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New science building will impact area economy.

by Tommy Newton

Western Kentucky University’s new science building will be more than a hands-on learning laboratory. The Complex for Engineering and Biological Sciences will be an economic development tool for the region.

“I think this building is going to have a tremendous impact not only on student learning but on economic development,” said Dr. Blaine Ferrell, dean of Ogden College of Science and Engineering.

The $20 million, 72,000-square-foot facility was dedicated on Jan. 28. The three-story facility houses the engineering department (civil, mechanical and electrical programs) on the first and second floors with the biotechnology and biodiversity centers on the third floor. Thanks to more than $2 million in federal earmarks, students and faculty will have access to state-of-the-art high-tech equipment.

“Producing students who are competitive and successful in the workplace requires training with the most modern equipment,” said Dr. Richard Bowker, head of the biology department. “I’m grateful that President Gary Ransdell, the state government and the federal government have joined together to provide this extraordinary opportunity for our students. The payback on that investment is that Western will provide better training for students and keep them in Kentucky.”

The engineering program is already paying dividends for area industries, such as the General Motors Corvette plant, Trace Die Cast, Sumitomo Corp., Dana Corp., Span Tech Inc., Bowling Green Municipal Utilities and Kentucky Department of Transportation.

“The most important thing about the building is what it means to Kentucky,” said Dr. John Reis, head of WKU’s engineering department. “This new building is a symbol of economic growth and development.”

The engineering program has an enrollment of 300 students with that number expected to grow. “We have increased the number of engineering graduates in this state,” Reis said. “That means more engineers are available to support industry in our area.”

Western began offering bachelor’s degrees in engineering in the fall of 2001 after the Council on Postsecondary Education approved joint engineering programs between WKU and the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville. Western’s program is awaiting accreditation from the
Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering Technology.

"A tremendous manufacturing base around southcentral Kentucky was unable to hire graduates from other engineering programs in the state," Reis said. "This inability to fill engineering positions made it more difficult for those industries to remain competitive. One of the primary purposes for the creation of the engineering programs was to create engineering graduates who would stay here and fill those positions. Most of our graduates have done this, demonstrating the success of the programs."

Both the engineering and biology departments, as well as others in Ogden College’s Applied Research and Technology Program (ARTP), provide students with hands-on learning and research opportunities.

“Our educational philosophy in engineering is that people learn best by doing,” Reis said. "The engineering portion of the building was designed and constructed around our philosophy of design-build-test in a project-based learning environment."

He said research has shown that this method is more effective in training engineers than the traditional lecture-based method. “This educational style also results in graduates being more productive in industry more quickly than graduates of traditional engineering programs,” he said.

In fact, civil engineering students and faculty in WKU’s Scott Center for Construction and Engineering played a key role in the construction process of the new building and conducted foundation inspections, concrete strength testing, inspection of reinforcing steel, and temperature monitoring of the concrete during winter months.

“This was not a pretend or classroom project, but the students were performing the work as a professional consulting engineering firm would have through the Scott Center of the ARTP,” said Matthew Dettman, center director.

Engineering students also are involved in numerous projects such as the concrete canoe, steel bridge, robotics and mini-Baja competitions. The new building has a two-story integrated applications laboratory for use by all engineering disciplines and will have a rapid prototyping facility to produce test parts.

The biology program has a similar educational philosophy, Dr. Bowker said. “In the biology department, we engage our students in ‘doing’ biology. One of our views on engaging students is to provide them with opportunities to do independent research or work with faculty on research projects,” he said.

“One of the hallmarks of great programs is providing opportunities for students to work with faculty. In that respect we have a premier undergraduate biology program. That’s just something we do in biology and we have a strong history of doing that.”

Students in the biotechnology and biodiversity centers work with faculty on molecular biology, molecular genetics, biotechnology, ecological,
environmental and other research projects. The biotechnology center also helped Sygen train technicians to assist its research and development scientists.

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Virtual Tour of Western's new Engineering and Biological Science Building

Click a link below to open a video. Videos may take several minutes to download.

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- Hallway B
- Computer Lab
- Classroom A
- Classroom B
- Classroom C
- High Bay
Minority middle school students are getting a taste of college life.

Every other Saturday, around 50 minority students from Warren, Barren, and Simpson counties come to Western Kentucky University to participate in a program sponsored by the Office of Diversity Programs called Project AIMS—Activating Interest in Minority Students.

