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# **UA37 Faculty Personal Papers Series 30 Lowell Harrison**

# **Subseries 2 WKU Research Notecards – U-V Topics**

**Description:** Notecards created by Lowell Harrison while researching his book <u>Western Kentucky University</u>. The cards transcribed below are for 55 topics beginning with U & V ranging from Underground Papers to Voting - Regents

Each topic may represent a single card or multiple cards.

A card has a source, a title and a date above the red line. Links to digitized source materials have been added in the database.

Additional information about the source may be included in the note section, such as name of correspondents, dates of correspondence or page numbers of newspapers and books.

Harrison's notes follow and occasionally a direct quote will be made indicated in quotation marks. Some of Harrison's writing is illegible. In these instances a word is indicated by ---.

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The source above is College Heights Herald, March 16, 1945

Topic is in the upper right hand corner - Veteran's Club 1945

Harrison's note:

3 [page number] Says that a Veterans' Club has recently been organized on the Hill. 11 members now.

Title / Card	Date/Subjects
Underground Papers Gordon Wlson Diary, Dec. 6, 1965 – Underground Papers Delighted to hear of the dropping of four "rough-neck fellows who were attempting to put out a scandal sheet." Closest he ever came to blows with a student was a few years before retirement when he ordered editor of the scandal sheet out of his office. Though he'd have to call campus police. The student was actually working part-time for the college.	1965
Union, Student College Heights Herald, Oct. 7, 1949 – Union, Student 1949 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4596">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4596</a> 1 President Paul Garrett recently announced plans for a \$500,000 student union. Contract will probably be let during current school year. About \$300,000 from state; rest from student fees, bond issues, or both. Firm of Ingram and Wilson has been employed as architects. No definite site, but probably between Cedar House & Potter Hall.  College Heights Herald, Feb. 10, 1960 – Union, Student 1950 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2823">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2823</a> 1 Plans for student union are well under way; a sketch of it is shown. Will be located between Cedar House & Potter Hall. Cafeteria on ground floor; sizeable lounge on 1st floor with recreational facilities; club and group meeting facilities on 2nd floor. President Paul Garrett & architect J.M. Ingram have visited 8 campuses to inspect their unions.	1949-1950
Unions Regents Minutes, Dec. 1, 1979 – Unions 1979 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1979/mtgs/4/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1979/mtgs/4/</a> (Some employees had been concerned about low wages, working conditions. Had obtained an attorney, talked of a union.) Resolution: Until state provides for it, WKU will not recognize an employee union or other 3 <sup>rd</sup> party representation for collective bargaining, etc. President is directed to take whatever action is necessary to maintain full & effective work force, up to & including discharge of employees.	1979 Labor unions
United Black Greeks  College Heights Herald, Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1976 – United Black Greeks 1976 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc</a> ua records/5138  14 United Black Greeks are still trying to qualify for university recognition. Main trouble last year was statement in the constitution that it would represent the about 700 blacks on campus. The large majority of the 700 aren't Greeks. Now, the primary organizer is gone. Also, they do not have a faculty advisor.  College Heights Herald, Tuesday, April 20, 1976 – United Black Greeks 1976 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc</a> ua records/5154  3 United Black Greeks changed terms in charter (about representing all black students) and received university recognition last week. J.E. Jones has agreed to be faculty advisor.	1976 Fraternities and sororities African Americans Blacks
United Black Students  College Heights Herald, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1972 – United Black Students 1972 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4853  12 Says United Black Students was organized on campus 2 years ago. It is having considerable problems with split groups, including the black fraternities and sororities. About 1/3 of 500 blacks on campus are involved. Carolyn Brown, 1st Miss Black Western doesn't participate: "we define blackness in different ways." Mingo Scott is now advisor.  College Heights Herald, 9/27/1974 – United Black Students 1974 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5015  5 United Black Students "is not a viable campus organization" according to Larry Berry, assistant dean of student affairs, and DeMorris Smith, former social chairman of United Black Students. "Blacks aren't as close as they used to be. They are falling apart and they are not as friendly " Smith said. Growth of Greek organizations may have contributed.	1972-1974 African Americans Blacks
Universities  Fiske. Higher Education – Universities 1950+  48 Until after World War II college education had been largely limited to upper and middle class. GI Bill opened doors to millions. Then in 1960s even greater change as "higher education came to be seen as a means of promoting upward mobility for a broader cross section of the American public." Federal grants became the  Philosophy: "Talented poor students should have a chance not only to attend college but to have access to the finest institutions to which their academic abilities entitled them. It was a commitment that few societies had ever made, and it had strong bi-partisan support."  Rapid expansion. But also very expensive. Now many threats to this concept. Cost – education is "a labor-intensive industry that does not lend itself to the usual means of improving productivity "  Cut backs in loan programs that were getting out of hand. 1978 – loans were \$2 billion. Now - \$5.9 billion.  50 Decline in college age students  1979 – 18 year olds = 4.3 million  1995 – 18 year olds = 3.3 million  Drop of about 25%  Colleges are scrambling to fill classes, to maintain revenues. There is decline in of disadvantaged students. Black colleges (42 of them) last fall had 12% decline in new freshmen. Number of blacks dropping at Ivy League schools.  Some private schools are putting more of their scholarship money into "merit" than "need" scholarships. Students are being required to pay a higher % of their cost.	1950+

Lorna R. Blake, director of admissions at Smith College: "The really poor ones we used to get are not applying anymore. The families are too busy trying to make ends meet." Some scholarship money for disadvantaged isn't even being applied for.  52 Many schools found that much more remedial work was required than they had expected. "The net result is a climate in which the quest for diversity is no long viewed by an institution as its chief priority." Last year's delays in deciding on grants & loans may have hurt. Many students because of costs are having to move from the private to the public sector. 57 Private school costs are going up much faster than the rate of inflation. A dean at an Ivy League school fears in 5 years his school will cost \$25,000 per year. But some contend that middle class is not now as willing sacrifice other things for the sake of education.	
University Boulevard Kelly Thompson Papers: 52 – University Boulevard University Boulevard Kelly Thompson to Commissioner Henry Ward, Department of Highways, July 17, 1961 – Some talk of connecting Nashville & Russellville Pikes several years ago. That area is still pasture land but will probably be developed soon, as will adjunct private property. Our right-of-way grant would be about 70% of what is needed. Would help growing traffic problem for campus.  Henry Ward to Kelly Thompson, July 19, 1961 – Doubts if it is done soon but will have District Engineer study it. Report was highly favorable.  Courier-Journal 12/4/1963 – Yesterday Department of Highways announced \$247,000 project to connect US68 & US31W bypass. Allow WKU to proceed with plans for use of Jonesville Urban Renewal Land. (Ran into some problems with owners along the existing road between Normal & Bypass, especially Leonard Deloteus.)  Bowling Green Daily News, March 10, 1966. – Leonard Deloteus said he was halting his efforts to block construction.	1961 Streets Transportation
University Center Regents Minutes, Aug. 4, 1967 – University Center 1967 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1967/qtrly/4/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1967/qtrly/4/</a> Approved preliminary planning for University Center.  Kelly Thompson Papers: 42 – University Center Dero Downing University Center Courier-Journal Aug. 4, 1968 – Bids will be opened in September for a new university center costing an estimated \$4,140,000. A few days ago plans were revealed for a 27 story dorm for men that will cost \$3,560,000.	1967-1968
University Historian  Regents Minutes, April 28, 1979 – University Historian 1979 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1979/mtgs/2/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1979/mtgs/2/</a> Appointed Lowell Harrison as University Historian for length of time it takes to complete the project.	1979
University of Kentucky Presidents – University of Kentucky John Augustus Williams 1866-1867 Joseph Desha Pickett 1867-1869 James Kennedy Patterson 1869-1910 James Garrard White (acting) -1910 Henry Stites Barber 1910-1917 Paul Prentice Boyd (acting) -1917 Frank LeRond McVey 1917-1940 Thomas Poe Cooper (acting) 1940-1941 Herman Lee Donovan 1941-?  University of Kentucky: Kentucky Education Collections – University of Kentucky Box 22 Scott County: Georgetown College to Wayne County Has several folders with information about early Warren County & Bowling Green Schools. These have all been Warren County Elizabeth Durham (NYA student), "Early Schools in Warren County." 3 pages + others. 10 page single spread on Smiths Grove College + 1885-86 catalog.	nd

248 Executive Committee of the Kentucky Educational Improvement Commission in June, 1907 adopted resolution proposed by Henry Cherry inviting the governing board of the State College & the 2 Normal Schools to send representatives to a conference to consider "needed legislation looking to the unifying and uplifting of our entire educational system." Met in Louisville, Bowling Green & Lexington. They agreed on several points & worked to get them in 1908 legislature.

- Establish State University
- 2) Eliminate sub-freshman & normal work at the state university
- Set up Department of Education on college level

251 This was don in 1908 (+ funding)

260 James Patterson was discontented in 1908+. Enrollment fell because the Normal Department was eliminated "... a situation in which he could see the semester influence of the normal schools at work." James K. Patterson retired in 1910 & Judge Henry Stites Barker became president, over the protests of James Patterson.

275 who did not consider him qualified but

276 who firmly supported him for fear someone worse would get it. Became effective 1/3/1911

211 Ruric N. Roark had started as professor in University of Kentucky's Normal Department in 1889-90. His selfconfidence & determination often irritated James Patterson.

213 Ruric Roark sometimes bypassed rules & regulations to get things done & James Patterson & Board of Trustees had chided him. Roark was upheld by "moral school men"

214 Ruric Roark resigned May 31, 1905

215 James Patterson told Trustees Ruric Roark had been "an incubus" which had hurt growth of Normal School. James Patters on was surprised by 1908 act which eliminated Normal School & created Department of Education. Says action came from "the persistent jealousy and hostility of the Normal Schools established under the Act of (216) 1906. (Hopkins calls him "benevolent despot" and has a chapter titled, "the Close of Patterson's Reign.")

Henry Cherry Papers: Box 1 – University of Kentucky – Relations 1907 General Correspondence: 1907

R.N. Roark, President Eastern Kentucky University to Henry Cherry, June 3, 1907 - "I find that our friends at Lexington are offering freely State Diplomas to induce students to come to them." Perhaps some "live superintendent" from your district could introduce resolution at Kentucky Education Association "reciting specific instances where the Diplomas have been granted for six weeks' residence and condemning it for the honor of the profession." Believes any superintendent would vote for it. For obvious reason, best for it to come from your District.

Henry Cherry Papers: Box 1 - University of Kentucky: Relations 1907 General Correspondence 1907

Milford White, Dean, Department of Education, State College of Kentucky to Henry Cherry, July 22,1907 - Thanks for his letter of July 11. Agree that there should be a minimum standard for graduation among the normal schools. Had always thought highly of him, but heard before Winchester meeting from a usually reliable source "that you had declared your intention to set on foot at that meeting a movement to have our work ---." Couldn't believe it of you. Has heard that Dr. A.J. Kinnaman & Miss Scott have been "profuse" in their criticism of my work. Neither knows anything about it. Would be glad to have them visit. "Miss Scott is quoted as saying that certificates and diplomas issued by this College are a joke and a disgrace to the holder . . . '

"The expression of members of the Faculty should indicate the sentiment of the School and the President should lead in the formation of such sentiments; therefore, I have been inclined to hold you responsible for such remarks.' Glad to learn that you did not inspire the resolution, which was so indefinite that meaning is obscured. Some have said that since it came from the Western District it referred to your school. Others say Eastern or State College. Denounces the charges as "a malicious falsehood and could have originated only in the heart of a slanderer."

The 4 WKU students came --- to Lexington --- without any encouragement from me. One expects to --- to you next year. Will be glad to discuss these matters with you.

Henry Cherry Papers: Box 1 - University of Kentucky Relations 1907

General Correspondence: 1907

James K. Patterson, President State College of Kentucky to Henry Cherry, July 26, 1907 - In response to his letter of July 11; James Patterson has been away for 2 weeks. "I have never at any time intimated, either directly, or indirectly, that your attitude to the State College was otherwise than friendly, generous and manly. In all the conversations which have had with citizens of Kentucky, . . . I have spoken of you --- with kindness and courtesy and appreciation. I have always regarded you as a manly man, incapable of detraction, incapable of playing a double part. I hold you in the highest esteem and have nothing but praise for the great and good work which you have done. It is my sincere desire to maintain friendly and fraternal relations with the institution over which you preside, to co-operate with you in the upbuilding and development of all the educational institutions of Kentucky.

"I beg to say now and here that if I should ever have occasion to change my opinion of you personally and of your attitude to the State College, that you will be the first to learn from me and from my own hand that fact. I beg that you will give no attention whatever to any rumors of sinister utterances with which I may be credited. Whenever I have occasion to differ from an antagonist, I shall fight him openly, with neither subterfuge nor indirection."

Henry Cherry Papers: Box 1 - University Kentucky - Relations 1907

General Correspondence: 1908

R.N. Roark, Eastern Kentucky University to Henry Cherry, July 31, 1907 "Personal" - "I am still very distrustful of our friends in Lexington. I am entirely willing that the schools should be represented in the conference at Louisville but I should dislike to see any agreement reached that would pledge the Normal schools to go in with State College before the Legislature. By so much as they get, by that much we lose. There is only one condition on which I would be willing to go in agreement with them this coming year and that is that all sub-freshman work at the College should be abolished and steps taken to make the College into a University. The fact that a proposition has come from their side shows that they are on the run. I would like to finish things up right before we let them go."

Aug. 20, 1907 Ruric Roark to Henry Cherry, Personal - "I am very much concerned just now over that November meeting. You know I will not for a moment let any personal antagonism between Patterson and myself stand in the way of harmony between any of the state institutions. At the sometime [sic] some of us who have the hard earned degree of M.W. (Made Wise.) would be very sorry to see any sort of compromise made which would pit the State Normal schools

in the slightest degree at the mercy of that now. Let me urge you and our other friends who will be at that meeting to be doubly cautious and to --- not one whit in any essential. I am certain that President Patterson and all under his control will seize and use any advantage they may get, no matter how slight, to flock the State Normal schools, now or at any other time . . . I am fearful over the prospect and beg you to be careful."

Ruric Roark to Henry Cherry, Aug. 22, 1907 – Thinks that there should be something between the two year certificate & the Life Certificate. Might get next legislature to change it. "I am still a little uneasy over the matter about which I wrote you before. Years ago, I read in a Sunday-school book about the lion and the lamb lying down together, but there is no need for the lamp [sic[] to be inside the lion. I do not want that kind of peace."

Ruric Roark to Henry Cherry, Aug. 26, 1907 – Is anxious for meeting of Executive Council Accrediting schools is becoming a pressing matter, & a policy needs to be established. He doesn't like some aspects of the form of certificate WKU is using. It doesn't comply with the law, & it resembles a diploma which we have no right to issue. "Those may be very trifling criticisms, and they are the only ones I have."

Ruric Roark to Henry Cherry, Dec. 5, 1907 – "My judgement was, and still is, that everything for the State Normals is to be gained by --- and nothing valuable to be lost." So, he has passed word about the Conference (what was it?) to those who inquire, "I am sure the normal people have done nothing to be ashamed of, have done nothing to hid, and you will note that the proposal for secrecy came from the other side. If we are really in earnest about this matter, I can think of no reason for keeping still."

"It may interest you to know that our 'special friend' at Lexington has been active since the meeting and is already hard at work trying to undo the results of the Conference, precisely as I anticipated and predicted . . . I still think we have a very big job before us." Thinks consequences would be "fatal" & very unjust if appropriations for the Normal schools are not equal. "I am going to say to you, with the frankness which I have always used, that my faculty and my students would construe such discrimination as a direct affront and there is nothing that could be said that could convince them of the equity of any such arrangement." He would believe this if the situation were reversed.

Cornette, James. History - University of Kentucky 1908

The 1908 legislation could not have been obtained without the combined support of the 3 schools. "The State College had not looked kindly upon the establishing of the Normals, but after they were once founded and their constitutionality established, it was necessary for the state institutions to work together." Quote part of Barker's 1911 letter to Cherry.

Henry Cherry Papers: Box 1 – University of Kentucky – Relations 1910 General Correspondence: 1910

J.T.C. Noe, Associate Professor, Department of Education, State University to Henry Cherry, July 10, 1910 – Surprised to hear that you think I have been criticizing you in my institutes. "I have no personal opinion of your ability or your ideals as an educator." Never heard you speak until recent Kentucky Education Association & was call(?) away then while you were speaking. "I know you through others as a man of great executive ability and great energy and business wisdom. I have understood that your students are devoted to you. This leads me to believe that you have a strong personality, which I consider the greatest teaching force in the world." Has never criticized your school or any member of its faculty. Have commended the normal schools in every institute I have taught. "I commended the normals even when it was currently reported that you and the president of the other normal were doing all in your power to eliminate the normal depart [sic] of the State College when I was a member of that normal faculty."

Report you heard is totally false. "I have taken for granted that you are using the best in education." Even if I didn't, "I should not criticize the school itself or you personally, for I do not believe this is the way to cure our ---." Hopes he will satisfy himself of the truth of these statements through any channels you desire.

