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Doers & Deeds

Academic Excellence at WKU

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

I am pleased to share with you the first installment of the Fall '04 edition of DOERS AND DEEDS. The many outstanding achievements and meaningful activities that are engaging our faculty and students represent the outstanding quality and academic excellence that defines Western Kentucky University. The information included in this edition is important to share, and I am hopeful that you will continue to let us know about those doers and deeds in your department and programs that contribute to our overall excellence and that help to inform others of the important work and contributions of the faculty and students at our university.

Putting together a regular newsletter of this type doesn't just happen without considerable effort and talent. Jessica Creech, a graduate assistant and student in WKU’s Master's program in Student Affairs, was the founding editor of DOERS AND DEEDS. This will be her last edition as editor, as she is leaving campus to take a position in Student Ministries at the University of Kentucky. We are all appreciative of her good work and wish her well in her new position.

DR. BARBARA BURCH
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Sam Evans (Dean - CEBS) has been elected to the Board of Governors of the Renaissance Group for a two-year term beginning in October 2004.


Carl Myers (Psychology) and Psychology graduate students Kristina Sidebottom and Sara Alvey presented “Comparing Parent Ratings of Referred Preschoolers on the Child Behavior Checklist and Behavior Assessment System for Children,” at the April 2004 meeting of the National Association of School Psychologists in Dallas, TX.

John Moore (Curriculum and Instruction) has been selected by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) to serve as a social studies teacher education program reviewer from July 2004 through June 2009.

Carl Myers (Psychology) presented “Functional Analysis of Interventions for Head-Banging with a Preschooler,” at the April 2004 annual meeting of the National Association of School Psychologists in Dallas, TX.

Bill Pfohl (Psychology) facilitated training for a group of European School Psychologists in Denmark regarding crisis response, April 16 through 19, 2004.

Elizabeth Lemerise (Psychology) and Psychology graduate students Brenna McCormick, April Bowersox and Jessica Jolly (undergraduate, Bowling Green, KY) presented “Age and Gender Patterns in Social Information Processing,” at the April 2004 Conference on Human Development in Washington, DC.

Pitt Derryberry (Psychology) and Brian Barger (graduate, Psychology) presented “Processing Speed and the Moral Judgment Development of Gifted Youth,” “Moral Judgment Differences in Education and Liberal Arts Majors: Cause for Concern?” and “Differences in Factors Contributing to the Moral Judgment of
College Students and Gifted Youth," at the April 2004 meeting of the American Educational Research Association in San Diego, CA.

Kelly Madole (Psychology) presented "Cross-Race Face Recognition," at the April 2004 Conference on Human Development in Washington, DC.


Joe Bilotta (Psychology) along with Psychology graduate students Michael Risner, Eric Vukmanic, Jennifer Houckins and undergraduate Margaret Au (Evansville, IN) presented "Examination of the Unusual ERG-Components of Young Zebrafish," at the April 2004 annual meeting of the Association for Research in Vision & Ophthalmology in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Elizabeth Lemerise (Psychology) (graduates) presented "Do Provocateurs' Emotion Displays Influence Children's Goal Setting and Social Problem Solving?" at the April 2004 Conference on Human Development, in Washington, DC.

Sam Evans (Dean – CEBS) has been appointed to the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board from August 2004 until June 2008.


Farley Norman (Psychology), Hideko Norman (Psychology), Anna Marie Clayton (graduate, Psychology), and Psychology alumni Joann Lianekhammy and Gina Zielke published "The Visual and Haptic Perception of Natural Object Shape," in Perception & Psychophysics, vol. 66, 2004, pp. 342-351.


Elizabeth Lemerise (Psychology) presented "Emotion and Social Information Processing," in April 2004 at the University of Maryland Center for Children, Relationships, and Culture's Department of Human Development.

Joe Bilotta (Psychology) presented "Circadian Cycles of Caspase-3 Activation in Zebrafish Cone Photoreceptors," at the April 2004 annual meeting of the Association for Research in Vision & Ophthalmology in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

POTTER COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Katie Green (English) published "Mr. Harmony and the Events of January 1973: Elizabeth Inchbald's Every One Has His Fault," in Theater Journal (Spring 2004).


Robyn Swanson (Music) served as an auditor for the International Music Education Policy Symposium April 16-18, 2004, in Minneapolis, MN.

Deborah Paprocki (Modern Languages) presented "Historical, Musical and Cultural Intertextuality in Alejo Carpentier's Concierto Barroco," at the 57th Annual Kentucky Foreign Language Conference in Lexington, KY on April 17, 2004.

Elizabeth Lemerise researches the emotional processes of children, how they reason in difficult situations with their peers.

Meghan Bishop (undergraduate, History, Biglerville, PA) received a national Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship in the amount of $5,000 for the 2004-2005 academic year, to pursue a Master’s degree in Public History.


Jennifer Brennan-Hondorp (Music) performed with the Metropolitan Opera and New York City Opera singers in a concert with Ridgefield Opera of Connecticut in March 2004.

