

New Science Building Tops Legislative Requests

Weber State University hopes to begin drafting blueprints for a new science building shortly after the 2013 Utah legislative session ends in March.

Governor Gary Herbert is recommending \$4 million to launch the design phase on a new state-of-the-art facility that will prepare students to compete in the growing fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

“The current science building is outdated, dilapidated and has several life-safety issues,” said **Brad Mortensen**, vice president for University Advancement. “A new structure would encourage and support research, as well as attract new students and faculty to the fields that are demanding employment.”

Riddled with major seismic, electrical, mechanical and structural deficiencies, the 40-year-old building received the highest needs score from the Board of Regents. “We can no longer sustain our student body that has swelled 250 percent since the lab was first built,” Mortensen said. “Its replacement is critical in order to educate tomorrow’s workforce and take advantage of new technologies and research.”

A modern, cutting-edge science building will attract both high school seniors and adults already in the workforce. “More

students with degrees will assist in the goal of having 66 percent of Utahns with a postsecondary degree or certificate by 2020, an objective set by the Board of Regents and the governor,” Mortensen said.

The total project budget is \$65 million. Thanks to donor pledges of \$5 million, WSU is seeking \$60 million from the Legislature. If the Legislature falls short of funding the full amount, the remaining sum would be sought in a subsequent legislative session. Herbert’s \$4 million recommendation would allow the necessary design work to begin. “The most important thing at this point is to get the project started,” Mortensen said. “As long as we at least get design funding, we can expect to open the doors for students as early as fall 2016.”

In addition to replacing the science building, WSU is also asking the Legislature for faculty and staff compensation, expanded capacity in degree programs, additional faculty and advisor positions to accommodate student growth, additional student financial aid, and operations and maintenance funding for campus buildings.

Purple Capitol

Alumni, faculty, staff and students are encouraged to wear wildcat purple and spend time with legislators at the annual WSU Day at The Capitol, Feb. 7. The crowd will raise awareness of the university and its accomplishments by interacting with legislators and sharing some 40 posters depicting research, creative works and community-based learning projects. Call Margie Esquibel to reserve your seat on the bus: 801-626-7532 or mesquibel@weber.edu.



FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Marketing professors **Anthony Allred** and **E.K. Valentin** surveyed 317 people throughout Northern Utah for their “Giving and Getting Gift Cards” research recently published in the *Journal of Consumer Marketing*. The research focused on whether recipients considered gift cards the same as cash or whether they viewed gift cards more as a traditional gift.

Bruce Bayley, associate criminal justice professor, had his article, “Organizational Ethics Training: A Proactive Perspective” published in *Journal for Quality and Participation*. His research helps criminal justice students determine if their core ethical values are in line with the demands of the profession.

Associate zoology professor **Nicole Berthelemy** was honored with the “Heart and Hands Award” at the annual Utah Philanthropy Day Lunch sponsored by the Utah Nonprofits Association. She was nominated by

the Ogden Nature Center for her significant contributions of both time and money as a board member, past board chair and longtime volunteer.

Assistant professor of criminal justice **Bradford Reys** published “Protection Against Pursuit: Similarities and Differences From a National Sample of Stalking and Cyberstalking Victims” in *Justice Quarterly*. It is the first study using national samples of two crimes to examine victims’ experiences and the measures they take to protect themselves.

Former Dean of the College of Applied Science & Technology, **Warren Hill**, has been named as one of the newest Fellows of ABET. ABET is the recognized accreditor for college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering and engineering technology. The Fellow of ABET Award is presented annually to individuals who have provided sustained quality service to ABET-related education and professions.



Q & A With President Chuck Wight

Q. What are you most looking forward to in your new role?

My biggest challenge will be to navigate the shifting landscape of higher education to ensure that the quality of education at WSU remains high, while the barrier to entry and the cost to students remain low.

Q. Best advice you’ve been given about the new position?

Relax! WSU is in great shape overall, and there are no emergencies. President Millner has been a terrific leader, and the new president has the luxury of being able to take some time to get to know the place and people before setting a new course.

