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The Applied Research and Technology Program, Western Kentucky University's first program of distinction, is ready to expand and will benefit from an additional $400,000 in state funding.

The Council on Postsecondary Education recently allocated the additional money to enhance the programs of 10 existing centers and to help develop others, including a center in astronomy. Western will match the $400,000 with funds from a $1 million NASA grant that is part of a $2 million space science project. The Department of Physics and Astronomy is developing a Starbase Network (Students Training for Achievement in Research Based on Analytical Space-Science Experiences), which includes a robotic ground-based telescope system.

The projects and accompanying research will help launch Western's astronomy department into national prominence and attract more students for hands-on learning, Department Head Charles McGruder said.

Astronomy isn't the only academic area benefiting from the program of distinction in Ogden College of Science, Technology and Health.

New centers being developed include a rural health center that will combine elements of nursing, public health and applied health programs to assist rural areas; a construction firm's; and a machine condition monitoring center that will utilize vibration technology to detect and predict mechanical failures.

Centers set up when the program was established in 1998 are: Applied Physics Institute, Materials Characterization Laboratory Study Center, Kentucky Climate Center, Center for Cave and Karst Studies, Agriculture Research and Education Center, Center for Biodiversity Studies, Biotechnology Center, Applied Technology Transfer Center, Environmental Health and Safety Research Center and Technical Assistance Center for Water Quality.

"The reason that we're successful is because our faculty are very enthusiastic," said Ed Houston, director of the Applied Research and Technology Program. "The enthusiasm of the faculty has spilled over into enthusiasm from students."

Western students are actively involved in the research projects under way in the Applied Research and Technology Program. "The entire program is focused on preparing students to compete in the outside community," Dr. Houston said.

By working with business and industry, the students are better prepared for the job market or for graduate school, he said. The hands-on projects provide students with opportunities for enrichment that aren't available in textbooks, Dr. Houston said.

WKU students don't have to be directly involved in the research activities to benefit. Dr. Houston said 350 students are actively engaged in the program, but 862 are gaining experience thanks to new information and technology used in the program.

The program is developing a state, national and international reputation for excellence. In recent years, faculty and students have been involved in...
numerous research projects — coal science, biotechnology, applied physics, astronomy, water quality — funded by more than $4 million from external sources.

State funding from the Regional University Excellence Trust Fund has been essential in purchasing equipment and developing the programs,

Dr. George Vourvopoulos (far right) and Applied Physics Institute Group at the On-Line Elemental Coal Analyzer Prototype Site.

Dr. Houston said. For example, $1.25 million has been spent to purchase state-of-the-art equipment and $155,000 has been used to pay students for their research activities.

The additional resources from the state, along with external grants and contracts, will help the Applied Research and Technology Program attract more students, add more faculty mentors, revise curriculum, create a joint venture to develop agriculture-related biotechnology and purchase laboratory equipment.

The $400,000 was left in the Regional University Excellence Trust Fund when the program of distinction was approved in July 1998.

Here is a list of the centers and some of the activities underway:

- **Applied Physics Institute.** Director: Dr. George Vourvopoulos. Research/technology: coal analysis, detection of explosives, incinerator waste analysis, nuclear waste characterization.

- **Materials Characterization Center.** Directors: Dr. John Riley and Dr. Wei-Ping Pan. Research/technology: The center includes coal and fuel laboratory, thermal analysis, combustion laboratory, trace organics testing laboratory; chemical analysis projects under way involve research for NASA, the U.S. Air Force, the Department of Energy and various industry.

- **Technical Assistance Center for Water Quality.** Director: Dr. Ed Houston. Research/technology: The center assists rural water agencies with quality, technical and financial issues to achieve the goals of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

- **Environmental Health and Safety Research Center.** Director: Dr. Dennis George. Research/technology: train industrial hygiene students, assist professionals from 35 to 40 area companies with occupational and environmental health regulations.

- **Agricultural Research and Education Center.** Director: Dr. Nevil Speer. Research/technology: The 783-acre WKU farm is home to numerous research activities, including plant science, animal science, dairy science, agribusiness, horticulture, turf management, agriculture production, livestock production.

- **Center for Cave and Karst Studies.** Director: Dr. Nick Crawford. Research/technology: The center is involved in research and assessment of cave and karst areas, provides educational services and assists firms and governmental agencies with land management and land use questions.

- **Kentucky Climate Center.** Director: Dr. Glen Conner, state climatologist. Research/technology: The center, which trains students in climatology, maintains, analyzes and researches climate data and information.

- **Advanced Manufacturing Institute.** Director: Dr. Murat Tiryakioğlu. Among the center’s programs to provide information and technical assistance to industry is a rapid prototyping system. Research/technology: The center offers computer analysis of pieces needed for industrial equipment and can produce a plastic mold of the part.

- **Biotechnology Center.** Director: Dr. Claire Rinehart. Research/technology: The center provides hands-on opportunities for students in the recombinant genetics program and conducts research in molecular biology, molecular genetics and biotechnology.

- **Center for Biodiversity Studies.** Director: Dr. Michael Stokes. Research/technology: The center is a clearinghouse for the state on ecological and environmental issues.
The Council on Postsecondary Education approved Western Kentucky University’s second program of distinction.

The Center for 21st Century Media will expand the teaching, research and outreach of Western’s nationally prominent School of Journalism and Broadcasting and will increase the support for Western’s internationally recognized forensics program.

“The program of distinction will be a tremendous boost to our ego and a reward to our faculty for work well done,” said Jo-Ann Albers, director of the School of Journalism and Broadcasting.

The council awarded Western $500,000 from the Regional University Excellence Trust Fund to support creation of the center. The University will overmatch the allocation with $533,350 from external sources and internal reallocation.

The Center for 21st Century Media will consist of five bachelor’s degree programs in advertising, broadcasting, photojournalism, print journalism and public relations; the William E. Bivin Forensics Society; The Mountain Workshops in photojournalism; WWHR-FM, the student radio station; a student-directed public relations agency; and a student-directed advertising agency.

The program of distinction designation will allow Western’s School of Journalism and Broadcasting to focus on its credo of “We practice what we teach,” which will attract more students and increase the University’s reputation in journalism, broadcasting and forensics, Albers said.

I think it’s a nice merger of the tradition and the future,” said David Lee, dean of the Potter College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

The program of distinction will help Western attract more students and better serve educators and professionals, Dr. Lee said. “This is an opportunity for us to take the kinds of things we do well and give a lot of different constituencies a way to experience these things.”

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Among the benefits, Albers said, are:
- Expanded involvement with high school teachers and students through a Kentucky High School Media Institute.
- Increased interaction with media professionals through a Media Continuing Education Institute.
- "We will increase the amount of training, workshops and continuing education programs we offer to media employers,” Albers said.
- Western also plans to increase its interaction and cooperation with other state universities and make workshops and training available on videotape or via satellite, she said.
- Additional faculty for advertising and broadcasting and a full-time academic adviser.
- Creation of areas of emphasis in electronic publishing and online communications and purchase new computer equipment.
- Expanded operations for WWHR, the student radio station.
- Increased number of scholarships available to students in the School of Journalism and Broadcasting. The center will offer $32,500 in scholarships in 2000-2001 and $70,000 annually by 2002-2003.
- Creation of a student development program to provide grants for students to complete professional projects or attend professional seminars.
- Increased financial and logistical support for the William E. Bivin Forensic Society, which has developed an international reputation in speech and debate competition.
- The School of Journalism and Broadcasting will move into Western’s new $18.5 million Center for Instructional Technology and Communication in 2002-2003. Western’s first program of distinction is the Applied Research and Technology Program, established in 1998 in the Ogden College of Science, Technology and Health.
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Nothing makes people pay attention to world affairs like war. We cock our ears toward the radio as we pass to catch the most recent developments. We sit glued to our televisions, transfixed by CNN's around-the-clock reporting on the latest international hot spot. This phenomenon occurred most recently as a result of last year's Kosovo conflict, in which the U.S. and its NATO allies initiated a bombing campaign against The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia for that government's alleged human rights violations against ethnic Albanians living in Kosovo.

