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Retiree Center **SAVE THE DATE**

February 8 | Class Starts for Senior University Early Jazz, Ragtime & the Blues 1900-1928: Musical Migration from New Orleans to Chicago, Lyelle Palmer

February 15 | Winona Campus - All University Annual Campaign Kickoff, 2:30pm, Student Activity Center-Kryzsko

February 17 | Rochester Campus - All University Annual Campaign Kickoff, 2pm, CF 206-208

February 24 | Socrates Cafe Discussion Group, 2-4pm, WSU Retiree Center

March 19 | Ron Markham, Jazz Pianist, 7pm, Jefferson's Riverside Center

March 24 | Socrates Cafe Discussion Group, 2-4pm, WSU Retiree Center

April 5 | Class starts for Senior University Evolution of Mammals, Robert Sloan

April 22 | WSU Retiree Luncheon, with Volunteer REcognition, 11:30 am Social, Lunch 12 noon, East Hall

April 28 | Socrates Cafe Discussion Group, 2-4pm, WSU Retiree Center

May 6 | Winona State University Commencement Ceremony - 9:30 am, College of Business and College of Liberal Arts, 2pm, College of Education, College of Nursing & Health Sciences, College of Science & Engineering, McCown Gym, Contact President's Office for special seating: Karen Northam, 457.5472 or WSU Retiree Center, Cathie Logan, 457.5565



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Photo Archives Project

Who's in the photo?

Maybe it's you. Maybe it's a friend, colleague, or student you knew. WSU Archives would also like to know who's in the photo.

WSU Archives often receives photos when people leave WSU, change offices or just houseclean. When Howell Hall was torn down last year, several boxes of photos were sent to Archives. Most of these photos have no identification. Please help Archives save some WSU history by helping to identify the who, what and when of these photos.

Friday, March 11, the Retiree Center and Archives will host a photo identification event in the East Reading Room on the second floor of the Darrell W. Krueger Library. Drop in and spend as much time as you please looking at photos mainly from the 1980s and 1990s. That Reading Room has three dozen of Jim Heinlen's lithographs of the Winona area on display. You could also take time to admire the three Max Weber originals on the second floor as well. If you haven't seen the "new library", Russ Dennison will be happy to give you a tour as well. This will be spring break, so we won't be interrupting students and parking will not be a problem

Refreshments will be provided.

Questions? Call Russ Dennison at 457-5143 or email at rdennison@winona.edu.

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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 Board

Nancy Amann	Jim Reynolds
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On Campus

Grandparents University® Reminder!

The WSU Retiree Center and Office of Alumni Affairs are collaborating to offer Grandparents University® at WSU on June 23-24, 2011. Two fun-filled days of campus living, dining and learning, featuring six different, hands-on classes from which to choose that are taught by WSU faculty from a variety of fields.

Summer 2011 Majors

Business - "Staying in Touch - Communications & Websites"

Prof. Pat Paulson, Management Information Systems

Engineering - "Composites in a Material World"

Prof. Beckry Abdel-Magid, Composites Engineering

English & Technology - "Our Family Stories"

Prof. Conan Kmiecik, English

GeoScience - "River of Mark Twain, WSU STARS

Flume Lab"

Prof. Toby Dogwiler, GeoScience

Health Exercise & Rehabilitative Sciences - "Good

Health for Me & You"

Prof. Nancy Jensen, HERS

Physics - "Pressure Can Be Fun"

Prof. Edward Roberts, Physics

Find out more and register online at www.winona.edu/grandparents or call 507-474-3900.

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Are you a Facebook fan?

Do you keep in touch with family and friends through Facebook? If so, let us know.

Just email to: retiree@winona.edu that you would be interested in a WSU Retiree Center Facebook site. Have you had a chance to check out the official WSU Facebook site at: <http://www.facebook.com/WinonaStateU/> It's loaded with pictures and videos (my favorite) and lots of information about what's going on at the campus.

