STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Bryan Reaka (Architectural and Manufacturing Sciences) along with undergraduate students Chris Harris (Gallatin, TN), Emily Leeper (Bowling Green, KY), Lindsay Lilly (Louisville, KY), Joe Mattingly (Evansville, IN), Jason Sanders (Whitesville, KY), Joey Stinnett (Evansville, IN), and Rebecca Wieck (Nashville, TN) participated in a volunteer winter break trip, Collegiate Challenge, to build homes with Habitat for Humanity in Winter Haven, FL. Collegiate Challenge is a program run by the campus chapters and youth programs division of Habitat for Humanity International. These WKU students, along with Reaka, spent the entire trip scraping, painting, building window frames and door frames, moving drywall, landscaping, and organizing a warehouse area.

Jerry Gottlieb (Marketing) assigned projects to his marketing research classes doing research for outside companies within the community. His classes have completed research for companies such as Target, Houchens, and Greenwood Mall, as well as non-profit organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Salvation Army, Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce and many more.

Undergraduate students David Babb (Shelbyville, KY), Sara Owens (Bowling Green, KY), Jennifer Porreca (Bowling Green, KY), and Sarah Starkey (Bowling Green, KY) were accompanied by Raymond Poff (PE & Recreation) to the 2005 American Humanics Management Institute in Atlanta, GA. The students attended the institute as part of the American Humanics national nonprofit management certification and WKU's new American Humanics minor.

Susan James and Kelly Burch-Ragan (Counseling & Student Affairs) were recently recognized in the latest edition (6th, 2004) of Thompson, Rudolph, & Henderson’s Counseling Children textbook by having an article they have written quoted extensively in Chapter 18, “Counseling Children with Special Concerns.” The article cited is “School Counselors’ Roles in Cases of Child Sexual Behavior,” which appeared in the journal, Professional School Counseling.

Don Dinkmeyer (Counseling and Student Affairs) delivered the invited professional workshop for Georgia State University’s Chi Sigma Iota chapter of the counseling profession’s honor society, in September 2004. The workshop held in Atlanta, GA is an annual event. Dinkmeyer’s topic was “Parent Education and Consultation.”

Mary O’Phelan (Educational Administration, Leadership, & Research) was elected to serve as the Kentucky Representative to the board of the Mid-South Educational Research Association, during the November 2004 annual meeting of MSERA in Gatlinburg, TN.

Sharon Spall and Mary O’Phelan (Educational Administration) along with Ric Keaster (College of Education and Behavioral Sciences) presented “Developing Preparation for Educational Leaders: Looking Across Three Doctoral Programs” at the November 2004 Southern Regional Council of Educational Administration meeting in Raleigh, NC. Also while there, Keaster and O’Phelan...
presented “A Doctoral Program (Ed.D.) for Accountable Administrators.”

Several members of the Department of Educational Administration, Leadership, and Research presented a symposium, organized by Mary O’Phelan, entitled “Redesigning Principal Preparation” at the annual meeting of the Mid-South Educational Research Association in Gatlinburg, TN in November 2004. The five papers presented were the following:

**William Kelley** and Jim Stone presented a paper entitled “Using SREB Modules in Redesign.”

**William Schlinker**, **William Kelley**, and **Sharon Spall** presented a paper entitled “Collaborating with Districts and Community.”

**William Schlinker** and Mary O’Phelan presented a paper entitled “Faculty Perceptions About the Redesign Process.”

**Gayle Ecton** and **Vickie Basham** presented a paper entitled “Recommendations.”

**Michelle Antle** (Psychologist, Ohio County Schools), **Melissa Routh** (Psychologist, Meade County Schools), and **Carl Myers** (Psychology) presented “Using Social Stories with Preschool Children with Autism” at the March 2005 meeting of the National Association of School Psychologists in Atlanta, GA. Ms. Antle and Ms. Routh are 2004 WKU Psychology graduates.

**Carl Myers** (Psychology) and **Rachael Sloan**, psychology graduate student, presented “Using the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills to Predict Future Reading Achievement” at the March 2005 meeting of the National Association of School Psychologists in Atlanta, GA.

**Nedra Atwell** and **Marge Maxwell** (Special Instructional Programs) presented “Enhancing Achievement through Assessment” at the February 2005 annual meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators in Chicago, IL.

