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How long has it been since you graduated from Western? Whether it’s a long or short time, we want to keep in contact with you and hear what has been happening in your life.

We are planning a brunch at the Ambrosia Restaurant on The Square at 9:30 a.m. on the Saturday of Homecoming (October 9) and hope you can come. We would all very much like to see you. We’ll be sending you more information about this in early September.

Don’t yawn! But please fill out the enclosed card and return to me.

See you at the brunch.

Betty Detwiler
Faculty News by Wilburn Jones

We of the mathematics and computer science faculty at Western extend greetings and our best wishes to all our mathematics and computer science alumni. We think that you may be interested in a few facts concerning us and our department.

During the past quarter century the mathematics department has grown from a staff of four, teaching approximately 500 students per semester, to a mathematics and computer science faculty of 35 full time teachers, along with numerous part-time instructors, serving over 3,500 students each semester.

Currently we have 422 computer science majors, 75 computer science minors, 93 mathematics majors and 143 mathematics minors.

We are extremely proud of our mathematics and computer science programs and we are always striving to improve our services to our students. We would welcome and be appreciative of any comments and suggestions from our alumni.

The present math and computer science faculty list, along with the approximate number of years at Western Kentucky University, consists of:

Mr. George Downing (26)*
Mr. Osburn Flener (23)*
Dr. Joseph Stokes (20)
Dr. Betty Detwiler (19)
Mr. Robert Krenzin (18)
Mr. John Jander (17)
Mr. Dallas Wheat (17)*
Ms. Pat Hooper (16)*
Dr. James Barksdale (14)
Dr. Carroll Wells (14)
Mrs. Virginia Hanks (12)*
Dr. John Crenshaw (11)
Mrs. Linda Pulsinelli (10)*
Mrs. Carolyn Hardcastle (8)*
Mr. Brad Wilson (3)
Mr. Alan Smothers (2)
Mr. Raymond Hsu (1)
Dr. Wilburn Jones (26)*
Dr. Pauline Lowman (20)
Dr. Martha Watson (20)
Dr. John Brevit (18)
Mr. Stephen Jacobs (18)
Ms. Carol Reagles (17)
Dr. Robert Bueker (16)
Dr. Chester Davis (15)
Dr. Glenn Powers (14)*
Dr. Robert Crawford (12)
Dr. Kyle Wallace (12)
Mrs. Mary Humphrey (10)*
Mrs. Rebecca Stamper (10)
Mrs. Hope Richards (8)*
Dr. Alton Crawley (2)
Dr. Tom Cheatham (1)
Dr. Ron Linton (0)

*Indicates W.K.U. Alumni
Some recent newsworthy items concerning the faculty include: DR. MARTHA WATSON, Professor, has been elected to serve a three year term as Governor of the Kentucky Section of the Mathematics Association of America. MRS. LINDA PULSINELLI, Assistant Professor, who has been a member of the faculty since 1972, recently published her general mathematics book, *Living Mathematics: A Survey*. DR. CHESTER DAVIS and DR. JOHN CRENSHAW are directing a three year N.S.F. funded program designed to implement computer assisted instruction at W.K.U. DR. TOM CHEATHAM and MRS. HOPE RICHARDS are directing a workshop in computer science for junior high honor students and their teachers during the summer of 1982. The project is financed by a special grant from the state of Kentucky.

DR. WALTER FEIBES, Professor, has left Western to become Professor of Operations Research at Bellarmine College in Louisville, Kentucky. He was a member of the staff at W.K.U. from 1967 until 1982. DR. RANDY YORK, Professor, left Western in the Fall of 1981 to join Control Dynamics in Huntsville, Alabama, as Senior Staff Mathematician. DR. RICHARD DETMER is now teaching computer science at East Texas State University after spending two years at W.K.U. DR. JACKIE LAWRENCE taught computer science at Western one year and then took a position with General Electric in Charlottesville, Virginiia.

The department will be sponsoring the third annual symposium this fall. The subject of this year’s symposium will be announced at a later date. Previous subjects have been History of Mathematics and Applying Mathematics and Computer Science.

**Editorial Footnote:** Showing our dedication to public service and following the example of President Zacharias, who was the first to be fired on, some of us (Bueker, Detwiler, Jacobs, Krenzin, Richards, Stokes, Wheat) volunteered to be the target in Alpha Phi Omega’s pie throwing booth to raise money for M.S.

Alumni News by Carroll G. Wells

Many of you have called or have been on campus lately. We always look forward to your visits and enjoy keeping up with you. I have included news items which have come to my attention recently. If you aren’t mentioned please send us some personal information to include in our next newsletter.
SHERREL RUSSELL ('76) is currently completing a master's degree in computer science at the University of Louisville. SAM TALLEY ('73) is employed in the actuarial department at National Life Insurance Company of Nashville, Tennessee. NANCY JEANNETTE ('77) and DWIGHT RUSSELL ('78) were married this May. JIM SNODGRASS ('77) is completing a Ph.D. in mathematics at Vanderbilt University. TAMMY LOGAN ('81) is serving in the army in Germany. MARCUS MUSGRAVE ('80), PAUL HAYES ('80), SCOTT ANDERSON ('80), TERRY CLEMENTS ('80) are employed by Hughes Aircraft in California. CHARLES WIMPEE ('74) and LEON KRANTZ ('70) work in the administrative computer center at Western. GARY HARLOW ('73) has completed a Ph.D. in applied mathematics and is on the faculty of Drexel University in Philadelphia. SHERRY MUSGRAVE SQUIRES ('80) is employed by the Defense Mapping Agency in Louisville. She is married to BOB SQUIRES ('80) who is working for South Central Bell in Louisville. MELISSA BOUCHER DENNISON ('80) is a third year medical student at the University of Louisville. Her husband is also a medical student.

JACQUELINE MOSS ('57) is on the mathematics faculty of Paducah Community College, Paducah, Kentucky. SANDRA SPEARS ('72) is a member of the mathematics faculty at Jefferson Community College, Louisville, Kentucky. JANE GARRETT BRANTLEY ('72) is chairperson of the mathematics department at Russellville High School, Russellville, Kentucky. JEAN HUNT GRIFFING ('76), DELORES MASSEY DICK ('75), JUDY JORDAN BROOKS ('77), SAM COFFEE ('72), and BRENDA WHITTLESTON COFFEE ('72) are on the mathematics faculty at Warren Central High School, Bowling Green, Kentucky. WANDA WEIDEMANN ('76) holds a master's degree from the University of Louisville and the Specialist degree from W.K.U. She is on the mathematics faculty at Russellville High School, Russellville, Kentucky. WILLIAM BOYKEN ('77) is employed at South Central Bell in Owensboro, Kentucky. SUSAN DELLARIO ('80) is in Louisville working for Meinger and Associates Actuarial Firm. JOHN HODGES ('81) is with Texas Instruments in Houston, Texas. WANDA LEDFORD HALE and ARTHUR HALE ('67) are teaching in Ohio County. DAN SETH ('79) is working on a Ph.D. at Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas.

Editorial Footnote: Carroll is the proud father (don't ask to see his pictures unless you have at least an hour!) of Dawson (4 going on 5) and Carolee (1 going on 2) who are instantly identifiable as they both have their father's nose.