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The Gateway Community: Opening Doors to Success

by Tommy Newton

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This fall 140 freshmen are part of the Gateway Community, Western Kentucky University's first residential learning community.

The students – a diverse group of males and females – live together in Bates-Runner Hall and take blocks of general education courses together.

Western has offered academic learning communities for about three years, but this is the first time the residential component has been included. "Our goal is to create a seamless environment between the classroom and the residence hall," said Brad Shuck, hall director.

Learning communities have an impact on student learning and retention, according to Cindy Jones, the Gateway Community's co-director and coordinator of the Freshman Seminar program. "What others in the nation have found is that students who form a community seem to thrive academically as well as socially," she said.



The mission of the Gateway Community is to create a program that provides yearlong learning opportunities, activities and support for new students
Logo by Dinara Sagatova



Tom Miles and Cindy Jones are the co-directors of the Gateway Community and Brad Shuck is the hall director in Bates-Runner.

Photo by Sheryl Hagan-Booth

The Gateway Community has been established with student success as the goal, said Tom Miles, the other co-director and associate director of Residence Life. In the hall, resident assistants will be called peer advisers and their jobs include an academic component to help first-time freshmen become successful students.

The upper-class staff members on each floor are responsible for establishing a sense of community, advising individual residents and maintaining an academic atmosphere. Along with academic support, emphasis will be placed on new student transition, community service, academic advising, career development, diversity education, student health issues and leadership development.

Students are encouraged to study together. And a classroom in the renovated hall allows faculty members to join students for study sessions and other activities. "Learning communities allow us to do things that the traditional class period isn't going to give us," Miles said.

Small group exchanges where students share information and talk with faculty members can be powerful learning tools, Miles said. "Peer to peer is the most powerful learning that happens on college campuses," he said. "We want these students engaged in the learning process."

The students can choose one of three blocks of general education classes: Western Civilization since 1648, Freshman English and Freshman Seminar; Intro to Psychology, Fundamentals of Public

Speaking and Freshman Seminar; or Western Civilization since 1648, Astronomy and Freshman Seminar.

The learning communities also include about 75 students who aren't living in Bates-Runner Hall, Jones said. This will allow administrators an opportunity to compare how those students perform with the 140 living in the hall, she said.

"Our goal is to inspire learning and move students toward graduation," Jones said.

In the spring semester, the students will remain in Bates-Runner Hall but they won't be required to take blocks of courses together. Jones and Miles expect that some students will take classes together. A leadership component will be added in the spring as students explore leadership and community service issues.



The newly-renovated Bates-Runner Hall reopened this fall as home to the Gateway Community, an academic learning community to actively engage students in their Western education.
Photo by Rebecca A. Miles

"When students actively participate in their education, they become more successful," Shuck said.

Among the other ways Gateway is focusing on student learning and social interaction are a VIP (Very Important People) program to link faculty and staff with students, recreational sports, tutoring, advising, financial aid and other programs.



The Gateway staff includes peer advisers Joe Riley, Tracy Anderkin, Teri Rogers, Holly Pelt, Sarah Greenwell, Philip Campbell, Beau Riley, Johnathan Gross and hall director Brad Shuck.
Photo by Sheryl Hagan-Booth

The Gateway Community also educates families on what to expect in college. Parents received a letter this summer with a list of books about the first year of college. Shuck expects to communicate regularly with parents and hopes most of them return to campus for Parents Weekend and Homecoming.

"We've got to educate every body. This is a family process," he said.

The program, which has support from Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, is exciting and should benefit both students and the University, Shuck said.

"This is really a team of individuals who came together to give students what they ultimately need and that is success," he said.

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Teaching, 21st Century Style

by Kimberly Shain Parsley

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Ever since she was a little girl, Dr. Dawn Langkamp Bolton wanted to become a teacher. "While other little girls were playing with dolls," she said, "I was playing school."

Both Bolton's parents were teachers, as was her grandmother. "I guess that it's in my blood," she said.

