INFORMATION ITEMS

1. The material sent to members of the Board on April 14, 1980, included a letter from President Zacharias to Executive Director Harry Snyder of the Council on Higher Education regarding proposals for masters degrees which are pending. Mr. Snyder's response is enclosed.

2. On April 18, 1980, we received notification of the accreditation of the undergraduate program in recreation by the National Council on Accreditation of the National Recreation and Park Association. A copy of that letter is enclosed.

3. Wayne Lanham, a senior who has a double major in English and Foreign Languages, has been notified of his selection by the Danforth Foundation for a four-year fellowship. A copy of the news release concerning this announcement is enclosed.
April 14, 1980

Dear President Zacharias:

I understand your desire to have some resolution of Western's proposals presently before the Council. Several master's proposals have been delayed until the review of existing programs has been completed since the Council has consistently taken the position that existing programs should be reviewed before new programs are approved.

With the legislative session almost completed, staff efforts will be redirected and the review of existing and proposed programs will be completed as expeditiously as possible. It is my opinion that these decisions will be made prior to the fall semester (probably at the July meeting). Council staff and representatives of Western have discussed the three proposals mentioned in your letter, and I expect that several such meetings will be held with all institutions before the review can be completed.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Harry M. Snyder
Executive Director

Dr. Donald Zacharias
President
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, KY 42101

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To: Dr. James Davis
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Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

April 21, 1980

Dr. Burch Oglesby, Head
Department of Physical Education
and Recreation
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Burch:

First let me congratulate you and Dr. Alton Little on your work on the accreditation document that was forwarded to your professional organization. I realize that you experienced considerable frustration in the process of preparing that document. I believe you understood then and certainly should know now that we wish you and your colleagues the very best in achieving accreditation. I appreciate your willingness to work with Dr. Randall Capps in phrasing the report in such a way that Western's quality and commitment could be clearly reflected in our response to the questions raised by the visitation team.

By a copy of this letter, I am asking that Dr. James Davis and Dean J. T. Sandefur work with your department in implementing the recommendations contained in the letter of April 15, 1980, from Dr. Herbert Brantley.

I congratulate you on your hard work and achievements. We wish you continued success.

Sincerely yours,

Donald W. Zacharias
President

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cc: Dr. James L. Davis
    Dr. J. T. Sandefur
    Dr. Randall Capps
April 15, 1980

Dr. Donald W. Zacharias  
President  
Western Kentucky University  
Bowling Green, Kentucky  42101

Dear President Zacharias:

On April 9, 1980, the Council on Accreditation reviewed the Self-Study submitted by the Recreation Program of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and heard reports from Dr. John Schultz, Chairman of the Visitation Team, Dr. Burch Oglesby, Department Head, and Dr. Alton Little, Program Coordinator.

Following this review the Council adopted this motion: "The Program in Recreation is granted accreditation for a five-year period beginning April 10, 1980 with the following conditions:

1. The program will not include options.

2. The University administration is requested to clear up the ambiguities that exist in the leadership of the recreation curriculum and submit an organizational structure that meets criteria 2.9 and 6.1. This action should be taken by October, 1980.

and the following recommendations:

1. That the mission statement of the curriculum should be reviewed and clarified in such a way that it is more definitive for professional colleagues, students and prospective students. The statement should form the basis for future growth of the curriculum.

2. The faculty should undertake an analysis of the courses presently offered to determine if there is any unnecessary duplication of content and/or possibility of an excessive number of course offerings for a program of this size.
3. The faculty should consider the possibility of more structure and/or course prescription in the undergraduate major.

The second motion passed by the Council stated, "That the Council defer accreditation of the masters degree program until the following standards are shown to be met: 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.6, 9.20, 9.21, 9.22 and 9.23. The verification of compliance shall be confirmed by a visit from an assigned member of the Council on Accreditation to Western Kentucky University (the cost to be borne by the University) no later than October 1982. After this date, if compliance is not demonstrated, it will be necessary to reapply for accreditation of the graduate program."

The Council appreciates the work which Dr. Oglesby and his staff have done relative to this process and encourages Western Kentucky University in its continuing effort at accreditation of its graduate program in recreation. Please feel free to call on us for assistance as needed.

