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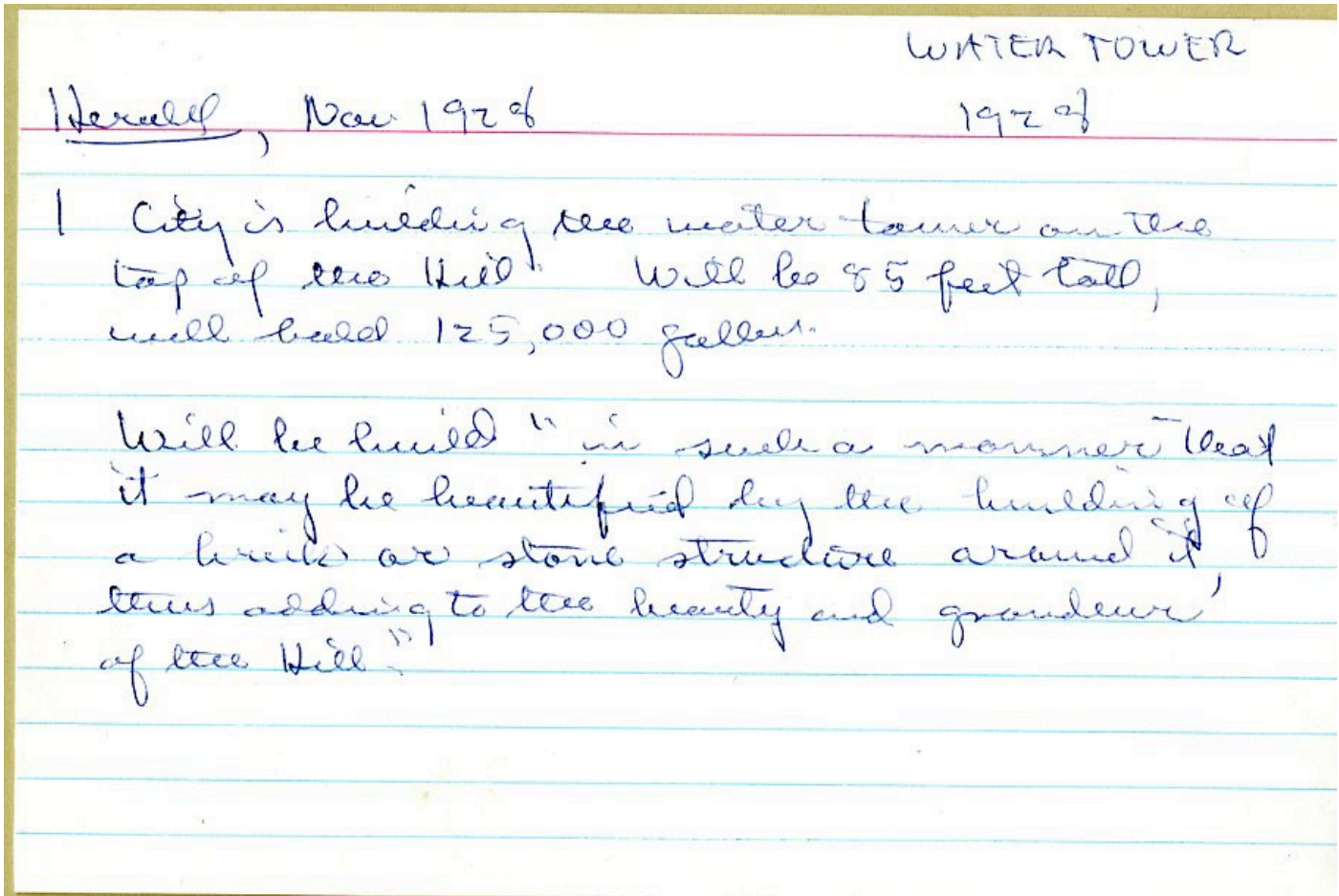
**Description:** Notecards created by Lowell Harrison while researching his book [Western Kentucky University](#). The cards transcribed below are for 56 topics beginning with W ranging from W Club to Wright, Henry 1878-1936.

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.

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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 ---.



The source above is *College Heights Herald*, Nov. 1928

Topic is in the upper right hand corner – *Water Tower 1928*

Harrison's note:

1 [page number] *City is building the water tower on the top of the Hill. Will be 85 feet tall, will hold 125,000 gallons. Will be build "in such a manner that it may be beautiful by the building of a brick or stone structure around it, thus adding to the beauty and grandeur of the Hill."*

Title / Card	Date/Subjects
<p><b>W Club</b>  College Heights Herald, Oct. 1912 – W Club  Can't be right – no College Heights Herald in 1912  [10/1928 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2261">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2261</a>]  6 Lists some members of "W Club" who are expected to attend Homecoming. (I believe this is the 1<sup>st</sup> mention of it.)</p> <p>Henry Cherry Papers: 15 – W Club 1929  General Correspondence 1929  Henry Cherry? To Jack Thompson, Danville High School, Oct. 24, 1929 – Plans are to have a "W" mens' banquet Saturday night, Nov. 2, after Homecoming game. About 100 "W" men are coaching &amp; teaching. "There will be plenty of eats and a good time for everyone with no formal speaker, but an abundance of spontaneity."</p> <p>Teachers College Heights, Dec. 1929 – W Club - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/1970">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/1970</a>  8 Centre College beat WKU at homecoming 7-6 before 5,000 people. Saturday evening was annual dinner of W Club with over 40 present.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, March 30, 1934 – W Club 1934 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3719">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3719</a>  188 W Club members now on campus. They &amp; coaches, etc. are attempting to get a club room established in the Physical Education Building. W Club started in spring 1928. One must earn a letter in one of 4 major sports (football, baseball, basketball, track) to become a member.</p> <p>Teachers College Heights, July 1934 – W Club 1934 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2115">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2115</a>  38 Has picture of the W Club – men who have been awarded letters in intercollegiate athletics. (Gives impression it is new, but doesn't say when it was founded.)</p>	<p><b>1912-1934</b>  Athletics  Sports  Student organizations</p>
<p><b>WAAC Recruiters</b>  <b>[Women's Army Auxiliary Corps]</b></p> <p>College Heights Herald, Feb. 26, 1943 – WAAC Recruiters 1943 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4470">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4470</a>  1 WAAC recruiting officer will be on campus over weekend to talk to girls who may want to join. Local Post Office will now accept applications for WAVES &amp; SPARS.  [WAVES – United States Naval Reserve Women's Reserve – Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service]  [SPARS – United States Coast Guard Women's Reserve – Semper Paratus – Always Ready]</p>	<p><b>1943</b>  World War II  Women</p>
<p><b>Wage Price Freeze</b>  Dero Downing Papers: 25 – Wage Price Freeze 1971  Presidential Wage-Price Freeze  Folder of materials. Dero Downing spoke to faculty 9/16/1971. Effective date for salary increases Aug. 16. (This was just too late for the freeze.) Not sure yet what will occur in Phase II. Some Kentucky schools started fiscal year on July 1 &amp; were not caught.  Ad Hoc Committee: Harry Largen, William Bivin, Lowell Harrison, ? Evans, John Minton, Raymond Cravens.  (Continues on for a couple of years.)</p>	<p><b>1971</b>  Wages</p>
<p><b>Wages – Student</b>  College Heights Herald, Friday, April 12, 1974 – Wages – Student 1974 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3537">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3537</a>  1 As result of new minimum wage bill signed by President Richard Nixon Monday, student worker will receive increase of 2¢ per hour. Full-time students working 20 or fewer hours per week may be paid 85% of the regular minimum wage. Harry Largen: Students at WKU will get \$1.62, which is 85% of \$1.90.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1978 – Wages, Student 1978 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5495">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5495</a>  1 Student wages will go up 15% on July 1 to keep at 80% of federal minimum wage. From \$1.96 to \$2.25. Have asked state for supplementary sum to take care of the increase.</p>	<p><b>1974-1978</b>  Wages</p>
<p><b>Wallace, Lysbeth 1919-2007</b>  College Heights Herald, 12/10/1981 – Wallace, Lysbeth - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2434">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2434</a>  Clipping on her and her works.</p>	<p><b>1981</b>  Artists</p>
<p><b>War?</b>  Includes cards:  War Coming?  War - Peace</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Oct. 11, 1935 – War – Peace 1935 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3744">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3744</a></p>	<p><b>1935-1967</b>  War  Neutrality</p>

<p>2 Editorial: "We Want Peace" "War in Europe seems inevitable . . . The United States must remain neutral . . . We need a constructive and dramatic demonstration against the rising tendencies of our nation. We must bear down on peace education. We must demonstrate our determination not to be cannon fodder for future wars.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, May 5, 1935 [1939] – War? 1939 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3810">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3810</a>  1 Tom Wallace, Times editor, said at a recent chapel: "I do not see how the United States can remain neutral" as he suggested. "There is as much danger of war as any time since 1918." "We need greater armaments than we have ever dreamed of before."</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Friday, June 21, 1940 – War Coming? 1940 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/9758">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/9758</a>  1 Editorial: "Should I go through a war and come out alive, I would be so changed as to be almost unfit for ordinary, decent living. Stay around an American Legion convention awhile, and you will get some idea of what I mean. The only difference will be that American Legion Number Two will be much worse."  3 Full page Herald ad – "Wanted for Murder – 135,000,000 citizens of the United States . . . if This Country Sends An Expediting Force Overseas Again – Ever."  "We desire the chance to live by and for our ideals, not to kill and die for them. Our fathers tried the latter, and history mocks the futility of their sacrifice."  While right isn't all on one side, we believe an Allied victory is in best interests of this country. Should send all possible material help to win it – but not men.  "Arms But Not Men"</p> <p>Regents Meeting, Aug. 4, 1967 – War? 1967 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1967/qtrly/4/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1967/qtrly/4/</a>  WKU agreed to let Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, Louisville District, use WKU's facilities as alternate headquarters in the event of attack or imminent attack by hostile countries.</p>	
<p><b>War Bonds</b>  Henry Cherry Papers: 59 – War Bonds  Special Correspondence, L.T. Smith 1940  Faculty War Bond Committee to Miss Helen Givins, July 2, 1942 (Ad letter to faculty) – We're close to 100% participation; urges them to make it 100%. If you can't make a large purchase, try at least \$1.00 to \$5.00 per month.</p>	<p><b>1940</b>  World War II</p>
<p><b>Warrants</b>  House Journal Feb. 23, 1934 – Money &amp; Warrants 1934  1795 HB729 An Act relating to the payment of money or the issuing of warrants to the University of Kentucky and Normal Schools of the State of Kentucky. Introduced by Mr. Hall.  1864 Feb. 26 HB729 Referred to Committee on Kentucky Statues No. 1. Ordered printed.</p>	<p><b>1934</b>  Legislation</p>
<p><b>Washeteria</b>  College Heights Herald, Sept. 27, 1961 – Washeteria 1961 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2159">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2159</a>  1 Construction is underway for self-service washeteria on Dogwood Drive, across from Maintenance Services building.</p>	<p><b>1961</b>  Laundries</p>
<p><b>Wassom, Earl 1923-</b>  College Heights Herald, 1/15/1985 – Wassom, Earl 1985 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5729">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5729</a>  Earl Wassom will retire April 1, 1985. Has been at WKU 18 years (1967). Age 61. Became director of library services 1969. Earl Wassom automated circulation &amp; cataloging system. COM – Computer output microfiche catalog.</p>	<p><b>1985</b></p>
<p><b>Waste</b>  Courier-Journal 9/25/1984 – Waste 1984  Editorial Re: the legislative study of waste &amp; duplication in higher education. "The legislators are superbly qualified to find inefficiency. They put most of it there themselves."  "The most obviously unnecessary drains on the educational funds are big-ticket items created primarily for political rather than educational reasons.  3 law schools, 2 medical-dental programs, ag programs are examples. Have the legislators really change their tune?  ". . . no economy plan will amount to much if it doesn't curtail spending in this [medical] most expensive of all educational areas."  "Any notion that lower appropriations can result from this study should be forgotten. But it is possible to hope for wiser spending of taxpayers' dollars."</p>	<p><b>1984</b></p>
<p><b>Water Fountain</b>  College Heights Herald, May 23, 1941 – Water Fountain 1941 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3844">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3844</a>  12 John Searcy has story about student being severely scalded as he tried to drink from a water fountain in the gym. (Satire – the water was always warm.)</p>	<p><b>1941</b>  Water fountains</p>
<p><b>Water Tower</b>  <i>Includes cards: Water Tank</i>  Daily News, Oct. 15, 1928 – Water Tower  1 "Work of constructing the foundation for the standpipe to be built on College Heights as a part of the city waterworks system has been started and the actual erection of the tank will start within the near future.</p>	<p><b>1928-1971</b></p>