We watched as military planes left from and returned safely to military bases around the world. Major Steve Basham was no exception. On the morning after the bombing began, he was in his Missouri home watching media coverage of the landing of a B-2 stealth bomber at nearby Whiteman Air Force Base. Major Basham is a 1987 graduate of Western Kentucky University, and was the pilot of that B-2, the first ever to fly in combat.

"At 9 o'clock that morning, I was sitting in my living room watching CNN coverage of my landing from three hours earlier," said Basham, a B-2 Instructor Pilot. "When we got back to the United States, what a great feeling that was to know that we had just flown nearly halfway around the world and performed our mission successfully."

Basham is a native of Bowling Green and received his Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering technology. During his sophomore year at Western, he attended a friend's graduation from the United States Air Force pilot training program. While there, Basham said he was allowed to go out on the flight line where the airplanes are parked, and climb into a T-38 Talon, a supersonic trainer. Basham said he had always wanted to fly planes, but until then his aspirations had been limited to flying small aircrafts like the Cessnas that frequently fly over Bowling Green. "That one experience in the T-38 Talon made me realize there was the possibility of much more than that. From that point on, I knew the Air Force was the career I was going to pursue."

After graduating from Western, he attended Officer Training School in San Antonio, Texas. He completed his pilot training and was accepted into the B-1 bomber program, where he quickly became an instructor. This background made him eligible to apply as a B-2 pilot. He was one of only eight pilots selected to be in the first group of noninstructor B-2 pilots.

"The B-2 was the leading edge of technology," he said. "It was right out of the factory and on the street."

He stressed that stealth does not mean invisible. He said the B-2 employs stealth technology which reduces the aircraft's signature, but does not make it immune from detection. The B-2 contains radar absorbing materials to make it less likely to appear on radar. It was designed as a smaller bomber to decrease the aircraft's visibility to the naked eye. The B-2's stealth capability includes technology to minimize the infrared, acoustical, and electromagnetic signatures of the plane. Basham said B-2 pilots increase the
stealth element by the tactics they use in flying the aircraft. He said that like all pilots, B-2 pilots attempt to avoid the enemy, but the B-2 as a stealth bomber is able to get closer to the enemy than conventional aircrafts.

"The bang for the buck that the American taxpayers receive for the B-2 is just fantastic," he said. "It has performed not only up to specifications, but well beyond what we initially anticipated."

As tensions between NATO and Yugoslavia escalated, military personnel at Whiteman Air Force Base were instructed to prepare for the possibility of combat. Basham learned that he would be on the lead crew should the B-2 be called into action. That call came on the first night of Operation ALLIED FORCE.

He and the other pilot on board left Whiteman Air Force Base on a 31-hour non-stop flight to Kosovo and back. Only about an hour of that time was spent in Kosovo striking various strategic targets. In the weeks leading up to the mission, which was postponed several times, Basham was in what is known as crew rest, a period of time before a flight when pilots rest during the day and work at night to acclimate their bodies to a nighttime schedule. He said that due to the rush of adrenaline and the anticipation of his mission he did not feel tired during the trip.

"Just like everyone else goes to work and has an office — a place where they feel comfortable — the cockpit of a B-2 is my office."

He said on the first night of combat he was responsible for three target complexes, consisting primarily of factories and aircraft storage facilities. Basham was mainly in charge of flying. His fellow airman on board was the mission commander, in charge of dropping and putting bombs on tar-

_That one experience in the T-38 Talon made me realize there was the possibility of much more than that. From that point on, I knew the Air Force was the career I was going to pursue._
Dr. Thomas Ambrosio, Assistant Professor of Government at Western, said that the definition of U.S. interests in Kosovo depends on whom you ask. The prevention of human rights abuses, the continuation of U.S. dominance in Europe, and political gain are all reasons that the Washington elite site for U.S. intervention in the region, according to Dr. Ambrosio. He said recent reports suggest that the number of Kosovar Albanians massacred by the Serbs was "wildly exaggerated." He said the mission in Kosovo was purely a NATO mission initiated without the authorization of the United Nations and is therefore a violation of the U.N. charter, which prohibits an unauthorized attack on a sovereign state.

Ambrosio explained that, "The area of Kosovo is the historic homeland of the Serbian people and of the Medieval Serbian kingdoms." Serbs were largely driven out of the area by Albanian Muslims after the Battle of Kosovo in 1389. Until this recent conflict, Kosovo's population was 99 percent Albanian. Kosovo is presently a province of Serbia, which with the Republic of Montenegro makes up the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Yugoslavia formerly consisted of six republics, but four broke away.

"The question of who was going to be dominant in Kosovo was the spark that caused the collapse of Yugoslavia and this most recent war," Dr. Ambrosio said.

At present, NATO and Russian forces occupy Kosovo, with the country divided into various sectors. Countries involved in the peacekeeping effort police a designated sector.

Basham said during the course of the conflict, the B-2 averaged an 84 percent target destruction rate. He said most aircraft that have long been used in U.S. military service have not performed as well. During the worst weather of the campaign, the B-2 was flying because it does not need to have clear skies to hit a target. Basham flew three sorties, missions, on three different nights. President Clinton travelled to Whiteman Air Force Base to praise the men and women stationed there for their extraordinary service during Operation ALLIED FORCE.

Major Basham will soon be transferring to Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala. to attend Air Command and Staff College. This is the next level of leadership curriculum for an officer. He attributed much of his success to the academic instruction and influence of professors he received as a student at Western. He said his experience as president of Sigma Chi fraternity has also proved beneficial in his career.

"I gained a tremendous amount of leadership abilities and love for a fraternal organization. That lent itself well to going into the military. The Air Force is one big fraternity of people working together for a common goal. That common goal is the flag of the United States."
AFTER A SUCCESSFUL LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By Fred Hensley

More than $11 million in new funding will be available to Western Kentucky University as a result of appropriations approved and enacted by the 2000 Kentucky General Assembly. Construction and equipment funding increases for the next two years will total an additional $28 million for WKU.

"Western was very successful in this Legislative Session," said WKU President Gary Ransdell. "Our appropriation increase was the second largest of the state universities. We are pleased we will receive funds for new initiatives and much-needed facilities."

WKU's total budget will be $158.8 million for the fiscal year beginning July 1, an increase of $5.2 million from the current year's $153.6 million budget.

The General Assembly not only approved the funding recommendations of the Council on Postsecondary Education, but added funds to improve base operating budgets. The CPE goal for Western is to reach the 55th percentile of funds per student in base funding when compared to WKU's benchmark institutions.

Funding highlights for the 2000-02 biennium related to Western's programs include:

- An appropriation of $64.3 million in WKU's operating base in 2000-01 (an increase of $3 million in undesignated funds) and $67.7 million in 2001-02;
- $15 million to begin Phase I of the Renovation and Replacement Project for the Thompson Science Complex;
- $10 million for construction of a research center on WKU's South Campus;
- $4.6 million designed for Western in the Regional University Excellence Trust Fund to continue the matching endowment fund for professorships;
- $500,000 in planning funds to establish the Kentucky Academy for Mathematics and Science at WKU; and
- $2.3 million available in the deferred maintenance pool.

