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by Rebecca A. Miles

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Dr. Joe Glaser, Western Kentucky University's director of composition and a professor of English, is working on two translation/adaptation projects. The first is a redaction of Malory’s *Le Morte D’Arthur* into modern English. The second is a line-by-line verse translation of selected stories from Chaucer’s *The Canterbury Tales*.

**The Le Morte D’Arthur Project**

*Le Morte D’Arthur* was written by Sir Thomas Malory while he was in prison. He translated most of his work from French manuscripts and worked solely by hand, often by candlelight. William Caxton published the book in 1485 after dividing Malory’s original eight tales into 21 books.

Dr. Glaser has been interested in the Arthurian stories since he was a high school student and read T.H. White’s *The Sword in the Stone*. “It was the first adult book I ever read, and still one of my half-dozen all time favorites,” he said.

Glaser’s special area is English renaissance and Malory is considered part of that period. He finally got around to tackling Malory but "found him almost unreadable – two closely printed volumes, around 350,000 words of repetitious prose, with here and there a flash of brilliance."

Malory can be trying for modern readers. A typical passage is considered tedious at best, as the passage below illustrates.

"'I say you sooth,' said the damosel, 'for ye were this day the best knight of the..."
world, but who should say so now, he should be a liar, for there is now one better than ye, and well it is proved by the adventures of the sword whereto ye durst not set to your hand; and that is the change and leaving of your name. Wherefore I make unto you a remembrance, that ye shall not ween from henceforth that ye be the best knight in the world."

Feeling the world could use a version of Malory that was more readable and enjoyable, Glaser decided to undertake a translation of the famous book.

Glaser said redaction is actually a better word than translation for what he’s done to Le Morte D’Arthur. “I brought the language up to date, replacing archaic forms like ye and sooth and reformulating sentence after sentence to cut the overall length by about two thirds, to 125,000 words.”

For instance, he translated the passage above into just 16 words.

"This morning you were the best knight in the world, but now there is one better."

Glaser said the project was a true labor of love, so much so that he intends to publish the work himself if a traditional publisher doesn’t come along.

The Canterbury Tales Project

The second project Glaser is working on is a line-by-line verse translation of selected stories from Geoffrey Chaucer’s The Canterbury Tales. As with Malory, Glaser’s love of Chaucer spans at least 40 years and again, as with Malory, he wanted to make Chaucer accessible to a wider audience.

Most people regard Chaucer as the greatest poet of the Middle English period. He created a new literary style shaped by French and Latin models that became the preferred style of written language at the time.

Translation, rather than redaction, is the proper word for Glaser’s rendition of The Canterbury Tales. Chaucer’s language is less familiar to modern readers than Malory’s. “Not many readers today can deal with Chaucer without a fair amount of training and practice,” Glaser said.

The General Prologue to The Canterbury Tales opens with perhaps the most famous lines from the work, no doubt because many readers never get much farther.

"Whan that Aprille with his shoures soote
The droghte of March hath perced to the rote,
And bathed every veyne in swich licour
Of which vertu engendred is the flour;
Whan Zephirus eek with his sweete breeth
Inspired hath in every holt and heeth
The tendre croppes, and the younge sonne
Hath in the Ram his halve cours yronne,
And smale fowles maken melodye,
That slepen al the nyght with open ye
(So priketh hem nature in hir corages),
Thanne longen folk to goon on pilgrimages,

Glaser’s version is much easier on the modern reader.

“When April’s fruitful showers descend
And bring the droughts of March to end,
Bathing each vine in such sweet showers,
Buds swell and burst, unfurling flowers,
When West Wind, too, with his mild airs
Inspires in fields and hidden lairs
Fresh-minted leaves, and when the sun
Halfway toward the Bull has run, the constellation Taurus
When small birds sing for all they’re worth,
Wide-eyed all night with reckless mirth,
Mad for love in trees and hedges,
Then folks go on pilgrimages
And pilgrims yearn for foreign strands
And distant shrines in sundry lands.
In England, from every plot or skerry,
They make their way to Canterbury,
Seeking the shrine of great Saint Thomas,
To pay for sins or keep a promise.”