<p>College Heights Herald, Nov. 1928 – Water Tower 1928 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2262">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2262</a>  1 City is building the water tower on the top of the Hill. Will be 85 feet tall, will hold 125,000 gallons. Will be built "in such a manner that it may be beautified by the building a brick or stone structure around it, thus adding to the beauty and grandeur of the Hill."</p> <p>Teachers College Heights, Jan. 1929 – Water Tower 1929 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8455">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8455</a>  1 85 foot steel water tower being erected just west of old moat by the city. Will hold 150,000 gallons &amp; help a great deal with fire protection.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Nov. 1930 – Water Tower 1930 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2280">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2280</a>  1 has sketch of the "Memorial Tower" that Brinton B. Davis has designed to enclose the water tower that mars the beauty of the Hill.</p> <p>Henry Cherry Scrapbooks – Water Tower 1930 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/9314">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/9314</a>  Says "huge water storage tank" was erected last year, solved low pressure problem. But it mars beauty of the Hill, so a Memorial Tower is being planned.</p> <p>Paul Garrett Papers: 2B – Water Tank 1938  1937-40 Wi-Wz  Paul Garrett to V.M. Warstell, Trenton, Tenn. March 31, 1938 – Says that the water tower on campus belongs to the city of Bowling Green.</p> <p>Kelly Thompson Papers: 52 – Water Tank  Water-Sewer &amp; Sanitation Commission  Kelly Thompson to Emery E. Cardwell, Chairman, Water-Sewer &amp; Sanitation Commission, Feb. 3, 1964 – As Bowling Green makes progress with water-sewer &amp; sanitation improvements, WKU would like to get rid of the city owned water tank that has been on the Hill 30 years. It is so rusted &amp; corroded that it isn't safe without ---. We want to build a high-rise building where it is removed.</p> <p>Emery Cardwell to Kelly Thompson, Feb. 7, 1964 – Commission has sent his request to the Chester Engineers, asking them to give it every consideration.</p> <p>But in late summer 1966 it was repaired. Owen Lawson to Tom Montgomery, Water-Sewer &amp; Sanitation Commission, Sept. 19, 1966.</p> <p>(As more buildings went up, problems with water pressure changed and grew.)</p> <p>Kelly Thompson Papers: 14 – Water Tower 1964  C – General  A.L. Crabb, Nashville to Kelly Thompson, Nov. 3, 1964 – Enjoyed recent trip; Gordon Wilson ("very informative in his loyalty to the college.") showed him about. Campus is beautiful; wishes the water tower could be removed.</p> <p>Kelly Thompson to A.L. Crabb, Nov. 10, 1964 – WKU people have been meeting with city officials about the tower. Has hopes of getting rid of it.</p> <p>Dero Downing Papers: 28 – Water Tower 1971  Water Tank  Dero Downing to R.E. Gaddie &amp; Charles M. Hardie. Water-Sewer &amp; Sanitation Commission, Bowling Green, March 10, 1971 – R--- --- to get tank removed. Kelly Thompson wrote letter about it Feb. 3, 1964. Everyone wanted it down, but it couldn't be removed until the Bowling Green water system was improved so that the tower wasn't necessary. Now that the new city tank is in operation, we request removal as soon as possible. Safety was a factor in 1964; it is even more so now. (It has been erected in 1928-29.) Contractor started removal Aug. 10, 1971.</p> <p>Carl D. Johnson (of Johnson, Johnson &amp; Roy, Landscape Architects., Ann Arbor) to Dero Downing, Sept. 14, 1971 – Delighted to hear of the removal of the tank, which "was a rather forceful and negative intrusion upon the quality of the Old Fort Site."</p> <p>Western Alumnus 40:2, Fall 1971 – Water Tower 1971 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2338">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2338</a>  34 The water tower was purchased from the city of Bowling Green by city of Whitten, Illinois. Had been there since 1929. 150,000 gallons. 85 feet high.</p>	
<p><b>Watermelon Feast</b>  Henry Cherry Papers: 2 – Watermelon Feast 1934  General Correspondence 1934  Mary Ruth Hodge to Henry Cherry, July 12, 1934 – Thanks him for the watermelon feast that he and Mrs. Cherry gave – "It is that personal touch, that friendly contact, and that individual interest in each student, so characteristic of Western, which makes this an outstanding school."</p>	<b>1934</b>
<p><b>Weather</b>  <i>Includes cards:</i>  <i>Weather Damage</i>  <i>Weather: Wet</i></p> <p>College Heights Herald, Jan. 1927 – Weather Jan. 1927 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8415">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8415</a></p>	<b>1927-1978</b> Meteorology Weather Flooding Winter Rain Snow

<p>5 Because of high waters some students had great difficulty returning after Christmas. At Eddyville, trains were met by boats. One girl had to travel 30 miles to get to a train that was running. She went by boat, in a truck, a 2 mule wagon &amp; walked part way.</p> <p>Bowling Green mayor had lower end of College Street roped off last Friday (no date given) for sledding. The street was sprinkled &amp; allowed to freeze. Because of the unusual opportunity, dorm girls were allowed to remain out. Huge bonfire built at 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; College for warmth. Immense number, every type of sled. No serious accidents.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Feb. 10, 1950 – Weather: Wet Jan. 1950 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2823">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2823</a> 2 Jan. 1950 had 23 days of rain for a total of 15.40 inches. Second only to Jan. 1937 when 20.76" fell.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Feb. 9, 1951 – Weather 1951 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2843">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2843</a> 1 WKU had 10' of snow last week &amp; temperature at 4:45 am was -20°. This is coldest recorded since weather station was established in 1880. Snows fell Jan. 31 &amp; Feb. 1. Class attendance was surprisingly good. Basketball game with University of Cincinnati last night (Feb. 8) was delayed 2 hours when assigned referees failed to get here. Two substitutes filled in for them. WKU won 75-70.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Jan. 11, 1979 – Weather 1979 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3435">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3435</a> 15 Ice &amp; snow storm postponed registration &amp; classes by 1 day &amp; caused problems for many students as they returned. More snow predicted later in week.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Tuesday, 1/22/1985 – Weather 1985 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5727">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5727</a> Snow hit Saturday. About 3" of snow. Record low temperatures. Wind chill factors of as much as -40°. Estimated 50% of students in class Monday. About 50% of faculty didn't make it. Physical plant employees put in 250 overtime hours of worked. About 1/3 of staff didn't get in Monday.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Thursday, March 23, 1978 – Weather Damage 1978 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5516">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5516</a> 11 Winter damage is estimated to be about \$700,000 this year; it was \$25,000 last year. WKU will seek state assistance to cover it. Parking lots &amp; driveways nearly all were damaged. Snow removal was expensive.</p>	
<p><b>Weather Station</b> Teachers College Heights, April 1936 – Weather Station 1936 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/526">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/526</a> 25 WKU maintains a complete weather station on campus. Not under direct government supervision, but it meets all requirements.</p>	<p><b>1936</b> Weather Meteorology</p>
<p><b>Wedding: Tom Jones</b> College Heights Herald, Friday, Sept. 29, 1972 – Wedding: Jones 1972 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4875">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4875</a> 1 Pauline Griffin and Tom Jones, both in English, were married yesterday afternoon in Faculty House. About 100 friends attended. Believed to be 1<sup>st</sup> on campus. 2 Dr. Ronald Veenker (Swedish Baptist) performed ceremony. They didn't cancel any classes. Tom Jones had 9:10, 10:20, 3:00 class; she had one in morning &amp; 4:10. Student took over 12:40 one so she could attend her reception.</p>	<p><b>1972</b> Weddings</p>
<p><b>Weekend College</b> <i>Includes card: Weekend Classes</i></p> <p>Dero Downing Papers: 13 – Weekend College Continuing Paper Lowell Harrison to Dero Downing, 8/4/1971 – Sent him New York Times clipping about C.W. Post Weekend College.</p> <p>WKU News Release – 14/11/1978 – WKU will start “Weekend College” in January 1979.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Thursday, Nov. 30, 1978 – Weekend Classes 1978 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3424">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3424</a> 1 WKU will offer 16 Friday night – Saturday morning classes in spring semester. Students can earn as many as 6 hours. On Nov. 18 about 70 people signed up. More registration periods later.</p> <p>Jan. 16, 1979 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3434">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3434</a> 11 Six weekend classes are being offered with 78 enrolled. Dean Carl Chelf isn't disappointed, says it will take time to develop.</p> <p>Daily News, 12/5/1978 – Weekend College 1978 “Week-end College” will begin in spring semester 1979. Each class will meet 2 ½ hours. Friday evening or Saturday morning. Work will be offered in several areas.</p> <p>Western Alumnus 51:2 Summer 1979 – Weekend College 1979 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8862">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8862</a> 25 Says a weekend college will begin (?) in the spring. Up to 6 semester hours credit. Classes Friday evening &amp; Saturday morning. Each class is 3 hours.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 1979 – Week-end College 1979 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5594">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5594</a> 3 The week-end college that was to offer 12 courses has been cancelled for this semester because of low enrollment. No class had more than 5-6 students, Dr. Carl Chelf said.</p>	<p><b>1971-1985</b></p>



<p>On Campus, 9/9/1985 – Weekend College Department of Communications &amp; Theatre has started “Weekend College” this fall for people in corporate communication. MA level. Will offer at least 2 courses per semester &amp; 1 in summer. Masters can be completed in 2 years.</p>	
<p><b>Wells, George Marion 1887-1956 Dies</b> College Heights Herald, March 9, 1956 – Wells, George Dies 1956 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2925">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2925</a> 1 Dr. George M. Wells, 68, physician for WKU since 1948 died on Feb. 25 from a heart attack.</p>	<p><b>1956</b> Deaths Obituaries</p>
<p><b>Wendy’s Classic Tournament</b> <i>Includes cards:</i> <i>Wendy’s Classic</i> <i>Wendy’s Tournament</i></p> <p>College Heights Herald, Thursday, Sept. 6, 1979 – Wendy’s Tournament 1979 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5595">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5595</a> 19 Wendy’s has agreed to back the tournament in 1980. Al McGuire will be master of ceremonies. Gene Key &amp; John Oldham have been working on plans for a year. Presented them to athletic committee earlier this week. 22 About 16 schools have been contacted about playing. Gene Keady said cost would be \$40-80,000, but with sellouts income could be double that. Expected to help recruiting.</p> <p>Daily News, 12/31/1979 – Wendy’s Classic 1980 WKU announced the teams for the 1<sup>st</sup> Wendy’s Classic: Vanderbilt University, University of South Carolina, University of Iowa. Gene Keady said Regents had given him 4 goals:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Upgrade schedule</li> <li>2) WKU in Ohio Valley Conference</li> <li>3) Get into NCAA</li> <li>4) Get back in top ratings.</li> </ol> </p> <p>College Heights Herald, Tuesday, Oct. 7, 1980 – Wendy’s Tournament 1980 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5551">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5551</a> 14 Gene Keady had idea for the Wendy’s Classic. John Oldham says that they hope to make it an annual event. As of now, only 100 of 3,888 chair-back seats remain. About ½ of the 12,000 seats have been sold. Wendy’s made commitment of \$85,000. WKU will receive \$12,000 guarantee &amp; 1/3 of profits from gate receipts.</p>	<p><b>1979-1980</b> Basketball</p>
<p><b>West Hall [Schneider Hall]</b> Teachers College Heights, Jan. 1929 – West Hall 1929 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8455">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8455</a> 2 “magnificent new dormitory” will have 85 rooms &amp; will take 150-200 girls. “handsome parlor” Small infirmary on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.</p>	<p><b>1929</b> Construction Dormitories Residential facilities</p>
<p><b>Western</b> Miller, Mary. Interview – Western 1960s Boom period when she came – tremendous growth. Great demand for teachers. She didn’t find repression that some people saw. They worked in civil rights, helped establish American Association of University Professors etc. and never had an adverse comment. The Kelly Thompsons are among their closest friends. Conditions were changing then.</p> <p>Evans, Eugene. Interview – Western 1960s - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/700">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/700</a> Bill Jenkins invited him to join new School of Business. Eugene Evans liked Bowling Green. Was in 1965. Rapid expansion. Exciting future. Became University in 1966 – by act of legislature. Eugene Evans had few contacts with Kelly Thompson. First one came in testifying against him before Regents in the Skewer newspaper case. Harmless, but some students were thrown out. Eugene Evans &amp; others testified on behalf of the students. They were finally readmitted. Library not open on Sunday so it wouldn’t interfere with church going. Closed also for football games. (Still closed at Homecoming.) Kelly Thompson – got resources needed for expansion; not sure how much was his doing. Some talk of doctoral work, doubts if it was really serious. Little faculty role in governance. Academic Council had many administrators on it, no students at all. Only advisory. Didn’t know Dero Downing either. He was student ---, was emotionally attached to Western.</p>	<p><b>1960-1969</b></p>
<p><b>Western Established</b> <i>Includes cards: Western Formed</i></p> <p>Teachers College Heights, Nov. 1931 – Western Established 1906 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/1957">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/1957</a> 23 Terms of agreement established WKU at Bowling Green provided the Southern Normal School, its student body and its good will should be transformed to State Normal School. Regents appointed by governor: E.H. Mark, J.Whitt Potter, H.C. Miller &amp; H.K. Cole. They met in office of James H. Fuqua (Superintendent of Public Instruction) on June 2, 1906. Elected Henry Cherry president &amp; established his salary to start July 1, 1906. He was directed to open State Normal School in September. He was to nominate faculty members, subject to Board approval.</p>	<p><b>1906</b></p>



<p>Second meeting of Board on June 19, 1906 in Frankfort. Suit had been filed in Franklin County Circuit Court (Marsee vs Hager, Auditor 101 Sec. 332, 31 Ky.) to keep Auditor of Public Accounts from turning \$5,000 over to Eastern Kentucky State Normal School on grounds that the act was unconstitutional.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Regents: July 25, 1906 in Frankfort. Without funds, it was decided to delay opening until Jan. 1907, except for Model School that was to open Sept. 1906. J. Whitt Potter presented deeds to the property of Southern Educational Building Company. Then included buildings &amp; grounds occupied by Southern Normal School &amp; Bowling Green Business University.</p> <p>On April 24, 1907, Court of Appeals held that the law was constitutional. Board operated Southern Normal School until Jan. 2, 1907 when the State Normal School formally opened. Same date the Business University moved to McCormick Building on State Street. Neither school lost any students.</p> <p>24 Henry Cherry transferred Southern Normal School, equipment, students &amp; good will to State Normal School. Value estimated at \$50,000 - \$100,000. He also subscribed liberally toward purchases of property by Bowling Green citizens. In spring 1907, Bowling Green Business University was sold to J.S. Dickey, J.L. Harmon &amp; J.S. Ashby. Bowling Green Business University was incorporated April 18, 1907.</p> <p>Teachers College Heights, Jan. 1932 – Western Formed 1906 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/1958">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/1958</a></p> <p>34 Henry Cherry says that in 1905 when enrollment was over 1,000, they started "a state-wide crusade for the establishment of state normal schools . . ."</p> <p>Work done in 1906 legislature to get the normal schools established, &amp; then work to get one located in Bowling Green. Pays special tribute to: Governor J.C. W. Beckham; J. Whit Potter; C.U. McElroy; Dr. A.J. Kinnaman.</p>	
<p><b>Western Kentucky University – University of Kentucky Relations</b></p> <p>Frank McVey Papers: Box 37:16 – WKU – University of Kentucky Relations 1919</p> <p>Dean A.J. Kinnaman to President F.L. McVey, Jan. 23, 1919 – Writing to --- to meeting of the Association of Kentucky Colleges. "We are glad indeed to cooperate in these good things and appreciate the splendid good will between the institutions. Let me congratulate you on the spirit of work and enthusiasm that you have injected in the institution there and the educational interest of the state." (Joint posters – ads for returning soldiers to continue education.)</p>	<p><b>1919</b></p>
<p><b>Western Lunch Room</b></p> <p>College Heights Herald, Oct. 2, 1936 – Western Lunch Room 1936 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3759">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3759</a></p> <p>1 Mr. Burnie Tichenor's Western Lunch Room has now completed 10 years. Now has a new monthly rate. Greyhound will make it a regular stop &amp; ticket office.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, April 26, 1946 – Western Lunch Room 1946 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4547">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4547</a></p> <p>10 Western Lunch Room has recently been sold to a returned veteran. "Mr. Tish" (Bernie Tichenor) came there in May 1947 [1937]. Hundreds of students worked way through school working there. "The thing that kept me at the foot of the Hill so long was the fact that I thoroughly enjoy being with young people." "Miss Bessie" – his wife. Famous pecan pie.</p>	<p><b>1936-1946</b></p> <p>Restaurants</p>
<p><b>Western Praised</b></p> <p>Henry Cherry Papers: 24 – Western Praised 1936</p> <p>General Correspondence 1936</p> <p>Fannie B. Harrington, Georgia State College for Women to Gov. A.B. Chandler [sic], July 4, 1936 – Urges him to continue graduate work at WKU. On Western: "She is the outstanding Teachers College of the South. She is doing more to gain recognition for Kentucky than all our other educational institutions put together . . . Western stands higher in the South than even our State University." Keep graduate work at WKU &amp; put in commercial work.</p>	<p><b>1936</b></p>
<p><b>Western Towers</b></p> <p><i>Includes cards: Western Towers Sold</i></p> <p><i>See also: College Inn</i></p> <p>Kelly Thompson Papers: 52 - Western Towers 1965</p> <p>Western Towers</p> <p>Kelly Thompson to G.D. Milliken, Jr. Sept. 2, 1965 - Pleased to learn of preliminary planning for construction of student housing. There is a great need; location is good. "Let me point out that students living in off-campus accommodations are required to comply with College Standards of good citizenship and personal conduct." We will be glad to work with you on a plan to ensure this.</p> <p>Kelly Thompson to G.D. Milliken, May 18, 1966 - After conference we had. Thinks continued growth of WKU will make the housing shortage worse despite WKU's building of dorms. Thinks an ample number of students can afford to pay your estimated rate of \$950 for room and board. Glad that you will require some regulations as WKU does on campus. Good location, good plans. Our few suggestions come from our experience. We do not have men &amp; women housed in connected structures, but we have no objections to it.</p> <p>Dero Downing (President) to G.D. Milliken, Jr. May 7, 1970 - "insurmountable problems" make it impossible for WKU to purchase the Towers. Our dorms have been built through a Federal loan program that involves Housing and Dining Revenue Bonds. State appropriation is for operating expenses &amp; only small purchases would be possible from it. Hopes he &amp; associates can find relief elsewhere.</p> <p>Bowling Green Daily News, April 14, 1969 - A Louisiana firm purchased the Western Towers - at least a majority of stock. Plan is to build a 3rd tower for married student housing. Estimated price is \$3-5 million. Was finished in Sept. 1967 at about \$4,000,000. (Purchasing firm is 6 years old Campus Center, Inc.)</p>	<p><b>1965-1971</b></p> <p>Apartments Dormitories Residential facilities</p>

