A group of WKU faculty and students, including President Gary Ransdell and his wife, Julie, traveled to Kenya in the summer of 2005 as part of an international research partnership with the University of Nairobi. For more information about the trip, visit www.wku.edu/kenya.
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Driving the Economy

One hundred and forty three years ago, U.S. Senator Justin Morrill championed federal legislation to create colleges focused on solving major environmental, social, and scientific problems that stood in the way of economic development for our nation. Today, while we do not have a federal mandate, we do have a state and a self-imposed mandate. Consequently, this is an institution that takes responsibility for meeting the social, scientific, environmental, educational, health, and cultural needs of its region. We are the stewards of a high quality of life for those within our reach. We are the identifier and solver of problems within our reach. We are the driver of economic vitality in our region.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher said the $20 million facility and the research partnerships between WKU and private industry will provide opportunities for Kentucky’s young people as the state moves forward in the knowledge-based economy. “Applied research is the tool that’s going to make us competitive on the global scene,” Fletcher said. The three-story, 72,000-square-foot facility houses WKU’s engineering department (civil, mechanical and electrical programs) on the first and second floors with biotechnology and biodiversity centers on the third floor.

The old Bowling Green Mall has been transformed into the Center for Research and Development and was dedicated in May 2005. The Center includes 269,000 square feet with about 86,000 square feet of retail space owned by the WKU Foundation and almost 183,000 square feet in commercial, public, economic development and research space. The commercial space includes a small business accelerator.
As a partner with ConnectKentucky, WKU supports the growth and economic development of technology in Kentucky. By leveraging the collective knowledge of representatives from state and local government and numerous private sector companies, WKU and ConnectKentucky are accelerating technology in the Commonwealth through: broadband expansion, research, governmental affairs, public relations, and high-tech recruiting.

WKU closed the 2004–05 fiscal year with a record-breaking $13.2 million received in cash gifts. This represents a 6 percent increase over 2003–04 and a 41 percent increase over what was raised just five years ago.

John and Linda Kelly, whose daughter has been diagnosed with autism, made a commitment of $100,000 to continue funding for the Kelly Autism Program for another two years. The family’s initial gift of $150,000 in 2002 provided funding for the program’s first three years.

WKU won the 2005 Kentucky Challenge for young alumni giving participation. The Kentucky Challenge was a year-long friendly competition that compared annual giving participation from alumni who graduated in the last decade from public universities in the Commonwealth. Gifts from 1,472 young alumni helped WKU achieve a 9.4 percent participation rate for that group.

Richard Ewald of Russellville, Ky., made a $100,000 commitment to fund the Jennie Stonecipher Ewald Scholarship in memory of his late wife. This scholarship will annually be awarded to students who are majoring in a field within the Department of Curriculum and Instruction or the Department of Communication Disorders and who plan to work in an elementary or secondary school upon their graduation from WKU.

The Raymond B. Preston Family Foundation made a commitment of $500,000 to the Clinical Education Complex at WKU. This gift represents the largest that has been received to date for the program and will help fund the transformation of the clinical education programs in the College of Health and Human Services and in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences.
Mission shapes curriculum. Our new mission of holistic learning, engaged citizenship and service, and applied research is the impetus behind new and exciting curricula. Think about the new programs at WKU and the areas where we are enhancing an already strong curriculum—biotechnology, combustion science and energy, nanotechnology, engineering, biodiversity studies, social work, education leadership, tourism, computer information systems, a new e-MBA program, not to mention exciting developments in history with an acquisition dedicated to the Civil War in the West. A federal research lab in agriculture is on the way, and a broad range of programs are being developed through the emerging Division of Extended Learning and Outreach. If business and industry need it, we will design and deliver it. If Glasgow, Elizabethtown, Fort Knox, or Owensboro need it, we will deliver it.

We are the stewards of higher learning—debate, reasoning, skill development, and confidence. These are things acquired in an open climate where academic freedom prevails. We are the stewards of solution—of our new mission of applied research and public service.