Glaser has translated over 9,000 lines of The Canterbury Tales, and expects to do 13,000 before he’s through. “That will make a book of about 300 pages, a generous sample of Chaucer’s most enjoyable tales,” he said.

If you would like to read more of Dr. Glaser’s work on Le Morte D'Arthur, please visit http://www.wku.edu/~glaseja/Book1.htm.
Some Good Advice
by Kimberly Shain Parsley

“It is an incredibly important part of the educational process that students get on the right track and stay on the right track,” said Dr. Kenneth Crawford, associate professor of biology. “It’s essential to many of the missions of the University.”

Dr. Crawford is the chairman of the Pre-med Advising Committee, and has 148 student advisees this semester. For the enthusiasm and dedication he brings to student advising — an often under-appreciated but vital part of a professor’s job duties — Crawford was recently awarded the University Award for Excellence in Student Advising.

Crawford said he finds student advising satisfying work, “and easy,” he added. He is the adviser for all students in the pre-medical, pre-dentistry, pre-podiatry and pre-optometry programs, and said that his students are very bright and highly motivated. “Sometimes too motivated,” he said. “They get anxious about the admissions process. They need assurances.”

In addition to advising students on what classes to take, Crawford, along with the other members of the Pre-med Advising Committee, assist students with submitting properly completed applications and all required information to their desired professional schools. Crawford said that the number of students applying to professional schools each year ranges from 25-40, and each of those students is required to meet with three members of the advising committee. After those interviews, the committee must reconvene for discussion. The process is time consuming for both the students and the committee members.

“Advising is something I’ve chosen to do more than I have to do,” Crawford said.

“An important thing to keep in mind when advising a student is that you make sure you know what their goals are, and not to inflict your vision of what they should be on them,” he said.

According to Crawford, the trick to being a good adviser is getting to know the students. For Crawford, that process begins before the students even enroll at Western. He is the chair of the Biology Department’s recruiting committee, and attends many of the events sponsored by the Admissions Department. He said that as a recruiter, he has traveled to the “hinterlands” of Kentucky to bring students to Western’s pre-med program. He works all the pre-professional OAR sections, and teaches two freshman
semester classes. He said it's all about helping students form a connection to the University.

Dr. Richard Bowker, Biology Department head, wrote in his nomination, “Beginning with energetic recruiting, he [Crawford] helps his advisees (and many others) through their undergraduate careers and beyond. Outstanding advising requires much more than help in course selection, and Dr. Crawford is masterful at helping students as they explore their interests.”

He makes such an impression on his students that he frequently hears from them after they have left Western and entered a professional program, often staying in touch via e-mail. Just last summer, he attended the wedding of a former advisee who is now a second year medical student at the University of Louisville.

In a letter to the tenure committee, Ben Alderdice, a senior at the time, wrote that his assigned advisor was not very helpful and it was suggested that he go to see Dr. Crawford. “I went and spoke to him and immediately he offered his guidance and agreed to be my new advisor. Little did I know, but this was a spark for the best student/faculty relationship that a student could ever ask for.”
WKU Employees Share the Spirit
by Kimberly Shain Parsley

To the people of Woodburn, Ky., Bob Skipper, Western Kentucky University’s director of Media Relations, is much more than just a neighbor — he is a member of the Woodburn City Council and a captain in the Woodburn Volunteer Fire Department.

Skipper said he became interested in volunteering as a firefighter because his father was also a volunteer firefighter and Skipper was able to see how much good firefighters could do and how important they were in their communities. He found this out firsthand, when while at work, his barn caught on fire and his fellow firefighters kept the damage to a minimum.

“The majority of firefighters in the United States are volunteers,” Skipper said.

For this reason, most states require volunteers to undergo extensive training in such areas as structural firefighting, ventilation, fire science and hazardous materials.

“In Kentucky to become certified, you have to complete 250 hours of training,” Skipper said. “You have to complete at least 20 hours of training every year to keep your certification.”

Skipper said that because of the amount of training involved, it is becoming more difficult to find people willing to volunteer such a large portion of their time.

“The fire service has changed a lot over the last 20-25 years. It’s not grabbing a hose and squirting water on a fire anymore. It’s a lot more involved,” he said.