<p>College Heights Herald, April 17, 1969 - Western Towers Sold 1969 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2106/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2106/</a>  1 Western Towers was sold last Monday to Campus Center Inc. Price estimated to be between \$3-5 million. New owners plan 3rd tower over parking lot (4-5 stories) for 150 apartments for married students. Should open in fall 1970.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Sept. 23, 1969 - Western Towers 1969 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4763">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4763</a>  4 Editorial charges misleading advertising from Western Towers to make costs seem much less than they actually are. They say semester charge is \$120 while WKU dorm is \$130. But they have \$43 in extra fees.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, March 10, 1970 - Western Towers 1970 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4937">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4937</a>  3 Prudential Insurance Company has filed civil suit in Warren Circuit Court for \$2,100,000 against Western Towers, Inc. Says monthly payments of \$15,666 haven't been made for Dec., Jan., Feb. About 600 students housed there.</p> <p>Courier-Journal, Dec. 7, 1970 - Western Towers 1970  Only private owned &amp; operated dorm serving a Kentucky State school, the twin 14 story Towers opened 3 years ago. Next week they will be sold at auction. Cost \$4,000,000, now considered to be worth ½ that sum. (Gives details of the corporation from start in 1965 with 9 founders.) Many debts - may be more than assessed value of \$1,800,000. Bankruptcy referee: "Simply stated, Western Towers Inc., is overfinanced and under occupied." 406 rooms, 812 beds. Never over 70% occupied, now only 50%. In 5 week period ending Oct. 22 receipts were \$25,791 while costs were \$37,866, not counting debt service. Some say it got off to bad start by opening before ready; many students left. Rules in many reports were similar to on campus dorms. Extra costs added to costs. Some of the original backers blame WKU. "They could have helped us fill it up." Dero Downing says WKU wanted it to succeed &amp; worked closely with its management. Rumors that future freshmen may be require to live on campus. Present occupancy rate is 95% &amp; that doesn't include the recently completed Pearce-Ford Tower with 920 beds. Dero Downing says WKU has no plan to buy it.</p> <p>Regents Minutes - Western Towers 1970  Executive Committee, 12/12/1970  Considered the forced sale of Western Towers. Efforts have been made to sell it to the University. It is not feasible - legally, financially, practically. Not true that WKU has not cooperated fully in the Towers' operation. Found in minutes of regular meeting of 1/9/1971 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1971/mtg/1/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1971/mtg/1/</a></p> <p>Daily News, 12/15/1970 - Western Towers 1970  Prudential Insurance Company of America purchased the Towers Monday afternoon (at auction) for \$1,700,000. This is over \$500,000 less than the company's claim against the original owners. Company announced it would continue to operate the Towers during the spring 1971 semester. Long range plans are uncertain.</p> <p>Dero Downing Papers: 28 - Western Towers 1970  Western Towers  Around 1970 WKU was considering buying the Towers. The Division of Engineering, Dept. of Finance made inspection on Dec. 4, 1970. Owen Lawson was along. Report in this folder, Dec. 10, 1970. The cost of converting to married student living was estimated to be \$600,000; maintain(?) improvements \$600,000 to \$1,000,000; and the appraised value \$2,000,000. There were also some legal question about WKU's right to issue bonds on a building it hadn't erected, so WKU dropped the idea.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Friday, Jan. 29, 1971 - Western Towers 1971 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4786">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4786</a>  8 Western Towers were sold last month. New management calls it the College Inn. All rooms will be redecorated. New food service. About 400 students living there. 24 hour open-door policy.</p>	
<p><b>Western Trade School</b>  Paul Garrett Papers: 6 – Western Trade School 1946  Western Trade School 1945-47  Considerable correspondence about surplus materials, etc. for this school Deals largely with Kentucky Division of Vocational Education, Department of Education.</p> <p>Charles V. Youmans, Supervisor – Coordinator to Paul Garrett, Sept. 30, 1946 – In 1<sup>st</sup> month of re-operation, we have enrolled 17 trainees in auto mechanics and 8 in machine shop training. In addition to himself, 2 instructors, 1 secretary, 1 janitor. Needs more auto equipment - only 15 should be trained. Will expand more in October. Chart shows that it covers a 12 county area.</p>	<p><b>1946</b>  Vocational education</p>
<p><b>Whirlwind Campaign</b>  Dabney, Charles. Universal Education II – Whirlwind Campaign 1908  348 Superintendent John Grant Crabbe (1907-10) organized the 1908 “Whirlwind Campaign.” 30 speeches address 300 meetings with 60,000 people in 9 days in fall 1908. Only 3 counties didn't cooperate. So successful that there was a second one in 1909 – June 27-July 4. Used 100 speakers.  349 Special efforts made to hit rural areas. One of leaders was Madeline McDowell Breckinridge.</p>	<p><b>1908</b></p>
<p><b>Whitaker, David Bickers 1922-2005</b>  Includes card: Whitaker, Award</p> <p>Bowling Green Daily News, Aug. 6, 1970 – Whitaker, David 1970</p>	<p><b>1970-1973</b>  Awards</p>

<p>David B. Whitaker is joining staff as director of university publications and associate professor of journalism in Department of Mass Communications. Spent 17 years with Courier-Journal and Times, plus about 6 years in Bowling Green.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1973 - Whitaker Award 1973 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3500">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3500</a></p> <p>6 David B. Whitaker, director of university publications, has been named nation's outstanding publications business advisor for 1973 at college and university (4 year) level. Will receive award in Chicago on Nov. 2 from National Council for College Publication Advisors.</p>	
<p><b>Whitmer, Joseph Rutledge 1890-1961 Dies</b>  College Heights Herald, Oct. 4, 1961 – Whitmer Dies 1961 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2160">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2160</a>  1 Joseph Rutledge Whitmer died in Aug. He was 71.</p>	<p><b>1961</b>  Deaths  Obituaries</p>
<p><b>Who's Who</b>  College Heights Herald, Feb. 4, 1938 – Who's Who 1938 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3788">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3788</a>  1 Dr. Earl Moore, senior class sponsor, announced that 10 seniors will be selected to represent WKU in the American College Yearbook. Departmental committees made nominations. Earl Moore that selection would probably be made by a committee, not by vote of the seniors.</p>	<p><b>1938</b></p>
<p><b>Wilgus, Donald K.</b>  <i>Includes card: Wilgus, D.K. On Leave</i></p> <p>Kelly Thompson Papers: 16 – Wilgus, D.K. 1962  Department of English  Kelly Thompson to D.K. Wilgus, June 30, 1962 – Regents approved your request for a leave of absence for 1962-63.</p> <p>Donald Wilgus to Kelly Thompson, March 23, 1962 – Requests leave to be visiting professor of English &amp; Anglo-American folksong at UCLA next year.</p> <p>Donald Wilgus to Kelly Thompson, Jan. 23, 1963 – Short not of resignation to accept position at UCLA.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, July 18, 1962 – Wilgus, D.K. On Leave 1962 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2179">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2179</a>  9 Dr. D.K. Wilgus has been granted leave for 1962-63 to serve as visiting professor at UCLA. He has been here since 1950. Has established Folklore Archives; past president of Kentucky Folklore Society; founded Folklore Record in 1955 and edited it until 1962. Has published book.</p>	<p><b>1962</b></p>
<p><b>Willey, Warner Moore 1896-1968</b>  Henry Cherry Papers: 21 – Willey, W. 1934  General Correspondence 1934  President J. Howard Payne, Morehead to Henry Cherry, Aug. 25, 1934 &amp; Henry Cherry to Howard Payne, Sept. 7, 1934 – Howard Payne asks to have Warner Willey appear on a program at Ashland. Says he understands situation Henry Cherry has with Warner Willey; we have one something like it at Morehead. Won't invite him if it would cause any embarrassment.</p> <p>Henry Cherry to Howard Payne – By all means use him. "Naturally I think there is a certain leadership that belongs to the President of an institution and he has a right to take over an[d] interpret the program."</p> <p>Henry Cherry to Howard Payne, March 19, 1934 – In strictest confidence. ". . . Mr. Willey does not in any way represent this institution. He is not its spokesman . . . he is a meddler and not in good standing with the institution or the faculty." Will support you strongly for Kentucky Education Association president.</p> <p>Paul Garrett Papers: 2B – Willey, Warner, 1938  1937-40 – Wi-Wy  Warner Willey to Paul Garrett, June 25, 1938 – Report on years activities – classes, speeches, publications, community activities. Pay hasn't been increased since getting PhD although promised. "I promise to waste none of it in riotous living or let it 'go to my head.'" In his 14 classes, he has had 497 different students A 41, B 221, C 144, D 4, F 10, X 9. (Henry Cherry was close to firing Warner Willey upon several occasions.) No censure here from Paul Garrett.</p> <p>Paul Garrett Papers: 3 – Willey, W.M. 1942  1941-46 Ca-Ch  Miss Ora Chatham, Carrollton, to Paul Garrett, Nov. 15, 1942 – In November issue of Kentucky Education Association Journal article on p. 34, except for omission of some direct quotations, is exact copy of term paper I did in Education class last summer. Instructor praised it, told me it was worthy of publication, wanted to sed it off. I didn't realize he meant to use it under his name.</p> <p>Paull Garrett to Ora Chatham, Nov. 28, 1942 – Is disturbed. Instructor says he has written you &amp; the editor. Will be interesting in hearing from you.</p> <p>Note, Warner Willey to Paul Garrett [nd] – Says he &amp; daughter produced article last summer (June) before S.S., so plagiarism is impossible. (Absolutely no proof of this.) Says Ora Chatham wrote her paper from references he gave her – if any copying was done, it was other way around. (No way she would have seen his article.)</p>	<p><b>1934-1964</b>  Teachers  African Americans  Blacks  Racism</p>

Paul Garrett to Ora Chatham, Jan. 6, 1943 – Given the explanation in Warner Willey's note, "you know of course whether this is a possible or correct explanation." If not, you have right to protest to editor.

Ora Chatham to Paul Garrett, Jan. 12, 1943 – The explanation can't be correct. The instructor did not give that explanation when he wrote me on a postal card. Thinks she will let matter drop.

Willey, W.M.

Kentucky Education Association Journal (Nov. 1942), 34

Article on this page from someone at Western. Who? Title? Any identification of author, there or elsewhere in the issue? "What Relationship and Responsibility Does the Teacher Have to the Library?" By Evalyn and Warner Willey, Bowling Green, Ky.

Paul Garrett Papers: 9 – Willey, W. 1951

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Rep. John A. Whitaker, Washington to Dr. Warner Willey, Jan. 23, 1951 – Will continue to have Congressional Record sent to you despite rudeness of your reply. ". . . for a person of your caliber I did not expect a reply to a letter which I had written such as yours nor did I expect it to be written on the margin of my letter."

Chandler Papers: Box 427 – Willey, W. 1957

Warner M. Willey to A.B. Chandler, April 27, 1957 – Sending map of Henderson County that one of his students has prepared. If proposal for a junior college there gets beyond talking stages, a group of our graduate students would be happy to help with plans.

"May I express to you personally my sincere admiration for your excellent leadership in government and Education also pledge our personal as well as our professional assistance to you and Harry Lee my fellow townsman in all your future efforts and aspirations." (Warner Willey has written once or twice before in similar fulsome vein.)

A.B. Chandler to Warner Willey, May 6, 1957 – Thanks him. Understands the site you mention has serious deficiencies, such as lack of water.

Kelly Thompson Papers: 16 – Willey, Warner, 1959

Dept. of Education

Warner Willey to Kelly Thompson, March 20, 1959 – Has been here 35 years. "You know I have worked with all the Presidents Western has had and things are going better now than at any time in the history of the College."

Wants to become head of Dept. of Education as the present head of the department retires. "My qualifications, training and experience to fill this place are too well known by you and the Board for me to recount them here."

Kelly Thompson Papers: 16 – Willey, Warner 1964

Dept. of Education

4 page typed paper from Howard F. Bailey to not addressed (Kelly Thompson), no date (but after May 18, 1964 letter.) - Charges Dr. Warner Willey with "unprofessional, biased and non-objective" attitude. Says he has made a point of publicly humiliating me. From 1<sup>st</sup> day of class, he singled me out as a Negro. Asked him what he thought of Black Muslims? Howard Bailey asked him what he thought of Ku Klux Klan. He gave approval of my participation in march on Frankfort but later said he didn't approve of. Much more of the same, including a mid-term --- that he denied having turned in but didn't ---. Feels that "Dr. Willey tried to discourage me from attending classes." So he would have had reason to fail me. Seated class alphabetically from front but put me on last row. Hopes no other "Negro student will go through the same experience."

