POWELL PRESENTS A DIFFERENT VIEW

By Eric S. Vickrey

Larry Powell, a former WKU photojournalism staff member, has recently completed a book that he hopes will enlighten future generations about a different side of the Vietnam War.

Hunger of the Heart: Communion at the Wall, which took over eight years to complete, depicts the objects left at "The Wall," and the people who leave them.

"I wanted to show people the ramifications of war," Powell said. "It is important for our youth to have an understanding of what 'The Wall' is and what it means to us (veterans)."

Powell said he feels the passion inspired by The Wall will eventually fade when those who were directly affected by the war in Vietnam are no longer around.

This book is Powell's contribution to keep that spirit alive.

"The meaning of it will dissolve," he said. "We will all be gone and only our kids will be left. It won't have the emotional impact anymore. It will be like the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument and the others....My work is for the future generations, to keep it alive for them."

Hunger of the Heart is one of two projects that resulted indirectly from a trip to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in 1988.

Powell said he originally visited "The Wall" to work on Touching Memories, an award-winning photo essay on the people who go to the memorial.

He then branched off on Women They Left Behind, a three-part interview series with women survivors of the Vietnam War. He interviewed mothers, sisters, daughters and other family members of veterans in both the United States and Vietnam.

The Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington, Mass., asked Powell to participate in their exhibit "Gathered at the Wall."

Along with many artifacts collected from archives, the museum also displayed 31 prints from Women Left Behind.

A publisher saw the exhibit and asked Powell if he would compile a book, which resulted in Hunger of the Heart.

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LABELLE: HE JUST COULDN'T STAY AWAY

By Eric S. Vickrey

After taking a brief three-year hiatus, Dave LaBelle is finally back on the Hill.

After serving as Photojournalist in Residence for seven years, LaBelle left for Georgia where he served as a preacher in the Blacksheer Church of Christ.

"I always warn people about burnout," he said. "After about seven years I was extremely tired. We had a lot of students and little space. I wanted to preach full time so I could focus on it more."

But LaBelle was never totally out of journalism. While in Georgia, he also worked as a consultant to various newspapers, including one in San Diego that allowed him to fulfill his dream of meeting Harry Carry Jr. while shooting a Padres-Cubs game.

"I have sort of a love-hate relationship with journalism," he said. "I am thankful for free press, but I am not in love with journalism. I am in love with the people in journalism."

LaBelle said he had several different incentives for returning to Western.

"My daughter Charboneé..."
a book on the things people leave at the wall.

After volunteering for eight years in the photojournalism department, Powell moved to North Carolina where he is working on another Vietnam project.

Powell has done many presentations, including the National Press Photographers Association and the Denmark School of Journalism.

He is also the subject of a documentary for German Television called Beyond the Shadow Line, about his return to Vietnam.

**PRSSA: From the Director**

By Matt Logsdon, PR Director

The Public Relations Student Society of America wants to thank all who attended for the excellent turnout at the first PRSSA meeting this fall held on Wednesday, September 6. Future meetings will feature local public relations speakers.

Also, on Tuesday, September 26, several PRSSA members will be accompanying professionals on Professional-Amateur Day in Louisville.

The next PRSSA meeting will be held Wednesday, September 20 at 7 p.m. in Gordon Wilson 307. Start your career today with PRSSA.

**FALL 1995 COMPUTER LAB SCHEDULES**

**Gordon Wilson Hall 311**

- Monday - 3:30 - 10 p.m.
- Tuesday - 4 - 10 p.m.
- Wednesday - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday - 4 - 10 p.m.
- Friday - (MWF) Closed (TRF) 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday - Closed
- Sunday - 6 - 10 p.m.

**Garrett Conference Center 104**

- Monday - 7 - 10 p.m.
- Tuesday - 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday - 7 - 10 p.m.
- Thursday - Closed
- Friday - Closed
- Saturday - Closed
- Sunday - Closed

**Garrett Conference Center 108**

- Monday - 1 - 5 p.m.
- Tuesday - Closed
- Wednesday - 1 - 5 p.m.
- Thursday - 1 - 2:15 p.m.
- Friday - Closed
- Saturday - Closed
- Sunday - Closed

**AN INTERNSHIP OFFERS MANY OPPORTUNITIES**

By Emily Baker, PR sophomore

Words cannot describe how much I enjoyed and learned from my public relations internship at Kentucky Utilities Company in Lexington. I wrote articles for Employees News, an internal publication sent to all active and retired KU employees. In addition, I wrote copy for brochures, worked with layout, cropped pictures, took photographs, wrote press releases and memos, and did research. I also got to travel to several of KU's power plants and attend meetings of the Thoroughbred Chapter of PRSA and the Lexington IABC.

Besides learning about public relations and the utility business, I made friends from all over the state!

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