Fred Foss, Professor Emeritus, Chemistry; 
Years of Service 1957 – 1998

Dennis Nielsen, Professor Emeritus, Geology, 
Dean of College of Science & Engineering, 
Vice President for Academic Affairs; 
Years of Service 1970 – 2001

Hosea Perry, Professor Emeritus, 
Sociology/Social Work; 
Years of Service 1969 – 1992

Charlie Zane, Student Union Director; 
Years of Service 1966 – 1997

WSU Living History Project - Fall 2008

The WSU Living History Project was launched Fall 2005 through a collaborative effort among the Retiree Center, Mass Communications Department and University Communications. Professor Robin O’Callaghan’s Mass Communication TV Production students interviewed, filmed, edited and produced living histories of WSU Retirees. DVD’s are available for viewing and purchase. Contact the WSU Retiree Center, 507-457-5565.
From the Editor

The main item on our agenda for the past several Steering Committee meetings has been the search for a new Director at the Center. I had hoped we would have an announcement of the appointment, especially since Cathie Logan’s original contract expired on December 19th. However, after a national search and the identification of three well-qualified finalists, the process remains incomplete. The official reason given is that there is some question over whom the Director should report to.

We have been assured that the process will go forward again in mid-January. In the meantime, Cathie has graciously agreed to continue in the position for the rest of this academic year. We’re pleased with the leadership she has given to the Center thus far, and we hope that the search can be finalized soon.

Dave Robinson

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee is pleased that the following new members have joined us this past fall, representing these areas:

Steve Richardson, Academic Affairs- retired administration
Mary Kesler, Psychology- current faculty
Pat Tolmie, Education- current faculty
Blanche Peters, Business Office- retired staff

We welcome them and look forward to adding their talents.

Keep in Touch!

One of the things I’d like to accomplish in this newsletter is to let retirees know about each other’s lives: their location, interests, and activities. As many of us no longer live in the Winona area, it’s important that we keep in contact.

Here’s a personal example (on the model of my college’s alumni Class of ‘65 correspondent): David Robinson (English) still lives in Winona with his wife, Christine, a pastor at two local Methodist churches. His main companions are two dogs, who are upset to watch him walking other dogs at the Winona Humane Society every Saturday. He still writes movie reviews for the Winona Post, and, yes, he actually does see all those films he writes about.

See? Simple! Even a non-English prof can do it! Please let me know how and what you’re doing and where you’re doing it. Feel free to contact me at drobinson@winona.edu and I’ll put it in the next issue.

Just a Note from the Director...

Wow, too much time has passed since our last visit… activities in the office have kept me very busy…

In September, Kate Parsi, Office Manager, moved to Student Support Services to manage the Tutoring Services for WSU students. We all know what great capacity Kate has for bringing out the best in people, so I am thrilled that our students will be benefiting from her skills and talents in assisting them to become the best they can be. Thank you, Kate, for being an instrumental part of our beginnings here at the WSU Retiree Center.

And that new voice you hear on the phone when you call is Nancy Amann. (read David’s bio of Nancy later in Newsletter). We have been blessed with terrific graphic art students since the beginning (you didn’t think I was the one with the artistic talent, did you?). Susan Nicol graduated December 2007– and found a great job in Dubuque, IA. This month, Tina Rhein, sophomore, Mass Communications, Advertising major, has been hired. You will enjoy meeting her.

We are starting a new phase of the Retiree Center – this will be a growth of where we are going and what impact we want to have. I will be seeking you out to assist in programming and event scheduling. There will be classes with you in mind; Technology Made Simple & Spanish for Travelers (info in newsletter). Updates on Insurance options at age 65 and more.

There have been 11 retirements this year - the WSU Retiree Center annual luncheon will be a great celebration, April 17. Mark your calendar - it is the week of the Sesquicentennial Gala Event, so you can plan a whole weekend.

WSU Retiree Center is an exciting place that offers you the opportunity to stay connected, get involved, pursue cultural events, create educational prospects – I’m proud to be a part of it!

Cathie
Winter 2008

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EDUCATION - SERVICE - SOCIAL

PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINAR

The WSU Retiree Center will sponsor a series of five pre-retirement seminars, beginning on April 9th and continuing for five weeks for current employees. Topics to be covered will be include financial and estate planning, insurance questions, and other issues. The concluding session will feature five retirees discussing what they wished they had known about retiring before they retired. The WSU Retiree Center plans to run these seminars annually.

SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS

As both Minnesota and Winona State prepare to celebrate their 150th birthdays, a number of interesting events have been planned. Of immediate interest to retirees is the week of April 14th-19th. On Thursday the 17th a luncheon will honor new retirees. The following evening, a concert will premier a new work by noted Minnesota composer Libby Larsen. The week long celebration will conclude with a gala dinner and dance on Saturday the 19th. Watch for announcements about these and other celebratory events: check the University’s website, http://www.winona.edu/150years, for precise information on times and places.