### **Wilson, Alexander Gordon 1888-1970**

*Includes cards:*

*Wilson, Gordon*

*Wilson, Gordon Birds*

*Wilson, Gordon Death*

*Wilson, Gordon Dies*

Elevator 2:5 Feb. 1911 – Wilson, Gordon 1911 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/1928](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/1928)

79 Because of editor's illness (noted in last issue) Gordon Wilson is the new editor. There are some literary contributions in the issue.

Henry Cherry Papers: Box 2 – Wilson, Gordon 1914

General Correspondence 1914

Gordon Wilson, Wickliffe, Ky. to Henry Cherry, Sept. 19, 1914 – Tells about his work at Indiana where he has been urged to stay on another year & finish. Majoring in English, minoring in Latin. Work at WKU has left him well prepared – Average in major & minors – over 95% & making under 90 so far. Happy as a university student but . . . "I am happiest in the schoolroom."

Henry Cherry Papers: Box 2 – Wilson, Gordon 1915

General Correspondence 1915

Gordon Wilson to Dr. A.J. Kinnaman, Jan. 13, 1915 (from Indiana University) – Has heard that President Henry Cherry has announced for governor & that you are to be president. He is about to finish his BA degree & with all A's except one B or B+ in math. Inquires about a position.

Gordon Wilson to A.J. Kinnaman, Feb. 20, 1915 – Has written Mr. Macon Leiper. Has accepted offer. "Whatever I can do to help in the work of the school, I shall gladly do."

Gordon Wilson Diaries – Wilson, Gordon 1917-18

(In Sept. 1917, Gordon Wilson enrolls at Indiana University to work on his MA.)

**1911-1975**  
Students  
Teachers

Oct. 3, 1917 at Indiana University – “I count myself fortunate in being able to spend this year in university. Since I completed my AB work I have been planning and hoping for my return to school. I enjoy growth, even the birth-throes of it.”

Oct. 16, 1917 – Will be a father in 6 months. Has often wondered how he would feel.

Oct. 14 – He was 29 today. No property except 300 books & some old clothes.

Jan. 7, 1918 – Letter from Henry Cherry rather upset him. Several of older teachers are away --- etc. & Henry Cherry wants him to consider returning to term starting Jan. 29. Hates to break into his work, but “I wrote him that with proper consideration of salary and, permanency, I would come, if needed.” Would be able to work in English, “the line I have always wanted to enter for ‘keeps.’” Would expect to return soon to complete his MA. Thinks Henry Cherry will make it worth his while to return.

Jan. 10, 1918 – Letter from Henry Cherry, offering Miss Reid’s position at \$150 per month. May have to teach some classes now outside English. Formally employed to end of this year (academic) “. . . but the understanding is that I am to be permanent if I am satisfied with my work and the outlook toward the future.” We are making our plans on that expectation. Confesses that he has been homesick for his birds & his students. He wants to take the Ky. youth “and show them things that they have never appreciated, whose existence they never even imagined.” He & Avis want an entire dorm where they can board a couple of boys.

Jan. 26 – Left for Bowling Green, visited in Louisville, got to Bowling Green at 7:00 pm.

Jan. 27 (Sunday) – Rented house of Mrs. Mary Adams on Nashville Pike. Moved in this afternoon.

College Heights Herald, May 1930 – Wilson, Gordon 1930 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/2276](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2276)

1 First page story that Gordon Wilson passed his exam at Indiana University & will get degree in June. Also – Miss Margie Helm got scholarship from Graduate Library School, University of Chicago.

College Heights Herald, May 11, 1934 – Wilson, Gordon 1934 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/3726](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3726)

4 Dr. Gordon Wilson gave his first commencement address at Beaver Dam in May 1919. Since then he has spoken to 100 classes, a total of over 1,500 students. 49 was largest senior high class. 2 classes had 1 graduate each. 14 were repeated visits. He said that Henry Cherry, Arndt Stickels, William Craig and Finley Grise had probably each given over 100 also.

Teachers College Heights, July 1935 – Wilson, Gordon, 1935 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/2073](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2073)

42 Series of articles, “Tidbits of Kentucky Folklore” will be released to Kentucky newspapers starting in September. Will be done by Gordon Wilson, head of the English department & editor of Kentucky Folklore Society (also treasurer). Expected to be one of most popular ever released by WKU.

Teachers College Heights, April 1937 – Wilson, Gordon 1937 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/1967](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/1967)

36 Gordon Wilson gets many letters as result of his “Tidbits of Kentucky Folklore.” Many are from out-of-state. Much amusement over two recent ones from Pennsylvania. One was from a penitentiary and the other from an insane asylum. (Both writers enjoyed the column.)

College Heights Herald, May 5, 1939 – Wilson, Gordon, 1939 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/3810](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3810)

1 Dr. Gordon Wilson broke his record for 1 day bird observations by finding 110 species on Saturday, April 22. His previous record had been 97 in 1923.

College Heights Herald, Nov. 19, 1943 – Wilson, Gordon 1943 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/4500](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4500)

1 His “Passing Institutions” will be published about Dec. 15. Consists of 70 of his “Tidbits of Kentucky Folklore” columns.

College Heights Herald, Oct. 11, 1946 – Wilson, Gordon, 1946 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/4544](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4544)

1 Dr. Gordon Wilson’s Fidelity Folks will be published about Nov. 28. More than 1,100 copies of Passing Institutions have been sold locally & 6<sup>th</sup> edition is being prepared.

College Heights Herald, April 7, 1950 – Wilson, Gordon 1950 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/2827](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2827)

3 Dr. Gordon Wilson will be giving 10 speeches, 5 of them commencement addresses, during April & May.

College Heights Herald, April 28, 1950 – Wilson, Gordon – Birds 1950 -

[https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/2828](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2828)

3 Past weekend Gordon Wilson saw 113 species in 2 days’ count. Dr. L.Y. Lancaster sighted 3 other species. This is a new record for the area.

College Heights Herald, June 25, 1954 – Wilson, Gordon 1954 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/2898](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2898)

3 Dr. Gordon Wilson has completed 1000 columns of “Tidbits of Kentucky Folklore.” Started in 1935 at request of Kelly Thompson. They go to about 80 newspapers. Gordon Wilson was a student teacher in Latin & English at WKU in 1912. Joined English faculty in 1915. Became head of department in 1928. AB Indiana University 1915; MA Indiana University 1924; PhD Indiana University 1930. Rural school teacher in Hickman 1907-1910.

College Heights Herald, April 18, 1958 – Wilson, Gordon - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/4600](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4600)

2 Says Gordon Wilson arrived at Bowling Green on the old 10:18 train on Jan. 18, 1908. Son of country doctor at New Concord, near Murray. “He promised himself that he would someday teach in the institution.”

Regents Minutes, May 7, 1959 – Wilson, Gordon - <https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1959/mtg/2/>

Has taught over 36,000 students. Has been head of English department over 30 years.” So long as the Kentucky Cardinal graces our campus – so long as the class bells ring in Cherry Hall – those of us who know him shall be reminded that Gordon Wilson spent his good years here.”

Regents Minutes, July 15, 1959 – Wilson, Gordon 1959 - <https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1959/qtrly/1/>

In Regents’ Resolution (Gordon Wilson & 7 others) – Head of department over 3 decades. “During these years his boundless energy, his wide variety of interests, and his zest for life have been surpassed only by his love for his work as a teacher and by his concern for the welfare of his students.” Taught 36,000.



Kelly Thompson Papers: 14 – Wilson, Gordon 1959

C – General Correspondence

A.L. Crabb, "An Ode to A Half Century." Speech.

"There is nothing knowable in which he does not share . . . It is is [If it is] history, or botany, or ornithology, or herpetology, or literature he knows it, data and disparity(?), chapter and verse . . . Yes, A. Gordon Wilson is the nearest approach to secular omniscience that ever added a cerebral wrinkle to a Hilltop brain."

Kelly Thompson Papers: 11 – Wilson, Gordon

Faculty Applications 1955-1959

W.M. Watkins, Liberty to Kelly Thompson, Jan. 17, 1960 – Remembers from the 1908-15 period the Twilight Hour with its games, songs and speeches. Gordon Wilson, in charge of one of them, "told the story of the opera 'Bohemian Girl' and sang 'Then You'll Remember me.' I must admit he did not have a Caruso voice, but he introduced me to the great world of music."

College Heights Herald, May 23, 1962 – Wilson, Gordon 1962 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/2178](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2178)  
1 Dr. Gordon Wilson has published Folkways of the Mammoth Cave Region, his 3<sup>rd</sup> book on Kentucky folklore.

Kelly Thompson Papers: 52(?) – Wilson, Gordon

Gordon Wilson

Gordon Wilson to Kelly Thompson, July 20, 1962 – Surprised by his comments about his "diary" being a valuable public document. Has been very personal, between you & me. Since then, has looked it over & marked in red some passages he would remove from both copies (comments on people, etc.) Would leave about 200 pages out of the 248 that would not be offensive.

Gordon Wilson to Kelly Thompson, July 27, 1962 – Here is the deleted material – which is the last written. Has mellowed a bit in the 3 years since he wrote it in 1959. "In going over these entries, I got many a thrill remembering the backgrounds of each one and I could reconstruct some of the less desirable features of our lives in the only Eden we have ever known. We, as well as Eve, have had our snakes; there just might be a few still lurking in some of the bushes."

Gordon Wilson to Kelly Thompson, Oct. 6, 1964 – "If I were asked to make a balance sheet for the college, it would show some fine weighting on our credit side. We have had some reverses, which I need not name; but the college was big enough to take those in stride and emerge from defeat with respect and courage. Some for choices in the faculty selection were not up to expectations, but the excellent choices so far outweigh the poor ones that it will not take long to regain all we may have lost. Even the ten Virgins of the Parable divided up half and half; our batting average is far ahead of that." Growth in non-physical assets has been as sound as in the buildings – faculty, curriculum, organization.

From Kelly Thompson introduction to Folklore of the Mammoth Cave Region in Kentucky. Quotes Gordon Wilson recently; "When I try to separate my life from that of the college, I have great difficulty, for both of them have run along together so long that they seem to be one instead of two."

Of the students around 1908: "Very few of those early hundreds had had a chance at high school. Most of them had to do their high school work after they were grown and pay for it with proceeds from teaching rural schools at \$30 to \$50 a month. . . . We were a bunch of enthusiasts, but we also learned some very solid facts and were able to hold our own in most of the states to the south and west."

Kelly Thompson Papers: 37 – Wilson, Gordon

Buildings, Name

Gordon Wilson to Kelly Thompson, Sept. 24, 1968 – Thanks for the building being named after him. He is soon to be 80. Proof for "Folklore of the Mammoth Cave Region" has been read & volume should be out after mid-October. Expects proof any day for "Birds of the Mammoth Cave National Park."

"It has been an unusual privilege that I have enjoyed as a retiree. In no way have I felt that I was not still a part of everything. The big schools seems as much a part of me as did the little school that it used to be. And just now, when I walked across to the Ogdan Campus to see Dr. Shadowen about some details of our K.O.S. (Kentucky Ornithological Society) meeting, several students whom I did not know by name until I asked them stopped me to speak to me about birds and camping out in Mammoth Cave National Park."

Gordon Wilson Collection: 3 – Wilson, Gordon 1969

Miscellaneous Items

Of the 10 years from retirement in 1959: "No other ten years have been any more active, any more enjoyable, any more filled with recognition by friends, any more productive of what I wanted to do." He has been very busy with writing, trips and speeches.

Courier-Journal, 4/13/1970 – Wilson, Gordon Dies 1970

Dr. Gordon Wilson, 81, died yesterday. Joined faculty in 1912. Became head of English Department in 1928. Retired at 70 in 1959. Estimated he had taught 36,000 college students. Authority on folklore, birds.

College Heights Herald, April 17, 1970 – Wilson, Gordon Dies 1970 -

[https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/4943](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4943)

3 Gordon Wilson, 81, died Sunday at Bowling Green Hospital after short illness. Had published over 50 articles since his retirement in 1959. Headed English Department 32 years. Entered WKU in 1908. Taught 36,000 college students, graduated 1,300 English majors.

Western Alumnus 38:4 Summer 1970 – Wilson, Gordon Death 1970 -

[https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/8858](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8858)

15 Gordon Wilson died at Bowling Green on Sunday, April 12, 1970. Aged 81. "Tidbits of Kentucky Folklore" in over 100 papers. Started 1935. At Western 1912-1959. Taught +/- 36,000. In 11 years of retirement – 50 articles. Linguist. Ornithologist. Old library named after him. "I like plain people and have tried to present them faithfully and lovingly."