For that reason, Bolton said that receiving the University Award for Excellence in Teaching is one of her greatest honors.

"When I was going to high school in the 70s and looking for colleges to go to, I wanted to teach and I told my high school counselor that's what I wanted to do," Bolton said. "And he said that at that time in Wisconsin there were so many teachers that most of the people graduating in education were becoming bartenders," she said. "He told me there weren't that many women in business and asked if I had considered going into business.

And that is what she did, eventually receiving her doctorate in business administration. "I got to do both," she said. "I got to be in business and be a teacher, and that's what brought me here."

Bolton came to Western Kentucky University in 1991 as a member of the business faculty. She then moved to the Bowling Green Community College to become the Business Division chair. Deciding that she wanted to go back to teaching, she became a member of the Community College faculty in 2000 and currently teaches a variety of business courses. She said teaching at the Community College, with its smaller class sizes, gives her the opportunity to connect with her students and learn more about them than just their academic lives. Most recently, she has also become the marketing director/program coordinator for the Division of Extended Learning and Outreach.



Dr. Dawn Bolton, associate professor in the Business & Computer Studies Division at Bowling Green Community College
Photo by Sheryl Hagan-Booth



Bolton received the Excellence in Teaching Award from President Gary Ransdell on August 12. She accepted with the help of her children, Chase and Vanessa.

Photo by Sheryl Hagan-Booth

In a letter of nomination, student Kara L. Novak wrote, "She always devotes 110 percent of her time and energy in and out of the classroom. She always meets with her students when they are in need of assistance at the times that are convenient to them, regardless of any conflicts that may arise on her end."

Bolton said that she sincerely cares about her students, both as students and as individuals, and actively tries to convey that to each student. "I realize that they are people," she said, "and that they really do have grandparents who die, and spouses who get ill, and children and jobs. I realize that when they are

in the classroom they are not just a set of brains trying to learn. They are whole people, and I try to address that wholeness in each of them.”

Bolton’s eagerness to accommodate the diverse and busy lives of her students and to provide for them the best possible environment for learning led her to develop distance learning and Internet courses. While teaching in the Business College, she was one of the first faculty members to teach an interactive TV course. Later, she received the 2002 Kentucky Virtual University Online Excellence Award for her online Principles of Marketing course.

“Dawn challenges the students in both her traditional classes and her Internet classes. Then, she encourages and supports them,” wrote Linda Todd, assistant professor in the Business and Computer Division of the Bowling Green Community College. “She spends many hours meeting with students and answering e-mails from them. Dawn does everything she can to assist them. In addition, she spends several hours each week in the BGCC Learning Assistance Center working with students.”

Regardless of whether Bolton is teaching in the classroom or online, the most important thing to her is that the students learn the material, instead of just memorizing it. She said it is important that they comprehend the concepts in the beginning of a course so they can fully understand the course content at the end of the course, and apply that knowledge in their future courses and careers. She employs various teaching methods to ensure that this is the case.

“All those many years ago when I was playing school, I had no idea how much a teacher would have to do,” Bolton said. “I did not know that it would require constant re-tooling to meet the challenge of changing technologies. I did not know it would mean spending a lot of time with students outside of class. I did not know I would one day teach a class from home while sitting at a computer - sometimes in my pajamas. I did not know I would care so much about my students. But I did know that it would be fun and that I would love it. And I do.”

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Heroes of Flight Honored During Kentucky Library and Museum Exhibit Opening on Sept. 13

by Earlene Chelf

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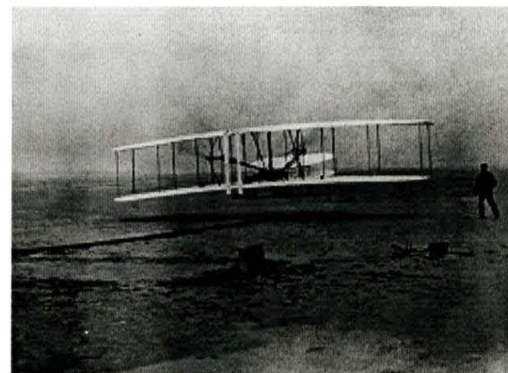
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It was a rainy, blustery morning December 17, 1903, at Kitty Hawk, N.C. Although the rain stopped, the wind continued to blow at about 25 miles an hour - not exactly the conditions Orville and Wilbur Wright sought for an experimental flight, but they decided to attempt the flight anyway.