ATHENAEUM PRESENTATIONS

Every Wednesday afternoon at the Library, the WSU Athenaeum offers a varied set of presentations in a number of areas. They are informative, provocative, and free! For instance, on March 12th, Professor Juan Fernandez Iglesias from the foreign languages department, will give a talk on “Culture Shock and Political Correctness: the challenge of teaching foreign cultures in America”. For specifics on this and other talks, check the website: http://www.winona.edu/library/athenaeum

BOOKSTORE OFFERINGS

Sesquicentennial Calendar

And speaking of marking dates, you can do so easily on a handsome new calendar noting these and numerous other events during the academic year and through December. Each day of the year also highlights a historic moment at Winona State. (For instance, on January 1st, President Nels Minne retired and was succeeded by Robert DuFresne.) Each month features a photograph that will stir some memories: January has one of the Assembly Room at Winona State Normal School. The calendar is available at the WSU Retiree Center. Stop in and get your copy.

Henderson WSU History- “Her Star Shall Not Dim”

Also available at the bookstore is Peter Henderson’s lively and interesting history of the oldest teacher training school west of the Mississippi. Dr. Henderson, a former dean and an award-winning historian, has produced a distinctly non-academic tone, one that all WSU grads and retirees will find illuminating. (I’ve read it, and it’s a great read.)

Reuter and Peterson Scrapbook

“Winona State University Scrapbook 1858-2008,” a pictorial scrapbook by professor Rill Reuter, Chemistry, and Nancy Peterson, Grants and Sponsored Projects.

New York Times Subscriptions

The bookstore also offers you the possibility of setting up a subscription for Spring semester to the New York Times. The cost is $50 for 20 weeks, and the subscription runs through May 2nd. If you’re interested, call Deb Pelowski at 457-5673 or contact her at dpelowski@winona.edu.

RETIREE PRIVILEGE CARD

So far, 119 retiree privilege cards have been produced, but only half of all those eligible have received them. People are passing up a great opportunity here: the card gives you free access to numerous events, cultural and athletic, on campus. You can come into the Retiree Center anytime and get set up for your photo and card that day. Check the website for the Center’s hours. www.winona.edu/retiree
Volunteer Opportunity--
From Kate Parsi at Student Services

Are you looking for a wonderful way to get reconnected with the University?

The WSU Retiree Center and the WSU Student Support Services/Tutoring Services Offices are in the process of developing a partnership that will match WSU Retirees with students in need of academic assistance and/or general guidance while making the transition to college.

The goal of this partnership is to provide students support, while providing you a chance to continue to share your in-depth knowledge of the University. This support may come in the form of tutoring a student, it may come in the form of helping a homesick student feel more at home at WSU, or it may come in the form of offering to advise non-declared majors during registration times. The possibilities are truly endless, you tell us what you are comfortable doing and we see if there is a need!

There are already some of you out there that have provided these services and from what we hear, the rewards are ten-fold by seeing the positive impact on the student. This is also a great way to help support WSU’s goal of increasing its retention rate.

There will not be a huge time commitment required, you can tell us how much time you have and we will do our best to work around your schedule. This is a great opportunity for you “snow birds” out there as we completely understand that you may not be in Winona all-year-round.

If this sounds like an endeavor you want to pursue, please contact Kate Parsi by calling 457-2486 or emailing her at kparsi@winona.edu. She looks forward to having the opportunity to once again work with WSU’s wonderful retirees!

Prairie Home Companion Visit

The internationally famous author, radio personality, and raconteur, Garrison Keillor, will bring his nationally syndicated show, “A Prairie Home Companion,” to the WSU campus on February 23rd at 4:45 p.m. Check for ticket information and purchase at the WSU homepage: http://www.winona.edu/

Welcome to Nancy Amman

We are pleased to welcome Nancy Amman to the Retiree Center staff. Here’s a brief introduction for those of you who might not know her:

“I am very excited to be the new office manager for the Retiree Center. I grew up on a beautiful dairy farm overlooking Red Wing which was homesteaded by my ancestors. I am a country girl at heart. My first employment at Winona State University was in the Education Department as the office manager. After two years I transferred to Facilities and remained for 34 years until my retirement in October, 2007.

I had two months to enjoy retirement before I came to the Retiree Center. During my years at Winona State University I have met so many wonderful people. In my new job at the Retiree Center I am enjoying making contact again.

My husband and I reside in the Fountain City area on a small sheep farm. My hobbies are quilting, scrap booking, needlework, beading, and walking. We have one daughter and two very special granddaughters.

I have enjoyed my first two months at the Retiree Center and look forward to the New Year and seeing everyone at the upcoming events.”

Nancy replaces Kate Parsi, who has moved over to Student Services. Please welcome Nancy and introduce yourself when you stop by the Center.
IN MEMORIAM

We honor and mourn our university colleagues who have recently died. Those who were recorded at press time and whose names have not been noted in previous newsletters, are:

Archie Beighley, Education, 1967-1985
Helen Friese, General Maintenance, 1979
Kerry Williams, Psychology, 1982-2007

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.

A SUGGESTION
Sent in by a fellow retiree: The Ultimate Solitaire

We are constantly told that we should exercise our brains. There is a set of card games that seem to fill solitaire senior needs perfectly. The cards in Eric’s Ultimate Solitaire are large and clear and fun. The package includes 25 of the most popular solitaire games with straightforward statistics. Eric’s Ultimate Solitaire is inexpensive ($29.95 to download, or $39.95 for a mailed CD), and easy to use. Definitely recommended by, Sally Sloan, Professor Emeritus, Mathematics & Stats.

WHO & WHEN

Who is not a WSU Retiree yet?
### WSU Retiree Center Winter & Spring 2008 - Save the Date

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