<p>Western Alumnus 44:4, Spring 1975 – Wilson, Gordon - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8845">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8845</a>  25 Gordon Wilson, Sr., died April 12, 1970 at age 81. Gordon Wilson before death: "When I try to separate my life from that of the college, I have great difficulty, for both of them run along together so long that they seem to be one instead of two." He was at WKU 47 years. In 1959 he was given change of status that amounted to retirement – but he simply did more research &amp; writing than ever before.  25 Kelly Thompson to him at 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. "To you, Dr. Gordon Wilson, Western expresses its thanks. Western is proud that you feel that each little part of Western is somehow a part of you. Let us assure you, however, that the part of Western which we think is really you cannot be seen, as are bricks and concrete, for it exists in the world of the tangible. It is appreciation, together with affection and respect, in the minds and hearts of the students whose lives you have touched and the peers with whom you have served.  "You are Western, and you always will be – as much so as you were when you daily dispensed facts, figures, observations, and ideas in the classroom and inspired more than you will ever know."</p> <p>Liles, Parker. Memories – Wilson, Gordon  "A very interesting lecturer and motivator." Knew everything about every student he taught. Went with him on some Saturday bird walks. "He almost walked me to death." Probably my favorite teacher.</p>	
<p><b>Wilson, Ivan 1889-1981</b>  <i>Includes cards:</i>  <i>Wilson, Ivan: Dog</i>  <i>Wilson, Ivan: Paintings</i></p> <p>Henry Cherry Papers: 21 – Wilson, Ivan 1934  General Correspondence 1934  Ivan Wilson, 6 page memo to Henry Cherry, Oct. 1, 1934 – Art Department has been "woefully neglected" for 15 years – no special rooms or equipment, greatly oversized classes. Goes into detail about the lack of facilities. In art one almost has to give individual instruction to be effective. Situation is even more absurd for advanced students. Needs special equipment as much as Industrial Arts or Domestic Arts. We can't provide the training that the catalog promises. Desirable students look over what we have and go elsewhere. No 2 teachers can handle this enrollment. No general art class should have over 25. If ". . . we cannot have favorable conditions, I think our part of the catalog should be changed and I would like the privilege of withdrawing from the catalog certain courses and certain statements." Lists equipment needs at \$1500, plus a full-time teacher.</p> <p>Paul Garrett Papers: 5 – Wilson, Ivan 1937  Faculty through 1947  Ivan Wilson to Paul Garrett, Oct. 12, 1937 – Is poor speaker – has never even made an announcement at chapel. So is writing him information you seemed to indicate you wanted. Started teaching at WKU 17 years ago. Had no degree. For 10 years he had no help. Finally got an assistant in 1930. Realized he needed degree, so earned one from Peabody – masters. Went abroad &amp; studied art in Europe. "none of this effort was appreciably recognized . . ." Had expected some salary adjustment. Salary isn't sufficient to classify him as a department head. Has "never been able to meet my financial obligations." Has never mentioned salary to anyone until this moment &amp; would not do so now but for your suggestions at recent meeting of department heads. "I do not know the salary of any one on the faculty – not even that of my assistant; so I have no way of knowing whether I am right or wrong." Needs teaching help. Much of art teaching must involve individual attention. Has received almost nothing in way of equipment. Needs 3 full-time teachers with extra help in peak periods. Isn't critical of anyone – it is the situation that "is a reflection on the college." People haven't understood the nature of art &amp; teaching it. The room &amp; equipment situation has been "gloriously corrected."</p> <p>Paul Garrett to Ivan Wilson, June 22, 1938 – Doesn't see possibility now of adding faculty to the department. Understands hardship of individual instruction, but ". . . it will still be necessary to direct such students to schools which are equipped to afford them the opportunities for development which we are unable to offer."</p> <p>Ivan Wilson to Paul Garrett, May 16, 1938 – Has chance to get Miss Minnie S. Martin back in the department. About 5 years ago I asked to have her made department head. ". . . I am not by nature an administrator and consequently find the administrative duties of the department quite a burden to me . . ." Miss Minnie Martin is a born organizer &amp; administrator. For some reason request was granted. (She didn't know about it.) She went to Texas, but now she would like to return. Would like for her to do so &amp; to assume administrative duties.</p> <p>Ivan Wilson to Paul Garrett, Dec. 11, 1945 – He is not physically "strong enough to do the things necessary to make a department what it should be. I cannot attend conventions, meet people, revise curriculum and do the hundreds of things essential to the success of a department." Please accept this letter as his resignation as department head effective end of this 1945-46 year. Wants to teach technical subjects. Would like to see WKU match what Eastern Kentucky University, Murray State University &amp; Morehead State University are doing in art.</p> <p>Ivan Wilson to Paul Garrett, April 28, 1946 – Reminds him of his letter of May 16, 1938 – Couldn't understand his statement about sending students elsewhere to get art. With some improvements, we could have taken care of them. As far as art ability is concerned, we attract generally inferior students. Few talented students come to major or minor with us. To meet postwar demands, we need to increase offerings &amp; personnel must be expanded. Two people can't offer the necessary courses.</p> <p>Ivan Wilson to Paul Garrett, Nov. 19, 1945 – Gives list of materials urgently needed. Lab fee needs to be increased from 50¢; is inadequate.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Jan. 16, 1942 – Wilson, Ivan 1942 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4436">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4436</a>  3 Mr. Ivan Wilson has an exhibit of 36 paintings in Cherry Hall. Gave his first public showing last year. It went on to several other places, and so will this one. When shown at Purdue University, paper said that Mr. Wilson was considered "one of the foremost watercolor painters of his time."</p>	<p><b>1934-1977</b>  Teachers  Artists</p>

College Heights Herald, Oct. 30, 1942 – Wilson, Ivan 1942 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/4461](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4461)  
By Virginia Davis

1 "Ivan the Terrible" has been in trouble with police several times. Was studying painting at Toledo Museum and got locked in.

5 Charged with vagrancy in Bowling Green while painting in Burk's Alley. Had let beard grow; dressed poorly, rubbed coal dust over sockless ankles. Recent stopped while out for a walk as a suspicious character was reported in Jonesville area.

College Heights Herald, Nov. 24, 1944 – Wilson, Ivan 1944 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/4515](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4515)

1 Mr. Ivan Wilson has accepted invitation to exhibit about 40 of his paintings in March, 1945 at the William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Arts in Kansas City, Mo. Graduated from WKU; MA from Peabody; student at Art Institute of Chicago. He has never had any training in water colors. Until about 10 years ago he did only oils. Picked up water colors almost by accident & found he could do things with them that he couldn't do with oils. Average about a painting a day. Some of his best work took 15-30 minutes. Traveled & sketched in 10 European countries. Planned to return to North Wales in 1939, but war seemed imminent & he didn't go.

College Heights Herald, Feb. 9, 1951 – Wilson's Dog 1951 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/2843](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2843)

6 Ivan Wilson obtained Poody in May 1934. Poody was a large, handsome Irish setter. Gift from the Carroll Duncans. Poody started by chewing up a new dictionary, then the Wilson's best rug. Never had as much hunting training as he desired. He and Mr. Ivan Wilson did a great deal of walking together. He died in June 1948.

College Heights Herald, March 19, 1954 – Wilson, Ivan 1954 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/2894](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2894)

8 Ivan Wilson has an exhibit of 50 water colors at Peabody College. Did not take his first art lesson until age 22 and did not have formal training in the field until 10 years later. Did oils until 1935 when almost by accident he switched to water colors. Has had showings at many places. Landscapes are his favorite. Reads New Testament on average of once every 8 months.

College Heights Herald, March 11, 1955 – Wilson, Ivan 1955 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/2913](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2913)

4 Class of 1952 recently purchased Ivan Wilson's "Suspense" for the Student Union Building. He did not decide until this year that he would sell any of his works.

Kelly Thompson Papers: 16 – Wilson, Ivan 1957

Department of Art

Ivan Wilson to Kelly Thompson, Aug. 12, 1957 – Indicated in my letter of Sept. 7, 1956 that I didn't expect to be at WKU much longer. At end of 1958 school year, will have qualified for social security. Would like to retire then. "I greatly desire a few years with Mrs. Wilson and my watercolors. Besides, the strain of the past few years – especially that of last year – was almost too much for me. I am in my sixty-ninth year and am not as strong as I may look to be."

College Heights Herald, April 18, 1958 – Wilson, Ivan 1958 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/4600](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4600)

4 Fairly long article on Ivan Wilson. Sketch of career. Says he has completed 2,650 paintings. At WKU as student he worked as paper boy, waiter, fired furnaces, tended gardens. First art lesson when 22; first formal art training at 31. Has never had formal training in water colors, but has watched only one professional water colorist at work. About 35 years ago he picked up some water colors, found he could do things with them that he could never have done with oils. For years he averaged a painting a day. Now he does 3 on Saturday. He & Mrs. Wilson have traveled about 25,000 miles by railroad. Never carries a sketch pad now. (More details on career). Plays "poorly" on piano. Vividly interested in Bible history & study of snakes. "I am a great lover of nature. In truth I am downright sentimental in my regard for nature . . . I work for pattern, color, and character of subject matter, and I do not hesitate to change a form or a color in nature, or to change the location of either when I think such a change will enhance my composition."

Margerie. Claggett Collection: 9 - Wilson, Ivan

Ivan Wilson --- by Kate Duncan, April 1973

Says that education was then often on the installment plan. "Graduation was often acquired along with the first gray hairs." He came to Bowling Green in 1911. Henry Cherry asked him to start teaching in 1920. They lived in Cherryton, then built their home in 1928. Quit doing oils in 1934. Ivan Wilson got MA at Peabody in 1933. Moved to Hazel in 1969.

Western Alumnus 42:6, Fall 1973 – Wilson, Ivan 1973 – [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/8848](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8848)

1 Willson Wood, "He Did Not Teach Art – He Taught People." "unselfish service" "modest and humble" Born in Calloway County. Started rural school in 1895. Came to WKU as student in 1911. Taught 2-3 years in Tennessee, ½ year military service, some travel, otherwise at Western.

2 Married Emma Albritton in 1922. Started teaching in 1920 before he got degree at request of Dr. Henry Cherry – drawing & penmanship. Didn't finish degree for 10 years. Got MA at Peabody at age 44. Studied art summer at Chicago Art Institute, his only formal training. Changed from oils to water color in 1934. Did some commercial work in middle years – book illustration, Ford Motor Company. But it was years before he would sell any of his paintings. Miss Frances Richards says class of 1952 had \$62 left over after raising money for a scholarship. Tried to buy a painting, but he wouldn't sell. They left money in Bowling Green in a bank under Miss Richards' care. Two years later (1954) Mr. Ivan Wilson decided to sell them one. He was finally persuaded to send some of his work to exhibits, including one in Paris. Friends gradually persuaded him to increase his early prices.

3 He was fond of saying: "I did not teach art; I taught people." Miss Frances Richards: ". . . perhaps no other person has left a greater imprint on thousands of the alumni of the University than Ivan Wilson. In his quiet and unassuming manner he was an influence in the lives of his former students that can never be measured." Says that within a year of moving to Hazel over 200 former students & friends visited him. Retired in 1958 after 38 years on the faculty. Colleague recently said to Mr. Wilson: "Do you know what your greatest fault is? It is a complete lack of vanity. Every man ought to have a respectable amount of it. No, I'll take it back. The kind of modesty and humility you have surpasses human understanding. I am in no position to judge."

College Heights Herald, Friday, Oct. 12, 1973 – Wilson, Ivan 1973 -

[https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/3501](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3501)

<p>6-7 Long article by Willson Wood on Ivan Wilson.</p> <p>Western Alumnus 47:4, Spring 1977 – Wilson Paintings 1977 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/1950">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/1950</a>  28 E. Wallace Barr Jr. (1947) has given WKU 50 watercolors of Ivan Wilson. In memory of the 3 sons of President Paul L. Garrett, now all deceased – Harvy T. “Pete”, Ryland G. &amp; Paul E., Jr. Paintings range from 1938 to 1968.</p> <p>Duncan, Kate. Ivan Wilson – Wilson, Ivan  1 Born on Calloway County farm, July 29, 1889. Emma Allbritten b. July 20, 1891, 5 miles away. Ivan came to WKU in 1911 at age 21. Wanted to be artists, had drawn as long as he could remember. 1917 taught in Tennessee. Sept. 1918 – Feb. 1919 in (2) army in Louisville. Returned to school at WKU. 1920 Henry Cherry offered job – drawing &amp; penmanship. Married in Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 24, 1922. Lived in The Village. She taught in Hart County 1924-33 (high school). Came home on weekends.  3 Built home, moved into it in Jan. 1929. Mr. Claggett met Ivan over garden fence &amp; they became great friends.  5 Attended Chicago Art Institute summers of 1921, 1922, 1923. Work was chiefly in oils until 1934. Came home, had urge to paint but not time to do an oil. Picked up beginners’ watercolors, never went back to oils. Had photographic mind – didn’t paint outdoors.  6 Rufus was his beloved dog, 1934-58. Dark red. (Ret had just died.)  7 Bird dog. Ivan didn’t like to hunt, but they took long walks. Jimmy Cornette later joined them.  8 Got MA at Peabody 1933. In 1935 was one of 9 art students who spent 3 months in England &amp; western Europe.  9 Painted a great deal in Burk’s Alley, wore old clothes. Someone then called out:  10 “There goes that old hobo artist!”  11 Took long train trips on which he stored up pictures to paint. Retired in 1948 after 38 years in the department. 1961 – one more show in Paris, arranged by  12 [Joe] Dudley Downing  13 He refused to sell any picture for many years, then wanted low prices, “so my students can afford to buy them.”  14 Sold house, moved back to Hazel in 1968.</p>	
<p><b>Wilson, O.J. 1909-1987</b>  Kelly Thompson Papers; 17 – Wilson, O.J. 1964  Department of Philosophy  O.J. Wilson to Kelly Thompson, Jan. 13, 1964 – Letter of resignation, apparently after one semester at WKU. Doesn’t state just why – “. . . the challenge to a unique and humanitrain [sic] service to my fellowman confronts me now . . . “</p> <p>Kelly Thompson Papers: 42 – Wilson, O.J.  Institutional Research 1966-67  O.J. Wilson (Dean, Lake City Junior College, Florida) to Kelly Thompson, Oct. 1, 1965 – He “made a serious mistake when I resigned from Western two years ago.” Would like to be reconsidered for appointment in 1966-67. (Tells about the great work he had done there.) (In later letter, Kelly Thompson says they will discuss matter generally; he isn’t sure yet about detailed needs.)</p> <p>O.J. Wilson to Vice President Raymond Cravens, Jan. 10, 1966 – A Dr. John Smith has visited your campus in regard to possible position. Should tell you that he is an active minister. “A second reservation relates to Dr. Smith’s close ties with the American Association of University Professors.” Is president of local chapter at Findlay College. “. . . his interest and activity in this organization might be inimical and unrelated to his duties as a teacher in Western.”</p>	<p><b>1964-1965</b></p>
<p><b>Winkenhofer, Arnold</b>  Teachers College Heights March 1934 – Winkenhofer, A.J. 1934  25 A.J. Winkenhofer has been elected to position in College High for next year. Will teach, coach football, assist in Physical Education. Has been at Princeton High School the last 2 years.</p> <p>Paul Garrett Papers: 4 – Winkenhofer, Arnold 1945  1941-46 Wu-Wy (1947-49)  Paul Garrett to Arnold Winkenhofer, Red Cross, Atlanta, July 14, 1945 – Sorry that he will not want to work again in Training School. “I am still of the opinion that you are the best worker with high school boys I have ever known.” Impossible to predict now what situation will be in college.</p> <p>Arnold Winkenhofer to Paul Garrett, July 6, 1945 – Tell shim he will not return to Training School. If college, would want leave of absence to continue.</p> <p>Paul Garrett to Arnold Winkenhofer, Feb. 22, 1946 – Position as director of Physical Education &amp; head football coach has bene offered Dooley [Ed Stansbury] who accepted by phone. Now trying to get him out of service. His wishes are due some consideration in selection of assistant. Can’t imagine how rumor started you and I have had a heated disagreement. We haven’t always agreed, but that is fine.</p>	<p><b>1934-1945</b>  Athletics</p>
<p><b>Woman Elected</b>  College Heights Herald, Jan. 13, 1950 – Woman Elected 1950 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2822">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2822</a>  3 Margaret “Griff” Griffin, from Owensboro, was elected president of the sophomore class. She is 1<sup>st</sup> woman ever elected to class presidency at WKU. Her ambition is to be elected governor of Kentucky.</p>	<p><b>1950</b>  Women</p>
<p><b>Women Employed</b>  Henry Cherry Papers; 23 – Women Employed 1935  General Correspondence 1935</p>	<p><b>1935</b>  Women</p>