Incentive trust funds have been allocated by the General Assembly for specific initiatives related to the CPE Vision 2020 strategic plan. Funds available to WKU include $700,000 from the Enrollment Growth and Retention Program, $2.3 million from the CPE's Action Agenda Program, and $1.3 million from the Technology Trust Fund for equipment replacement.

"The Governor, leadership of the General Assembly and members of the Senate and House of Representatives, again demonstrated their commitment to Western Kentucky University and postsecondary education," said Dr. Ransdell. "We take seriously our responsibility to apply these funds to strengthening our excellent academic programs and to be an economic catalyst in Kentucky."

Increases in base funding will provide funds for an average 3.5 percent salary increase for faculty and staff in 2000-01 and to further implement Western's strategic plan, Challenging the Spirit. Western will spend $450,000 in 2000-01 for faculty salary market adjustments and $125,000 in a similar program for administrative salary market adjustments.

"We are pleased with the confidence in Western reflected by this budget appropriation," said Ransdell. "We look forward to continuing the transformation of Western."

Fred Hensley is WKU's Chief Public Affairs Officer and university liaison for the Kentucky General Assembly.
Economics


English


Journalism and Broadcasting

Dr. Augustine Ihator reviewed the following articles for the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences Journal: (1) "A Computer Controlled Experimental Environment: The Effects of Mood States on the Performance of a Boring Task"; (2) "The Effectiveness of Compressed Video Classes: An Examination of Student Attitudes"; (3) "The Harsh Realities of Implementing Technology Change in Higher Education"; (4) "Parental and Teen Beliefs and Attitudes about the Internet"; (5) "Going High Tech in the Classroom: Do the Benefits Outweigh the Costs?"; and (6) "Pedagogical Issues in Internet Education". Dr. Ihator also presented his paper titled, "Corporate Strategic Communication—The Impact of the Modern Information Technology," at the 22nd Annual Communications Research Symposium, University of Tennessee College of Communication, in Knoxville.

Management and Information Systems


Psychology

Associate Professor Sharon Mutter was elected to a two-year term as Kentucky Association for Gerontology secretary during the organization's spring conference in Lexington. Mutter just completed a two-year term as association treasurer.

ROTC

Dr. Jerry Wilder, former Vice President for Student Affairs, was inducted into the Hilltopper Army ROTC Alumni Association's Hall of Fame.

Sociology

Ashley Foster, Jim Grimm, and Philip Williams have had their paper, "The Influence of Mid-Life Adult Status and Functional Health Status on Health Lifestyles," accepted for publication in Research in the Sociology of Health Care.
New University Senate Selects Members

Western Kentucky University faculty members have selected the new University Senate that will begin its work this fall.

The new senate, approved by faculty and the Board of Regents in January, combines the existing Faculty Senate and Academic Council into one governing board that will deal with academic program and curriculum matters and issues relating to faculty status and welfare.

Faculty members selected a senator and alternate from each of 37 departments plus 23 at-large senators. The University Senate will include three student representatives. Key administrators will serve as non-voting members.

The senate will elect officers and organize committees but won't start work until the new academic year, said Dr. John Petersen, Associate Vice President of Academic Programs and Personnel.

Departmental senators are: Michael Klein, art; Carl Kell, communication; Karen Schneider, English; Edward Yager, government; Fred Murphy, history; Wilma King-Jones, Journalism and Broadcasting; Darlene Applegate, modern languages and intercultural studies; Mary Wolinski, music; Arvin Vos, philosophy and religion; Matt Pruitt, sociology; Loren Ruff, theatre and dance; Joel Philhous, accounting and finance; Roy Howsen, economics and marketing; Linda Johnson, management and information systems; Linda Gardner, consumer and family science; Bill Greenwalt, educational leadership; James M. Skrabacz, military science; Mary Cobb, physical education and recreation; Sharon Mutter, psychology; Stan Cooke, teacher education; Jim Martin, agriculture; Robert Dale Smith, allied health and human services; Michael Stokes, biology; Lester Pesterfield, chemistry; Uta Ziegler, computer science; John Russell, engineering technology; David Keeling, geography and geology; Dan Jackson, industrial technology; Scott Richter, mathematics; Carrie Morgan, nursing; Richard Hackney, physics and astronomy; John White, public health; Michelle Jackson, community college business, arts and sciences; Rhonda Helm, community college health; Sandy Staebell, library special collections; Ruth Kinnersley, library public service; Linda Allan, library automation and technical services.

At-large senators are: Kathryn Abbott, Erika Brady, Robert Deitie, Patti Minter, Jane Olmsted and Larry Snyder, Potter College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; John Crenshaw, David Coffey, Kenneth Crawford, Claus Ernst, Thomas Green and Patricia Minors, Ogden College of Science, Technology and Health; M. Catherine Carey, William Davis and Ed Wolfe, Gordon Ford College of Business; Jim Becker, John Bruni, Alton Little, Anthony Norman, Rich Patterson, Katrina Phelps and Brenda Sabey, College of Education and Behavioral Science; Jennifer Hall, Bowling Green Community College.

WKU Staff Council Selects New Members

The Western Kentucky University Staff Council held elections on April 20 for the 2000-2001 year. The Staff Council pledges "to determine responsibility and to administer faithfully the policies and objectives which best fulfill the needs, concerns and interests of the staff at Western Kentucky University," according to the constitution.

The constitution also states that the purpose of the Staff Council is to solicit and express the opinions, suggestions, and recommendations of the staff on all matters of concern to the various staff constituencies and to the staff as a whole. . . Likewise, the Staff Council shall seek representation in all aspects of WKU governance."

The WKU Staff Council would like to announce the new membership of the WKU Staff Council, to take effect July 1, 2000.

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| Dina Bessette | Controller, Student Loans (term expires 6/30/02) |
| Brenda Keith | Human Resources (term expires 6/30/02) |
| Phyllis Reed | Glasgow Campus Academic Advisor (term expires 6/30/02) |
| Marshall Gray | Postal Services (term expires 6/30/01) |

At-Large

| Joy Gramling | Environmental Health and Safety (term expires 6/30/02) |
| Brian Ward | WKU Police Department (term expires 6/30/02) |

Part-Time

| Kathy Grover-Jimerson | WKYU-TV (term expires 6/30/01) |
When Leroy Metze went to college—a few years ago—at Texas A&M, he had the idea he wanted to be an engineer.

"Back then there was no such thing as AutoCad; all we had were tools and a drawing board, and I couldn’t see myself sitting and drafting all day. I needed interaction with people," said the 30-year veteran WKU faculty member, adding:

“I thought about research, but I couldn’t see myself researching bridges and water, and then I discovered psychology. I liked the idea of a concentration in research there, but with a focus on learning styles,” said WKU's newest Distinguished Professor.

So instead of learning about what builds a bridge, the young Metze concentrated on what builds people's knowledge.

Then came the seventies and the emergence of computers.

"You know, these things have a lot of potential," Metze recalled telling his co-author, Dr. Jim Craig, also a WKU professor of psychology, as the two were preparing a textbook together on Methods of Psychological Research. It was 1979.

“The book’s editors had given us a stipend to use for assistance in preparing our manuscript, but instead, we bought computers and began to enter our data ourselves,” he said.

And that’s how Leroy Metze began to carve his niche for the next 20 years at Western.

He’s still a psychology professor, but he is also Director of Educational Technology at WKU, and responsible for significant advances developing resources and technology in the University’s classrooms.

Persons who are nominated for this prestigious appointment are asked to provide a portfolio showing their accomplishments so the selection committee can make its choices (each year there are usually two distinguished professors named).