**Sam Evans** (Dean, CEBS) was elected President – Elect of the Teacher Education Council of State Colleges and Universities (TECSCU) in February.

**Sam Evans** (Dean, CEBS) is the co-author of an article entitled “NCATE Accreditation: Strategies for Strengthening Programs and Achieving Accreditation” that was presented at the February 2005 annual meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators in Chicago, IL.

**WKU Student Council for Exceptional Children** (SCEC) hosted the 16th annual Quiz Bowl at Downing University Center in March. Teams of students receiving services in special education from twelve high schools participated in the KAAC-sponsored competition. WKU Special Education majors, **Sarah McMaine** (Owensboro, KY) and **Krystal Martin** (Portland, TN) were co-chairs of the Quiz Bowl Competition.

**Sharon Spall** (Educational Administration) presented a paper entitled “Representing Qualitative Data in Fictional Story” at the February 2005 annual meeting of the Southwest Educational Research Association.

**Sam Evans**, **Leroy Metze**, **Tony Kirchner**, **Tony Norman**, and **Pam Pettry** (CEBS) wrote “Developing and Implementing an Accountability System.” This workshop was presented at the February 2005 annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in Washington, DC. **Evans, Metze, Kirchner, and Norman** wrote “The Use of Technology in Assessment of Teacher Education Candidates,” which was presented at the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education conference in Phoenix, AZ in March.

**Donald Nims** (Counseling and Student Affairs) along with Mark and Tina Hamm, graduate students in Mental Health Counseling, presented “Phoenix Preferred Care: A Systems Approach to Quality Assurance” to the Kentucky Mental Health Counselors Association annual conference in Somerset, KY in March.

**Donald Nims** (Counseling and Student Affairs) presented “Take Control: Activities for Managing Anger” to the Kentucky School Counselors Association annual conference in Lexington, KY in March.

**Jacqueline Pope** (Psychology) was appointed by the Governor of Kentucky to serve on the School Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability Council, serving as one of two local school board members.

**Bill Greenwalt** and **Jill Duba** (Counseling and Student Affairs) presented “Treating Couples when One Has a Serious Mental Illness” at the International Association of Marriage and Family Counseling annual conference in New Orleans, LA in January 2005.

**Bill Greenwalt** (Counseling and Student Affairs) presented “The Impact of World Religions on Relationships” at the April 2005 annual conference of the American Counseling Association.

**Marty Bink** (Psychology) and **John Jones**, graduate student, presented “Hearing Pictures: Beliefs of Diagnosticity as a Source Memory Bias” at the 25th annual meeting of the North Carolina Cognition Group, February 2005.


**Steve Wininger** and **Tony Norman** (Psychology) published the article “Teacher Candidates’ Exposure to Formative Assessment in Educational Psychology Textbooks: A Content Analysis” in the journal Educational Assessment, vol. 10, no. 1, pages 19-37.

**Tony Paquin** (Psychology) received a Sasakawa Fellowship to participate in the National Faculty Development Institute on “Incorporating Japanese Studies into Undergraduate Curriculum.”

**Retta Poe** (Psychology) presented a paper entitled ‘The ‘Double Mileage’ Approach to Student and Program Assessment’ at the February 2005 meeting of the Southeastern Teaching of Psychology conference in Atlanta, GA.


Undergraduate students Christy Proffitt (Glasgow, KY), Heidi Cantine (Glasgow, KY), and Becky Elkins (Radcliff, KY) working under Melissa Hakman (Psychology) received an undergraduate research grant from the Kentucky Academy of Science in the amount of $500 for their study entitled "Examination of Parental Knowledge Level and Tolerance of Child Misbehavior in Relation to Parenting Strategies Employed."


Leroy Metze (Psychology) along with Pam Petty and Sherry Powers (Special Instructional Programs) presented "Determining Characteristics for Effectiveness in a Custom Technology Training Model: University Faculty Self-Assessment" at the 2005 meeting of the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education.


Kay Gandy (Curriculum & Instruction) published an article entitled "Teaching Social Studies on a Shoestring Budget" in the March 2005 issue of Social Education.

Jeanne Fienne (Educational Administration, Leadership, and Research) was selected and served as reader for the Educational Testing Service's National School Leadership Licensure Examinations held in Princeton, NJ.

Christopher Wagner and William Schlinker (Educational Administration) were invited to present "Assessing School Culture" at the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) annual conference in Atlanta, GA.

**COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Mary Lloyd Moore (Communication Disorders) obtained Kentucky re-licensure of the WKU Communication Disorders Clinic as an Outpatient Rehabilitation Agency on December 7, 2004.

Doris Sikora (Consumer and Family Sciences) presented "Incorporating Service Learning into the Classroom: An Authentic Instructional Method" at the January 2005 Hawaii International Education conference.

Tammie Stenger (PE & Recreation) co-presented an educational session entitled "Epiphany Outdoor Leadership Semester: Challenges and Rewards" at the February 2005 Wilderness Education Association National Convention on Outdoor Leadership in Estes Park, CO. Stenger's co-presenter was Dave Schmid of the Branson School District in Colorado.

Steve Spencer and Raymond Poff (PE & Recreation) along with Jim Lustig (San Diego, CA) presented a session entitled "Where is the Learning in Service Learning" at the February 2005 Wilderness Education Association National Convention on Outdoor Leadership in Estes Park, CO.

Christine Nagy (Public Health) was the co-author of a paper entitled "Effects of Music on Young Children's Ability to Perform a Cognitive Task" in the South-
POTTER COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Congratulations! The WKU Mock Trial Team won the American Mock Trial Association Regional Tournament. This win put them one step closer to a national victory! Team members include: Jed Conrad, Jeremy Logsdon, Roger Watkins, Hollan Holm, Kate Dittmeier, Kandance Sebastian, Amanda Allen, Laura Deere, Angie Andersen, Melissa Paris, Lindsey Lilly, Keith Grupke, and Brandon Lucas, and their coach is Teresa Eversole-Garrett.

Miwon Choe (Art) presented “Cross Cultural Research on Cuban Folk Art: Implications for Art Education” at the March 2005 National Art Education Association conference in Boston, MA. Her presentation was based on information she collected while researching in Cuba last summer.

John Dizgun (History) was the keynote speaker at the New Jersey Film Festival speaking on Argentinian films in New Brunswick, NJ, November 6, 2004.

Jeff Phillips (Music) was the guest conductor for the East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association's All-State East Senior High Honor Band, February 3-5 in Gatlinburg, TN, and was also a guest conductor for the Rutherford County, TN All-County Senior High Band, February 27-28 in Murfreesboro, TN.

Isabel Mukonyora (Philosophy & Religion) received an award in the amount of $4,000 to attend the International Association for the History of Religions Conference in Tokyo, Japan in March 2005. While there, Mukonyora presented a session entitled “Religion and Gender in Africa under Globalization.”

Brent Oglesbee (Art) displayed his artwork at several exhibitions across the area. The first exhibition, Shared Space, was held at Middle Tennessee State University, January 2005. The second, Buffington, Birdsong, Oglesbee, was held at Murray State University, February 2005. And lastly, the exhibition, Brent Oglesbee, a solo exhibition in the main gallery, was held at The Carnegie Visual Arts Center in Covington, KY, March 2005.

Robert Antony (History) presented a paper entitled “Banditry, Resistance, and Survival among the Laboring Poor in Late Imperial South China,” at the January 2005 annual meeting of the American Historical Association in Seattle, WA. Antony also presented a paper entitled “Piracy and the Underground Economy in Early Modern China” at the January 2005 annual meeting of the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies in Lexington, KY.

Robert Antony (History) presented “The Many Chinas: An Historical Perspective,” at the November 2004 annual conference of the Association of International Educators in Evansville, IN.

David Paul Gibson (Music) participated in his third opera, Verlaine and Rimbaud, in Boston, MA. He has been invited to return later in 2005 to stage his 2004 production of Gian-Carlo Menotti’s The Medium, and to create a new production of Menotti’s The Old Maid and the Thief.


Laurin Nethiesen (Art) had Live Oaks and Sleeping Nymph, a pencil drawing, on exhibit February – March, at Border to Border: A National Drawing Competition, at Austin Peay State University. Nethiesen also had Colorado Aspen, a pencil drawing, on exhibit January – March at Auburn Works on Paper, National Juried Exhibition, at Dempsey Arts Center in Auburn, AL. She also had Variation on C7, a digital print, on exhibit March – April at the 30th Bradley International Print and Drawing Exhibition, at Bradley University in Peoria, IL.

Joe Survant (English) received the 2004 Mayor’s Award from the City of Owensboro in a ceremony in January.
2005. This award was for accomplishments in the field of arts and education.

