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John de Graaf, award-winning filmmaker and executive director of “Take Back Your Time,” an organization devoted to helping the public achieve life-balance, will be giving two talks during Scholars Week.

“What’s the Economy For?”

Monday, May 19th, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Parks Hall 146

John de Graaf argues that the economy should be about quality of life, fairness, and leaving enough for future generations. He uses international indices to compare the success of the American economy with those of other industrial countries and demonstrates how poorly we match up and why.

“No Vacation Nation”

Tuesday, May 20th, 2:00-2:50 p.m. in Science Lecture Hall 150

The United States is the only industrial society with no paid vacation law; last year only 14% of Americans took a two-week block of time off, while Europeans get 4-6 weeks of paid vacation. John de Graaf is leading a campaign for more paid vacation time in the United States. He'll explain why vacations matter for healthy families and businesses.

John de Graaf’s talks are sponsored by the Department of Physical Education, Health, and Recreation and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences as a part of Scholars Week. For information contact Charles Sylvester at charles.sylvester@wwu.edu or x3541.

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