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Dr. Darlene Applegate is a student of the past. She believes that our understanding of ourselves in the present is based largely on our understanding of those who lived in the past.

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While walking her dogs near her home in rural Butler County, she noticed something that further investigation revealed to be a headstone in a small family graveyard. That discovery launched a research project that would involve Applegate, 14 students and many months of meticulous, painstaking exploration.

In the Butler County Cemetery Book, the graveyard Applegate and her students are researching is called the Kuykendall Cemetery of Dunn Store Road. It is now referred to as the Kuykendall Mason Graveyard, “because we have four Masons and no one knew they were out there,” Applegate said. “They had never been recorded.”

In addition, Applegate and her students, who worked on the project as part of a cemetery archaeology course during the May term, discovered the graves of four people who do not belong to the Kuykendall or Mason families. The Kuykendall Mason Cemetery (now referred to as a graveyard because people are no longer being buried there) was active between 1840 and 1898.

Applegate said that when she and her students began researching the graveyard, the official record listed only 10 graves. “Through our
record listed only 10 graves. “Through our subsurface investigation, we uncovered an additional 12 headstones and documented about 60 graves marked with fieldstones,” she said.

The Kuykendall Mason Graveyard is in the area of the Little Muddy Creek. The Kuykendall family and their descendants owned large farms in the creek valley. Two homesteads and six other family plot graveyards are within a seven-mile radius of the Kuykendall Mason Graveyard. Applegate has been granted permission to excavate one of the homesteads, which she hopes to do with her students in May as a field school. She hopes the research will culminate in a book of the Kuykendall family of the Little Muddy Creek. “This project is really part of a bigger research project to document what life was like for one of these rural families making a living from farming during slavery and after abolition in Butler County,” she said.

Who were the Kuykendalls?

Applegate said the most interesting aspect of the research project is reconstructing the genealogy — finding out about the lives of people who until now were little more than names carved in stone or who were forgotten entirely. In addition to the archaeological research, Applegate and her students have been conducting documentary research and tracing oral histories to piece together a more complete picture of the lives of the Kuykendalls, and have found that they were one of the founding families of Butler County. Matthew Kuykendall, who was the first Sheriff of Butler County, came to Kentucky with his wife, Elisabeth, in 1795 — just three years after Kentucky became a state.

Matthew and Elisabeth’s sons, Mark and John, and their wives and descendants are buried in the Kuykendall Mason Graveyard. Another son, Andrew, and his family are buried in a plot across the creek.

Much of the genealogy research is based on information obtained from headstones and historical documents, especially census records. Applegate said that though helpful, the census records do not solve all the mysteries of the graveyard. She explained that when census workers came to a house, they asked how many people were currently living in the house — not how many people were living in the house in recent years but have since died. She said there is no official record that three of the children buried in the graveyard ever existed.

“The problem with finding out who the parents of some of these children are when it doesn’t say on the headstone is that if they weren’t born or died in a census year, they’d never be recorded,” she said.

She hopes that records of the Little Muddy Creek Church will help them to reconstruct the genealogy.
The Kuykendalls were slaveholders. Applegate said that slaves are another group for whom official records are incomplete. Wills from family members show that slaves were bequeathed to children, and some wills show that some family members bequeathed land to their slaves. Applegate said that some African Americans today are named Kuykendall and most likely originate from this family.

"Graveyards are a wonderful wealth of information about the past," Applegate said.

She explained what information could be obtained by a stylistic analysis of headstones. By studying the motifs that were used on the headstones, she said that much could be learned about societies in the past and their views of death. "Earliest settlers had skulls and crossbone motifs. Once life became easier and living conditions improved, you start seeing cherubs, angels, urns, willows and happier motifs. It is suggested that reflects the changing life ways of people."

In the graveyard that Applegate and her students are investigating, lambs, Bibles and weeping willow motifs are common.

Applegate said economic status could also be determined from studying headstones by evaluating the material from which the stone is made and whether or not it had to be imported into the region.