Orville got aboard Flyer I, the ground crew released the restraints, the double-winged aircraft moved down the launching rails, then went aloft. Flyer 1 pitched up and down for about 12 seconds, then landed about 120 feet out. This first successful heavier-than-air flight of a powered flying machine with a pilot on board was followed by three more attempts, each longer than the previous. The inventive bicycle shop mechanics made history that day, and the aviation age began.



Orville Wright was at the controls of Flyer 1 when the first successful powered flight occurred on Dec. 17, 1903, at Kitty Hawk, N.C. Photo used with permission from Wright State University

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' daring exploits, the Kentucky Library and Museum is hosting an exhibit titled, "The Wright Approach: Wilbur and Orville and Their Flying Machine," which opens on Saturday, Sept. 13. The exhibit of about 40 reproduced photographs, many of which were taken by the Wrights, are now housed at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. David Lee, dean of Potter College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, an aviation enthusiast, is exhibit curator.



Colonel Terry Wilcutt, a 1974 Western graduate, is preparing for his fifth space shuttle mission. Photo courtesy University Archives

While the exhibit documents the Wright brothers' historic flight, the opening, scheduled for 1-3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Building, will go beyond aviation pioneers to include Space Age hero and Western Kentucky University alumnus, Col. Terry Wilcutt. At the opening, Wilcutt will speak about his experiences as an astronaut, meet the public and autograph photos. He also plans to donate one of his blue flight suits to the museum to be added to the permanent collection.

In addition to Wilcutt, the R/C Airplane Club will have model airplanes on display and there will be a number of activities for people of all ages, including hands-on activities for children.

All events and activities planned as a part of the Wright Brothers exhibit opening are free and open to the public. Exhibit funding was provided by the Office of the University Provost, Action Agenda Funds, the Kentucky Museum Associates and private donations, with

in-kind support from Qualex, Inc. at the Bowling Green Target Store.

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Wings Over Western

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Western Kentucky University's founding was less than three years away when Wilbur and Orville Wright achieved their first sustained, power-driven flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C. on December 17, 1903. One hundred years later, as the Kentucky Museum celebrates the brothers' accomplishments with its newest exhibit, "The Wright Approach: Wilbur and Orville and Their Flying Machine," we can also look back on nearly a century of Western's own aviation lore.

The earliest and perhaps most mysterious airplane to appear on the Hill is part of a well-known campus ghost story. According to one of many versions, around 1910 a workman was perched near a skylight being constructed over the Van Meter Auditorium stage. Looking up, he was startled by the appearance of one of these still-novel flying contraptions, lost his balance, fell and was killed. During performances, a mysterious blood-red glow is said to appear on the stage where his body lay. Like all good ghost stories, his fate tells a cautionary tale: in this case, progress has the power both to delight and disorient.



Was a "flying machine" over Van Meter Hall responsible for a Western ghost story?

In the 1930s, another airplane brought excitement as it swooped over the Hill and down State Street, leapfrogging buildings, dodging church steeples and finally circling the pilot's home on College Street. Thus would Victor Strahm, Western's veteran World War I flying ace, customarily announce his arrival in town. A 1915 graduate, Victor was the son of Franz Strahm, Western's director of music and a German immigrant. At the outbreak of war, the elder Strahm was divided in his allegiance to his native and adopted countries. When the United States entered the conflict in April 1917, however, he rose tearfully at Western's chapel exercises and, in his heavily accented English, declared, "I got a boy. He go."



Victor Strahm graduated from Western in 1915 and became a highly decorated World War I flying ace.