"We try to make it fun, but also try to give them a traditional college day," said Tracey Williams, director of the program, and assistant director in the Office of Diversity Programs.

The program began in 1988 to prepare minority students for entry into college by providing students and parents with strategies that will aid in enrollment and persistence towards graduation. There are similar programs at Murray State University, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, and Eastern Kentucky University.

Williams goes into the schools to recruit students, and many others are referred to the program by guidance counselors. Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students participate in cultural and academic enrichment programs.

A typical Saturday begins with the day starting around 9:00 am. Academic programs focus on mathematics and reading comprehension. On days where academics are the focus, the students might have math competitions or play a simulated Jeopardy game.

"They love to compete, so we take that competition into the academic setting and get them to learn from it," Williams said.

Sometimes, to get a feel for what college classes are like, they have a traditional lecture and take notes.

On cultural enrichment days, guest speakers are invited to discuss topics such as sexual and health education, etiquette, or leadership. Classes are held in Grise hall until 12:15-12:30, and then the students head to Downing University Center for lunch before going home.

"We relate what we are doing to what they are doing in the classroom, and even sometimes work ahead," Williams said. She reviews their grades every nine weeks when report cards come out.
Some Saturdays they take field trips to historically black colleges like Tennessee State University. “We want to expose them to experiences, and a lot of them didn’t know there was a historically black university only an hour away,” Williams said. “It’s also a reward at the end of the year for those who always come, and for all their hard work.”

Project AIMS is an initiative by Western and the Governor’s Minority Student College Preparation Program. Special attention is given to the use of role models, mentoring, parental involvement, and early counselor intervention and support.

Parental involvement is an important part of the program. Parent workshops include how to save for college, scholarship opportunities, and getting their eighth graders prepared for high school.

Staff members Jackie Pillow and Nathan Jordan also coordinate the program. Faculty members Michelle Hollis and Michelle Jackson teach the reading comprehension and mathematics classes. College student mentors volunteer to help with the classes as well, and share their college experiences with the junior high students.

“Being able to see them grow is the best part of the program,” Williams said.
Western’s MBA program finds a new home on the web.
by Bob Skipper

As a working mother of three, Joni Sims of Owensboro often finds it difficult to fit her personal and work schedules with her class schedule. That’s why she’s excited about a fully online MBA program being offered by Western Kentucky University this semester.

Sims, the nursing director of medical/surgical services at Owensboro Medical Health System, participated in online pilot courses offered by Western’s Gordon Ford College of Business. “Being able to take online courses has enabled me to be a better mom,” she said. “I am able to attend class when it is convenient for me so I am less apt to miss my daughter’s sporting events and other important functions.”

The eMBA will offer online courses in eight-week blocks. Students pursuing the master’s of business administration degree will take one class at a time, allowing them to focus on a single topic, but will be able to complete the program in as little as 24 months, said Dr. Jeff Butterfield, chair of the Computer Information Systems sequence at WKU.

“We will offer on-demand streaming lectures,” Butterfield said. “Students can watch the lectures at their convenience and replay them if they have a question or when they study for tests.”

That was an attractive feature for Koyeli Mitra of Bowling Green. “The best thing is that I can listen to lectures online and participate in discussion boards at my own convenience,” she said.

“The online lectures can be saved for later revisits and I can compare my notes by playing the lecture again.”

The program is designed for people with prior professional, managerial or administrative experience, Dr. Butterfield said. He added the online discussion boards often lead to greater sharing of “real-world” experiences relevant to the class.

“Attending MBA courses online through WKU has given me an opportunity to converse more with the students in my class than a traditional setting would,” Lelia Matthews of Bowling Green said. “As discussions ensue online about a particular subject, I am able to understand and comment on how other MBA students see various situations as they relate to their own work experiences.”
Matthews, marketing vice president for Service One Credit Union, said she is unable to take traditional classes during the day. "Having the opportunity to pursue an MBA through Western's online program has given me the flexibility to shape my learning experience around my lifestyle," she said. "I find that the courses are still challenging, yet I am able to learn more comfortably when it's centered around the time I reserve to do so."

Dr. Butterfield said students will form virtual teams and work with other professionals on class projects. Courses will be offered in the major areas of business, including accounting, economics, finance, information systems, management and marketing.

"This program will have a wide audience, from soccer moms to people in the military," Butterfield said.

