

Western ... e-Round the World

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Everything Old Is New Again!

Come to reunion June 20-22 and see for yourself how we've applied the best of the past to the present, in order to celebrate a sesquicentennial of sorts --150 years of Western spirit. Register online!

Hail and Farewell!

We welcome William J. Gracie, Jr., newly appointed Dean of the Western College Program. Director of Miami's liberal education program, Bill joined the university faculty in 1969 and most recently has been teaching 19th-century British literature. Bill succeeds Burt Kaufman, who announced his retirement as dean earlier this year. Burt will continue to teach for one more year, after which he and his wife, Diane, will move to Utah to take up residence in their third "retirement home."

... and Congratulations!

Jenny Germano (WCP '04) has loved reptiles since she was a little girl growing up near a woods and creek in Cleveland. She managed to articulate that passion and her determination to find a way to save two endangered species so well that she won one of the largest monetary awards in the country -- Miami's Joanna Jackson Goldman Memorial Prize, in the amount of \$26,300. Jenny is special to us She is a four-year recipient of one of our Western College Alumnae Scholarships.

Ross Meyer (WCP '03) and one other Miami student are two of only 76 students in the country to be named Truman Scholars. This \$30,000 award goes to juniors who plan careers in government or public service. Ross has set his sights on a master's of public policy and a doctorate in government and social policy. From Cincinnati, Ross is also a Turner Scholar, a scholarship program for WCP students established by the bequest of Western College alumna Elizabeth Turner '07.

Folk Art With a Twist

Together with her husband, Paige Robertson Koosed '73 not only creates whimsical critters and characters with watercolors and wood, but enhances them with delightfully droll titles.

What Comes Naturally

Karla Simon '69 is doing just what you might expect from a '60s Western College graduate She's an incredibly busy professor at the Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America, teaching, writing and lecturing about the law especially as it applies to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and not-for-profit organizations, both in the U.S. and abroad.

Past Is Present

We like the concept so much we're using it for this year's Reunion, but past is also linked to present in several of our campus traditions now being adapted or observed outright by WCP students. They sew flags, toast their seniors, and honor academic garb, to name a few.

Believe It or Not

In the 29 years of our existence as the WCAA, Inc., we have awarded more than \$1,000,000 in scholarships. This year alone, we are giving over \$150,000 to aid Miami students, thanks to your gifts to the annual fund and support of our endowment funds, and we aim to do even more in the future!

The very first order of business by the charter board of trustees in 1974 was to establish an International Student Scholarship; the Peabody Scholarships soon followed. Today it is a much-anticipated tradition for trustees to lunch with current scholarship recipients at the Lodge International scholars during the spring board meeting, Peabody scholars in the fall.

You Could Look It Up

1. True or false? When it was first awarded (in 1986), the Western College Alumnae Scholarship (WCAS) was the largest award at Miami.
2. Reunion 2003 gifts will go to (a) Peabody Scholarships (b) the Western College Memorial Archives (c) the WCP Dean's Fund for Academic Enhancement
3. The newest scholarship, recently announced by the board of trustees, is _____.

Upcoming Events

June 20-22 Reunion 2003 on the Western campus

August 21-24 Ernst Fall Festival, featuring Sanskrit comedy The Clay Cart, by Shudraka. Western night Sunday, August 24, 7 p.m.

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