Many of the students who spent their summers in Butler County cleaning and clearing the graveyard, sticking probes into the ground to discover buried headstones — all the while learning to distinguish among headstones, rocks and roots, excavating by hand and mapping the area, are now spending the fall semester in the Kentucky Museum and at area courthouses sifting through centuries-old records as part of an independent study.

Applegate has involved her students in every one of her research projects. She said that the selfish reason for this is that she needs their help, adding that it took "162 people hours" just to clean up the Kuykendall Mason Graveyard before any research work could begin. She said there is another, more important reason she includes her students. "It’s professional experience for the students. What is archaeology if not hands on? If we’re training students to practice it when they get out of college, we have to give them that experience beforehand."

Applegate said this research would be important in creating a more complete picture of what life was like for farming families in a rural setting. She said that much research has been done on
large plantations, but that gaps still remain in our knowledge of the smaller farmers. “The study of this particular graveyard I hope will be one component of a larger multi-year, multi-disciplinary research project to document the life ways of a 19th century farming family who lived in this part of Kentucky.”

While removing vegetation from the graveyard, students were careful to leave intact those plants and flowers that had been long ago placed there as a sign of love and respect for the deceased.
President Gary Ransdell presented special awards to five individuals Aug. 13 at Western Kentucky University’s opening convocation.

**Diversity Awards**

**Heather Crawford**, who is a residence hall coordinator with the Department of Housing and Residence Life and is working on her master’s degree in college student personnel, received the employee diversity award for her work to promote diversity among faculty, staff and students.

Crawford has worked with students to form two groups on campus, Alliance and The Outlet.

Alliance is made up of faculty, staff and students who provide education and support to students facing lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and related concerns. Alliance is the first group of its kind in Kentucky.

The Outlet is a resource center that provides students, staff and faculty with information regarding those same concerns as well as peer support, programming and referral assistance to additional services.

**Stan England**, a WKU alumnus, received the community diversity award for his efforts to promote diversity in Bowling Green and Warren County.

England, director of public relations and community service for Eagle Industries, serves as director of the War Memorial for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bowling Green and has worked with numerous community organizations, including the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Kentucky National Guard Youth Camp. He is also the founder of BADGES – Be Against Drugs and Guns Entering Schools.

Since 1970, England has provided leadership and support to organizations and has received numerous honors and awards for his service to the community.

**Brian Moore**, a Louisville senior and print
journalism major, received the student diversity award for his efforts to promote diversity last spring as editor of the College Heights Herald.

Under Moore’s guidance, the student newspaper addressed diversity issues in story coverage and newsroom staffing. Moore said of his work on diversity, “Newspapers across the United States are trying to find ways to diversify their newsrooms... there is no quick fix to this lack of diversity. It will take persistence and drive of someone very passionate about the issues. I am that.”

Economic Development Award

Dr. George Vourvopoulos, founder of the Applied Physics Institute, received the first President’s Award for Economic Development for his research on a pulse-neutron detection system.

The system, which analyzes the elemental composition of objects without seeing or touching the object, is nearing commercialization. It is patented and holds great promise for the creation of jobs and revenue. “The long-term benefits of your efforts will span the nation and indeed the world,” Dr. Ransdell said. “Your work is bringing new business to Kentucky and generating jobs for this region.”

Spirit of Western Award

Lee Robertson received the first Spirit of Western Award, which recognizes an individual who represents enthusiasm for Western, loyalty to the institution and principles of the Western experience and its motto “The Spirit Makes the Master.”

Robertson, a 1950 graduate, is a special assistant to the vice president of Institutional Advancement. During his half-century of service to Western, Robertson was director of alumni relations for 25 years, golf coach for six years and director of the WKU-Glasgow campus.

“Perhaps Lee’s unofficial capacity at Western can best be described as our number one ambassador,” Dr. Ransdell said. “I can sum it up for you in Lee’s own words: ‘I love the place.’”

