WSU Senior University Preview Fall 2009

WSU Senior University is one of the many ongoing projects of WSU Retiree Center and brings to the entire Winona community an opportunity to enjoy college level classes, taught by retired faculty and other knowledgeable individuals, at low cost in stress free environments. No grades, no tests, no prerequisite knowledge! Nothing needed but the desire to learn.

Fall 2009 Courses:

**A Festival of Festivals** – The course covers the history and importance of at least three amazing, popular Festivals: Mardi Gras [New Orleans], Eistedffod [Wales] and the TellSpiel [Switzerland].

There are literally hundreds of festivals held all over the world each year. Many have histories ranging far into the past, some related to religion, others to national histories and many springing from music. The New Orleans Mardi Gras is not just a big party. The Eistedffod is solidly related to national pride and the tradition of singing in Wales. The TellSpiel is the tale of the birth of a country.

**Bio-Ecology of the Region** – The course examines the unique settings and biological diversity in Southeastern Minnesota blufflands and Mississippi Valley.

Participants will study the relationships between plants and animals and their physical environment as well as human activities. In this context you will learn about prairies, woodlands and streams. Discussions will include biodiversity status, trends and conservation needs.

**Technology Made Simple** – Our ever-popular technology course is offered again. The course is custom fitted to participant needs from basic computer use to high tech ‘gizmos’.

**Tragic Visions** – This class explores what we mean by “tragedy.” Are certain subject matters inherently “tragic,” or is “tragedy” a way of looking at experience? What role does “tragedy” play in a culture such as ours, dominated by melodrama, comedy and happy endings? We will read Sophocles’ “Oedipus Rex” and a few other literary examples in the hope of evolving a better sense of how to think about the many sad experiences we can’t avoid.

Additional information [fees, dates, locations] coming soon! Also, watch for news for additions to these courses or additional courses to be offered.

-- Sally Sloan, Steering Committee
**2009 Homecoming – Grand Marshalls**

WSU Alumna and Retiree, Gloria Miller and WSU Professor Emeritus and Retiree, Randy Miller, are Winona State University’s 2009 Homecoming Grand Marshalls.

Gloria served WSU as Director of Alumni Affairs from 1986 to 2002. She was an active member of the Winona community and served terms as president of United Way of Winona and president of the Community Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. In 2001, the Winona Chamber of Commerce’s Women In Business Committee honored Gloria with the Athena Award, recognizing her as an outstanding woman in the community for exceptional service.

Randy served WSU from 1974 to 2006, in the areas of Clinical Exercise Physiology and Methods of Rehabilitation in Special Populations. Randy retired as the Chairperson of the Department of Health, Exercise, and Rehabilitative Sciences. Also an active member of the community, Randy served as President and board member for the Winona County Heart Association and the Developmental Achievement Center.

Gloria and Randy currently reside in Milliken, CO by family and continue their support of Winona State University with visits to Winona and attending Alumni Events in Colorado. Congratulations to them for being WSU Grand Marshalls, 2009 Homecoming.

**Just a Note from the Director ...**

and summer comes to a close. Each of us has the academic year ingrained in our “clock” and the recent retirees will be experiencing for the first time the beginning of the academic year without the usual preparations, meetings, and events. This year for them will be filled with reminiscence and new plans for August. It still remains a ‘beginning’ of the year for all of us.

Congratulations to our WSU Retirees being honored during 2009 Homecoming.

Senior University is returning for its second semester (fall 09) – check out the classes, let us know what you are looking for – if you don’t see it this semester, we can plan for the future... share your ideas. Success has been due to our dedicated instructors and their commitment to teaching community Learners. Sign up this fall and learn something new.

Volunteer opportunities are available on campus. Retirees are needed to assist Registrar’s in preserving the 100+ year old student records with scanning equipment. Sound interesting? The Library Archives’ photo section needs help identifying people in photos... your history with the university is valuable.

The Living History Project – the student documentaries and oral histories of WSU Retirees will be presented spring semester this year. Watch for the premiere in April 2010.

I always enjoy visiting with you... stay in touch, --Cathe
NEWS ARTICLE BY RETIREE

from Jake Steigerwald, 
Foreign Language, 1992

“Thanks for keeping us WSU retirees apprised of happenings and for inviting us to submit copy for possible inclusion in the August 2009 Newsletter.”
- Note from Jake to Cathie

I recently self-published the genealogical research guide about my birthplace Banatska Topola, Serbia: “BANAT TOPOLA = TÖRÖKTOPOLYA FAMILY RESEARCH TOOL:” Finding Vital 1796-1945 Data Regarding German and Hungarian Ancestors of Banat(ska) Topola and Novo Selo, Plus an Exposé About the Local 1945-1946 Internment Camp for Germans of Yugoslavia.

USES OF THIS BOOKLET INCLUDE:

• Locating vital data relating to German and Hungarian ancestors that lived at Novo Selo and/or Torontáltoplya = Töröktopolya = Banat Topola = Banatska Topola between 1796 and 1945.

• Finding references to area villages where ancestors used to live before they relocated to the places indicated.