Robert Jefferson, dean of the Gordon Ford College of Business, said the eMBA is not just a correspondence course on the Internet. "This is a fully online, interactive program, not replacing first-class mail with the Web," he said. He added that WKU's MBA program, which has been in existence for eight years, is fully accredited by the American Association of Colleges and Schools of Business.

"This innovative program offers aspiring managers and executives the opportunity to continuously improve their knowledge base and skills needed for executive leadership," Dr. Jefferson said. "The value and return on investment for the eMBA is superb when compared with high profile MBA programs. It is particularly valuable for companies since employees add value to their company as they complete the online program."

More information on the eMBA is available on the Web at www.wku.edu/emba
Progress to Report
by Kimberly Shain Parsley

The annual Western Kentucky University Progress Report is available online at:
http://www.wku.edu/ProgressReport.pdf

The Progress Report gauges Western's progress as it strives to meet the goals and objectives outlined in the "Challenging the Spirit" strategic plan.

According to Dr. Dennis George, assistant to the provost for Planning and Library Accountability, Western made impressive strides toward meeting many of its goals, notably in the areas of institutional advancement, campus facility improvements and academic excellence.

George said that particular sources of pride in this year's report include continued record enrollment and an impressive number of new faculty positions.

Though the Progress Report takes into account only the last year, George said the current performance indicators have been used for the past three years. Those indicators are currently being evaluated. As Western achieves its goals, old performance indicators will be retired or revised and new ones will emerge for the upcoming three-year cycle.

"We continue to make dramatic strides in the overall institutional effectiveness assessment processes that we have in place," George said. "To me, that is extremely important."

George has been in his current position since July 1, 2004. He gives credit for Western's planning successes to WKU President Gary Ransdell and former head of planning, Dr. James Flynn. "The president provided the leadership, and Jim Flynn put strategic planning on the map for this campus."

George thanked WKU faculty and staff for their contributions to successfully outlining and achieving the goals that are so critical to Western's success. "I'm very pleased to have the kind of cooperation that I have from department heads and unit directors."
Fraternities on the Rocks?
by Bob Edwards

On Jan. 20, 2005, Western Kentucky University announced that its fraternity houses would become alcohol free, effective immediately. The action was taken as a result of a recommendation by the Campus Safety Advisory committee and was unanimously approved by WKU President Gary Ransdell and the Administrative Council.

Several reasons were given for this action. One was to have all student housing affiliated with Western - residence halls, sorority houses and fraternity houses - operating under a consistent alcohol policy. Another was to be proactive in light of recent alcohol related deaths at other campuses across the country.

In a span of 12 days, two Colorado State University students died as a result of binge drinking in fraternity houses. Sophomore Samantha Spady was found dead Sept. 5 at the Sigma Pi fraternity house after a party. Less than two weeks later, Lynn Gordon Bailey, Jr., a freshman Chi Psi fraternity pledge, was found dead with a 0.45 blood-alcohol level following his initiation night into the fraternity. On Sept. 30, Blake Adam Hammontree, the latest victim in a string of three fraternity deaths, was found dead at the Sigma Chi fraternity house located near the campus of the University of Oklahoma. Hammontree’s blood-alcohol content was more than four times the legal limit.

To single out fraternities as the source or cause of alcohol abuse is a little unfair. After all, alcohol and college have gone together like peas and carrots for a very long time; however, whether correct or not, Greek organizations, especially fraternities, have a perception problem regarding the consumption of alcohol. Fairly or unfairly, fraternities are perceived as organizations that promote alcohol consumption. These recent tragedies tend to reinforce that perception.

Fraternities have two options with this new policy: They can protest being made the scapegoat for alcohol-related problems in and around campus; they can argue that banning alcohol at fraternity houses will just drive the problem into the community and encourage driving while under the influence; they can complain that they can be self-policing. But ultimately, these arguments don’t wash. If fraternities want to include alcohol as part of their functions, they still can, but just under stricter criteria. Alcohol at parties at an off-campus establishment will be handled by third-party vendors who will have the experience and resources to check ID’s and prevent someone from being over served. Since the majority of fraternity members and their company don’t currently live at the fraternity house, they are presumably already driving elsewhere after the party. And unfortunately, the steady trickle of alcohol-related incidents - reports of assaults, including a serious stabbing after a party, underage drinking offenses, etc, - seem to indicate a more serious management effort is needed.

