Maxwell Hall Renovation

The original Maxwell Library was made possible through private gifts and Works Progress Administration (WPA) grants from the federal government. The cornerstone was laid September 20, 1938; the building was occupied in May 1939 and dedicated in June in honor of President Guy E. Maxwell. The stacks in the library were a very efficient way to store multiple volumes in a limited space, but offered a somewhat claustrophobic experience for their patrons, who had to tread on noisy, reverberating metal steps and floors to retrieve items of interest.

Two additions were made to the original Maxwell Library, one in 1958 and one in 1968. After construction of the Darrell W. Krueger Library in 1999, the old library building served a variety of purposes, housing Health Services, a Fitness Center, a Leadership Center and Teleconference Room, the Child Care Center, and other temporary administrative and faculty offices. A remodeling project begun in January 2007 will create office space for integrated Academic Services and the National Child Protection Center.

Winona State University: Scrapbook 1858-2008, Celebrating 150 Years
Nancy Kay Peterson & Rill Ann Reuter

Retiree Breakfast & Tour of Maxwell Hall
by University Advancement
August 12, 2008, 9 a.m.
**EDUCATION - SERVICE - SOCIAL**

**JUST A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR...**

Spring is here – we have such a great view from our office windows here in the sun room of the Alumni House. It is great to have the WSU Retirees return as well as the robins.

Take note of the *Day of Discovery* being offered on campus for Life Long Learners – that’s you. We are coordinating a collaborative effort to bring educational opportunities to area retirees. This will be a great day of learning before attending the Great River Shakespeare matinee performance on two Sundays in July. Just fill out the registration and return it.

There were 25 employees of Winona State University that have retired in the last year and were honored at the annual WSU Retiree Luncheon in April. Welcome to all of them.

And the sad part of my position is sharing the news of the deaths of WSU Retirees. As we go to print, we received the news of Verlie Sather’s passing, May 28. Verlie turned 100 last week. She certainly had an impact on the WSU Education Department during her career.

We are putting together four classes for fall semester. We have had volunteers from Professor Emeriti of Winona State University to teach the classes – they are looking forward to teaching without all the grading, etc. It will be a great opportunity for you to learn, as well. If you would like to present a curriculum to be considered for 2009 Spring Semester, just send your idea and I will forward it to the Education Resource Group.

Space has run out… enjoy your summer. I hope to see you at events. Let me know how you are doing.

Cathie

**PICK UP YOUR PRIVILEGES CARD!**

If you haven’t yet picked up your Retiree Privileges Card, you’re missing out on some excellent opportunities. The card may be used for admission to athletic events, musical and dramatic performances, and the Wellness Center. Retirees should also note that they are entitled to e-mail, parking, and library privileges. Please see Cathie at the Retiree Center to get your photo ID process started. 457-5565 or clogan@winona.edu

**SUMMER OFFERINGS: NATURE CONNECTION SERIES**

The university has scheduled a number of interesting courses this summer. Topics in the Nature Connection Series cover a broad range, from kayaking to cooking, to Wilderness First Aid and Hiking Safety, Etiquette and Exploration, to Literature and the Outdoors. Community members—especially retirees—over 62 years old can take courses tuition free if appropriately registered. Check with the Outreach and Continuing Education Department for further details and any fees. Contact Jenny Lamberson at 457-2963 or jlambers@wiona.edu

**EMERITI AT THE ATHENAEUM**

Professors Emeriti Emilio DeGrazia and Orval Lund, formerly of the English Department, and Ahmed El-Afandi of Political Science are scheduled to give presentations in the Athenaeum series this fall. Watch for specific dates, times, and topics.
A “Senior College” for Retirees

This spring the Retiree Center offered two fee-based classes, “Spanish for Travelers” and “Technology Made Simple,” each five weeks long and each enrolling over a dozen enthusiastic retirees from WSU and the community (KROC-TV news even reported on this). The response to these classes was so encouraging that the Retiree Center is in the planning stages for doing 3-4 more each semester during the 2008-09 academic year. Held at WSU, the classes will be non-credit with no tests or grades and will be open to retirees from WSU, the community, and the region. The weekly classes may range from two or three weeks to a half or full semester in length, and are intended to explore the breadth and depth of the course topic. Community expertise and WSU professors will be sought as course instructors.

The range of possible courses could be endless! Courses could vary from impressionism in art, classical mythology, presidents of the U.S., science and morality, foreign affairs, to bioengineering and more. Do you have some ideas for classes in the arts, literature or sciences (biological, physical or social) that you would like to suggest? Do you want more information or would you like to become involved in the planning process? Contact Cathie Logan at 457-5565 or clogan@winona.edu

PHELPS SCHOOL REUNION SET

Save the date, Friday, September 5, 2008! Anyone ever associated with the Phelps Laboratory School is invited to a grand all-Phelps School reunion. The day will be filled with opportunities to reminisce, catch up with friends, classmates, former teachers, and administrators, view three completed Living History videos about Phelps School, and peruse memorabilia. You can also take a tour of Phelps and the entire campus, participate in an all-Phelps photo opportunity, enjoy refreshments throughout the day, an evening program, and a lot more. Bring any personal Phelps memorabilia to share that day, and invite anyone you know who was involved with Phelps School to join in the fun. It will be a great day and one to always remember! Do you have an address of a Phelps friend, classmate or teacher to share? Do you need more information about the reunion? Contact Cathie Sieracki at csieracki@winona.edu or 457-5198.