Michael Kallstrom (Music) was a featured guest composer for the annual Heidelberg College New Music Festival in Heidelberg, Germany in April 2004. Kallstrom also performed a special program for the local elementary school and led a workshop for the students singing in his opera.

Mary Wolinski (Music) was elected President/Treasurer of the South-Central Chapter of the American Musicological Society for 2004-2005. She also won a 2004 Franklin Research Award from the American Philosophical Society for the project “The Chapel of the Court of Flanders.”

Jeff Phillips (Music) performed as Principal Trombone in the Nashville Wind Ensemble at the Tennessee Music Education Association’s annual convention in March 2004. Phillips also played 1st bass on a piece titled “Machine” at Vanderbilt University’s Blair School of Music in Nashville, TN. Phillips has been appointed to a two-year term on the Tennessee Music Education Association’s Executive board as State Band Chair, beginning in June 2004.


Wayne Pope (Music) gave a lecture on Art Song and a vocal master class at Mineral Area College in Park Hills, MO on April 25 and 26, 2004.

Jan Garrett (Philosophy and Religion) presented “Will, Assent, and Theology in Descartes and the Stoics,” at the April 2004 meeting of the Kentucky Philosophical Association, at Northern Kentucky University in Covington, KY.

Jennifer Brennan-Hondorp

Joe Survant

Jae Lee (undergraduate, Photo Journalism, South Korea) finished first in the 2004 Individual Hearst Photo Journalism competition, held in San Fransisco, CA, June 1-6, 2004. WKU finished fourth overall in the nation in the annual Hearst Foundation competition tallies for 2003-2004.

WKU was awarded best TV (non-daily) newscast (region 5) from the Society of Professional Journalists in April 2004. Individual 1st place finishers included Matt Horstman (Broadcasting, Muhlenberg, KY) for Radio Spot News.

WKU won the radio division of the Kentucky Associated Press Broadcasters Association Student Awards. Mark Brown (Broadcasting, Scottsville, KY) won first place in Best Newscast and Best Reporter categories. Other broadcasting winners were: Kyle Edelen (Louisville, KY) Sports, Laura Rogers (Can-


GORDON FORD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Steve White (Accounting) chaired the Educators’ Committee of the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants. His term ended in June 2004.


Johnny Chan (Finance) published the following articles during summer 2004:


Undergraduates Adam Smith (Accounting, Grabill, IN), Kortney Wonderlich (Accounting, Shelbyville, KY), Sarah Jones (Accounting, Lafayette, TN) and Jacob Hamlin (Marketing, Stearns, KY) received the award for best annual report and business plan at the 40th Annual International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition in San Diego, CA, on April 15, 2004.
OGDEN COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

The National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Program funded a team of students to study the Upper Green River/Mammoth Cave watershed, under the direction of Cathleen Webb (Chemistry) and Rezaul Mahmood (Geography/Geology) this summer. The project is designed to continue for three years with a funding level of $254,000. Participants study for ten weeks during the summer and present their research on regional and national levels.

Alumnae Rosarae Tieken (Architectural/Manufacturing Sciences) has received a $30,000 fellowship to attend Savannah College of Art and Design. She will begin her studies in Fall 2004.

The US Environmental Protection Agency has awarded a $75,000 grant to WKU’s Center for Water Resource Studies for a project that will work to improve the safety of Kentucky drinking water supplies.

The Department of Agriculture’s Block and Bridle Club captured first place in the Activities Scrapbook contest at their national convention in April 2004, in San Antonio, TX.

Mechanical Engineering undergraduates Timothy Clayton (Tell City, IN), Kathryn Hess (Auburn, KY), J.D. McQueen (Alvaton, KY) and Christopher Rich (Bee Spring, KY) won the American Society for Mechanical Engineers Region VI Student Design competition held in Lexington, KY, March 27, 2004. The team will compete for the national championship in Anaheim, CA in November.

The WKU Steel Bridge Team finished 4th overall and 1st in aesthetics at the American Society for Civil Engineers’ Ohio Valley Regional Conference Student Steel Bridge Competition, held April 2, 2004. Those engineering undergraduates that participated were team captain Michael O’Reilly (Hardinsburg, KY), Travis Carrico (Springfield, KY), Kyle Hunt (Morgantown, KY), James Jones (Somerset, KY), Jason Miles (Elizabethtown, KY) and Benjamin Kidd (Glasgow, KY).

The department of Geology/Geography hosted Jennifer Turner (Coordinator of the China Environment Forum at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars) for her presentation, “Water is for Fighting: Resolving Water Conflicts in China,” on April 30, 2004 as part of the Distinguished Speakers in Environmental Sciences Series.

Doug Schmucker (Engineering) presented “Leadership through the Back Door: Exercises for Individuals and Teams,” and “Not as bad as it seems: Teaching Probability and Statistics in Civil Engineering,” at the American Society for Engineering Education conference, June 20-23, 2004, Salt Lake City, UT. He also co-moderated “Teaching and Learning” at the conference. Finally, Schmucker is a Structural Consultant to Ray of Light School Project in Dondo, Mozambique via Engineering Ministries International, Colorado Springs, CO.