To read more about Lee Robertson, see “Devotion to the Spirit,” in the March/April 2002 edition of echo.
Keeping the Commitment ALIVE
by Kimberly Shain Parsley

"Western takes very seriously its role in supporting the vitality of the community," said Dr. Katrina Phelps, associate professor of psychology. "You can’t do everything on campus and be supporting the community. You have to go outside the campus to have a far-reaching impact."

As a result of Dr. Phelps’s desire to have a positive impact on the community and Sen. Mitch McConnell’s, R-Ky., continued support of Western Kentucky University, WKU received a $500,000 U.S. Department of Justice grant to fund the Western Kentucky University Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Project.

Phelps, who will direct the overall project, said it consists of three unique components, which aim to prevent juvenile delinquency by improving families’ access to much needed resources and offering young people safe, productive ways to spend their free time.

The first component of the project is the Alternative Suspension Program, which began in Warren County schools in August. Prior to this program, when students were suspended, they often spent that time at home alone.

“What you have is a double risk for that child,” Phelps said. “First, they are in jeopardy because they are losing instructional time at school, and second, they are in jeopardy because they have unsupervised time and can get into a lot of trouble.”

Phelps described the Alternative Suspension Program as an “out-of-school school.” Two teachers are on site to assist students in the program academically, and a counselor is available to offer help with a variety of issues such as anger management and conflict resolution, frequent causes of student suspensions.

Phelps said it is difficult to estimate how many students will be affected by the program, saying that it depends on whether or not principals, who typically view suspension as a last resort, use suspension more frequently now than in the past. A goal of the Alternative Suspension Program is to show students that being suspended is not more fun than being in school, thereby taking away their motivation to engage in behavior that would lead to suspension.

"This program is a wonderful opportunity for principals to have another way to work with kids who aren’t able to be in the regular schools and not simply send them home."
For the second project component, Western is working to increase and enhance programs already in place through the Housing Authority of Bowling Green. “The Housing Authority has after school programming that provides young people a safe place to go and quality activities to engage in from 2 to 5 p.m.,” Phelps said.

According to Phelps, most juvenile delinquency occurs between the hours of 3 and 8 p.m.- times when children are often unsupervised. She hopes that the Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Project will allow Western to help the Housing Authority expand those after school programs to extend later into the evening and serve a wider age range of students.

The first two project components will work as subcontracts, with Western serving as facilitator and coordinator. In the third component, which is called ALIVE - A Local Information and Volunteer Exchange - Western will play a more direct role, employing three full time positions. Phelps said the goal of ALIVE is to serve as a clearinghouse for information on any social services in the region. “It’s going to be a one stop shop for resources on programs and organizations in the area.”

Examples of the types of services about which the ALIVE center will supply information include mental health services, daycare, after school programs, adult education, housing, public transportation and more. The center, located at 1818 31 W By-pass, will refer individuals to the proper agencies and will serve as a resource center for service providers by maintaining up-to-date information on a broad range of human services.

Phelps referred to ALIVE as a massive undertaking, but pointed out how much time and energy it takes for people who need such services to obtain them. “People who have high needs for services are overwhelmed by the amount of information that they may need to get from all these different places,” she said. “The center will help them develop a game plan for addressing each of their needs.”

In addition, ALIVE will be able to link various community organizations with individuals who wish to volunteer their time, energy and skills.

“An individual doesn’t have to shop himself or herself out, they can just go to the center and say this is who I am, link me up with a group that has use for me,” Phelps said. “It tremendously simplifies and makes much more efficient the process of matching.”

Phelps said she believes that a college education carries with it a civic responsibility, and that the volunteer opportunities that ALIVE will offer WKU students will be beneficial to the campus and the larger community.

In addition to Sen. McConnell, Phelps thanked Western’s Office of Sponsored Programs for caring about the project and assisting her in the development of the grant proposal.