Skipper added that the majority of “runs,” or emergencies to which firefighters respond, are medical in nature. The Woodburn Volunteer Fire Department has two automated electronic defibrillators. “We get called out when an ambulance gets called out to our district, and many times we can be there before the ambulance and can start basic life support if necessary.”

Skipper said the worst blaze he ever battled wasn’t even in the Woodburn fire district. When a dispatcher receives a 911 call, he or she immediately sends out the department
in that district, and also the departments in the two closest districts. It was on one such occasion that Skipper was working to extinguish a fire in the upstairs of a home, unaware that a gas line had ruptured.

“When I would hit the fire, it would go down, but as soon as I’d stop putting water on it, it would come right back,” he said. “It actually melted my face mask. It was that hot.”

Kevin Duckett, a boiler operator in Facilities Management and volunteer firefighter for the Alvaton district, said his wife, Vicki, gets nervous every time he goes out on a run, concerned for her husband’s safety not only while he’s fighting a fire, but also while travelling to a call, which is when many firefighters are injured.

Duckett has been a volunteer firefighter for 22 years. He was the assistant fire chief for the Richardsville district, and is now with the Alvaton department since moving to that community three years ago.

“When we moved to Alvaton I was hoping to retire from firefighting,” Duckett said, “but as we were having our house built they [the Alvaton firefighters] were calling wanting me to come and sign up with them.”

Duckett finally gave in. He said he enjoys the excitement of firefighting and being able to help people. He also said being on the Alvaton Volunteer Fire Department helped him to meet his new neighbors and make friends in the community.

Though his wife may not share his excitement for his role as a volunteer firefighter, his 7-year-old daughter, Hannah, certainly does. “My little girl just loves it,” Duckett said. “She loves the siren and the lights and going out to the fire station to see the truck.”

Hannah recently accompanied her father to the Expo 911 event held at Greenwood High School where he passed out pamphlets and answered questions about fire safety and prevention.

Information about becoming a volunteer firefighter is available by contacting local fire departments. Support for local volunteer fire departments comes from dues paid by property owners. Amounts for dues can vary throughout the area, but each property owner is billed annually.

“There are some simple things that people can do to make our jobs easier and make themselves safer,” Skipper said. “Properly installed smoke detectors with working batteries are the main thing.”

Smoke detectors are the first line of defense against a fire. As a rule, people are reminded
to change the batteries in a smoke detector every six months, generally when clocks are changed to daylight savings and standard time. Skipper advised that smoke detectors over 10 years old be replaced. "It's worth it to pay a few dollars for something that might save your life."

In addition, having an evacuation plan with which the entire family is familiar is also important. Having an evacuation plan and a designated meeting area in case of an emergency makes it easier for firefighters to determine if someone is still in the house.

Skipper suggested that people make sure their house numbers are clearly visible from the road. He said it is frustrating to drive up and down a road knowing that someone is in need of help and being unable to find them. "It's easy to find a house when it's burning," he said, "but if someone's having a heart attack and nobody thinks to turn a porch light on, it's very difficult to find the house."

With the holiday season approaching, Skipper offered some particular fire safety tips: Make sure live trees are kept watered and not purchased too soon before Christmas to prevent them drying out. Check tree and outdoor lights for frayed cords. Make sure candles are properly extinguished.

"Fires are terrible anytime, but fires during the holidays are even more heartbreaking because people lose all their Christmas presents and are displaced during the holidays," Skipper said.

Skipper said that though the job is dangerous, it is equally rewarding. He has made many friends through his involvement with the fire department. "It's exciting," he said, "but there's a lot more to it than just running up and down the road with a red light and a siren."

"It seems like a lot of trouble," Duckett said, "but you get a lot of benefits from helping people. That outweighs all the trouble."

echo salutes Bob Skipper and Kevin Duckett, and other WKU employees making a difference in their communities through volunteerism. If you know someone involved in volunteer work, contact the editor at 745-7024 or at kimberly.parsley@wku.edu.
Promoting the Common Health Throughout the Commonwealth

by Kimberly Shain Parsley

Area Health Education Center, AHEC, is a state and federally funded program wherein Western Kentucky University partners with the University of Louisville to improve healthcare and healthcare delivery in rural Kentucky.