As one might guess, Leroy’s presentation included more than the standard spiral notebook stuffed with vitae, listings of scholarly activities, publications, research and public service efforts, all of which have to be considered in making the appointment.

All that noted, a small front pocket inside contained a CD.

I opened the pocket. “This could be fun,” I thought, and slid the CD into my computer. I was researching my subject, but it didn’t feel like work.

A little upbeat music, and Leroy appeared, seated at his desk, wearing a sport shirt, grinning broadly, a trademark.

“Hi, I’m Leroy Metze,” it began, and I was amused because it seemed so out of character — a distinguished professor on a video!

“Clever,” I said to the Leroy on my screen. Actually, it made perfect sense. “A personal interest in the application of technology in instruction began in the late 70s,” the digital Leroy said to me.

“Since then I have spent a large amount of time learning and teaching about educational technology, acquiring educational technologies and making them available to others for their use.

“At the same time, I have made extensive use of technology in instruction, developing some of the first internet courses in the country.”

Then a segue to a typewriter tapping, and the hard copy portfolio was forgotten.

With his book publication the catalyst for investigating possible uses of computers in instruction, and realizing the university’s limited financial support, Leroy began to search for other ways to acquire more computers for Western.

Since then, he has procured computers from IBM, Tandy and Apple; software donations from Computerland and IBM; the entire software holdings used by the public schools
in Kentucky, and grants of software and training worth more than $2 million from Jostens' Learning Corporation.

Negotiations this year have resulted in the acquisition of an additional grant of more than $750,000 worth of software and training from Jostens'.

During the summer of 1999, Dr. Metze participated in the preparation of federal grants totaling more than $15 million, and he is the principal investigator on one valued at more than $4 million, with significant funds from these grants earmarked for the acquisition of educational technology and training in the use of educational technology by faculty and students.

While he is housed in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, Dr. Metze's influence is noted all across campus with regard to educational technology.

He set up the first Novell network on campus and continues to serve on a number of university-wide committees that deal with the use of technology.

He is actively involved in maintaining the education college's WEB pages and in the development of an electronic portfolio system for the college's various teacher education divisions.

As a direct result of Dr. Metze's efforts, a partnership has been formed between Western—three local school districts (Bowling Green Independent, Warren County and Franklin) — and Jostens' Learning Corporation for the integration of technology into teacher training programs.

His work with more than 40 public school districts has led to conference presentations, numerous workshops and a longitudinal study on the effects of technology in instruction in public schools.

Leroy teaches two classroom classes and two on the internet each semester, and the fascination with teaching and learning styles, coupled with an interest in competency-based instruction, keeps him focused upon the individual learning and the value of self-paced instruction.

He says he will continue to conduct studies related to WEB classes, work on redesigning a psychology 100 class to include enhanced technology, and continue to submit proposals for grants for equipment and training, one such proposal for a four and a half million dollar grant for three years for WKU faculty and for public schools.

The winner of earlier top awards in both teaching and research has present and former colleagues who speak highly of Leroy Metze.

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tion programs."

When I visited him at his office, we chatted about Leroy's career success, but he modestly shied away from the term, like many in the academic field. I suspect it has to do more with the joy of learning and creative thinking and discovery of the unknown, the idea that process often equals outcome.

Most of my interview questions were answered in his supporting materials, as is usually the case in this type of story, but it's especially delightful when you come to the end and your subject tells you something you otherwise might not have gotten that makes the story complete.

"I thought you'd ask me how I got where I am today," Leroy said to me.

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He did, however, have something he wanted to say.

"Anything I have done I owe to the support of my wife, Barbara," he replied.

"From the very beginning, when I was working on my book, we had two small children. I would leave home early in the morning, teach and write all day, get home about six or seven in the evenings, and write more. My wife loved and supported me through all of that. I have her mostly to thank."

Then he smiled and I smiled back. It was very quiet, and I could almost hear the words dropping diamond-hard into my tape recorder. I visualized slow motion.

I'd wanted to tease him about being a computer nerd and now I knew why it didn't fit.

With Leroy Metze it's about people.

Western Kentucky University
Dr. Melvin V. Borland's awakening to become an economist came from his college experience, a direct result of exploration of many choices.

"The decision of what you're going to do is primarily a decision of uncertainty; people who know what they're going to go into are rare," said the newest Distinguished Professor, appointed in May by the University's Board of Regents. That alone could inspire hundreds of college students each year in their self-exploration of talent, and probably does, because straightforward, quiet, mild-mannered, (everyone calls him Mel) Borland, practices what he teaches.

In his youth, he found the joy of analysis, which led him on a life-long journey and a passion for scholarship, and probably defines Mel Borland, as his department head, Dr. John Wassom so accurately and eloquently does, as a consummate educator.

His 21-year pilgrimage at Western and diligent pursuits in his field no doubt led to his unanimous nomination by the tenured faculty in economics at Western for the prestigious post. "The economics department as a group is very supportive of colleagues, in research and public service. There is lots of help available here and people are easy to talk with. They are also very appreciative of one another's efforts," said Borland, expressing gratitude to his friends for their support.

To be considered for Distinguished Professor status, which the University inaugurated five years ago, a faculty member must be prolific in research and public service as well as be recognized as an outstanding teacher.

"Using the cliché, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts could probably best describe me in this endeavor," said Borland, whose accomplishments have spanned all three: teaching, research and public service. A bulging portfolio is also proof.

In Grise Hall, he works out of a tiny, windowless office, teeming with stacks of papers that make you wonder what might happen if he did have a window. Words and data originals that threaten to topple at the slightest sneeze can be imagined spilling into a vast number of research publications that use Mel Borland as a brand name.

His research has covered a wide range of theoretical and policy issues, and his scholarship currently surrounds the topic of economics of education, concentrating in the areas of academic performance, primarily at the elementary and secondary levels. He enjoys "the vineyard of empirical research on K-12 education—what really improves student learning and...what seems plausible but turns out to be a thin reed, at best," his department head said in his letter endorsing Borland's appointment.

"He (Borland) along with Dr. Roy Howsen [WKU Professor of Economics] have assembled an extensive data base on Kentucky students...with 130,000 observations on over 300 variables (for a total data set of \~41 million," Dr. Wassom said, adding: "It has taken the two a great deal of time—endless hours of toil—to assemble this data collection.

"While it will provide a rich vein of information for future research, it also demonstrates Mel Borland's tireless quest for expanding our knowledge so that decision-making can be improved. It is but one in a forest of examples of his commitment, zeal and vision."

Mel Borland's specific interest is microeconomics—"the behavior of individuals and well-defined groups, such as industries," he explains in a nutshell interpretation for the novice. "We think in general terms of performance in in-
What makes a Distinguished Professor?

Each year, the University recognizes up to two faculty members at the university who have given long and particularly distinguished service in teaching, research/creativity and public and university service, as Distinguished University Professor.

The five-year appointments are made by the University's Board of Regents following recommendation by the University Provost and President after a careful screening process involving department colleagues and department head, an outside peer reviewer, the college dean and university-wide selection committee.
Colleen Mendel

WHEN ‘IMAGINE’ BECOMES ‘SUCCESS’

As children, our days are spent exploring, discovering what is inside ourselves as well as what is in the world outside. We find our talents and explore the directions our lives could take. Then, we search for the opportunities to take us there. Imagine if every child has the tools and resources to become what he or she desires most. Imagine that you are the person who can give those children and their families what they need to reach their fullest potential.

This is the job of Colleen Mendel.

"I have this luxury of having fallen into a job which enables me to live my values. How can it get any better than that?" asks Mendel, this year’s winner of the Women’s Alliance Award for Outstanding Contribution to Women.