<p>Henry Cherry to Dean C.R. Maxwell, University of Wyoming, July 15, 1935 – board has no rule regarding employment of married women. In last few years Henry Cherry has had to tell unmarried women on faculty &amp; staff that their positions will cease if they get married. We are checking(?) tendency to employ married women.</p>	
<p><b>Women's Athletics</b>  <i>Includes cards: Woman – Sports</i></p> <p>College Heights Herald, May 15, 1963 – Woman – Sports 1963 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2134">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2134</a>  9 Says Kathy Kulp, Delaware freshman, came to watch a tennis match with Austin Peay State University, ended up playing. She and Bill Ward won a doubles match 6-2, 6-2. 1<sup>st</sup> woman in intercollegiate athletics since basketball was dropped 40 years ago.  (Why did she play?) I called Ted Hornback on 8/1/1984. He was out of town, left a student in charge, who did it. (Not fair to the ones trying to make the team.)</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Friday, Feb. 9, 1973 – Women's Athletics 1973 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5001">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5001</a>  1 Application submitted in late January to Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. Teams are being organized now for tennis, golf &amp; gymnastics. Final approval is still pending but is expected soon. Formal application was made early last fall.  3 Dero Downing appointed Burch Oglesby, John Minton, John Oldham to study it. Decided time was ripe for it. Problem: budget, facilities, coaches. Other sports will probably be added.</p> <p>Western Alumnus nd – Women's Athletics 1973  Sheila Conway, "Women's Athletes Arrive" [Women's Athletics Return? - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8851">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8851</a>]  WKU started women's intercollegiate competition in fall, 1973. Assistant professor of Physical Education Betty Langley proposed it formally to Athletic Committee. John Oldham said there had been some informal discussion 3 years ago but no definite proposal. Co-ordinator is Dr. Shirley Laney. Gymnastics, coached by Ray Rose, was the first. Adele Gleaves was member of U.S. team at World University Games in Moscow.  Tennis – Betty Langley  Track &amp; Field – Shirley Laney  Golf – Dr. Long  Basketball – Pam Dickson, graduate student.  Dr. Shirley Laney operates program with about \$5,800 and coaches get a reduction in load. Says this is better than at most Kentucky schools. John Oldham says development will depend on the amount of interest shown. He doesn't think it is very high at present.</p> <p>Courier-Journal, Jan. 3, 1974 – Dr. Burch Oglesby, head of Physical Education &amp; Recreation Department, says WKU's feeling that team activities were not ladylike hindered development. Volleyball will be added &amp; a coach is being sought for basketball. About 60 girls are now involved.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Jan. 15, 1974 – Women's Sports 1974 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3519">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3519</a>  10 Women's intercollegiate track &amp; field team was formed last week. Dr. Shirley Laney is coach. Women's basketball team will play Bellarmine College Saturday in its first game. Pam Dickson, graduate student is coach.</p> <p>Western Alumnus 43:4 Spring 1974 – Women's Athletics 1974 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8851">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8851</a>  12 Article by Sheila Conway. Women's intercollegiate athletics has returned to WKU after gap of over 40 years. Issue raised over 3 years ago but nothing done. Then a Physical Education Department member (now at another school) talked to Athletic Director John Oldham. She put request in writing &amp; it went to Athletic Committee. Coordinator of women's sports – Dr. Shirley Laney. 4 of 5 started last fall:  13 track &amp; field; golf; tennis; basketball. Then gymnastics was added. Dr. Shirley Laney says coaches get some load reduction. Budget of \$5,800 compares favorably with other Kentucky schools. There has been a sharp increase in interest in Kentucky on high school level.</p> <p>Courier-Journal, Feb. 6, 1975 – Women's Athletics 1975  WKU will offer 1<sup>st</sup> athletic scholarships to women in 1975-76. There will be at least 2 in 5 sports.</p> <p>Western Alumnus 45:4, Winter 1975-76 – Women's Athletics 1976  Article by Ed Given on women's athletics.  18 Future is very uncertain now. Title IX in US legislation has caused much confusion. Must all facilities, expenditures, etc. be absolutely equal for women? WKU had teams in basketball, golf, tennis, track &amp; gymnastics, but this is 1<sup>st</sup> year grants-in-aid have been given.  19 WKU is now strengthening its program in all women's sports.</p>	<p><b>1963-1976</b>  Athletics  Sports  Women</p>
<p><b>Women's Rights</b>  College Heights Herald, Dec. 13, 1961 – Women's Rights 1961 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2168">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2168</a>  3 Miss Sarah Denny, Glasgow, is majoring in Industrial Arts (freshman). She was allowed to take it but was advised not to do so.</p>	<p><b>1961</b>  Women</p>
<p><b>Wood, Willson Emory 1907-2006</b>  <i>Includes card: Wood, Retires</i></p> <p>College Heights Herald, May 22, 1959 – Wood, Willson 1959 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4613">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4613</a>  Will replace Gordon Wilson as head of English Department. 1941-47 College High; 1947+ English Department at WKU.</p>	<p><b>1959-1972</b>  Teachers</p>

<p>College Heights Herald, Friday, April 14, 1972 – Wood, Retires 1972 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4862">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4862</a></p> <p>1 Dr. Willson Wood, head of English department for 13 years &amp; faculty member for 31, is retiring at 65. He will continue to do some teaching. Says that when he was appointed head: "I never applied for this position, nor was I consulted about the matter." (1959) Says he &amp; 12-15 others were called to president's home. "The president said he had some announcements to make and he proceeded to tell us who was what. One man was to be dean of the college and there were several heads of departments. It had never been mentioned to me." Says he enjoys working with both students and teachers, loves to see things working smoothly.</p> <p>3 These departments were "mothered" by English: speech &amp; theatre; journalism; religion &amp; philosophy; mass communications; folk lore. "I'm going to settle down and teach at Western and fill out as few questionnaires as possible."</p>	
<p><b>Woodrow Wilson Fellowship</b> College Heights Herald, March 16, 1967 – Woodrow Wilson Fellowship 1967</p> <p>1 Senior Judith Ann Williams, Bowling Green, has been selected for \$2000 Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. (Plus tuition &amp; fees) Biology major. For graduate study. 1<sup>st</sup> Western to get it: Nancy Davis (when?).</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Feb. 22, 1968 – Woodrow Wilson Fellowship - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/9004">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/9004</a></p> <p>1 Senior Roger Angevine, math &amp; physics major, is WKU's 3<sup>rd</sup> Woodrow Wilson fellowship winner.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Feb. 24, 1970 – Woodrow Wilson 1970 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4923">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4923</a></p> <p>1 Carol Davis, senior history major from Paducah, has received Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. Charles Mason, history major, Cadiz, got honorable mention. (History or English?) She hasn't decided yet where to go. She is 4<sup>th</sup> winner from WKU. Nancy Hightower Davis – English, Judith Williams 1967, Roger Angevine 1968.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Tuesday, March 2, 1971 – Woodrow Wilson Fellowship 1971 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4799">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4799</a></p> <p>2 Keith A. Utley, Henderson, English major is WKU's 5<sup>th</sup> Woodrow Wilson Fellowship finalist. (Not a "winner" so he doesn't get a scholarship.)</p>	<p><b>1967-1971</b></p>
<p><b>Woods, Elizabeth Moseley 1865-1967</b> <i>Includes card: Woods, E. Dies</i></p> <p>Sybil Stonecipher Interview – Woods, Elizabeth 1929 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/889">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/889</a></p> <p>Miss Elizabeth Woods was in the department when she came. ". . . a beautiful portrait of a lday if ever I saw one . . . She was a gentlewoman . . ."</p> <p>Henry Cherry Papers; 61 – Woods, Elizabeth Special Correspondence – Elizabeth Woods 1937-36 In the 1930s she is head of Language Department and is Chairman of the Campus Committee. She takes care of much of the landscaping, especially the plantings. She is also quite active in connection with Kentucky Building. She is Chairman of Committee on Antiques for Kentucky Building. (Elizabeth Wood to Nora Mean(?) Oak Park, Ill., June 24, 1931.)</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Oct. 11, 1935 – Woods, Elizabeth 1935 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3744">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3744</a></p> <p>1 Miss Elizabeth Woods is in charge of the Hill's horticulture. Has been very busy landscaping Kentucky Building Grounds.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Oct. 5, 1967 – Woods, E., Dies 1967 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4729">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4729</a></p> <p>9 Miss Elizabeth Woods died last Friday at Bowling Green home. Aged 102. Joined faculty in 1911. Was head of foreign languages for 26 years. Then helped landscape campus.</p>	<p><b>1929-1967</b> Teachers</p>
<p><b>Woodward, R.C.</b> College Heights Herald, 2/25/1926 – Woodward, R.C. 1926 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2240">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2240</a></p> <p>2 Mr. R.C. Woodward is superintendent of grounds. Has been here 15 years. Works 6 days a week and gets called on Sunday. Started work as carpenter on Administration Building [Van Meter Hall] in Nov. 1910. Later helped move to the Hill. Praises Mr. Alexander's surveying for its help in landscaping. Mr. R.C. Woodward planned &amp; built a dozen of bungalows in the village. He now has charge of the plumbing, ice plant, janitors &amp; fireman. At one time he was night watchman. Who was his boss? "Ole, Mr. Cherry, is my boss, and he's a good one, too. He is always so considerate and willing to trust me." Gave Miss Elizabeth Woods credit for all the flowers. His home at 1416 Park. 3 of his 5 children are in the Training School.</p> <p>College Heights Herald, Nov. 7, 1947 – Woodward, R.C. 1947 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4560">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4560</a></p> <p>4 Mr. R.C. Woodward is supervisor of campus maintenance. Has been at WKU since Feb. 1911 – longer than any other employee. 6' tall, grey hair, blue eyes. Has done much to make the campus what it is today.</p>	<p><b>1926-1947</b></p>
<p><b>Work Days</b> Henry Cherry Papers: 74 – Work Days 1920 Reports to Regents, Nov. 18, 1920 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1920/mtqs/3/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/bor/1920/mtqs/3/</a></p>	<p><b>1920</b></p>



<p>On Thursday &amp; Friday, Oct. 21-22 school adjourned and all students &amp; faculty, organized in squads, contributed 2 days of work to the school. Would have cost at least \$2,000. Mr. Henry Wright spent those days &amp; next one here as general director. He prepared future plan. He became so enthusiastic he donated one day's pay.</p>	
<p><b>Work – Students</b>  Henry Cherry Papers: 14 – Work – Students 1929  General Correspondence 1929  (MM?) [Mattie McLean] to Viola O'Bryan, New Hope, Dec. 14, 1929 – Those who work in dining room for meals work 20-21 hours per week. For room &amp; meals – 35 hours per week.</p> <p>Henry Cherry Papers: 15 – Work: Student 1930  General Correspondence 1930  Mattie McLean to Dr. R.F. Duncan, Tompkinsville, Aug. 23, 1930 – Now over 600 applications for work.</p> <p>Henry Cherry Papers: 21 – Work: Student 1934  General Correspondence 1934  Mattie McLean to Cran(?) R. Depp, Georgia, Sept. 6, 1934 – Federal Emergency Relief Administration quota has been filled for the fall, but some may drop out. Those accepted work up to 50 hours per month &amp; are paid 30¢ per hour. This meets the \$3.50 cost of meals (per week) in Potter Hall.</p> <p>Cran(?) Depp to J.R. Whitmer, Sept. ? 1934 – Depp saw in paper that WKU would be able to employ 157 students. Seeks help.</p> <p>Henry Cherry to Martin C. Wallis, Golden Pond, Oct. 9, 1934 – Says about 300 students are working. Most that one can earn is \$3.50 per week.</p> <p>Henry Cherry Papers: 22 – Work: Students 1935  General Correspondence 1935  Henry Cherry to R.E. Cooper, Hopkinsville, Jan. 31, 1935 – “. . . I left my office and went home last Friday in order to scape from the many, many demands made on me from students for employment. If I were a millionaire, I would spend my money helping young men and women who are seeking an education, but at the same time I would put the obligation on them to pay it back.”</p>	<p><b>1929-1935</b>  Students  Employment</p>
<p><b>Work–Study</b>  Kelly Thompson Papers: 28 – Work–Study 1965  Work Study Program  Senator John Sherman Cooper to Kelly Thompson, Jan. 29, 1965 – WKU has been approved for grant of \$19,694 for a work-study program. (Later – Dee Gibson is coordinator of the program.)</p> <p>College Heights Herald, May 12, 1966 – Work-Study 1966 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4686">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4686</a>  2 1 of 8 (950) students at WKU are on work-study program. Mr. Dee Gibson is director. Based on financial need.</p>	<p><b>1965-1966</b>  Students  Employment</p>
<p><b>Workers</b>  College Heights Herald, April 24, 1979 – Workers 1979 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3453">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3453</a>  12 WKU has 27 openings for physical plant workers. There are 295 budgeted positions. Main reason for loss of skilled workers is that WKU's wages are 25-40% below local industries. Shortage of unskilled also. About 50% turnover in past year.</p>	<p><b>1979</b>  Employment  Wages</p>
<p><b>Workers: Bargaining</b>  College Heights Herald, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 1979 – Workers: Bargaining 1979 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5562">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5562</a>  1 About 10 employees &amp; attorney Gary Logsdon of Brownsville are to meet with officials of a collective bargaining organization on Oct. 30. 75-100 WKU workers attended Saturday meeting in Lampkin Park at which Gary Logsdon said: “the university has not followed up on the assurances of a diligent effort to rectify the wage problem.” WKU has over 700 classified employees.</p> <p>Nov. 6 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5587">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5587</a>  1 Kentucky Education Association officials with whom employees have met may talk to regents on dec. 1. About 117 employees have joined Kentucky Education Association.</p> <p>Nov. 29 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5581">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5581</a>  1 Group of Kentucky Education Association representatives met with President Donald Zacharias before Thanksgiving to discuss workers' (7) problems. They said he was “receptive and courteous.”</p> <p>Tuesday Dec. 4 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5580">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5580</a>  1 Regents voted Saturday not to recognize Kentucky Education Association or any other group as bargaining representative of WKU's hourly workers. Said that the General Assembly had not set a policy on collective bargaining by 3<sup>rd</sup> parties. “In the event any employee or group of employees engage in any strike, slowdown, sick-in, or other work stoppage, the present is directed to take actions that are appropriate to maintain a full and effective work force for the performance of the university's public functions.  “Actions authorized include, but are not limited to, job sanctions, up to and including discharge.”</p>	<p><b>1979</b>  Labor unions  Employees  Employee rights</p>



