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Much of the information in this edition has been already shared with the President and the WKU Board of Regents, and they are pleased with the progress of our faculty, students and academic programs. We will continue to share academic "points of excellence" with our Board of Regents at each of their meetings. Through "Happenings," these will also be shared as the means of enhancing the awareness and quality dimensions of the faculty, students and academic programs at Western. This newsletter will be published monthly during the academic year, to share with the university community some of the academic accomplishments of the faculty, students, programs, departments and colleges of the university. To ensure that any special accomplishments from your area find their way into this publication, please submit any relevant information to Dr. Barbara Burch, (barbara.burch@WKU.edu) or Sarah Sallee (sarah.sallee@WKU.edu) in the Office of the Provost.

College of Health and Human Services

Dr. Dale Smith, Associate Professor of Social Work was recently appointed to a four-year term on the Kentucky Board of Social Work by Governor Paul Patton.

Dr. Doug Schutte, Head of the Department of Allied Health and Human Services received a Fellowship Award from the Kentucky Dental Association in recognition of his contributions to dentistry in Kentucky. Dr. Schutte was also appointed Chair of the Kentucky Dental Association Council on Dental Practice and was appointed to the Executive Board of the Kentucky Oral Health Coalition.

Dr. Vicki Stayton, a professor in Consumer and Family Sciences, has been asked to serve on an Educational Testing Services' (ETS) committee to assist in the development of an Early Childhood Education Principles of Learning and Teaching Exam as part of the PRAXIS series. The work will include both review of materials and on-site meetings. Staff of the Education Professional Standards Board has been investigating alternative exams to the state-developed IECSE Specialty Exam that is currently used for certification purposes. Dr. Stayton’s name was submitted as a possible committee member by EPSB staff.

Since November 2001, the Mobile Health and Wellness Unit operated by the School of Health and Human Services made 35 trips to seven different counties in south central Kentucky. Students, faculty and staff rendered services to over 1,000 individuals. Seventy-one students and 34 faculty were engaged in providing these services.

A 3-year FIPSE Grant has been awarded to a 6-school consortium including WKU's Department of Nursing that advances international student exchanges. Some of the other participating institutions include Vanderbilt University, Bournemouth University (England) and Uppsala University (Sweden).
Departmental Collaborations

A new partnership and scholastic program between the University’s nursing programs and Commonwealth Health Corporation will enable the nursing program to address the nursing shortage in the region and state by admitting 40 additional associate degree students into the program in 2002-2003.

Public Radio

Western’s Public Radio Service earned top honors in six categories in the Kentucky Associated Press Broadcast Awards.

Gordon Ford College of Business

The Office of Global Business was recognized by the National Association of Small Business International Trade Educators (NASBITE) and the Kentucky World Trade Center (KWTC) as one of the outstanding service providers in the area of international business education.

Kevin Hughes, a senior from Paris, Ky., placed 1st in the National Finance Competition at the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference. He advanced to the finals by winning the state competition and has won national awards three consecutive years.

Two new student organizations have been formed in GFCB: Collegiate Entrepreneur’s Organization (CEO’s), which encourages entrepreneurship, and Students in Free Enterprise, which promotes students applying skills and knowledge through service learning, community projects, and consulting with business and not-for-profit organizations.

MBA students placed 1st in Best Company Business Plans and Annual Reports at the 38th Annual International Collegiate Business Policy Competition in San Diego, California. This competition involves 36 other universities from all over the globe. WKU students have won awards at this prestigious business competition for the past three years.

College of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Dr. Terry Wilson, Director of the Center for Mathematics, Science and Environmental Education at Western, has been selected as president-elect of the North American Association for Environmental Education.

Dr. Bill Greenwalt, Department of Counseling and Student Affairs, and Dr. Linda Todd, of the Community College were among those to receive the first KYVU Online Excellence Award (5 were awarded throughout the state.)

The Green River Regional Educational Cooperative, working with the Departments of Middle Grades/Secondary Education and Special Instructional Programs, received a federal Transitions to Teaching grant in the amount of approximately $500,000 to work with 12 school districts to fill up to 40 funded vacancies in the critical shortage teaching areas of math, science, foreign language, and special education.