ADDENDUM

On a lighter note, this story from the IFO Retirees Dinner: Among other notable new retirees and honorees, David Bratt, of the Theater department, gave others present at the dinner a warning. Noting that current demographics indicated that each person going on Social Security would now be supported by two current contributors, David advised the crowd that he had chosen for his works Torii Hunter and Kevin Garnett.
A MEMORY OF FRANK ROCCO

My first recollection of the late Frank Rocco was seeing him and his kids jammed into his tiny Isetta, maneuvering through the busy streets of what was then the traffic-heavy WSU campus. Shortly after that, I sat next to Frank in the back row of faculty at the Spring Commencement. Although a relative rookie like me, Frank seemed to know everyone and have some humorous comment on them. At that early stage in our careers, we were shielded from the stage party by distance and many colorful gowns and hoods, so I was able to avoid detection as I stifled laughter during the solemn proceedings. (A fellow member of the Class of ’71 faculty, Marjorie Dorner, tells me that she thought she would suffer internal injuries from sitting near Frank.)

This only got worse—or better-- over the years, as Frank got to know even more people and as his own reputation grew. He was an exacting and expert teacher who earned the respect of his students, as well as their affection. (There was always a long line for pictures with Dr. Rocco in the parking lot after the ceremony.) At our last times together, when we traded perspectives on phased retirement, he was still going strong and looking fit.

So it was a real shock to open the paper one morning a couple of months ago and read that Frank had died. All over town for the next several days, it seemed all I heard from former colleagues, “Did you hear about Frank Rocco?”, always with an expression of loss and disbelief. The line at the funeral home snaked around and almost out the door. When I finally got to the family, I told them that Frank had made graduation tolerable for over 35 years: I could think of no higher praise for a colleague.

We have lost—far too soon--a vital friend, full of life and opinion, laughter and affection. I’ll miss him.

(Editors Note: This is the first in what I hope will become a series of “Memory” pieces. I’ll be asking some people to provide them, but I hope that readers will feel moved to write their own and send them to me or Cathie. I don’t intend for them to become formal obituaries; just a paragraph or two capturing something of the person you want to memorialize. DR)

COMPUTER RESOURCE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Retiree Center has received a few requests from retirees who need some basic help with their computers. Things like how to access their University e-mail, accessing the internet, and getting started with Microsoft Office. Some assistance could be done over the phone, other times might require a short visit to the retiree’s home. If you are someone who would be willing to volunteer a little time periodically to help with these requests, please contact Cathie Logan, 457-5565. (We have one retiree waiting now for some assistance.)

BOAT TRIP

Again this summer, Prof. Emeritus Cal Fremling of the Biology Department will share his expertise about and on the Mississippi. The cruise around the Winona harbor area is scheduled for June 12th, from 1pm-3pm, but be sure to register early for this popular event, as space is limited. This is a free event!

For more information and to register, please contact Cathie Logan at the Retiree Center at clogan@winona.edu or 457-5565.
**SOCRATES CAFÉ DISCUSSION GROUP--**
From Jim Reynolds

Interested in discussing a range of interesting topics, big and small, with no homework or special expertise required? All you need to bring is your curiosity, life experience and a question to discuss with others.

Interested? Please continue reading.

Some WSU retirees have expressed continued interest in organizing a Socrates Café discussion group that would meet periodically for amiable discussions on a range of topics. However, we need a “critical mass” of participants in order to have sufficient diversity of thought.

The discussion group can be organized in different ways, but here are some thoughts. The discussion group would meet for up to two hours--perhaps once or twice a month at a regular, agreed-upon time--to discuss a question that the group has identified. The format has a facilitator to guide the discussion and ensure an open, receptive atmosphere where questioning and reasoned views are encouraged, with no requirement for group consensus at the end of the discussion. People come to the meetings as their time and schedule permit. The Retiree Center would be a comfortable location, although other sites are possible. Arrangements can be made for light refreshments to help stimulate thinking.

The idea behind the Socrates Café concept is that dialogue will produce a more educated society. A discussion group like this is also a great way to help keep mentally and intellectually fit! If you are interested in participating in a Socrates Café discussion group, please contact Jim Reynolds at jreynolds@winona.edu or 507-454-5486 with your name, phone number, e-mail and preferences for meeting days and times.