My project this winter is to get our current Retiree web site converted to the new 2010 format. So watch for us at: <http://www.winona.edu/retiree>.



Judy C. Routhe,
Retiree Center web manager

"A Campus of Trees"

"A Campus of Trees: Winona State University" is the title of a new book released in early February 2011. Book authors are Bill Meyer, recently retired Senior Groundskeeper at WSU, and Tom Grier, a WSU professor of Mass Communication and professional photographer.

The book includes descriptions and photographs of many of the more than 100 types of trees growing on the WSU campus. The Winona State campus grounds are home to at least one of the 52 tree species considered native to Minnesota. The book also includes maps of several self-guided walking tours of campus that lead readers past some of WSU's more unique and beautiful trees.

The book is available for \$20 at the WSU Book Store and other local book stores, with all proceeds going to the WSU Tree Fund. Money from this fund is used to help maintain tree diversity on campus through new purchases and replacement of trees that are damaged or lost due to disease or insects, weather problems, or construction.

In the News

Athenaeum

February 9, 2011

How Genre Informs Contemporary Literature
Nicholas Ozment, Instructor, English Department

February 23, 2011

The Decorative Unconscious: Barnett Newman, Mark Rothko, and Judy Ledgerwood
Vittorio Colaizzi, Assistant Professor, Art History

March 16, 2011

The Beatles and the Rediscovery of America
Paul Vance, Professor, Music Department

March 23, 2011

American Landscapes of Thomas Cole and Albert Bierstadt
Heather MacGaw, Curator of Education, Minnesota Marine Art Museum

March 30, 2011

We the People: Preparing Students and Voters as Citizens for 2012

Kara Lindaman, American Democracy Project Coordinator and Associate Professor, Political Science and Public Administration

April 6, 2011

A Poetry Reading
James Armstrong, Professor, English Department
ENG412 Poetry Students

April 13, 2011

A History of Murder and Exile in a Poetry Format
Nancy Kay Peterson, Director of Grants & Sponsored Projects

For more information about these events visit:
<http://www.winona.edu/library/athenaeum>

Necrology



Ralph R. R. Haedtke
Spouse of Susan
November 21, 2010



Rose J. Nowitzke
Administrative Assistant
January 6, 2011



Dean 'Deano' T. Sanden
Maintenance
January 18, 2011

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/memoriam.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.

Send Cathie an email - let her know what you have been doing... traveling, writing, relocating, learning... clogan@winona.edu. Thank you.

Volunteer | Donate

Retiree Volunteers Needed!

One of the many ways that WSU retirees remain connected to the University is through volunteering their time to a variety of campus projects. Did you know, for example, that in 2009 WSU retirees contributed about 1700 hours of volunteering at WSU, and more than 10,000 hours in their home communities? (2010 Retiree Center Survey Final Report) Therefore, there is no question, retirees make a significant impact at WSU as well as in their communities.

Do you have an hour or two to volunteer on occasion, perhaps with a friend you worked with at WSU? Make it a social occasion while helping out the Retiree Center and University on a project of interest to you. Below is just a partial list of some volunteer opportunities and needs at the Retiree Center. Look the list over and if you can spare some time, contact Cathie Logan (457-5565 or clogan@winona.edu) to get connected and join in the fun.

1. University Records Scanning Project (scanning historical records)
2. Student academic advisors
3. Retiree Center Newsletter (editor and contributors needed)
4. Senior University Curriculum Committee and Course Hosts
5. University Photo Archive Project Volunteers
6. Retiree Center Social Committee
7. Post-Retirement Seminars and Workshops Committee
8. Women's Discussion Group Coordinators and Members
9. Retiree Center Book Club Coordinators and Members
10. "Retirees-in-Action" (coordinators and exhibitors for an annual campus exhibit of retiree accomplishments)
11. Retiree "Snapshots" Archive Project (interviewers and participants needed for interviewing and video recordings of WSU retirees)
12. Study/Travel Suggestions and Facilitators
13. and many others!

