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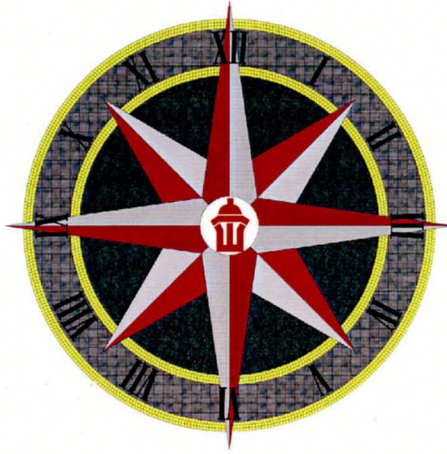
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WKU CENTENNIAL MOSAIC
TIME AND PLACE - CLOCK AND COMPASS
Dedication, November 16, 2006

Arthur Koestler's book 'The Act Of Creation' speaks of the Aha! reflecting the spark of discovery and the Ha-ha! of laughter in the liberation of true innovation. **This Celebration of Education** is about a time and place made for growing, learning and changing.

The Western Kentucky University Centennial Mosaic features the **fountain** itself as history carried forward, restored and renewed with a new **centennial logo center plate**. The **sundial clock**, with its water gnomon and two golden face rings echoing outward now note that one-hundredth year. Sundials tell "solar time," clocks tell mechanical time, and then there is atomic time and digital time and so on.

There's no time like the present to acknowledge the past and consider the future.

Western's explorers go global, confident in their preparation and vision. Encouraging adventure and extension the **compass rose** has appeared on charts and maps since the 1300's. The term "rose" comes from the figure's compass points resembling the flower. Originally known as a wind rose, it indicated the directions of the winds. On a rolling ship by the light of a flickering lamp, these figures had to be clearly visible to map points of departure and beacons to home. Planning today prevails tomorrow in engaging the world.

Imbedded in the compass rose is a **star map**, plotted on a Global Positioning System and computer projected 100 years ahead to November 16, 2106. It mirrors two **constellations** overhead. The "unbridled spirit" of Pegasus, the mythological winged horse, rises at dusk. Perseus, the innovator, overcomes Medusa's glare by looking at the reflection in his silver shield.

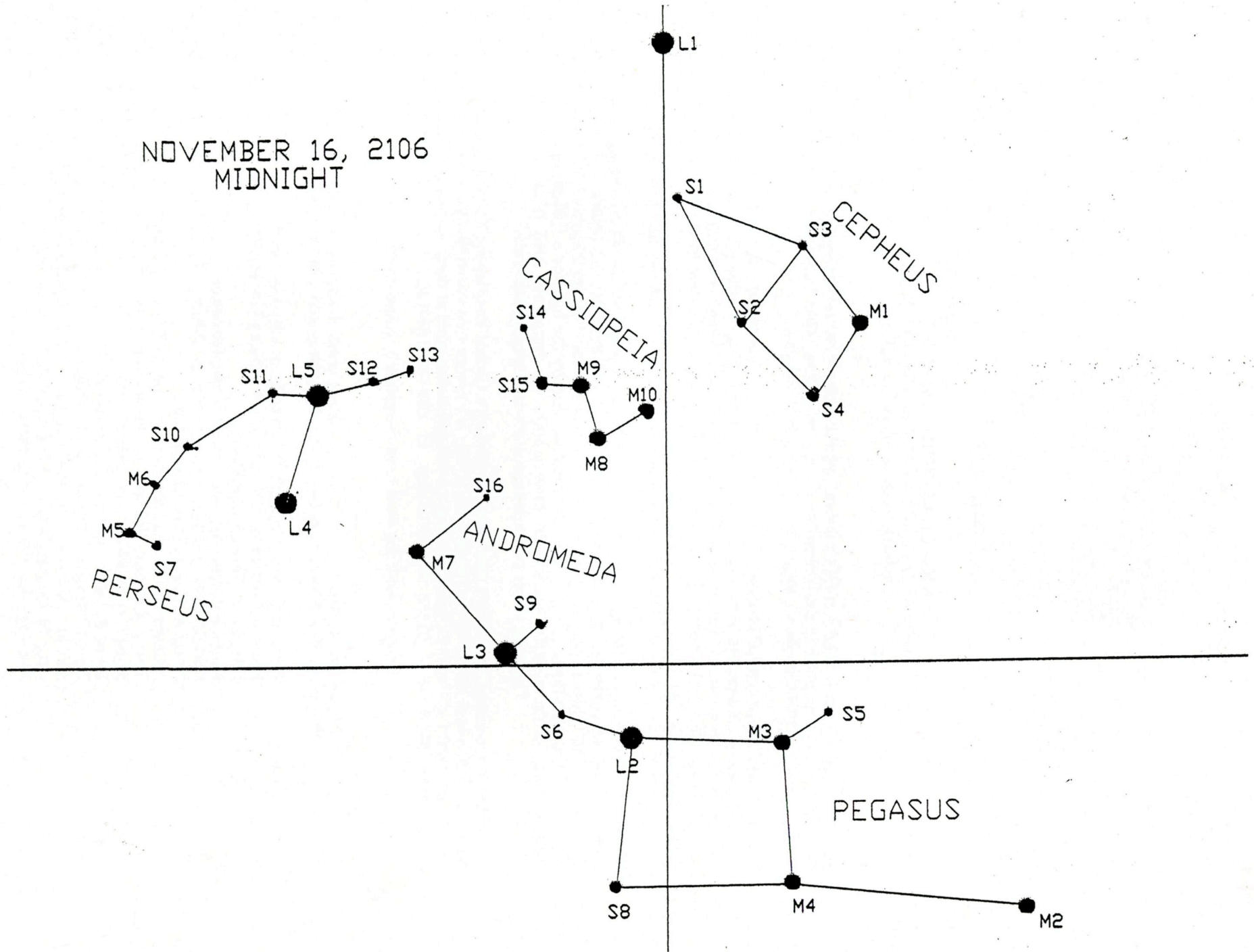
Imagine next, for over time dreamers become doers

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