Elizabeth Oakes (English) recently received the Pearl Poetry Prize for her book of poems entitled “The Farmgirl Poems.” She has also recently published “Summer Nights, Looking at Stars in My Childhood” in the *Louisville Review* and “The Past,” “Blue Sky,” “The Girl Who Wanted to Speak Other Languages,” and “Hopscotch” in the *Harvard Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*.

Tom Hunley (English) participated in poetry readings throughout the country, at Contemporary Arts Museum in St. Louis, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Florida State University, Valdosta State University, Murray State University and Indiana.

Michael Kallstrom (Music) performed his composition, *Dreams and the Shore*, for the Florida Flute Festival in January 2005. The work was commissioned by WKU faculty Heidi Pintner and Mark Berry, who performed with Kallstrom at the festival. Kallstrom, Pintner, and Berry performed the composition for the Kentucky Flute Festival hosted by Western’s Department of Music.

Michael Kallstrom (Music) received performances of his compositions *Starflame* and *Headbanger* in London, England in January. The TransAtlantic Horn Quartet played both pieces for a live BBC radio program that was also simulcast via the BBC’s internet site, and was heard by people all over the world. *Headbanger* will be featured on the quartet’s new CD that is due for release in Fall 2005.

Robyn Swanson (Music) received the Distinguished Leadership Service Award, the highest recognition that is bestowed by the Kentucky Educators Association. She received the award during the annual KMEA In-Service meeting held in Louisville, KY, February 2005.

Linda Pickle (Modern Languages) presented a paper entitled “Researching Women Among German – Speaking Immigrants” at the Kentucky American Association of Teachers of German Workshop: Kentucky’s German – Speaking Heritage, held February 2005 in Frankfurt.

John Dizgun (History) presented a paper entitled “The Re-Democratization of History: Regulating the Legacy of the Dirty War in Argentina” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Association of Latin American Studies (MALAS) in November 2004. Dizgun was also the keynote speaker at the premier screening of “Lost Embrace” during the annual New Jersey International Jewish Film Festival in November 2004 where his talk was entitled “Land of Immigrants: Buenos Aires, Then and Now.”

Inma Pertusa and Melissa Stewart (Modern Languages) presented “Lights, Camera, Action: Bringing Authentic Language, Culture, and Art to the Classroom through Video” at the March 2005 *Digital Stream: Emerging Technologies in Teaching Languages and Culture Conference* at California State University in Monterey Bay.


Judith Hoover (Communication) presented a paper entitled “You Are Always in Our Hearts: Love as a Cultural Code for Healthy Grieving” at the February 2005 annual convention of the Western States Communication Association in San Francisco, CA. Hoover co-wrote this paper with Sally Hastings and George Musambira (Communication).

Jane Fife (English) presented “Contrasting Student and Teacher Attitudes Toward Civic Discourse” at the conference on College Composition and Communication in San Francisco, CA.

Pat Taylor (English and Theatre) appeared as Gertrude in *Hamlet* at the Public Theatre of Kentucky for three weeks in February 2005.

Robyn Swanson (Music) was awarded the Distinguished Leadership Service in Music Education award by the Kentucky Music Education Association at the annual conference in February 2005.

Robyn Swanson (Music) presented a workshop entitled “Music Listening Assessment” at the January 2005 Florida Music Educators Association conference in Tampa, FL.

Jeanie Adams-Smith (Journalism and Broadcasting) spoke to a record crowd in Fort Worth, TX in February at the annual Southwestern Photojournalism Conference. Adams-Smith spoke to the group on her book “Survivors: Children of Divorce,” which recently won awards at the Kentucky News Photographers Association’s annual competition for Outstanding Photography.


The Department of Modern Languages hosted the Region III Kentucky High School Language Festival on March 7, 2005, where 829 high school students came to WKU to compete in French, German, and Spanish language and cultural events and a few were awarded scholarships. Over 100 WKU students volunteered during the event as well.

Darlene Applegate (Folk Studies and Anthropology) was elected President of Kentucky Organization of Professional Archaeologists. Her term began in January.

Michele Fiala and Donald Speer (Music) performed a guest recital at Miami University in Oxford, OH in February.

Mitzi Groom (Music) is completing her final year as National President of the American Choral Directors Association. She chaired the National Convention held in Los Angeles, CA in February, where over 20,000 people attended and which included 100 choral performances.