Lucy Juett, director of the south central Kentucky AHEC, said all students who graduate from a medical school in Kentucky are required to participate in AHEC. She said she believes that such experience offers students valuable exposure to rural Kentucky, where there is a shortage of healthcare professionals.

“Rural Kentucky is a culture just like urban is a culture and like Hispanic is a culture,” Juett said, “and it’s a valuable part of their education regardless of where they end up practicing.”

Family Practice Residency Program

The southcentral Kentucky AHEC assisted in the development of the Glasgow/Barren County Family Practice Residency Program operated by T.J. Samson Community Hospital, which was specifically designed to train doctors in rural Kentucky and keep them in rural Kentucky.

“I’ve got a book of all the physicians in the state, listed by county,” Juett said. “Half of the physicians in Kentucky are located in Fayette and Jefferson counties. We need physicians and other healthcare professionals in rural Kentucky and that is one of the goals of this program.”

Juett said the Family Practice Residency Program has been very successful in meeting that goal. The program has graduated two full classes of students, nearly all of whom have remained in Barren County.

“Nationwide, 80 percent of Family Practice residents will practice within 80 miles of where they did their residency training.”

Several southcentral AHEC programs focus on assisting students with their clinical educations and providing resources and information for healthcare professionals, but many other programs deal with community education as a way to improve healthcare across Kentucky.
The CPS, child passenger safety technician training program, is one of the AHEC programs that impacts Western more than any of our other programs," Juett said. Adding that, "95 percent to 99 percent of all child safety seats are improperly installed."

Four people in the AHEC office completed a 32-hour standardized curriculum of the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, and have received their certifications to inspect and install child safety seats. In addition, two of the four completed additional training, which allows them to instruct others to become CPS technicians. The two instructors, Donita Lashley and Pam Jarboe, have trained 24 students in the College of Health and Human Services to become CPS technicians. Those students received course credit for completing the training, and now conduct seat checks in conjunction with the Mobile Health Unit and at independent seat check events.

Most parents think their children are safe if they are in a safety seat, so they don’t take the important step of reading the owner’s manual for their vehicle to see what kind of seat belt system it has. “It’s very rewarding to know you’re making a difference,” Juett said, “because if the seat is not in properly, then if there’s a wreck, it won’t hold properly.”

Faculty and staff members can make an appointment for a CPS seat check by calling the AHEC office at 745-3325.

**Farm Safety Programs**

Farm safety programs are also a large part of AHEC’s community education efforts. AHEC works through the Kentucky Partnership for Farm Family Health and Safety to administer many such programs, one of which focuses on getting information about health and safety issues to farm wives, rather than to the farmers themselves, as wives are generally responsible for health and safety within a household. In addition, a farm safety day camp is held once a year to instruct children in farm safety matters, and AHEC sponsors an annual farmer recognition in conjunction with Labor Day to thank farmers for all the work they do. The Kentucky Partnership for Farm Family Health and Safety also produces public service announcements to increase awareness about the dangers unique to farmers and to inform them of measures that can be taken to prevent accidents and injuries.

**Kentucky Interdisciplinary Community Screening**

Kentucky Interdisciplinary Community Screening, KICS, involves Western’s public health students and U of L’s medical, nursing, dentistry and social work students working within a particular community to provide health screenings. Once a year, the students are involved in a mini-KICS program, which focuses on health screenings for Warren County’s Hispanic population. On Nov. 9, students in the dental hygiene program will hold a mini-KICS for the Hispanic community at the dental hygiene clinic on the second floor of Academic Complex. The
WKU dental hygiene students will provide cleanings and sealants to members of Warren County's Hispanic community on Nov. 9.

For more information about these and other AHEC programs, visit:
Mammoth Cave National Park Purchases Equipment to Assist WKU Project to Analyze Cave DNA
by Tommy Newton

A technique developed by Western Kentucky University’s Biotechnology Center to analyze DNA in cave environments has received a boost from Mammoth Cave National Park.

The park has purchased a real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) instrument for the center that will allow scientists to use environmental DNA to determine the abundance of various microbes in cave and forest soil samples.

