

# A New Era in WSU Housing



The construction of phase one of Wildcat Village is complete, and students have settled into the first building. This WSU Housing project replaces LaSal, Wasatch and Stansbury halls, which were demolished. Promontory Tower will come down in the near future. Wildcat Village will eventually feature three buildings and house more than 500 students.

“Wildcat Village represents a new era in residential living for students,” said Brett Perozzi, WSU associate vice president for Student Affairs. “It features living environments that will foster community and promote engagement.”

Designed to encourage people to gather, Wildcat Village will have lounges, common kitchens and eating areas, and other amenities. The semicircle positioning of the buildings was designed to foster community spirit by opening onto a courtyard with playing fields, a volleyball court and fire pit.

In planning for the new complex, Daniel Kilcrease, WSU’s director of housing, traveled to different universities, spoke with consultants, interviewed current WSU students living on campus and held student focus groups.

“Community was one theme that kept emerging,” Kilcrease said. “ Wildcat Village will also be home to Living and Learning Communities (LLCs), which offer opportunities for students with similar interests to live together and share educational experiences beyond the classroom.

The construction of phase one included the Wildcat Village parking area and Hall One. The next phase will include Hall Two, which will be the central figure of Wildcat Village, providing a large commons area, dining hall, the WSU Housing offices and residential living. The final phase will include the construction of Hall Three, which will employ a pod-style configuration — the latest in residential hall design. Phases two and three of Wildcat Village will begin in the next few years.

“We’ve seen tremendous demand from students in the past two years to live in the WSU residential halls,” Perozzi said. “The facilities that were built in the 1960s didn’t provide a desirable environment for learning at a modern university. The replacement of these halls will allow WSU to capitalize on new technologies. Design elements have been carefully considered to maximize the longevity and useful life span of Wildcat Village. These facilities will serve students for the next 50 years.”

Each building in Wildcat Village will be a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification candidate. The buildings will feature a number of green building design features, including the use of solar panels. The construction of the \$32 million, 172,150 square foot Wildcat Village is funded through student fee revenue bonds, private gifts and other institutional sources such as housing program revenues.

strom was selected as the first recipient of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service’s John R. Morgart Science Award for the best scientific paper. The article, “A large scale conservation perspective considering endemic fishes of the North American Plains,” was published in the journal *Biological Conservation*.

Chair of the Department of Construction Management Technology, **Steven Peterson**, received the Associated Schools of Construction Outstanding Educator Award for 2010-11. Peterson was one of three national winners.

A thin band of antimatter particles called antiprotons enveloping the Earth within the Earth’s magnetic field has been spotted for the first time by the Pamela spacecraft and detailed in *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*. The discovery confirms theoretical work by physics professor **Walther Spjeldvik** and coworkers in Massachusetts, Russia and Brazil, predicting that the Earth’s magnetic field could possibly trap antimatter co-existing with matter particles in the rarefied uppermost ambient Earth atmosphere.

**Eric Swedin**, associate professor of information systems and technologies, was honored for his book, *When Angels Wept: A What If History of the Cuban Missile Crisis* at the World Science Fiction Convention, WorldCon. Published by Potomac Books, it received the 2010 Sidewise Award for Best Long Form Alternate History

North Carolina State University Fisheries & Wildlife Alumni Society selected **Sam Zeveloff**, chair of the Department of Zoology, as the 2011 Outstanding Alumnus. He accepted the award at the annual meeting in April.



## Countdown to NCUR

In six months, Weber State University will welcome 3,000+ undergraduate researchers from across the U.S. for the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR). While March 29-31, 2012, seems a long way off, now is the time for faculty, staff and students to get involved, get prepared and get excited.



The foremost undergraduate research conference in the country, NCUR attracts top students to present their research findings or their scholarly or creative works. The three-day event will feature poster and oral sessions, performing arts presentations, guest speakers, excursions and a graduate school fair.

**John Cavitt**, director of WSU’s Office of Undergraduate Research, is the head of the university’s NCUR steering committee. He has attended NCUR events at other universities and is pleased the conference is coming to WSU.

“To have students come here from all over the U.S. and to hear them talk professionally about their disciplines is inspiring,” Cavitt said. “I think it will invigorate the campus and provide motivation to WSU students who might want to participate in undergraduate research.”

### Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

While behind-the-scenes preparations have long been under way, October will mark the first pre-conference milestone for students: Abstract submission opens Oct. 3. Submitted online, each abstract undergoes a rigorous review by faculty. After determining that the abstract has met specific criteria, it is accepted for presentation.

Because of the expected volume of abstracts, WSU’s NCUR steering committee is encouraging all faculty to volunteer as reviewers. A time commitment of two to six hours will be required. Abstracts are due by Nov. 15 and should be reviewed by Dec. 12.

To sign up as a faculty reviewer, visit [weber.edu/ncur2012](http://weber.edu/ncur2012) and click on “Faculty Volunteers.” Closer to the conference, faculty, staff and students will have the opportunity to sign up as event volunteers. “This conference could not happen without the support of our entire campus community,” Cavitt said. “Everyone coming together to help exemplifies the importance of undergraduate research at WSU.”

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## New Wildcat Leaders

Three new members of Weber State University’s athletics department bring experience and enthusiasm to their positions promoting and coaching student-athletes.

With the season under way, **Tom Peterson**



is on the court as the new head coach for women’s volleyball. He is recognized as one of the most decorated and well-credentialed volleyball coaches in the western United States.

“I am greatly impressed with the quality people here at WSU,” Peterson said. “I am excited to be part of the Weber State family and community.”

Peterson came to Weber State after serving as associate head coach for the women’s team at Utah State University for the past two seasons. He had also served for one season as an assistant coach in 2009.

Peterson has more than three decades of collegiate coaching experience in both men’s and women’s volleyball. He has coached in seven NCAA men’s championships, and his teams have won two NCAA Division I national championships at Penn State University (1994) and Brigham Young University (2004).

Peterson earned his doctorate in 1992 from BYU in physical education administration, curriculum and instruction. He earned his master’s degree in professional leadership from BYU in 1982 and a bachelor’s degree in physical education from BYU in 1978.

**Bethann Shapiro Ord** will soon begin her



first season as the women’s basketball head coach. Ord has 21 years of coaching experience, including coaching in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament with the University of Louisville in three of the past four seasons including the 2009 NCAA championship game.

## FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Jonathan Clark**, professor of zoology, presented a paper at the 11th International Conference on Salt Lake Research in Mar Chiquita, Argentina, in May. Titled “Molecular population genetic analysis of the brine fly, *Ephydra gracilis*, from Great Salt Lake, Utah” it was coauthored by former WSU student Brian Oney.

Assistant zoology professor **Brian Chung** and three students gave a presentation “Caenorhabditis elegans as a developmental model of intestinal peptide and amino acid absorption,” at the 2011 Digestive Disease Week in Chicago in May. It was one of several hundred presentations accepted out of 45,000 peer-reviewed submissions. The abstract will be published in the journal *Gastroenterology*.

**Luke Fernandez**, the manager for Program and Technology Development, received a \$41,000 Digital Humanities grant for a three-part project, Concentration in Humanities, which helps students deal with digital distractions. The grant will fund the development of an interdisciplinary course, as well as help with development of software and a lab that will enable students to explore how concentration encourages better reading and writing.

Assistant zoology professor **Christopher Hoagstrom**, along with a colleague from South Dakota State University, has received a \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The grant will support a graduate student who will conduct research on the federally threatened Pecos bluntnose shiner and evaluate the success of a river-channel restoration project designed to benefit the species. Also this summer, Hoag-

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WSU has hosted a series of undergraduate research conferences over the last two years. The Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, pictured here, was held in February 2011.

### Important Facilities Information

The NCUR steering committee has been working with each of the colleges to determine which classrooms and areas can be used for conference sessions. The event will take place mainly in the Shepherd Union, McKay Education and Wattis Business buildings and Elizabeth Hall.

Cavitt wants faculty to be aware that some classes will be relocated on March 29-30. He said in many cases professors have chosen to incorporate NCUR into their spring syllabi. Rather than having students attend their regularly scheduled classes those days, some faculty will require students to attend conference sessions within their disciplines.