“I think it says something about Western’s commitment to the community, that we can play a lead role in vitalizing these other programs that exist in the community and bringing in more funding to support them,” Phelps said.
And the Rest is History
by Jenny Rosser

For Jonathan Jeffrey, collecting and preserving history is not only a job, it is a passion. "It's really hard to separate my interests and work," said Jeffrey, associate professor, Special Collections librarian. "I don't think there are enough people who do what they want to do and enjoy it. I am truly blessed."

Jeffrey said he first became intrigued by the past while listening to stories his grandparents told, but his avid desire to study history did not take shape until he attended Stephen F. Austin University. While writing a paper for a public history class, he used the library's special collection to aid his research. He found old maps, letters and diaries that fascinated him enough to ask for a tour. It was after this experience that Jeffrey finished his master's in history and moved to the University of Maryland to earn a degree in archival management.

Now, Jeffrey tries to spark that same interest in the past in students at Western Kentucky University.

"Jonathan Jeffrey does an outstanding job performing his tasks and he excels in every one of his ideas," said Dr. Mike Binder, dean of libraries. "He is a tremendous asset to our public service program."

Jeffrey was recently honored for his public service - not just to the Western community, but also to the larger Bowling Green/Warren County community - with the University Award for Excellence in Public Service.

Jeffrey works with the Landmark Association, Riverview at Hobson Grove Board, and the Bowling Green Preservation Board, to preserve and protect historic sites by advocating preservation, raising funds, writing articles and giving presentations. He said he believes that preserving history improves the quality of life in a community by creating a link to the past and a sense of "rootedness." He said that many communities have lost their connections to the past over the years, but that historic sites such as old buildings enhance the past, and can create a link to the people who once inhabited and constructed them. "Remembering those people helps us learn from their mistakes and build on their successes.

"I feel fortunate to act as a catalyst in helping others discover their own history," he said.
Jeffrey recalled that once a man came to him at the library looking for some information on a father he didn't know. After looking through death certificates and burial books, Jeffrey was able to help the man find his father's gravesite.

"It was touching to see this burly, masculine man bawling because he was so thankful to have found his father," Jeffrey said. "Experiences like that make me feel good about the service I provide. It also gives me a great deal of satisfaction to see people make an association with the past, whether through an ancestor, building or particular event."

Jeffrey said he enjoys visiting renovation sites, attics and cemeteries to learn more about the past. "I've been known to trudge through some places I probably shouldn't have," he said.

In fact, Jeffrey has had his fair brush with some dangerous creatures, not to mention finding himself in some precarious situations while on expeditions to recover the past. Aside from the usual bothersome insects, Jeffrey said a snake once caused him to jump a few gravestones.

Jeffrey remembered another incident when he and some friends stopped at a graveyard so Jeffrey could take a look around. Later, they realized that they had stayed too long and gotten locked in. Lacking another solution, Jeffrey allowed his friend to drive his brand new car through a gully to freedom.

"I am glad there is a public service component in our work," Jeffrey said. "It is important for people to share their research with others."

In the future, Jeffrey plans to continue to educate others about the importance of history and preservation.

"Every good librarian is a teacher," he said.

*Jenny Rosser is a senior public relations student from Quality, Ky.*
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by Brad Stinnett

The Western Kentucky University Staff Council held its annual retreat on June 6 at the L.D. Brown Agricultural Exposition Center. Eight new members were introduced at the retreat. New members for the 2002-03 year include Regina Allen, David Appleby, Robert Deane, Brandi Fowler, Jeff Jones, Treva Martin, Tina Sneed and Lauri Warden. These new members join Deborah Cole, Dana Divine, Teresa Dunning, Joy Gramling, Elizabeth Paris, Brad Stinnett and Lynne Swetmon to round out the 2002-03 Staff Council.