“Researchers in the WKU Biotechnology Center have developed a technique for producing a ‘DNA fingerprint’ for the diversity of microorganisms in cave sediments as well as forest soils on the surface,” said Rick Fowler, the center’s laboratory coordinator. “Some of the bacteria identified in cave sediments have not been known before, and their DNA sequences have been posted on the Internet for other scientists to study.”

The cutting-edge technology allows researchers to explore the origin of cave formation, improves the monitoring of environmental and groundwater quality, provides hands-on research experience for WKU students and creates high-tech job opportunities.

“Microbes are excellent indicators of environmental integrity,” said Mark DePoy, chief of science at Mammoth Cave National Park. “In the year 2000, Mammoth Cave began to formulate a long-term ecological monitoring strategy. Ecological monitoring involves the identification of environmental vital sign indicators that can be monitored to determine ecosystem health and resource trends.

“Since the microbial community is sensitive to environmental stresses and as primary decomposers responsible for converting organic matter to energy and nutrients, they form the ecosystem’s foundation.”

On Oct. 9, the PCR instrument was presented to the Biotechnology Center in a ceremony that featured the signing of a cooperative agreement by WKU President...
Gary Ransdell and Ronald Switzer, Mammoth Cave Park Superintendent.

“This celebration symbolizes a long-standing relationship between Western Kentucky University and Mammoth Cave National Park,” Switzer said. “For many years we have worked together in the fields of science, archeology, folk studies and education, but the shared interest and momentum never wane. There is always a new question to ask, something new to discover. As partners, we are just getting started.”

Dr. Ransdell agreed that strengthening the relationship benefits the park and WKU.

“The park is a wonderful natural laboratory,” he said, “and I am pleased that park officials have chosen to collaborate with Western’s faculty, and perhaps more importantly our students, to unlock the mysteries of Mammoth Cave’s past and to study the cave’s unique ecology to unlock its potential for scientific discoveries that will impact the future.”

In the DNA research, the Biotechnology Center is collaborating with other centers in Western’s Applied Research and Technology Program: the Hoffman Environmental Research Institute, the Center for Cave and Karst Studies, the Center for Biodiversity Studies and the Center for Water Resource Studies.

“This partnership further strengthens the ties between Mammoth Cave National Park and the centers in the Applied Research and Technology Program,” Fowler said. “Now the Biotechnology Center is included in the group with strong ties to Mammoth Cave and the National Park Service.”

Mammoth Cave National Park leads other national parks in its approach to develop modern genetic technology to substitute for standard techniques used for ecological monitoring, he said.

“Using this machine, we will be able to compare the amounts of living organisms in a sample,” Fowler said. “We can freeze the DNA sample and then 10 years from now we can look at a new sample and compare that to earlier samples.”

The center’s approach of using DNA fingerprints of cave bacterial communities and identification of some of those bacteria will be extended nationwide according to a contract with the National Cave and Karst Research Institute (NCKRI).

“These applications are providing students at WKU opportunities in two of the commonwealth’s most important emerging technologies: biotechnology and environmental sciences,” said Dr. Shivendra Sahi, director of the Biotechnology Center.

The centers in the Applied Research and Technology Program serve as a catalyst to create the high-tech jobs that attract students to Western and keep them in this region, said, Dr. Blaine Ferrell, dean of Ogden College of Science and Engineering.

“Students at Western will get much more hands-on experience using this equipment than students at larger institutions,” Fowler said. “Our students don’t drop off samples at the lab. They use the equipment and perform the analysis themselves.”
Staff Spotlight

Rewarding Staff Excellence

At the Fall Break Brunch on Oct. 3, four WKU employees received Staff Excellence Awards for their outstanding contributions and support to their departments and colleagues.

Honorees were rewarded for their service above and beyond the call of duty; innovation and creativity; positive contributions to the work environment; safety and heroism; enthusiasm, cooperation, courtesy and fairness to others; and exhibition of the “Western” spirit.

A selection committee comprised of representatives from Human Resources, Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Information Technology, Financial Affairs, Institutional Advancement, the WKU Staff Regent, WKU Staff Council representatives and winners of the previous year’s awards reviewed nominations.