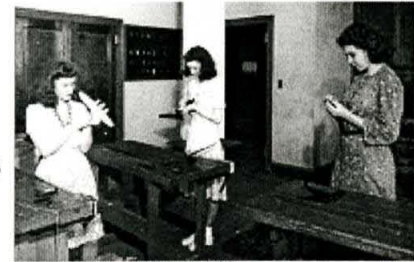
And go he did. Twenty-one-year-old Victor Strahm joined the U.S. Air Service in May and in July began flight instruction at Wilbur Wright Training Field in Dayton, Ohio. He made his first solo flight in August, and by November was on his way to France.

Victor loved to fly. He climbed as high as 18,000 feet in his French-made, Salmson 2A2 aircraft, reaching speeds of 115 miles per hour and sickening an unlucky first-time passenger with his acrobatic stunts. "The flying I did at Dayton," he boasted after four months at the front, "was tame to what I can do now."

Victor also relished his duels with enemy planes as he conducted long-range reconnaissance missions to photograph German trenches and troop movements. "I had a beautiful little scrap yesterday with 5

Hun Biplanes,” he wrote cheerfully to his anxious parents, “and though they got over 25 holes in my plane none were fatal.”

Two days before the Armistice, Captain Victor Strahm received official credit for downing his fifth enemy plane, qualifying him for the coveted title of “ace.” His exploits earned him many decorations, including the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star and the Croix de Guerre, but perhaps Victor’s greatest source of pride was, as he told his parents, the skill that gave him “that perfect home feeling in the air.”



During World War II, students at Western’s Training School made scale-model planes for instructing aircraft “spotters.”

During World War II, while Victor was again serving his country, Western was the site of much aviation-related activity. Three months after Pearl Harbor, students in the Training School’s Industrial Arts department joined a program to construct wooden models of 50 different types of planes, both American and foreign. Made from specifications provided by the Navy, the models were sent to aviation bases and training centers around the country for use in training aircraft “spotters.”



From 1943 to 1944, cadets of the 321st College Training Detachment took classes at Western and flight instruction at the Bowling Green Airport.

In spring 1943, Western became home to 400 Army Air Corps cadets seeking their pilot’s wings as members of the 321st College Training Detachment. Housed in Potter and Schneider Halls, the recruits took flight instruction in Piper Cubs and Aeroncas at the Bowling Green airport. One cadet also remembered watching more advanced training in P-39s, fighter planes which were unusual for the location of the engine behind the pilot. “They kept us very aware,” he said, “of what we wanted to work toward.”

The same cadet, however, was somewhat skeptical of his duty to attend classes at Western. “For some reason,” he noted, “the army felt we could learn to fly airplanes better if we had some crash courses in math, history, English and general science.” Although he admired the dedication of Western’s faculty, the most important lesson he learned was that “airsickness could affect anyone, from former conference champion football players on down the athletic ladder.”

In an era when the marvel of flight is not limited by the earth’s atmosphere, another Western alumnus has a front row seat. Col. Terry Wilcutt, a 1974 graduate and recipient of an honorary doctorate in 2000, commanded the space shuttle Atlantis on his most recent mission.

Many Hilltoppers have followed the Wright brothers into the air in both war and peace over the past century. As we celebrate the centennial of aviation, we also celebrate those alumni who chose literally to soar to new heights.

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Photos courtesy of the Kentucky Library and University Archives.

“The Wright Approach: Wilbur and Orville and Their Flying Machine” opens September 13 at the Kentucky Museum.

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On August 12, President Gary Ransdell presented the following individuals with awards celebrating their commitment to diversity and Western Kentucky University.

Diversity Awards

Dr. Harold Little Jr., an assistant professor in the Accounting Department, received the employee diversity award for his work to promote diversity among faculty, staff and students at Western Kentucky University.



Little helped create the Faculty Diversity and Initiatives Section of the American Accounting Association to increase diversity in accounting education. He is also the chairman of the South-Central Kentucky Minority Economic Development Council, a not-for-profit organization that provides low-to-moderate income people with an education in business development and business plan preparation.