• Gaining insights concerning the unlawful internment of indigenous Germans when Marshall Tito and communist partisans came to power near the end of WWII.

• Learning about procedures employed for eliminating former Yugoslavia’s German minority, despite the fact that group members’ local presence extended back to the 18th century.

• Getting a better understanding about the ethnic minority known as Donauschwaben, i.e., Danube Swabians, and their primary habitats in Hungary, Romania, and former Yugoslavia.

Indications regarding current whereabouts of the widely dispersed group members in different countries are found in the Preface. An Index guides readers to topics touched upon.

Jake has donated a copy to WSU Retiree Center. It will be added to our ‘library’ and made available to Retirees. Stop by anytime for a read. Copies of the opus can be ordered for $3.99 each, plus $0.95-$1.39 postage (in the U.S.A.), from:
Translation & Interpretation Svc.
5960 S. Estes Street
Littleton, Colorado 80123.

EMAIL UPDATE

WSU employees have the privilege of retaining winona.edu email accounts upon retirement. Every 90 days the University security requests a password change (employees have the same requirement). If you have not used your winone.edu email address or you are unable to access your email, call 457-5240 and Information Technology Services (ITS) will reset your email after verifying your status as a WSU Retiree.

WSU Retirees who have established email addresses with other entities - if you would email me at clogan@winona.edu, I will add your email address to my database to include you on information being sent out and keep our Retiree email list accurate.

I enjoy sending news regarding retirees, campus happenings, etc. to WSU Retirees. I try to be selective about what I send, because you can look up current information on the WSU Homepage (www.winona.edu). (And Judy Routhe has kept our website filled with great information.) I do not share email address without permission and I send emails to WSU Retirees using Bcc: to protect your address.

Get on the list – stay in touch.
You and your family are cordially invited

Monday, August 17, 2009

to our fall WSU family picnic
located at Lake Park Band Shell,
4:30-6:30 p.m.

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.

Please RSVP your attendance – 457-5005

LIFE AFTER RETIREMENT

Last month we heard from a retired Music Professor doing, in retirement, something totally unrelated to his previous position. We would love to hear from ALL of you who are involved in work, hobbies or just interest in things unrelated to what you did doing your years of employment at WSU. It need not be long. Just let us know about "LIFE AFTER RETIREMENT".

E-mail the Retiree Center at retiree@winona.edu, or call 507-457-5565.

-- Sally Sloan, Steering Committee

CONGRATULATIONS

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Awards of Distinction:


Dan Hoyt, Professor Emeritus, History, 1984, served as History Department Chair, Dean of Graduate Studies, interim Director of the Registrars, and Principal of the Phelps Hall Jr. High.

Inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame:


Got News? Volunteer

WSU Retiree Center Newsletter Group – our newsletter is well received, especially by those that are living a distance from the university. This will be great fun to work on – bring your ideas and hidden talents as writers and editors and join this group. Assist in preparing, publishing and mailing the quarterly WSU Retiree Center Newsletter.
WHAT’S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS?

Check out the pictures and articles by going to the Retiree Center web site:
http://www.winona.edu/retiree/retireenews.asp

- Construction pictures, August 2009
- Howell update pictures, July 29, 2009
- Construction pictures, July 2009
- Howell Demolition, July 8, 2009
- Howell Demolition video, July 2, 2009
- Howell pictures (Maxwell), July 2, 2009
- Howell Demolition, July 2, 2009
- Howell Demolition, June 29, 2009
- Construction pictures, June 2009
- Construction pictures, May 2009
- Integrated Wellness Complex, May 2009
- Campus Mall Photos, May 2009
- Daily News Article, New Residence Hall, May 2, 2009
- New Softball Field, Winona Post
- Daily News Article, Integrated Wellness Complex, September 26, 2008
- Daily News Article, New Residence Hall, August 28, 2008

If you have any suggestions for additional information you would like to see posted on our web site, let me know.

-- Judy C. Routhe, WSU Retiree Center web site manager.

Necrology

James R. Markham
Spouse of Sara Markham
- Academic Affairs
March 11, 2009

(No Photo Available)

Doris Pennell
Education
May 27, 2009

Lewis E. (Buster) Thorne Jr.
Spouse of Mary Thorne
- International Office
May 28, 2009

Jacqueline Hatlevig,
Nursing & Child Advocacy Studies
July 8, 2009

Douglas Sweetland
Economics & Finance
July 21, 2009

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 are available on the WSU Retiree Center Website: www.winona.edu/retiree/memorials)

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

Howell demolition almost complete
WSU Retiree Center Fall 2009 - Save the Date

August 17 - WSU Family Picnic - Lake Park Band Shell, Monday, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
September 8 - Retiree Breakfast by University Advancement, 9a.m., Purple Rooms, Kryzsko
September 10 - WSU Retiree Steering Committee Meeting, Thursday, 10 a.m.
October 1-4 - WSU Homecoming - watch for all the events at winona.edu/retiree

Save the dates and join us for the fun! Questions? – call the WSU Retiree Center, 457-5565!
Check out WSU Retiree Center website, www.winona.edu/retiree