The purpose of the Women’s Alliance Award is to recognize a woman, employed or somehow connected to Western, who has significantly helped or advanced others, especially women.

According to those who nominated Mendel for the award, she meets and exceeds this challenge.

Mendel is the Director of the Training and Technical Assistance Services here at Western. She is also the Director of the WKU Child Care Consortium Head Start and Child Care Programs, and the Director of the Region IV Head Start Teaching Center, which serves eight southeastern states.

Mendel said she was "honored and surprised" by the award. "I think there’s nothing more meaningful than being honored and recognized by your peers."

Thelma Jackson, Assistant Director of Children and Family Services, nominated Mendel for the award. In her letter to the Women’s Alliance Award Committee, Jackson says, "Her dedication to women, children, and families is unflagging. Ms. Mendel has touched so many lives and made a positive difference in our community, our state, and on a national level.

"She challenges herself by never wasting a single day and has the ability to surround herself with talented, dedicated, and hard working achievers," Jackson says.

Mendel echoes Jackson’s comments. "I have had the privilege for many years now of doing work which I love, and that makes it possible to put great energy and enthusiasm and joy and hard work into it every day. I’m doing something that I believe is meaningful, that is enjoyable, and that makes a difference," she says.

Another of Mendel’s supporters, Jennifer Hawkins, Center Manager for the Jones-Jaggers child care center, writes in her letter to the committee, "She taught me to settle for nothing less than excellence." Her letter continues, "The most outstanding achievement of Ms. Mendel’s is that my story is not the only one."

Mendel says she is both surprised and touched by the sentiments expressed about her in the letters. "I knew our programs made a difference but I really had no idea that people attributed some of that difference to me, and I’m really humbled by that."

Joy Gramling, Environmental Health and Safety Technician, says in her letter, "I can tell you that she is a terrific boss, one who encourages professional and educational development at all levels for all her employees."

Mendel says she enjoys training personnel in Head Start programs. "I love to help people grow professionally. Once you’ve done that then your job is simply to give them what they need in terms of materials, the tools of their trade and support, and then stay out of their way so they can do their job."

Mendel’s duties in Training and Technical Assistance Services and Head Start aren’t the only things that keep her busy. "My husband and I are sailors," she explains. "We love to sail, to scuba dive, and snow ski, and I love to cook. I sort of fancy myself a gourmet cook when I have the time to engage in it, and I love to experiment with different recipes."

Her main enjoyment, though, seems to be her Head Start and Early Head Start programs. She talks about her work with an enthusiasm that sounds almost like the laughter of a child. "There’s not a day that goes by I don’t find something to really enjoy about the work. It’s quite wonderful," she says.

"I’m high on Head Start."
UNCOVERING THE MYSTERIES OF MUSIC

BY KIMBERLY SHAIN PARSLEY

When they aren't teaching, most professors in the Western Kentucky University Department of Music spend their time rehearsing or performing. Stages, recital rooms and performance halls become their second homes. They live in the spotlight; however, there is one notable exception. Dr. Mary Wolinski doesn't perform in front of a packed house, nor is she the master of an instrument. Her recital room is the library. The past is her stage.

Wolinski is a music historian.

"I'm a medievalist," she said, "so what I'm interested in is 13th century music."

She is the 1999 recipient of the Library Faculty Award, given to a faculty member who has contributed constantly and notably to the use and development of university libraries.

In 1993, Wolinski received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities which allowed her to spend a year in France researching the origins of a manuscript. This manuscript, dating to the mid-13th century, contains an early form of polyphonic music, or music for two or more voices. She traced this early form of music from France to Belgium, Scotland, Italy, Spain and Poland.

"During this period, there were many innovations in rhythm," she said. "Musicians were just starting to write down rhythmic notations. I find that very interesting because it's the beginning of something that's very distinctive in Western music, which is rhythm."

Wolinski said this early form of polyphonic music is the predecessor to later works of importance like the madrigals and Bach's motets. She said the composer's ability to control rhythm, and have different tones sounding at the same time was an important development in Western music, and one that makes it unique from music of other origins. Wolinski has been working on projects stemming from the French manuscript for the past 12 years. Some of the music in the manuscript is dedicated to St. James. This led her to research the kinds of chants that would have been sung on St. James Feast Day and during the mass of St. James.

"She is a consummate researcher and a consummate colleague," David Kelsey, Professor of music, said of Wolinski. "She has given 110 percent since the moment she stepped on board with us."

Wolinski is the music department's representative to the library. She, with library liaison Penny Papangelis, is responsible for making recommendations to the library for the purchase of books, journals and other materials. These recommendations stem from her own research and from requests by faculty members. Kelsey said Wolinski keeps him abreast of new trends in his field of study by suggesting various library materials that he might find to be of interest. "She has built a strong relationship between the music department and the library, and has benefited both by her expertise."

Wolinski is Chair of the Potter College Library Committee, which meets once a year to discuss issues relating to the university libraries and the impact of those issues on the academic departments. She is currently involved in a project to improve the listening equipment of the music department. She said she feels that maintaining and updating equipment and electronic resources is important to the study of music, and especially music history.

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Wolinski recently contributed to a CD-ROM called Cantor and Musici. The collection contains color reproductions of the music manuscripts in the university library in Montpellier, France. She provided historical commentary and collaborated with others to transcribe the music into modern notation. She hopes to arrange the addition of the CD-ROM to Western's library collection.
WENDELL BERRY HONORED AT COMMENCEMENT

Western Kentucky University conferred 1,582 degrees during its 147th Commencement Exercises and awarded an honorary doctorate to author Wendell Berry May 7.

In the ceremony at WKU’s L.T. Smith Stadium, President Gary Ransdell and the University’s Board of Regents conferred 1,193 baccalaureate degrees, 241 master’s degrees, 143 associate degrees and three specialist degrees. The University also recognized Louvenia Peavy and Beverly Siegrist who have completed a cooperative doctoral program in education administration with the University of Louisville.

In his remarks, Dr. Ransdell reminded graduates that their Western experience isn’t over. “As you leave this Hill, you take with you a kaleidoscope of experiences that will help shape the rest of your life,” he said. “Don’t forget what has made Western special for you. ... I assure you that you take with you memories to last a lifetime.”

Berry, a native of Henry County and an author, farmer and teacher, received an honorary doctorate of humanities. He has written more than 30 books of essays, poems and novels and has won numerous awards for his works. The New York Times has called him the “prophet of rural America.”

The University also recognized its first international adjunct professor. Dr. Ke-Chang Xie, president of China’s Taiyuan University of Technology, will join Western’s chemistry department next spring.

Dr. Xie visited Western for the Second International Symposium on Micro Thermal Analysis, hosted by WKU. Both of Dr. Xie’s children have master’s degrees in chemistry from Western and his daughter-in-law Ling Zhao was among today’s graduates with a master's in business administration. She was one of 40 international students from 19 countries in the graduating class.

The University also recognized 11 honor graduates:

- Jonathan Winburn of Winchester, scholar of the Potter College;
- Christa Gamblin of Dawson Springs, Ogden Trustees Award and scholar of the Business Administration College;
- Erin Rachford of Somerset, scholar of the Business Administration College;
- Richard Stewart of Bowling Green, Ogden Trustees’ Award and scholar of the Business Administration College;
- Rebekah Tuttle of Lafayette, Tenn., Ogden Trustees’ Award and scholar of the Business Administration College; From the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences;
- Heather Mantlo of Bowling Green, Ogden Trustees’ Award and scholar of the College of Education & Behavioral Sciences;
- Jennifer Wilcox of Elizabethtown, scholar of the College of Education & Behavioral Sciences;
- Jalynn Barnett of Madisonville, Ogden Trustees’ Award and scholar of the Ogden College;
- Josh Detre of Hodgenville, Ogden Trustees’ Award and scholar of Ogden College;
- Heidi Hayden of Rineyville, Ogden Trustees’ Award and scholar of Ogden College;
- Clinton Michael Howard of Utica, Ogden Trustees’ Award and scholar of Ogden College.