In an effort to increase diversity at Western, Little gives presentations and programs to African-American fraternities and other groups on campus. He also works with Black Men at Western, BMW, a support/mentoring/retention group for African American males, providing the students with counseling and academic advice. He is also developing a course in accounting to be taught in Mexican and American universities and a faculty exchange between the Universidad PanAmericana, Tecnológico de Monterrey and Western.

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Abraham Williams received the community diversity award for his efforts to promote diversity in Bowling Green and Warren County. As executive director of the Housing Authority of Bowling Green, Williams initiated the Youth Sports Program - which provides organized sports for children, a Family Literacy program and a learning partnership with Western's Minority Teacher Recruitment program.



As a member of the Board of Directors for Bowling Green Municipal Utilities, he encourages the recruitment and retention of minority employees.

Williams is a constant and tireless advocate for diversity in both his professional and personal life. He volunteers as chairman of the Membership Committee for The Southeastern Regional Council-National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials. He sits on the Western Kentucky University Diversity Board and is involved with the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, as well as other organizations. His goal is to "level the playing field."

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Lakecia Shockley, who received her B.A. in broadcast journalism in May, received the student diversity award. Shockley, from Nashville, Tenn., was the host of "New Horizons," a television program sponsored by the Bowling Green Human Rights Commission, Inc. She impacted the community by providing information related to issues of diversity. The International Festival and fair housing were just two of the topics covered on "New Horizons."

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Spirit of Western Award

Cindy Jones, coordinator of Freshmen Seminar and an instructor in Consumer and Family Sciences, received the Spirit of Western Award, which recognizes an individual who represents enthusiasm for Western, loyalty to the institution and principles of the Western experience and its motto "The Spirit Makes the Master." Jones has demonstrated her commitment to students by devoting her personal and professional time to Freshman Seminar students. This fall she has returned to Consumer and Family Sciences as a full-time instructor.



In his remarks at the awards ceremony, Dr. Gary Ransdell said that Dr. Cherry, the first president of Western, would indeed say that Jones "understands the motto, 'The Spirit Makes the Master.'"

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Staff Council Prepares for Another Year

by Jeff Jones

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The Western Kentucky University Staff Council held its annual retreat on June 4 at the L.D. Brown Agricultural Exposition Center. Two new members were introduced at the retreat. Replacing Brad Stinett and Dana Divine in the professional non-faculty category are Patty Booth from Human Resources and Heather Stubblefield from Administrative Computing. These new members join David Appleby, Regina Allen, Treva Martin, Brandi Fowler, Tina Sneed, Bob Deane, Jeff Jones, Teresa Dunning, Joy Gramling, Elizabeth Paris, Lauri Warden and Lynne Swetmon to round out the 2003-04 Staff Council. Staff regent Howard Bailey was also replaced by Pat Jordan, academic adviser in the Gordon Ford College of Business. The part-time council representative position became vacant as Deborah Cole became a full-time employee and no one chose to run for the position.



Jeff Jones,
senior consultant in the
Information Technology
Department

The retreat focused primarily on reviewing accomplishments from the previous year. Highlights of last year's Staff Council accomplishments are as follows:

- Implemented the Staff Leadership Institute
- Secured annual raises for part time staff
- Provided computer training to employees needing basic technical skills
- Supported the raise in the University's contribution to health insurance for 2004 from \$341 to \$381 per month
- Researched and developed recommendations for preventing campus violence
- Improved communication with staff by upgrading and enhancing the Staff Council website
- Recommended changes in the employee evaluation form and appeals process
- Facilitated the first online staff regent election



Patty Booth, information
systems specialist in Human

The Staff Council will be exploring issues such as exit interviews, staff salaries and benefits, and an annual raise pool for permanent employees. Other issues to be examined include improving the annual performance appraisal system, enhancing the new employee orientation and training process, and enhancing staff benefits. The Staff Council will also be working to complete projects carried over from the previous year, including the issue of applying sick time toward retirement for KTRS employees and campus violence prevention policies.