<p>Board did not allow Kentucky Education Association representatives to address the Board on behalf of the workers. Charles Vice, KEA program director, "Even the United Nations allowed the Ayatollah Khomeini the opportunity to speak."  2 Rhonda Harrod, housekeeper &amp; spokesperson for the workers, said the Classified Employee Organization need 30% increase now + 30% later for a decent living.</p> <p>Dec. 6 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5578">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5578</a>  1 Donald Zacharias spoke Tuesday to meeting attended by about 400 WKU employees (all types). Rhonda Harrod has invited him to meet Saturday with the classified employees in off-campus location: "... our concerns and problems are different than those of many of the other employees at Western." Doesn't believe administration, regents, public "fully understand the problem – low pay, poor working conditions and low morale – that exist among the employees at Western."  2 At Tuesday meeting Donald Zacharias: "The people on this campus are free to join any organization they choose." Said holidays would not be taken away.</p> <p>Tuesday, Dec. 11 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5577">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5577</a>  1 Group of workers are scheduled to meet with 3 area legislators, Jody Richards, Frank Miller and Buddy Adams at different times. Dr. Donald Zacharias declined to meet with group last Saturday. An air conditioning technician was asked to leave the meeting after saying he had no complaints and no problems with his supervisors.</p>	
<p><b>Workshops</b>  Paul Garrett Papers: 6 – Workshops 1944-1947  Workshop Letters 1944-1947  Several letters. WKU during war offered some special on-campus work-shops, but in post-war period Paul Garrett's usual response was that all of faculty was needed on campus; have your teachers come here. Examples:</p> <p>Paul Garrett to Miss Beulah P. Carpenter, Salyersville, April 14, 1947  Paul Garrett to Supt. R.C. Reneau, Albany, April 14, 1947</p>	<p><b>1944-1947</b>  Workshops</p>
<p><b>World War I 1914-1919</b>  <i>Includes cards:</i>  <i>War</i>  <i>War Courses - WWI</i>  <i>War, Support of</i>  <i>War – WWI</i>  <i>War – WWI Pressures</i>  <i>World War</i></p> <p>Gordon Wilson Diaries, Feb. 2, 1917 – World War I 1917  "I am very much alarmed over the turn things have taken because of Germany's new plan for promiscuous submarine activity. It looks as if the United States might be involved in war before many days." Must end soon, the cost in lives and money is unbearable.</p> <p>April 11 (Had war been declared?) At 2:00 school had "a patriotic demonstration" at Fort Albert Johnston. Every [one] had flag. Bowling Green band played. Speeches by R.P. Green &amp; one / two more. Then marched 4 abreast down State Street to Central Park. Speech, songs. Horses decorated in flags and bunting. Large crowd.</p> <p>April 30 "A great many of our boys are leaving now to join the army and navy." A dozen have left in last few days. Re: Selective Service: "The boys say they had rather go voluntarily than to be forced into the ranks." "A decided depression has come upon the whole school as a result of this . . ." Gordon Wilson says it would have been better to have established a training camp some months ago so men could have received training while continuing classes.</p> <p>June 5, 1917 School dismissed after chapel as it was Registration Day for the new conscription law. "After chapel I went to my polling place and registered."</p> <p>July 20 The numbers are being drawn today for conscription. He went down to courthouse late in afternoon to see if his number (1877) had been drawn, but it hadn't.</p> <p>July 21 Learned from the Courier-Journal that his number is about 1,560<sup>th</sup> on the list.</p> <p>University: History – World War I 1917  Faculty Minutes: 1907-33  April 23, 1917 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8538">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8538</a>  "The names of a large number of the most prominent students in school were reported as having withdrawn in order to join the army."  Sept. 17, 1917 – Patriotic Week will be Sept. 25 – 30.</p> <p>Henry Cherry Papers: Box 3 – War – WWI 1917  General Correspondence 1917  Henry Cherry to T.J. Coates, president Eastern Kentucky University, May 7, 1917 – "A great many of our students have joined the army and others are joining daily. Of course, this has made quite a gap in the institution and is having a tendency to cut off the incoming attendance."</p> <p>Henry Cherry Papers: Box 3 – War – WWI Pressures 1917  General Correspondence 1917</p>	<p><b>1917-1918</b>  World War I, 1914-1918  Wars  Patriotism  Home front  Influenza  Epidemics</p>

Arthur B. Krask(?), managing editor of Courier-Journal & Times to Henry Cherry, May 19, 1917 – Asks him to comment on anonymous letter from “an independent and intelligent person in Bowling Green.” But won’t print anonymous letters.

Henry Cherry to Arthur Krask(?), May 28, 1917 – Objection was apparently to a female singer who sang 2 German songs at Music Festival. Henry Cherry says the \$2,000 fee was raised by ticket sales, not tax money. She sang in several languages, was hired well before war was declared. Prof. Franz Strahm was himself born in Germany. His son is in service “and will no doubt give his life for the cause of America before the war is over.” Defends patriotism of WKU & its people.

Henry Cherry to William J. Deboe, Marion, Oct. 24, 1917 – William Deboe is apparently running for office against a Judge Nunn. William Deboe objects because the Judge has been scheduled to speak on patriotic program & he hasn’t. Henry Cherry replies that politics had played no part – he didn’t even know politics of most of the volunteer speakers. (He assigns ones outside county – local committee assigns in county speaker). Judge Nunn had volunteered – you hadn’t. “I think you will decide after you read this letter, that you yourself are at fault for not having been assigned to Webster County this week. The fact is, I cannot see where speaking at a patriotic meeting has anything whatever to do with one’s political ambitions, unless someone was willing to use the meeting in order to gain party advantage, and in this cause it would do the individual more harm than good.”

William Deboe to Henry Cherry, Oct. 22, 1917 – He is candidate for state Senate. Complains that all speakers are democrats.

Normal Heights, Aug. 1917 – War, 1919, 1917 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/4081](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4081)

1 Henry Cherry urges former students to urge full participation in the Patriotic Week that will begin Sept. 25. The Patriotic Conference held in Louisville on August 17-18 was very successful. Henry Cherry: “All of us cannot go to the war, but we can aid very materially by developing public sentiment along the lines that will be discussed at these meetings.”

Henry Cherry is Chairman of the Publicity and Speakers’ Bureau Committee of the State Council of Defense.

On Aug. 17 Henry Cherry was elected chairman of the Louisville conference. Gives pages of details on the conference. Gives Woodrow Wilson’s war speech, etc. Whole issue is a war issue.

Oct. 1917 “Patriotic Week Number” - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/4077](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4077)

1 Gives report on success of “Patriotic Week.” Says 50,000 copies of the “War Number” of Normal Heights were distributed in the state. Tells what was done in each county. Henry Cherry & other faculty members spoke at a number of meetings.

4 Henry Cherry in editorial: “We did not declare war. War has been thrust upon us over our protest. We only recognized that a state of war existed and that the liberties of the American people had been violently attacked. We refused to go to war until it became necessary to fight for self-preservation – in self-defense – and for a vindication of those inalienable principles of liberty that our forefathers established at the cost of sacrifice and blood.”

Teachers College Heights, Jan. 1932 – World War 1917 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/1958](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/1958)

35 Henry Cherry said that several hundred students volunteered for military service as soon as war was declared. The dead numbered 23.

Henry Cherry Papers; 76 – World War I 1918

Personal Correspondence 1917-21

Henry Cherry to George W. Cherry, Medford, Oregon, Jan. 4, 1918 – “the war has really broken into our school terrifically and taken many of our teachers and potentially all of our men. In fact, the school is in the war. It is militant and is fighting. Most of those connected with the institution did not wait to be drafted.”

“I have felt the thrill myself and regret that I cannot say ‘Come on boys’ instead of ‘Go on boys,’ but I am trying to do the best I can as a civilian.”

Henry Cherry Papers: 76 – World War I 1918

Personal Correspondence 1917-21

Henry Cherry to Mrs. Henry Cherry [Bess], Daytona, Florida, Feb. 25, 1918 – Josephine [Cherry] has German measles; city is full of it. “We are not allowed, however, to call it German measles. It would not be proper to refer to it other than victory or liberty measles.”

Normal Heights, April 1918 – World War 1918 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/4057](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4057)

1 Says “One of the greatest programs ever given on Normal Heights will be held on the Fourth of July. Some of the world’s most distinguished leaders and speakers will appear upon the program. Music will be furnished by the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. It is expected that the greatest gathering that ever convened on Normal Heights will attend this program.”

2 During past term, speakers on campus have included French & Canadian officers.

4 The 1918 summer term had a number of “War Emergency Courses” that were open to everyone.

Conversational French

War Service Course in Physics

War Service Course in Descriptive Astronomy

War Service Course in Geography

War Service Course in Home Economics

7 Normal War Service Society has been formed. To promote sale of Thrift and War Saving Stamps.

Henry Cherry Papers: 26 – War, Support of

Special Correspondence 1917-21

Henry Cherry to Pvt. Roy L. Mayhew, c/o ---, New York City, June 14, 1918 – Faculty & students have responded generously to Red Cross, YMCA, Thrift Stamps, Liberty Bonds, etc. Student body agreed to give day’s work picking strawberries for Red Cross. The “sunburned face and blistered hands” earned over \$500.

Henry Cherry to Add Tarter, Camp Taylor, Ky., June 13, 1918 – The commencement speaker tonight will be Dr. Lincoln McConnell His subject: "The Devil and the Kaiser."

Henry Cherry Papers: Box 3 – War Courses – WWI 1918  
General Correspondence 1918

Henry Cherry to Dr. Bruce Payne, Peabody College, Sept. 26, 1918 – Asks for information about the War Issues Course that is to be offered. Is it compulsory for SATC men? How many hours per week? How are subjects to be taught?

Henry Cherry to Bruce Payne (Regional Director Student Army Training Corps), Sept. 24, 1918 – Has appointed Prof. Arndt Stickels as Chairman of the War Aims Course.

World War I

Herry Cherry to George Cherry, Oct. 19, 1918 – Bowling green has been hard hit by the flu. School adjourned 2 weeks ago and will probably not start for another 2 weeks. "Everybody connected with our school who was not sick has been turned into a nurse . . . The Military Unit is in session but has been badly crippled on account of the disease. . . The barracks have been completed. . . ."

Gordon Wilson Diaries – World War I 1918

Oct. 29, 1918 "Buren Evans, one of our graduates of the class of 1918, died September 29 aboard a transport bound for France. His body was sent back here and the burial took place today. Miss Beard, Miss Gilchrist, Mr. Leiper, and I sung and Mr. Alexander made a short, appreciative talk." Large number present.

Nov. 11 "It is ended, I suppose. Since 3:00 the whistles have been blaring, the courthouse bell ringing, and the townspeople yelling themselves hoarse. And the roosters, as if not to be outdone, are celebrating by crowing lustily. Somebody has already rigged up some anvils and we are in the midst of a miniature bombardment. Every gun in town is being fired as rapidly as it can be reloaded.

Nov. 28 Shortages are already easing, meat prices have fallen. Hopes to get back to graduate school, to buy a house. Has been writing stories – now will have to find a publisher. A number of students are enrolled.

### **World War II, 1939-1945**

*Includes cards:*

*War*

*War: Cadets*

*War – Call Ups*

*War Calls*

*War - Casualties*

*War - Deaths*

*War – Effects*

*War Effort*

*War Plans*

*War – World War II*

*World War II*

*World War II: Cadets*

*World War II – Ended*

*World War II - Library*

College Heights Herald, Friday, Jan. 17, 1941 – War Calls 1941 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/3841](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3841)  
1 25 WKU students will be inducted today into National Guard for 1 year or more of active duty.

Paul Garrett Papers: 3 – World War II: Cadets 1941  
1941-46 Ca-Ch

A.B. Chandler (Senator) to Paul Garrett, Feb. 11, 1941 – "While it is too bad that Western did not take something when it was offered, we shall do our best now to catch you up with the program."

Paul Garrett Papers: 10 – World War II 1941  
Talks 1937-40

Paul Garrett Chapel Talk, Dec. 12, 1941 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/7123/](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/7123/)

"A sudden hysterical exodus of youth from our institutions of learning would be in my judgment most unfortunate for the future. Your government will call you systematically into its service as you are needed. I have unbounded faith in your willingness and desire to do your part when that time comes. At present the hard task for most of you is to continue to make ready for better service in the war and after it by patiently and calmly continuing at your work. How difficult this is I well know."

College Heights Herald, Dec. 12, 1941 – War 1941 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/3848](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3848)

1 Statement released Dec. 11 to the College Heights Herald by President Paul Garrett. "We are engaged in a war by which it is to be decided whether freedom shall perish from the earth . . ."

"I realize that it would be easier perhaps in your present state of unrest to leave college to enter a field of greater activity. Those, however, who lived through the last war will understand that most of our population must continue to carry on the ordinary tasks of life and that when this war ends as all wars must, democracy to endure must have a citizenship trained to perform its duties . . ."

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### **1941-1979**

World War II, 1939-1945

Wars

Soldiers

Deaths

Home front

Soldiers

Sailors

2 Editorial – “College men should not make sudden moves without first considering in what capacity they will be most valuable to the nation, both during the conflict and reconstruction period. Institutions of higher learning must not only furnish warriors of today but the molders of tomorrow.”

Male students, female students, faculty – all should take ---, do work that will fit them for service to preserve “the best way of life known to mankind – THE AMERICAN WAY.”

College Heights Herald, Jan. 16, 1942 – War 1942 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/4436](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4436)

1 Bailey Pride, Naval Ensign, was killed at Pearl Harbor. He attended WKU in 1935 & 1936, then went to Naval Academy.

Lt. Richard Eberenz, WKU graduate in 1940, was rescued after drifting 4 days on a raft in the Pacific Ocean.

1 Started campaign at chapel to sell defense stamps. Goal is to have a stamp book in hands of each student.

Sponsored by the College Heights Herald. Sales booths around campus.

College Heights Herald, Jan. 30, 1942 – War Plans 1942 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/4435](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4435)

1 Paul Garrett & Finley Grise attended Conference on Higher Education on the War at University of Kentucky on Jan. 21. Sponsored by KACSS (Kentucky Association of Colleges & Secondary Schools), to consider ways of speeding up students and coping with war problems.