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The Clinical Education Complex, a collaborative project between WKU and the community, will house these five clinical programs in a facility at 14th and Adams streets. The CEC will enable families to receive services from early preschool years through young adulthood and will provide multidisciplinary training for professionals.
The $20 million Complex for Engineering and Biological Sciences was opened and dedicated in January 2005. The three-story, 72,000-square-foot facility houses WKU’s Engineering Department on the first and second floors with biotechnology and biodiversity centers on the third floor. It is also home to the McConnell Integrated Applications Laboratory, named for U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell who helped secure more than $2.3 million in federal funding to equip the building.

Dr. Chris Groves, director of WKU’s Hoffman Environmental Research Institute, will lead an international water resource program funded by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization’s International Geoscience Program. Partners on UNESCO’s “Global Study of Karst Aquifers and Water Resources” include China’s Institute of Karst Geology, Spain’s Malaga University and England’s Oxford University.

WKU conducted a special convocation for the first graduates of an online master’s degree program in communication disorders offered for teachers in New York City. About 30 teachers were honored in a ceremony in May 2005 at the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) building in lower Manhattan. WKU, through its Division of Extended Learning and Outreach (DELO), has tailored the courses offered in New York to fit the needs of the UFT.

A survey at WKU’s Upper Green River Biological Preserve netted more than 100 species of moths and butterflies. The project is part of a larger effort to identify all species as WKU restores and protects the 671-acre site along the Green River in Hart County. Dr. Jeffrey Marcus, a biology faculty member, and several students also traveled to Florida for a butterfly survey.

WKU and Mammoth Cave National Park continued to expand collaborative projects such as merging water quality labs into one research facility, restoring American chestnut trees and endangered mussel species, and opening the Mammoth Cave International Center for Science and Learning, which is directed by Dr. Rick Toomey. WKU students in areas such as chemistry, biology, geography and geology, hydrology, ecology, biotechnology, education and archaeology are involved in numerous projects at the park such as cave research, cave artifacts, water and air quality, mussel and fish habitats, climatology, restoration of tall grass prairies and orchids, and habitats of mammals, amphibians and reptiles.

A team of scientists from Ogden College of Science and Engineering is studying the Upper Green River/Mammoth Cave watershed thanks to funding from the National Science Foundation. Eight students from six schools participated in the NSF’s Research Experience for Undergraduate (REU) Program. Dr. Cathleen Webb of WKU’s Department of Chemistry and Dr. Rezaul Mahmood of the Department of Geography and Geology are the principal investigators in the project. Seven other faculty members -- four from chemistry; two from geography and geology; one from biology -- served as research mentors for the students. The project is designed to continue for three years with funding of $254,000.
Courtney Phillips was accepted at Northwestern University for graduate study in chemistry and was named a Research Experience for Undergraduate (REU) Student Leader by the National Science Foundation.

The Preston Student Success Center was established and opened at the Bowling Green Community College during Fall 2004 to consolidate South Campus student support services and to provide local access to main campus services. The Alice Rowe Learning Assistance Center was named and dedicated Fall 2004.

Joel Despain, a geoscience graduate student from Three Rivers, Calif., published "Hidden Beneath the Mountains: Caves of Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks." The 128-page book describes the history, science and management of caves within the national park in the California Sierras. Despain is employed by the National Park Service as the cave specialist for Sequoia National Park.

The WKU Wind Ensemble was invited by the Russia Ministry of Culture to perform in Moscow in May 2005 for the 60th Victory Day Anniversary. The 65-member group performed at several of Moscow's finest concert venues, including the Great Hall of the Moscow Conservatory.

The Kentucky Climate Center at WKU hosted its first Climate Services Symposium in May 2005. Presentations addressed climate services, environmental monitoring systems and drought.

