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Doers & Deeds

Academic Excellence at WKU

"Back of the deed was the doer, back of the doer, the dream." ~ Dr. H.H. Cherry, WKU Founding President

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Bill Pfohl (Psychology) was elected president of the National Association of School Psychologists. He will serve as president-elect during the 2004-05 academic year and as president during 2005-06. This is **Pfohl's** second term as president of the national organization.

Retta Poe (Psychology) presented "Using Student Assessment Data for Program Assessment," at the December 2003 meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in Nashville, TN. She also had two articles reprinted in *Lessons Learned: Practical Advice for the Teaching of Psychology* (vol. 2, American Psychological Society, 2004).

Tabitha Daniel (Curriculum and Instruction) presented "Building Mentoring Teams to Develop Critical Performances," at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in Chicago, IL, February 14-16, 2004.

Sam McFarland (Psychology) published "The Effects of Authoritarianism and Social Dominance Upon American Students' Attitudes Toward Attacking Iraq," in *Psicología Política* (vol. 27, pp. 119-130, February 2004).

Nedra Wheeler-Atwell (Special Instructional Programs) and **John Moore** (Curriculum and Instruction) co-presented "Alternative Certification in Rural



Sheryl Hagan-Booth

Sally Kuhlenschmidt

America: Face to Face in Cyberspace," at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in Chicago, IL, February 6-9, 2004.

Kelly Burch-Ragan (Counseling/ Student Affairs) presented "Critical Incidents in Addictions and Offenders Counseling," at the American Counseling Association's 2004 National Convention in Kansas City, MO, April 4, 2004.

Sally Kuhlenschmidt (Psychology) published "Getting Started on the Web: Enhancing Instruction in Psychology," in *Lessons Learned: Practical Advice for the Teaching of Psychology* (vol. 2, pp. 81-90, American Psychological Society, 2004).

International Achievements

The William E. Bivin Forensic Society won top honors at the 2004 International Forensics Championship in Madrid, Spain in March. In a near sweep of the competition, Western students placed first in every event except Dramatic Performance. This is Western's fifth win in six years. Congratulations to the following undergraduates for their accomplishments:

**Impromptu Speaking, Spanish Literature, Persuasion -
EVELIO SILVERA (Fort Meyers, FL)**

Prose - ASHLEY COURTNEY (Mayfield, KY)

**Duo Interpretation -
RYAN HOWELL (Plymouth, IN) and LINDSEY NAVE (Harrisburg, IL)**

After Dinner Speaking - ELIZABETH AU (Evansville, IN)

**Lincoln Douglas Debate -
JENNY CORUM (Auburn, KY) and JOELLE PERRY (Florence, KY)**

**Parliamentary Debate -
EVELIO SILVERA (Fort Meyers, FL) and NICK ROMERHAUSEN (Evansville, IN)**

Sam Evans (Dean) co-presented the professional clinic "National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Accreditation: Strategies and Lessons Learned," at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators in Dallas, TX, February 14-16, 2004.

Farley Norman (Psychology) published "Lightness Constancy in the Presence of Specular Highlights," in *Psychological Science* (vol. 9, issue 15, pp.33-39, 2004). He also published "The Visual Perception of Length Along Intrinsically Curved Surfaces," in *Perception & Psychophysics* (vol. 66, pp.77-88, 2004).

Roger Pankratz (Curriculum and Instruction), **Antony Norman** (Psychology), and **Sam Evans** (Dean) co-presented "Using Performance Data on Seven Teaching Processes in Teacher Work Samples to Monitor Candidate Progress, Make Program Improvements, and Demonstrate Accountability for Graduates' Impact on P-12 Learning," at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in Chicago, IL, February 6-9, 2004.

Joe Bilotta (Psychology) presented "Spectral Sensitivity of ERG b- and d-waves in African Cichlid Fishes: Comparisons with Habitat, Ecology and Phylogeny," at the January 2004 meeting of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, in New Orleans, LA.

Pitt Derryberry (Psychology) published "Instrumentality, Task Value, and Intrinsic Motivation: Making Sense of their Independent Interdependence," in *Contemporary Educational Psychology* (vol. 29, pp.63-77, 2004).

