



# The Extension



Erin Dorsten



Brooke Davis-Sims

## Legacy Scholarship Students

Marlene Bireley

The Nick Davis WSURA Scholarship is designed to serve students who are not only good scholars, but also those who have a relative who has been an employee of the university. This year, because of the generosity of our members and the positive market conditions, we were able to award two \$1200 scholarships. This is the first time in the history of the scholarship that two awards have been given. We are delighted to announce that both of our recipients are legacy scholars.

**Erin Dorsten** comes from a family of Raiders. Her grandmother, **Carol Snyder**, was on the English faculty at the Lake Campus. Her parents, **Ron and Cassie**, have both undergraduate and MBA degrees from the university. She is one of four siblings to have attended or now attend Wright State. Some of you may remember that her sister, **Shawn**, was our scholarship recipient in 2009-10. **Erin** reports that

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**Shawn** is now employed as a nurse in the Miami Valley Hospital emergency room. A brother, **Dane**, is now an athletic trainer and the fourth sibling, **Kylie**, is a current student and **Erin's** roommate.

**Erin** is seeking a bachelor's degree in Exercise Science with a goal of being a Physical Therapist. At Celina High School, she was an outstanding volleyball player who was named as the Player of the Year for the Western Buckeye League and the Second Team, All Ohio. During her senior year of high school, she began taking classes at the Lake Campus as a PSEO (Post secondary educational options) student. She is now carrying a 3.8 GPA on main campus while working part-time at the Russ Engineering Center.

Our second recipient, **Brooke Davis-Sims**, has Wright State ties on both sides of her family. Her grandfather, **Nick Davis**, was honored by the WSURA Board for his years of contribution to the university and the organization by having our scholarships named in his honor. He was Director of the Kettering Center for many years. Her other grandparents, **Carl and Eddie Sims**, were both long-time employees of the university.

**Brooke's** home is in Oakwood where, in addition to her studies, she works as a server at the Oakwood Club. In the past she has volunteered at The Hospice of Dayton. **Brooke** is a nursing student, a choice that was solidified when she helped care for her grandfather, **Nick**, during the last few months of his life. In spite of her busy life, she is maintaining a 3.5 GPA.

Each year it is my privilege to interview our recipients for this annual article and each year I am impressed by the maturity, scholarship and enthusiasm of these outstanding students. This year we can be doubly proud that we are supporting these fine young women in their academic and life goals.

## President's Message

### Gary Pacernick

I never thought I would be so close to a rhinoceros in my life and I was not on safari in Africa or Asia. I was in the Wilds of Ohio near Zanesville, riding in an open safari bus. The Wilds is a 10,000 acre nature reserve for endangered African and Asian species. Here the animals are nurtured and cared for in a safe and welcoming environment and, when ready, are then returned to their natural habitat.

If not for **Mary Gromosiak**, WSURA Activities Chair, and **Jan Austin**, the tour organizer, I would not have known about the Wilds, and I would not have joined my wife **Peggy** and others for an adventurous and enjoyable day in a very special place.

WSURA offers all members the opportunity to join together as a community to participate in a wide range of activities. Future events include attending a Wright State University basketball game on January 9, 2013, dining out at Brio's at the Greene on January 13, and viewing the Wright State Theatre Department production of The Great Dayton Flood on February 3.

WSURA, a vital part of the the Wright State community, sponsors student scholarships, works with international students, has representatives on the Friends of the Library Board and the Athletic Council, etc. WSURA is open to all retired Wright State faculty and staff. You can meet old friends and acquaintances as well as other Wright State retirees for the first time.

If you have any questions about participating in WSURA events or being nominated for the board, please contact me at [Gary.Pacernick@wright.edu](mailto:Gary.Pacernick@wright.edu). You can make a difference by participating in WSURA and becoming a part of our diverse and dynamic organization.

## WSURA Activities Calendar – 2012-2013

**Sunday, December 2**

**Dining-In Holiday Brunch**

Hosted by: **Tom and Helen Listerman**

Address: 161 Wynstone Ct., Xenia, OH 45385

Cost: Cost for entrees to be shared among those attending. Contact Helen Listerman for a menu item to share.

**Wednesday, December 5**

**International Faculty Open House (bring a snack)**

Location: University Center for International Education conference room

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

RSVP by November 28 to Robert Wagley

**robertwagley@att.net**

**Wednesday, January 9, 2013**

**WSU Basketball Game/Cleveland St. & Pizza Party**

Location: Box #214-B

Pizza: 6 p.m.