Regents Minutes: I - University of Kentucky 1911

President Henry S. Barker, University of Kentucky to Henry Cherry, Oct. 18, 1911 -

https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1911/corr/1/

"You need have no apprehension that I doubt the loyalty of the Western Normal School to the University. I regard you as one of my staunchest supporters and I assure you that I am always ready and willing to uphold the cause of the Normal Schools. If no higher motive activated me, I have wisdom enough to know that all of the public institutional interests of Kentucky must stand or fall together. If we have internal jealousies and bickerings, we are sure to fail of reading the high usefulness which should be our aim."

Henry Cherry Papers: Box 2 – University of Kentucky – Relations With 1911 General Correspondence 1911

John B. McFerran, Louisville to Henry Cherry, Oct. 11, 1911 – "I hear rumors about that there is some friction likely between the state colleges and High Schools, and the State University. To have a breach there and go before the Legislature would be nothing short of a calamity all round." Can you see if there is anything in it, & if so, how to best head it off?

Henry Cherry to John McFerran, Oct. 19, 1911 – Can he be more definite about such rumors? Henry Cherry doesn't know what is likely to cause friction. The 3 state schools plan to have a meeting before the legislature meets – presidents & representatives of the Board. May also be a conference of the faculties to discuss academic matters. He has suggested this conference & has received favorable response.

Herny Cherry Papers: Box 2 – University of Kentucky, Relations 1912 General Correspondence 1912

J.A. Sullivan (---) to J. Whit Potter, Feb. 19, 1912 – Thinks it a mistake to have gone in with University of Kentucky on legislation bill. Has always mistrusted the good faith of the University – especially President James Patterson. "Which on the force of it, it seems long for a Board of Regents to go in debt approximately \$100,000 beyond the express authority of the law, yet I believe any fair reasonable business man who will study the solutions will approve it and say that the conduct of the Board was for the best interests of the State."

Henry Cherry Papers: Box 2 – University of Kentucky – Relations 1912 General Correspondence 1912 J.M. Gwilliams, City Supervisor(?), St. Petersburg to Henry Cherry, March 25, 1912 – Glad to hear he came out so well with the legislature. "I suppose it is not right to take pleasure in the downfall of anyone but it is with satisfaction that I note Pres. Patterson lost out. He has hindered Kentucky['s] progress long enough. The colleges will not be in the way again. By 1914 the Normals will have such power in Kentucky that no college will dare attack them publicly." His work is going well, but "It is one of the regrets of my life that it seemed necessary to sever my connection with the Normal."

Frank McVey Papers: Box 38:4 - University of Kentucky - WKU Relations 1917

Dean A.J. Kinnaman to President Frank McVey, 12/21/1917 – Statement by which they propose to match work in Home Economics & Agriculture with your proposition on freshman-sophomore level. Will be glad to know what modifications may be necessary.

Cornette, James. History - University of Kentucky 1919

147 Dec. 8, 1919 representative of University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University & WKU met at Richmond & made plans for appeals to 1920 legislature.

Frank McVey Papers; Box 38: 4 - University of Kentucky - WKU Relations 1921

Henry Cherry to Frank McVey – Next time he is in Louisville & can spare an hour Henry Cherry would like to come up and have a conference with him.

Frank McVey Papers: Box 38:4 - University of Kentucky - WKU Relations 1924

Henry Cherry to Frank McVey, April 19, 1924 – Two tickets for Frank McVey & wife to WKU's banquet in Seelbach Hotel on Friday, April 25. Hopes they can attend. Henry Cherry will be in Louisville for a week.

Frank McVey Papers; Box 38: 4 - University of Kentucky - WKU Relations 1925

Henry Cherry to Frank McVey, Oct. 24, 1925 – Renews invitation for him & Mrs. McVey to be at WKU on Oct. 30. "I want to again thank you for the many courtesies extended to me while in Lexington."

Frank McVey to Henry Cherry, Oct. 26, 1925 – Would like to be there for opening of new building but has conflicts. Dean Taylor will represent University of Kentucky.

Henry Cherry to Frank McVey, Oct. 27, 1925 – "Since writing you yesterday, I want to say again this morning that I have earnest reasons for your presence on next Friday. I believe much good will come out of it. I have reasons for making this statement. Come and spend the day with us. It will be a great day."

Frank McVey Papers Box 38:4 - University of Kentucky - WKU Relations 1929

Frank McVey to Henry Cherry, Nov. 25, 1929 – Suggests a meeting of heads of state institutions on Tuesday, Dec. 3 when Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges of the Southern States will meet in Lexington.

Henry Cherry to Frank McVey, Nov. 27, 1929 - Splendid suggestion. He will be there.

Talbert, Charles. University of Kentucky - University of Kentucky 1931

91 In 1931 Kentucky Kernel published editorial critical of state spending money on the teachers colleges, should be spent on University of Kentucky. President of Murray State University hinted that Frank McVey should have prevented it being published. Frank McVey wrote letter to Kentucky Kernel upholding freedom of expression but disclaiming its position. Relations were usually pleasant with colleges although they were in effect competing for funds.

189 In 1930 bill was introduced in General Assembly to create medical school at Bowling Green with WKU. Frank McVey protested in the press – should be at University of Kentucky. Bowling Green didn't have (190) comparable facilities & WKU was prepared to offer the pre-med training that University of Kentucky did. Bill died in committee.

Herman Donovan Papers; Box 6 - University of Kentucky - WKU Relations 1945

Herman Donovan to Paul Garrett, Oct. 11, 1945 – Mr. Thomas W. Vinson told me he would like to discuss a matter that is of great importance to each state college. His idea, if brought off, would be of great value. Can you attend meeting in my office on Saturday morning, Oct. 27, at 11:00. Mr. Vinson will be present. (Doesn't say what it was.)

Gordon Wilson Diary, June 9, 1963 - University of Kentucky

"In 1906 . . . the University of Kentucky did everything to strangle the new babes in their cradle . . .And a good-sized group of people, in and out of the University of Kentucky, ever since then have looked upon our state colleges as beneath contempt. Private colleges have sometimes joined in the medieval clamor, for their own private reasons." In his early days here, ". . . our school was literally fighting for its life."

Situation now (1963) is much like that of 50 years ago. "Self-ordained aristocrats used to deplore the rise of anybody except their own closed-ranks gang. They still do."

Kelly Thompson Papers; 12 – University of Kentucky – Relations 1963 Alumni & Placement

Memo; Lee Robertson to Kelly Thompson, Sept. 17, 1963 – Meeting at Democratic Headquarters with Gubernatorial Candidates – Kelly Thompson not there: most of college presidents were. Foundation Programs for Public Higher Education was chief topic.

The informal afternoon discussion was apparently held after the candidates were gone. "The biggest part of the time was devoted to discussing the University of Kentucky's indifference, or uncooperative attitude; Dr. Oswald not appearing for the meeting, and his reason being, as made to Dr. Hartford, that he was so politically naïve in Kentucky that he would do more harm than good.

"Dr. Doran and Dr. Martin did most of the talking and they are real upset and bitter. They seem to think that the trustees and the University of Kentucky officials have advised Dr. Oswald not to appear at these meetings with state college presidents. They think University of Kentucky is interested in going it alone."

Kelly Thompson Papers: 28 – University of Kentucky 1963 University of Kentucky

Memo: Dean Raymond Cravens to Kelly Thompson, Dec. 9, 1963 – Reports on "very interesting conference" he had with President John Oswald at Southern Association meeting in Memphis. Council of Public Higher Education. John Oswald favors better coordination rather than a super board. On proposed committee on academic affairs, he thinks membership might be based on number of faculty members. Based on his California experience, he doesn't think a super board is best for Kentucky. He doesn't believe the presidents should be on the Council. Favors separate boards, but a greater delineation of functions between University of Kentucky & the state colleges is needed.

Community Colleges. Should not expand unless approved by the coordinating agency for higher education. Many of University of Kentucky fear(?) it will hurt their campus budget. What has been done can't be reversed.

Graduate Work. He doesn't oppose subject matter fields for MA at the colleges, provided quality programs are maintained

University Status – He doesn't favor the change because he thought colleges then tended to want to assume programs of an university. His main concern is to protect University of Kentucky's function as the doctoral institution and its major role in research.

"Dr. Oswald agreed that it would be unfortunate for the University and the State Colleges to become involved in a bitter struggle." He hopes to see you during the Christmas holidays to discuss mutual problems.

Dero Downing Papers: 44 – University of Kentucky 1971

General Correspondence: A

Vice President A.D. Albright to "Dear Dero" Downing, April 2, 1971 – University of Kentucky appreciates "the attitude displayed toward us in the NCAA at Athens – the support by the Band and the cheerleaders, the encampment by your fans, and all. It was most warming." Hoped you would go all the way – after our game.

Dero Downing Papers: 55 - University of Kentucky 1971

Interim Study Commission

Copy of letter, Adron Doran to Otis Singletary, April 5, 1971 – Read his statement about Dero Downing's suggestion that University of Kentucky give up the community college. "I read your statement as a personal attack on me . . . I am astounded that you would answer in the manner in which you did." Had hoped relations would be better than with your predecessor.

#### University of Kentucky vs. Colleges

Kelly Thompson Papers: 18 - University of Kentucky vs Colleges 1961

Eastern Kentucky University

S.C. Van Duron, Agree or Not," Courier-Journal, Feb. 12, 1961 – Says big fight between & among the colleges for money. "Erudite language will flow without name calling but the infighting will be rough with politics pressured(?) at its highest level."

"Zealous presidents of all the colleges are intensely interested in developing there individual schools. It possibly is a matter of prestige with them. Each wants a strong empire over which to rule." Frank Dickey, youngest, may find himself outmatched by veterans Robert Martin, Adron Doran, Kelly Thompson, Ralph Woods. Says Adron Doran & Kelly Thompson were named "Men of the Year" by Kentucky Press Association – University of Kentucky doesn't have such good relations. Much of fight has developed over opening of new centers by University of Kentucky around the state.

#### University of Louisville

Dero Downing Papers: Box 55 - University of Louisville 1971

Interim Study Commission (Legislative)

Dero Downing to Dr. David Drutz (Louisville) Aug. 5, 1971 – Dero Downing does not object to bringing University of Louisville into state system or to decrease in tuition. But: "...I do not feel that the quality of the educational programs or that educational opportunities provided at the institutions of public higher education should be lessened in order to provide additional support for any single institution in the system," And: "...I object to the penalizing of students enrolling at Western Kentucky University by raising their tuition in order to provide additional funds for the University of Louisville."

Dero Downing Papers: 13 – University of Louisville

University of Louisville - Council on Higher Education

Memo: A.D. Albright, Council on Public Higher Education to Members of Council on Public Higher Education, April 15, 1975(?) – At request of governor, careful analysis is being made of the critical and emergency needs of University of Louisville. Little time, but --- is a \$2.1 million request. "... current circumstances have been building for many years ... "but this is the first request for such a fiscal ---.

Courier-Journal, March 22, 1970 – University of Louisville will become a state university on July 1. Study will be done of the roles of all the colleges.

Edward F. Prichard, Jr. to William A. Abell, Chairman on Public Higher Education, 1/23/1970 – Objects because bill to bring University of Louisville into state system has not been submitted to or studied by the Council or its staff. Move "will have important and far-reaching repercussions on the future of all higher education in this Commonwealth." In 1968 legislation was --- that bypassed the Council. We need "proper consideration of the future needs and resources for higher education in the Commonwealth." Wants it on Council's agenda for Feb. 9 meeting. He has long believed the University of Louisville belonged in the system, but this is not the way to proceed.

Cox, Dwayne. University of Louisville - University of Louisville

Chapter VI "Fron World War II to Statehood," 100-129

VII "Life as a State University" 129-158.

109 Brief membership in Ohio Valley Conference. WKU charged University of Louisville with luring away a football player. Conference ruled the player ineligible & University of Louisville withdrew from Ohio Valley Conference. 121-128 Move into state system.

133 Fight in 1972s to get larger share of state money. Miller vs. Singletary.

1961

1971-1984

University of Louisville - Relations

Includes cards: University of Louisville

Kelly Thompson Papers: 19 - University of Louisville 1957

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Bill Henry, Sports Director, The Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center, March 4, 1957 (Dictated by phone) – Regrets that University of Louisville "still has many bitter feelings toward Western." They would not enter the Bluegrass Tournament if WKU was in it, & they threatened to play their home game at the Armory. We have to have their home games. We insisted that WKU play in 1958. We want to schedule you with Kansas during the 1957-58 season. Please keep this confidential. We regret this embarrassing situation.

College Heights Herald, May 22, 1959 – University of Louisville – Relations 1959 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4613

14 WKU's football team will play University of Louisville in September during the State Fair. It is planned to make this an annual attraction. Will resume basketball relations with game at Freedom Hall on Feb. 11, 1961. Contract calls for 1 game per year for 3 years. They haven't met in regular season basketball since 1949-50. Have met 3 times in tournaments with WKU winning all 3.

Kelly Thompson Miscellaneous Presidential (late 1983) – University of Louisville 1971

Miscellaneous Correspondence A-Z

Kelly Thompson to Dr. Robert R. Martin, July 8, 1971 (Robert Martin is in London.) - "Developments are reasonably quite on the state-education scene. University of Louisville reminds me of the big, black grackle which comes to our backyard and wants all the bird feed for himself. Let us hope that in due time they will learn that 'every dog for himself will not get the job done in Kentucky for them or for the rest of us."

Dero Downing Papers - University of Louisville 1977

Regents 1977

Memo: Dero Downing to Regents

John Oldham re-opened lines of communication with Dane Hart, Athletic Director at University of Louisville. Dane Hart visited campus, and there is a good possibility that athletic rivalry may be restored. University of Chattanooga refuses to release WKU from Sept. 8, 1979 contract, so that poses a problem.

Donald Zacharias Papers - University of Louisville 1980s

University of Louisville Folder

Donald Zacharias to Donald C. Swain, March 3, 1982 – Would like for them to get together to explore "some issues of mutual importance . .. " Thinks more cooperation is possible.

#### **University Press of Kentucky**

John Minton Papers - University Press of Kentucky

University Press of Kentucky

Thomas D. Clark to Dean John Minton, April 24, 1967 – Meeting at University of Kentucky on May 4, 1967 to discuss cooperative scholarly publishing in Kentucky. Has copies of a prospectus we have prepared to stimulate discussion. (It was much like the system finally set up.)

John Minton to Thomas Clark, April 26, 1967 – John Minton and J. Crawford Crowe will represent WKU. "I have read the prospectus which you have prepared, and it sounds good and certainly this type of move is the most logical kind of procedure for the state institutions to follow.

Thomas D. Clark to President Kelly Thompson, June 5, 1968 (University Press of Virginia) – Submits report of Mr. Victor Reynolds as approved by our meeting at Eastern Kentucky University on May 31. "Never have I worked with a group that was more harmonious or genuinely interested in developing a plan of co-operation which promises to produce so many benefits for every institution involved . . . The imprint of the University Press of Kentucky can become an extremely prestigious one, and the quality of publications by university and college staff members greatly improved." "Though I am retiring from the staff of the University of Kentucky I will follow the progress of the development of the University Press of Kentucky with the greatest interest."

Asks for formal letter of acceptance. Wants it to start operating this fall.

Thomas Clark to John Minton, Sept. 14, 1968 – He was "horrified" to find that University of Kentucky administration had suggested changes in press document, but doesn't think that they amount to much. "I can be quite critical of the lack of co-operation on the part of the University Administration by not saying absolutely they had read and understood this document before May 31. I blame John W. Oswald for this silly turn. He is gone thank goodness."

Bruce Denbo to John Minton, Sept. 13, 1968 – Sends the revised version. He & Thomas Clark think it is OK.

Vice President A.D. Albright to Kelly Thompson, Sept. 9, 1968 – Sends the revised version. If satisfactory, will to(?) recommended to University of Kentucky Board of Trustees.

Kelly Thompson has John Minton & Crawford Crowe look it over. John Minton sends copy to Raymond Cravens for his comments.

John Minton to Kelly Thompson, Oct. 2, 1968 – He & Crawford Crowe recommend acceptance.

John Minton to Thomas Clark (at IU), Oct. 2, 1968 - It is OK.

John Minton to Bruce Denbo, Oct. 2, 1968 - It is OK.

1957-1989

1967-1980

Kelly Thompson to A.D. Albright, Oct. 3, 1968 - OK. Will recommend at next meeting of our Board.

Kelly Thompson to A.D. Albright, Oct. 10 – WKU's Regents approved it at Oct. 9 meeting. ". . . you may be assured of Western's wholehearted co-operation."

John Minton to Kelly Thompson, Feb. 7, 1969 – Is "in wholehearted agreement" over appointment of Lowell Harrison as chairman of our press committee.

Memo: Lowell Harrison to Press Committee, May 6, 1969 – Matthew Hodgson, Development Editor, will be here May 14-15, 1969 to consult with faculty members. Outlines procedure, ---.