Continued best wishes.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Herbert Brantley
Chairman

HB:tc

cc: Dr. Don Henkel
    Dr. Alton Little
MEMORANDUM TO:  Dr. Donald Zacharias  
President

Wayne Lanham is a double major in English and French with a minor in Russian. He is married and has one child. He is graduating with a 4.0 GPA.

Wayne was offered a fellowship at Columbia University in the amount of $9,888 to study Medieval Literature. He also received a scholarship at Rutgers (tuition plus $5,000 per year), as well as a four-year Danforth Graduate Fellowship. Wayne accepted the Danforth Fellowship and will study at Columbia. Since the Danforth stipend would be slightly less than the amount at Columbia, the University is granting him an additional amount of money to make up the difference.

Attached are various letters which will explain more in detail his options.

Cordially,

Robert H. Mounce, Dean  
Arts and Humanities  

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April 10, 1980

Mr. Wayne E. Lanham
1225 College Street
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Mr. Lanham:

I am delighted to inform you officially that you are being offered a four-year fellowship for graduate study in English. As you already know, the grant includes remission of tuition and carries an annual stipend of $5,000. (The only financial requirement that you will be responsible for is a $92 per semester student fee, and of course, room and board.)

The requirements of this fellowship are, essentially, first-rate academic work. You may, in your third and/or fourth year and if you choose, teach one or two courses in our composition program in order to acquire teaching experience.

We would appreciate a reply in writing confirming your acceptance of this offer by April 21. Let me add that we look forward to your being here in September.

Sincerely,

Richard Poirier
Director
We are pleased to appoint you as a Fellow of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences for the academic year 1980-81 to study in the Department of English and Comparative Literature.

The fellowship provides $9888, of which $5888 is for tuition and medical and insurance fees and $4000 is a stipend.

Your fellowship for the coming academic year is one of those awarded to a select group of entering students solely in recognition of their academic achievement. Ordinarily, Graduate School fellowships take into account a student's ability to meet the expenses of studying at Columbia. As an advanced student you will be entitled to consideration for these fellowships as well as for other special fellowships, teaching and research assistantships and loans.

The enclosed memorandum sets forth the general provisions of all University appointments. We must know by April 15 whether you will accept this award. Please use the form enclosed for your reply.

May we remind you also that your admission to the Graduate School is subject to your completing the undergraduate degree if you have not done so already.

We look forward with pleasure to your studying at Columbia.

Raymond B. Anderson
Associate Dean

Please note: If you are a legal resident of the State of New York (as defined by the State), consult the enclosed "Regulations Governing Awards" for further information about the tuition portion of your fellowship.

cc: Baccalaureate pending file

Mr. Wayne E. Lanham
1225 College Street Apartment A-202
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

March 17, 1980
March 18, 1980

Mr. Wayne Lanham
1225 College Street #A-202
Bowling Green, Kentucky
42101

Dear Mr. Lanham:

My congratulations on being accepted into the graduate program of the Department of English and Comparative Literature, and on being awarded a fellowship as well. I was one of the members of the medieval staff who evaluated your application; it was so very good that we had no hesitation whatever in fully supporting you for the award.

I'm writing you now to offer you information about the program and to answer any questions you may have. I and my colleagues in the medieval field feel that you show such promise that we would like to be able to work with you, and to that end would like to convince you that Columbia is the best place in the country for medieval literary studies, offering (along with New York) unparalleled opportunities for study and enjoyment of all aspects of the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

The medieval staff of the English Department comprises four senior and two junior professors, supplemented by specialists from Barnard (the women's undergraduate college of Columbia), and from Union Theological Seminary (two blocks away), where Dean Milton Gatch works closely with us. His classes in medieval liturgy, church history and literature are always open—as are many other relevant courses—to Columbia graduate students. Within the department, our competence includes virtually every phase and every approach to English and western European medieval literature. Professor Joan Ferrante, who handles comparative literature with Professors Jackson and Sacks, specializes in Italian, French and Provencal. Professor Jackson, the senior medievalist, is a world renowned interpreter of Germanic and Latin poetry; Professor Sacks works in Anglo-Saxon (as does Dean Gatch), Norse, Celtic etc. In English medieval literature, Professor Manning has remarkable breadth, having written on medieval historiography, on 12th century romance, and on medieval drama, among other topics. All of us are published scholars, deeply involved in professional activities; yet our primary concern has unquestioningly been our students and their well-being.