The Department of Educational Administration, Leadership, and Research was selected as a member of the SREB University Leadership Development Network (one of 11 institutions from 11 states)

The Communication Disorders Program has signed a major contract with the New York City United Federation of Teachers to provide on-line distance education graduate programs to speech therapists employed with the NYC Department of Education. The CD web-based DLE master’s degree program was selected after an extensive review of distance education programs offered across the country. This program is being recognized as a leader in on-line programming in this field.
Student Publications

The College Heights Herald completed a third consecutive sweep of college newspaper’s top awards by winning two Gold Crown Awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The awards were for the fall 1999 and spring 2000 semesters. The Herald won Gold Crowns in each of the two previous years.

Ogden College of Science and Engineering

Western Kentucky University’s concrete canoe team earned its best finish ever in 2002, placing fourth in the country overall and first in the academic portion of the National Concrete Canoe Competition.

Potter College of Arts and Humanities

Dr. Michael Ann Williams and Dr. Christopher Antonsen submitted the winning response to the RFP for Internet Contribution. Their winning proposal “Web Kentucky” will be put on-line on the IT division’s web page.

Dr. John Carmichael of the Department of Music has been elected to the American Bandmasters Association, the highest professional honor that can be received by any band director. He is only the second band director in Kentucky to receive this recognition.

Dr. Laura McGee, assistant professor of the German program received a Fulbright Award to support her research in Berlin during the 2002-2003 academic year. Fulbright Awards for research are extremely competitive and are primarily awarded to senior scholars. Receiving this award is an especially impressive achievement for an untenured assistant professor.

Dr. Erika Brady, a professor of Modern Language received the Acorn Award from the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education at the Governor’s Conference on Trusteeship. This is the first time that a Western faculty member has been recognized since 1997.

Dr. John Petersen, professor of Government, was one of fourteen faculty members from around the country selected to participate this summer in a study seminar held in Brussels, Belgium. The seminar was held at the headquarters of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) and the central offices of the European Union (including the European Parliament, European Council, and European Commission) and focused on trans-Atlantic issues including the future of NATO and general U.S.-European relations. The Atlantic Council of the United States, an organization based in Washington, D.C., sponsored the seminar.

For the third consecutive year, Western’s forensics students proved they are the best in the world by winning the International Forensic Association title in Prague, Czech Republic. In addition, three students won international championships in individual events. The team also won two national championships and its eighth consecutive Kentucky championship.

Brandon Jones, Music major, finished third in the Euphonium Competition held by the International Tuba and Euphonium Competition in Lahti, Finland. Brandon is the youngest player ever to make the finals of this prestigious international competition.

Luke Harlow, a History and Religious Studies major, has received a Phi Kappa Phi Award of Excellence, which provides $1500 to use in pursuing his doctorate in History. Luke is one of only 30 seniors nation-wide to receive an Award of Excellence from Phi Kappa Phi, one of the nation’s most prestigious honor societies.

The WKU Mock Trial Team won the American Mock Trial Association Regional Competition held in February 2002.
Happenings

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Libraries

With the addition of EBSCO Online, nearly 25% of WKU Libraries’ 4500 print subscriptions are now available online in full text. Through two other online services, JSTOR and Project MUSE, some 700 additional full text titles are now being provided to the campus community from the Libraries’ homepage and the Topper InfoPortal.

The fourth annual Southern Kentucky Festival of Books, held April 19-20, 2002, at Sloan Convention Center, in partnership with the Bowling Green Public Library and Barnes & Noble, is now the largest literary event in the state, with over 200 authors. Book talks by eight authors were filmed by C-Span Book TV for a program that was aired both nationally and internationally in May.

Community College

The FIPSE Science Resource Center Program, directed by Dr. Karen Powell, is serving 1160 students and providing professional development for 125 teachers in 10 counties. This project is being carried out in collaboration with WKU Minority Support Services and with additional grant funding from NASA and the NAACP.

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