Orientation – Organization Meeting at University of Kentucky, Friday, March 14, 1969 – Editorial Board Meeting, Saturday, March 15. ---. (Lists all the institutional committees: other details of organization.)

1st meeting of Editorial Board, March 15, 1959 – Considerable business. (Rotating membership) Agreed to use University Press of Kentucky imprint for the manuscript already approved. (Ronald Nash's The Light of the Mind became University Press of Kentucky's 1st book.)

Approved on-going programs such as Papers of Henry Clay, R--- L--- Series, etc. (Present: Holman Hamilton, chairman; Henry Chearny(?); Lowel Harrison; Fred Ogden; L. Smith; Lewis Cochran; Jo--- Duncan; Richard Kan(?); Don Ringe(?); Bruce Denbo. Absent: Vernon Musselman, Ralph Tessener(?).)

Inaugural dinner – Oct. 17, 1969, but it was postponed because of serious illness of speaker Roger W. Shugg. (A.D. Kirwan is new chairman of the Editorial Board.)

Memo: John Minton, Dean Graduate School, to Raymond Cravens, Dean of the Faculties, Feb. 21, 1969 – These people have been recommended for membership on WKU's Press Committee.

Lowell Harrison - chairman, History

Curtis Englebright - Education

Mary Clarke - English

Ernest Beal - Biology

Robert Foster - Geography

J.C. Crowe - History

John Minton - Graduate College

Dr. William Jenkins will name someone when he returns. Action needed, as there is a meeting scheduled for March 14-

Kelly Thompson Papers: 39 - University Press 1967+

Cooperative University Press

Thomas D. Clark, Chairman University Press Committee, to John D. Minton, Graduate Dean, Dec. 14, 1967 – Since meeting of representatives on May 4 we at University of Kentucky Press have done extensive explanation of competitive press. Enclosed is statement approved by University of Kentucky Press Committee. Calls for a meeting at University of Kentucky (Student Union) on January 18, 1968. "We feel that this is an exceedingly important move, and that this is the proper time to suggest to the institutional administration a plan by which a state university press can be established." (Has long policy statement of University of Kentucky Press.)

John Minton to Thomas Clark, Jan. 8, 1968 – Says that Dr. J.C. Crowe and he will be at Jan. 18 meeting. Both President Kelly Thompson and Dean Raymond Cravens favor this cooperative effort.

Memo: John Minton to Kelly Thompson, Jan. 22, 1968 – At Jan. 18 meeting: Berea, Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, University of Louisville, University of Kentucky, WKU. Thomas Clark pointed out that Virginia & Kansas had cooperative presses & Tennessee is considering one. Bruce Denbo discussed operations. Said University of Kentucky Press budget was about \$100,000 & they published about 30 per year. Agreed that Mr. Victor Reynolds, head of Virginia Press, should be brought in as consultant. Thomas Clark to write to each president. If reaction is affirmative, ask each to agree to about \$200 to bring in the consultant. Each school to begin its own feasibility study. "Both Dr. Crowe and I took the position, which you had discussed with me earlier, that Western was favorable to a cooperative plan and that cooperation was essential on a matter such as this."

Thomas Clark (Chairman, Committee on Cooperative Scholarly Publishing in Kentucky) to Kelly Thompson, Feb. 19, 1968 – His form letter to presidents.

Kelly Thompson to Thomas Clark, Feb. 22, 1968 – WKU will be pleased to pay its pro rata share of expense. "... all of us who have discussed it at Western believe that it can be a wonderfully successful cooperative venture."

Mr. Victor Reynolds was then scheduled to visit WKU on April 5, between 1:30 – 5:00. John Minton set up appointments with Kelly Thompson at 2:00 and Raymond Cravens 2:30.

Memo: John Minton to Victor Reynolds, April 29, 1968 – Response to Questionnaire on Scholarly Research. These scholars have published 1 or more books in past 5 years: Kenneth Clarke, Mary Clarke, Faye Carroll, Guy Hope, Carlton Jackson, Jim Wayne Miller, Robert Mounce, Ronald Nash. Those who have scholarly books in Press: Mary Clarke (lists letters & publication), Lowell Harrison, Guy Hope, Thomas Madron (2), Robert Mounce (2), Ronald Nash, Dewey Voss.

"Scholars who seem to have great capacity and initiative for research and writing at the scholarly level:"

Ernest Beal - Biology

Arvin Blome - Education

 $L.D.\ Brown-Agriculture$ 

Kenneth Clarke - English

Mary Clarke - English

James Davis – Geography

Wayne Dobson - Economics

Lowell Harrison – History

Guy Hope – Government
Carlton Jackson – History
William G. Lloyd – Chemistry
Thomas Madroo – Government
Jim Wayne Miller – English
Robert Mounce – Philosophy & Religion
Marvin Russell – Physics
Hugh Thomason – Government

John Minton says research professorships have been established in various colleges; a sabbatical leave policy is being considered by Regents; a research fund has been established; WKU has had research grants from 3 organizations. "The University plans to continue to place greater emphasis on scholarly achievements and research."

Memo: John Minton to Kelly Thompson, May 10, 1968 – Encloses Victor Reynold's draft proposal for University Press of Kentucky. John Minton says he may not be able to attend meeting at Eastern Kentucky University on May 31 because of commitment.

John Minton to Victor Reynolds, May 15, 1968 – Points out that it would be impossible for director to attend meetings of local committees. We are unopposed(?), but because of commitment can't be at Eastern Kentucky University on May 31.

Kelly Thompson to Harry Largen, June 10, 1968 - Issue check of \$150 to Mr. Victor Reynolds.

Thomas Clark to Kelly Thompson, June 4, 1968 – Is sending the enclosed report by Mr. Victor Reynolds as approved at our May 31 meeting at Eastern Kentucky University. "Never have I worked with a group that was more harmonious or genuinely interested in developing a plan of co-operation which promises to produce so many benefits for every institution involved . . . it promises to be a model for the future which university presses in other parts of the country will follow." If you & your board agree, please send me a formal letter of acceptance. However to start its operation in early autumn.

Memo: John Minton to Kelly Thompson, June 24, 1968 – John Minton says he, Raymond Cravens & Crawford Crowe recommend the plan.

A.D. Albright, Executive Vice President, University of Kentucky to Kelly Thompson, Aug. 12, 1968 – Legal counsel has suggested some minor changes – will send you a re-draft as soon as possible.

Kelly Thompson to A.D. Albright, Oct. 10, 1968 – Board of Regents at Oct. 9, 1968 meeting unanimously approved presidents' recommendation for participation in University Press of Kentucky.

Memo: Kelly Thompson to Raymond Cravens, Jan. 30, 1969 – Wants him and John Minton to support membership for WKU's committee.

Memo: Raymond Cravens to Kelly Thompson, Feb. 5, 1969 – John Minton & I "feel that Dr. Lowell Harrison would be an ideal chairman."

Minutes of 1st meeting of Editorial Board, March 15, 1969 at Student Union, University of Kentucky. Manuscripts already accepted by University of Kentucky Press were transferred to University Press of Kentucky.

Memo: Raymond Cravens to Kelly Thompson, Feb. 25, 1969 – Press Committee for 1969-70. Lowell Harrison – History, chairman

Curtis Englebright – Education

Mary Clarke – English

Ernest Beal – Biology

Robert Foster - Geography

J.C. Crowe – History

George Masannat – Government

John Minton – Graduate School

Memo: Harry Largen (Business Manager) to Dero Downing, March 20, 1969 – Tells him of the financial arrangements. Says that last year the average cost of printing 1,500 copies of a book was \$4,176 or \$2.78 a copy. If a book cost \$2.78 for 1500 copies, our cost would be \$4,200. If all copies were sold, we would receive (40%) \$3,600.

Matthew Hodgson to Kelly Thompson, May 19, 1969 – Glad to have talked with him during his initial visit last week. ". . . my interviews(?) were both numerous and, I think, encouraging and productive."

Regents Meeting, Oct. 9, 1968 – University Press of Kentucky 1968 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1968/mtg/1/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1968/mtg/1/</a> Kelly Thompson recommended membership in cooperative University Press of Kentucky. J.T. Gilbert / Albert Ross, passed unanimously.

Western Alumnus, 42:5 Summer 1973 – University Press of Kentucky 1969 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/8823

44 Article by Lowell Harrison, "Dedicated to the Preservation of Knowledge."

Established in 1969 with 6 public & 3 private members. Thomas Clark & Bruce Denbo was instrumental(?) in starting it. 3 more schools have joined + Kentucky Historical Society as an associate member. Tells of what WKU faculty members have done. Press has encouraged scholarly research on this campus.

John Minton Interview – University Press of Kentucky - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/881">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/881</a>
John Minton says he and Crawford Crowe worked closely with Tom Clark to set it up, to get other schools in it.

1929-1985

#### **University Status**

Includes cards: Status Change University University University Bill

University History - University 1929

Faculty Minutes 1907-1933

May 6, 1929 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/8527

Consensus of discussion was that a year of work should be added & a year of high school work dropped. "The subject of changing the name of the institution from Teachers College to College of [sic] University was broached, but met with practically no favor."

Kelly Thompson Papers: 24 - University? 1965

Reorganization

Courier-Journal, March 25, 1965 – Eastern Kentucky University announced yesterday that as of July 1 it would have 6 schools, each headed by a dean. Morehead State University did something like this in 1960. Kelly Thompson at WKU announced a similar re-organization plan earlier this week. Murray State University – hasn't reached a decision as yet.

College Heights Herald, Nov. 18, 1965 – University? 1965 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/3881">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/3881</a>
9 Reprints article by Joe Goodman from Nov. 8 Hardin County Enterprise after he had visited WKU. He was much impressed. "Each department head, faculty and staff member I met made it quite clear through their greetings and subsequent remarks that they were vitally interested in Western's image as a growing and developing institution of higher education"

". ... when the people of Kentucky decide the Commonwealth needs a second state university, Western would be the logical choice." That day probably isn't far off.

Kelly Thompson Papers; 52 – University Status 1965

University Status

Memo: Vice President Raymond Cravens to Kelly Thompson, Dec. 14, 1965 – At meeting of Southern Association in Richmond Dr. Ralph Tesseneer (then at Murray State University?) told Raymond Cravens "that the University of Kentucky had contacted members of the Legislature in Western Kentucky attempting to get their support in opposition to university status for the state colleges."

Kelly Thompson to Dr. James P. Cornette, West Texas State University, Feb. 2, 1966 – "At the present moment there is a good chance that we will get a bill through the Legislature this season without any organized opposition and with little fanfare. This, as you well know, could change overnight."

Kelly Thompson Papers: 14 – University Status 1965(?)

Commission on Higher Education

"Principal Recommendation of the Survey Team" (Hand-written notes, presumably by Kelly Thompson, Not dated.) 4 colleges to become regional universities. Passed. 13-3-1 (Oswald, Luneger(?), Mueller; abstaining, Spragens.)

Develop MA programs in other fields as rapidly as possible. Unanimously.

Also, develop research & service programs for their region – unanimous.

Legislature should invite University of Louisville to become a state school. Unanimous

Start Northern Kentucky State College in Covington. Passed 14-1-1.

University of Kentucky continue state-wide community college program. Unanimous

10 year plan should be adopted for appropriation to reach \$131,000.000 in 1971 and \$190,000,000 in 1976. Moderate fees combined. Unanimous.

Each governing board should be autonomous; acts through president. Unanimous.

Ex officio memberships should be ended at end of terms of present incumbents – unanimous.

Louisville Times, Jan. 4, 1966 - University Status 1966

Bill to revamp higher education (public) is expected to be introduced in House next Monday and to pass easily. Problems appear to have been worked out behind closed doors of the Commission on Higher Education. It will grant university status to 4 colleges, but the Council on Public Higher Education will have only 9 members with the six presidents becoming non-voting members. Last month when Governor's Commission made its recommendations John Oswald objected to conferring university status now. The college presidents objected to loss of voting power. They have had controlling interest in the past. University of Kentucky has given top priority for research and advanced graduate work. The others will be able to offer MA level work + some beyond that in education. Professional schools will also be University Kentucky.

College Heights Herald, Thursday, Jan. 20, 1966 – University Status 1966 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4682

1 Last Friday Kentucky Commission on Higher Education recommended that 4 colleges be made universities. Made report to Governor Edward T. Breathitt who said legislation is likely this semester. Survey made by outside experts. They called for expansion at MA level. Kelly Thompson: "When compared to a great many other schools in this country, Western is already a university in everything but name." Kelly Thompson: "Western is ready for such a change." Kelly Thompson will attend Frankfort meeting with Governor and some legislators to discuss the changes. Experts recommended that the Council be composed of 9 laymen + presidents who would not vote. 7 members of Council, including Kelly Thompson & the other 4 presidents, dissented from this. They insisted that presidents should have full voting powers.

Report called for more power to the Council. (4) Editorial "Western Is Ready To Be A University." Denies that one state university is enough. Says change would help image of the school. "We are ready."

State Journal Feb. 10. 1966 – Status Change University 1966

303 SB157 An Act relating to higher education. Changing the membership of the Council on Public Higher Education and designating state colleges as universities. Introduced.

532 SB157 Reported referred to State Government.

College Heights Herald, Thursday, Feb. 17, 1966 - University Bill 1966 -

https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4681

1 Legislation to change names of 4 colleges passed House yesterday 84-0. Now goes to Senate. Bill introduced in House by Edward G. Brown, Bowling Green. In Senate: Senator Floyd Hayes Ellis, Rockfield.

#### Feb. 24 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4680

1 Senate hasn't taken action, but it is expected to do so soon.

#### Feb. 25 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4679

1 Senate passed bill 29-6 & Governor Ned Breathitt will sign it at 11:00 am (EST) tomorrow. (Saturday 26). Had to eliminate amendment to create 4 year college at Paducah before it passed.

Bill provides for 9 lay member Council on Public Higher Education. Presidents had been voting members of 21 member group. Power of Council increased.

Message from Kelly Thompson. On the morning of the news(?) - "... increased opportunity for Western plus expanded service to our Commonwealth plus greater challenge to students, faculty, staff, and alumni."

"... there will be no sudden transformation on this campus. The years ahead must structure the change as they measure our acceptance of the opportunity, the service we render, and the success with which all of us will have met the challenge."

"Let us attack these challenges – let us pursue these new opportunities – and let us seek to serve, for it is within these meanings that excellence lies and true greatness is to be found."

#### March 3 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4693

1 Great celebration. Earlier in week College assumed responsibility for costs of Talisman Dance on Friday, threw it open to everyone. Saturday was declared "Western Day" in Bowling Green & Warren County. Over 650 attended Saturday night banquet in Student Center to honor Kelly Thompson's 10 year anniversary. Then WKU beat Murray State University 71-59. At half-time Governor Ned Breathitt presented plaque showing the change. Classes were dismissed for Monday. Quotes Kelly Thompson: "I tell you, I thought the bill was dead after yesterday afternoon. But our legislators and the governor went to work and the measure came through."

Regents Minutes, Feb. 26, 1966 – University Status 1966 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1966/qtrly/2/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1966/qtrly/2/</a> Kelly Thompson had been in Frankfort earlier that day for signing of university bill. Official Board action taken, unanimous

Attainment of University Status Scrapbook – University Status 1966 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/9316

Feb. 26, 1966

The T.O. Halls to Kelly Thompson, Feb. 28, 1966 – T.O. Hall recalls spring of 1922 when WKU had just been made a teachers college – "spirit of expectant ecstasy" on the Hill. He went with Henry Cherry on a trip into the field. I asked him if WKU might ever become a university. "His instantaneous and prophetic reply was, 'Hall, it may not be in your lifetime or mine, but Western is Going [sic] to be a university!"

Bowling green Daily News, Feb. 27, 1966 - University Status 1966

Feb. 26 was "Western Day." Proclaimed by Mayor Walter F. Weis and County Judge Basil Griffin. Featured banquet attended by 650 and half-time ceremony at Murray State University game. United States District Judge James F. Gordon spoke at banquet. Plaque denoting the change was presented to Kelly Thompson at half-time of game by Governor Edward T. Breathitt. Part of the statement: "Western Kentucky University, which is endowed with the rich traditions and strong foundations of the past, is inspired by the challenges of the present and destined for continued greatness. These friends pledge continuing support as Western enters a new and challenging educational era."

Alumni Bulletin, 33:3, Sept. 1966 – University Status 1966 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc</a> ua records/8846
4 From speech of Raymond Cravens at Alumni Day. Says when he joined faculty in 1958 considerable speculation of university status is next few years. Jan. 1961 President Kelly Thompson said: "Western will seek to so conduct is affairs, meet its challenges, and drive toward excellence that when the time comes for University status to be given to it, the College will be able to take the step as a perfectly natural transition." Tells how improvements were made as money became available. Increased faculty, better trained. Enlarged curriculum. New programs. In last 2 years the faculty-student ratio has been reduced & faculty teaching load reduced. "... we see no reason why the University as it grows in size should necessarily become more and more impersonal. We are seeking to maintain among our faculty the attitude that each of them has responsibility for a personal approach to education. So long as we do not subjugate teaching to research, or relegate the student to second place in our hierarch of educational values, we believe that Western can maintain her warmth, her traditional personal touch, and if you will, her heart."