The Staff Council continues to work for the benefit of all staff members at WKU. In addition to contacting your representative directly, information on what your staff council is doing is provided in a variety of formats including a printed staff council newsletter, e-mail of monthly meeting minutes and a

web site. The web link to the WKU Staff Council web site is: www.wku.edu/Dept/Org/Faculty/SAC/. Bookmark it today!

The Staff Council is looking forward to another productive year. We always welcome input from University staff members on various campus issues and topics. If you have an issue that you would like to bring to us, don't hesitate to contact a Staff Council member.

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Kentucky Library and Museum Activities**echo Home**

"Musical Instruments and Their Makers," an exhibit of handmade musical instruments from South Central Kentucky, including banjos, mandolins and guitars with mother-of-pearl inlays, opens Sept. 2, in Galleries K & L. This exhibit closes Dec. 14, 2003.

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"The Wright Approach: Wilbur and Orville and Their Flying Machine" opens Sept. 13 in Galleries M, N & O. The exhibit of 40 reprinted photographs from Wright State University documents the historic flight of Dec. 17, 1903, and the lives of the Wright Brothers. The exhibit is curated by Dr. David Lee, dean of Potter College. This exhibit closes August 2004.

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The Kentucky Live! presentation of "The Roots of Appalachian Christianity" by Elder John Sparks, minister of the Old Zion Association of United Baptists, will take place on Sept. 11 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1680 Campbell Lane. This Trace Die Cast sponsored series is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Brian Coutts (270) 745-6121 or brian.coutts@wku.edu.

The Far Away Places series presentation on "Thailand," by Janet Colbert, Accounting and Finance Department, will take place on Sept. 18 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1680 Campbell Lane. For more information, contact Brian Coutts, (270) 745-6121 or brian.coutts@wku.edu.



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Ryan Miller, Assistant Coach
William Small, Assistant Coach

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Michael Dietzel, Assistant Coach
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Accounting & Finance

Dr. Johnny Chan published two co-authored articles in August. "Moneyiness and the response of the implied volatilities to price changes: the empirical evidence from HSI options," in *Pacific-Basin Finance Journal*, 11, (3/4), 523-557 and "Membership on editorial boards and finance department rankings," in *Journal of Financial Research*, 26, (3), 405-420.

Dr. Harold Little presented a paper titled "Does Organization-Mandated Budgetary Involvement Enhance Managers' Budgetary Communication with their Supervisor?" at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the American Accounting Association. Dr. Nace Magner was a co-author. Little is completing his fourth year as Accounting & Finance Track Chair for the Emerging Issues In Business & Technology Conference sponsored by the *Journal of Contemporary Business Issues* and the College of Business and Technology at Western Illinois University.

Agriculture

Dr. Jenks Britt attended the Monsanto Science Seminar in St. Louis on Aug. 1-3. The seminar featured new ideas in dairy cow management. Of the 10 colleges represented, WKU was the only non-land grant college. Britt was the only scientist from Kentucky to receive an invitation.

Art

Kim Chalmers opened his first in a series of outreach exhibitions at Lindsey Wilson College. Titled, "Quagmire: inquiries into war," the exhibition consists of a number of large mixed media works on paper. The work will be on display from Aug. 15 through Sept. 30 in Columbia, Ky. Upcoming outreach installations will be shown in Hopkinsville, Ky. and Cookeville, Tenn.

Dr. Michael Klein delivered a paper, "Meyer Schapiro and the Jewish Factor," at the Midwest Art History Society in Pittsburgh.

John Warren Oakes was an invited artist in the Florean Museum's 2003 International Small Engraving Salon in Maramures, Romania. Oakes exhibited five thermal intaglio engravings during August and September.

Brent Oglesbee exhibited five large mixed media sculptures at the South Bend Regional Museum of Art during June and July.