WKU and Sygen International announced a collaborative venture that will further establish Kentucky as a leading center for biotechnology and applied research. Sygen International committed $2.5 million over a 10-year period to establish the Sygen Chair in Biotechnology to enhance the research and development capacity at WKU. The chair holder will be a senior scientist on the WKU faculty in biology.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded a $75,000 grant to WKU's Center for Water Resource Studies for a project to improve the safety of drinking water supplies for residents near Rough River Lake. The project will focus on the problem of drinking water contamination by atrazine, a commonly used herbicide.
WKU's biotechnology and biodiversity centers are working with the University of Nairobi, Youth for Conservation and the Kenya Wildlife Service to combat poaching in Kenya. In the summer of 2005, a WKU group, which included President Ransdell and his wife, Julie, traveled to the African nation. DNA analysis of meat samples from various markets will document which purchases are legal domestic meats and which are wild animals killed illegally. By building a genetic database, the groups will be able to map origins and routes of bushmeat acquisition and distribution, which should improve prosecution and enforcement. The Kenyan research program is partially funded by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Phase I of its “People, Prosperity and the Planet” program. WKU will seek Phase II funding in 2006.

The WKU-Owensboro extended campus program moved into a new home at the Owensboro Community and Technical College. WKU, which has been in Owensboro since 1968, has about 700 students enrolled on the Owensboro campus and offers junior and senior level courses, graduate courses and Rank 1 education courses.

Some biology students traveled to Ghana in West Africa in the summer of 2005 to study insects as a result of a WKU professor’s $403,000 federal grant. With funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF) over the next three years, Dr. Keith Phillips will work in the field with teams of students and researchers from WKU and the University of Ghana. The project will intensively survey insects from ecosystems and habitats in Ghana that are the most vulnerable in the world and are quickly vanishing.

WKU’s Biotechnology Center will use $2 million in funding from the National Institutes of Health to expand biomedical research and provide additional research opportunities for students and faculty. Five WKU faculty members — Cheryl Davis, Joseph Bilotta, Rodney King, Jeffrey Marcus and Nancy Rice — were awarded the funds to be spent over five years from the NIH’s National Center for Research Resources. The goal of “KY-IdeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence” is to expand biomedical research opportunities for talented scientists and students across Kentucky, particularly in the areas of genomics, proteomics, bioinformatics and neuroscience. The funding also will allow WKU to add a faculty position in neuroscience.

The Management Department in the Gordon Ford College of Business was instrumental in securing a Business Internationalization Grant from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of $200,000. Dr. Zubair Mohammed is the principal author and principal investigator.

The ALIVE Center (A Local Information and Volunteer Exchange) coordinated a day of service to the Bowling Green community for national Make A Difference Day in October 2004.

Architectural and Manufacturing Sciences faculty reconstituted the campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity and sponsored opportunities for civic engagement in construction projects.

In conjunction with the Kentucky Folklife Program, the Folk Studies program launched its newly revised KyFolkWeb, a major web site for folklorists, educators and the general public. In spring, the program hosted the Kentucky Folklife Program’s first community scholar program in western Kentucky and the first to emphasize African American heritage.

The Music Department’s strings outreach program in the public schools grew from one to four schools and from 24 to 107 students.

Nursing students increased their civic engagement activities by participating in various service learning projects, including providing health screenings at community events and schools.
170,000,000 dollars spent on campus construction since 1998.

75,300,000 dollars endowment as of June 30, 2005.

29,416,347 dollars funding from external agencies for Sponsored Programs in FY04.

269,000 square feet under roof at the Center for Research and Development, a facility that includes a small business accelerator, several high-tech companies and three WKU research labs.

72,000 square feet in the Complex for Engineering and Biological Sciences.

15,846 WKU's undergraduate enrollment in Fall 2004.

13,500 combined attendance for cultural programming offered by the Department of Theatre and Dance.

9,786 visitors at the Hardin Planetarium.

5,000 elementary, middle and high school students who participated in more than 100 presentations by chemistry faculty members.

18,513 WKU's total enrollment in Fall 2004.
2,849
number of employees in fall 2004.

1,807
members of the President’s Circle (donating $1,000 or more annually).

682
full-time faculty members in fall 2004; up from 565 in fall 2000.

603
international students attending WKU.

600
students who competed in State Science Olympiad.

579
points scored by Lady Topper freshman Crystal Kelly; 91 more than Lillie Mason’s record set in 1981-82.