EARL FISCHER PROMOTED BY ATMOS

Earl Fischer, a member of Western Kentucky University’s Board of Regents, has been promoted by Atmos Energy Corporation to senior vice president for utility operations.

Fischer will be responsible for the operations of five Atmos business units in 13 states.

Fischer, an Owensboro native, was appointed president of Western Kentucky Gas Company in 1989 and president of Energas Company in 1999.

“Earl Fischer has been a leader in Kentucky and in our operations in West Texas,” Atmos President and CEO Bob Best said. “His talent, leadership and work ethic is now needed in the Atmos corporate office and once again, Earl has accepted the challenge.”

Atmos Energy, based in Dallas, distributes natural gas and propane through its operating companies – Western Kentucky Gas, Energas, Greeley Gas, Trans Louisiana Gas, United Cities Gas and United Cities Propane Gas.
WESTERN BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVES 2000-01 BUDGET

The Western Kentucky University Board of Regents approved a $158.8 million operating budget for 2000-2001, up 3.4 percent from 1999-2000.

The budget includes a 3.5 percent average salary increase for University employees. Ann Mead, Western's chief financial officer, said compensation enhancements—salary adjustments, health insurance and positions—account for 78 percent of the new money available in the budget.

The budget includes a 5.4 percent increase in undesignated state appropriations.

"We had the second highest percentage increase of the eight universities in the state and that's a tribute to a lot of things," said WKU President Gary Ransdell, including confidence in Western by the General Assembly and the Council on Postsecondary Education and a history of relative under funding for the last eight to 10 years.

The new budget takes effect July 1. The Board also approved a raise and one-year contract extension for Dr. Ransdell, a 7 percent increase bringing his salary to $175,776.

"The Board of Regents is very pleased by the President's overall performance and looks forward to another successful year," said Regent Peggy Loafof of Bowling Green, chair of the President's Performance Appraisal Committee.

In other business, the Board:
- Voted to sell property at 1716 Park St. to the WKU Student Life Foundation.
- The land, which is next to the President's House, was purchased by the University as a potential site for fraternity housing. The Foundation will buy the property for the original purchase price of $750,000. In March regents approved the sale of 17 residence halls to the not-for-profit Foundation which will sell $60 million in bonds to pay for significant renovations and to retire existing state bonds.
- Approved a post-tenure review plan for faculty. The plan is an enhancement of the current annual evaluation.
- Approved a five-year extension of the management contract with Sodexo Marriott for leadership and direction of the Facilities Management Department.
- Named Dr. Melvin V. Borland in economics and Dr. Leroy P. Metze in psychology University Distinguished Professors. The term is for five years.

The center hopes to become a world leader in the development of this new technique. The symposium will have participants from England, Belgium, Taiwan, China and the United States.

The Materials Characterization Center uses student employees to conduct research and help solve industrial problems. The center's laboratories provide compositional information on thousands of samples each year, including plastics, alloys, fuels, paints, soils, biomass, waste water, combustion residues and corrosion products. The center has a unique collection of analytical instruments capable of providing routine elemental analysis at the parts-per-billion level.

The Materials Characterization Center is part of Western's Applied Research and Technology Program, Western's first program of distinction, in the Ogden College of Science, Technology and Health.

MATERIALS CHARACTERIZATION CENTER REOPENS AT SOUTH CAMPUS

The grand opening of Western Kentucky University's Materials Characterization Center at the South Campus was held on May 8.

The program included an open house from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. with opening ceremonies at 4:45 p.m. The open house included a series of 15- to 20-minute tours of the new labs. During the tours, WKU students described the facilities and the analytical capabilities of the center.

The Materials Characterization Center evolved from the Center for Coal Science, which was established in 1985 with the name change occurring in 1995. The center, directed by Dr. John Riley and Dr. Wei-Ping Pan, has grown to the point where new and more specialized facilities were needed. Over the past three years, enough external funds were raised to renovate facilities at the South Campus on Nashville Road to house most of the center's advanced analytical instrumentation.

As part of the grand opening, the center will host the Second International Symposium for Micro-TA. Micro-TA is a technique, invented in 1998, that allows one to "see" and perform thermal analysis experiments on a sample smaller than 1/100 of a square millimeter.
GORDON FORD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS HONORS TOP STUDENTS

The Gordon Ford College of Business recently recognized some top students in an annual awards ceremony.

Clinton M. Howard, a senior from Utica, received the Ramsey Best Paper Award, given to a senior economics major in recognition of writing an academic paper dealing with economic and public policy.

Amanda Coates, a business minor from Brownsville, received the National City Bank Student Leadership Award.

Amanda London, an accounting major from Franklin, received the Leon Page Scholar Award.

Delta Sigma Pi Golden Key Awards for outstanding scholastic achievement were presented to seniors: Christa Gamblin, a marketing major from Dawson Springs; Erin Rachford, a computer information systems major from Somerset; Rebekah Tuttle, an accounting major from Lafayette, Tenn., and Richard Stewart, a management major from Bowling Green.

Carla Givin, an accounting major from Dry Ridge, was recognized as the recipient of the Beta Gamma Sigma (national business honor society) scholarship.

James "Andy" Wright, a business economics major from Bowling Green, received the Wall Street Journal award in economics.

Anna Jindrich, a finance major from Hodgenville, received the Wall Street Journal award in finance.

Outstanding juniors recognized were:

Carla Givin of Dry Ridge, accounting; James A. Wright of Bowling Green, economics; Kevin Hughes of Paris; Callan Yeoman of Alvaton and Ryan Meredith of Bowling Green, finance; Andria Humpert of Fort Mitchell, computer information systems; Sonya Robertson of Columbia, management; and Tommy O'Brien of Elizabethtown, marketing.

Outstanding seniors recognized were:

Rebekah Tuttle of Lafayette, Tenn., accounting; Clinton M. Howard of Utica, economics; Darin Helm of Bowling Green, finance; Erin Rachford of Somerset, information systems; Matt Cowan of Russell Springs, general management; Courtney Goodwin of Bowling Green, human resource management; and Christa J. Gamblin of Dawson Springs, marketing.

Outstanding graduates recognized were Bobby Aslam, outstanding MBA student, and Lydia Zhang, outstanding master's student in economics.

Rebekah Tuttle was honored as the 2000 Outstanding Graduating Senior in Business.

Scholarship recipients for 1999-2000 also were recognized:


PUBLIC AFFAIRS/DEVELOPMENT OFFICES WIN AWARDS


On Campus Magazine received an Award of Excellence in the Competition.

Sheila Conway Eison, Director of University Communication, is editor, and Kimberly Shain Parsley, Communication Specialist, is assistant editor.

Donald Smith, Alumni Association Director won an Award of Merit in fund raising for the President's Circle.

Scott Sivley, Phonathon Manager won an Award of Excellence in giving program improvement for phonathon.

Tommy Newton, Communication Specialist, won three awards for feature stories for Western's tobacco research (Grand Award), minority school leadership program (Award of Excellence) and space-based research (Award of Merit).

The Division of Public Affairs received an Award of Merit for special efforts for the Gordon Ford donation announcement.

Tom Meacham, Director of Publications, won an award of excellence in recruitment for the visitor's guide/campus map.