Brent Oglesbee, Yvonne Petkus and Kim Chalmers were selected to exhibit in a major juried competition entitled the "Kentucky National," on the campus of Murray State University.

Yvonne Petkus' paintings were featured in *New American Paintings* (Volume 46), a 10-state juried exhibition whose venue is an internationally distributed periodical.

Dr. Heather Pulliam presented a paper, "The Decorated Initials of the Corbie Psalter," at the Vatican in Rome. The conference was co-hosted by the Medieval Institute of the University of Notre Dame and the Vatican. The group was addressed by his holiness, Pope John Paul II.

Counseling and Student Affairs

Dr. Vernon Lee Sheeley is serving his re-appointment by the Kentucky Commissioner of the Department of Juvenile Justice to the Warren County Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Council. Sheeley served as historian of three American Counseling Association (ACA) divisions: Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES), Association for Specialists in Group Work (ASGW), and Counseling Association for Humanistic Education and Development. For ACES, he wrote "Presidential Review II," (unpublished). ASGW's *The Group Worker* (winter 2003) printed one of his articles: "ASGW: 30 Years Old and Counting." "American Counseling Association: The 50th Year Celebration of Excellence," appeared in the *ACA Journal of Counseling and Development* (fall 2002). "American Counseling Association: A 50-Year History 1952-2002," Sheeley's 17th monograph (with two co-editors), was printed by Ronjon Publishers in Denton, Texas (March 2003). At the request of current Kentucky Counseling Association officials, Sheeley is preparing two journal manuscripts in recognition of this professional association's early formation, founding and progress during a half century (1955-2005).

Economics

Dr. H.Y. Kim's paper, "Commodity Rates of Interest and Intertemporal Substitution in Consumer Demand and Consumption," has been accepted for publication by the *Australian Economic Papers*.

Dr. Stephen Lile won the 2003 KYVU Online Excellence Award given by the Kentucky Online Excellence Award Committee. Lile developed new online courses in his discipline.

Geography and Geology

Dr. Katie Algeo's research was featured in a special article on tobacco farming in Madison County, N.C., published on Sunday, June 15, 2003, in the *Asheville Citizen-Times*. The 18-page special issue, titled "Tobacco at a Turning Point," featured significant elements of Algeo's research. It is available online at: http://cgi.citizen-times.com/cgi-bin/index/tobacco_farming.

Alan Glennon gave an invited talk, "Assessing Perennial Drainage Density in the Highly-Karstified Turnhole Bend Basin, Kentucky," in a session hosted by the National Geographic Society, highlighting recent developments in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology at the Annual Convention of the National Speleological Society in Porterville, Calif. He also presented "Measuring the Organization of a Highly Developed Karst Aquifer: Fieldwork in the Martin Ridge Cave System, Kentucky," at the Southeastern Region Geological Society of America Meeting, Memphis, Tenn., in April. It was coauthored with Dr. Chris Groves.

Dr. Chris Groves served as an invited member of the International Scientific Advisory Committee for the International Workshop on Environmental Geochemistry, Guiyang, China, June 26-27. Groves was invited to serve as a member of the International Scientific Advisory Committee for the International Transdisciplinary Conference On Development and Conservation of Karst Regions, which will be held in Hanoi, Vietnam, Sept. 13-18, 2004. Groves presented, "Wet Season Hydrochemistry of the Southwest China Peak Cluster Karst," at the Southeastern Region Geological Society of America Meeting, Memphis, Tenn., in April. It was coauthored with Liu Zaihua, Yuan

Daoxian, Joe Meiman, Guanghui Jiang, and Shiyi He. Groves also presented, "Improving the Global Estimate of the Carbonate Mineral Weathering Atmospheric Carbon Sink," at the International Conference on Karst Hydrogeology and Ecosystems, Bowling Green, Ky., in June. It was coauthored with Joe Meiman, Joel Despain, Liu Zaihua, Yuan Daoxian, Jim Baichtal, and Kathryn Prussian.

