

Student Enrichment Program

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Students and Staff get corny! at the “Aw Shucks, Summer’s over” Fall Social

Thursday, Sept. 28th at 3:00 pm on the lawn outside of SEP we will be celebrated the start of the new school year with fresh picked corn-on-the-cob, watermelon, and a sunflower seed spitting contest. We had over 60 students that came to enjoy the company and weather. Jaime Lopez-Pinedo was the grill master and did a great job with the corn. It was a great opportunity to make new friends and reconnect with some old SEP buddies. Thank you to everyone who helped out.

Pacific University Graduate School Visit

Nursing
Pharmacy
Dental-Hygiene
Optometry
Physicians Assistant
Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy

Do any of these careers sound interesting to you? Do you want to know more about applying to these highly competitive medical school programs?

If so, come with us for a visit to the new *Health Sciences Campus* that Pacific University has just opened in Hillsboro. You will meet with the specific programs you are interested in and receive valuable

information about the kinds of things you need to be doing **now** to compete for admission into these programs.

Friday, October 13th at 9:00 a.m. we will meet at SEP to travel to Hillsboro by van. Plan on returning to campus around 3:00. Lunch will be provided.

Please sign up in advance at the Front Desk or by phone at 838-8550.

Free tickets available to all SEP Students!

The Student Enrichment Program provides free admission to selected cultural enrichment events offered on campus or in the community throughout the academic year. One ticket per participant is available in a limited quantity on a first come, first served basis and may be obtained by signing up for those tickets at the front desk in the SEP office with a staff member.

This is one of the many unique benefits offered to SEP participants. The following productions are a sample of what's available to SEP participants this year. Other offerings will be announced as they become known to the SEP staff. *(Signup deadlines are in parenthesis)*

Regina Carter (Smith Fine Arts Series) 10/6/06, 7:30 p.m. (9/29/08)

A knockout violinist leads a knockout band with swing and contemporary arrangements of pre-WWII music.

Alonzo King's LINES Ballet (Smith Fine Arts Series) 12/8/06, 7:30 p.m. (12/1/06)

A poem perfectly written in space – original ballet in partnership with contemporary musicians from distinctive and diverse cultural traditions.

The Reluctant Dragon (Smith Fine Arts Series) 1/11/07, 7:30 p.m. (12/8/06)

See what happens when a magnificent dragon moves into the neighborhood.



On A Roll

Recognizing Student Accomplishments

Danielle Blanchette
Laura Boateng
Daniela Ceja-Torres
Tyler Gieser
Zane Graser
Darnell Hall
Tara Halligan
Teresa Karner
Ivan Laib
Christopher Liebes
Thomas Mashos
Matthew McLin
AJ Noonan
Heather Russell
James Sorrells, Jr
April Spradling
Chelsea Sweitz
Pilar Torres-Barrera
Amber Walker



Scholarship Resources and Writing Seminar (And a Free Lunch, too!) Tuesday, October 10 12:30-2:00 p.m. APSC Lower Lounge

It's not too early to begin thinking about scholarships for the next academic year! To assist you with this process, Kim Lamborn and Jessica Heintz from the WOU Financial Aid Office and Katherine Schmidt, Director of Western's Writing Center, will share with you scholarship research strategies as well as tips on how to write effective scholarship essays.

Pre-seminar sign-ups are being accepted in the SEP Office as space is limited. A light lunch of sandwiches, chips, cookies and drink will be provided for those students signing up early.

Summer Bridge 2006

We are proud to have completed the Summer Bridge orientation program for the sixth consecutive year. Every year we're able to make more improvements on the activities and educational programs we offer. This year we had a record breaking 34 students participate. Our group included students from as far away as Hawaii and as close by as Independence. Students moved in to Landers, Pod 6, on Sunday, September 10th and had a packed week of social and educational activities.

We want to thank Dr. Gary Dukes, Vice President of Student Affairs, for funding this program and allowing us to keep this important tradition. We would also like to thank all of the offices that participated in and supported our program in one way or another. Without the help of the entire campus we wouldn't have been able to put together such a comprehensive and successful program.

