

The Extension



2011-12 Scholarship Recipient

The Scholarship Committee, chaired by **Paul Wolfe**, has selected **Kevin Dorney** as the recipient for the upcoming year. **Kevin**, a senior majoring in Biology and Chemistry, is now applying to medical schools with aspirations of becoming an internist.

Kevin has multiple ties to the Wright State community. His maternal grandmother, **Eleanor Hamblett**, worked in the Registrar's Office until her retirement in 1990. (She is now deceased.) His mother is a graduate of WSU with a degree in Psychology (1974) and MBA (1976). She has now retired, but was the head of the Dayton Parole Office. His father is an aeronautical engineer working at Wright-Patt. **Kevin's** older brother also graduated from WSU and is a business owner. His younger sister is a student at Heidelberg University where she is a physical therapy major and plays basketball. According to **Kevin**, she is the family "jock." The family home is in Enon, OH where **Kevin** graduated from high school in 2008.

In his application, **Kevin** described a long-standing interest in medicine. This was solidified when, in his freshmen year in high school, his family happened upon a head-on collision between a motorcycle and a truck while vacationing in South Carolina. **Kevin** attended to the motorcyclist while waiting for the ambulance by elevating his head, keeping him conscious and checking for broken bones. According to the EMT who attended the scene, his actions may have saved the man's life.

In addition to completing a double major with a 3.6 GPA, **Kevin** volunteers at Kettering Hospital for about six hours a week, discharging patients and assisting the nurses in the cardio-critical care unit. He is a frequent blood donor and a member of the university Pre-Medicine society. As he was leaving the interview, he added, "By the way, I work thirty-six hours a week as a bar manager in a downtown fine dining restaurant."

We are proud to assist this outstanding young man in achieving his academic goals. This year, we were able to grant a \$1200 scholarship rather than \$1000 because of the generosity of our members. Your future donations will help us keep our scholarship at the higher level.

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The Extension is published quarterly for the WSU retirees by the Wright State University Retirees Association (WSURA).

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President's Message

WSU is Greene, But WSURA is Green!!!

Jim Uphoff, President

Our university is located in Greene County, but it is also making a very serious effort to be environmentally Green! Our own WSU Retirees Association is also being very Green as our Immediate Past President (me) is being recycled and is now our current President! WSURA has done this a number of times in the past.

We are also pleased that our Executive Board has added several new and more recent retirees to its membership. WSURA has many opportunities for each and every member to become active. Our fun and exciting events and programs give us a chance to fellowship and to serve. We want YOU to take part and join with us throughout this year.

Because from my very earliest days at WSU some 45 years ago I have been interested in sports, music and drama activities in addition to my College of Education and Human Services academic base, I joined our Italy basketball tour group in August as an individual. I will also represent WSURA and our interest in these types of programs. [NOTE: This is all at my own cost--no money from WSURA!]

Perhaps one of our programs can be a type of travelogue with team members and others on the tour group sharing some of their own experiences and remembrances. We are always looking for ideas as to what topics and programs you, our members, would like to have made available. You can always contact me via email (james.uphoff@wright.edu) or via phone at (937) 775-3651. I look forward to hearing from you!

Deaths

J.B. Black, Jr., first Dean of the College of Business, June 2011

June Marable, Teacher Education, College of Education and Human Services, July 2011

Jerrie Bascomb McGill, Associate Vice President for Minority Affairs, July 2011

Legislative Update

From the STRS eUPDATE (8/12/11)

“A proposed shift in contributions to the pension systems that was contained in **Gov. Kasich’s** proposed budget was removed by the House Finance Committee after hearing concerns from STRS Ohio and the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) that the 2% shift in contributions could adversely affect the systems’ funding. This change would have reduced contributions for employers by 2% and raised active member contributions by a corresponding 2%. When the budget reached the Senate, the proposal did not reemerge. Subsequently, H.B. 153 made its way to the governor in late June without the contribution shift.

System officials have, however, been put on notice that discussion of changing the contribution rates is fair game once the legislature resumes debate over pension legislation — Senate Bill 3 and House Bill 69. These two bills, currently based on the five systems’ recommendations to the Ohio Retirement Study Council (ORSC), address pension plan design and aim to strengthen system funding. The bills have been put on hold after numerous hearings on H.B. 69 in a House subcommittee and a handful of hearings in the Senate on S.B. 3

The ORSC has asked for an independent actuarial review of the systems’ proposed pension reform plans. STRS Ohio, along with the other Ohio public retirement systems, has gone on record opposing this review, as it duplicates studies already conducted by the systems. The ORSC, however, developed a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Actuary and Policy Advising Services for Pension Reform Issues. At the Aug. 10 ORSC meeting, **Rep. Kirk Schuring** (R-Canton) clarified that the Council does not want to reevaluate studies already completed by the systems, but is instead looking for recommendations regarding the systems’ proposed plans. **Rep. Schuring** stated there was a “strong likelihood” that H.B. 69 and S.B. 3 would be revised once the Council gets input from independent consultants. The deadline for firms to submit their proposals is Aug. 25, and the study could take months to complete, once a firm is selected. Several ORSC members expressed the desire for the work to be completed in time for the General Assembly to pass pension legislation this session (by Dec. 31, 2012).