The other option is to recognize the policy for what it is and embrace it. Fraternities are about brotherhood and fellowship. They are also about being leaders, and being held to a higher standard. Perhaps with less emphasis on alcohol, fraternities can place more emphasis on promoting their
community service and volunteer activities, and leadership qualities.

Besides, with lower premiums for liability coverage, fraternities can use the savings to throw a really nice party...alcohol free.

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Provost/VP Academic Affairs
Lois Hall, Administrative Assistant

New Faculty
Philosophy & Religion
Daniel Kent, Instructor

Faculty Promotions
Community College
Deborah Lively, Chair

Grant Funded Positions
Biology
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Biotechnology Center - POD
Tia Hughes, Research Assistant

Child Care
Twana Hunt, BW PT Tech 00

VP for Information Technology
Julia Johnson, Office Assistant

Water Resource Center - POD
Karla Andrew, BW PT Tech 00

New Staff
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Athletic Facilities
Timothy Leek, BW PT Temp Maint 00

Career Services Center
Jaime Ritter, Office Assistant

Controller
Michelle Tedder, Office Associate
Distributed Learning
Leyla Zhuhadar, BW PT Temp Tech 00

Equal Opportunity/504/ADA Comp
Beau Jarfi, BW PT Temp Tech 00
Blake Layne, BW PT Temp Tech 00

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Extended Learning & Outreach (DELO)
Carrie Davis, Coordinator, Cohort Programs
William Oldham, Manager, Marketing

Health Services
Ida Brown, Office Assistant

HVAC Services
Gary Mason, HVAC Technician
Marshall Smith, HVAC Technician

Library Public Services
Matthew Bogard, Library Facilities Specialist

Maintenance Services
James Lee, Plumber Journeyman
Stephen Smith, Asst Supervisor, Plumbing

Network Computing & Communications
Keith Lancaster, Network Specialist
Jeffrey Stewart, Network Specialist

Planning, Design & Construction
Doris Hayes, Construction Coordinator

Police
W. Kemble Johnson, Police Officer
Richard L. McBrayer, Police Officer

Public Radio Service
Lisa Autry, Announcer/Reporter/Anchor

Sponsored Programs
Sean Rubino, Manager, Compliance

Undistributed Housing Expense
Michael Boehmer, Zone Maintenance Technician

University Bookstore
Karen Zeibak

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Building Services
Justin Childress, Group Leader, Building

Kathy Day, Supervisor
Lisa Harp, Group Leader, Building

Correspondence Studies Office
Amanda Wilson, Coord/Correspondence

Equal Opportunity/504/ADA Comp
Carolyn Boards, Office Coordinator

Extended Learning & Outreach (DELO)
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HVAC Services
Johnny Allen, Supervisor, Heating Plant
Philip Harmon, Asst Supervisor, Heating Plant

Maintenance Services
Joe Keith, Supervisor, Preventative

Purchasing and Accounts Payable
Pamela Davidson, Buyer/Procurement Card

Student Financial Assistance
Cynthia Burnette, Director

Telecommunications
Angela Robertson, Office Coordinator

Undistributed Housing
Christopher Burch, Coordinator, Facility Services

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Accounting
Dr. Jan Colbert was appointed to the Executive Advisory Board of the American College of Forensic Examiners International.

Dr. Randy Kinnersley was appointed chair of the Early Careers committee for the Nashville area chapter of the Association of Government Accountants.

Dr. Minwoo Lee presented "Simultaneous Signaling, Insider Ownership and Earnings Management" at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Accounting and Finance in New Orleans, Dec. 9-11.

English
Dr. Joe Millichap chaired the American Literature II Panel and presented a paper on Civil War poetry at the annual South Atlantic Modern Language Association Convention in Roanoke, Va. on Nov. 14. Also, his article, "Caroline Gordon, Aleck Maury, and the Heroic Cycle" appeared in Southern Quarterly 42 (Summer 2004), 73-89.

Geography and Geology
Katie Algeo presented "Sikhing Identity in Bend It Like Beckham" at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers in Biloxi, Miss. She was also elected to the honors committee of SEDAAG and has been named chair-elect.

Dr. Nick Crawford is the Karst Waters Institute’s recipient of the 2005 Award for Achievement in Karst Studies for his 25 years of educational accomplishments at the Center for Cave and Karst Studies.