Jeanne Fiene (Education Administration, Leadership and Research) co-presented "Preparing a New Breed of School Principals: Universities in the Lead," at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in Chicago, IL, February 6-9, 2004.

Steve Winingar (Psychology) presented "Measuring Marbles: Demonstrating a Basic Tenet of Psychological Measurement," at the Southeastern Conference on the Teaching of Psychology in Atlanta, GA, February 27-28, 2004. His presentation was recognized as the



Joe Bilotta

Outstanding Poster Presentation for the Conference.

Donald Nims (Counseling and Student Affairs) has been selected as the 2004 Outstanding Post-Secondary School Counselor by the Kentucky School Counselor Association (KSCA). The award was presented on March 4, 2004 at the KSCA Spring Conference in Lexington.

Antony Norman (Psychology), **Roger Pankratz** (Curriculum and Instruction), and **Sam Evans** (Dean) co-authored "The Renaissance Partnership Teacher Work Sample: Evidence Supporting score Generalizability, Validity, and Quality of Student Learning Assessment," in *Research Linking Teacher Preparation and Student Learning* (Kendell/Hunt Publishing Co., 2004). They also presented their work at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators in Dallas, TX, February 14-16, 2004.

Sam Evans (Dean), **Antony Norman** (Psychology), and **Tabitha Daniel** (Curriculum and Instruction) co-presented "How Teacher Work Sample Methodology Helps Candidates Meet State Teacher and Core Content Standards: School Practitioner Insights and Experiences,"

at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators in Dallas, TX, February 14-16, 2004.

Antony Norman (Psychology), **Sam Evans** (Dean), and **Tabitha Daniel** (Curriculum and Instruction) co-presented "Evidence Supporting Score Generalizability and Validity of the Renaissance Teacher Work Sample: A Replication Study at the Institutional Level," at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators in Dallas, TX, February 14-16, 2004.

Alice Mikovch (Curriculum and Instruction) presented "Recruiting, Training and Retaining Cooperating Teachers," at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators in Dallas, TX, February 14-16, 2004.

Antony Norman (Psychology) co-presented "Assessment of Teacher and Administrator Candidates and Preparation Programs in an Era of Accountability," at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in Chicago, IL, February 6-9, 2004.

Kathleen Matthew (Curriculum and Instruction), **Barbara Kacer** (Curriculum and Instruction), and **Patsy Powell** (Curriculum and Instruction) presented "Creating Quality Teachers: A Collabora-

tive Story," at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in Chicago, IL, February 6-9, 2004.

Pam Petty (Special Instructional Programs) and **Sherry Powers** (Special Instructional Programs) have established an Adult Literacy Clinic at WKU through a \$12,500 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The program, instituted on January 13, 2004, will utilize WKU graduate students to work with adult learners in need of literacy instruction.

Antony Norman (Psychology) presented "WKU's Electronic Accountability System: Collecting, Analyzing and Communicating Candidate Performance Data," at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in Chicago, IL, February 6-9, 2004.

Nedra Wheeler-Atwell (Special Instructional Programs) presented "Alternative Certification in Rural America: Face to Face in Cyberspace," at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators in Dallas, TX, February 14-16, 2004.

Antony Norman (Psychology) presented "Using WKU's Electronic Accountability System to Streamline Data Collection and Analysis and for Data-Based Decision-Making," at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in Chicago, IL, February 6-9, 2004.

Roger Pankratz (Curriculum and Instruction), **Tabitha Daniel** (Curriculum and Instruction), and **Sam Evans** (Dean) co-presented "Integration of Alternative Voices Through Team Mentoring: An innovative Strategy that Builds Institutional Capacity, Improves Teacher Candidate Performance, and Increases P-12 Student Performance," at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in Chicago, IL, February 6-9, 2004.