Game: 7 p.m.

RSVP by December 26, 2012 to

**mary.gromosiak@wright.edu**

**Sunday, January 13, 2013**

**Dining-Out Brunch**

Location: Brio's at The Greene

Time: 11 a.m.

RSVP by January 10, 2013 to

**mary.gromosiak@wright.edu**

**Sunday. February 3, 2013**

**WSU Theater 2012-2013 Season**

Play: *1913: The Great Dayton Flood*

Time: 2 p.m. Matinee

Cost: \$20 for adults; \$18 for seniors

Payment: Make check out to WSU Retirees Association and mail to WSURA Treasurer, 139 Millett Hall, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001

Also, **please RSVP to [mary.gromosiak@wright.edu](mailto:mary.gromosiak@wright.edu)**

or phone **937-974-4010** by Friday, February 1, 2013 so an accurate head count can be kept before unsold tickets are released.

Dinner: 5 p.m., Max & Erma's, Fairfield Commons Mall following the play.

**March 7, 2013**

**Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson** is the Frederick P. Rose Director of the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History and visiting scientist and lecturer at Princeton University. **Tyson** has authored six books on astronomy and astrophysics and is a columnist for *Stardate Magazine*.

Location: Apollo Room, Student Union

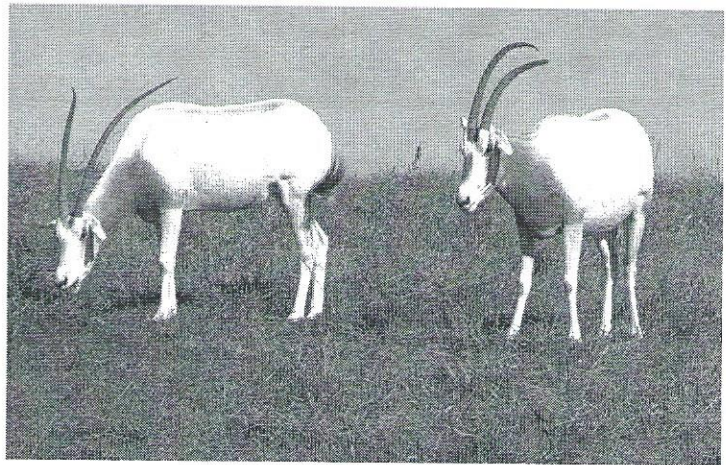
Time: 7 p.m.

**April 16, 2013**

**Van Jones** - is president and cofounder of Rebuild the Dream, a platform for bottom-up, people powered – innovations to help fix the U.S. economy. A Yale-educated attorney, **Jones** has written two *New York Times* bestsellers and worked as the green jobs advisor to the Obama White House.

Location: Apollo Room, Student Union

Time: 7 p.m.



Scenes from The Wilds

Happy  
Holidays



## News from WSURA

### The Wilds

On October 16, WSURA members participated in a wonderful day trip to The Wilds in southeast Ohio. It was a beautiful fall day, the leaves were at peak color and the animals were cooperating by staying close to the road where we had a great view of them. Thanks to **Mary Gromosiak and Jan Austin** who organized the trip through Jan's Bee on the Go Travel agency.



### Health Fair

Membership Chair **Gerry Petrak** reports that over two hundred people visited the WSURA booth during the recent University Health Fair and signed up for the basket raffle. The basket contained two men's and two women's basketball tickets from the Athletic Department, a WSU mug from the WSU Barnes and Noble bookstore, a \$15 Subway Gift Card and various sweet and salty treats. The winner was a surprised and delighted **Suganya Sundaran** who works in the Budget Office.

## Patron Status

A committee is working out the details for the newly established Patron status for WSURA. Funds collected from patrons will be used to underwrite WSURA projects that benefit students or service projects. Donations will be tax deductible and will provide members or others the opportunity to contribute to the organization beyond paying dues.

A more detailed description will follow in the next *Extension*.

## New Office Assistant

After an unexpected resignation, we are pleased to announce that our new office assistant is **Sarah Spitzer**. **Sarah** is a freshman honors student from London, OH. We are looking forward to working with her for a number of years. Her Fall Semester hours are M and W, 1 to 4 p.m; Tues., 11-1; Th., 12-5 and F, 1 to 3.