John Kang (Political Science) presented a paper entitled “Defining Insincerity and Hypocrisy” at the March 2005 annual meeting of the Kentucky Political Science Association. While there he served as peer-referee for the inaugural issue of the St. Thomas University Intercultural Human Rights Law Review.

Doug Smith (Sociology) was honored in February by the Southern Rural Sociological Association, where he was presented the group’s Excellence in Teaching Award for 2005.

Judith Szerdahelyi (English) presented “The Place of Multimedia Literacy in the English Curriculum: Lighting Techniques for Digital Imagination” at the 69th annual Kentucky Council of Teachers in English/Language Arts.


Marjorie Yambor (Journalism & Broadcasting) moderated a panel entitled “Station Budgets and Finances” at the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System national conference in New York, NY in March 2005. While there, she also spoke on two other panels: “The Role of Faculty Advisors” and “Academic Planning for Media Career Choices.”

Tom Bartel (Art) had artwork selected as “Best of Show” at the US Bank Celebration of the Arts Exhibition at the Kentucky Museum in Bowling Green, KY. His artwork has been displayed at several exhibitions in many different cities: Bowling Green, KY; Louisville, KY; Santa Ana, CA; Baltimore, MD; Sau-
Stacy Wade (Accounting) supervises the VITA program at WKU. This program engages senior Accounting majors by providing free tax preparation assistance to relatively low-income individuals in the community.


Linda Johnson (Information Systems) has been appointed to the National Advisory Board for Murray State University’s program of distinction in Telecommunication Systems Management, and will serve alongside high-ranking executives from BellSouth, Quest, Nortel and other notable business leaders in the telecommunications industry.

Robert Hatfield (Management) and Robert Reber (Associate Dean, College of Business) presented “Faculty Development, Online Learning, and Cultural Change” at the February 2005 Kentucky and Tennessee Best Practices Conference sponsored by Murray State University. At this same conference, Robert Jefferson (Dean, College of Business) served as moderator for the Dean’s Corner session.

OGDEN COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

The fourth annual Girls in Science Day was held April 23, 2005. This program allowed 5th – 8th grade girls to participate in fun science and math activities with WKU faculty and students.

Whitney LeGrand (Warsaw, KY), an undergraduate in the Department of Agriculture, was chosen as the Outstanding Junior in the United States as selected by the National American Society of Animal Science at the national convention held in Denver, CO, January 2005. She was chosen among candidates from 91 chapters nationwide. This award was based on academic achievements, leadership, campus involvement and Block & Bridle activities.

Block & Bridle for the second year in a row has placed first in the Chapter Scrapbook competition at the national convention. Fran Korthaus (Prospect, KY), an undergraduate in the Department of Agriculture, has been in charge of the scrapbook for the last two years. WKU’s Block & Bridle also placed 5th out of 91 chapters for the Chapter Activities award. This award is based on each chapter’s activities throughout the past year.

David Coffey (Agriculture) was the recipient of Kentucky’s Career and Technical Education Distinguished Service Award for 2005.

Steve Huskey (Biology) and Sarah LeGates, graduate student, attended the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology annual meeting in San Diego, CA in January 2005. Huskey presented a projected entitled “Scaling Snook Suction: The Effects of Body Size on Feeding Performance,” co-authored by Peter Wainright (UC Davis), Ralph Tusing (Florida Tech), and Andrew Carroll (UC Davis). Huskey was also the co-author on a presentation entitled “Force Transmission During Suction Feeding in Centrarchid Fish.”

The Department of Biology welcomed Dr. Rafael Marquez Martinez de Orense from the Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales from Madrid, Spain, February 21, 2005. Dr. Marquez gave a seminar and two workshops on the use of bioacoustics to monitor frogs and birds as part of the CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) monitoring program. It was the first in a series of workshops by national and international experts in selected topics related to new research and monitoring projects being initiated by WKU researchers in the Upper Green River watershed.

Michael Ruhl, graduate student in the Department of Biology, won the Best Student Paper at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. His presentation entitled “Effects of Hydrology on Non-troglotichic Fishes in the Subterranean Rivers of Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky,” is co-authored by undergraduate student Travis Varney (Glasgow, KY) and Philip Lienesch (Biology).