For more information regarding NCUR's use of facilities, contact the NCUR office at 801-626-8076 or email [ncur2012@weber.edu](mailto:ncur2012@weber.edu).

### Getting WSU Students Involved

Faculty and staff should encourage students to get involved with NCUR and to submit their faculty-mentored research projects for review.

"As faculty work with students in developing their research, we tell them it isn't really complete until they've communicated that research to a professional audience," Cavitt said. "NCUR will give them that opportunity."

Students who aren't presenting at the conference are welcome to volunteer or attend conference sessions.

"NCUR offers something for everyone at Weber State," Cavitt said. "Plus, it's a chance to show off our beautiful campus and an opportunity for other universities and colleges to see how committed we are to undergraduate research and our students. We have a lot to be proud of at Weber State University."

### Welcome to WSU

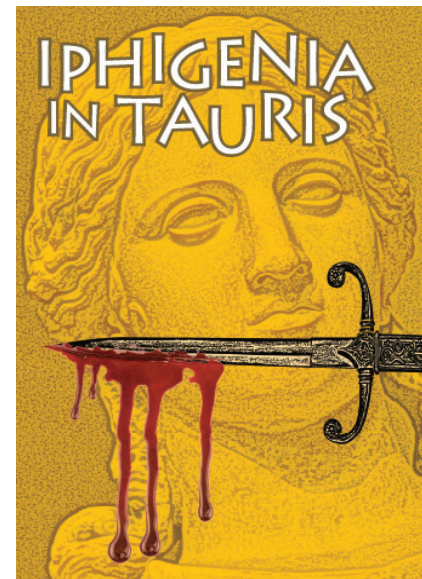
**Jodie Benabe-Matz**, Psychological Services; **Heather Chapman**, Academic Affairs; **Melissa Chauvet**, Academic Support Centers; **Steven Coleman**, Academic Support Centers; **Patricia Glover**, School of Accountancy; **Geertruida de Goede**, Library; **Brittney Haycock**, Continuing Education; **Brady Howe**, Athletics Administration and Support; **Yeonsoo Kim**, Communication; **Wendy Larson**, Continuing Education; **Cody Lyon**, Continuing Education; **Michael Moon**, Student Involvement and Leadership; **Gregory Parkhurst**, Economics; **Scott Peterson**, Academic Tech Training and Planning; **Zachary Robbins**, Student Affairs; **Jennybeth Thompson**, BIS; **Nurgul Ukueva**, Economics; **Lisa Wood**, Child and Family Studies

### On the Move/Promoted

**Marlen Avalos**, Student Affairs; **Dorothy Hill**, Women's Center; **Andrea Jensen**, Continuing Education; **Travis Knight**, Facilities Management; **Barbara Niklason**, Continuing Education; **Malissa Oman**, Academic Affairs; **Lisa Pedersen**, HPHP; **Seth Wilhelmsen**, College of Social & Behavioral Sciences

### Retired

**Judy Glommen**, HPHP; **Howard Noel**, Communication; **Richard Sline**, Communication; **Kathleen Spendlove**, Teacher Education; **Bonnie Van Cleave**, Human Resources; **Tom Van Cleave**, Facilities Management; **Raymond Wong**, Teacher Education



## getintoweber

**Sept. 22:** Convocations and WSUSA Arts and Lectures welcome Jewish-reggae sensation Matisyahu, noon, Shepherd Union Ballrooms. The event is free for anyone with a Wildcard and wristband available at the information desk. Cost is \$5 for the public. For information, call 801-626-7334.

**Sept. 19-28:** The 14th annual WSU Greek Festival includes lectures about Ancient Greek influences on a variety of disciplines; a readers theatre performance of Aristophanes' comedy, "Wealth"; and the Classical Greek Theatre Festival production of Euripides' "Iphigenia in Tauris." The

lectures and readers theatre performance are free. "Iphigenia in Tauris" tickets are \$11/\$8, 1 800-WSU-TIKS, [weberstatetickets.com](http://weberstatetickets.com) or at the door on the night of the performance. Find a complete schedule at [weber.edu/performingarts](http://weber.edu/performingarts).

**Sept. 25:** The Department of Performing Arts presents Weber State University Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Val A. Browning Center Austad Auditorium, \$5/\$4, 801-626-6431.