5 Much improvement in library. Law Library has been established this year. Administrative changes – 2 vice presidents, colleges, dean, etc. to get ready for University Status. Preparations have been going on for years. Have built upon the firm foundations established by the founders. "And yet, although the transition has in fact occurred, it is obvious that the job of building Western Kentucky University has just begun. Western is an incipient University, a University still in its formative years, and ahead is a great challenge to move from a mature multi-purpose State College to a mature multi-purpose University." Many changes in future.

Hardin County Enterprise – University Status 1966? Elizabethtown, (nd.)

Editorial: "Western Kentucky State College in Bowling Green should become Kentucky's next state university. Under the able leadership of its president, Dr. Kelly Thompson, Western has been striving to add graduate programs and designs its tremendous growth for the eventual day it will become a university." Issue in legislature will probably become a political issue. "If the four large state colleges are expanded to universities, in a blanket measure, however, Western's positives will be unchanged. It has by far the greatest growth potential of the four state colleges."

Chelf, Frank. Politics in Education - University Status 1966

4 In 1965 Kentucky Commission on Higher Education (appointed by Ned Breathitt) hired a team of experts to study & recommend. They recommended that 4 schools be elevated to university status. Rep. Ted Osborn (Lexington) introduced bill that passed House 83-0 on Feb. 16, 1966. Some problems in Senate. Tom Garrett (Paducah) got amendment, 18-71 to establish a 4 year college at Paducah. But next day the decision was --- 24-6. Bill finally passed

5 Final bill was compromise between state colleges & University of Kentucky. Defined University Kentucky as chief graduate and research institute. Provided for creation of new Council on Higher Education - 9 laymen appointed by governor. Presidents would be non-voting members.

9 "The original nature of the state's higher educational structure was retained intact."

Kindelsperger, Kris. "University of Louisville Entrance" - University 1966

73 Author cites William J. McGlothlin, personal interview, Feb. 4, 1976: "McGlothlin states that Oswald was a strong advocate of changes in the make up of the Council on Public Higher Education from a council of presidents to an independent lay board. He felt the changes would alter the character of the body but that It was the only way that higher education in Kentucky could grow and develop in an orderly way, free of the politics and loyalties of the individual school heads. McGlothlin states that some believed that the change of the regional colleges to universities, was a swap with Oswald by the regional presidents for support to reorganize the Council. When Oswald left University of Kentucky, Dr. Kirwan was quick to note that perhaps Oswald's views did not represent those of the majority of the Board and the central administration."

College Heights Herald, Feb. 15, 1968 - University Status 1968 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/9005 6 Article quotes from interview with Dr. John Chamberlain, Chemistry. Says WKU is a "Baby University," just born. Name change doesn't not mean "we live up to the responsibilities and obligations of a university." Says research & graduate work are criteria for a university, & WKU should do more. But: "I think Western will even become a great research institution."

Kelly Thompson Interview, 10/20/1977 - University - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/893 Carlton Jackson: Right. Speaking of the university, when it attained university status - and you may have answered this question before with maybe Crawford Crowe when he interviewed you – did the university here consciously use any model upon which to build the colleges?

Kelly Thompson: Oh, I suppose that the most frequently asked question of me when I went out among the alumni downtown, friends in general would ask, "When are we going to become a university?" There was something magic about that word 'university.' My answer was always, "I don't know, but when the opportunity comes we want to be sure and be ready for it." So, we, by design, set out to accomplish this purpose by doing everything we possibly could do in meeting the requirements of our accrediting association. We followed the requirements always to an extent that would upgrade us above just meeting requirements. We even went so far as to divide up the college into components. I believe we started with five: Ogden, Potter, Education, etc. Fine Arts. And we said that we were doing that to get a more representative administrative structure and for a faculty to have a closer base on which to operate than one central office, which was true. But it was also designed to be ready for the opportunity when it came. We made many moves and had many discussions when the day would come when we would accept this challenge. So we were ready for a couple of years prior to the happening or longer back than that. And I'm going - I may already have quoted this, but I'm going to look It up here again. In 1965 I made a presidential report which is printed and widely distributed and I quote from this: "Western has at no time waged any campaign for university status. In fact, we have deliberately counseled good friends and ardent alumni to forego requests to the legislature for such change. Such counsel has been given because it was felt that such status would automatically come in due time. It is my opinion that such recognition would come because of unusual growth and development within the institution More than that, however, it would enable Western, along with presently existing universities and other emerging universities, to make a greater contribution to the carrying on of the rapidly escalating load of higher education, a load which threatens to overwhelm all higher educational agencies now existing in Kentucky." Then I go on to justify that of the changing of the name of this to Western Kentucky University and I state: "It is therefore, my conclusion that such a change should be considered at the earliest possible date; and it is with genuine pride that I assure the Board of Regents that Western is ready for such a change. In fact, when compared to high percentages of the universities of America, Western has now reached a point where it is a university in everything except the name." This booklet, constituting ten years of Western's life, was placed on the desk of every member of the legislature, both in the House and the Senate, in each case, the day before a vote was to be taken, and that particular section was called to their attention. That is the only campaigning that occurred; the rest of it was a matter of getting ready. And the cooperation across the campus was magnificent. I think that a lot of people who were knowledgeable along that line just sort of had a feeling that it was going to happen; and they did everything they could in the way of embellishing their own programs. You see, we had,, or example - if I might use this as an illustration - we had, relatively speaking, a small percentage of PhDs back when I began. We built that up highly. We started looking for faculty members and we started looking for the PhD. If we couldn't get the PhD - this was the general philosophy across campus - if we couldn't' get the PhD., we dropped down to the man who just liked a year having it or maybe his dissertation. If we couldn't get that, we dropped down to the man to consider seriously who had already started the doctoral program, preferably two years completed or something, you see. And through this process we had changed the ratio of our doctorates considerably. That was just part of the plan to be ready. CJ: Did the philosophy of Western change any when it got to university status? And, I mean in that respect, did it move away philosophically, begin to move away from the concept of it begin only a teachers' college? A teacher training

institution. I've heard both sides of that question discussed, that regardless of whether Western had a university status or not.

KT: No, it didn't change in the manner in which you have asked, because really - as you could imagine, when we had the ceremony in the governor's office, when he signed the bill then presented me the pen with which he signed it (which is on display over there in the montage of events that occurred in connection with it in the Garrett Conference Center), just the fact that the legislature had passed statute and the governor had signed it really didn't change anything. That's like today as compared with yesterday. So there was no immediate change in anything that I can recall, except that we had a lot of celebration and jubilation and feeling of accomplishment among many, many people. We had a big program in Diddle Arena one night in which we tried to accentuate the event and express appreciation to many people who had had confidence in us and all that sort of thing. But it was just like a child growing up. It took many years for any change

in philosophy to develop or would have normally taken that. We started out with a rather humble about the event, describing ourself as an emerging university. We didn't say, "We're now ready to go compete with the big boys on every basis," or anything like that. I think that it gave everybody just a little bit of a nudge to do a better job. There had already - growth, itself, you see - We were basically a teacher education institution, but by that time we had over 10,000 students, I think, or close to it. We certainly didn't have 10,000 students here all preparing to be teachers. So, the growth itself had begun to change a philosophical attitude of the institution. Departments had much heavier graduate production. They were going into various walks of life. We had brought in new areas of concentration people. So, from there it just moved on to where it is today, and I feel that if we ever lost sight of the fact that our heritage - and you understand now I'm not saying that we be a teacher education institution, of our heritage - in teacher education and if we ever shoved it to the back burner instead of giving it great emphasis, we will have made the worst mistake, in my judgement, that it would be possible for us to make. At the same time, however, every department in every college on this campus ought to be given the same kind of support by the faculty, the administration, by the legislature, by the Council on Public Higher Education, and everybody else. So, I think that, actually, the great reputation we have in teacher education here is a real bonus to all other fields, because through the years the great number of graduates, the enormous number of graduates in teacher education by now is such a sizeable block of our supporters. This is something that helps everybody, just like if we develop here a huge block of historians who really felt a close kinship with this institution, that would help teacher education. Just like the reputation that Mr. Diddle created in basketball entirely separate from the academic side. It helped us in may ways across the board.

CJ: Did the fact that the other state colleges, at the time, most of them, did the fact that they, too, attained university status at the same time, did this take away any of the joy or uniqueness of the situation for Western?

KT: Well, it certainly took away the uniqueness, but it certainly didn't have any great effect on the joy of reaching that milestone. The fact that all of them achieved this status after all being state institutions, we are, in a way, an entity under political surveillance at least. And I suppose that it would have been exceedingly difficult for one to have reached that point without great difficulty. It didn't take away any of the pleasure of the occasion, but it did have some significance, as you have mentioned.

Dero Downing Interview, 4/3/1978 – University Status 1966 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/696">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/696</a> Change was more of an evolution than an abrupt change. Kelly Thompson and others had it in mind for some time. Worked toward it. When Bowling Green Business University became part of WKU in 1963, "It was a well-known fact that this was being designed as the first of the colleges in a university type organization . . . " Conditions were ripe for it by then. Feels that Kelly Thompson was especially influential in providing the leadership in making the move. He worked with Gov. Ned Breathitt and the legislators. Kelly Thompson also did much to build up public support for it. We were in midst of almost unbelievable growth. Becoming university meant better chance of getting faculty, broader program of study. Said "no one had time to pause and reflect woo much" about new dimensions that became possible. Major areas such as library had to be improved. ". . . we didn't have a whole lot of time just to pause and reflect too much on the fact that we were changing from a college to a university." Had to bring together the people who could plan & build facilities. L.T. Smith, H.B. Clark, Owen Lawson – did much with physical plant. Raymond Craven, faculty committee – academics. Was a real team effort. We were able to put together each year "a reasonably sound operating budget."

John Minton Interview – University Status 1966 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc</a> ua records/881

The concept of multi-purpose university developed before WKU was designated a university. Allowed expansion of graduate work. Did some cooperative PhD programs with University of Kentucky. Set up one with Peabody, but costs were so high never really got it off the ground.

Raymond Cravens, 2/8/1985 – University Status - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc</a> ua records/1983
Kelly Thompson always said he wasn't interested in WKU becoming university – wanted WKU to merit it. Be so strong that people would wonder why WKU wasn't already a university. (Came as package deal.)
Lowel Harrison sense that Henry Cherry & Kelly Thompson wanted to break out of the pack of the rest of the schools. Raymond Cravens – agrees with that impression. He wanted people around the state to think of WKU as being different. Kelly Thompson worked hard to create image for university status. "A Decade of Progress" was a slick job that came out just before legislature met. (3 months). Raymond Cravens did much work on it, along with Bob Cochran. Stressed WKU's research in graduates who had got doctorates – WKU had unusual number of people who had done so in various fields. WKU was number 1 in state colleges in Southeast US. (Raymond Cravens – old time professors encouraged students to go on to do graduate work.) Played up all aspects of growth of WKU. Ned Breathitt seemed friendly to WKU. Might have been politically possible at that point face WKU to have broken away & became a state university without the others. But Kelly Thompson was said not willing to do it – wouldn't have been politically smart. Number of legislators - & Raymond Cravens thinks governor – told him later that WKU was the only one really ready to be elevated.

**University System** 

Includes card: University of Kentucky - No!

Henry Cherry Papers: 24 - University System 1936

General Correspondence 1936

Henry Cherry to Miss Fannie B. Harrington, Georgia State College for Women, Milledgeville, Feb. 5, 1936 – Henry Cherry is "positively opposed" to University System concept. Effort made to recommend it in the Commission, ". . . and I never fought as hard against anything in my life and finally won out."

Courier-Journal 7/15/1948 – University of Kentucky – No! 1948

WKU officials are firmly against plans that may be presented at next legislature to make other state schools part of University of Kentucky. Paul Garrett says new salary scales can be met if funds are appropriated.

**University Task Force on Institutional Planning** 

Dero Downing Papers: 63 – University Task Force on Institutional Planning University Task Force

1976

Strategic planning

1936-1948

Feb. 2, 1976 – The University Task Force has recommended the creation of some sub-committees to help in developing an institutional master plan. This one is on Assumptions. There are a number of folders here.

Planning Report 1976-80 - University Task Force

iii The University Task Force was established in November 1975 to help develop a comprehensive institutional plan for 1976-80.

iv Major components: academic, facilities, financial

vii Under general direction of Dero Downing. Chairman of the 14 person committee was J.T. Sandefur. 7 other supporting committees.

54 In 1964 Regents approved recommendations for a Master Plan for campus development. It was officially adopted Jan. 22, 1966.

55 In 1970 a firm was employed to see what changes might be needed. It was completed in late 1972 & indicated that the basic concepts of the original were valid.

57-59 List of all buildings - date built, date re-built.

#### Unrest

Includes cards: Unrest: Fail Unrest – Kent State Unrest: Students

College Heights Herald, March 21, 1962 – Unrest 1962 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/2183">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/2183</a> 2 Editorial. Many terms applied to events of Wednesday March 14 – protest, mob, riot, march, parade? "Unprecedented" – students demanded holiday so WKU-Ohio State game could be attended. Rumors of double penalties, etc. "No one responded with a logical and promising solution." Students felt "that there was no other way to have their views heard." Lack of understanding & communication among students, faculty, administration. Needs policy with standard participation.

College Heights Herald, Oct. 3, 1968 – Unrest 1968 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/2084">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/2084</a>
4 Editorial "The American public at large does not understand us. They fear us because they do not understand us. Often to understand us is too difficult, especially when it is so simple to suppress us."

College Heights Herald, Friday, May 8, 1970 – Unrest – Kent State 1970 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4947

1 WKU students are displaying unrest after killing of 4 Kent State students last Monday by National Guardsmen. Also a cause: the Viet Nam war. Protesting students called for a strike today, but classes are meeting. Protest leaders are meeting at 10:00 am with executive committee of Associated Student Government. One complaint will be guns on campus. Demonstrations scheduled for front of White Stone Hall [Schneider Hall]. Anti-demonstration meeting is scheduled for area between student center & administration building. They call themselves "the silent majority," says Bruce Clark, science major. He says the current strike is "radical and ridiculous." Speakers are to be Dr. Tate Page, dean of College of Education & Professor J. Crawford Crowe, head of Department of History.

President Dero Downing yesterday spoke to group of students from steps of administration building. Commended them for non-violent approach. He said it was regrettable that Richard Nixon sent troops into Cambodia. Dero Downing met with the "Volunteers" yesterday & asked for a list of demands to consider. Dissenters provided around campus Thursday afternoon. About 75 wore "Strike Western" t-shirts.

Dero Downing spoke to Academic Council at its regular meeting. He said the responsibility shown by student leaders was a major factor in the powerful demonstrations. Academic Council voted to support "business as usual" policy on Friday. Dero Downing report to Academic Council on meeting with "Volunteer" leader. They asked that all guns be removed (2) from campus & no punishment for students participating in the strike. On Wednesday 11 am +/- 250 attended rally in plaza in opposition to Kent State killings & the Viet Nam war. Most of them urged peaceful approach. Broke up about 1:30. Candlelight vigil in old stadium that evening (Wednesday) followed by memorial services in Lyndane Hall.

May 12, 1970 (Tuesday) - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4946

1 Says protests appear to be waning. Dero Downing met yesterday (Monday) with leaders of the "Volunteers" & Associated Student Government to give a 9 page reply to the 5 demands submitted Friday. Black student Braxton Crenshaw is one of main leaders. Dero Downing called meeting "very amiable, very courteous and very cordial." Students – "vague and ambiguous."

Bill Nelson: "I've read these papers from both sides and they're ambiguous as hell. We're all uptight because of the ambiguity the administration has passed off on us."

Carl Braden, editor of Southern Patriot & a Louisville civil rights leader, is to speak at 12:30 on lawn of administration building. Debate on Southeast Asia policy is tentatively scheduled for Thursday. Details not worked out. --- Volunteers presented demands on Friday, they (2) held meeting – about 300 attended. The march of about 250 – "Peace now" while in front of library, "Down with ROTC" when in front of Diddle Arena. "Sleep-in" Friday night on lawn of administration building. About 100 there. Several kids there enjoying free Kool-Aid. Some couples brought small children; one couple brought a dog.

Monday morning, about 50 gathered to discuss Dero Downing's replies, which they called "garbage." Bill Nelson: "We're going to have to decide if we are reactionaries or if we're a movement. We've softened our stand long enough. We're going to have to get tough."

William Cunningham: "I think a group of people should get together and do something drastic."

Braxton Crenshaw suggested civil disobedience. "I mean, halting business as usual."

4 Editorial: Says the demonstration soon turned into a catch-all gripe session. "Unfortunately, the demonstration is beginning to resemble greatly the Greek boycott of Homecoming last fall." Small group of die-hard leaders are "vociferous but very disorganized." Student apathy will prevail as usual. "We challenge you to become interested in the affairs of this University 24 hours a day, 12 months a year." Many problems need remedies.