Thank You

President Minahan	Provost Spectar
Vice President Dukes	Dr. Katherine Schmidt
Tamie Whitmore	Avery Cotton
Shawn Gatherum	Scott Carter
Sue Payton	Kim Lamborn
Ryan West	Donna Fossum
Michael Hampton	Jennifer Hansen
Bryan Miyagishima	Dr. Curtis Yehnert
Dr. Jerry Braza	Jon Tucker
Aaron Worely	Anna Hernandez-Hunter
Sharyne Ryals	Rick Sedgwick
Debbie Diehm	Diane McBurnett
Jay Carey	Joe Hutchinson
Nancy France	Leonard Crawford
Patrick Waugh	Michele Price
Phil Pownall	Terry Manning
Patrick Moser	

And Our AMAZING Peer Advisors:

Scott Andersen
Taylor Egen
Kaitlynn Gross
Tina Trinh

Volunteers and Donations Needed

Do you sometimes wish you could give back to SEP in some small way? SEP Staffers have created two lists, one with volunteers needed for various on-going tasks and upcoming SEP events and another list of donations wished for. You will find these lists hanging on the SEP Opportunities "wall" in the front office. Thank you in advance for helping us out...

***Thank you** to Linda Much ('06 Grad) for a glass punchbowl /cups and lampshade.



Spotlight on Zane Graser

One of the most likable people you will meet on our campus is Zane Graser, a senior transfer student from Spokane, WA. Zane will brighten and encourage your life if you have the opportunity to meet him. Zane, a deaf student majoring in Physical Education with a minor in Special Education, makes the most of the opportunities which are directed his way. Zane was instilled with a deep sense of meeting one's obligations, whether it's extending respect to everyone he meets and interacts with, attending his full time college class schedule, working more than 25 hours a week in a graveyard shift work position during the academic year or volunteering in an elementary school setting. Zane always seems to honor commitments he has made in spite of the challenges he has to overcome on a daily basis.

Because of his deafness, Zane has not always been treated as an equal among his peers. He has found sports as a way of "leveling the playing field" for his life. He has always been fairly athletic and loves to participate in lots of different sports. He particularly loves to play golf and ice hockey. He also has a strong commitment to his own personal fitness, which is one of the reasons he is considering becoming a personal trainer as a career after he graduates from WOU.

He chose WOU because of the "small school" feel, a large deaf student population, and a desire to go to school in the Northwest. When asked what he loves most about this school, Zane said, "It is a very comfortable place for me, a place that has made me feel welcomed and the friendliness of the teachers and the people I have met here." Regarding his time in SEP, he says, "This office has always been a place where I could get help and a place where staff members freely share their time with me. I have really benefited from the advice given me from the SEP advisors." His advice for SEP students: "Take advantage of your opportunity to be in school. You're responsible for the decisions that you make and start now to begin preparing for life after college."

Following his graduation from WOU, Zane is considering attending a Bible college before pursuing his career as a personal trainer. He plans to spend more time with Buddy, his dog, whom he obtained as a student here at WOU so he knew when people were "ringing his doorbell" at his house. He is also looking forward to attending more family reunions. Although he is oldest of two children (his sister attends Eastern Washington University), he is one of 23 cousins in his extended family which make for "very fun family reunions."

HARD KNOCKS CAFÉ NOW OPEN IN SEP!

You will notice that something new has been added to SEP just outside of the student cubicle...our first ever Hard Knocks Café! You are welcome to utilize the microwave, coffee maker - only hot water for now please - teas, instant coffees, and soups. There is a basket with a variety of teas, instant coffees, paper plates, napkins, and popcorn for your breakfast, lunch, and snack needs. Enjoy!

*If you would like to help "tidy up" this area and/or donate items for the Café (wouldn't a small refrigerator or hot cocoa be nice additions?), contact an SEP staffer.

Thank you to Sheree for the microwave, Beth for the Krups, and all SEP staffers for the variety basket.



SEP SENIORS—COME CLAIM YOUR MAILBOXES!

Now, you all probably know that the APSC Building, where SEP is "housed", was at one time Western's Library, but did you know that SEP "inherited" some historical artifacts from the "old" Library?

We have in our possession nearly 100 oak, card catalog drawers and have decided to honor each of our seniors with personalized mailboxes until they graduate!

