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A $1 million gift commitment from a Las Vegas, Nev., alumnus will fund one of the most important priorities of Western Kentucky University's Investing in the Spirit Campaign.

Tom Hiles, WKU's vice president for Institutional Advancement, recently announced that Dick Frockt; his wife, Janet; and his son, Ryan, who is a student at Western; have made a gift to create the Richard Frockt Family Professorship in History in the Potter College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. The $500,000 gift will be matched by the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Regional Excellence Trust Fund and will put the Campaign total above the new goal of $90 million, established in May 2002.

"We are so grateful for this new commitment," Hiles said. "This gift solidifies the 23rd endowed professorship created since the beginning of the Campaign in 1998. The Campaign has a goal of establishing 25 such professorships, as support for nationally-prominent faculty is essential in preparing competent graduates and future leaders in Kentucky and the nation."

Dr. David Lee, dean of the Potter College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, expressed his appreciation to the Frocks. "This generous gift represents a strong commitment to academic priorities of Western and to the general education curriculum which is pursued by all students at Western," he said.

Frockt credits Western with much of the success he has achieved during his career. In 1963, he had been out of college for a year and thought it was time to get back to his education. He had experienced significant problems during his freshman year at another university, but his father was very supportive of his desire to continue his education.

"My father at that time was in the insurance business with a gentleman named Harry Davis who had previously been the chief of staff for Happy Chandler when he was governor," Frockt said. "During that tenure he had become friends with Kelly Thompson, who was then president of Western Kentucky University."

An appointment was arranged and Dick Frockt and his dad drove to Bowling Green to meet personally with Dr. Thompson.

Frockt recalls: "After the pleasures of the meeting with Dr. Thompson, I remember him looking at

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Dear Friend of Western,

What an exciting 12 months it has been for Western Kentucky University! In May of last year, we announced that we had surpassed the initial $78 million goal for the *Investing in the Spirit* Campaign. After much discussion and a review of the unmet priorities within the Campaign, the Campaign Cabinet decided to raise the goal to a challenging $90 million, which was to be achieved by the initial deadline of June 30, 2003. Last month we were thrilled to announce that the new goal had been surpassed!

It is truly fitting that the gift from Dick, Janet, and Ryan Frocht was the one to put us over the top. Funding a History professorship, the gift directly supported the people who make Western unique and the most important priority within the Campaign goals.

This Campaign, which will conclude next month, has been about more than just dollars raised. Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, the *Investing in the Spirit* Campaign will have a lasting legacy on our campus.

During the past five years, we have:

- Increased our annual cash donations from $3 million to more than $12 million
- Funded 23 new endowed professorships in a number of important academic disciplines, ranging from music, to business, to engineering
- Created 80 new endowed scholarships in the WKU Foundation and the College Heights Foundation
- Doubled our overall endowment from $24.0 million to $50 million

As these gifts have been added to the University's endowment, the funds will be permanent. With continued support and an increased endowment, Western will have the ability to attract and retain quality faculty and students. Together, we have made a difference. Thank you for the part you have played in our success.

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Hiles
Annual Fund Is Cornerstone of Campaign

You are now aware that Western Kentucky University has surpassed the $90 million goal of its first comprehensive campaign, Investing in the Spirit. What you may not be aware of, however, is the importance of the Annual Fund to the Campaign and to the University. Investing in the Spirit has certainly been a beacon to those offering their support for Western. The Annual Fund is the foundation on which that bright beacon was built and must continue to be the base of support if Western is to persist in its ascent to national prominence.

The Annual Fund is made up of donors who give each year to Western Kentucky University. In 1998, 11,711 donors made gifts totaling more than $4.2 million. The conclusion of fiscal year 2003 will show more than 15,000 donors contributing approximately $12.3 million to Western and its programs. This phenomenal growth has been made possible by alumni and friends in all walks of life, in all income ranges throughout the country. This is important because individuals can collectively make an amazing difference in the quality of programs. As has been mentioned before, it is the action of making the gift that is most important, not always the size of the gift. For example, if each of our alumni who has never made a monetary gift to Western gave $25, more than $1 million in additional funding would be available to assist current students and increase the value of a degree from Western Kentucky University.