Wellness Center Kitchen Donations Needed

The new Wellness Center on campus has a kitchen classroom to use in teaching nutrition and other classes. Prof. Nancy Jensen (nutrition faculty member in H.E.R.S.) is looking for donations of cash or surplus kitchen equipment (new or in excellent condition) of all kinds to help equip the new teaching classroom.

Are you downsizing your home, selling your lake-home, cleaning out cupboards or the store room? If so, Nancy would welcome silverware, serving dishes, bake ware, pots and pans, specialized multicultural equipment like sushi rollers or steamers, pretty much anything you care to donate, if it is in new or gently-used condition. Of course, if you would like to make a cash donation (WSU Foundation: H.E.R.S. Wellness Kitchen), that would be appreciated too. What a great way to lighten the load at home and help equip this new and exciting teaching station on campus.

If you have items to donate please contact Prof. Nancy Jensen (njensen@winona.edu or at 457-5201) with a description of your items and to make arrangements for pick-up or drop-off of your donation. A receipt will be provided for your tax-deductible gift.



SENIOR UNIVERSITY WSU SPRING 2011

Early Jazz, Ragtime and the Blues 1900-1928: The Musical Migration from New Orleans to Chicago

Lyelle Palmer

An auditory exploration of the birth of black America's unique contribution of musical genres/styles in high-energy brash and brassy two-beat street bands, dazzling parlor piano professors and down-home soulful blues laments. Hear the hopeful historic sounds of American optimism in the forms, players, and stylistic evolution from Bolden to Bix, from Dixieland to Chicago, and the world-class keyboard geniuses of Jelly Roll Morton and Scott Joplin. The era before big bands had a spirit all of its own—raw enthusiastic creativity and confidence that uniquely and harmoniously tickles the ear to this day. Come to the dance.

Tuesdays• February 8, 15, 22 March 1
Maxwell 257 • 4 weeks • 1-2:30pm

WSU's efforts for the 10 Days of Giving:

Total pounds of food 2,802
Cash from Holiday Concert \$539
Cash from WSU Employees \$1,150
Cash from WSU Friends of Jazz \$200

When translating all above recorded donations to pounds, WSU gave 6,580 pounds of food in 2010. Many thanks to the Student Senate, RHA, Chartwells, the WSU Bookstore, Drs. Vance and Lovejoy, and the rest of you who donated food, cash, and supported effort to stock the shelves! Recent reports have stated that local poverty has increased 16% since the recession. Your donations have helped the Winona Volunteer Services Food Shelf serve our neighbors in need.

Vicki English
WSU Community Liaison
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The Evolution of Mammals

Robert Sloan

The fossil history of Mammals from their origin from the earliest Reptiles in the Pennsylvanian Period (310 million years ago) to the present is very well known. This includes their near extinction at the end of the Permian (250 million years ago), their expansion as mouse-sized animals during most of the Mesozoic, and their rapid adaptive radiation, (expansion in variety and sizes) after the extinction of the non-flying Dinosaurs at 65 million years ago. Their diversification into the existing forms, including Humans, is presented.

Tuesdays• April 5, 12, 19, 26
Maxwell 160 • 4 weeks • 10am-12pm

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:

- Early Jazz - \$40
 The Evolution of Mammals - \$40

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Indicate type of payment:

- Check Cash

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

Winona State University
Retiree Center
P.O. Box 5838
Winona, MN 55987

WSU Retirees

As we finally say farewell to the winter months, we can look forward to the colorful season of spring. Spring showcases the trees more than any other season, beginning with the explosion of white flowers on the 'Merrill' Magnolia trees and culminating with the large red flowers of the Red Horsechestnut. The Eastern Redbud and the ornamental Pear and Plum trees keep the colors constantly changing during the middle of spring. Let's look at these trees in a little more depth.