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WSURA Activities Calendar 2011– 2012

Wednesday, October 12

Presidential Lecture Series

Time: 7:00 p.m., Student Union Apollo Room

Ms. Arlene Mayerson - She is a "National Expert on Disability Rights Law"

Wednesday, October 19

WSU Health Fair, Student Center

Time: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Be sure to stop by our booth! You may win a prize! Visit with other retirees!
Check out our picture board of activities!

Thursday, November 3

Basically British Tea Room

Time: Noon

Enjoy a lunch based on British high tea (scones, finger sandwiches, dessert and tea chosen from 85 possibilities) in a pleasant tea room atmosphere. See basically-british.com for a sample menu and more information. We have reserved the entire tea room for our group but, as it seats only 23, make your reservation early.

Reservations: Marlene Bireley, mkbphd@aol.com or 426-9648 by October 14.

Cost: \$22.95 plus tip and gratuity

Address: 503 E. Third St., Dayton (the Cannery District)

Parking is limited, so carpooling is suggested. There is back-in parking in front of the shop and meters nearby. The lot behind the church across the street can be used by patrons.

Sunday, December 4

Holiday Dining In Brunch

Time: 11:00 a.m.

RSVP: Friday, November 18 (with your choice of dish to share)

Cost for entrée will be shared among attendees.

Contact: Helen and Tom Listerman

Home: 161 Wynstone Ct., Xenia, OH

Home Phone: 937-352-6265

Cell Phone: 937-307-0348

Email: helenlisterman@yahoo.com

Sunday, January 8

Dining Out - New Year's Brunch

TBA in Winter Extension

February

WSU Men's Basketball Game

TBA in Winter Extension

2011– 2012 Presidential Lecture Series

Wednesday, October 12

Time: 7: 00 pm Student Union Apollo Room
Ms. Arlene Mayerson - She is a “National Expert on Disability Rights Law”

Thursday, March 1

Time: 7: 00 pm Student Union Apollo Room
Dr. Robert Ballard - He is a “Deep Sea Explorer, and Discoverer of the *Titanic*”

Wednesday, April 18

Time: 7: 00 pm Student Union Apollo Room
Mark Johnson—Grammy Winning Producer/Engineer - “Playing for Change” and bringing the world closer through music.

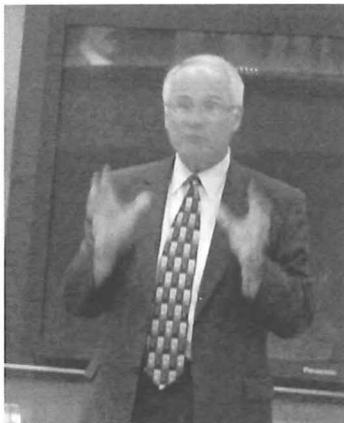
Wednesday, May 2

Time: 7: 00 pm Student Union Apollo Room
Daniel Hernandez - “First Responder for Congressman Gabrielle Giffords”

For further information, please visit www.wright.edu/lecture



President Hopkins hosts the WSURA board at the annual spring luncheon.



New from WSURA

WSURA Board members held their annual meeting with **President Hopkins** in June. The president shared news about the budget tightening that is affecting all public institutions. On a more positive note, he noted that Wright State has been recognized for its public service, has received a record amount of money for research and has increased the diversity of the student body. Last year students came from nineteen states and about half were first generation graduates.

WSURA sponsored a food drive for the on campus food bank for students during the summer picnic. A barrel of food was received. Thanks to all who participated!

Marlene Bireley and **Abe Bassett**, both BGSU and OSU graduates, attended a reception for **Mary Ellen Mazey** at the home of OSU **President Gordon Gee**. **Dr. Mazey** is the new president of Bowling Green State University and former Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at WSU. Her formal inauguration will be on December 2.

WSURA welcomes **Jasmine Ardister** as our student assistant during the upcoming academic year. **Jasmine**, a senior and communications major, hails from Columbus. She previously attended the University of Cincinnati and has job experience in a variety of public sector companies. She is an active member of the WSU Chapter of the NAACP. If you wish to reach **Jasmine**, please call the office phone to hear her Fall Quarter hours.



Jasmine Ardister, student assistant.

News from WSU

Wright State University's **Institute of Defense Studies and Education** has unveiled special, state-of-the-art professional training programs designed to defend against cyber attacks and foster the construction of computer systems that thwart electronic break-ins. A six month Cyber Security System certificate and a twelve month post-graduate program will be instituted in January. Sixty students will be selected to participate in the weekend residency and online learning program.