Sherry Powers (Special Instructional Programs), **Pam Petty** (Special Instructional Programs) and **Leroy Metze** (Psychology) presented "Electronic Professional Development: Staying on the Job and on the Cutting Edge" on March

3, 2004 and "The Campus and Classroom Connection: Technology Ties That Bind" on March 6, 2004 at the Society for Information Technology & Teaching Education National Conference in Atlanta, GA.

Heather Kossick (undergraduate, psychology) presented "A Brief Version of the Useful Field of View Test," at the meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association in Atlanta, GA, in March 2004.

Sharon Mutter (Psychology) published "Aging and the Detection of Contingency in Causal Learning," in *Psychology and Aging* (vol. 19, pp 13-26, 2004).

Farley Norman (Psychology) published "Aging and the Perception of Biological Motion," in *Psychology and Aging* (vol. 19, pp. 225, 2004).

Leroy Metze (Psychology) presented "The Campus and Classroom Connection: Technology Ties that Bind," at the meeting of the Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education, Atlanta, GA, in March 2004.

Sharon Mutter (Psychology) and **Leslie Plumlee** (Psychology Cognition Lab manager) presented "Age and Contingency Judgment: The Contribution of Working Memory and Associative Processes," at the 10th Cognitive Aging Conference in Atlanta, GA, in April 2004.

Sharon Mutter (Psychology), **Steve Haggbloom** (Psychology) and Psychology graduate students **Amy Schirmer**, **Marcie Sammons** and **Laura Strain** presented "Out of Sight, Out of Mind: Aging and the Feature Positive Effect," at the 10th Cognitive Aging Conference in Atlanta, GA, in April 2004.

Bill Pfohl (Psychology) received the National Association of School Psychologists 2004 Presidential Award for his service to children and to the National Association of School Psychologists.

GORDON FORD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Kirk Heriot (Management) and **Richard Parker** (Management) were runners-up for the Distinguished Applied Paper Award at the 2004 Small Business Institute Annual Conference in Clear-

water Beach, FL, February 14-15, 2004. Their paper was titled "A New Approach for Developing an Incubator: A Case Study in Peru."

Clinton Mills (undergraduate, Computer Information Systems, Bowling Green, KY) and **Chris Mills** (undergraduate, Marketing, Bowling Green, KY) earned the third place Merit award in the 2004 Service Industry Advertising Award (SIAA) competition for their web site, Hitcents.com.

Economics faculty **Roy Howsen**, **Melvin Borland**, and **Michelle Trawick** published "An Investigation of the Effect of Class Size on Student Academic Achievement," in *Education Economics* (vol. 13, 2004).

Thomas Noser (Economics) published "The Online 'Classroom': Differences In Perception Between Business and Non-Business Students," in *International Business & Economics Research Conference Program & Proceedings* (2003).

INTERDEPARTMENTAL

U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell presented a \$700,000 check to Western Kentucky University's **Institute for Rural Health Development and Research**, in cooperation with the South Central Kentucky Area Health Education Center, to develop health-related programs to serve the region's Hispanic population. The presentation ceremony was held March 17, 2004 at Bowling Green's Hispanic Resource Center.

WKU's **Talisman** yearbook is a finalist in the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) Yearbook Pacemaker contest. Winners will be announced at the ACP/College Media Advertisers National College Media Convention, November 3-7, 2004 in Nashville, TN. The **Talisman** also won a Silver Crown for its 2003 edition. The award ceremony was held in March 2004.

"Western Kentucky University's **2003-2004 View Book**" has been selected as a Special Merit Award recipient in the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District III Advancement Awards Program (Student Recruitment category). The **View Book** was on display at the District III Conference in

Atlanta, GA, February 23-26, 2004, and then placed in the CASE III archives at CASE International in Washington, D.C.

College Heights Herald undergraduate staff members returned from the Kentucky Press Association convention, January 23, 2003, with the General Excellence Award in the Associate Member Newspaper Division.

Students receiving first place awards were:

Kyle Tucker (Clarksville, TN)
Sports Feature

Abbey Brown (Vincennes, IN)
Enterprise or Analytical Story

Brett Marshall (Bowling Green, KY)
Spot News Picture

Tyler Pelan (Champaign, IL)
Feature Picture

H. Rick Mach (Sterling, VA)
Sports Picture

Daniel Pike (Glasgow, KY)
Editorial Page

Approximately twenty other staff members received second or third place prizes or honorable mentions.