Dr. David Keeling participated in an around-the-world expedition over the holiday break for the American Geographical Society. The around-the-world program examined environmental challenges in Peru, social struggles in Easter Island and Samoa, pollution and deforestation around Australia's Great Barrier Reef, nationalist challenges in Cambodia and Bhutan, ecotourism in Agra, India, and Tanzania, and the problem of small island economies on Madeira, in the Atlantic Ocean.

Music
Dr. John Cipolla performed the Christmas Spectacular show with the Radio City Music Hall Orchestra in New York City. This is his twentieth season as a member of this orchestra.

Dr. Michele Fiala had an article, "An Interview with Alex Klein," published in the most recent issue
of the *Double Reed* (vol. 27 #3), the journal of the International Double Reed Society.

Mitzi Groom served as a visiting evaluator for the National Association of Schools of Music in Texas in November. She attended the NASM national meeting in San Diego on Nov. 19-23, where she served as the moderator of a panel discussion "Nurturing Music Education Students and Graduates."

Michael Kallstrom received a $1000 Individual Artist Award from the Kentucky Arts Council for 2005.

R. Wayne Pope presented a lecture-recital entitled “The Fêtes Galantes” of Claude Debussy at the Kentucky Music Teacher's Association's annual convention. He also directed the WKU Opera Theatre in Gian Carlo Menotti's holiday classic “Amahl and the Night Visitors” for WKU's Children's Theatre.

Elizabeth Volkman sang a concert on Dec. 1 at the L&N Depot open house celebrating the beginning of the holidays.

**Recreation Administration**

Dr. Fred Gibson, Dr. Raymond Poff, Dr. Steve Spencer, and Dr. Tammy Stenger, co-presented a session at the International Conference on Outdoor Recreation and Education. Dr. Stenger and Dr. Poff each presented an additional session.

Dr. Raymond Poff attended the National Recreation and Park Administration Congress in Reno, Nev. where he moderated a session at the Leisure Research Symposium and worked on recruiting efforts for two faculty positions.

Dr. Tammy Stenger was re-elected as Secretary of the Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education.

**Western's Public Radio**

The Public Radio Service of Western Kentucky University was honored by the National Associated Press Managing Editors Association in a citation of appreciation for being the leading contributor to the Kentucky Associated Press for 2004.
"Show Me the Money: National Bank Notes from Bowling Green, Ky."

Jan. 10 - March 7

Plain Backs, Brown Backs, Date Backs, Red Seal, Type 1 and Type 2. Strange terminology to some, but not so strange, perhaps, to individuals in the financial world. The terms describe types of National Bank Notes, which were, according to "A History of United States Currency" on the U.S. Secret Service's website, issued by thousands of banks around the country from 1863 to 1929 under the National Banks Acts of 1863 and 1864.

When the Federal Reserve began printing paper money, the bank notes were no longer legal tender, and those that survived were valued for their historical significance. Now those bank notes are highly sought by paper money collectors, such as J. Fred Maples, a former Bowling Green resident and 1985 WKU graduate, who collects national bank notes issued by early financial institutions in his hometown. He has also published a book, titled National Bank Notes from Bowling Green, Ky., a very useful guide to help novices understand bank notes. It also provides a brief history of banking in this community, and it is a "who's who" of the community leaders affiliated with these banks.

According to Maples, from 1874 to 1935, Bowling Green had six national banks: National Southern Bank (chartered May 1874); Citizens National Bank (chartered July 1901); Bowling Green National Bank (chartered June 1905); American National Bank (chartered February 1909); Warren National Bank (chartered September 1913); and Liberty National Bank (chartered January 1920). Bank notes survive from four of the six, and Maples has collected a substantial number. Seven from his collection, which date from as early as 1882 to as late as 1929, are on loan for display at the Kentucky Library and Museum from Jan. 10 – March 7 in an exhibit titled "Show Me The Money: National Bank Notes from Bowling Green, Ky."

In addition to the bank notes and Maples’ book, there will be other items: photos of Potter-Matlock Bank and Trust and Citizens National Bank; a color postcard of the interior of the Bowling Green National Bank; a $50 money sack from Liberty National Bank; condensed financial statements for Bowling Green National Bank and Citizens National/Bowling Green Trust Company; a cancelled check signed by A. L. Temple; and an American National Bank account book for J. T. Kirby—all from the Kentucky Library’s collection.

For more information about the National Bank Notes or the other items displayed, contact Jonathan Jeffrey, Special Collections Librarian, (270) 745-5265 or jonathan.jeffrey@wku.edu.