**NECROLOGY**

- **Frank Rocco, Professor Emeritus, Special Education**
  March 5, 2008

- **Virginia Capron, wife of Hugh**
  April 8, 2008

- **Linda Nelsestuen, wife of Herb,**
  April 11, 2008

- **Joe Emanuel, Professor Emeritus, Biology**
  April 16, 2008

- **Byron (Dutch) Schneider, GMW, Facilities**
  May 17, 2008

- **Verlie M. Sather, Professor Emeritus, Education**
  May 28, 2008

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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.

If you know of colleagues we have missed, please contact the Retiree Center at 507.457.5565, or send an email to retiree@winona.edu.
WSU Retiree Center Summer 2008 - Save the Date

June 10: Retiree Breakfast by University Advancement, 9-11 a.m., Purple Rooms, Kryzsko
June 12: 1:00-3:00 p.m., Annual Mississippi River boat trip aboard the WSU River Explorer, call for reservations.
June 21: Steamboat Days Alumni Reunion, Beverage Tent, Levee Park, Tent opens at 3:00 p.m.
Music 3:30 p.m., Steamboat button required - available at the gate
Music - Hodgepodge - members are WSU Alumni
Tony Brown - Reggae, Soul, R&B, Funk, Blues, Country, Jazz & Latin
July 8: Retiree Breakfast by University Advancement, 9-11 a.m., Purple Rooms, Kryzsko
July 13: Great River Shakespeare Festival, Day of Discovery - The Taming of the Shrew play
July 20: Great River Shakespeare Festival, Day of Discovery - The Merchant of Venice play
August 12: Twins vs. Yankees, Bus leaves at 2:30 p.m., Tailgate at 5:00 p.m., Game at 7:00 p.m., Bus returns following game
August 12: Retiree Breakfast by University Advancement, 9-11 a.m.,
with tour of newly renovated Maxwell Hall, meet in Maxwell foyer
September 9: Retiree Breakfast by University Advancement, 9-11 a.m., Purple Rooms, Kryzsko
Day of Discovery

July 13 & July 20 2008

GREAT RIVER SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Take part in the fifth season of the Great River Shakespeare Festival in Winona, MN, with an exciting educational hands-on experience. You will see William Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew and The Merchant of Venice, and you will have the opportunity to look behind the scenes with the directors, producers, actors and production staff.

Sunday, July 13 - The Taming of the Shrew
Sunday, July 20 - The Merchant of Venice
10 A.M. - 8 P.M.
Baldwin Lounge, Kryzsko Commons, Winona State University

Registration includes:
- Historical introduction to context of William Shakespeare's plays - July 13, The Taming of the Shrew
  - July 20, The Merchant of Venice
- Discussion with the director of the plays
- Lunch with members of the acting company
- Ticket for Front Porch Conversation Series - July 13, Martin Moran, author of The Tricky Part
  - July 20, William Cope Moyer, journalist, author of Broken
- Behind the scenes with production staff; design concepts for set, lighting, & costume designs
- Snacks
- Ticket for 4:30 matinee
- Company Conversation with the acting company following performance

Questions? Call 507.457.2963

Registration deadline is July 7 for The Taming of the Shrew & July 14 for The Merchant of Venice. Cancellations received after the registration deadlines are subject to a cancellation fee. Winona State University has the right to cancel if there are insufficient enrollments. If WSU cancels the event you will receive a full refund.

Questions? Call 507.457.2963

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Mail Registration to:
Winona State University
Outreach & Continuing Education
P.O. Box 5838, Somsen 109
Winona, MN 55987
**Faculty Wives Reunion**

Here is an ideal situation for the WSU Retiree Center – Phyllis Fick and Edwina Wolfe started telling Cathie about some of the history of WSU that was very memorable for them. They were talking about the times when the WSU Faculty Wives was a very active group on campus. The group originated in 1948 and continued into the early 1970’s when the name was change to University Women in reflection of the changing times of the early 70’s.

They are putting together a reunion of the Faculty Wives for this fall. The date and time have been set and they are working out the details of the event. Plan to attend a luncheon, Friday, September 19 - Homecoming week. Edwina and Phyllis are putting together a list of former members with the help of Mrs. Dolores Wedul. It will be a fun luncheon. Watch for invitations.

If you have any articles, photos, or memorabilia of the times that you would like to share – just call the WSU Retiree Center. We will return an items loaned.

**Twins vs Yankees**

Make your reservations for the WSU Alumni baseball game, to see the Twins vs Yankees on Tuesday, August 12. The bus leaves at 2:30 p.m. from the Memorial parking lot, and will return following the game. Tailgating is at 5:00 p.m. and the game starts at 7:00 p.m.

Ticket information:
- $28 Lower Reserved Section 135
- $22 Upper Club Section 227
- $18 Family Zone Section 216 (Includes a coupon for a hot dog and pop)
- Optional: $16.09 for pre-game party food