Q. Biggest surprise about new position so far?

The position is pretty much as I envisioned it so far, but I was surprised (and delighted) to learn that Paul Pilkington is the coach of our Big Sky champion cross country team. Paul has been a personal hero of mine ever since he unexpectedly ran away from the pack to win the Los Angeles Marathon in 1994. Look it up; it’s a great story in the annals of long-distance running.

Q. Something that people would be surprised to know about you?

In 1998 I finished the Wasatch Front 100 Mile Endurance Run in 29:07; about 9 hours behind the winner, but hey!

Q. Goal(s) for the first 100 days?

I’ve promised myself that I will do my best to listen more than talk for my first 100 days. After that, who knows?



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New SIL Director

When you put students in a leadership laboratory, their reactions are sometimes unpredictable, occasionally combustible and always exciting.

Allison Dunn, the new director of Student Involvement and Leadership (SIL), knows about reactions. She has a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Brigham Young University and a master of science in sociology with an emphasis in ethnic studies from Texas A&M University.

Previous to her selection at WSU, Dunn had been the assistant director for Co-curricular Leadership Programs at Virginia Tech.

“Leadership is one of the best learning laboratories we have,” Dunn said. “I think making a difference and learning about new cultures, new people and new perspectives, while giving back to the community, is the best way for students to apply classroom theory in real life and see what happens.”

Dunn said she has an open-door policy and looks forward to cross-campus partnerships. She hopes faculty and staff stop by for introductions.

Dunn said what she’ll miss most about her previous position is what she’s looking forward to the most in her new position — students.

“I love their enthusiasm and potential and the fact they think they really can change the world in a day — and they have the energy to try,” Dunn said.

Dunn doesn’t know exactly what the combination of new leadership and enthusiastic students at SIL will produce, but she is excited for the experiment. “I say, let’s try it. Let’s see what’s possible.”



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Q. Describe yourself in three words.

Values having fun.

Q. Favorite pastime?

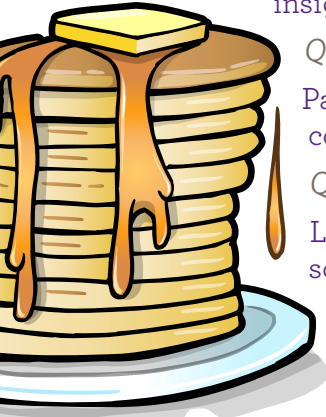
Traveling with [my wife] Victoria.

Q. Last book you read?

1493 by Charles C. Mann. Full disclosure: He's my cousin, but I still thought the book was really cool.

Q. Favorite fictional character?

Salvatore Montalbano. Deeply flawed, but pragmatic, insightful and clever.



Q. Pancakes or waffles?

Pancakes, because they're easier to cook outdoors.

Q. Words or phrases you most overuse?

Last time I answered that question, some people started counting and reporting the overuse. Not going there, sorry!

Q. Favorite vacation spot?

Tulum, Mexico

Q. Last movie you saw in the theater?

Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows

Q. Favorite course you've taught?

Honors General Chemistry II

Q. Last time a student really surprised you?

Once, a student told me that he quit his job to go back to school and earn a master's degree in chemistry after watching one of my YouTube videos. That was cool.

Q. Design flaw in the world you'd like to see changed, and how?

Generally, I think there's too much noise in our lives coming from all directions. I hope that we can all spend more time in thoughtful silence.



Q. Personal mantra?

If what I'm doing isn't fun, at least most of the time, then I should try doing something else.

Q. Current state of mind?

Optimistic.



Chuck Wight with wife Victoria Rasmussen at the presidential announcement Oct. 10, 2012



FRIDAY SKI BUS TO SNOWBASIN

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Jan. 4 to the end of the ski season: WSU's Outdoor Program offers a Friday Ski Bus to Snowbasin, depart 8:30 a.m. and return 5 p.m., Annex 9 (4022 Taylor Ave., Ogden), free. Information: 801-626-6373 or weber.edu/outdoor.