The retreat focused primarily on setting goals for the upcoming year. The Staff Council will be exploring issues such as exit interviews, staff salaries and benefits, annual raise pool for permanent part-time employees, improving the annual performance appraisal system, and enhancing the new employee orientation and training process, including the distribution of a "New Employee Handbook." The Staff Council will also be working to complete projects carried over from the previous year, including the Staff Leadership Program, cross-reference of dependent child tuition discount and issues concerning KTRS employees.

The Staff Council reviewed the accomplishment of goals set forth at last year's retreat. Highlights of last year's Staff Council accomplishments are as follows:

- Implemented on-line Staff Council elections
- Worked with the Budget Council to secure a $150,000 staff market adjustment pool
- Introduced Primerica Financial Services to campus
• Supported the raise in the University's contribution to health insurance for 2003 from $315 to $341 per month
• Developed and distributed a part-time survey to employees to identify their concerns as part-time employees
• Improved communication with staff by upgrading and enhancing the Staff Council web site

The Staff Council has developed a web site that will allow visitors to access information such as meeting agendas and minutes, organizational chart, membership eligibility, accomplishments and announcements. You can also view the Staff Council constitution and by-laws. A direct e-mail link to each member is provided on the web site giving you an easy opportunity to bring an issue to the Staff Council. The web link to the WKU Staff Council web site is: www.wku.edu/Dept/Org/Faculty/SAC/. Bookmark it today!

The Staff Council is looking forward to another productive year. We always welcome input from University staff members on various campus issues and topics. If you have an issue that you would like to bring to us, don't hesitate to contact a Staff Council member.

Brad Stinnett is the assistant director, facilities in the Department of Intramural-Recreational Sports.

Meet the Staff Council

Regina Allen  
**Category:** Secretarial/Support  
**Department:** Sponsored Programs  
**Years at WKU:** four

**Why you wanted to serve on the Staff Council?**  
I wanted to serve on the Staff Council because I believe the support staff is the backbone of the University. Because my position allows me to interact with many departments on campus, I have the opportunity to meet and talk with people in all different employment categories. This gives me a perspective on varying viewpoints and concerns, enabling me to better represent the campus community.

**Additional Information:**  
I believe the University is a great place to work, and appreciate the opportunities that are available. Both my husband and mother work on campus, so we are definitely a Western family.

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David Appleby
Category: Technical/Skilled Maintenance
Department: Maintenance Services, Facilities Management
Years at WKU: 15

Why you wanted to serve on the Staff Council?
To help make WKU a better place to work. I am focused on obtaining higher wages and better benefits for all of the staff.

Deborah Cole
Category: Part-Time
Department: Library Special Collections
Years at WKU: seven

Why you wanted to serve on the Staff Council?
I was very interested in serving on the Staff Council, as I am a part-time Western employee who feels part-timers need a voice on the Council concerning issues such as annual raises, health benefits and other concerns.

Robert Deane
Category: At-Large
Department: Police
Years at WKU: two and a half

Why you wanted to serve on the Staff Council?
I wanted to be involved and make a difference in addressing issues that impact the employees of Western Kentucky University.

Additional Information:
I am a member of the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity, Bowling Green.
Dana Divine
Category: Professional/Non-Faculty
Department: Educational Television Services
Years at WKU: 13

Why you wanted to serve on the Staff Council?
I received my BS in marketing from WKU in 1989. I have worked for WKYU-PBS for 13 years as assistant program manager. I work closely with the program manager to develop the broadcast schedule and outreach opportunities.

Teresa Dunning
Category: Technical/Skilled Maintenance
Department: Recycling, Facilities Management
Years at WKU: 20

Additional Information:
I also serve on the Human Relations Council.

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Brandi Fowler
Category: Professional/Non-Faculty
Department: Administrative Computing Services
Years at WKU: six
Why you wanted to serve on the Staff Council?
The Staff Council is the only organized representative voice of the staff to the administration. It's crucial for staff to actively participate in Council activities and make our voices heard.