The staff of echo congratulates the deserving award winners and all who were nominated.

Administrative Support Category

Gail Miller Hiles, from The Center for Gifted Studies, began as a part-time employee in 1999. She is now full-time and an integral part of her office. Her colleagues said that she is creative, has wonderful computer and people skills and a positive personality. She does her job to the best of her ability and with all her heart. Congratulations Gail!

Building Services Attendant Category

Barbara A. McKinney is the building services attendant in Cherry Hall. She has served Western for more than five years and her colleagues stated that there is no one who could deserve the award more. She leaves small gifts for people, inquires after people’s families and even visits faculty and staff in the hospital. She has a kind spirit and is a valued member of the Cherry Hall staff. Congratulations Barbara!

Professional Non-Faculty Category
Jeff Younglove began his career in Special Events in 1995. He is now director of Special Events and eats, sleeps, lives and breathes WKU every day of his life. Jeff is a “devoted father, great friend and terrific all-around guy,” said Robbin Taylor, director of Governmental Relations. He is “one of the University’s best representatives to the community and region-at-large because he so completely exhibits the Western spirit,” she said. Congratulations Jeff!

**Skilled/Technical/Paraprofessional Category**

Alicia McDaniel has been at Western since August 2000. She works in the Chemistry Department as a chemical supplies technician. She was characterized as dedicated, conscientious, innovative, and will come into work on weekends when needed. She mentors students, especially females, and encourages their interest in science. Congratulations Alicia!

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People & Positions - News

Faculty
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Engineering
John P. Russell, Department Head/Professor

English
Joseph Glaser, Professor

History
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Frederick Murphy, Professor

School of Journalism & Broadcasting
Jo-Ann Albers, Director/Professor

Sociology
James Grimm, Professor

Staff
Retirees

Bookstore
Leslie Tinsley, Sr Bookstore Associate

Building Services
Helen Anderson, Building Services Attendant

Maintenance Services
Earl Garrett, Asst Supervisor, Plumbing

Sports Information
Paul Just, Director

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Mary Jo Williams, Office Associate

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Gary Hughes, Instructor
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Tracy Pace, Instructor

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Dean College of Education
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Bonny Petty, PT
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Michael Kinney, PT
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Submissions for entry in the Professional Activities section should be sent to Rebecca Miles, rebecca.miles@wku.edu. All submissions must be sent electronically. Please include name, department, title, current position, name of presented or published work and name of publication or conference. No acronyms or abbreviations please.

Economics and Marketing


Dr. Tom Noser presented his paper (coauthored with Dr. John Tanner, University of Louisiana, and Dr. Hal Langford, Texas A&M University) entitled, "Perceptions of Undergraduate Business Students Toward Online Courses in Higher Education Expanded & Revisited: Do Gender, Age, and/or Past Experiences Make a Difference?" at the International Business and Economics Research Conference in Las Vegas, N.M., Oct. 8-12. The paper won a Best Paper Award at the Conference.


English

Dr. Ron Eckard presented his paper “Why We Need to Internationalize the Teacher Education Curriculum,” at the fall conference of Kentucky Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) in Lexington on Oct. 19.

Dr. Ted Hovet and Dawn Hall, Center for Teaching and Learning, presented “Online Workshops: Involving Faculty in Student Diversity and Retention,” at the October 2002 Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education annual meeting in Atlanta, Ga.


**Middle Grades and Secondary Education**

Dr. John A. Moore was re-elected 2003 president of the Kentucky Council for Social Studies (KCSS). He provided a presentation entitled “The Teacher Work Sample: A Standards-Based Approach to Social Studies Teacher Education,” at the KCSS 2002 fall conference in Louisville.

**Music**

Jooyong Ahn conducted the inaugural concert of the Washington Korean Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 23.