Further perspective on the importance of the Annual Fund is brought when you consider the composition of the University budget. In the current fiscal year, approximately 25 percent of Western's revenue comes from tuition, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky provides less than 50 percent of the overall revenues. Private support plays a crucial role in assuring the budget gap does not reach the classroom and negatively impact the quality of education our students and constituents expect.

The end of the Campaign is near, but that is only the beginning step in the transformation of Western Kentucky University. The Annual Fund must become the constant support that strides step-by-step with Western to achieve national prominence. Remember to support the Annual Fund and remind fellow alumni and friends of the importance of participation. The Campaign ends, the Annual Fund begins...and begins...and begins...

Alumni Participation Rate continues to be a challenge for which we need your assistance. Please continue helping Western achieve its goals by urging participation in the Annual Fund. Western is compared to its' peers. Help make that comparison a favorable one.
Campaign Address Regional Shortage of Nurses and Healthcare Workers

Western Kentucky University's Investing in the Spirit Campaign is opening new doors in addressing a regional shortage of professional nurses and healthcare professionals. According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, there will be a deficit of more than 1 million nurses nationally by the year 2010 due to an aging population and technological advances. In response to this critical need, Western has partnered with four area hospitals and local donors in creating scholarship programs for nursing and healthcare students.

"This is an excellent and innovative example of how a public university can work with private support to meet the needs of our region," WKU President Gary Ransdell said. "These scholarships help students by enabling deserving men and women to pursue careers in nursing," Dr. Ransdell added. "They also assist the community by helping fill a void in the marketplace and keeping our graduates employed in this region. We would like to have our nursing students enter our program with a scholarship in one hand and a job in the other."

Recent gifts to the Nursing program include:

- James W. Brite, Sr. and his wife, Mary Carolyn Wolfe Brite, have made a provision in their estate plan to provide annual income to establish a scholarship fund, a portion of which will benefit students pursuing degrees in nursing. Mr. Brite, owner of Hartland Furniture in Bowling Green, said, "My wife and I wanted to provide opportunities for students choosing careers in nursing. We know that there will always be a need for nurses in our community, and we are pleased that we will be helping to fulfill that need in the future."

- Greenview Regional Hospital has made a commitment of $475,000 to provide scholarships to Nursing students who agree to practice at Greenview upon their graduations.

- Rosella Isbell of Bowling Green recently made a generous scholarship commitment, $50,000 of which will create the Calvin M. and Rosella Spivey Isbell Scholarship Fund for the WKU Department of Nursing. Mr. Isbell, an alumnus of the Bowling Green Business University, passed away in 1997. "Calvin and I became interested in the nursing profession many years ago when we had a niece who entered school to become a nurse," said Mrs. Isbell. "We have always wanted to do something to support worthy students pursuing a nursing career."

- The Medical Center established a $1.25 million scholarship fund at WKU to create a partnership in support of the baccalaureate and associate degree nursing programs. Through this endowment Western will award a minimum of 17 scholarships annually to nursing students who agree to be employed at The Medical Center or other Commonwealth Health Corporation healthcare entities. John C. Desmarais, president and chief executive officer of Commonwealth Health Corporation, the parent company of The Medical Center, sees the scholarship as a partnership with WKU to meet the current and future healthcare needs of residents of Southcentral Kentucky. "By partnering with Western, we are encouraging men and women to enter into the nursing profession," he said. "It is a proactive measure to meet the shortage of available nurses today and in the future."

- Owensboro Mercy Health System in Owensboro, Ky., made a gift of $325,000 over five years to support 10 Nursing scholarships for students who agree to return to the hospital to work upon their graduations. Vicki Stogsdill, Owensboro Mercy's senior vice president of operations said, "The scholarships will support nursing students from our region, which will help alleviate the nursing shortage and expand the program at Western."

- TJ Samson Community Hospital in Glasgow, Ky., recently made a commitment to an $80,000 annual gift to WKU. That gift will fund 16 annual scholarships of $5,000 each to students who are pursuing careers in healthcare who agree to work at TJ Samson upon graduation. Dwayne Moss, TJ Samson's chief executive officer, said he is concerned about the shortage of workers in healthcare fields and the strain the baby boomers will put on the industry. "That's why we've entered into a partnership with Western, to address the shortage and to encourage and help students pursue healthcare-related careers," he said.
Encore! Students Perform in Recital for Music Donors

Recipients of the endowed music scholarships at Western made an encore presentation at the Gifts of Music Recital: Notes of Thanks to Scholarship Donors on April 13. The spring recital is performed annually to show appreciation to music scholarship donors. It also allows the donors and recipients to meet one another.