350
high school journalism students who attended Journalism Scholars Day.

300
mathematicians from 40 states and 16 countries who attended the 2005 Spring Southeastern Section Meeting of the American Mathematical Society at WKU.

156
student-athletes named to Sun Belt Conference Commissioner’s List and Academic Honor Roll.

130
high school valedictorians/salutatorians among fall 2004 first-year students.

500
attendance at the University Experience’s first Freshman Assembly.

440
hours of volunteer work on oral history and service-learning projects by folk studies students.
120 middle school girls who participated in "Girls in Science Day" activities.

100 students from six states who attended a summer forensics camp.

100 percent of the Dental Hygiene students who volunteered time at the Mobile Health Unit, Free Clinic and other community-based activities.

81 percent of WKU students from the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

35 members of the Department of Political Science's Model United Nations team.

24 anthropological projects conducted for schools, agencies, libraries and businesses by WKU students and faculty.

20 WKU students participating in the fourth annual Posters at the Capitol event in Frankfort to raise awareness about the importance of independent research opportunities in higher education.

35 consecutive winning seasons for men's swimming team.

24.4 percent; WKU's enrollment growth rate from 1998 to 2004.

19.3 points per game by Crystal Kelly, Sun Belt Conference women's basketball freshman of the year.

14.9 points per game by Courtney Lee, Sun Belt Conference men's basketball freshman of the year.
14 high school teams that participated in a computer science programming contest.

13 Hilltopper football players honored on All-Gateway Conference teams.

12 talks organized by Library Public Services for the Kentucky Live and Faraway Places series.

10 consecutive years the Concrete Canoe Team has advanced to national competition.

4 Hilltopper football players earning All-America honors.

3 sold out concerts in the Log Cabin Concert series.

3 WKU softball players named first-team all-conference.

3 times Elgrace Wilborn was featured on ESPN SportsCenter's Top 10 Plays of the Day.

1 national ranking of WKU's School of Journalism and Broadcasting in the Hearst Journalism Awards Program.

7 faculty members who have won Fulbright Awards since 2001.

5 consecutive 20-win seasons and Sun Belt Conference East Division titles for Lady Topper volleyball.
Engaged Faculty

"A WKU experience is about people engaged with people to ensure meaning in learning, to ensure self-actualization in work and life. Our work here is not like a game of solitaire. We're in this together. We depend on each other to all do our jobs well. When one of us, or a collection of us, does well, we all benefit. Success is a cooperative effort. The business world has come to recognize that following integrity, interpersonal skills and the ability to work within a team are the traits recruiters seek most, above all other measures of talent and grades. Besides all of that, it is more fun to be part of a team effort. None of us is as smart as all of us."

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Bob Adams, longtime adviser of WKU's award-winning student newspaper, was named to the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame.

Music Department Head Mitzi Groom was selected as an outstanding teacher in the Who's Who Among America's College Teachers. She also was president of the American Choral Directors Association.

Fulbright Awards Since 2001

2004-05  John Petersen, Political Science, Korea
2003-04  Eric Daniel Conte, Chemistry, Taiwan
          Charles J. Bussey, American History, Norway
2002-03  Daniel Dow Jackson, Engineering, Albania
          Laura McGee, Language and Literature, Germany
2001-02  Bianca Lianna Adair, Political Science, Hungary
          Robert J. Antony, History, Romania

Dr. Monica Burke, associate director of WKU's Office of Diversity Programs, received the Bobby E. Leach Award from the Southern Association of College Student Affairs. The award recognizes a student affairs professional or graduate student who has contributed significantly to the development of multicultural relations on a college or university campus.

WKU geography and geology professor Dr. Chris Groves has been elected president of the Cave Research Foundation. Dr. Groves is the director of the Hoffman Environmental Research Institute within WKU's Applied Research and Technology Program.

Psychology faculty member Anne Rinn received the 2004 Doctoral Student of the Year Award from the National Association for Gifted Children.