Joy Gramling
Category: At-Large
Department: Environmental Health & Safety
Years at WKU: 24
Why you wanted to serve on the Staff Council?
The Staff Council is the only organized representative voice of the staff to the administration. It's crucial for staff to actively participate in Council activities and make our voices heard.
Jeff Jones
Category: Professional/Non-Faculty
Department: Microcomputing Services
Years at WKU: 22

Why you wanted to serve on the Staff Council?
I seek to become involved in the Council on issues that affect my co-workers and myself.

Additional Information:
I am the Webmaster for the Staff Council and serve on the KTRS Committee.

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Treva Martin
Category: Technical/Skilled Maintenance
Department: Building Services, Facilities Management
Years at WKU: three

Why you wanted to serve on the Staff Council?
I want to represent the staff at WKU.

Additional Information:
I also serve on the Fall Break Brunch Committee.

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Elizabeth Paris  
**Category:** Secretarial/Support  
**Department:** Information Technology  
**Years at WKU:** 23  

**Why you wanted to serve on the Staff Council?**  
The Staff Council is a useful voice to the administration. It is an important tool to get staff views heard.

**Additional Information:**  
I serve as the Staff Council Chair and am on the Salary Committee and Budget Council.

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Tina Sneed  
**Category:** Technical/Skilled Maintenance  
**Department:** Building Services  
**Years at WKU:** six  

**Why you wanted to serve on the Staff Council?**  
I want to help represent my co-workers.

**Additional Information:**  
I also serve on the Human Relations Council.

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Brad Stinnett
Category: Professional/Non-Faculty
Department: Intramural-Recreational Sports
Years at WKU: four

Why you wanted to serve on the Staff Council?
I want to help improve the employment experience of the staff and to assist in the enhancement of the entire campus community.

Additional Information:
I received my master’s degree from WKU in student affairs in higher education. I currently serve as the assistant director, facilities in IM-REC Sports. Other committees that I serve on at WKU include the Staff Development Committee, Staff Leadership Program Committee and the Salary Committee.

Lynne Swetmon
Category: Secretarial/Support
Department: Mathematics
Years at WKU: 14

Why you wanted to serve on the Staff Council?
I serve on the Staff Council to try to have input on matters that effect every staff member. I believe it takes time and effort to get ideas approved and I’m willing to give both in hopes of improving work situations for everyone.

Additional Information:
I am on the Salary Committee and the Spirit of Western Award Committee.
Lauri Ward
Category: Secretarial/Support
Department: Consumer & Family Sciences
Years at WKU: 15

Why you wanted to serve on the Staff Council?
I chose to run for Staff Council because I wanted an opportunity to improve the quality of the work setting for fellow staff members. By representing staff employee's concerns, I feel like I am making a positive contribution to the Western Kentucky University family.

Additional Information:
I volunteer as a Faculty Marshall at each WKU graduation and am a M.A.S.T.E.R. Plan Mentor for new students each fall. I have been the CFS United Way representative for five of the past six years, and have served on the Staff Excellence Award Committee for two years.

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Investing in the Spirit

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When Western Kentucky University President Gary Ransdell announced on April 27, 2000, that WKU would raise $78 million in its first comprehensive campaign, he had no doubt the goal would be met. With a little more than a year left in the five-year campaign, Western has passed that goal and, at the recommendation of the Campaign Cabinet, is raising the stakes - to $90 million.

"We were confident that we would meet our goal in the Investing in the Spirit campaign by June 30, 2003," Dr. Ransdell said. "What we discovered was that as we told the Western story, as we articulated our needs and our plan for the University, our message was well received. Alumni, friends, faculty and staff all stepped forward to help us achieve our vision."

At the May 10 President’s Circle Gala, the University announced a campaign total of $78,875,834, but there are still some goals that are unmet and new needs that have arisen.

"We're not raising money for the sake of raising money," Ransdell said. "We have a vision for this University and a plan to reach that vision. Meeting these goals is an important part of that plan."