"The event celebrates the donors’ generosity and the recipients’ gratefulness via a performance," said Dr. Mitzi Groom, head of WKU’s Department of Music.

Scholarship donor representatives listened to a host of musical performances— including piano, trombone, brass, and voice— by scholarship recipients.

"The students prepare diligently for this singular performance, because this is the only time of the year they are able to express their gratefulness for this award through their performance," said Groom.

The recital was performed for the first time in 2002. Dr. Groom facilitated a similar recital at another university before coming to Western.

"This is the only time that a donor can actually see the value of the scholarship that has been given to the music department through hearing the talent that is being encouraged and nurtured at Western," said Groom.

Currently, Western has 14 scholarships for music students. They are: Jerry Baker Scholarship, Dr. Kent Campbell Scholarship, Howard Carpenter String and Piano Scholarship, Blanche and Austin Duckett Strings Music Scholarship, Thelma Griggs Piano Scholarship, Hugh F. Johnson Music Scholarship, Music Department Faculty Scholarship, Edward J. Pease Memorial Scholarship, Seymour Spiegelman Scholarship, Dr. Samuel W. and Jeane Payne Tinsley Music Scholarship, Marita Hawley Travelstead Scholarship, Nelle Gooch Travelstead Scholarship, D. & S. Vitale String Scholarship, and the Ida Weidemann Memorial Scholarship.

Dr. Chester Travelstead (center) poses with Amanda Biggs (left), recipient of the Marita Hawley Travelstead Scholarship, and Ashley Farris (right), recipient of the Nelle Gooch Travelstead Scholarship.

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Dr. Mitzi Groom
Head of WKU’s Department of Music
WKU Receives Lead Gifts for New Academic Athletic Performance Center

Western Kentucky University has received new gifts totaling $2.05 million for an Academic and Athletic Performance Center from two separate donors, both of whom wish to remain confidential.

WKU Director of Athletics Wood Selig said this facility is at the top of Western's current wish list to benefit all of its 350 student-athletes. "It will assist all student-athletes with computer labs, study areas, and our primary academic advising center, and it will also house our primary weight training facility, athletic training and rehabilitation center, and offices and locker rooms for football," he said.

Selig said the new Academic Athletic Performance Center will be located in the heart of the athletic precinct and will accessible to all 20 intercollegiate athletic programs. "The name of the Academic Athletic Performance Center is completely accurate as it will serve to enhance the scholarly and athletic performance of all of WKU's student athletes," he said.

"This enrichment center is a perfect bookend for the Diddle Arena renovation," said WKU President Gary Ransdell. "In one part of campus we are restoring one of the nation's best on-campus basketball facilities to benefit numerous athletic and academic programs. This new center, possibly located between the football and baseball fields, is another step in creating the facilities necessary to enable our students to be nationally competitive in the classroom and on the athletic field."

Selig added that the request for proposals to potential consultants to produce the feasibility study for the placement and design of the new facility went out in April. "Our goal is to complete the feasibility study by the end of the summer and to have an architect and funding in place by the fall," he said.

Gift in Support of Football Portion of Facility

The first gift in support the football portion of the facility totaled $1.55 million and brought total gifts from this family to $4.9 million. "WKU has just captured its first National Championship," he said. "We have a finite window of time to capitalize on the national spotlight that has been directed to our campus and our athletic department."

According to Selig, Western is now solidly on the radar for some of the best athletes in the country, thanks in large part to the highly visible National Championship for football. "Facilities recruit athletes better than any other tangible asset," he said. "In order to keep the momentum going forward, progress in the area of facilities is the best statement to prospective student-athletes as to the value and importance of an athletic program. The Academic Athletic Performance Center will be a significant statement to the prominence of intercollegiate athletics at WKU and the national aspirations we have for all of our academic and athletic programs."
Glasgow Campus Offers Naming Opportunities

A new era in educational access and opportunity began last year in Glasgow and surrounding communities with the opening of the South Regional Postsecondary Education Center.