5 has the "Volunteers" request & Dero Downing's reply. Also, Dero Downing's letter of protest to President Richard Nixon. His reply:

1962-1983

Protest movements Demonstrations Football Vietnam War, 1961-1975

- 1) Letter to Richard Nixon.
- 2) ROTC credit. Will be on agenda for Academic Council at next regular meeting. It has that responsibility.
- 3) Regents vote. He hasn't changed his mind from his March 5 statement that it wasn't needed, but he would not object if legislature acts.
- 4) Guns on campus. Tried that in summer of 1969 upon recommendation of Dean Charles Keown and Mr. Owen Lawson. But events showed it was ---.
- 5) Appoints speakers policy committee: Chairman Lowell Harrison; Mr. Douglas Alexander, Mr. William Bivin, Mr. Wilber Jones, Mr. Charles Keown, Mr. John Lyne, Dr. Joseph A. Uveges. To start at once; wants written policy put into effect no later than opening of fall semester.

### May 15 (Friday) - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4945

1 Academic Council in closed session. Thursday approved motion to study removing credit from ROTC. Associated Student Congress passed unanimously a resolution endorsing Dero Downing's Morning reply to the "Volunteers." Said he gave "a sound and constructive response . . . "

Restraining order was issued Tuesday by Warren Circuit Judge Robert M. Coleman at request of WKU. A crowd of demonstrators listening to Carl Braden refused to move from lawn beside administration building. WKU had made the old stadium available. Daniel Taylor III, civil liberties attorney, has spoken to groups & promised to help them fight the restraining order. Met +/- 200 yesterday at the Nickle Bag. Meeting headed by Frank Santorelli, senior from New Jersey. A "Crisis Committee" was set up. Signatures (116, cut to 90) of those willing to [missing word(s)] the case or 3<sup>rd</sup> party adversaries. Tucker was scheduled to arrive late last night for 3 day stay. Legal challenge to restraining order are to be filed today.

- 8 Quotes from the order that was distributed yesterday to students & faculty.
- 4 Editorial: "The mere fact that you are in some way committed with Western makes you a defendant in the case. In other words, guilt by association." Asks how students can be guilty of trespassing of the school is for the students. "The entire situation has mushroomed into something neither group intended it to become, and the main reason over-reaction on the part of the administration that had been playing it so cool."

#### May 19 (Tuesday) - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4944

1 Hearing was scheduled at 9:00 this morning in Warren County Court in effort to get restraining order dissolved against the 5 students. It was dissolved Friday against all but them. (Braxton Crenshaw, Bill Nelson, Dan Sellers, Fred Santorelli, Jerry Donaldson.)

Volunteers were to hold meeting last night in Grise Hall to hear Mrs. Susan Post, Louisville attorney who is president of Kentucky Civil Liberties Union and Dan Taylor, Louisville attorney. Dan Taylor says the order deprives students of their court rights. The committee disclaims any association with 2 bomb scares last week, are at Western Towers (Thursday) and one at the Administration Building (Friday.)

- 4 Letter from Dana R. Koch, junior, Barnes-Campbell. "I have the utmost contempt for you who attempt to tear and mutilate the so-called 'establishment.' It is this establishment that has created an environment for surpassing that of any other in the world, and which has presented you with the opportunities that lie before you." Work to improve it, not destroy it
- 5 Letter from Phil Myers, senior class president. Says the demonstrators "seems ever bent on a course aimed at confrontation even without a real provocation.
- "This group thinks they can disregard any agreements they made while howling 'foul play' when the administration does something they don't approve of>" . . .
- "If everyone at this University was as irresponsible as Mr. Braden, I am confident Cherry Hall would be in flames now. "Where will these individuals realize that constructive change can only take place when offered and supported in a responsible manner."

Letter from Louis E. Schroeder, Barnes-Campbell. Says President Dero Downing "did the most logical thing possible." "President Downing has showed both sense and courage in attempting to avoid a direct confrontation."

"... nothing has been accomplished except the cutting of classes by a large number of students."

Eastern Kentucky University Robert Martin Papers – Unrest: Students 1970 Box 169 Folder WKU 1969-70

Dero Downing statement: May 12, 1970 – "As stated previously, the University has a responsibility to continue to provide the atmosphere and means whereby each individual can exercise personal and educational rights and privileges.

"As a part of this responsibility, the university must govern the use of the campus and its facilities so that the basic educational functions of the institution can continue uninterrupted.

"It is regrettable that today, in defiance of direct requests by Dean of Student Affairs, Charles A. Keown, a relatively small group of students, having refused to use authorized facilities made available to them by the University, assembled in unauthorized areas, thereby causing disruptive interference. Accordingly, it was necessary for the University to seek injunctive relief through the courts to avoid further disruptions of normal university operations."

Civil Action in Warren Circuit Court, First Division: Robert M. Coleman, Judge WKU vs. Braxton Crenshaw, Daniel O. Sellers, Bill L. Nelson, Gerald Lee Donaldson and Fred Joseph Sanorelli, individually, and as representatives of a class to which they belong as members of the Western Kentucky University community. Charge them with occupying university property in "mass demonstrations to intimidate and coerce official university decision," causing damage and preventing normal university operations. Their conduct constitutes "a clear and present danger" to those not participating. Requests temporary restraining order to prevent their interference with normal university operations. Filed by William E. Bivin, University Attorney.

Restraining Order by Judge Coleman to these 5 and others in actual convert and participation with them. Lists specific acts that are prohibited, such as throwing rocks, bottles, etc., obstructing walks, entrances, streets, etc.; molesting, threatening, following others, interfering with movements of others. Issued at 1:30 pm, May 12, 1970. Orders sheriff to read the order to those assembled. Plaintiff to print enough copies for each member of university community to receive one by mail or personal delivery.

Then on May 21, 1970, a "Memorandum and Order" - The order was issued May 12, 1970. By agreement of Counsel, it

was amended on May 15 to apply to the defendants named "and other persons in actual concert of participation with them . . . " Plaintiff now asks for a temporary injunction(?) & defendants want the restraining order dissolved.

"Fortunately, there has been no violence at Western, but weighing all the evidence the Court is of the opinion that there is a clear and present danger that disorder and violence could and would develop from continued indiscriminate demonstrations on the campus at this time." Orders that demonstrations, etc. be confined to campus areas designated for such uses by the school authorities, and "that they refrain from any acts that may disrupt normal university, and to this extent a temporary injunction is granted, and they are temporarily enjoined." This replaces previous order.

College Heights Herald, Friday, September 11, 1970 – Unrest, Fail 1970 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4971

4 Editorial Is critical of the letter Governor Louie Nunn sent to nearly 60,000 students warning them against campus violence. Sees no indication at WKU of any proposed demonstrations. Ones last spring faded guickly after a few days.

College Heights Herald, 10/27/1983 – Unrest - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/5869">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/5869</a> See clipping "Mild Ripples on Calm Surface of Western's History."

## **Upper Division Hours**

Dero Downing Paper: 5 – Upper Division Hours 1976

Vice President Academic Affairs 1970

Memo: Dero Downing to Vice President Jim Davis, Dec. 9, 1976 – Is much concerned because so many upperclassmen take lower division classes. Student may take as few as 32 upper division hours. "I trust that I do not have to make further explanation of the significant implications which this condition presents when the time comes for budget calculations." Knows it is complex problem. Wants him & the deans to work on it.

College Heights Herald, Tuesday, May 2, 1978 – Upper Division Hours 1978 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/5510

2 Regents Saturday approved recommendation that students graduating after August 1980 must have 54 hours of upper division work unless exemptions are made.

College Heights Herald, Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1980 – Upper Division Hours 1980 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/5609

1 Dr. James Davis said the 54 hour requirement has not been postponed to Jan. 1981 as the College Heights Herald has reported. Ones graduating in December will need to meet the rule.

Feb. 26, 1980 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/5606

4 Editorial Says the 54 hour rule was a mistake and should be rescinded. Ruling by assistant attorney general yesterday was that a student who enrolled here before it went into effect must be allowed to graduate under old plan. "It was a bad idea that hasn't worked."

Tuesday, March 4, 1980 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/5603

1 Regents in Saturday meeting postponed 54 hour rule. Gave tentative approval to recommendation that it apply to students entering after 1/1/1979. (Because bad weather only 5 attended; 6 votes are needed for action.)

Regents Minutes, Jan. 31, 1981 – Upper Division Hours 1981 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1981/mtgs/1/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1981/mtgs/1/</a> (Earlier, Academic Council had recommended that students be required to take 54 hours of upper division classes to earn a bachelor's degree. --- in --- was opposed, with nearly all programs asking for waiver.] [It had been 32 hours.] Academic Committee of Regents recommended Donald Zacharias' proposal that the number be reduced from 54 to 42. There was extended discussion; comments are indicated for all 8 regents present. Joe Campbell – needs in-depth examination., may weaken education for the students.

Michael Herreld – is an administrative decision made without due consideration for underlying education concerns. Has serious questions about what is expected of students.

Yes: William Buckman, Ronald Clark, Steven Fuller, Joe Iracane, Patsy Judd. No; Joe Campbell, John Cole, Michael Herreld. (Rare to have an extended discussion of an academic issue.)

#### **Urban Renewal**

Kelly Thompson Papers: 13 - Urban Renewal 1965

Dean of Business Affairs

Memo: Dero Downing to Kelly Thompson, Aug. 20, 1965 – Acquired 2 parcels in July & 5 in August. Everyone except Blewett seems prepared to sell if they can find a place to move to. Commission has acquired 41 land(?) parcels out of 69.

Kelly Thompson Papers: 37 - Urban Renewal 1967

Bowling Green Board of Education

Kelly Thompson to Commissioner of Finance L. Felix Joyner, Jan. 18, 1967 – WKU's Master Plan calls for about 34 acres to be obtained in the Jonesville Urban Renewal Project and used in the development of the Academic Complex. Contract was entered into by Kentucky and then Bowling Green Urban Renewal & Community Development Agency on Dec. 2, 1963. Land was to be transferred to WKU for \$191,750.

Deposit payment made on March 17, 1964. To facilitate construction, transfer was to be made in 2 or more segments. Segment I of 8 ones was transferred to state on Aug. 12, 1966 for \$54,361.12. This is where the L.T. Smith Stadium & Academic-Athletic Building No 2 [Diddle Arena] is now being constructed. Architect has completed plan for playing field, tennis courts, etc. Final transfer should be made. Existing buildings will be removed by March 1, 1967. Agreement has been reached with Bowling Green over the matter of utilities. Would like to open bids by March 1, 1967.

Dero Downing Papers: 28 - Urban Renewal 1969

Urban Renewal 1968-1970

1976-1981

1965-1969

African Americans Blacks Urban renewal Vice President Dero Downing to Dr. Ted Hightower, Pastor State Street Methodist Church, 2/7/1969 – Re: Relocation of the people affected by the Jonesville Urban Renewal Project. "...I am more strongly convinced than ever that each of the persons concerned has been dealt with fairly and compassionately."

Report from Arch Daniel, Executive Director, Urban Renewal & Community Development Agency, 1/28/1969 - --- that 41 "nonwhites" and 2 whites were involved. Only 1 hadn't permanently re-located as of that date.

Dero Downing Papers: 63 - Urban Renewal

Urban Renewal

(Large folder of materials relating to the Jonesville project. Took no notes as I have enough on it from the Kelly

Thompson materials.)

Box 63 Folder 12 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/9442 Box 63 Folder 13 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/9441

**Utilities** 

Paul Garrett Papers: 3 - Utilities 1941

1941-46 O

Paul Garrett to President W.F. O'Donnell, Eastern Kentucky University, Oct. 18, 1941 - For year ending June 1941, our

expenses were:

Electricity & Gas \$8,954.71

Water 4123.36 Fuel 9124.84

Regents Minutes Feb. 23, 1967 - Utilities 1967 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1967/qtrly/1/

Phase I of improvement of the Utility Distribution System has been completed at cost of \$880,618, financed from University funds. Phase II (steam and electric) is estimated to cost \$824,900.

Van Meter Hall

Includes cards: Van Meter Auditorium

Henry Cherry Papers: Box 1 - Van Meter Auditorium

General Correspondence 1909

Brinton B. Davis, Louisville to Henry Cherry July 22, 1909 – Plans are in good shape. Suggests that bids be taken while members of Board are on vacation with right reserved to reject all of them. This will save time & allow building to be well underway before severe weather begins.

Regents Minutes, Aug. 25, 1909 – Van Meter 1909 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1909/mtgs/1/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1909/mtgs/1/</a> Accepted bid of J. Bornstein of Louisville (lowest of 7) for \$116,100. Date of completion – May 1, 1910 April 5, 1911 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1911/mtgs/1/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1911/mtgs/1/</a>

The Regents met in the new building.

State Normal Bulletin, Aug. 1909 – Van Meter Hall 1909 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/2078">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/2078</a>
3 Next week Board will let contract for new main building; construction will begin within 3 weeks (written July 10). Will have 1600 seat auditorium "one of the handsomest Auditoriums in the South."

Henry Cherry Papers: Box 1 - Van Meter 1911

General Correspondence 1910

Henry Cherry to Captain Brinton B. Davis, Feb. 23, 1911 – Is "outraged" over J. Bornstein's delays. "You can have no conception of the great disadvantage under which the institution is laboring." Can't use steps to basement or the ones to balcony & classrooms on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Building is "a mass of debris" that injures floors and carpets. Noise makes it hard to hold classes or chapel exercises. He "permitted" us to move in on Feb. 6 – but it was to have been completed last May. 28 doors are to be covered in leather, & he has only 1 man working on them. He can do about 1 per day. "I am getting so dinged mad that I can hardly restrain myself." Can anything be done to get everything completed in 2-3 weeks?

Henry Cherry Papers: Box 1 - Van Meter Hall 1911

General Correspondence 1911 ---

Henry Cherry to Buttrick, Feb. 7, 1911 – Says new building was occupied for 1<sup>st</sup> time yesterday (Feb. 6). Held our 1<sup>st</sup> chapel exercise in it yesterday. "We have commenced the development of a great plant, one that will reflect 20<sup>th</sup> century democracy(?) and be a credit when finished to the commonwealth of Kentucky."

Henry Cherry Papers: Box 1 - Van Meter 1911

General Correspondence 1911

Brinton B. Davis, Louisville to Henry Cherry, Dec. 16, 1911 – Has written to Mr. Bernstein about the problem. If he doesn't correct it at once, should get it done & charge it to bill. But it is a good building with only minor defects. As architect, "I took every precaution to serve the proper results; but having to deal with a contractor who was inexperienced in the construction of buildings of this magnitude, you can readily understand how we were handicapped in our work."

Henry Cherry Papers: Box 2 - Van Meter 1912

General Correspondence 1912

Henry Cherry to Jacob Bornstein, Louisville, April 1, 1912 – Mr. Cartwright says he has been waiting for good weather before he repairs the leaks in the roof.

Brown. Good Old Days - Van Meter

1941-1967

1909-1978

Auditoriums Buildings Construction

When Mr. C.I. Henry first saw the campus in 1913 he thought Van Meter was the biggest building in the world. He helped build the cedar house. Henry Cherry Papers: Box 7 - Van Meter Auditorium 1923 General Correspondence 1923-24 Henry Cherry to Rev. Rudolph Keene, Russellville, Dec. 31, 1923 (In response to Rudolph Keene letter Dec. 27) – Company that corrected the acoustics in our auditorium H--- Johns - Manville Company (?) of Louisville: Echo was as bad as he had ever heard. (Doesn't say when done.) Henry Cherry Papers: Box 11 - Van Meter Hall 1926 General Correspondence 1926 Henry Cherry to A.J. Kinnaman, Crawfordsville, Indiana, June 7, 1926 - Had a great commencement, filled Van Meter to overflowing. Faculty wore gowns. We have installed public address system in Van Meter for about \$1300 - "a magnificent success." Should have had it years ago. Sybil Stonecipher Interview - Van Meter - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/889 Says that languages were located on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of administration building (Van Meter). One summer day temperature reached 114°. Says that she didn't have an office - just the classes. Dr. Finley Grise's office was up there, & she'd sit in **Vandalism** 1951-1974 Includes card: Vandals in Refrigerator Vandalism Statues College Heights Herald, Oct. 5, 1951 - Vandals in Refrigerator 1951 -Fraternities and Sororities https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/2852 Bridges 12 2 boys became locked in large Potter cafeteria refrigerator on night of September 25. Clawed through 6 inches of wood & rock wool with meat hooks before they were discovered there by cook at 4:30 am. Temperature was 38°. They escaped when door was opened, are being sought. College Heights Herald, Jan. 21, 1955 - Vandalism 1955 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/2916 7 Two students (Jim Aurs & Jim Fox, football players) who had broken into a coin machine were not indicted by the grand jury after they withdrew from school at the request of the college. Lexington Herald, 2/13/1956 - Vandalism 1956 Statue of Henry Cherry was heavily smeared with paint on Feb. 12 after WKU lost to Murray at Murray State University 74-70. Score was on the statue. 5 workers spent day in freezing rain/snow cleaning it. Kelly Thompson had talked with President Ralph Woods of Murray State University & the colleges are offering \$200 joint award for arrest & conviction. College Heights Herald, Feb. 24, 1956 - Vandalism 1956 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/2899 1 Vandals painted Henry Cherry statue with green & white paint early Sunday morning, Feb. 12. Pedestal carried score of Murray State University game that Murray won 74-70. \$200 award for arrest & conviction. Feared removal would damage statue, but it was removed before it dried. 2 Also, obscure phrase relating to game on sidewalk in front of Cherry Hall. Kelly Thompson has had numerous talks with Murray State University officials who are cooperating in trying to find those guilty. College Heights Herald, Oct. 5, 1967 - Vandalism 1967 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4729 1 Saturday night the wooden bridge was torn down, widows smashed in at least 3 buildings, broke in Diddle Arena, men reported on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Potter Hall [dormitory]. Oct. 26 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4725 1 Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity rebuilt the bridge with supervision from University maintenance. College Heights Herald, Feb. 26, 1974 - Vandalism 1974 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/3525 1 Reports much trouble with vandalism in the dorms for men. Hubert Griffin says this problem never arises in women's dorms. False fire alarms are also a major problem. March 1 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/3536 4 Editorial. Says vandalism indicates "resentment toward the institution." The "University would be unwise to let it ride and hope the problem will come to a natural end." Vanderbilt Training School 1908 University of Kentucky; Kentucky Education Collection - Vanderbilt Training School Box 22: Folder: Vanderbilt Training School From The Central Methodist, June 18, 1908, p. 8 Tells about the commencement ceremonies, May 29 - June 3. Year had enrollment of 114, a strong faculty. No serious illness among boarding students. Physical plant in "a much improved condition." 1900-1948 Vanmeter, Charles Joseph 1826-1913 Includes cards: Van Meter Van Meter, Charles Vanmeter, Captain

Henry Cherry Scrapbooks – Van Meter 1900 1902-04

Leaflet with picture of Captain C.J. Vanmeter says that he was born in the site occupied by the main college building. [Southern Normal School] In honor of his generous aid, the main building has been named Vanmeter (1 word) Hall. And he has been elected Chancellor.