Pat Kambesis (graduate, Applied Research and Technology) led a team of expert cave explorers and surveyors on a three-week expedition to China’s Hunan Province in April 2004. Geoscience graduate student Mark Graham functioned as the group’s Geographic Information Systems (GIS) specialist, in conjunction with hydrologists from the Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences and the Xiangxi (Hunan) Hydrogeology Bureau. Chinese broadcast journalists followed the group’s progress and aired coverage on the Chinese national evening news.

Alumnus Keith Milam (Geology) received the 2004 Stephen E. Dwornik Award for “Central Uplift Formation at the Middlesboro Impact Structure, Kentucky, USA.” He will receive a plaque, a $500 award, and will be an honored guest at a banquet hosted by the Planetary Geology Division of the Geological Society of America.

Western Kentucky University will install a research grade telescope in Rwanda. Charles McGruder (Physics/Astronomy) was asked to address the National University and Rwandan governmental cabinet concerning this initiative. The Rwandan government will provide funding for this project.

On April 17, 2004, Western Kentucky University hosted the 3rd annual Girls in Science Day, with 102 area middle school participants. The students attended classes taught by professors Becky Gilfillen (Agriculture), Jean Griffith (Mathematics), Jane Brantley (Mathematics), Betsy Shoenfelt (Psychology), Nancy Rice (Biology), Cathleen Webb (Chemistry), Uta Ziegler (Computer
Science), Karen Powell (Community College), Heather DeHart (Biology), Thandi Buthelezi (Chemistry), Scott Bonham (Physics/Astronomy), and the WKU Society of Women Engineers student branch.

Andrew Wulf (Geology/Geography) and Wayne Tarrant (Mathematics) received 2004 Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards for research, valued at $10,000 each.


Geoscience graduate student Christina Henry was invited by the National Weather Service in April to present her Master’s thesis research at the Jackson, KY branch.

Cathleen Webb (Chemistry) and Wei-Ping Pan (Chemistry) were featured at the National Environmental Protection Agency Science Forum in Washington DC, June 1-3, 2004. Webb’s work is with HydroTech Engineering on a project titled “Limestone-Based Material for Arsenic Removal from Drinking Water.” Pan’s work is on “A Low-Cost, High-Temperature Mercury Sorbent for Coal-Fired Power Plants.”

David Keeling (Geography/Geology) published “Free Trade and the Geography of Ignorance,” in the August 3rd edition of the San Francisco Chronicle. Keeling also serves on the Board of Directors of the American Geographical Society.

Wei-Ping Pan (Chemistry) was awarded the 2004 Outstanding Service Award by the North American Thermal Analysis Society. The presentation ceremony will occur at the NATAS Conference in Williamsburg, VA, October 5, 2004.

WKU, under the direction of Terry Leeper (Architectural/Manufacturing Sciences), hosted the Western Kentucky Long Rifle Workshop, June 3-11, 2004. Sixty-two participants of domestic and international origin met to receive instruction from some of the nation’s leading master gunsmiths. Skills taught included gunmaking, carving, crafting and sewing, among others.

Soleil Archila (Graduate, Biology) has been awarded a national travel award by the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology for “Identification of Phosphorylase Kinase Alpha Subunit Binding Partners in Skeletal Muscle.” The award was presented at the Society’s 2004 conference in Boston, MA. After her August graduation, Archila will begin working toward her doctorate at the University of Calgary as part of the Smooth Muscle Research Group in the Department of Cardiovascular/Respiratory Sciences.

“Intellectual Property and Tech Transfer for the Research Administrator,” “Research Foundations for Smaller Institutions,” and “Recognizing and Managing Faculty Conflicts of Interest,” with Marilyn Anderson (Assistant to Dean for Budgets, Grants and Contracts in Ogden College).


Regina Allen (Sponsored Programs - Operations Specialist) chaired the Region III Membership committee during 2003-2004. Allen also gave the committee report at the May 2004 Region III Meeting.

The Western Scholar publication received awards of excellence and merit in 2004 from the CASE Kentucky Advancement Awards Program.

Western’s WKU-NPR National Public Radio staff won the following awards from the 2004 Associated Press broadcast competition. Awards were presented on April 13 in Louisville, KY:

Dan Modlin, Joe Corcoran, Kevin Willis, and Jenine Howard Cherry
won 1st place for Best Newscast

Dan Modlin won 1st place awards in Best Series, Best Public Service Reporting, and Best Investigative/Enterprise Reporting.

Jenine Howard Cherry won 1st place in Best Use of Sound, and Best Feature.

Dan Modlin and Kevin Willis won 1st place for Best Sports Reporting.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The WKU Speech Clinic has been re-authorized by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services to operate as an Outpatient Rehabilitation Service. Western is currently the only educationally based licensed facility in the state of Kentucky.