Dr. Andrew Wulff recently returned from a field project in Central Java, Indonesia, as part of a multidisciplinary team investigating when early humans (*Homo Erectus*) first reached Asia.

Music

Dr. John Cipolla was awarded first prize in the International Clarinet Association's Research Presentation competition for his paper, "Linear Aspects of Harmony in the Counter melodies of New Orleans Jazz Clarinetist, Sidney Bechet." The competition was held in Salt Lake City in July. His article will be published in an upcoming issue of *The Clarinet*, the official journal for this organization.

Dr. Mitzi Groom will serve as national president of the American Choral Directors Association, a professional organization of over 20,000 members. Her term will be from 2003-2005. She chaired the August 2003 National Executive Committee Meeting and the National Board Meeting that was held in Oklahoma City.

Dr. Michael Kallstrom's compositions, "Starflame" and "Head Banger," were performed by the TransAtlantic Horn Quartet in concerts for the TAHQ Summer Seminar at the University of Alabama, The Royal Welsh Conservatory, Cardiff, Wales, The Manchester (England) University School of Music, The British Horn Society meeting in Birmingham, England, the Guildhall School of Music, The Royal College, and The Royal Academy, all in London, England.

Physical Education and Recreation

Dr. Thad Crews, Dr. Matt Green, et. al., published, "Overall and differentiated RPE at the respiratory compensation threshold: effects of sex and mode," in the *European Journal of Applied Physiology*, 89: 445-450, 2003; "Physiological responses during RPE estimation-production treadmill exercise at 0% and 10% incline," *Journal of Sports Medicine and Physical Fitness*, 42: 8-13, 2002. Crews, Green, Dr. John McLester, et. al., gave three poster presentations entitled, "Sweat lactate response in high vs. low fit males," "Effects of active vs. passive recovery on repeated Wingate performance," and "RPE 'drift' in fit and unfit males cycling in a hot and thermo-neutral environment," at the Southeast ACSM Conference in Atlanta. Crews, Green, McLester, et. al., gave two poster presentations entitled, "Sweat Lactate Response During Cycling in a Hot and Thermoneutral Environment," and "Sweat lactate response in high vs. low fit males," and three slide presentations entitled, "RPE Drift During Cycling in a Hot vs. Thermoneutral Environment," "Effects of Active vs. Passive Recovery on Repeated Wingate Performance," and "RPE 'Drift' in males with high and low aerobic fitness," at the Western Kentucky University Student Research Conference.

Dr. Matt Green and Dr. John McLester published "Effective strength and conditioning for abdominals," *Kentucky Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Journal*, 38: 17-19, 2002. Green published "Monitoring exercise intensity using ratings of perceived exertion: application to youth populations," *Kentucky Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Journal*, 39: 22-24, 2003. Green, McLester, et. al., gave a poster presentation entitled, "Effects of standing versus seated posture on repeated Wingate performance," at the National ACSM Conference in St. Louis.

Political Science

Dr. John Kang had "The Irrelevance of Sincerity: Deliberative Democracy in the Supreme Court," accepted for publication by the *St. Louis University Law Journal* (forthcoming vol. 48, issue 4, 2004), and "The Uses of Insincerity: Thomas Hobbes' Theory of Law and Society," accepted for publication by *Law & Literature* (published by the University of California Press for the Cardozo Law School) (forthcoming vol. 15, 2003) (peer-refereed). His article, "The Case for Insincerity," appeared in *Studies in Law, Politics and Society*, vol. 29, pp. 143-64 (eds., Austin Sarat and Patricia Ewick) (2003) (peer-refereed).

University Libraries

Jack Montgomery received a full scholarship to attend the 5th annual Fiesole Collection Development Retreat held in July at Somerville College in Oxford, United Kingdom. Entitled "Authors to Readers: Who are we serving? How? And How Well?" Fiesole brought together leaders in the fields of librarianship, international publishing and international investment banking from the U.S., Europe and Australia to discuss current trends in the information industry in which libraries play a key role.

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