Dr. Michael Kallstrom’s composition, Crimson for clarinet, horn and piano, was recently performed in faculty recitals at Kansas State University on Sept. 24, and at the University of Central Arkansas on Sept. 26. Kallstrom was invited to perform his composition, Into the Deep, for bass voice, electronic tape and video projections, for the Society of Composers, Inc., Conference on Nov. 1 at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. Marshall Scott completed a compact disc recording of seven original jazz tunes that will be available later this fall. Excerpts from the recording will be used with educational dialogue by Marshall and colleague John Martin (guitar and technology instructor) on an educational CD about jazz for public school students. This project is in conjunction with the Capitol Arts Alliance and will include two “Kiddy Shows” (educational concerts) for area public school children, and an evening jazz combo concert sponsored by the Capitol on Nov. 15. Marshall also performed professional shows this past summer while teaching trumpet at the Interlochen Arts Camp. He backed up Natalie Cole, Bernadette Peters, and the Four Tops/Temptations.

Dr. Robyn Swanson serves as the president of the Kentucky Music Educators Association, executive committee of the Southern Division of Music Educators National Conference (MENC) and the national assembly of MENC.

Mary Wolinski presented “Medieval Paired-Breve Notation: the Proper and Frisky Ways Reconciled,” at the Greater New York Chapter Meeting of the American Musicological Society in Stony Brook, April 20, and “Drinking Motets in Medieval Artois and Flanders,” at the 17th Congress of the International Musicological Society in Leuven, Belgium, Aug. 2. She also chaired a session on "Rhythm" at the Congress in Leuven.

**Public Radio**
Service

Dan Modlin, news director, received the 2002 Barry Bingham Memorial Media Award from the Kentucky Psychiatric Association. The award recognizes “excellent coverage of mental illness issues.” Modlin has won the award two years in a row. The award-winning entry was a two-part series titled “A Question for the Courts.” The program, which Modlin produced and anchored, examined the way the courts deal with defendants who are tested for mental illness. The series aired June 24 and 25.
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by Jill Blythe

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“Up until this time, it’s just a name in a letter or through a telephone conversation. I think this event is a great idea,” said Tommy Gumm, president of Alliance Corporation in Glasgow and benefactor of the Alliance Corporation Leadership and Business Scholarships.

This marks the second year for the event. Approximately 250 donors and students weathered the rain to attend the reception and program.

“I came to the event to say thank you to the Goodman family,” said James Ralph Heltsley, a junior pre-med student from Glasgow and recipient of the Bruce Goodman Scholarship. Heltsley was part of the evening’s program and gave his perspective on why scholarships are important. “It’s a great honor...I’ve received the scholarship for three years,” he said.

“It gives me a chance to say thank you to the people who made my scholarship possible and who made my experience at Western what it has been,” said Kacie Powell, senior public relations student and recipient of the John Holland-Fruit of the Loom.
Scholarship and the Sarah Thompson Scholarship.

“It’s very important for students to begin putting faces and names together of the benefactors who made their scholarships possible,” said WKU President Gary Ransdell. “It’s good for the benefactors to be able to get to know the students who are the recipients of their scholarship support.”

Approximately $1 million in scholarship awards were made for the 2002-03 academic year representing nearly 1,200 recipients. Since last year’s event, 32 new endowed scholarships have been created.

Most benefactors agree that meeting their recipients puts their scholarship gift into perspective.

“To know that you have given a student an opportunity to pursue higher education…that is just a great feeling, and I cherish that very much,” said Gumm.

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“Gifts of this nature require an intimate, personal decision,” said WKU President Gary Ransdell. “To be included in an individual’s estate plan is possibly the highest compliment a university can receive.”

Membership in The Society of 1906 is granted to individuals who include Western Kentucky University in their estate plans through a bequest in their will, by participating in any of the various lifetime income plans the University has available, by designating the University as beneficiary of a trust, by naming the University as beneficiary of retirement plan assets, or by making the University beneficiary of insurance policies of which ownership has been assigned to the University.

“The Society of 1906 is leaving a legacy to Western Kentucky University,” said Tom Hiles, vice president for Institutional Advancement. “We are very grateful for their support and their foresight in making Western a better institution for tomorrow’s students.”

Charter membership in The Society of 1906 will be granted through 2006, Western’s centennial, to those who share their charitable plans with the University. This
designation will be noted in perpetuity in all donor listings.

The Society of 1906 has 131 individual members to date. Of those, 54 are members of the Legacy Circle. The Legacy Circle recognizes those planned gifts valued at $100,000 or more.

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