Southern Educator - Vanmeter

nd ca. 1904-05

Picture of Captain C.J. Vanmeter. Says he was born on the site occupied by the main college building [Southern Normal School]. Because of his many contributions, Board of Directors of the Southern Educational Building Company have named the main building, including the chapel, "Vanmeter Hall." The Southern Normal School & Business College have elected him Chancellor, which he has accepted.

Regents Minutes I, Nov. 14, 1906 – Van Meter, C.J. 1906 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1906/Meetings/6/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1906/Meetings/6/</a> In recognition of his interest and support, Captain Van meter is named Chancellor Emeritus of Western Kentucky State Normal School.

Elevator 4:4 Feb. 1913 – Vanmeter, Captain 1913 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/1918">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/1918</a>
108 Great loss to Kentucky, Bowling Green & WKU when Captain C.J. Vanmeter died Jan. 8, 1913.
109 Modest, unassuming, he made many contributions. Because of his long interest in and donations to Southern Normal, the old chapel hall was named for him. Then on the Hill, his name was given to Vanmeter Hall.

Teachers College Heights, Nov. 1931 – Vanmeter, Captain 1907+ - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/1957

35 Captain C.J. Vanmeter of Bowling Green showed great interest in and support for Southern Normal School and the state school. Board of Regents made him chancellor emeritus of Western Kentucky State Normal School.

Kelly Thompson Papers: 28 – Vanmeter, Captain University of Kentucky

H.L. Donovan, President Emeritus University of Kentucky to Kelly Thompson, Nov. 10, 1958 – Says that Captain Vanmeter donated a large sum of money to rebuild Southern Normal after it was destroyed by fire. "This gift, as Mr. Cherry told us, made it possible for the college to survive." Used money to build a chapel that was called Vanmeter Hall. Herman Donovan was selected to present a cane to him as a token of appreciation. Then, the first new building on the Hill was named after him.

College Heights Herald, Jan. 16, 1948 – Van Meter 1948 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc</a> ua records/4573 2 Charles J. Van Meter was born on site of present Bowling Green Business University in 1826. Married Mrs. Kate Moss of Paducah; no children. Managed father's plantation located at the boatlanding. (Father made sizable fortune in mercantile business in Bowling Green.) Engaged in steamboating on Green & Barren rivers, 1856-61. Joined Confederate States of America army as quartermaster, became captain (1861-65). Resumed steamboating (8 at one time), lumber business. 1868-88 member of Green and Barren Rivers Navigation Company. Van Meter Brothers bought Grayson Springs in 1868 and ran that resort until 1884. About then Captain Van Meter retired to his Warren County farm. He & Henry Cherry became warm personal friends. When Southern Normal School was hurt by fire he made liberal contribution. Completed in 1901, the building was named Van Meter Hall. Then when WKU moved to the Hill and administration building was constructed, it was also named Van Meter.

#### **Vehicles**

Regents Minutes, Nov. 1, 1937 – Vehicles 1937 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1937/exec/1/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1937/exec/1/</a> Executive Committee

Paul Garrett – was using 9 vehicles, including farm trucks. Gas & oil was "quite a item." Had been buying at straight retail price from a Bowling Green firm. Frankfort had told him to get better deal. They agreed to deal with firm offering best deal. (Got 2¢ off per gallon & 15% discount on oil. Minutes, Executive Committee, Nov. 22, 1937 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1937/exec/2/

## Vending

Includes card: Vending Service

Eastern Kentucky University Robert Martin Papers - Vending 1963

Box 169 WKU 1963-65

Kelly Thompson to Mrs. R.J. Vice, Frankfort, April 12, 1963 – Concerns her efforts to set up vending stands for the blind in all state buildings. "It is our feeling, at the present time, that the operation of stands in classroom and laboratory buildings and other buildings on the college campus is not compatible with a college program." Presidents of the state colleges all concur on this.

College Heights Herald, Jan. 13, 1965 – Vending Service 1965 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc</a> ua records/3865 2 Recently went to full-line service vending machines with 112 on campus.

#### Venereal Disease

College Heights Herald, Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1971 – Venereal Disease 1971 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4829

1 Headline story is on the rapid increase of venereal disease in Kentucky. (Indicates how College Heights Herald is changing).

# 1937

Vehicles Automobiles Trucks

1963-1965

Vending Machines

**1971**Sexually transmitted diseases

#### 1934-1939 Vespers College Heights Herald, July 27, 1934 - Vespers 1934 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/3723 Religion 1 WKU is sponsoring series of vesper services in the Stadium during the summer. Rain forced 1st one inside Van Meter College Heights Herald, June 30, 1939 - Vespers 1939 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/3816 1 Annual summer vesper services started June 18. Co-sponsored by WKU & Bowling Green Ministers Association. Held each Sunday evening. Several out-of-town speakers scheduled. 1925 Veteran - Discipline Henry Cherry Papers: Box 9 - Veteran - Discipline 1925 Veterans Soldiers General Correspondence 1925 B.G. Nunnelly, U.S. Veterans Bureau, Louisville to Henry Cherry, Nov. 11, 1924 - In reference to Arthur Hash [Nash? World War I See below.] of Edmonton who was expelled from WKU after a hearing on November 6 in Bowling Green in which Professor C.A. Loudermilk represented WKU. 3 charges. 1) That Arthur Nash was arrested & fined in police court for disorderly conduct. Was during Christmas vacation when school wasn't in session. 2) Proprietor of a pool hall said Arthur Nash seemed half drunk But he said he didn't see Nash take a drink & couldn't smell liquor. 3) Arthur Nash took two girls to his apartment. His wife & sister were both there. After reviewing case, we find that expulsion was unwarranted. Could you re-admit him on probation and allow him to complete his course? Henry Cherry to B.G. Nunnelly, Jan. 6, 1925 - Will discuss it with Mr. M.C. Ford when he gets back from a trip. There are some other circumstances involved. 1945-1946 Veteran's Club College Heights Herald, March 16, 1945 - Veteran's Club 1945 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4519 Veterans 3 Says that a Veterans' Club has recently been organized on the Hill. 11 members named. Soldiers World War II College Heights Herald, Feb. 15, 1946 - Veterans' Club 1946 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4538 Student organizations 6 Vets Club discussed possible Kentucky subsidies to supplement G.I. Bill. Asking for \$35 per month if married, \$20 if Clubs single. Lobbying March 1, 1946 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4537 1 Veterans' committee met in Frankfort to push for subsistence bill. 4 from WKU attended. 1922-1968 Veterans World War I The Pioneer, Vol. I, No. 1 (Dec. 1922) 7 pages – Veterans 1922 World War II Published by WKU's Veteran Trainees 2 Jan. 6, 1919 - WKU enrolled its 1st government student. Men 200 are enrolled. They participate in all aspects of Veterans college life except when disabilities make it impossible. Praises work & support of Professor of M.C. Ford & Coordinator Soldiers Leland Bunch. Vietnam War, 1961-1975 4 Classes of Men Korean War 1950-1953 Guidance School 56 Students 1st Semester Vocational 55 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Vocational 42 3rd Semester Vocational 27 Total Vocational 180 Teachers & Regular Students 40 [total] 220 Classification of Objectives: Poultry 93 Animal husbandry 55 Teacher 36 County Agent 4 Dairying 11 Horticulture 7 Farm Manager 14 [total] 220 Henry Cherry Papers: Box 6 - Veterans 1922+ General Correspondence Folder (Federal BD Boys) contains quite a bit of information about the Vocational Education program that WKU ran after World War I for Veterans' Bureau. Much of it seems to be in Agricultural Training.

Letter of Henry Cherry, March 9, 1923

Statement of Budget sheet Instruction per month \$900

Enrollment in Beekeeping last semester 10. This semester 27. They need more equipment.

Estimated expense for books & supplies per student per term \$15

Total estimated expense per student per term \$60

Training is under Vocational Rehabilitation Act. Contract(?) was 1st made in 1920.

R.C. Jackson, training officer to Prof. M.C. Ford, Oct. 18, 1920 – Indicate that policy now is to establish agriculture training centers at the state agricultural college & WKU will be dropped.

Daily News, Jan. 23, 1923 - Veterans 1923

News - Democrat - Messenger page 3

For the first time at Western Normal 30 ex-service men completed the agricultural course prescribed by the U.S. Bureau. These men have been working in the institution for the past two years. They will now go out to farms in various sections of Western Kentucky and put into practice the new principles of farming they have learned. For a time they will be supervised in their work by a representative of the agricultural department of Western.

Talisman 1924 - Veterans 1924 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/88

122 First trainees came in 1919; WKU contracted with government in 1920 to provide rehabilitation training for disabled veterans. Largest number at one time – 266 in June 1923. Total to date: about 375. 45 have been rehabilitated to date; 100+ are on project & placement training; 134 are training at WKU. Of the 134, 43 are in teacher training & 91 in agriculture.

Daily News, Nov. 11, 1924 - Veterans 1924

News-Democrat-Messenger page 3

125 men enrolled in the short course in agriculture at the Western Kentucky Teachers College received their diplomas during commencement exercises held on the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> of November. This was one of the largest veteran training classes to graduate in the U.S. The men have completed 20 weeks of study at Western besides successfully operating farms for one year. Both B.G. Nunnelley, rehabilitation officer of the U.S. Veterans Bureau and Dr. A.M. Stickles addressed the group. The former's speech was entitled, "The Will to Win" while the latter's discussed "Some Causes of the Present Agricultural Depression."

Henry Cherry Papers: 85 – Veterans 1918+ Folder: Writings on Various Subjects

Miscellaneous Page in Folder

Special department from 1919 to 1926 (July) for Vocational Rehabilitation of Veterans under control with Veterans Bureau. Over 500 men received this training.

Teachers College Heights, Vol. 21, No. 3, June 1945 – Veterans 1945

10 Special section for veterans. GI Bill of Rights

11 gives details. Fees, books paid for + subsistence of \$50.00 per month if single, \$75 with dependents. Says it pays to attend low cost schools – and WKU is one of them. Tells of credit for Physical Education, M.S. special course, etc. 12 Special counseling service has been established. No dorms for men.

Paul Garrett Papers: 3 - Veterans 1946

1941-46 Bu-Bz

Paul Garrett to Winnifred Begley, Ingram, Jan. 30, 1946 – Married ex-service men receive \$90 per month + fees & books. We have secured 50 houses for married veterans but already have more than that many applications.

College Heights Herald, Nov. 8, 1946 – Veterans 1946 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4548">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4548</a> 1 A non-credit class in cooking is being given at Training School each week for veterans' wives.

College Heights Herald, Jan. 24, 1947 – Veterans 1947 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4557">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4557</a>
2 Says the grades of veterans have increased on average of .5 to 1.0 since returning from service. State organization of veterans is backing proposal to raise pay under GI Bill to \$90 for single and \$125 for married veterans. Nursery has been opened in Vets Village Monday, Wednesday & Friday afternoons 1-5 to allow wives some free time.

Paul Garrett Papers: 6 - Veterans 1947

Veterans Administration 1944-1947

J.T. Anderson, Contract Officer, Louisville Regional Office, Feb. 20, 1947 – Contracts have been completed with all state colleges in Kentucky except WKU. If interested, please supply us with the information listed below. (Fairly typical of Paul Garrett's lax administration.) Several folders of correspondence, Veterans Administration forms, etc.

T.O. Hall, Veterans Administration, Lexington to Paul Garrett, April 9, 1946 – University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University & Murray State University have all been authorized to charge flat rate of \$45 per quarter in addition to regular incidental fees. You have not submitted a request for this fee, which must be approved in advance.

College Heights Herald, March 10, 1950 – Veterans, 1950 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/2825">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/2825</a> 3 455 veterans are now enrolled at WKU. Peak was about 1000 in 1947.

Courier-Journal, Feb. 19, 1966 - Veterans 1966

Congress has passed the 3<sup>rd</sup> GI Bill. Not sure how many will use it. 1<sup>st</sup> – World War I Public Law 346. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Public Law 550. It expired over a year ago. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Viet Nam. Retroactive as much as 9 years. Estimated 3,800,000 are eligible.

Higginbottom, Veterans Impact – Veterans

7 GI Bill of Rights (Servicemen's Readjustment Act) passed & was signed into law on June 22, 1944.

8 52 weeks of unemployment pay at \$20. 4 years of college (or similar) training - cost & living allowance.

9 Benefits were terminated July 25, 1954. Korean GI Bill – July 16, 1952. Ended [10] Jan. 31, 1965. Cold War GI Bill – 1966. Supplemented by Act of 1967.

12 Act of 1944 - full time study. With no dependent, \$50; with 1 \$75.

Act of 1952 - full time study. With no dependent \$110; with one \$135; more than 2, \$160.

Act of 1966 - full time study. With no dependent, \$100; with one \$125; more than 2 \$150.

Act of 1967 - full time study. With no dependent \$130. With one \$155; 2 - \$175; over 2 +\$10. 13 World War II – 28.58% used bill for college. Korean War – 50.7% used bill for college. 15 In Kentucky figures were: World War II – 21%; Korean War – 42% 35 U.S. Army study in 1944 had predicted that no over 18% of those eligible would use full-time study program. 59 Male enrollment Year - [men enrolled] 1944-45 - 136 1945-46 - 173 1946-47 - 983 1947-48 - 1351 Veterans enrolled at WKU Year – # enrolled - % of student body 1944-45 - 8 - 1.61945-46 - 41 - 7.8 1946-47 - 727 - 50.8 1947-48 - 866 - 43.1 1948-49 - 755 - 40.91949-50 - 676 - 34.7[no figures for 1950-1952]  $1952\overline{-}53 - 119 - 6.9$ 1953-54 - 212 - 13.11954-55 - 345 - 19.1 1955-56 - 276 - 14.0 Ino figures for 1956-571 1957-58 - 614 - 26.1[no figures for 1958-1964] 1965-66 - 83 - 1.11966-67 - 333 - 3.81967-68 - 340 - 3.368 All 4 Kentucky regional schools after World War II admitted veterans as special students if they weren't high school graduates, weren't 21, etc. 69 Vets were given 8 hours of blanket credit + any courses they had taken. 76 Before 1946, none of the 4 schools had housing for married couples. Then each established Veterans' Villages. 1952 Veterans: Credit Paul Garrett Papers: 7 - Veterans: Credit 1952 Veterans Dean Soldiers Dean Finley Grise to Paul Garrett. Oct. 16, 1952 - Credit given yets of 90 days+. Students Korean War 1950-1953 1. Physical Education credit needed for degrees + High School certificate 6 hours M.S.; later listed as electives in M.S. 2. Limited credit for educational experiences, individual approval needed. 3. By special examination, 1 hour in First Aid & Safety. Now getting inquiries from Korean veterans. 1948 Veterans Pav College Heights Herald, Feb. 27, 1948 - Vets' Pay 1948 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4570 Veterans 7 President Harry Truman signed bill on Feb. 14 raising GI subsistence: Single from \$65 to \$75; 1 dependent from \$90 Soldiers to \$105; 2 + dependents from ? to \$120. Wages **Veterans Scholarships** 1944-1950 Senate Journal Feb. 16, 1944 - Veterans Scholarships Veterans 1107 SB118 An act relating to veterans of World Wars and amending Section 164.480 and repealing 164.510 K.R.S. Students "Every person who was engaged in any branch of the military . . . and who at the time of his enlistment was a resident of World War II Kentucky, is entitled to a free scholarship in any State higher educational institution . . . The scholarship includes free tuition, matriculation and other fees, room rent, fuel and lights, and the advantages and privileges of the institution, but does not include free board." The bill is to go into effect upon passage and approval by the Governor. Introduced by Senator Smith and ordered printed and referred. 1328 Feb. 18 SB118 – Reported referred to the Committee on Military Affairs. 1446 Feb. 24 SB118 - Reported by Senator See of the Committee with the opinion it should pass. Ordered placed in the calendar. 1536 Feb. 25 SB118 - Taken from the calendar for consideration by the Senate. Ordered read the Second time. Second reading by title only. Ordered placed in the Orders of the Day. 2187 Mar. 6 SB118 - Taken from the Orders of the Day for consideration by the Senate. Amended to read that the Act will not apply to education of a Veteran which the Federal Government provides 2189 Mar. 6 SB118 - Third Reading ordered. Read by title only and passed. Motioned that the vote be reconsidered and the bill be laid on the Clerk's desk. 2336 Mar. 8 SB118 - Amended to omit "Dec. 8, 1941" and insert "Any wars declared thereafter." The main question was decided in the affirmative. Ordered read the third time. Third reading by title only and passed. Resolved the title be as aforesaid. Motioned that the vote be reconsidered and laid on the table. 2946 Mar. 14 SB118 - Message received that the bill had passed the House. Ordered delivered to the Senate Enrolling Clerk.