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The Kentucky Library and Museum observes Black History month
Two exhibits and a mural, which were a part of the community-wide observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in January, are also being featured for Black History month.

“Our Community Is Your Community,” a series of photographs showing people at work and play by Bowling Green photographer Brent Whitlow, will be exhibited in the Kentucky Museum’s Gallery A. The “Picture Yourself With MLK Jr.” mural, created by area children using paper, fabric and acrylic paint, will also be in Gallery A.

“African American Artists of Warren County,” which showcases the artwork and photography by Warren Countians Stephanie Foster, Thelma Green, Alan Jay Holman, Sr., Granville Mitchell, Carl L. Rodgers, Vivian Snardon, Thomas Withrow and Brent Whitlow, will be in the Jackson Gallery.

For more information about the Library and Museum’s Black History Month Activities, contact Earlene Chelf (270) 745-5263 or earlene.chelf@wku.edu.

Integra Bank Series
Spring 2005
The Integra Bank-sponsored “Faraway Places” series resumes with a presentation on Thursday, Feb. 17, by Dr. Charles Bussey, WKU history professor, whose presentation will be about Norway.

Bussey’s program is at 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, located on Campbell Lane in Bowling Green.

Other spring series programs will be given on March 17 by Richard Keyser, assistant professor of history, who will talk about Cyprus; and on April 14 by C. Thomas McCollough, Rodes professor of religion at Centre College in Danville, whose topic is “Digging in the Holy Land.”

University Libraries organizes the “Faraway Places” series, and all programs are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Brian Coutts (270) 745-6121 or brian.coutts@wku.edu.

Second Annual U. S. Bank art show showcases area artists’ talent
Artistic and creative talent abounds in South-Central Kentucky, and the upcoming 2nd annual U.S. Bank Celebration of the Arts Open Art Exhibition, scheduled for March 6 through April 10 at the Kentucky Library and Museum, offers area artists an opportunity to showcase their talent and compete for prize money.
Last year’s event was very successful with about 120 entrants. Of those, 86 were from Warren County, 34 were from areas outside Bowling Green. While last year’s participation was good, the goal is to significantly increase the number of entrants by local artists 18 years of age or older and those living within a 65 mile radius of Bowling Green.

To increase participation, several changes have been made which organizers believe will entice more artists to participate. Specifically, they are:

1. All entries – not just prize winners – will be exhibited for the entire exhibition.
2. Size restrictions on flat works have been removed.
3. The awards ceremony/reception, scheduled for 5-7 p.m., March 5, will be open to the public as well as artists and sponsors. An open invitation could possibly result in more sales, which can be beneficial to both the host site and artists.

Beyond these changes, and one additional—an increase in the non-refundable entry fee from $5/entry to $10—event guidelines remain unchanged and are outlined in the prospectus, which may be picked up at the Kentucky Library and Museum and at U.S. Banks in the competition region. They are also available online at the Library and Museum’s Website: http://www.wku.edu/Library/museum/artshow

As was true last year, two main awards will be given: the Purchase Award and Best of Show. Monetary awards will also be given for first, second, and third places in each category—painting, watercolor, works on paper, fiber arts, ceramics, sculpture and photography—with separate amounts for amateur and professional artists. Organizers are also pleased to have secured an outstanding juror—John W. Streetman III, director of the Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science.

The U.S. Bank Celebration of the Arts Open Art Exhibition is a wonderful regional collaboration among artists, arts organizations, the University community and the public. Organizers are indebted to U.S. Bank for the event’s title sponsorship, and to all other sponsors, including the Dorothy Grider Art Exhibit Fund in the College Heights Foundation.

For more information, contact Earlene Chelf (270) 745-5263 or earlene.chelf@wku.edu

Needlework Workshop - Beginning Embroidery

Throughout time, women have engaged in needle arts. To perfect their skill, many young women first learned to embroider on square or rectangular-shaped linen cloth, called samplers. Now days, fewer women embroider and fewer still create samplers.

A needlework workshop, scheduled for 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Kentucky Library and Museum, will change that. People of all ages are invited to participate in this workshop where they will have the opportunity to embroider an historic sampler patterned after one in the Kentucky Museum’s collection. It is also a wonderful opportunity for a parent or grandparent to share the experience with a child or grandchild.

Pre-registration is required for this workshop, which will be

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