Jan. 14-21 Ogden City proclaims "Idle-Free Week" and invites the campus community to participate. Drivers are encouraged to reduce unnecessary idling and driving to help reduce harmful pollutants and improve health.

Jan. 15 Internationally recognized ecologist, author and cancer survivor Sandra Steingraber will speak for convocations at noon in the Shepherd Union Wildcat Theater. Her presentation is part of WSU's yearlong Water Works series.

Jan. 18 The Department of Performing Arts will host the annual WSU Gospel Music Festival, 7:30 p.m., Val A.

Browning Center Austad Auditorium, free. Information: 1-800-WSU-TIKS or weberstatickets.com.

Jan. 21 WSU's Center for Diversity & Unity, Community Involvement Center and the NAACP of Ogden will host the annual "Martin Luther King Jr. March," 9 a.m., Marshall White Center (222 28th St., Ogden). Following the march, participants are invited to the Shepherd Union Building for free bowling and billiards with the donation of canned goods. Information: Adrienne Andrews 801-626-7243 or adrienneandrews@weber.edu.

Feb. 4 The annual Major Fest is scheduled in the Shepherd Union Ballroom 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. Information: Student Success Center 801-626-6752 or studentsuccess@weber.edu.

WELCOME TO WSU

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Danna Brown, Student Union
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Erin Daniels, Planning and Undergraduate Research
Carol Dillree, Internal Audit
Quinton Dixon, Enterprise Business Computing
Gerald Gansey, Education Access and Outreach
Shawn Gibson, Facilities Management
Kevin Halverson, College of Health Professions
Cheryl Hurley, Education Access and Outreach
Janneca Johnson, College of Arts & Humanities
Mark Livingston, Dee Events Center
Eric Neff, College of Health Professions
David Patten, Facilities Management
Dale Payne, Education Access and Outreach
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Briana Beckstrand, Library
Brent Borklund, Bookstore
Scott Steele, Bookstore
Virginia Stevens, Communication

CAMPUS NEWS BRIEFS

Day of Service Approved

In November the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a proposal that allows benefit-eligible employees up to eight hours of leave each year to perform voluntary community service. The leave will be granted only for university-wide days of service organized by the Community Involvement Center. Such days include WSU's Day of Remembrance better known as Homecoming, Martin Luther King Jr. Week in January and Make a Difference Day in May. Such days of service may change over time. **President Millner** reported that the idea was generated by staff and allows employees the opportunity to serve.

Fawcett Named WSU's First Endowed Chair

With an eye toward building a globally recognized Supply Chain Management program, WSU named **Stanley Fawcett** to the John B. Goddard Endowed Chair in Global Supply Chain Management.

Fawcett is the first professor at WSU to hold the title of endowed chair, an elite position that recognizes outstanding teaching and scholarly excellence.

Athletes' Concussions Studied at Dew Tour

Athletic training faculty and students spent a week at the Winter Dew Tour in Colorado monitoring crashes, wipeouts and wrecks. Under the direction of assistant professors **Matt Donahue** and **Jordan Hamson-Utley**, students used helmet sensors, video monitors and blood draws to gather novel research on concussions related to extreme snow sports. The findings will contribute to a four-year longitudinal study investigating overall brain health in college athletes.

'Charm' Wins Regional Competition

The Department of Performing Art's fall production of *Charm* is heading to Los Angeles to compete in the American College Theatre Festival Region VII Competition, Feb. 15. The play written by Kathleen Cahill and directed by professor of performing arts **Tracy Callahan** tells the story of Margaret Fuller (1810-1850) a writer at the center of the American Transcendentalist Movement and the avant-garde of feminism. Two fundraising performances are scheduled Jan. 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Val A. Browning Eccles Theatre. Tickets/information: 1-800-WSU-TIKS or weberstatickets.com.

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2. Verify your monthly statement against the receipts you have collected for the month.
3. Record each transaction on the "Purchasing Card Transaction/Reallocation Log" form.
4. Attach the above three items together and sign and date your statement.
5. Statement must also be signed and dated by your P-Card reconciler and supervisor.
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