The $9 million, 58,152-square-foot facility houses Western Kentucky University's Glasgow Campus and programs under the authority of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

The facility, built on a 30-acre site next to Barren County High School, will enhance educational access and job-training opportunities for students in Barren, Adair, Allen, Clinton, Cumberland, Metcalfe, Monroe, and Russell counties.

"Western is proud of its long-standing tradition of providing postsecondary services wherever there is need," said WKU President Gary Ransdell. "Honoring this commitment has meant connecting WKU with other areas of the state in need of educational outreach."

The campus serves more than 1,600 students, who are enrolled in more than 4,300 courses, and the enrollment is increasing each year. Dr. Juanita Bayless, director of WKU's Glasgow campus, expects enrollment growth and program enhancements to continue.

"As our student body grows and as our region grows, we'll evolve our programs as additional needs are identified for the students that attend here," she said.

WKU's extended campus in Glasgow was established in January 1988 at 213 S. Liberty St. Western's courses include associate degrees in nursing, information systems, office systems technology, general studies, business technology; bachelor's degrees in general studies along with majority of classes for elementary education; and master's level courses in interdisciplinary administration and school counseling.

Technical courses offered by the Bowling Green Technical College include an industrial maintenance technology program along with classes in information technology, automated systems technology, HVAC, welding, and computer aided drafting.

Construction began in April 2000 and was completed in November 2001. The center includes 36 classrooms along with labs for science, nursing, and technical courses. The two-story facility also includes space for administrative offices, a library, bookstore, and a multipurpose room.

A number of naming opportunities exist within this new facility.

These include:

- Full-time endowed faculty positions for Glasgow $1,000,000
- Furnishings for Building $300,000
- Lobby $300,000
- Community Meeting Room $200,000
- Computer Laboratory $150,000
- Interactive Television Classroom $125,000
- Elementary Education Laboratory $100,000
- Nursing Laboratory $100,000
- Science Laboratory $100,000
- Bookstore $75,000
- Student Lounge $75,000
- Student Resource Room $75,000
- Classroom $50,000
- Office $10,000

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WKU Launches Kelly Autism Project

Western Kentucky University is breaking new ground through the commencement of the Kelly Autism Project. According to Tom Hiles, WKU's vice president for Institutional Advancement, this program has been made possible through a three-year gift of $150,000 for initial funding by John and Linda Kelly of Bowling Green, a couple whose daughter has been diagnosed with autism.

"We have announced hundreds of gifts during the almost five years of the Campaign, but I can think of none that were more meaningful," Hiles said. "We are grateful and excited that the Kellys are utilizing Western's expertise and relationships to partner with the community and the schools to improve the lives of young people with autism."

Michael Mayton, WKU assistant professor of Special Instructional Programs, will head the project. According the Mayton, the long-range goals of the Kelly Autism Project are to:

- Provide instruction, intervention, and support opportunities to children and young adults with autism spectrum disorders;
- Empower families as well-equipped advocates and give them the tools and strategies needed to extend ameliorative program practices into the home; and
- Provide training and other resources to public school administrators and educators who work with students with autism spectrum disorders in their schools.

"Though other age groups and other classifications within the autism spectrum of disorders will eventually be included within the project's scope, the initial focus will be on preparing young adults with autism, ages 14 and over, to effectively transition to a purposeful, fulfilling life after their public school years are over," Mayton said.

The Kellys say they are impressed by the leadership WKU has shown through this project and are pleased to provide the initial seed money for the program. "Autism is affecting more and more of our population," said Mr. Kelly. "As our children grow into adulthood, the challenge is in how to create transition programs that support the needs and desires of the individual, and have value to the community as well. Western Kentucky University is committing the people, resources, and infrastructure to develop the programs that will help these citizens meet their potential."

Mayton says that individualized programs for these young people will strive to increase interactive social skills, community participation, opportunities for recreation and leisure activity, therapeutic vocational skills, and access to meaningful interpersonal relationships, all for the purpose of enhancing their overall quality of life beyond the final years of public school.

"WKU becomes the umbrella institution," Mr. Kelly concluded. "They will be developing transition programs in coordination with the school systems and other support organizations in the community, assisting our autistic children in developing self-esteem and interests that can have value in the community."
Endowment Support Sought for Symphony Orchestra

The Bowling Green Western Symphony Orchestra (BGWSO) has been in the business of entertaining and enriching audiences of all ages for 95 years. It traces its roots to the 1908 Normal School Orchestra, and it continued as a Western Kentucky University ensemble until 1987. At that time, the Bowling Green Western Symphony Orchestra was chartered as a non-profit organization and cooperative venture between Western and area individuals and businesses.