The **College Heights Herald** also received a Silver Crown award for its 2003 spring publications. The award was presented at the spring College Media Convention in New York, NY in March 2004.

Regina Allen (Sponsored Programs) currently serves as Chair of the National Council of University Research Administrators Region III Membership Committee through May 12, 2004. **Allen** is also co-creator of the Proposals & Awards Management database, licensed to several universities and profiled by the Association of University Technology Managers.

John Petersen (Associate VP for Academic Affairs) served as a Peer Reviewer for Special Cycle 2003 Institutional Partnership applications for the Association Liaison Office for University Cooperation in Development. Petersen reviewed the applications in Washington, D.C. on January 16, 2004.

Tricia Callahan (Sponsored Programs) was one of twenty Sponsored Programs administrators nationwide selected for the second class of the National Council of University Research Administrators

(NCURA) Leadership Development Institute, ongoing throughout 2004.

The WKU **College Heights Herald** and **News Channel 12** won first place honors in the Journalists Mark of Excellence Competition for Region 5, hosted by WKU and held April 2-3, 2004. These awards put Western in competition for the national title, which will be announced this fall.

The **William E. Bivin Forensics Society** won the 2004 American Forensics Association (AFA) National Championship in Long Beach, CA, on April 6, 2004. Two thousand competitors from 212 colleges and universities throughout the United States competed in the event.

POTTER COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Charles Bussey (History) has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar Grant. The grant will support his lecturing/research on American Studies at Agder University College in Kristiansand, Norway through June 2004.

Deborah Logan (English) presented "Harriet Martineau in the Middle East: Travels and Travel Writings," in an all-Martineau panel she organized for the British Women Writers conference at University of Georgia/Athens, March 25-28, 2004.

Laura McGee (German) published "The DEFA's (German Film Production Company) Fourth Generation of Film Directors and Their Reform Efforts in the German Democratic Republic," in *Film History: An International Journal* (Vol. 15:4 pp. 444-464) in February 2004.

Ted Hovet (English) has been awarded a Sasakawa Fellowship for participation in the National Faculty Development Institute on "Incorporating Japanese Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum." The Institute will be held at San Diego State University in June 2004. **Hovet's** award includes a \$5,500 grant covering Institute tuition, housing, transportation and other expenses.

James Chappell (Political Science) presented "Comprehensive Strategic Management Process," at the Kentucky Political Science Association (KPSA) in Georgetown, KY, March 5-6, 2004.

Heidi Pintner (Music) judged the Flute Society of Kentucky Young Artist, Collegiate, High School and Middle School Competitions on January 16, 2004. She also gave a piccolo seminar at the Flute Society of Kentucky Festival on January 17, and participated in a panel discussion called "Key to Success" for the Middle Tennessee Flute Festival on January 24 in Murfreesboro, TN.

Mark Berry (Music) has been awarded an Action Agenda grant in the



amount of \$8,750, from the Council on Postsecondary Education, to start WKU's first Caribbean Steeldrum Ensemble. He can be heard on the newly released CD entitled *Historic Works for Percussion Ensemble (1931-1942)*. Recent live performances include an evening of percussion music on January 12, 2004 at the Vera McIntosh Theatre in Ann Arbor, MI.

Elizabeth Oakes (English) won the Betty Gabehart Prize in Poetry at the 25th annual Women Writers Conference, March 26, 2004 at the University of Kentucky, in Lexington, KY.

WKU's **School of Journalism and Broadcasting** and TEKgroup International, Inc. have partnered to provide an educational course covering public relations software and online newsroom management. **Ken Payne** (Public Relations) will be teaching the use of TEKmedia, an online newsroom software program. TEKgroup will provide the software, hosting, support and intellectual property.

John Carmichael (Music) has been selected by the executive board of the National Band Association (NBA) to serve as editor of the *NBA Journal*.