Natalina Elliot (Nashville, TN), Brooke Polen (Bowling Green, KY), and Daniel Starnes (Brownsville, KY) represented WKU’s Department of Biology during the 4th Annual Posters at the Capitol event, held in Frankfort, KY, February 2005. At this event students from eight of Kentucky’s public universities had the opportunity to meet with the Governor and with their elected Representatives in the state house and Senate to talk about the importance of independent research opportunities in higher education.

Natalina Elliot presented “Testing Hypotheses of Hybridization in Mentha spicata and M. canadensis Using Molecular Data,” sponsored by WKU Biology faculty member Lawrence Alice.

Brooke Polen presented a poster entitled “PRaTe – PYG: A New Genetic Construct for Studying Gene Expression in Butterflies,” sponsored by WKU Biology faculty member Jeffrey Marcus.

Daniel Starnes presented a poster entitled “Development of Lolium Multiflorum Cell Lines Capable of High Phosphate Accumulation,” sponsored by WKU Biology faculty member Shivendra Sahi, and WKU postdoctoral fellow Nilesh Sharma.
Matthew Dettman (Engineering) was invited to present to the Associated Builders and Contractors annual convention held in Orlando, FL, February 2005. His presentation was on Cost Effective and Efficient Construction Quality Control and Materials Inspection for Commercial Construction.

Robert Choate and Kevin Schmaltz (Engineering) along with undergraduate students Brandon Bibelhauser (Louisville, KY), Stephen Howard (Bowling Green, KY), Johnny Martin (Franklin, KY), Andrew Davis (Cave City, KY), Nicholas Addington (Centertown, KY), Michael Burton (Glasgow, KY), James Campbell (Dacula, GA), Paul Graves (Louisville, KY), and Benjamin Gries (Alvaton, KY) attended the March 2005 American Society of Mechanical Engineers Region VI Student Design Competition in Champaign-Urbana, IL. The nine WKU ME juniors participated on three different teams, with one team taking 1st place (Bibelhauser, Howard, and Martin). The teams designed and built a remote controlled vehicle capable of transporting rice across an obstacle course. The 1st place team won $250 and has qualified for the national competition at the ASME National Convention in Orlando, FL.

Kevin Schmaltz and Robert Choate (Engineering) were successful in one of the two educational equipment and student engagement grants that were submitted to ASHRAE earlier this year. The grant will allow for the construction of an air-flow test bench for the Thermofluids lab. The project will be implemented as a 2005-06 ME Senior Project.


Kevin Cary (Geography & Geology) recently passed professional accreditation to receive the designation of Certified GIS Professional (CISP). Cary is one of only 10 GIS professionals in the Commonwealth certified by the national GIS Certification Institute and one of only two GIS educators certified in Kentucky.

Jens Britt (Agriculture) presented a paper entitled “The Western Kentucky University Johnie’s Eradication Project” at the March 2005 Kentucky Dairyman’s Conference in Cave City, KY.

Jens Britt (Agriculture) received the El Torro award in April 2005 from the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine at the annual conference.

Michael Trapasso (Geography and Geology) was the writer of chapter 15 “Tourism and the Ozone Hole: Varying Perspectives,” in a book recently released in March 2005. The book is entitled “Tourism, Recreation and Climate Change.”

Heather Johnson (Biology) started a new WKU student chapter of the National Science Teachers Association and is serving as the chapter advisor. Their first meeting was held in March.

Heather Johnson (Biology) presented a session entitled “Are we Adequately Preparing Kentucky’s Ethnic Minority Students in Science?” at the Strategies for Change: Kentucky’s Ethnic Minorities in Higher Education conference held in Louisville, KY, March 2005.

Ken Crawford (Biology) conducted a workshop entitled “Frogs and Toads of Kentucky” and included a talk on “Declining Amphibian Populations” for the Jefferson County Public Schools Center for Environmental Education in February 2005.

Graduate students Benjamin Tobin and Andrea Croskey along with undergraduate Crystal Bergman (Bowling Green, KY) presented their work at the 54th annual meeting of the Geological Society of America’s Southeastern Section in Biloxi, MS in March 2005. Tobin presented “Variations in Sediment Deposition Due to Changing Water Regimes in a Karst Conduit on the Sinkhole Plain, South Central Kentucky.” Croskey presented “Groundwater Sensitivity Mapping of the Beaver Dam and Campbellsville 30x60 Minute Quadrangles.”

Bergman presented “Modeling Relationships between Soil and Climate Parameters using the Basic GAPS Program.”