Tom Hiles, WKU’s vice president for Institutional Advancement, said the original
focus of the campaign - people, places and programs - will continue.

“We have confidence in our campaign because we have confidence in our program,” Hiles said. “There are three primary reasons for our confidence. We have a dynamic president who has articulated a vision statement for Western to be the best comprehensive university in the state and among the best in the country. Secondly, we have loyal alumni and friends who have responded to this vision. Finally, we have been proactive in matching donor interests with needs.”

One of the needs is additional endowed faculty support, including adding to the 20 endowed professorships established during the campaign. “Endowments are a permanent key to the long-term stability and survivability of the institution,” he said. “The income from these endowments, whether designated for scholarships or faculty positions, will continue to grow and support those programs throughout the remainder of Western’s history.”

Cash Gifts to WKU Top $12 Million

Western Kentucky University closed the 2001-2002 fiscal year with a record-breaking $12.3 million received in cash gifts.

According to Tom Hiles, WKU’s vice president for Institutional Advancement, this number represents a 25.3 percent increase over cash gifts received last year and a 186 percent increase over gifts received just four years ago. With the addition of these cash gifts, Western’s Investing in the Spirit campaign total now exceeds $79 million.

“In addition to total cash gifts, 125 donors made gifts of $10,000 or more last year,” Hiles said. “This is up from just 13 donors who made major gifts at this level in 1997-1998. This extraordinary increase, in a challenging economic climate, is a tribute to the hard work, dedication, and support of our alumni and friends. They have responded to the ambitious strategic plan articulated by President Ransdell for Western to be ‘the best comprehensive public institution in Kentucky and among the best in the nation.’”

WKU President Gary Ransdell says this dramatic increase in gift deposits is a direct result of pledge payments received through the Investing in the Spirit campaign. “Western could not be more pleased or proud of the support we are receiving from alumni, friends, and the corporate community,” he said. “With limited state funding, it is the private sector that is providing the capacity to achieve our ambitious goals. We are grateful for the support received by every individual and corporation.”

Don Vitale, co-chair of the Investing in the Spirit campaign, said, “The campaign’s strong momentum should enable us to achieve our goal of $90 million by June 30, 2003.”
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Physics & Astronomy
George Vourvopoulos, Professor

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Nancy A. Rice, Assistant Professor

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Karen Calfee-Mason, Assistant Professor

Engineering
Robert Choate, Assistant Professor
Kevin Schmaltz, Assistant Professor

English
Eric Stoebner, Instructor
People and Positions

John D. All, Assistant Professor
Kevin Cary, Instructor
Andrew Wulff, Assistant Professor

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Scott Lasley, Visiting Assistant Professor

James H. Lindsey, Instructor
Jeffrey Willis, Instructor

Terrence McCain, Assistant Professor

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Timothy Straubel, Instructor

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Gordon Smith, Assistant Professor

Jeffrey L. Helms, Visiting Assistant Professor

Mary Elizabeth Christian, Assistant Professor
Michael Mayton, Assistant Professor
Anthony Menendez, Assistant Professor
Nedra Wheeler, Associate Professor

Jennifer Tarrazi-Scully, Visiting Professional/Residence

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Jerry Alford, PT Service Maintenance
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Andrea Raybould, Office Assistant

Applied Research & Technology – POD
Lisa Wood, Office Associate

Athletic Training
Andrew Bolt, PT Professional Non-Faculty
Carol George, PT Professional Non-Faculty

Bookstore
Sherry Blanton, Bookstore Associate
Shelia Harlow, BW PT Clerical
Freddie Nallia, BW PT Clerical
Patricia Strode, Bookstore Associate

Continuing Education
Stuart Cole, BW PT Temp Maint

Farm
Timothy Hughes, Farm Manager

Health Services
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Mary DeGraw, Asst Residence Hall Director
Sandra Hess, Coord/Housing & Residence
Jeanne Lady, Coord/Housing & Residence
Samuel Sankovich, Asst Residence Hall Director
Robert Unseld, Asst Residence Hall Director
Brian Want, Residence Hall Director