Within the department, the medievalists are well-known as the liveliest and most mutually-supportive group of students and teachers, and we pride ourselves on this reputation (and on the reputation of our non-sexist, non-rank Saturday touch football game). I don't want to give the impression
that medieval studies here are in any way frivolous. They are not. If we enjoy a sense of solidarity, it comes from our seriousness about the common academic enterprise. The faculty demand a good deal from the students, and we are proud of the conscientiousness with which they respond. In addition to a full range of courses, the medieval program profits from University Seminars, as well as from the Inter-departmental Committee on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, which sponsors guest speakers and symposia, and offers guidance to students who wish to study in various disciplines. We encourage our students to do work outside of literature, to meet and exchange views with graduate students from other departments. And, of course, New York offers a rich, steady diet of early music concerts, of medieval art, of early theater, to the degree that it's often a matter of finding the time to spare for all that's being done.

If, as we all hope, you should decide to come to Columbia, I'd be delighted to offer what advice I can prior to your arrival. Please don't hesitate to write me at the address on the letterhead, or if you wish phone me at my office (212/280-3916) or at home(203/966-0504) to ask any questions you might have about us. For questions relating to departmental matters, we have two sources of infinite wisdom: Jeanne Goodman, the departmental secretary, and Laurie Kulsansky (both in 602 Philosophy Hall; 280-3215). For questions relating to university matters, call Joy Hayton (106 Low Library; 280-4737).

Finally, while we are anxious to have you join us, I can promise you that I will make every effort to answer your questions with complete honesty; we're a scholarly community not a public relations firm.

With all good wishes, and in hopes of meeting you at Columbia in the fall, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Howard H. Schless
Professor of English

P.S. Should you decide in our favor, please be sure to include the special Medieval-Renaissance sections of the M.A. pro-seminar (the G5000 courses) when planning your course of study.

HHS/pr
February 5, 1980

Mr. Wayne E. Lanham
1225 College St. #A-202
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Mr. Lanham:

I am happy to report to you that the Reading Committee of the Danforth Graduate Fellowship Program has recommended that you be invited to an interview in order to give further consideration to your application for a fellowship.

You are one of approximately 400 persons invited to interviews, out of a group of 1915 persons whose application folders were reviewed. We congratulate you on this significant honor.

The enclosed sheet provides further information on the purposes and arrangements of the interview.

Your interview is scheduled for:

PLACE: Nashville, TN
        Holiday Inn - Vanderbilt
        2613 W. End Ave.
        Nashville, TN 37203 (615) 327-4707

DATE: Sunday, 2/17/80     TIME: 10:00 A.M.

INTERVIEWER: Dr. David L. Miller
             Professor of Religions
             Syracuse University
             501 Hall of Languages
             Syracuse, NY 13210 (315) 423-3861

We will assume, given the pressure of time, that this arrangement is acceptable to you unless we hear from you immediately. If there is a problem, please contact Maggie Poole Yucina, Administrative Secretary of the Fellowship Program, who is coordinating all interviews.

Sincerely,

Warren Bryan Martin
Vice President and Director
Danforth Graduate Fellowship Program

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Enclosures
cc: Professor W. Willard Cockrell
April 14, 1980

Mr. Wayne Edward Lanham
1225 College Street #A202
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Mr. Lanham:

It gives me great pleasure to notify you that you have been granted a Danforth Graduate Fellowship. This award is for one year and is normally renewable for up to three additional years of study.

Enclosed with this letter are two copies of the Danforth Graduate Fellowship Agreement which specifies the terms of the Fellowship. You should sign one copy and return it to the Foundation prior to April 28, 1980, to signify that you accept the Fellowship. Keep the second copy for your files. After we have received the form on which you agree to the terms of the Fellowship, we will send you further information about the Program and a budget request form to help us determine your stipend for the 1980-81 academic year.

Please feel free to raise any questions you may have regarding the fellowship or the Fellowship Program.

Congratulations to you for having prevailed in this national competition. All of us associated with the Program look forward to becoming acquainted with you at the Conference for the 1980 Class of Danforth Graduate Fellows to be held at Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Missouri, August 21-24, 1980.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Warren Bryan Martin
Vice President and Director
Danforth Graduate Fellowship Program

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Enclosures: 1980 Class of Danforth Graduate Fellows List
2 Copies of Agreement Form
Return Envelope

cc: Professor W. Willard Cockrell