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Happenings

Office of Academic Affairs

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WKU, General Motors and Housing Authority Partnership

Dr. Theron Thompson, Assistant Professor of Elementary Education in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences will direct a GM Foundation funded project for the City of Bowling Green to establish a Workforce Education and Training Project for public housing youth.

A press conference was held on March 25, 1999 in the Board Room of the Housing Authority of Bowling Green and announced a grant from the General Motor Foundation to the Housing Authority of Bowling Green and WKU.

Will Cooksey, General Manager, Bill Guinn, Personnel Director, and Steven Horn, Comptroller of the Bowling Green Corvette plant presented \$25, 000 check to Abraham Williams, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Bowling Green and Dr. Barbara Burch, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Twenty-five instructors from WKU will provide academic skills enhancement

and enrichment for 135 youth in grade P-10. Classes will center around life and workplace skills necessary for success on the job. Classes will be held at the new Housing Authority of Bowling Green's Family Self-Sufficiency Center, adjacent to the main office.

Our Outstanding Equitation Team

Western's Equitation Team successfully defended their regional championship title in February in Columbia, Missouri.

The Zone 5 Championships were held April 10th and 11th in Tennessee. Western Kentucky University walked away with championship trophy, the prizes belt buckles, and a chance to win in the National tournament in New York April 23rd and 25th.



A Moment to Praise. . .

Gary Dillard of the Biology Department praised David Lee, Dean of Potter College and the Cultural Enhancement Committee for the lecture of Dr. Stephen J. Gould in the following letter:

"I am writing to express my gratitude to you and the Cultural Enhancement Committee for your foresight in bringing to our campus the internationally acclaimed paleontologist/evolutionary biologist, Dr. Stephen J. Gould of Harvard. Dr. Gould's interests and expertise cross disciplinary boundaries such that his presentations are of great interest to students, faculty and, indeed, the community at large. Clearly this was demonstrated by the very large audience at his presentation on Tuesday evening. You and members of the Committee will be pleased, I am sure, to know that his less formal, interactive session on Wednesday morning with some 70 faculty and students of Biology and Geology was very successful. Virtually all the questions posed to Dr. Gould this morning came from students. Bringing individuals of his intellectual stature and scholarship to our campus adds to our image as a University. I would like to encourage the Committee to continue to bring to our campus individuals whose creative efforts appeal to a large cross-section of our University community, bringing together a variety of individuals who are too often artificially separated from one another by disciplinary boundaries -- real or imagined. Having an opportunity to interact with Dr. Gould was a professionally uplifting experience!"

Thanks, Gary"

Professional support of activities and events create a stronger and exciting inter-department connection that strengthens our faculty.

College Heights Foundation

In the meeting of the Board of Directors of the College Heights Foundation March 25, there was a realignment of responsibilities within the College Heights Foundation as of April 1, 1999:

Alexander Downing -
President

William Parker -
Vice President

Judge Tom Emberton -
Vice President



Western Kentucky University Dental Program

The Kentucky Dental Hygienists' Association held their annual conference in Louisville, Kentucky this past weekend. Each year, the students from Kentucky Programs of Dental Hygiene compete in Table Clinic Presentations.

This year the students from the Western Kentucky University's Program of Dental Hygiene placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in this event. It is the first time, in ten years that all three awards were presented to students from the same institution. This is a great honor and recognition for the Program and its students.

Journalism Department Achievements

1999 Kentucky Associated Press Banquet

WKU student news and sports broadcasters won 20 of 27 radio/TV news awards handed out by the Kentucky Associated Press at the 1999 awards banquet Saturday in Elizabethtown. WKU swept all 12 radio awards and eight of 15 TV news awards among Kentucky college and universities competing in the third annual event. EKU and Murray State were the only other schools to win awards. There are five categories in which students compete in radio and TV including: Newscast, News Report, Feature/Human Interest, Sports, and Best Reporter. Here is a breakdown of the WKU student winners:

1999: 12 AP Radio Awards

1st Place:	Radio Newscast:	Aimee Reed
1st Place:	Radio news report:	Rachael Crump
1st Place:	Radio Feature/human interest:	Darla Johnson--School Tradition
1st Place:	Radio Sports:	Randall Parmley
1st Place:	Best Reporter:	Lisa Hughes
2nd Place:	Radio Newscast:	Rachael Crump
2nd Place:	Radio news report:	Chris Freeman--Hell House
2nd Place:	Radio Feature/Human interest:	Kristi Runyon--Voices of Color
2nd Place:	Radio Sports:	Tony Bobrowski
2nd Place:	Radio Best Reporter:	Kevin Willis
Honorable Mention:	Radio Newscast:	Lisa Hughes
Honorable Mention:	Radio news report:	Kerri Richardson--Tape recorders in disciplinary conferences

1999: 8 AP TV Awards

1st Place:	TV News Report:	Kerri Richardson--PFT Fire safety
1st Place:	TV Feature:	Heath Myrick--Fall season
2nd Place:	TV Sports Reporting:	Chris Freeman--KY State Champs
2nd Place tie:	TV Best Reporter:	Kristi Runyon, Kim Olson
Honorable Mention:	TV News Report:	Heath Myrick/Wesley Shirley--Card swiping scandal
Honorable Mention:	TV Feature:	Adrienne Nobles--Woman leads WKU ROTC

In the professional broadcast competition, 14 WKU graduates received AP awards for excellence in broadcasting including Connie Leonard, WAVE-TV; Eric Cooper and Mary Jeffries, WHAS-AM; Jeanine Howard-Cherry, Josh Nelson and Kevin Ingram, WKYU-FM; Brad Knoop, Phil Dunaway and Garry Gupton, WHAS-TV; Kristi Runyon, Amy Bingham and Jefferson Sorley, WBKO-TV; Adrienne Nobles, WKAG-TV; and Rich Johnson, WYMT-TV Hazard. Finally, Dr. Terry Likes received an honorable mention for his documentary on Global Weather Events: El Nino, La Nina, and Global Warming.