Geography professor Nick Crawford was honored for his 25 years of educational accomplishments at the Center for Cave and Karst Studies. Dr. Crawford, who founded the center in 1979, received the 2005 Award for Achievement in Karst Studies from the Karst Waters Institute.

Dr. Jan Colbert was appointed to the Executive Advisory Board of the American College of Forensic Examiners International.
Dr. Wei-Ping Pan was chosen to receive the 2004 Outstanding Service Award by the North American Thermal Analysis Society (NATAS). The award was presented at the annual NATAS Conference in Williamsburg, Va. This award recognizes outstanding service to the NATAS, consisting of an accumulation of significant contributions and dedicated service to the Society.

Music professor and director of bands John Carmichael was elected to the American Bandmasters Association, the highest professional honor that can be awarded a band director. He is only the second band director in Kentucky to be recognized by the ABA.

Charles McGruder visited Rwanda at the request of the Rwandan Minister of Science, Technology, Research and Education to discuss a proposal to install a research-grade telescope in that country. Dr. McGruder briefed the Minister and was asked to give a talk at the National University and another one to the cabinet, which was carried by Rwandan Television.
Our near-term growth will be less about quantity and more about strategic opportunity, responsibility, and quality. The investments we are making in our curriculum, in our faculty and staff, in our classrooms, labs, restaurants, resident halls, parking areas, and athletic facilities will help us continue to grow our applicant pool. From a growing applicant pool, we can afford the luxury of becoming more selective in the admissions process while still achieving modest growth. Greater selectivity will allow us to have a better shot at improving our retention, ensuring greater student success, and graduating a higher percentage of our students. It also moves us more distinctively toward the national prominence to which our campus strategic plan is dedicated.

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Graduate and undergraduate teams from WKU's Gordon Ford College of Business swept first place awards in the 2005 International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition. This is the second time WKU has won both levels.

The WKU Block and Bridle Club captured two of the five national awards presented during the 85th National Convention in Denver, Colo.

The WKU Forensics Team won its sixth International Forensics Association Championship in March 2005. The team also won the Lincoln–Douglas Debate National Championship at the 35th annual Forensic Tournament in April 2005. Five WKU Debaters placed among the national’s top 32.

Sam Ford, a senior Communication Studies major, was accepted into the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Graduate Comparative Media Studies Program for the fall 2005 semester. The program accepts fewer than a dozen from around the world each year. Ford also received the Phi Kappa Phi National Graduate Fellowship, a competitive award only given to a few students each year.

The 2005 Concrete Canoe Team won the Ohio Valley Regional for the 10th straight year, winning every academic and athletic portion of the competition. The Black Widow finished 10th in the national competition.

WKU is a first tier university among master’s degree institutions in the south in the “US News and World Report America’s Best Colleges 2005 Edition.” WKU also ranked 19th out of 132 institutions for academic reputation.

WKU President Gary Ransdell opened a new chapter in campus construction when he used a bulldozer to break ground for a $10 million parking structure in September 2004. The structure opened in the fall of 2005.

WKU dedicated Mass Media and Technology Hall in October 2004. The $18.5 million state-of-the-art building houses the School of Journalism and Broadcasting and the Division of Information Technology.

WKU honored nearly two dozen WKU alumni who have been a part of 13 Pulitzer Prize winning projects with the unveiling of the Pulitzer Wall of Fame in Mass Media and Technology Hall.

The 2004–05 College Heights Herald and the 2004 Talisman won national Pacemaker awards at the ACP/CMA National College Media Convention. The Pacemaker is considered to be the Pulitzer Prize of college journalism. WKU was the only university to earn Pacemakers in both competitions. The Herald has won the Pacemaker 11 times. The Talisman has nine Pacemakers.

The on-line eMBA program has reached its capacity at 35 students.

The Dental Hygiene Program received the 2004 American Dental Hygienists' Association Public Service Award for its model on preventative dental healthcare.
General

Finished second in the standings for the Vic Bubas Cup (Sun Belt All-Sport Championship Trophy), given to the best all-around sports program in the Sun Belt Conference.

Had a league high-156 student-athletes named to the Sun Belt Conference Commissioner’s List and Academic Honor Roll.