Nestled in the northwest corner of Somsen Hall is WSU's 'Merrill' Magnolia. This Magnolia is one of the trees letting us know that spring is fast approaching. Look for this tree to bloom in late April displaying a spectacular bloom of white flowers that blanket the entire tree.

A number of similar Magnolias can be found forming a circle around the plaza in front of Kreuger Library. This past winter one of the trees was hit at the base by a snowplow after a heavy snowfall. The following day a WSU neighbor was walking her dog through the campus and noticed the tree, which was in good condition (other than being severed from its root system). After asking permission from WSU, the neighbor dragged the tree home, set the tree up for the family's Christmas tree, and put it in water. She artfully decorated the tree with small white lights and hung up several well placed decorations. Since Magnolia trees bloom early in the spring, she hoped that this one might bloom during the Christmas season. Amazingly, white flowers covered the entire tree on New Year's morning!

Other Magnolias on campus worth checking out include the four 'Ann' Magnolias that can be found on the east side of Pasteur Hall. They produce a beautiful pinkish- purple flower that last more than a week. They were made possible by a donation of Barb Ramer. Finally, three young 'Butterfly' Magnolias can be found on the east side of Maxwell Hall. They display an attractive yellow flower.

After the Magnolia trees bloom on campus, a progression of flowering trees strut their colors. Make sure to check out the white flowers on the ornamental Pear tree on the northeast corner of Minne Hall. On the northwest side of the same building, a small Canadian Plum tree can be found. White popcorn like flowers adorn this tree. A few days later the Eastern Redbud blooms. If you have never seen this tree bloom, you will witness a mass of lavender flowers cover the tree. You can find one of these trees directly by the main entrance to Minne Hall and on the edge of the Meditation Garden east of the Performing Arts Center. This past spring the Eastern Redbud flowered an unusually long time. I saw many students having their picture taken next to this tree.

Scattered all over campus are the colorful Crabapple trees. They usually bloom close to graduation day and are a big attraction. Did you know that we have over 10 different varieties of Crabapple trees on campus? Their colors range from white to pink to red.

One of the last blooming trees of spring is the Ruby Red 'Briotti' Horsechestnut and its sister tree the 'Fort McNair' Red Horsechestnut. These trees produce beautiful large blooms of deep, scarlet flowers that are the talk of the town when blooming in mid May. The most mature of these trees can be found on the south side of Gildemeister Hall.

As usual, many other trees can be spotted throughout the WSU grounds during the spring. It's a great time to take a leisurely stroll through the campus.

Bill Meyer, Contributing Columnist, 2010, Senior Groundskeeper



Activities

All-University Annual Campaign Kickoff Planned

The All-University Annual Campaign kickoff event is scheduled for Winona (Tuesday, February 15, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. in the Student Activities Center of Kryzsko Commons) and Rochester (Thursday, February 17, 2011, at 2 p.m. in CF 206-208). Come join other retirees and University friends in this annual social event complete with wonderful refreshments, drawings for prizes, good conversation and an update on the University from President Ramaley and others.

The annual campaign kickoff event is a chance to stay connected with the University by making new friends and renewing old relationships, while learning about ways we can enhance student scholarships, program quality, and the University through our yearly gifts. Please mark the date, time, and place on your calendars, and come and enjoy an afternoon of socializing at the University. See you there!

"Brain-er-cise" at the Socrates Cafe!

Need more exercise for your brain? Come to the next Socrates Café discussion group that meets on the fourth Thursday of each month (the next meetings are February 24 and March 24, April 28). No attendance, no tests, no required reading. Just bring your life experience, a healthy curiosity, and an interest in reasoned discussion. Come and challenge your intellect and expand your horizons in a relaxed but stimulating environment. Refreshments are provided.

Contact Jim Reynolds at 454-5486 or jreynolds@winona.edu to be put on the email list for notifications of meetings and discussion topics, or consult the Retiree Center's website at www.winona.edu/retiree/index.asp for more information.

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