Neal Downing (Architectural and Manufacturing Sciences) assigned to one of his architectural design studio classes the task of coming up with the best design for a new building for the Chamber of Commerce. Neal had the best designers present their projects to the Chamber at the end of the semester.

Margaret Crowder (Geography and Geology) was selected by the Business and Professional Women’s Club as the 2005 Young Careerist of Simpson County.

The Department of Engineering received donations from two industrial partners, designated for the Engineering Prototype Facility, located in the new Engineering and Biological Sciences Building. The first partner is WMH Tool Group from Elgin, IL. They donated $18,000 for a hydraulic Universal Tilt-Frame Band Saw. The other partner, Haas Automation, Inc., from Oxnard, CA, donated $23,000 towards tooling for CNC fabrication machines.

The WKU Upper Green River Biological Preserve was treated to a group workday on February 19. Eight Biology faculty, staff and students along with two guests worked to clean trash out of sinkholes and along the road, cut barbed wire fencing and performed many other clean up projects. The effort will facilitate conservation efforts at the University’s new resource.

In February 2005, 12 students and faculty from the Department of Chemistry attended the 2005 Pittcon in Orlando, FL. The full list of presentations can be seen at our website (www.wku.edu/Dept/Support/AcadAffairs).

In March 2005, 28 students and faculty from the Department of Chemistry attended the Spring 2005 National American Chemical Society meeting in San Diego, CA. The full list of presentations can be seen at our website (www.wku.edu/Dept/Support/AcadAffairs).
UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Carrie Bennett (University Libraries & Special Projects) was a program committee member for the Academic Library and Development Network 2005 Conference held March 2005 in New Orleans, LA. Bennett also presented “The Nuts and Bolts of a Library Case for Support.”

Carol Watwood (Library Public Services) was certified as a member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals by the Medical Library Association for October 2004 through September 2009.

Haiwang Yuan (Library Public Services) has 27 articles in the new Encyclopedia Of Contemporary Chinese Culture, 2005. His articles describe topics from foods to tourism, weddings and even western style medicine.


INTERDEPARTMENTAL

WKU’s Institutional Advancement received several awards during the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education in Kentucky (CASE-K) meeting held in December 2004. They received best in the state for overall alumni relations program, total educational fundraising program and media relations project for “View from the Hill.” They also received three awards of excellence in fundraising project, media relations project and magazines for The Western Scholar.

Phil Myers (Sponsored Programs) attended the Planning Meeting for the 2005 Society of Research Administrators’ International Meeting to present predominantly undergraduate institution sessions in Milwaukee, WI, January 2005. While there Myers was appointed Historian/Archivist for the Society of Research Administrators International Professional Organization.

WKU’s Forensics Team does it again and starts off the new year with a set of great victories, placing first in overall sweepstakes over 30 other schools at both portions of the Bradley University/ University of Texas-Austin Swing.

Judy Woodring (Forensics) was elected Vice President of the Kentucky Forensic Association at the February 2005 meeting at Morehead State University. She was also nominated again for Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers.

Tricia Callahan and Pamela Napier (Sponsored Programs) presented a session at the March 24 NCURA event entitled “Effective Proposal Development Programs for Faculty and Staff at Smaller Institutions.”

Bob Adams (Student Publications) was inducted into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame during its 25th anniversary at The Campbell House in Lexington, KY.

Vicki Stayton, Cynthia Houston, Elizabeth Cooksey, Alice Mikovich, Terrence McMain, (College of Education) along with Cheryl Beckley and Krista Seymour (Educational Television Services), Ron Eckard and Alvaro Vergara-Mery (College of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences) recently produced two classroom videos depicting the educational system in Mexico. The videos entitled “Global Approaches to Teacher Education: Understanding Mexican Schools” and “Global Approaches to Teacher Education: Understanding Mexico,” were supported through the Global Approaches to Teachers Education grant, and were developed for use in Teacher Education programs nationwide. The videos are being marketed by Insight Media with proceeds going toward an endowed scholarship for study abroad opportunities for students and faculty.

DIVISION OF EXTENDED LEARNING AND OUTREACH (DELO)

Sue Parrigin was installed as President of the Leadership Bowling Green Alumni Association, January 28, 2005. Parrigin was also recently elected as Vice-President of the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of South Central Kentucky Board of Directors. This organization serves Barren, Metcalfe and Warren Counties.