a couple of hours with the 2010 Welcome Crew? We need you. Contact Ellen Hughey, East Lake Apartment, Director, ehughey@winona.edu, or Cathie Logan, clogan@winona.edu, call 457-5565.

WSU Welcome Crew does a variety of activities including: refreshments, checking students into their rooms, elevator control, traffic control, and most importantly, making new residents and their families feel welcome at WSU. Your history and presence make such a difference. And it's fun! What size Welcome Shirt do you need?

Congratulations

Congratulations to our WSU Retirees being honored during 2010 Homecoming.

Awards of Distinction



Ken Gorman, Professor Emeritus, 2010 Retiree, served as Dean of Business & Industry, Interim Library Dean, Acting Dean for the College of Education, Interim Affirmative Action Officer, Associate Vice

President for the Rochester campus, and Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, 1980-2010.

Howard Munson, Professor Emeritus, Education, 1987 Retiree, served as principal of Phelps Laboratory School and Professor of Education in the Department for 32 years.



Hall of Fame Inductee

Darrell W. Krueger, President Emeritus, 2005 Retiree, served as WSU President 1989-2005.

SENIOR UNIVERSITY WSU FALL 2010

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A peer led set of short courses taught by professor emeriti, WSU faculty, and topic experts to provide intellectual and cultural stimulation and growth, thus providing opportunities for life-long learning and leadership, combined with the fellowship of peers sharing a common quest for continued growth.

Non-credit classes, one day a week during a 4-6 week term, no tests, no grades.



COURSE OFFERINGS

Splashing Some Color Into Your Life

Jean Billman

With a focus on beginners, this class will cover the basics of painting with watercolors.

* Additional fee for supplies

Thursdays • October 14, 21, 28; November 4
Classroom TBA • 4 weeks • 2:00-4:00pm

Bluffland Ecology Field Trips

Carol Jefferson

Three all-day ecology field trips through the blufflands. Carpools will gather at 8:00am at the Retiree Center, and return at 5:00pm (or earlier at final destination.)

Field trips are planned to be relatively easy walking to accomodate most retirees (including the rather "lame" instructor)

* Additional fees may apply for some destinations

All dates in September

Saturday 18: Forests, Prairies, Savannas

Monday 20: Streams, Springs, Caves, Sinkholes, Outcrops

Thursday 23: Prehistoric People, Mississippi Valley

The Poetry of War and Peace

David F. Marshall

This class explores a section of poetry concerning war and peace. These poems inevitably lead to other great universal themes, such as love, conflict, and the meaning of death. Each session will focus on only a few easy to understand poems that will demonstrate how words can be crafted into illuminating and insightful art. Some poets studied may include Robert Frost, Thomas Hardy, and Lord Byron.

Tuesdays • October 5, 12, 19, 26

Maxwell 160 • 4 weeks • 2:00-4:00pm

Chaucer: The General Prologue to The Canterbury Tales

Kent Cowgill, Jane Cowgill

The class will focus on the The General Prologue to The Canterbury Tales and one tale: The Shipman's. Objectives include close reading and appreciation of the text within the context of Chaucer's life and times, accurate translation and pronunciation of Middle English, and attention to the ways in which a familiarity with the General Prologue's pilgrims' portraits enhance one's enjoyment of The Tales.

Wednesdays • December 1, 8, 15, 22

Maxwell 160 • 4 weeks • 2:30-4:30pm

SENIOR UNIVERSITY WSU FALL 2010

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please provide:

WSU Retiree ID# _____ OR

Senior University ID# _____ OR

Birth Date _____

Indicate which course fees are enclosed:

- Watercolors - \$40 (plus supplies fee)
- Bluffland Field Trips - \$40 (plus fees)
- The Poetry of War and Peace - \$40
- Chaucer - \$40

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Indicate type of payment:

- Check Cash

Return the registration form along with your check or cash to:

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