2973 Mar. 15 SB118 – Reported examined and found correctly enrolled. Read at length and compared in open session. Original and Enrolled copies ordered delivered to the House. Returned to the Senate signed by the Speaker of the House. Ordered delivered to the Governor which was reported done.

House Journal, Jan. 24, 1950 - Veterans Scholarships 1952

822 HB147 – An act amending section 164.80 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, relating to war veterans' scholarships, and declaring an emergency to exist. Introduced by Messrs. Holbrook, Hayes and Hale. Ordered printed and referred. 859 Jan. 26 HB147 – Speaker reported the bill had been referred to the Committee on Veterans' Legislation.

Senate Journal, Feb. 7, 1950 – Veterans' Scholarships 1950

1083 SB122 – An act relating to scholarships for war veterans, amending section 164.60 of the Kentucky Revised Statues, and declaring an emergency to exist. Introduced by Senator Bonn. Ordered printed and referred.

1244 Feb. 9 SB122 – The Chief Clerk of the Senate announced that the Committee on Committees had referred the bill to the Committee on Higher Education.

#### **Veterans Village**

Includes cards: Vets Village

College Heights Herald March 15, 1946 – Vets' Village 1946 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4536/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4536/</a> 1 - 9 2 family trailers from Willow Run are expected today & tomorrow. Laundry unit arrived this morning. Will be ready to be occupied in a week. Shipment from Oak Ridge - 30 standard trailers, 1 toilet trailer, 1 laundry trailer, delivered within 30 days. Three applications have been received of people with trailers who want to "park" them.

Paul Garrett Papers:3 – Vets Village 1946 1941-46 Ma-Mc

Paul Garrett to Ann McDaniel, Daniel Lipscomb College, 4/17/1946 - We have at present: 33 houses, 9 double trailers; 30 standard trailers. Hope to get more. Standard trailers do not have indoor baths & toilets. All units are furnished. Houses rent for \$25 & \$30 & are all taken. Standard trailer \$18, probably + fuel oil

College Heights Herald, Oct. 11, 1946 – Vets' Village 1946 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc</a> ua records/4544/</a>
Says vets & families like living there. Reporter visited Margie & Albert Shelby pre-fab of 2 bedrooms & kitchen, sitting room. Furniture supplied except for dishes & linens. Margie: "It's sorta small, but it's certainly compact and all the couples out here are about the same age. The children are all about the same age, too, which is nice."

4 Currently 81 units occupied, 50 more apartments are under construction + 10 metal barracks that will come. -

College Heights Herald, Feb. 7, 1947 – Vets Village 1947 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4556/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4556/</a>
1 Veteran's Village started city-type government Wed. Jan. 22 with a general town meeting. Divided into 4 districts, each with an elected alderman. A mayor & an alderman-at large also.

4 Fire marshal elected for each district. Constitution committee appointed to draft document.

College Heights Herald, April 17, 1947 – Vets Village 1947 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4551/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4551/</a> 1 Vets Village Market will open Friday April 18. Is in right wing of the barn Owned by Lester Reeves, Opens 8-12; 1:30 - 6

Charles Keown Interview – Vets Village 1947 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/875">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/875</a> & <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/876">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/875</a> & <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/876">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/875</a> & <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/875">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/875</a> & <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/876">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/876</a> & <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/876">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/876<

Located off Normal Drive. Had been pasture. Around the area where the College of Education is located now [Tate Page Hall]. Some few buildings later south of Regents Ave. Had army type barracks building. Ours had 2 apartments; most had 4 apartments. Rent \$30 per month. Noise - never noticed it. Parties on weekends. Had a sort of government - an elected mayor & council. Met with school officials if there were problems.

College Heights Herald, Feb. 10, 1950 – Vets Village 1950 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc</a> ua records/2823/12 Houses 154 married students, 112 children (8 in school), 10 single trailers, 18 double trailers, 33 pre-fabs, 50 apartments, 1 private pre-fab, 6 private trailers, 9 single students in Barn, store, market, nursery, Laundry

College Heights Herald, Oct. 31, 1952 – Vets Village 1952 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/2862">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/2862</a> 1 A flash fire that swept through an apartment burned to death a 9 month old boy, Steven Edward Griffis.

College Heights Herald, Nov. 8, 1957 – Vets Village 1957 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4593/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4593/</a> 11 - 9 barracks type apartments were sold at auction Oct. 31 for \$1150. Highest price was \$190. Must be removed by Jan. 1, 1958. 11 privately owned trailers & 26 pre-fab one family units remain. That area is being cleared for further development.

Kelly Thompson Papers: 19 – Vets Village 1965 Housing

Memo: Owen Lawson, Jr. to Hubert Griffin, March 11, 1965 - Mr. Clark & I believe it would not be economical to attempt major repairs needed in Veteran's Village. We recommend that as a house becomes empty, it be removed.

College Heights Herald, April 17, 1970 – Vets Village 1970 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc</a> ua records/4943 1 The last of Vets Village will be done away with after this semester to make room for campus expansion. Several apartments & cottages on campus will be converted to married student housing. Will be over 30 by fall.

Dero Downing Papers: 28 - Veterans Village 1976 Veterans Village

Dero Downing to Gale M. Stiles, 8/11/1976 – Disappointed that he has not yet removed the small house as that area needs work (parking) before school opens.

1946-1970

Apartments Housing Veterans Barracks

Dero Downing to Gale Stiles, 8/20/1976 - Thanks for the excellent progress. Daily News pictures, 8/12/1976 shows one of the houses being trucked away. Memo: Hubert P. Griffin to Dero Downing, 7/29/1970 - Last 2 houses in Vets Village will be vacated Aug. 1, 1970. Eight trailers still there. Utilities will be shut off Aug. 1 & all will vacate spaces no later than then. **Veterinary School** 1973-1978 Includes cards: Veterinary School; No College Heights Herald, Friday, Nov. 16, 1973 - Veterinary School? 1973 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/3510 1 If a veterinary school is developed in Kentucky WKU could be considered as a site. Council on Public Higher Education committee is currently studying need for one. Murray State University & University of Kentucky have also expressed interest. None in state now. College Heights Herald, Friday, Feb. 8, 1974 - Veterinary School 1974 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/3530 1 State Senate passed bill Tuesday to authorize veterinary school at Murray State University 23-9. Motion to let Council on Higher Education determine location was defeated 23-9. May be defeated in House. Feb. 19 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/3527 1 Kentucky Council on Public Higher Education at called meeting yesterday expressed concern over Senate bill, called for matter to be turned over to the Council on Public Higher Education to report to 1976 legislature. Daily News, March 13, 1974 - Veterinary School 1974 (Bill had passed senate to locate a veterinary school at Murray State University, WKU & University of Kentucky have also pushed their claims.) State Representative Ed Brown for Bowling Green abstained from voting gin House Committee on State Government when the bill failed to be reported out by 3 votes on Feb. 27. But now Ed Brown says he is dissatisfied with WKU and next time will vote to put the school at Murray. "Four or five years ago I asked them to put in a vet school (at Western) and Kelly (Thompson) wouldn't listen to me then, so I have mixed emotions on the thing." Kelly Thompson says he has no recollection on that topic then with anyone. Ed Brown says everyone told him that WKU wasn't ready, to wait. "If they'd listened to me five years ago, we'd already had a vet school at Western." (Still Ed Brown) "Right now I'm disappointed in Western. I think we've fallen behind." He had also tried to get a doctoral program in education at WKU. "They could offer a doctorate at Western. They have all the --- it takes. . . . We'll probably lose this." Ed Brown said he was told that WKU "is not quite ready." College Heights Herald, Sept. 12, 1975 - Veterinary School: No 1975 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/5084 A3 After 8 months study consultants have advised that Kentucky not build a veterinarian school. Dero Downing Papers: 28 - Veterinary School Veterinary School Vice President James L. Davis to Murray State University President Constantine W. Curris, Oct. 4, 1978 - Gives him data requested on freshman in Auburn University's vet class 1977-78: School - Applied - Accepted - % WKU - 7 - 14 - 50University of Louisville -1-3-33.3Morehead State University - 2 - 7 - 28.5 Murray State University - 2 - 8 - 25 Northern Kentucky University – 1 – 5 – 20 University of Kentucky - 11 - 75 - 14.6 Eastern Kentucky University – 0 – 5 – 0 Dero Downing to John David Cole, 1/11/1977 - Recent publicity re: Murray State University, etc. has had us to reexamine carefully our position re: veterinary school. Still believes: Council should make careful study of need. Doubt if there is one. If need is established, WKU is best qualified and located for such a school. (Issue had been active for years. WKU's attitude had been consistent with the above.) Vice President: Academic 1976 Informational Notes (President), Aug. 5, 1976 - Vice President: Academic 1976 Regents' meeting July 10, 1976 Board approved naming Dr. James L. Davis as Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs Vice President: John Minton 1980-1981 John Minton Interview – Vice President - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/881 Dero Downing had been vice president for Administrative & Business Affairs. After he became president, he decided to divide them. Some of areas assigned to him as vice president for Administrative Affairs: Student Affairs 2) **Athletics Public Relations** 

- 4) University School Relations
- 5) Alumni Affairs & Placement
- 6) Computer Center

Later, computer center, institutional research, academic computing – all turned over to Dr. Paul Cook in President's Office. But Health Services were added to John Minton's area.

Also – John Minton said he was a sort of trouble shooter for the president. Would deal with particular problems before the president got more assistants in his office. Then Rodes-Helm Lecture series was assigned to him.

Informational Notes (President) April 28, 1981 – Vice President – Minton 1981 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/8392

Regents – April 24, 1981 Title for Dr. John Minton changed to Vice President for Student Affairs. Scholastic Development will be assigned to this area. All student services except Financial Aid will be under one Vice-President.

#### **Vice Presidents**

Includes cards: Vice President

Vice Presidents Created

Regents Minutes, April 28, 1965 – Vice Presidents Created 1965 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1965/qtrly/1/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1965/qtrly/1/</a> Kelly Thompson recommends creation of 2 vice-presidents: Vice President for Academic Affairs – Raymond Cravens Vice President for Administrative Affairs – Dero Downing.

Kelly Thompson emphasized their "competency, ability and devotion to duty." Pass unanimously. No change in salary --

Mr. Harry Largen - Business Manager

Mr. Charles Zettlemoyer - Director of Financial Studies & Staff Business Officer passed unanimously.

Bowling Green Daily News, April 29, 1965 - Vice Presidents 1965

Regents named 2 vice-presidents (WKU's first.) Dean of the Faculties Raymond L. Cravens became Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dean of Business Affairs Dero G. Downing became Vice President for Administrative Affairs.

College Heights Herald, May 6, 1965 – Vice Presidents 1965 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/3873">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/3873</a>
1 Last week (April 28) first vice-presidents were appointed. Raymond Cravens – Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dero Downing – Vice President for Administrative Affairs. Raymond Cravens became dean at age 28 in 1959. Harry Largen – named business manager.

Daily News, Aug. 6, 1970 - Vice Presidents 1970

John D. Minton was named Vice President for administrative affairs at Regents meeting Aug. 5. Harry Largen became Vice President for business affairs.

Informational Notes from Office of the President, Aug. 11, 1970 – Vice Presidents 1970

At Regents meeting on Aug. 6, 1970, Dr. John D. Minton became Vice President for Administrative Affairs – Student Affairs, Public Affairs & Public Relations, Alumni Affairs & Placement Services, University-School Relations, Athletics, Computer Center. He will continue as Graduate Dean temporarily.

Mr. Harry K. Largen became Vice President for Business Affairs – Maintenance & Physical Plant, Personnel Services, Purchasing, Accounts & Budgetary Control, Auxiliary Enterprises, and Ticket Sales.

On staff of Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculties – Dr. James L. Davis was named Associate Dean of the Faculties.

College Heights Herald, 2/16/1984 – Vice President 1984 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/5889">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/5889</a>
81 have applied for Vice President of Academic Affairs. 5 of them are at WKU. Deadline was 2/15. Committee will choose 5 from outside to interview, along with the 5 locals. Will give Donald Zacharias 3 names by April 1, and he will recommend 1 to Regents. James Davis' resignation becomes effective July 1. He has been in the position for 8 years.

#### Vietnam

Includes card: Vietnam Protest

Park City Daily News?, 10/28/1965 - Viet Nam 1965

About 2,000 WKU students & faculty have signed letter to servicemen in Viet Nam. "We . . . commend you for your efforts to preserve the freedom and the rights for which our country was founded and should defend throughout the world. With this we send you our hopes, our love and our prayers for success of your endeavors and your safe return home." Leader is Joe Glowacki, junior from Columbia, president of Newman Club. Expects to get 6,000.

College Heights Herald, April 4, 1968 – Vietnam 1968 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/8998">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/8998</a>
4 Letter from George Solley, Senior to U.S. Army Instructor Group. He is dropping advanced ROTC. Knows it will lead to dismissal from ROTC and reversion of draft state. "I am against the Vietnam war – politically, economically and morally . . . as an officer in the U.S. Army, I would have been required, no only to do something which violates my every moral conviction, but to force others to do the same. I could not, with a remotely clear conscious, do this . . ."

College Heights Herald, Oct. 7, 1969 – Viet-Nam Protest 1969 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4773">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4773</a> 1 Congress of Associated Students voted 18-1 for resolution calling for a moratorium of "business as usual." Sent telegram to President Richard Nixon. To ask school for facilities for Oct. 15 meeting. Letter to faculty members asking that they dismiss classes on Oct. 15 or discuss American war policy.

Oct. 10 (Friday) - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4772

1 Administration gave permission for old stadium to be used on Oct. 15 for peace rally. Scheduled from 9 am to 2:30 pm.

1965-1970

## 1965-1979

Vietnam War, 1961-1975 Protest movements Demonstrations Soldiers 4 Public address system also provided. Will use ballroom in case of rain.

College Heights Herald, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 1969 - Vietnam 1969 -

https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4769

1 Dr. Ronald Seeger, geology, has posted letter to Richard Nixon in Cherry Hall supporting Richard Nixon's present Viet Nam policy. Interested people are invited to sign it.

6 The Peace Rally ran 9:30 to nearly 3:00. Much ---, but estimated 1200 attended.

#### Oct. 28 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4767

1 Ronald Seeger's letter received fewer than 70 signatures.

4 Editorial: Says that as many as 1,000 were there at a time; total was several thousand. Says it was "the first bona fide demonstration in memory at Western. For once the campus was stimulated to think about a real issue and to make a personal decision regarding it." Even Ronald Seeger's letter had positive effect.

College Heights Herald, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1969 - Viet Nam 1969 -

https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4777

2 Anti-war rally at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in old stadium – names of American war dead will be read. Proposed rally at state capitol has been postponed. May be held Dec. 13.

Nov. 18 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4775

1 About 100 attended 45 minute reading of names of war dead.

College Heights Herald, Friday, Jan. 26, 1973 – Viet Nam 1973 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4992">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4992</a> 4 Tuesday evening President Richard Nixon announced that peace agreement has been reached with North Viet Nam. Signing will be tomorrow.

Viet Nam

See story in Homecoming Herald. Filed under Herald, 10/25/1979 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/5589

Brand, Denny, Memories - Viet Nam

The Viet Nam war was forcing many young men into college. "It was either college or the rice paddies." Considerable student concern about the war, but WKU didn't have the violence that occurred some other places. Veterans coming back tended to be more serious. Hippies appeared on Hill in late 1960s. Marijuana in early 70s replaced drinking.