Carmichael will also serve as president of the Southern Division of the College Band Directors National Association from 2004-2006.

The **Western Kentucky University Wind Ensemble** performed at the Southern Division College Band Directors National Association Conference on Friday, February 27, 2004 at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. WKU is the only college band in the south to have been invited to make three performances at Southern Division CBDNA over the last ten years. The ensemble has also received an invitation to perform in Moscow, Russia, as special emissaries for the celebration of the 60th anniversary of victory in World War II, with performances in Moscow and Saint Petersburg.

Dale Rigby (English) presented "Keep the Progymnasmata Out of the Red States: A Vituperation," at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in San Antonio, TX, on March 25, 2004.

Pam Thurman (Music) has been elected to membership in the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP).

Sandra Ardrey (Political Science) was elected president of the Kentucky Political Science Association at its annual meeting March 5-6 in Georgetown, KY. She is the first African American to serve as president of the association.



Sandra Ardrey

James Chappell (Political Science) was elected vice-president of the board for the National Headquarters of Gamma Beta Phi at the Society's convention in Nashville, TN, February 13-14, 2004.

This is a three-year commitment, which moves **Chappell** from vice-president to president elect and then to president of the board of the national headquarters.

Michael Ann Williams (Folk Studies) published *Homeplace: The Social Use and Meaning of the Folk Dwelling in Southwestern North Carolina* (University of Virginia Press, 2004).

Joe Millichap (English) published "The 1890's" and "Railroads", in the *Columbia Companion to American History on Film* (pp. 10-14, 541-544, Columbia University Press, 2004).

Tom Hunley (English) presented "My Big Fat Greek Essay: Classically - Structured Deliberative Rhetoric in the Composition Classroom," at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in San Antonio, TX, on March 25, 2004.

Marjorie Yambor (Broadcasting) spoke on a panel entitled "Station Budgets and Finances" at the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System national conference in New York, NY in March 2004.

Jason Riley (Journalism alumnus) co-authored two of the *Courier-Journal's* four-part series, "Justice Delayed, Justice Denied," that was a 2004 Pulitzer Prize finalist for Public Service reporting.

Kristin Behrle (undergraduate, Photojournalism, Louisville, KY) placed first in the 2004 Hearst Photojournalism Award competition, receiving a \$2,000 award.

Rodrick Reidsma (undergraduate, Photojournalism, Bowling Green, KY) finished second and received a \$1,500 award. The School of Journalism and Broadcasting will receive matching amounts. This is the 13th time in 15 years that WKU has won the competition.

Cheryl Diaz (Journalism alumna), currently of the Dallas Morning News, is part of the 2004 Pulitzer Prize winning team for breaking news photography.

John Hardin (Assistant to the Provost for Diversity) presented "Who We Were First: The Experience of Desegregation," at the Unfinished Business: School Desegregation in Kentucky Symposium, held at the Kentucky History Center in Frankfort, KY, on March 30, 2004.

EXTENDED CAMPUSES

Juanita Bayless (Director - Glasgow), **Phyllis Reed** (Academic Advisor - Glasgow), and **James McCaslin** (Resource Coordinator - Glasgow) collaborated with the Barren County Adult Education Center to provide free introductory computer classes to the public. Sixty-eight participants met for ten sessions at the Glasgow campus March 15-26, 2004.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

WKU's **Division of Extended Learning and Outreach** and **Recreation and Park Administration** presented a nationally recognized Wilderness First Responder course, March 19-27, at Western's L.D.

Brown Agricultural Exposition Center and the University farm. Instructors from Wilderness Medical Associates provided training. Participants engaged in lectures, rescue simulations and other hands-on work.

Doug Schutte (Allied Health) presented "Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide Conscious Sedation of Dental Hygienists," at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry, in Louisville, KY, March 13-14 and 19-21, 2004.

WKU **College of Health and Human Services**, in partnership with the University of Louisville, presented the Mini Kentucky Interdisciplinary Community Screening (KICS) and Hispanic Health Fair on February 28, 2004. Warren County Health Department and Primary Care Center, along with the WKU Dental Hygiene Clinic and Mobile Health Unit plus a host of students, faculty and agencies provided health screenings and medical and dental services to over 100 Hispanics in the community.