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ANNOUNCING MALE & FEMALE ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Swimming star Kicker Vencill and basketball standout ShaRae Mansfield have been named the 1999-2000 Western Kentucky University Male and Female Athletes of the Year. The pair were recognized in ceremonies held recently on campus.

Vencill, a Richmond, Ky. Senior, was named the Hilltoppers' Most Valuable Swimmer for the third consecutive year after qualifying for the U.S. Olympic trials in the 100-yard freestyle. He also qualified for the NCAA Tournament, finishing 23rd in the 100 freestyle.

The Model High School product also owns school records in the 100 and 200-yard freestyle events and was undefeated in the regular season in the 100 free. He set a National Independent Conference Championship record in the 100 freestyle and was named the NIC Swimmer of the Year after winning the 50, 100 and 200-yard freestyle events. In addition, he was named the Most Outstanding Swimmer at the Notre Dame Invitational, setting Notre Dame pool records in the 50, 100 and 200 free events.

Vencill is the sixth Hilltopper swimmer, and second in as many years, to win Athlete-of-the-Year honors. Travis Mandigo earned the award last year.

Mansfield, a Louisville junior, was the Lady Toppers' Most Valuable Player after being named a third-team All-American by the Women's Basketball News Service. She was also a unanimous all-Sun Belt Conference selection and a three-time Sun Belt Player of the Week, the first Lady Topper ever to be so honored.

A graduate of Manual High School in Louisville, Mansfield led the Sun Belt in scoring (18.5 ppg), rebounding (10.6 rpg) and field goal percentage (55.6%), ranking in the top 45 nationally in all three categories. She also set school records for the most points by a WKU junior (593) and most rebounds in a season (339).

Mansfield ranked second in the country with 22 double-doubles and became only the second Western player to average a double-double for an entire season. In addition, she scored in double figures in all 32 Lady Topper games, extending her current streak to 56 consecutive games. She was also named to three all-tournament teams this year, including the Sun Belt Tournament squad.

Mansfield is the 12th women's basketball player to be named Athlete of the Year, but the first since Gwen Doyle earned the award in 1995. With 12 Athlete-of-the-Year honorees in the 27-year history of the award, the women's basketball program now has the most winners of any sport on the Hill.

WOMEN'S STUDIES PRESENTS AWARDS

The Women's Studies Program at Western Kentucky University presented five awards to faculty and students recently at its annual awards luncheon.

Larry Danielson, a folk studies professor in the Department of Modern Languages and Intercultural Studies, received the Catherine Coogan Ward Feminist Action Award. Danielson is a native of Lindsborg, Kan.

Patricia L. Jaggers, a Smiths Grove junior, received the Seneca Falls Personal Empowerment Award and the Catherine C. Ward Scholarship. She is the wife of Kelly Jaggers and the daughter of Pleas and Dorothy Lindsey of Brownsville.

Patricia Fields, a Bowling Green senior, received the Valere Scott Scholarship. She is the daughter of Cordia Fields Keel of Morgantown and the late Carl Fields.

Olivia Smith, a Bowling Green graduate student, received the Graduate Scholarship. She is the daughter of Deborah Skinner and Gary Skinner of Bardstown.

CONCRETE CANOE TEAM WINS REGIONAL COMPETITION

Western Kentucky University's Concrete Canoe Team, "Y2Kanoe" won the Ohio Valley Regional Concrete Canoe Competition making it the fifth straight in the region that includes schools in Kentucky and Ohio.

Western swept both the academic and athletic portions of the contest and defeated the University of Kentucky, Ohio State University and the University of Cincinnati.

Western civil engineering students have participated in the event for eight years. A new and improved canoe is designed and built each year. Team adviser Matt Dettman says the competition builds more than a concrete vessel; it builds teamwork, problem solving and time management skills.

Primary team members included: Kerra Sykes, a Morgantown senior; Heath Doggett, a Guthrie senior; Scott Neighbors, a Bowling Green junior; Rich Slocum, a Bowling Green senior; Jared Ford, a Bowling Green senior; Chad Ford, a Bowling Green junior; Shane Collins, a Bowling Green senior; Aaron Terry, an Elizabethtown junior; Eric Donan, a Greensburg senior; Tracy Crume, an Olton senior; Deneatra Flener, a Morgantown sophomore; Clay Ellis, a Beaver Dam junior; Jason Widstrom, a junior from Preston, Conn.

Others involved included: Lucas Slavey, a Scottsville senior; Jason Sparks, a Woodburn junior; Luke Ritter, a Bowling Green junior; Ryan Pregel, a senior from Gallatin, Tenn.; Scott Tucker, a Florence senior; and Jared Kaufman, a Russellville junior.
The following appointments, promotions, and retirements were approved by the WKU Board of Regents at its regular quarterly meeting in May.

**Faculty Appointments**

**Accounting and Finance**
Christopher L. Brown, Assistant Professor

**Agriculture**
Byron Barrington Sleugh, Assistant Professor

**Art**
Matthew L. Tullis, Assistant Professor

**Biology**
T. Keith Philips, Assistant Professor

**Chemistry**
Robin Blaine Reed, Assistant Professor

**Computer Science**
Chun Shen, Instructor

**Consumer and Family Sciences**
Bagher Moghadam, Assistant Professor

**Economics and Marketing**
Michelle W. Trawick, Assistant Professor

**English**
L. Dale Rigby, Instructor, Assistant Professor with Doctorate

**Public Health**
Dixie L. Atkinson, Instructor, Assistant Professor with Doctorate

**Integrative Studies in Teacher Education**
Janet Fugate, Instructor

**Sociology**
Amy C. Krull, Instructor, Assistant Professor with Doctorate
John Musalia, Instructor, Assistant Professor with Doctorate

**Faculty Promotions**

**Accounting and Finance**
Nace R. Magner, Professor

**Agriculture**
Nevil C. Speer, Associate Professor

**Allied Health and Human Services**
James Dean May, Associate Professor

**Biology**
Shivendra Vikram Sahi, Associate Professor

**Communication**
Kay E. Payne, Professor

**Community College**
Deborah M. Lively, Assistant Professor
Freda L. Mays, Assistant Professor
Timothy E. Miller, Assistant Professor
Linda Sue Todd, Assistant Professor

**Computer Science**
Carol White Wilson, Assistant Professor

**Consumer and Family Sciences**
Danita Mignon Kelley, Associate Professor

**Engineering Technology**
Rodney G. Handy, Associate Professor

**History**
Patricia H. Minter, Assistant Professor

**Industrial Technology**
Daniel Dow Jackson, Associate Professor
Murat Tiryakioglu, Associate Professor

**Integrative Studies in Teacher Education**
Beverly Joan Boulware, Associate Professor

**Library Public Services**
Charles Hyde Smith, Associate Professor

**Management and Information Systems**
Gabriel F. Buntzman, Professor
Linda Ellis Johnson, Professor
Zubair M. Mohamed, Professor

**Mathematics**
Wanda J. Weidemann, Professor

**Music**
Mary Elizabeth Wolinski, Associate Professor

**Psychology**
Sally L. Kuhlenschmidt, Professor

Sharon Ann Mutter, Professor
James Farley Norman, Associate Professor

**Public Health**
Michael D. Ballard, Associate Professor

**Tenure**

**Allied Health and Human Services**
James Dean May, Assistant Professor

**Community College**
Deborah M. Lively, Instructor
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Linda English Parry, Associate Professor

**Mathematics**
Joyce Lyn Miller, Associate Professor

**Music**
Mary Elizabeth Wolinski, Assistant Professor

**Grant Funded Appointments**

**Biology**
Career Services Center
Barbara Mayse Hanson, Part-time, Temp. Prof. Non-Faculty
Melanie Grayce Smity, Part-time, Temp. Clerical/Secretarial

College of Education and Behavior Sciences
Gaye Jolly, Office Assistant

Educational Television Services
Peter L. Kirchoff, Development Officer/Public Broadcasting
Donald A. Noel, Part-time, Regular Tech/Paraprof.