Henry Cherry Papers: 59 – War - World War II 1942

Special Correspondence J. Reid Sterrett 1940

J. Reid Sterrett to Adjutant General, U.S. Army, April 29, 1942 – “I am writing for information concerning special branches of service in which I might qualify for a commission for the duration.” Has AB from Centre College, MA & PhD from University of Wisconsin, also taught in college 20 years, is 43 years old.

College Heights Herald, May 8, 1942 – War 1942 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/4442](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4442)

1 WKU has been selected as one of +/- 150 colleges (one of 4 in Kentucky) to be a key center for information and training in civilian morale. Dr. Lee F. Jones, head of Education Department, has been named chairman of the local committee & head of the WKU program. (Each issue has stories of people leaving for service, of service men back on a visit, etc.) (Many ads for service programs and training.)

Henry Cherry Papers: 61 – World War II 1942

Special Correspondence John Vincent 1942

John N. Vincent, Head Music to Supt. R.W. Hamilton, Jackson, July 22, 1942 – “I have no man to suggest as band director. All available men have either been drafted or are already engaged for next year.”

“I do, however, have a most capable young lady whom I wish you would consider.”

Henry Cherry Papers: 58 – World War II 1942

Special Correspondence J.D. Griffin 1939-44

J.D. Griffin to Lewis Stokes, Jr., Tulare, California, Aug. 6, 1942 – Most of the boys are in service, enrollment “has dropped considerably,” and will go down more this fall. A number of faculty members have left – athletic directors, FBI, etc.

Paul Garrett Papers: 3 – World War II 1942

1941-46 Ca-Ch

Paul Garrett to Senator A.B. Chandler, Sept. 24, 1942 – WKU has 900-1000 students this fall, ½ of them boys. Most will go into service, & it will be very hard to finance the college. Legislature increased appropriations \$15,000 & we increased fees a bit. Some faculty are being lost, which reduces expenses. Not in trouble now, but am geared to handle 1,500. If reduced to 500, as we may be next year, it could be difficult.

Wonder if there isn't some program that would make use of the new Bowling Green airport, with WKU providing aviation training. We have the personnel & facilities to do the job.

Paul Garrett Papers: 2B – World War II 1942

1937-40 V

Paul Garrett to President William H. Vaughan, Morehead, Nov. 5, 1942 – “The idea has entered my mind that it might become necessary for us to consider seriously helping in the government training program.” Asks details from their program.

William Vaughan to Paul Garrett, Aug. 15, 1942 – Morehead is opening its Naval Training School Unit on Aug. 21. Why has Paul Garrett waited so long? What about other schools?

Paul Garrett Papers: 5 – World War II 1942

Defense

Paul Garrett to T.W. DeZenia, Southwestern Greyhound Lines, Vice President Traffic, Lexington, Nov. 12, 1942 – In accord with his suggestion of Nov. 10, 1942, student body voted unanimously to dispense with Thanksgiving this year. Will thus dismiss for Christmas on Thursday, Dec. 17. Will start back on a Tuesday. Hopes this helps.

Paul Garrett Papers: Box 3 – World War II

1941-46 Ci-Cz

Paul Garrett to Tarleton Collier, Editorial staff, Courier-Journal, Nov. 17, 1942, 3 page letter re: effects of the war on Western and type of education needed.

Robert W. Pillow, “Pearl Harbor reports remain vivid,” College Heights Herald, Dec. 8, 1941 -

[https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/2433](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2433)

Memories of Pearl Harbor Day – Dee Gibson, Dave Whitaker, Lowell Harrison, Harriet Downing, Dero Downing.

College Heights Herald, Nov. 27, 1942 – War Effort 1942 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/4459](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4459)

3 President Paul Garrett has returned from Washington where he offered the facilities of Western to the government for the war effort. No definite decisions reached.

Paul Garrett Papers: 1 – World War II 1943  
1937-40 – Ri-Rz

Paul Garrett to President James H. Richmond, Murray, Jan. 20, 1943 – Wants to know about terms of your contract with the Navy & extent to which it will help your fiscal situation. How many of your present faculty will it use? Because of numerous requests, we're going to offer a number of beginning courses starting Feb. 8. Especially for those teaching on emergency certificates.

College Heights Herald, Jan. 29, 1943 – War – Call Ups 1943 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/4472](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4472)  
2 Has order from 5<sup>th</sup> Army Command, Jan. 25, 1943. Says students in Enlisted Reserve Corps will be called to active duty at end of 1<sup>st</sup> term, quarter, etc. terminating after Dec. 31, 1942 with some exceptions – pre-med, advanced ROTC, etc.

Henry Cherry Papers: 59 – World War II 1943  
Special Correspondence J. Reid Sterrett 1940

J. Reid Sterrett, Director of Dramatics, to Lt. Cavanaugh, 849 Ordinance, Camp Campbell, Kentucky, Feb. 12, 1943 – WKU would be glad to have as many as 200 soldier guests on March 2 for performance of Russian comedy "Squaring the Circle."

College Heights Herald, Feb. 26, 1943 – War: Casualties 1943 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/4470](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4470)  
2 Lists 13 known Westerners who had died in World War II.

Paul Garrett Papers: 10 – World War II 1943  
Lecturers

Paul Garrett to Dr. Loyd S. Tireman(?), U.S. Office of Education, March 6, 1943 – "I was in Washington four days recently and have been in lunatic asylums that were quiet places in comparison."

College Heights Herald, March 26, 1943 – War: Cadets 1943 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/4497](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4497)  
1 Our cadets – 400 – are due about April 1 to begin pre-flight training. Number may be increased later. They will be housed in West Hall [Schneider Hall] and Potter Hall, the 2 dorms. Girls started moving out into rooming houses, etc. Cadets – 5 months – 744 academic hours taught by WKU's faculty. Math – 80 hours, Physics 180, History 60, Geography 60, English 60, Civil Air Relations 24  
Then also: Basic military – 280 hours, most of taught by military personnel. Physical Education – 120 hours was largest hunk. (Others are listed.)  
8 School found rooms for 300 girls within 3 blocks of campus.

College Heights Herald, March 26, 1943 – War – Effects 1943 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/4497](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4497)  
1 "Sixth War Registration Day Reflects many Changes" (unsigned – I did it).

"Registration last Monday was different from any that the sedate old Hill had witnessed for more than twenty years. Five registration days had passed since a December Sunday in 1941, but none of them touched the soul of Western as did the one this week.

"Many familiar features of past registrations were still present. Topsy little signs draped themselves from doorknobs or swung idly over the doors. Teachers were entrenched behind their respective tables and at least one freshman stood on the stairs and saw her handful of cards flutter softly downward to the gloomy abyss below. Registrar Canon was perched precariously on a fragile stool at the usual strategic corner, and his voice was as suave [sic] as ever when he queried, 'Did you have a B plus average last quarter?'

"Discarded schedules littered the floor, sprinkled with crumpled cards that had failed to sneak by watchful eyes. People still slipped in the front of lines, and the education line followed the traditional rhythm, up one step, wait half an hour, up one step - .

"But numerous changes had occurred since '41, and they heralded still more for the future. The waiting lines were alive with gay chatter, yet the lines were short. Gone was September of 1940 when 750 freshmen winced as the TB needle pricked the skin. Boys who would have lengthened the lines were gone: Bataan, Australia, Iceland, Greenland, Africa, a corner of some foreign field had whispered to them and they had heeded the call. Girls too were missing; Waves, Waacs, teaching, industry, had also called insistently. They too had answered.

"More were due to go. Score of reservists had been living 'on borrowed time,' and the sands were running short. Many had considered it useless to return for another quarter; not one would predict that he would see June graduation. Others came back to say good-bye and to hoard a precious store of precious memories for the future. The Hill had become too much a part of them for voluntary separation to occur.

"Gone some six months were the soothing ante-bellum days of the semester schedule. The quarter system with its compressed courses was one of the early war innovations. The program of studies itself was in a state of uncertainty as students dashed through the halls in pursuit of an eligible elective.

"Four hundred aviation cadets were scheduled to make a three point landing on the campus about April 1, and their heralded coming had caused adulterated joy. A great trek to new homes was in progress as co-eds enveloped the campus in countless knick-knacks as they evacuated before the landing of the pre-flight cadets.

"Even in the ceaseless confusion that is registration, there was a noticeable theme of uncertainty and doubt. 'When will you leave?' was the chief question being asked. Even the traditional 'What are you taking?' had to accept a role of secondary importance.

"Outside, the same grass was regaining its crispness, and the same birds were present that had chirped noisily a year before. The sun lapped against stone walls in tiny waves of heat, and the same friendly paths cut vigorously across awkward corners. A touch of spring fever was mingled with the chill in the air.

"Outside, little was changed from last year, or the year before that, or yet the year before that. Inside was registration in wartime."

College Heights Herald, May 7, 1943 – War – Casualties 1943 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/4494](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4494)  
2 List of 22 Westerners who have been killed or are POW's



College Heights Herald, March 10, 1944 – War – Deaths 1944 - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/4506](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4506)

9 List of WKU dead is now 24.

POW's 5

Wounded or injured 7

Missing in action 14

Paul Garrett Papers: 3 – World War II 1944

1941-46 Ma-Mc

E. E. Unger, Weather Bureau, Louisville, to Miss Mary C. Marks, March 11, 1944 – Most restrictions have been lifted & it is OK for newspapers to print weather data except for barometer pressures and wind directions. The weather bulletins received by press wire may be published.

Paul Garrett Papers: 5 – World War II 1944

Defense

Paul Garrett to Commanding General, Fifth Service Command, April 1, 1944 – Has been notified this morning that contract for training 400 aviation students for Army Air Corps will terminate June 30. Has excellent facilities, including faculty, for 400 men. Requests allotment under the new program for 17 year olds.

Henry Cherry Papers: 60 – World War II 1944

Special Correspondence Arndt Stickle 1943

Arndt Stickle to Dr. Ben R. Baldwin, Arlington, Virginia, June 13, 1944 – Says he doesn't know what WKU would have done if they hadn't had an 'army arrive' here last year & a half. Enrollment is up a bit for spring & 1<sup>st</sup> summer session.

Arndt Stickle to Miriam Compton, Minneapolis, March 7, 1944 – Says that +/- 70 colleges have already lost their airmen program. If WKU does, we will be greatly overstaffed.

Mary Moore Collection – World War II

Item 104: WWII

"Western in World War II" Report of May 26, 1945. About 17-20 faculty members were in service. Has names of 1,500 Westerners. Sure list isn't complete. 561 are officers. Known casualties: 52 killed, 46 wounded, 18 missing 11 POWs.

Paul Garrett Papers: 3 – World War II – Ended 1945

1941-46 Bu-Bz

Paul Garrett to Col. Gordon R. Catts(?), San Antonio, Dec. 29, 1945 – The boys are out of service & will be in school in January. Pete, only one in combat, got here in September. Have asked for reactivation of Senior ROTC unit. "It is difficult to get much interest in it, since the GI's do not have any great yearning for further military training." Hugh Johnson is back; Kelly Thompson got in yesterday. Housing shortage is now worst problem. Lost John Vincent to University of California – shall miss him greatly. Basketball team isn't doing well – se should be tough next year with the boys returning.

Gordon Wilson Collection: 2 – World War II

"Autobiography: My Educational Career"

143 Many of his class had only girls and a few boys who had failed physical exam. Helped train young men who were to enter Air Corps. The English course we taught would have been better had we been allowed to do it from our own experiences. Girls had to move out of the dorms to make room for the soldiers. It was said that no girl was more than 4 blocks from the campus. "Reading the belated casualty lists got to be a morbid but dedicated(?) portion of our lives."

Helm, "War & Library" – World War II – Library

22 Library has added such magazines as Aviation, Infantry Journal, Far East Quarterly. More class assignments, papers, on current topics. Much of recreational reading deals with the war – Ernie Pyle, Brave Men & Here Is Your War. 23 Smaller enrollment, but reference work has increased. Takes longer to get books. "Imported books from England can still be obtained, though there are usually delays in clearance in Bermuda. Twice ships were sunk which had purchases for us. But the dealer stood the loss and reordered for us.

Ward Sumpter Interview – World War II - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/890](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/890)

Paul Garrett had difficult time because of World War II. "We were Western Kentucky Female Institute, almost." Doesn't know how WKU would have made it except for the government programs.

Kelly Thompson Interview, 6/27/1977 – World War II - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records/895](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/895)

Carlton Jackson: Did the college offer any special courses to the military during the war?

Kelly Thompson: If you will excuse my injecting myself into this story, but it's necessary, I think. The federal government had a number of programs that would fit into higher education in the country. President Garrett, who was, as I have indicated, astute in money matters – very astute – realized that from the beginning the salvation of Western during the very critical period upcoming was some situation that would hold our faculty together. Most of the programs which came into being under the sponsorship of the federal government brought their own faculty with them; therefore, he wasn't interested in that, and he started a search for some kind of program which – in which our faculty could be engaged. I went to Washington with him at the time that this search appeared to be the most fruitless and we spent a week in Washington, just the two of us, knocking on doors. Senator Barkley was a great friend at that time in opening doors for us, especially through a wonderful executive secretary that he had named Kitty Killan, who was from Bowling Green. Through her and through the authorization to her from Senator Barkley, she made appointment after appointment for us throughout Washington, and we were terribly frustrated after about 5 days of search, and then it struck. We found a lead, and Dr. Garrett followed through, which came in a discussion with an Air Force major, and without getting into boring details, from the lead that he gave us, Dr. Garrett unfolded a chain of circumstances which led to our getting a choice of Air Force training assignments on this campus. They took over the dormitories, we housed them and fed them, but mainly our faculty taught them. The military that they brought here was limited to the military training of the Air Force and even utilizing much of the facilities and talent of the people we had here with the United States Army, at that time, very cooperative. But about 80% of all the classes that were taught to those recruits were taught by members of our faculty, and this held our faculty together and put us in a very strong position when the war ended.



<p>World War II See story in Homecoming Herald. Filed under College Heights Herald, 10/25/1979 in filing cabinet. <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5589">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5589</a></p>	
<p><b>Wreck</b> College Heights Herald, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1971 – Wreck 1971 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4785">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4785</a> 1 3 car accident on Louisville Road last Friday night injured 16 people, 15 of them WKU students. 2 are in Nashville hospitals, 2 still in City-County hospital here.</p>	<p><b>1971</b> Accidents Traffic accidents</p>
<p><b>Wright, Henry 1878-1936</b> Teachers College Heights, Dec. 1936 – Wright, Henry - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/1966">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/1966</a> 20 Mr. Henry Wright died at Dover, N. J. on July 9, 1936. He had been the landscape architect at WKU since 1906. "He had an almost sensuous feeling for land and contour." He was one of the great creative forces in town planning.</p>	<p><b>1936</b> Architects</p>