HVAC Services
Michael Paglialunga, Energy Management Tech

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Rebecca Baldwin, Facility Coordinator
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Libraries
Dan Forrest, Coord, Access Services

Network Computing
Eric Ryan Wolfe, Network Specialist

Sociology
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Stephanie Scott, Office Associate

Ticket Manager
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University Relations
Patrick Quirk, BW PT Temp Tech

Women's Basketball
Kristi Hunt, Director of Operations

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David Nelson, Sr Groundskeeper

Controller
Joan Harrison, Grant Accounts Specialist

Educational Television Services
Tamela Maxwell, Asst Mgr, Int Distance Ed

Housing & Residence Life
Heather Crawford, Coord/Housing & Residence
Benjamin Ellis, Residence Hall Director
Carolyn Keith, Residence Hall Director
Lana Riney, Coord/Housing & Residence
Andrew Wollin, Residence Hall Director

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Professional Activities

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Communication

Dr. Judith Hoover spent the spring semester on sabbatical teaching team communication at Waikato University in Hamilton, New Zealand. While there, she made a research presentation to the faculty based on her newly published article "Making Ourselves Useful: Crossing Academic and Social Boundaries," in American Behavioral Scientist, Vol. 45, No. 7, March 2002. She also presented a paper entitled "Team Identity Formation in a New Zealand Classroom" at the World Communication Association Conference on Aug. 9.

Counseling and Student Affairs

Dr. Aaron W. Hughey has been appointed to the Editorial Board of Industry and Higher Education, the leading international journal on the collaboration between business and academia.

English

Joe Millichap’s article entitled "Calvinistic Attitudes and Pauline Imagery in Huck Finn," is included in Huck Finn: The Complete Buffalo Manuscript, Teaching and Research Digital Edition (Buffalo: State Univ. of New York Library, 2002). The article was published earlier in Mark Twain Journal.

University Relations

Members of Western Kentucky University’s Office of University Relations were honored in the 2002 Kentucky Association of Government Communicators’ Awards of Excellence competition.

Sheryl Hagan-Booth, University photographer, received two honorable mention awards for Homecoming photos: Lamelle Harris performing and Big Red interacting with a girl at the parade.

Tommy Newton, communication specialist, received an award of merit in the news series category for stories on an international journalism training program and for...
series category for stories on an international journalist training program and an honorable mention in feature writing for a story on middle school students participating in a hands-on science education program.

Bob Skipper, director of Media Relations, and Tommy Newton received an award of merit in the news series category for stories on the approval of Western’s joint engineering degree programs.

Skipper, Newton, Hagan-Booth and echo Editor Kimberly Parsley shared an award of merit presented for their work on “Campus Unites in the Face of Tragedy,” which dealt with the campus reaction to the events of Sept. 11, and appeared in the October/November 2001 issue of echo.
September Book Discussions

The Kentucky Library, Landmark Association and the Kentucky Humanities Council are partnering to offer a September series of book discussions. The dates are:

Monday, Sept. 16
*Anne and Alpheus, 1842-1882*, by Dr. Joe Survant
The discussion will be led by the author in the Kentucky Museum's Felts Log House at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 25
*Hannah Fowler*, by Janice Holt Giles
Laura Harper Lee, the Kentucky Museum’s education curator, will lead the discussion at 3 p.m. in the Kentucky Building’s Orientation Room. This discussion is co-sponsored by the XX Literary Club.

Monday, Sept. 30
*Clay’s Quilt*, by Silas House
The discussion leader will be special collections librarian Jonathan Jeffrey. The program is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Kentucky Building.

All of the above are free and open to the public. Copies of the books to be read in advance of the discussions are available at WKU's Helm Library, the Bowling Green Public Library, Barnes and Noble Bookstore and Amazon.

For more information, call (270) 745-5083.