Geography and Geology
Thomas Boykin Brackman, Research Hydrologist
Kristi A. Hancock, Part-time, Reg. Service/Maintenance
Autumn L. Holloway, Part-time, Reg. Service/Maintenance
Denny L. Huffines, Part-time, Reg. Service/Maintenance
Cammie Ann Johnson, Part-time, Reg. Service/Maintenance
Valarie B. McPherson, Part-time, Reg. Service/Maintenance
Colin J. Thorton, Part-time, Reg. Service/Maintenance

Integrative Studies in Teacher Education
Susan Jeanette Miller, Part-time, Regular Clerical/Secretarial

Physics and Astronomy
Sherman O. Adelson, Full-time, Temporary Technician/Paraprof.
John B. Fitzgerald, Research Assistant

T/TAS- Head Start
Enitan Veronica Campbell, Part-Time Regular Tech./Paraprof.
Mirela Colakovic, Part-time Regular Tech./Paraprof.
Amber Yolanda Lee, Part-time Regular Tech/paraprof.
Joyce A. Lopez, Teacher
Clara Elizabeth Lyons, Part-time Regular Tech./Paraprof.
Kiran Sahi, Part-time, Regular Tech./Paraprof.
Virginia D. Winston, Part-time Regular Tech./Paraprof.

William D. Woods, Part-time Regular Service/Maintenance-Building

Staff Appointments

Admissions And Academic Services
Andrew R. Dowdell, Admissions Assistant
Rhonda Y. Hibbitt, Admissions Counselor

Athletics
Duane B. Hall, Assistant Coach
James E. Clark, Associate Director

Biology
Tammi R. Farrell, Office Assistant

Building Services
Martha Jean Adamson, Attendant
Cassandra Thomasena Bailey, Attendant
Dorinda S. Basham, Attendant
Autra Y. Beasley, Attendant
Gracie L. Beasley, Attendant
Kurt C. Byrd, Attendant
Kevin Randolph Cawles, Attendant
Johanna J. Driver, Attendant
Alice Faye Fields, Attendant
Tyrone M. Harpool, Attendant
Deborah F. Howard, Attendant
Shirley Ann Jones, Attendant
Norene Lacefield, Attendant
Jarret W. Lee, Attendant
Jeanette L. Nelson, Attendant
Dorothy Ann Sizemore, Attendant
Micah W. Stalions, Attendant
Rodney Shawn Warthan, Attendant

Career Services Center
Cassandra Denise Watts, Office Assistant

Chemistry
Xiao Peng, Part-time Temporary Technician/Paraprof.

College Heights Foundation
Sue D. Miller, Part-time Regular Clerical/Secretarial

Community College
Cathy H. Abell, Full-time Temporary Prof. Non-Faculty

Continuing Education
Sonya Leigh Kelly, Office Assistant
Roberta S. Parrigin, Program Coordinator

Controller
Kenneth Bernard Baushke, Manager, Purchasing/Accounts Payable
Janet N. Haynes, Payroll Associate
Holly Z. Milam, Buyer
Robert L. Pearson, Shipping and Receiving Associate
Deborah Sue Richardson, Office Associate

Educational Television Services
Micah D. Lunsford, Part-time Regular Tech/Paraprof.
Gwyn R. Sutherland, Part-time Tech./Paraprof.

Engineering Technology
Ronald J. Rizzo, Electronic Support Specialist

English
Lisa Ann Epley, Part-time, Regular Clerical/Secretarial

Extended Campus – Owensboro
Julie Marie Cecil-Hagan, Part-time Regular Clerical/Secretarial
Linda Westerfield, Part-time Regular Service/Maintenance

Facilities Fiscal Services
Kathy Y. Price, Office Assistant

Graduate Studies
Sue Ann Skipworth, Specialist

Housing and Residence Life
Delonia Jackson, Full-time Temporary Prof. Non-Faculty

Human Resources
Betty Berniece Grammer, Part-time Temporary Clerical/Secretarial
John Lok, Part-time Regular Clerical/ Secretarial

Intramural and Recreational Sports
William Eugene Bailey, Office Associate
Sally Watson Ferguson, Part-time Regular Tech./Paraprof.
Cynthia Polson Moore, Part-time Regular Tech./Paraprof.

Library Public Services
Crystal Dawn Boston, Part-time Temp. Service/Maintenance
Maintenance Services
Frank A. Billings, Boiler Operator
Shannon D. Camden,
Zone Maintenance Technician
Michael A. Scott, Boiler Operator

Men's Basketball
Gary Lee Aspin, Part-time
Regular Clerical/Secretarial

Network Computing and Communications
Lori Jane Douglas, Coordinator

Office of the Provost and Academic Affairs
LaDonna Loy Hunton, Academic Budget and Account Analyst

Student Financial Assistance
Linda Sue Dillard, Electronic Information Coordinator

WKU Bookstore
Shawna Kristin Cawthorn, Manager

WKU Foundation
Elashia J. Martin, Part-time Temporary Clerical/Secretarial

Staff Promotions
Controller
John Earl Warden, Supervising, Shipping and Receiving

Economics and Marketing
James Richard Shannon, Co-Chair

Library Public Services
Barbara W. Smith, Supervisor, Circulation Desk

Maintenance Services
Gregory A. Fulks, Boiler Operator

Network Computing and Communications
Christopher M. Harmon, Senior Microcomputing Consultant
Susan Sanborn, Director, Telecommunications

Student Health Service
Bessie Elizabeth Rush, Associate Director

Ticket Sales
James E. Cope, Manager

Retirements
Art
Ivan E. Schieferdecker, Professor, May 31

Building Services
Thomas Allen, Attendant, April 30
David L. Anderson, Attendant, Jan. 31
Madis Jewell Garrison, Attendant, Dec. 31
Glenda Rhea Price, Supervisor, Jan. 31
Jewel Tarrence, Attendant, Dec. 31

Chemistry
*John W. Reasoner, Professor, July 1

College of Science, Technology and Health
John Walter Smith, Supervisor, Instrument Shop Operations, June 30

English
*John Reiss, Assistant Professor, July 1

Geography and Geology
*Albert J. Petersen, Professor, July 1

Government
*John D. Parker, Professor, July 1

Graduate Studies
Bettie J. Johnson, Staff Assistant, Jan. 31

Integrative Studies in Teacher Education
Ann Curry Ruff, Professor, June 30

Management and Information Systems
Carol R. Graham, Assistant Professor

Modern Languages and Intercultural Studies
*Raul H. Padilla, Associate Professor, July 1

Nursing
*Donna H. Bussey, Assistant Professor, July 1
Billie Jo McKenzie, Associate Professor, May 31

PE and Recreation
*William Gordon Kummer, Professor, June 30
Burch Oglesby, Professor, July 1

President's Home/Facilities Management
Altar Ree Heater, Housekeeper, April 30

Psychology
*Lynn Fred Clark, Professor, July 1
*Dorsey Dean Grice, Associate Professor, July 1

School of Journalism and Broadcasting
*Michael Morse, Professor, Jan. 1
*Carolyn F. Stringer, Associate Professor, July 1

Sociology
Kathleen A. Kaleb, Professor, June 30

Student Health Service
Nancy J. Dargo, Staff Nurse, May 31
Bessie Elizabeth Rush, Associate Director, May 31

WKU Bookstore
Rickie Z. Ashby, Supervisor, Computer Sales, April 30

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