Athletics

Vic Bubas Cup All-Sports Award Standings

2004-05
1. Middle Tennessee
2. WKU
3. U. of Louisiana-Lafayette

2003-04
1. Middle Tennessee
2. WKU/N. Texas (tie)

2002-03
1. WKU
2. Middle Tennessee
3. N. Texas

2001-02
1. WKU
2. New Mexico St.
3. N. Texas

Major Gifts

Former Western Kentucky University football trainer Glenn Higdon and his wife, Mary, made an investment in the future of the program by contributing $100,000 to the endowment of the Hilltopper football program.

Franklin, Ky. banker Leon Page and his wife, Lassie, made a $100,000 commitment to the Lady Topper Basketball Program.

Men’s Basketball

Elgrace Wilborn (right) was featured three times after New Year’s Day on ESPN’s “SportsCenter” Top 10 Plays of the Day, earning the No. 1 Play of the Day after wins over New Orleans and Middle Tennessee. In his first year on the Hill, Wilborn posted figures that already rank among the top 10 in the school’s career record books in blocks (83) and dunks (65).

Baseball

WKU sophomore catcher Jordan Newton was named to the all-South Central Region second team by the American Baseball Coaches Association. Newton is the 12th different Hilltopper since 1981 to earn all-region honors.

Junior Matt Randsell was named to the all-Sun Belt Conference second team. Randsell — a first-time all-SBC selection — was honored at the utility position after splitting time between second base and the outfield this season.
Football

Advanced to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs for the fifth consecutive season, the second longest active streak in the nation.

Finished 9-3 overall and ranked 11th in the final polls, the school's ninth straight winning season (tying the second-longest streak in WKU history).

Had four players earn All-America honors

Saw 13 individuals honored on the all-Gateway Conference teams.

Placed a league-best five individuals on the Gateway's All-Newcomer Team for the second straight year.

Women's Basketball

Advanced to postseason action for the sixth straight season after qualifying for the WNIT, the 21st time in the last 22 years that they have accomplished the feat.

Recorded the program's third consecutive 20-win season after posting a 20-10 mark while earning WKU's third straight Sun Belt Conference East Division title. WKU received two votes in the final ESPN/USA Today poll.

Sun Belt Player of the Year Tiffany Porter-Talbert became the third-fastest Lady Topper to reach 1,000 career points.

Crystal Kelly was named the League's Freshman of the Year after finishing the year as the Sun Belt's leading scorer and rebounder.

WKU had a League-high three members on the all-conference team.

Volleyball

Finished 26-7 overall, the Lady Toppers' fifth straight 20-win season.

Claimed the program's fifth Sun Belt Conference East Division championship.

Advanced to the SBC Tournament championship game for the fourth straight year.

Amanda Schiff was named first-team all-SBC for the third time in as many years.

Three earned second-team all-SBC accolades.

The team had a cumulative GPA of 3.25 for last school year and a 100% graduation rate for the last 11 years.

WKU Football in the Final Polls

WKU finished in the final top 20 in two major 1-AA pools 2000 to 2004

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Women’s Indoor Track and Field

- Had their best-ever finish at the 2005 Sun Belt indoor championships.
- Cara Nichols was the women's top point scorer of the meet at the SBC indoors, while Courtney Wood shared Outstanding Field Performer honors.
- Ten people earned all-league honors for the Lady Toppers.

Women’s Soccer

- Junior defender Jenny Dalby earned first-team all-Sun Belt Conference honors for the first time in her career.
- Senior defender Betsy Duncan became the first player in Lady Topper history to be named to the Soccer America College Team of the Week.

Women’s Swimming

- Won the Sun Belt Conference championship for the fifth time in as many seasons.
- Ranked fourth in the final collegeswimming.com mid-major poll.
- Finished 13-0 in dual meets, their second undefeated season and seventh straight winning campaign.
- Freshman diver Bridget Carreiro was named the Sun Belt Conference Diver of the Week three times during the season.
Men's Soccer

A pair of former Hilltoppers — Ron Plute (1999-03) and Trey Alexander (2003-04) — both signed professional contracts with the United Soccer League. Plute was drafted in the second round by the Atlanta Silverbacks, while Alexander signed a free agent contract with the Charleston Battery.