**Oct. 6-7:** The 13th Annual Divesity Conference will feature the topic, "Unpacking the Knapsack of Invisible (And Not So Invisible) Disabilities." The sessions are free and will cover such subjects as autism, veterans and disabilities, traumatic brain injury and sexual expression for people with disabilities. For more information, call 801-626-7420, [fcrawford@weber.edu](mailto:fcrawford@weber.edu).

**Oct. 13-15:** The Jerry & Vickie Moyes College of Education and the Department of Child and Family Studies offer the 23rd annual Families Alive Conference. Free opening session, Oct 13, Val A. Browning Center Austad Auditorium 7:30-9:15 p.m., "How to Discipline Kids Without Losing Their Love and Respect." Register for Friday and Saturday's events at [weber.edu/familiesalive](http://weber.edu/familiesalive).

"I am grateful for this tremendous opportunity," Ord said. "There are so many strong things in place at Weber State; I just look forward to adding to them. It will be a process, but I am ready to get to work." With 21 years as an assistant coach, Weber State will be Ord's first job as a head coach.

A native of Rochester, N.Y., Ord earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County in 1989. She was a three-year letter winner and starting point guard for UMBC. She earned a master's degree in elementary education from Wagner College in 1992.

**Ron Goch** is the new assistant athletic director for marketing and promotions. Goch will oversee marketing, promotions, advertising, event operations, community relations and ticket sales for WSU's 16 collegiate programs.



"This is an exciting time for Weber State athletics, as we have great coaches, staff, student-athletes and community support," Goch said. "I'm looking forward to the opportunities and the chance to help shape the bright future of Weber State athletics."

Goch has held marketing, sales and consulting positions with the NBA, WNBA, and four university athletic programs. In addition, he worked at the AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic for 10 years.

Goch earned a graduate assistantship at the University of Tennessee, working in the women's athletics department, while pursuing a master's degree in sports administration and management.

## CAMPUS NEWS BRIEFS

### Faculty Mentoring Brings Student Awards

Students have traveled the globe recently showcasing their work and research completed alongside faculty who have motivated, monitored and mentored.

#### Family Council Award

Two family studies students who worked with WSU child and family studies associate professor **Paul Schvaneveldt** have received

national recognition for their undergraduate research examining how religion affects stepfamily interactions.

The paper "Religiosity Impacting Stepfamily Dynamics as Mediated by Dyadic Adjustment" earned the 2010-11 Outstanding Undergraduate Research Project by the National Council on Family Relations

(NCFR) and will be awarded in November. The research was conducted and written by Michelle Burton and Andrew Chris.

Academic departments from more than 200 NCFR-affiliated colleges and universities in the United States and Canada were eligible to submit papers for the competition. Burton and Chris credit Schvaneveldt for their success, along

with WSU's Office of Undergraduate Research, which provided \$3,700.

#### Genetics Conference

New findings about the DNA of Great Salt Lake brine flies took a Weber State University student to one of the most important molecular genetics research conferences in the world.

**Amanda Truong**, a junior studying zoology, traveled

to Kyoto, Japan, July 26-30 for the annual meeting of the Society for Molecular Biology & Evolution.

Nominated by her research advisor and mentor, zoology professor **Jonathan Clark**, Truong was one of only 10 undergraduate students selected by the society from universities worldwide for the conference scholarships.

Truong presented a poster

with findings gleaned from hundreds of hours of study during the past three years collecting brine flies from the lake and examining them in the DNA Lab at WSU.

Truong shared her findings with the gathering of 1,000 scientists at the event.

#### Sticks + Stones

Sticks + Stones, a collaborative design project led in part by Weber State

University visual arts professor **Mark Biddle**, was recently named winner of the international Core77 Design Education Initiatives Award for its Berlin 2010 project.

Sticks + Stones Berlin 2010 focused on culture, migration and representation. In one component of the project, students took to the streets of Berlin wearing T-shirts with the question "What would people call me behind

my back?" printed on the front. They approached people randomly and asked them to write directly on their backs.

According to Biddle, the initiative was meant to give physicality to the way people label each other. More than 40 students from six different universities collaborated on the project.

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