## The Welcome Club

The Welcome Club is the brainchild of International Liaison **Bob Wagley** and his wife, **Lorraine**, based on their experiences while **Bob** has taught abroad in Italy, Chile and Germany. In some of those situations, the couple was picked up at the airport, dropped at an apartment and left to fend for themselves. In others, support in learning the community and university was provided making it a much more enjoyable experience. The purpose of the Welcome Club is to provide support for the university's growing population of faculty and research associates. On page 7 is the explanation of the Club that the International Office will distribute to incoming scholars. Please contact **Bob Wagley** if you are interested in helping. ([robertwagley@att.net](mailto:robertwagley@att.net))

## Deaths

**Benjamin Schuster**, Clinical Professor of Medicine and university benefactor, August 2012.

**Frank Stickney**, Professor of Management, Raj Soin College of Business, October 2012

**Lillian Davis**, university affiliation unknown, October 2012

## Welcome, All Retirees

As is our custom, the Winter edition of the Extension is sent to all retirees, not just WSURA members. We hope that you will find among our many activities, something that will interest you. If you care to join us, please fill out the membership application on the back of this newsletter. We are a busy, vibrant organization that provides a way for you to continue a link to the university.

## Do You Have Information on these People?

We are in the process of compiling a membership directory and have had letters to these members returned. If you have a current address or any other pertinent information on any of these people, please notify us at [wsura@wright.edu](mailto:wsura@wright.edu).

**Don Bell**  
**James G. Blore**  
**Patricia Kelly**  
**Diana L. Lewis**  
**Barbara B. McClure**  
**Martin Moss**  
**Connie Niles**  
**Ronald Nimmer**  
**Manley Perkel**

**Lexiphile:** (i.e., "lovers of words" you know . . . like . . . you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish . . . )

Well, here are a few more enjoy:

When fish are in schools they sometimes . . . take debate.  
A thief who stole a calendar and . . . got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles . . . U.C.L.A.

The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes . . . was on shaky ground.

The batteries were given out . . . free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. . . . They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a . . . dead giveaway.

If you don't pay your exorcist . . . you can get repossessed.

With her marriage, she got a new name . . . and a dress.

Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you . . . A- flat miner.

You are stuck with your debt if . . . you can't budge it.

Local Area Network in Australia : . . . The LAN down under.

A boiled egg is . . . hard to beat.

When you've seen one shopping center . . . you've seen a mall.

## Friends of the Libraries Launch a Workshop Series

Many WSURA members are also members of the Friends of the Libraries (FOL), a support group for the University Libraries. This year, **Gary Barlow**, WSURA Board member and our liaison to FOL, is serving as president of that group. In the past the group has scheduled speakers periodically. This year, they are offering a series of workshops that should hold great interest for retirees. The dates for the workshops and a brief description follow:

January 12 -241 Dunbar Library *Research Your Roots* (Genealogy)-**John Armstrong**

February 16 -241 Dunbar Library *Preserve Your Past* (Preserving and Digitizing Family Photos)-**Toni Vanden Bos** and **Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet**

March 9-241 Dunbar Library *Present Your Life Story* (Digital Family Memories from Family Photos)-**Will Davis**

April 6 –Archives’ Reading Room *Rare Books and Book Collecting*— **Owen Kubik**, Kubik Fine Books ltd.

**Schedules:** Cost- \$12/15 each workshop (members/non-members of FOL)  
Time- 11:30 to 2:00, 11:30 to noon –box lunch provided as part of cost  
Advanced registration is required. Contact:  
Call (937) 775-2380. Contact person: **Karen Nevius**  
Or [libraries.wright.edu/calendar/events](http://libraries.wright.edu/calendar/events)  
Limited seating.

## The Welcome Club for International Faculty

### Purpose

We hope to make your adjustment to your new surroundings a little easier and more enjoyable. The purpose of our club is to aid visiting international faculty and scholars adjust to the challenges faced while living and working in a different culture.

### Activities Offered to You and Your Family

- A tour of Dayton and surrounding areas
- Introduce you to grocery shopping in America
- Help furnish your living quarters with needed items
- Help you shop for anything you need
- Keep you informed about the area’s cultural opportunities
- Keep you informed about the area’s sporting activities
- Accompany you to various local tourist attractions
- Inform you about our American holidays and celebrations
- Help you learn about our religions institutions
- Help with any individual needs or desires