Freshman goalkeeper Kyle Schroeder was a member of the league's All-Freshman Team.

Men's Swimming

Won the inaugural Sun Belt Conference championship.

Ranked fifth in the final collegeswimming.com mid-major poll.

Posted an 8-3 mark in dual-meet action, the program's 35th consecutive winning season.

Bill Powell was selected the SBC Coach of the Year, while assistant Bob Benson was tabbed the Sun Belt's Diving Coach of the Year.

Karl Swanson was named the Sun Belt co-Swimmer of the Year.

Men's Indoor Track and Field

Rajo Toompuu qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships, becoming the first Hilltopper to qualify for the event since 1992. He placed 10th in the competition, missing the finals by only one position.

Toompuu set a new Sun Belt record in the shot put at the Boilermaker Invitational with a toss of 61-4¼, while also setting a new SBC championship standard in the shot en route to winning the event with a put of 60-8¼. Toompuu was also the runner-up in the weight throw at the league championships, setting a new school record with a toss of 58-6½.
Financial Statements

The University is a component unit of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The financial statements include the University and its blended component unit, the Western Kentucky University Research Foundation. The Condensed Statement of Net Assets presented herein does not include the assets, liabilities and net assets of the WKU Foundation, Inc., the WKU Student Life Foundation, Inc., or the College Heights Foundation, Inc.
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets

(in Thousands)

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<td>16,511</td>
<td>27,732</td>
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<td><strong>Net assets, beginning of year</strong></td>
<td>161,451</td>
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<td><strong>Net assets, end of year</strong></td>
<td>$177,962</td>
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*Operating loss is offset by Nonoperating revenue and expenses and Other revenues and expenses to produce an increase in net assets in each year.
Operating Revenues

Operating revenues include all transactions that result in the sales of goods and services. For the University, the most significant operating revenue is student tuition and fees. Student tuition and fees revenue is a function of enrollment and rates approved by the University’s Board of Regents. Other operating revenue is generated by University operations such as the bookstore, health services, conferences and workshops, the farm, parking & transportation and athletics.

The distribution of operating revenue by source, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, is summarized as follows:

Non-operating Revenues

Non-operating revenues are all revenues that are primarily non-exchange in nature. For the University, the most significant non-operating revenue is state appropriations.

A comparison of non-operating revenues for the last four fiscal years is shown below:

2001-02
$22,865,710
$505,045
$66,137,600

2002-03
$26,433,418
$2,683,572
$68,942,800

2003-04
$28,097,396
$683,120
$68,643,700

2004-05
$26,402,049
$8,225,834
$70,040,400

- State Appropriations
- Grants & Contracts
- Other Non-operating Revenues
Operating Expenses

Operating expenses are all costs necessary to meet the University's mission, goals and objectives through a broad array of programs and activities. Expenses other than depreciation are reported by functional classification, e.g., instruction, research, public service, auxiliary enterprises, etc. Depreciation is recognized as an expense and a reduction in the value of the capital assets. The following graph summarizes expenses as academics, student and campus services, student financial aid, depreciation and auxiliary enterprises. Academics include the program classification codes of instruction, research, public service, libraries and academic support. Executive, student and campus support includes student services, institutional support and operation and maintenance of plant.

Budget

Following is a summary of the University's total combined budget for the last six fiscal years:

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<th>Year</th>
<th>50 Million</th>
<th>100 Million</th>
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<th>200 Million</th>
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Leadership

Federal & State Officials
Representing Bowling Green 2004-05

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Jim Bunning, United States Senator
Ron Lewis, Representative, 2nd Congressional District
Ernie Fletcher, Governor
Jody Richards, Speaker of the House of Representatives, KY 20
Brett Guthrie, Senator, KY 32
Jim DeCesare, Representative, KY 21

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Ms. Patti Johnson, Marion, (student)
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