Mailboxes will be filled in the near future by SEP Staffers. (Maybe a winning lottery ticket?) So, Super Seniors, stop by and take a peek in your boxes and *CONGRATULATIONS* on your persistence in completing your academic goals!

***Thank you** to James Sorrels for cutting and installing the plywood for the tops of the mailboxes.

WANT TO SHARE YOUR SUMMER EXPERIENCE?

So, what did you do during your summer break? Skydive? (AJ) Camp Adventure? (Pilar) Break trails for the Forest Service? (Maria) Horse Camp? (Heather)...We are looking for SEPer's who would like to share their travel, work, internship, or other noteworthy experiences during our 3rd annual Summer Experience Panel on Wednesday, January 10. (Yes, this is happening the first week of Winter Term 2007!)

Campus representatives from Financial Aid, Study Abroad, and Service Learning and Career Development will also be available to talk with you about incredible summer opportunities. (Our very own Tina Trinh will be one of the Alternative Break Leaders during Spring Break 2007!)

If you would like to be a part of this panel, please contact an SEP staffer for more details.

*Did you notice the SEP bulletin board as you walked in to make an appointment to see your Educational Advisor? (hint, hint..) We have displayed postcards from SEP students and staff identifying their summer adventures. If you have a photo or postcard you would like displayed, drop it off with Beth.

KIDDIE KORNER KOMING FOR ALL KIDS IN SEP!

A number of our students have babies, toddlers, and young children who accompany them to advising sessions as well as other SEP activities (Our youngest visitor this summer was Tasha Murphy's new baby girl, Felicity, born in August).

We are now offering a basket of toys to keep children occupied during their visits; look for the Kiddie Korner sign and wicker basket filled with toys. We do ask that parents supervise children and replace the toys in the basket upon leaving. Enjoy!

Thank you to Tasha Murphy for her donation!

*If you would like to donate clean, gently-used toys to our collection, just drop into the basket AND thank you, in advance.

SEP Students Leading the Way

Several SEP participants have been elected or selected to serve in leadership roles across the campus in paid and unpaid positions. To find out more about getting involved in leadership opportunities on campus, see your SEP Educational Advisor or one of the students identified below.

Also, beginning Winter term '07, a new Leadership Certificate Program will be unveiled at WOU. More information about this program will be released soon.

Admission Advocates: Nicole Seery, Nicole Williams

Alternative Spring Break Student Coordinators: Maria Acosta, Tina Trinh
ASWOU (Student Government): Nicole Seery - Student Activities Board Director. (see Trevor Setvin for student senators)

Diversity Peer Educators: Adela Aguilar, Stephanie Patricio, Tiffany Hendrix

PLUS Team: Andrea Arce, Keith Broyles, Sarah Cole, Lucas Mendoza, Jodi Santille, Nicole Seery, Tina Trinh

RHA (Residence Hall Association): Jodi Barnes - Activities Director

University Residence Assistants: Christopher Hammond (Landers Hall)

MSU: Blanca Aguirre - Events Director, Ilce Aguirre - Technical Records

Administrator, Lucas Mendoza - Social Membership Director, Erica Moreno - Secretary, Ashley Boateng - Public Relations

MEChA: Andrea Arce - Co-chair, Lucas Mendoza - Freshman Advocate



New addition to the SEP staff

In case you haven't stopped by the office recently, you haven't met our new Office Coordinator, Sheree Solario.

Sheree returned to WOU after taking a short break from school - about 13 years - and completed her Business degree this past Spring. She was also a SEP participant while she attended WOU.

If you need to schedule an appointment to see your advisor, check out a laptop or calculator, she is the person to see. Sheree is excited about being a part of the SEP program and looks forward to meeting all of our great SEP students. Next time you're in, please introduce yourself and welcome Sheree to our staff.

TEXTBOOKS FOR LOAN

Want to save some cash on your textbooks this term? Be sure to stop by our SEP Resource Library and look at our newly-created shelf of textbooks for loan. You will currently find biology, business, economics, literature, science and writing texts. Just fill out the card in the back of the book and drop off with any SEP staffer.

*If you are interested in organizing this lending library and/or donating texts, talk to an SEP staffer.