Alumnus **Mark Marsh** (Health Care Administration) received the 2003 Tennessee Young Healthcare Executive of the Year award from the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Beverly Siegrist (Nursing) is currently serving a two-year appointment to the Commissioner's Parent Advisory Council (PAC) ending in 2006.

Becky Tabor (Allied Health) and **Doug Schutte** (Allied Health) presented "Implementation of a Clinical Software System in a Dental Hygiene Program" at the American Dental Education Association's (ADEA) 81st Annual Techno Fair and Exposition in Seattle, WA, on March 9, 2004.

Louella Fong (Consumer and Family Sciences) and **Janet Fugate** (Consumer and Family Sciences) presented "Recruitment of Diverse Populations: Training and Mentoring via Distance Education in Early Childhood Personnel Preparation," at the January 2004 Hawaii International Conference on Education in Honolulu, HI.

OGDEN COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Eric Daniel (Chemistry) has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar Grant. The grant will support his research on "Electromodulation on Cinder and Clay Modified Stationary Phases" at the National Chung-Hsing University in Taichung, Taiwan through May 2004.

Richard Gelderman (Astronomy) **Whitney Wills** (undergraduate, Physics, Bowling Green, KY) and **Richard Benton** (undergraduate, Computer Information Systems, Stanford, KY) conducted four interactive presentations for 84 fourth grade students at Cumberland County Elementary School in Burkesville, KY, on February 19, 2004.

The WKU **Department of Agriculture** will share in a \$61,400 grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for research on control of mycobacterium paratuberculosis, or Johne's disease, in cattle. Western will work with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and the State Veterinarians office to complete this federally funded project.

The Kentuckiana Golf Course Superintendents of America Association (KGCSAA) recently awarded scholarships to 3 WKU undergraduates enrolled in the Agriculture Golf and Turf Management program. The undergraduate winners were: **Brett Lafterty** (New Liberty, KY, \$1500), **Nathan Lind** (Elizabeth, IN \$1000), and **John Wall** (Bowling Green, KY, \$500).

The Kentucky Turfgrass Council (KTC) awarded the \$1500 Dwight Barkley Scholarship to **Dylan Stafford** (undergraduate, Agriculture, Bowling Green, KY). **Stafford** also received an internship from the United States Golfers' Association (USGA); he is the only student from the North Central region of the U.S. to receive this honor.

The WKU **Department of Agriculture Ambassadors** presented sessions on the WKU Agriculture Open House at the National Agriculture Ambassador Conference at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, CA, January 21-23, 2004.

Colin Abernethy (Chemistry) presented "Imidazol-2-ylidene Silver(I)halides: Ambidextrous Transfer Reagents," at the Modern Aspects of Main Group Chemistry symposium at the American Chemical Society meeting, in Anaheim, CA, March 30, 2004.

WKU **Architectural & Manufacturing Sciences** held a regional competition in preparation for state and national competitions for 12 high schools and middle schools from south central Kentucky on February 24, 2004. The annual competition hosted over 200 students participating in 41 different events.

Michael Trapasso (Geography/Geology) presented "Tourism and the Ozone Hole: Varying Perceptions," at the National Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, in Philadelphia, PA on March 17, 2004.

Thomas Wisley (Economics/Marketing) presented "An Exploration of Domestic Partner Healthcare Benefits in Academia" (co-authored with **Michelle Trawick**, Economics) at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Economics Association in Lexington, KY.

On January 22, 2004, fourteen undergraduate research posters from Western were presented at the annual Posters-at-the-Capitol session. Disciplines represented included Chemistry, Biology, Geography and Geology, and Psychology. **Gretchen Berryman** (undergraduate, Chemistry, Leitchfield, KY) gave a special oral presentation in the Rotunda and was formally presented to the State Senate to receive a certificate from her senator.