Wright State University and Clark State Community College have joined forces to ease the transition from a community college to a four-year college and help meet a statewide goal of producing more graduates with bachelor's degrees. The Gateway Program will allow Clark State students to use Wright State facilities, including campus housing; be part of the Wright State community and to meet with academic advisors at both institutions.

The Gateway Program has three different prongs:
-Gateway Pathway: Designed for students entering Clark State with the intention of obtaining a bachelor's degree at Wright State upon completing their program of study at Clark State.

-Gateway in Residence: Designed for students who apply to Wright State but do not initially meet the university's entrance requirements. They will enroll at Clark State's Greene Center campus and be integrated into the Wright State community by utilizing university housing and facilities.

-Gateway to Recovery: Designed for students ineligible to continue at Wright State because of a lack of academic progress. With the help of Wright State and Clark State advisors, students will develop a program of study that will enable them to be readmitted to Wright State.

The Head of Reference and Instructional Services at the WSU Library, Sue Polanka, was recently named a Mover and Shaker by the Library Journal. Sue's accomplishments include instituting an eReader Lending Program at the Library. She conducts workshops on eReaders to show their capabilities. Her blog, "No Shelf Required" was voted the Number One Academic Library blog by Salem Press's Blog Awards and has evolved into a book of the same title.

Congratulations to WSU athletes on their many accomplishments during the last year

Cassandra Lloyd, a junior for the Wright State track team, was selected as a Second Team All-American by the U.S. Track and Field Coaches Association. Lloyd posted the 14th best time in the 100 meter

hurdles at the NCAA National Meet in Des Moines, Iowa with a mark of 13.33. Lloyd, who set a personal best and school record of 13.18 at the NCAA East Regional Meet in Bloomington, Indiana, on May 28, became the first WSU Division I track All-American.

The women's basketball team recorded the most wins last season since moving to Division I (20-13) and participated in their first post-season tournament.

Three baseball players, **Jake Hiibberd**, **Michael Schum** and **Tristan Moore**, were named to Second Team All-Mideast Region by the American Baseball Coaches Association. The Raiders won the Horizon League championship for the second straight season.

Three leaders of last year's men's basketball team will continue their careers in Europe during the upcoming season **Vaughn Duggins** will play in Germany, **N'Gai Evans** in Macedonia and **Cooper Land** in Norway. This August, this year's team spent ten days in Italy playing four exhibition games and touring major Italian cities.

Fifty-seven student athletes were on the spring Horizon League Academic Honor Roll with a GPA of 3.2 or above.

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ORSC Chairman, **Sen. Keith Faber** (R-Celina), also reiterated his intention to hold offsite hearings around the state to gather input from the public on the various pension meetings may occur in September and October. Once announced, STRS Ohio will post the meeting details on its Web site." (While the proposed changes will not affect retirees directly, WSURA members may wish to attend the local hearings.)

In other legislative news, the vote to repeal SB5 that abolishes public employee collective bargaining is set for November. As of this date, **Governor Kasich** is attempting to work out a compromise with repeal advocates so that it can be removed from the ballot. Currently, the repeal advocates are refusing to meet unless the total bill is first repealed.

WSURA Welcomes Amy Hopkins

Amy Hopkins was recently elected to the Board of the Wright State University Retirees Association for a term of two years. **Amy** began her career at the university in 1981 at the Kettering Center where she worked for **Dr. Will Hutzel** in the College of Continuing and Community Education. The college was later renamed The Center for Professional Development.

After ten years, **Amy** moved to Physical Plant where she worked in the Work Control Center. The following year, **Amy** joined the staff in Career Services and became a Placement Coordinator.

In 1996, **Amy** changed her career path and moved to Computing and Telecommunications Services (CaTS). She worked at the Help Desk and became highly proficient in computer skills. As a result, she moved to the School of Medicine and worked in Network Services until her position was abolished. At that time, she returned to CaTS and worked as a desktop analyst until her retirement in September 2009.

In addition to earning a certification in bookkeeping, she is a certified Help Desk Analyst and she also earned an A+ certification in computer software and hardware. **Amy** has already volunteered to assist WSURA in reformatting our web page.

During her years at the university, **Amy** volunteered time in the Wright State Organization for Women (WOW). Their main goal was to obtain scholarship monies for part-time, non-traditional female students. WOW provided an outlet for social activities, an opportunity to network and sponsored speakers on women's issues. **Amy** also volunteered her time for Move-In-Day for more than 10 years.

Amy lives in New Carlisle, OH, and is the mother of one daughter, one son and two granddaughters. Upon retirement she is working as a full-time realtor for Gandee Realty Inc. She has had her real estate license since 1987. In her spare time, **Amy** enjoys traveling, going to lunch, movies, shopping and attending both garage and estate sales.

Scenes from the Summer 2011 Picnic





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