The Orchestra is composed of Western faculty and students, as well as musicians from both inside and outside the community. Performing five concerts each season, its repertory includes works by Beethoven, Brahms, Mozart, Tchaikovsky, and Stravinsky. In addition, the orchestra performs a "pops" concert each December, a program filled with holiday favorites. This special performance is complemented by the talents of both the Bowling Green – Western Choral Society and the University Choir.

Each season, the Bowling Green Western Symphony Orchestra relies on the support of corporations and individuals to underwrite its artistic and educational initiatives for the community. The BGWSO's ability to create a legacy of artistic excellence for the South Central Kentucky region depends on its financial stability made possible by its contributors. According to Dr. Mitzi Groom, head of the WKU Department of Music, the Orchestra is currently seeking gifts in support of an operational endowment, which will fund various costs associated with Orchestra, including publicity, education, printing, and bringing in guest musicians.

"The creation of an endowment is essential for the BGWSO to build the foundation upon which budgetary issues will be solved," said Dr. Groom. "Orchestra operating budgets are dependent upon endowment gifts, ticket sales, sponsorships, and grants. These are the financial foundations that ensure the orchestra season continuation year after year."

Groom says the Bowling Green Western Symphony Orchestra is a vital part of our culture-rich community. "It is very unusual to find an orchestra of this fine caliber in a town the size of Bowling Green," she said. "The collaboration with Western Kentucky University makes this group even more of a hybrid, and one of which the community and the campus can be justly proud."

She further explains that the orchestra is a garden for growing young musicians. "This unique group has at its heart the undergraduate student player," she said. "This burgeoning talent is shored up by professional musicians who love to play the great literature. This is an orchestra that performs at a high artistic standard, provides a place for regional musicians to make music, and enriches the cultural fabric of our community."

Susan Pribble, a long-time member of the Board of Directors of the BGWSO, says that the presence of a symphony orchestra says more about the quality of the arts environment in the region than any other single arts organization.

"The orchestra's concert series completes the array of opportunities to experience many different art disciplines in this community," she said. "We are really fortunate to have an orchestra of this caliber here in Bowling Green. Watching 75 musicians on stage together creating this beautiful sound is a magical experience."

According to Pribble, the purpose of the orchestra is not only to perform, but also to educate. "We fulfill this mission by performing a wide range of music by both classical and contemporary composers," she said.

Groom said, "The orchestra's very existence improves the image of our city and our state, and also allows the young and seasoned musicians to perform in a common purpose by contributing in a very positive way to the artistic life of Bowling Green."

Gifts to the Orchestra's Operational Endowment have been received from:
Dr. and Mrs. Allan Pribble
The Bowling Green Western Symphony Orchestra Association
The Laura Goad Turner Charitable Foundation
Faculty Member Gives Back to Western

For the past 18 years, Dr. Ron Milliman has been teaching Western students the fundamentals of marketing and advanced sales. Now, through a planned gift from him and his wife, Palma, students will have the opportunity to study marketing long after he leaves the classroom.

The Millimans have made a provision in their will to create the Ronald and Palma Milliman Sales Scholarship. “This scholarship will serve as a reward...to encourage quality in our program,” said Ron. “We want to help those students that excel,” Palma explains.

Ron has had a lifelong interest in marketing that he enjoys sharing with others. “As a child, I was always marketing something to earn money to buy Christmas presents or to support my many interests and hobbies,” he said.

Believing in higher education runs in the Milliman family. All five of them hold college degrees. Palma along with daughter, Veronica, and youngest son, Brad, all received degrees from Western. Their other son, Mike, earned his degree at the University of Texas, El Paso, while Ron received his degrees at Eastern Michigan University and Arizona State University.

When asked why they decided to make a planned gift to Western, Ron replied, “I enjoy Western....the institution has been good to me.”

Planned Gifts Important to Western’s Future Success

by John Grider, chair of WKU’s Planned Giving Advisory Council

During the course of the Challenging the Spirit strategic plan, Western Kentucky University has begun to emerge as a thriving university. National recognition in a host of academic areas and a growing applicant pool are just two areas where Western is experiencing positive growth. As we move closer to the conclusion of the Investing in the Spirit Campaign, the growth of the University’s endowment will allow Western to continue this vitality for years to come.