Harris, R. Recollections - Viet Nam

The Viet Nam war "would flare without warning into immediate consciousness." --- how atmosphere in a military history class changed when Viet Nam became the topic. Says he got his picture taken at a rally by a government agent. Russell was hurrying to class, trying to dodge the people in the rally. "I sidestepped the crowd and nearly trod heavily upon an earnest-looking crew cut hiding behind a trash can. (Squatting there, he was photographing all the students.) Despite may apologies as I dashed around the can, (Thus knocking him off balance and into a nearby car door labeled 'U.S. Government (For Official Use Only'), the crew cut ---, aimed, and clicked. Somewhere in an endless maze of government files labeled 'Student Subversives' is my hurried, harried, and chagrined face."

#### Village

Henry Cherry Papers: 74 - Village

Reports to Regents

Report to Regents, Nov. 18, 1920 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1920/mtgs/3/

Total spent to date: \$16,075.33 Already sold to students \$9,080.00

All of houses leased by students revert to state at end of 4 years. Has been very successful. Only fear is comfort during cold weather. Thinks application of wall board will take care of this. When houses now being constructed are completed, will be 27-28 that will take care of 100-110 people.

Normal Heights, Nov. 1920 - Village 1920

2 More housing needed than new dorm will be able to provide. President Henry Cherry conceived idea of The Village. Located in the cedars & vines "which embellish the natural beauty of Normal Heights." 24 cottages now built & occupied. Electric lights provided. One central bath house, one --- for men, one for women. "Water has been piped conveniently." Laid out by Mr. Henry Wright, School's landscape architect from Kansas City, (?). Plans for houses drawn by architect M.L. Bray.

"Its streets are of stone and wander in and out among the trees in the most graceful of curves. The streets are lighted by electricity by night and are protected by sylvan bowers from the heat of the noonday sun. Countless birds have their homes in the overhanging branches of the trees and the fragrant clumps of honey-suckle, and wild flowers bloom from April to November. Its is indeed a pleasant place in which to cast one's ways."

Student(s) pay Western the exact cost of the building & it becomes his for 4 years. Only other expenses are for its maintenance. There are 3 types – cost

- 1) One room around \$200
- 2) 1 room & kitchenette around \$300
- 3) 2 rooms & kitchenette around \$500

At end of 1 year, ½ purchase price will be refunded; ¼ at end of 2 years; 1/8 at end of 3 years. After 4 years, house again belongs to WKU. 4 persons may occupy larger houses. No one can occupy them except students & members of their immediate families. Owners may sublet if they wish to other students. Costs are very low. "The Village is a community of kindred spirits and common aims. It is Western Normal's contribution to the solution of congestion and high costs."

Normal Heights, July 1921 – Village, The 1921 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/40800">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/40800</a> 1 People living in it have decided to name the Village "Cherryton."

1920-1947

Residential facilities

4 Associated Press has carried story on it. Individual gets rent there for about \$1.80 to \$2.00 per month. Lexington Leader 12/28/1938 - Village 1938 Pictures & story. 13 cottages on 2 block street now occupied largely (9 of 13) by athletes. 54 athletes. Mayor (Waddell Murphy) gets paid \$50 which is applied toward payment of his fees; gets free room. Other athletes pay \$2 per month. Fund goes into upkeep of the Village. In 1923 – 76 cottages. But parts were lost to: model rural school, stadium, dormitory, swimming pool, etc. College Heights Herald, Nov. 22, 1946 - Village 1946 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4542 4 Says only 7 houses remain. Because of Bowling Green's acute housing shortage, they are occupied by faculty members. Among them: Kelly Thompson; Ed Stansbury; Jesse Thomas. College Heights Herald, March 21, 1947 - Village 1947 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4553 3 Government of Vets' Village is very similar to that of Cherryton. (But Cherryton had no baths in the --- - a central bathhouse.) 131 units now in Veterans' Village - about double size of Cherryton. Streets are being prepared, street lights will be put in. Vincent, John 1902-1977 1937-1946 Includes card: Vincent Leaves **Teachers** College Heights Herald, July 30, 1937 - Vincent, John 1937 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/3779 1 Dr. West Richards has had to retire as head of Music Department because of poor health. Professor John M. Vincent has been selected as his replacement. New England Conservatory of Music; Chicago Musical College; NWU; BS & MA, George Peabody College for Teachers; Harvard University. Has studied in Europe last 2 years. Henry Cherry Papers: 61 - Vincent, John 1942 Special Correspondence John Vincent 1942 John Vincent to Ray Harris, New York City, May 19, 1942 – (John Vincent is head of department. He has apparently been receiving his doctorate.) When he & his wife got to Bowling Green ". . . there was quite a delegation to meet us at the station, including the band. The tune they played was 'Johnnie Comes Marching Home.'" (Degree was from Cornell). College Heights Herald, Dec. 7, 1945 - Vincent Leaves 1945 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4530 1 Dr. John N. Vincent has resigned to accept position at UCLA. Paul Garrett Papers: 4 - Vincent, John 1956 1941-46 (V) & 1947-49 John Vincent, Los Angeles to Paul Garrett, May 3, 1946 - Thought until last month the administration here was going to let me return to Kentucky. They may have delayed to see if he would break down & didn't, & appeal came through for \$5400 starting July 1. \$300 increases every 2 years. Sometimes wishes he had accepted your offer of \$4500, but agrees that would have been bad in terms of other department heads. Thinks Weldon Hart will return to you. (John Vincent & Paul Garrett are fond of each other – quite a few letters.) 1944-1976 Vinegar Hill College Heights Herald, Feb. 25, 1944 – Vinegar Hill 1944 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4507 4 Story on the name. One version is that Betsy Vinegar lived on the hill in a hut. Made home brew but always swore she brewed only "vinegar." Another story. A mob hanged a Negro on the site of Cherry Hall for murder of a well-known citizen. Years later on his deathbed an Irishman confessed to the murder. On southwest slope at one time was a large well---- hole about 20 feet deep with a flowing stream at the bottom. Lime kiln, operated by Jonesville Negro, was located for years on stadium site. Day kennel for fox hunters stood where Music Building is today. Ward Sumpter Interview – Vinegar Hill Ward Sumpter said that the story he'd heard was that an old woman, "sort of an old witch," named Betsy Vinegarhill lived in a little cabin on west side of the hill. Ward Sumpter said an uncle was born about 1853 or 54 & his father in 1862, and he picked up the story from them. Can't vouch for accuracy of it. 1923 Visit to Western Teachers College Heights, Dec. 1923 - Visit to Western 1923 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/8426 11 Editorial from Louisville Times, Sept. 24, 1923. Newspapermen recently held meeting in Bowling Green & went to the Hill. "They saw eagerness and enthusiasm. They saw the display of a fine spirit of cheerfulness and consecration. But they saw discomfort and inadequacy. The buildings on the 'Hill' are not large enough to provide room for the work. The dormitory is not big enough to house the students. The 'Village' built by the students is not extensive enough to take care of those who would be tenants.". "This school is under the management of Professor H.H. Cherry, who is a man of vision. He has seen the school grow faster than the facilities have expanded. He is giving the energies of an energetic brain and body to the labor of building the school and in making an actuality of the picture of what the school is to be!" Urges support for College Heights Foundation Editorial, Louisville Herald, Sept 30, 1923. Says Eastern Kentucky University & WKU have been starved & neglected. Of WKU: "You will not understand without a visit how it has been possible to inspire these thousands, and we do not exaggerate at all, with such a fine temper of dedication as enables them cheerfully to go forward, to prosper, to profit under conditions of handicap incredible. They overflow, they can not be properly housed according to the most approved standards of comfort. And yet, confronted with such a problem, they go out to provide themselves with a bustling village of makeshift homes of singular attraction, of picturesque location and excellently adapt to the ends in

view. All --- without money or promise of money, these young people have created a little city of culture and of the right sort of companionship."

12 . . . "Great and many are the needs of Kentucky. But there is none so insistent, none so tremendous as education. And there can be no education without teachers, and the right kind and right character of teachers at that. "And here it is, here at Bowling green, in a beautiful and healthful situation, that teachers are being trained and consecrated. Positively, for such work of rescue and rehabilitation, for such a work of citizenship, the plea for \$300,000 seems pitifully little. And yet they ask no more."

Visitation - Dorms

Includes cards: Visitation Open Visitations **1972-1979**Dormitories
Residential facilities

College Heights Herald, Friday, April 28, 1972 - Visitations 1972 -

https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4868

1 WKU Mass Action Committee, formed to seek open visitation in the dorms, has called for mass assembly Monday on steps of Wetherby Administration Building to protest Dean Charles Keown's refusal to consider changing the present policy. Time is 1:00 pm, May 1. About 3,000 had singed petitions. Decided 4 open houses per month; 12 hour maximum limit; door may be closed; no patrolling of halls; dorm --- option with guidelines; uniform University policy.

Tuesday, May 2, 1972 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/4867

1 About 75 students were present for the 1:00 pm meeting. Dean Charles Keown suggested they move indoors since it was raining. Albert Stith, one of committee members, urged "crowd" to stay where they were. Charles Keown explained objections. Dr. John Minton met with the coordinating committee yesterday & promised to discuss with the president the appointment of a representative committee to study University housing in general.

8 Charles Keown said only 1656 had signed petitions, not 3,000. Of those, only 1275 lived on campus. "The University cannot operate on a petition basis." Charles Keown told coordinating committee to go meet with Dr. John Minton. He said he wasn't sure just what their committee was, who it represented.

Daily News, July 28, 1974 - Visitations, Dorm 1974

Regents approved more visitation periods for the dorms 5-3 after extended debate. For: Ronald Clark, W.S. Moss, John Ramsey, Greg McKinney, Lowell Harrison. Against: W.R. McCormack, Gerald Edds, Chalmer Embry. Dean Charles Keown spoke in defense of plan, said 90% of parents have approved it for their daughters.

College Heights Herald, Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1974 – Visitation, Open 1974 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/5030

1 13 dorms had open house over weekend, & it was a success, according to Dean Charles Keown and Horace Shroder. Charles Keown said "no problems" but not as many participated as might have been expected. 13 WKU officials toured some of halls during the hour.

College Heights Herald, Tuesday, Aug. 26, 1975 - Visitation 1975 -

https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/5157

A4 Says polls taken this summer on parents' attitude showed only 160 parents of 3,380 objected to the dorm open houses – visitation. "McCormack, and the other two regents (Dr. Gerald Edds and Dr. Chalmer Embry) who opposed open houses, were simply out of step with the times, to borrow a phrase from Embry." Who was so quoted in a Courier-Journal story during the summer.

Daily News, Oct. 31, 1976 - Visitation 1976

Regents are --- approval a new, more liberal visitation policy. Doors must be "ajar" but not opened wide enough for anyone to walk in.

College Heights Herald, Tuesday, March 29, 1977 – Visitation, Dorms 1977 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/5375

1 Only about 14% of dorms residents have had guests at most open-houses, but this has been topic of much discussion and controversy.

College Heights Herald, Friday, April 8 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/5372

1 About 14% of dorm residents have had guests at visitations this semester. Charles Keown: "Most students are not too interested in open visitation." William Buckman. "It does not appear to be a major issue with the students I have talked with." Charles Keown, on the "vocal few": "Most of the students who were doing most of the speaking don't even live on campus or if they do, are in a minority." Good political issues.

College Heights Herald, Nov. 1, 1977 – Visitation: Dorms 1977 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/5461">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\_ua\_records/5461</a>
1 In protest of WKU's visitation policies, some 150-200 students took women to their rooms during Thursday dance at Pearce-Ford Tower. Petition with about 650 (of 874 Pearce-Ford Tower residents) was presented to President Dero Downing Friday.

4 Editorial: Say's that the petitions asked for too much. They should seek the more realistic goals. Those who participated in protest Thursday night hurt their cause. Also, students who attended Regents meeting Saturday, "Most of them looked as though they hadn't taken the trouble to wash, comb and put on a clean pair of jeans."

"It was embarrassing for other students to see them appear before the governing body of the university looking like a horde of defiant vagabonds. And it certainly did not promote the image of maturity and responsibility the regents should have of students."

Daily News, 2/5/1978 - Visitations 1978

Regents on Saturday eliminated the "door ajar" rule for dorm visitations. Now left up to the student council. The change was recommended by housing committee of the Board. Tom Emberton cast only dissenting vote. Hugh Poland: "The only difference I could see is you'd conserve heat by closing the door."

College Heights Herald, Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1978 – Visitation: Dorms 1978 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5489">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5489</a> 1 At Saturday meeting regents voted 9-1 to abolish the "door ajar" rule. Tom Emberton voted against it. Will take effect in fall. Both university & regents housing committees recommended the change.  2 Dero Downing – "a reasonable revision" but it had "nothing like the significance people placed on it." Doesn't think WKU needs to apologize for its conservative attitude.  College Heights Herald, Thursday, Sept. 27, 1979 – Visitation: Dorm 1979 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5568">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5568</a> 1 Associated Student Government surveyed 28 colleges & universities (benchmark schools) & found that WKU allowed fewest hours of dorm visitations per semester. Last spring referendum: 71.3% favored regular weekly open house. 17.5% wanted to maintain current policy.	
Visitors Day Henry Cherry Papers: Box 4 – Visitors Day 1922 General Correspondence 1922 Henry Cherry to John Crenshaw, Hopkinsville, May 1, 1922 – Wants him to play "Normal Heights" at chapel on Visitor's Day, Tuesday, May 9. Day will include: visits to farm, visits to strawberry fields, chapel, dinner served by the school, inspection of WKU's campus.	1922
Vista Vista 1915 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/459 This is the only yearbook that was issued prior to the Talisman 1915.	1915
V-Mail College Heights Herald, Oct. 30, 1942 – V-Mail 1942 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4461">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4461</a> 3 Postmaster urges students to use V-Mail for overseas. "Using this method will help whip the Axis."	1942 World War II Correspondence
Vocational School Paul Garrett Papers: 1 – Vocational School 1940 1937-40 Da-Di Paul Garrett to Superintendent John Brooker, Frankfort, Oct. 23, 1940 – National Youth Association resident project wants to build \$40,000 metals & wood shop for non-college students. Paul Garrett thinks "wilderness" below tennis courts would be improved, and when it is given up, WKU could probably purchase building for very small amount. Recommends it, with time limit.  Kelly Thompson Papers: 28 – Vocational School 1965 W-General Kelly Thompson to Superintendent H.W. Wilkey, Leitchfield, Dec.(?) 7, 1964 – "I presume you know that our trade school is under the Department of Education and that our relationship with it now is that of furnishing a site, plus being a good neighbor."	1940-1964 Vocational education
Voices Includes card: Voices Publication  College Heights Herald, April 27, 1956 – Voice Publication 1956 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2922 1 Voices, WKU's literary magazine published by Western Writers, made its public appearance Wednesday, April 25.  College Heights 26:2 September 1956 - Voices 1956 16 Western Writers, organization dedicated to development & enjoyment of good writing. Publishes magazine, Voices. Offers prizes for the best creative writing published in it.  College Heights Herald, May 4, 1967 – Voices 1967 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4722 12 Voices started in 1955, did not receive any institutional support for several years. Its sponsor, Western Writers, ceased to function, but it now has circulation of 1,000.  Dero Downing Papers: 49 – Voices English Department Several letters & memos relating to Voices, the student literary magazine published by the English Department. WKU was supplying some financial assistance – about \$500 in late 1960s.	1956-1967
Volleyball Regents Minutes, Aug. 22, 1981 – Volleyball 1981 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1981/mtgs/4/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1981/mtgs/4/</a> Volleyball replaced gymnastics as one of the intercollegiate sports for women.	1981 Volleyball Sports
Voting College Heights Herald, Friday, Oct. 2, 1970 – Voting 1970 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4963 1 Voting turnout in primary Tuesday was 8.9% - an all-time low.	1970 Elections

4 Editorial: Says that participation "goes beyond the realm of mere apathy and borders on absurdity."	
Voting – Regents  College Heights Herald, Feb. 6, 1970 – Voting – Regents 1970 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4928">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4928</a> 1 President Dero Downing sees no reason why student and faculty regents should vote. Says their contributions lie "in the realm of expression of student and faculty opinion and the ability they have to lend student and faculty viewpoint[s] on matters coming before the Board of Regents." Legislature has a bill to allow them to vote.  4 Editorial: Says one must be judged by his deeds. By opposing votes for student & faculty regents, President Dero Downing "has demonstrated his real feelings about student and faculty involvement in the running of the University." Says he isn't "really committed to involving students and faculty in a meaningful way."  "To say that one is more effective without a vote is like telling blacks that the ride is smoother at the back of the bus anyway."  "Neither the student body nor the faculty should much longer tolerate pious platitudes and empty gestures."  February 10 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4927">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/4927</a> Associated Student Government (President Larry Zielke) is pushing for vote for student & faculty regents as well as Academic Council.  3 Paul Gerard & Dr. Herbert Shadowen both disagree with Dero Downing over voting rights. Herbert Shadowen said they often are more aware of university problems than the voting regents.	1970