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BU Reunion '99: The Best of Times

What a weekend! Not only was the Gordon Ford College of Business dedicated but also commencement was held, the first President’s Gala took place, the WKU Board of Advisors met and one of the best BU Reunions in history occurred!

All these events took place in THREE DAYS! The 7th Annual Business University Reunion took place May 7-8 and what a weekend it was!

The BU reunion was a success. Thanks to all of you who attended and for those of you not there, we missed you!

The reunion held several new things this year as suggested by the BU Reunion Planning Team members ... Claude Blankenship ('63), Leon Page ('43), Rondal Shrewsbury ('58), Eugenia Pearson Smith ('43), and Helen Powell Smith ('39).

The University Plaza Hotel was the official reunion headquarters site and it contained a Reunion Headquarters room where one could register, purchase BU merchandise, view donated BU items from reunion attendees, thumb through Towers yearbooks..... and, of course, visit with each other!

On Friday evening everyone gathered for “Spring Fling,” a casual dinner event giving alumni time to reminisce and see former classmates. Stories were told by several BUers during “Open Mic Night.”

Thanks to Leon Williams ('49), J.D. Corriher ('49) and others for sharing some of your favorite memories. Congratulations to Ed Foster ('53) for correctly answering the most questions during the BU Trivia Challenge game!

One could safely say this was a story-telling-kind-of-night for everyone and hopefully it brought back some great memories.

On Saturday, attendees gathered for the BU Business Brunch. Hays Watkins ('47) and Gordon Ford ('34) shared memories and special messages to all.

Several golfers, including Oscar Talmage ('50), Williams and Bob Nester ('47) teed off at Hartland Golf Course on Saturday. (The weather was perfect, by the way!).

The reunion weekend came to a close with the “Hospitality Ball” at the Indian Hills Country Club. WKU President Gary Ransdell addressed the group as well as Dean Bob Jefferson who gave an update on the status of the Gordon Ford College of Business. Several BUers danced to the music provided by Paul Satterfield.

We need your HELP!

We’re ready to begin planning for the next reunion in 2001! If you are interested in serving on the BU Reunion Planning Team, please contact Jill Blythe, Associate Director, at 1-888-WKU-ALUM. We will have a BU Alumni Directory available at the next reunion and we need your help in making it as accurate as possible. If you know alumni who didn’t receive any BU mailings, chances are they are “lost alumni” meaning they do not appear in our database. The only way to find them is to tell the Alumni office! If you would like to serve on the BU Directory Committee, please contact our office and we’ll begin working on finding these important folks!
Increasing Alumni Numbers, Honorary Degrees Awarded

During the 145th Commencement Exercises, WKU President Gary Ransdell and the Board of Regents conferred approximately 1,250 baccalareate degrees, 195 masters' degrees and 136 associate degrees. Twenty eight members of the graduating class were age 50 or older.

In addition to honoring the graduates, Western presented honorary degrees to Joy Bale Boone and Dr. Nicholas Kafoglis. Boone, of Glasgow, was appointed Kentucky Poet Laureate in 1997 by Gov. Paul Patton. She has reviewed books for the Courier-Journal for more than 50 years and has served as the chair of the Robert Penn Warren Center at Western Kentucky University. She is also the author of two collections of poems and has been president of the League of Women Voters of Kentucky and Friends of Kentucky Libraries.

She is being honored for her lifetime contributions to promoting and enhancing the literary arts in Kentucky.

Kafoglis, of Bowling Green, has distinguished himself in medicine and public service. He began his medical practice in Bowling Green in 1959 and was elected state representative in 1971. He was voted Outstanding Representative in the Public Interest by the Capitol Press Corps in 1974. Kafoglis was elected to the state Senate in 1986 and retired in 1998 after three terms as majority caucus chairman.

Kafoglis has received the William H. Natcher Award for Distinguished Government Service, served on the Task Force on Higher Education, was named Outstanding Senator by the Kentucky Psychiatric Association and Citizen of the Year by the Kentucky Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

WKU President Gary Ransdell and Hays Watkins unveil the portrait of Gordon Ford that will be displayed in Grise Hall as Ford and his wife, Glenda, look on. The unveiling was part of the ceremony for the dedication of the Gordon Ford College of Business that was held May 7, 1999.
Campus Spotlight

Past meets present in exhibit

As students and faculty walk through the lobby of Grise Hall, they will learn an unexpected history lesson. The lesson will come from the permanent exhibit established in honor of the Bowling Green Business University.

The exhibit will use photographs, documents, publications and artifacts from University Archives to outline the history of business education in Bowling Green. Its contents will change from time to time to share different aspects of the BU's history.

The first section of the display illustrates the development of the BU from its birth as the Southern Normal School and Business College, to the splitting of the two in 1906, to its operation for 57 years and its reuniting with Western in 1963.

The second section illustrates the various buildings in Bowling Green that BU inhabited including a picture of "the Towers" before it burned in 1964.

The third section illustrates the campus life at BU. A photograph of longtime faculty member Mrs. Clyde Cates as well as a photograph of a float created for the parade that preceded the popular annual debate between the Coreco and the Big Four debating societies at BU.

University Archives encourage any alumni who want to donate or lend their BU memorabilia for the exhibit to contact Sue Lynn Stone at (270) 745-4793.

The exhibit is maintained by the University Archives and is a permanent display in Grise Hall on Western's campus.

BU Merchandise

Call the University Bookstore (270) 745-2466 to order!

Cap ..... White bar design cap with 'Bowling Green' on the top line and 'Business University' on the bottom line. A large 'BU' is between the lines ..... $11.95

History Mug ..... 11 oz. White ceramic mug with the BU Building on the front and a brief history of the school on the back ..... $5.99

Note Cards ..... Package of 10 note cards and envelopes with the BU Building on the front ..... $3.95

Polo Shirt ..... 100% cotton, off-white body with herringbone collar in black. The left chest has a two line embroidery in black: Bowling Green/ Business University ..... Sizes M, L, XL, XXL ..... $34.95

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Test Your Memory

1. What was the name of the popular hang out for dancing located around the corner from the Towers on 12th street?

2. What color ribbon did the BU send to the students to wear when disembarking the train at the Bowling Green depot for the first time?

3. Who was the school librarian for 26 years?