Deferred gifts, also known as planned gifts, have been a vital component to the campaign’s success. In fact, $23.2 million of the $90.2 million campaign total is in the form of planned gifts.

Planned gifts involve the use of financial vehicles to defer contributions to the University. These gifts allow Western to anticipate income and plan its fiscal policy on a long-term basis. Examples of a planned gift include naming Western as a beneficiary in a trust, life insurance policy, retirement plan, or IRA. Planned gifts are essential to the vitality of the University. Moreover, they provide a strategic way for you to make a gift to Western, fulfill your philanthropic goals, and at the same time benefit your family through effective estate planning. In fact, with some of the programs available, you can provide lifetime income for yourself that can begin at retirement.

All donors who make planned gifts to Western are recognized in the Society of 1906. Currently, 123 individual members are a part of this recognition group. These gifts account for $35.1 million and will help ensure the Western legacy is passed onto future generations.

I hope you will consider Western when you prepare your will or when you are making other financial decisions. Planned gifts can be an effective way for you to give to Western without impairing your current cash flow.

If you have made a provision in your will or would like more information on ways to make a planned gift, please contact John Paul Blair or Alex Downing in our Planned Giving office by calling toll free 1-888-958-2586.
me and asking if I wanted to return to college and would I commit to him to make every effort to succeed. He explained that he did not want to commit Western's resources if I was unwilling to commit myself. After a few moments, I told him that I would."

After a brief meeting alone with Frockt's father, Dr. Thompson explained to Dick that that his admission would come with a few strings attached. Dr. Thompson introduced Dick to Dero Downing, who at that time was Western's dean of students.

"They explained that my admission was conditioned on the following: that I would commit myself to succeeding; that Dr. Downing would weekly discuss my progress with my professors; and that every Saturday morning I would come to Dr. Thompson's office where we would discuss my progress or problems.

"Dr. Thompson, as it turned out, became my mentor," Frockt continued. "The first full semester he spent his personal time going over my weekly results, both good and bad, and offering his advice on my direction."

Frockt graduated in 1967, an accomplishment he credits directly to Dr. Thompson.

"He guided me and by gentle persuasion helped me to succeed," Frockt said. "I could look to him for guidance and help, which gave me the confidence to succeed.

"I have chosen to make this gift to Western to both show my appreciation for what the University has done for me and to help future students find success as well."

WKU President Gary Ransdell announces $500,000 gift from Frockt family for History professorship.

WKU President Gary Ransdell says the Frockt story is an inspirational one. "We are pleased that members of the Western family helped prepare Dick for his success, and we are grateful that he and his wife have chosen to give back to the University in such a generous way. The addition of the Frockt Family Professorship in History will touch countless students like Dick for many years to come."

Hiles added that it is truly fitting that this gift was the one that brought the Campaign over the top of its new $90 million goal.

"First and foremost, obtaining increased support for our faculty and students, while honoring the traditions and contributions of our valued alumni and friends, was the most important goal within the Campaign," he said.

"Endowed professorships will have an outstanding legacy of importance for Western. In addition, history is a discipline that touches the lives of every student who walks the Hill at Western Kentucky University."

Hiles said that Western will continue to seek gifts for the Campaign through June 30, 2003. "Achieving our $90 million goal is representative of what is possible at Western," he said. "Dr. Ransdell has instilled an entrepreneurial spirit, and we are finding creative ways to solve complex problems. We will continue to seek gifts in support of each of these important priorities."

With the Frockt gift, the Campaign total now stands at $90.2 million.

Please Reserve This Date

September 19, 2003
For Western Kentucky University's President's Circle
Polka Dot Gala
At WKU Campus Bowling Green, Kentucky
Volunteer Spotlight on the WKU Campaign Cabinet

Western Kentucky University extends its appreciation Co-Chairs Mary Nixon and Don Vitale and to the 21 additional members of the Investing in the Spirit Campaign Cabinet. These volunteers have given tirelessly of their time, talents, and resources to ensure our success. Thank you!

Jerry Baker
Louis Berman
Alex Downing
Gordon Ford
Dan Greenwell
John Grider
Rick Guillaume

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Bobby Hensley
Rick Holton
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