Chris (Geology) and **Deana Groves** (Education Catalog Librarian) represented WKU during a research visit to a remote area of Hunan province in southwest China, where they laid the groundwork for assisting Chinese scientists in a new karst water resource development project, from December 25, 2003 - January 5, 2004. They also investigated several huge caves and underground rivers on western Hunan's Guizhou Plateau and negotiated details for a WKU led cave expedition to the area in March.



The WKU Concrete Canoe Team

The following **Geoscience** presentations were conducted by WKU graduate students at the Geographic Information Systems Map Gallery in Frankfort, KY, February 2-6, 2004:

"An Examination of Industrial Air Emissions and Environmental Justice in Warren County, Kentucky," by **Michael Briggs** (Hendersonville, TN), **Mark Graham** (Penzance, England), **Christina Henry** (Sumter, SC), **Pat Kambesis** (Chicago, IL), and **Jenna Medlin** (Bowling Green, KY).

"A Preliminary Analysis of Western Kentucky University Safety Infrastructure," by **Michael Briggs** (Hendersonville, TN), **Mark Graham** (Penzance, England), **Christina Henry** (Sumter, SC), **Joseph Islas** (Clarksville, TN), **Pat Kambesis** (Chicago, IL), and **Jenna Medlin** (Bowling Green, KY).

The National Nuclear Non-Proliferation Program has sponsored four visiting Russian scientists at Western Kentucky University. Vadim Zabolotnikov, Valery Kubyak, Sergei Ivanov, and Yuri Scryabin visited WKU from January 19 – February 6, 2004, to partner with the **Physics Department** in incorporating weapons development skills into more peaceful endeavors. WKU was selected due to its internationally recognized expertise in Homeland Security issues.

The **2004 Western Kentucky Physics Olympics** were held at WKU on Febru-

ary 21, 2004. The competition consists of five events designed to test physics knowledge, skill with experimental investigations, teamwork, and communication of high school students from around the region. This year the competition included teams from Warren, Metcalfe, and Christian County. Each student from the first placed team received a \$500 scholarship to attend WKU.

WKU undergraduates, along with co-advisor **Bryan Reaka** (Architectural and Manufacturing Sciences) participated in Collegiate Challenge, to build homes with Habitat for Humanity, in Xenia, OH, March 21-27, 2004. Participants included **David Babb** (Social Work, Shelbyville, KY), **Rashaud Blake** (Industrial Sciences Mandeville, Jamaica), **Katie Darden** (Therapeutic Recreation, Louisville, KY), **Jill Kearns** (Business Economics, Burlington, KY), **Jason Sanders** (Applied Technologies, Whitesville, KY) and **Rebecca Wieck** (Industrial Sciences, Nashville, TN).

The WKU **Concrete Canoe Team**, paddling "Matrix Reinforced," has won the Ohio Valley Regional Concrete Canoe Competition for the 9th consecutive year and will be headed to the National Championships in Washington DC in June. The team finished first in every category of the competition.

Wayne Tarrant (Mathematics) presented "Generalizations of Sophie Ger-

main Primes," at the West Coast Number Theory Conference in Pacific Grove, CA, December 17-21, 2003. Tarrant has also received a position on the Mathematical Association of America's, American Mathematics Competitions Advisory Board.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Jonathan Jeffrey (Library Special Collections) received the "Award of Merit" from the Historical Confederation of Kentucky/Kentucky Historical Society for *Standing Strong: A History of the Bowling Green Public Library, 1938-2003*, at the Society's annual awards program, March 8, 2004 in Frankfort, KY.

Mark Traugher (Kentucky Museum) won Third Place in the Professional category of the US Bank Celebration of the Arts 2004 Open Art Exhibition for his painting. The competition was held February 28-29, 2004 at the Kentucky Museum in Bowling Green, KY.

Jack Montgomery (Library Professional Services) and **Roxanne Spencer** (Library Public Services) were invited by the Texas Library Association to conduct a presentation on "Collection Development" in San Antonio, TX, on March 17, 2004.

Charles Smith (Science Librarian) edited "Alfred Russel Wallace: Writings on Evolution, 1843-1912." (Thoemmes Continuum Bristol, U.K., 2004).



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