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A look at a year gone by; several changes to come in the fall
by Jo-Ann Huff Albers
Department Head

It is almost time to bid farewell to graduating seniors, and as usual we have mixed feelings. We are delighted with the professional prospects of the graduates and yet sad that we will not see their smiling faces in classrooms in the fall.

If you are among the graduates, we have a couple of requests:

* Be sure we have a copy of your resume and information on how to reach you if we hear of job prospects over the summer.

* When you locate a position, be sure to send us work and home addresses and telephone numbers.

* Put October 26 on your calendar and plan to return for Homecoming that day. There will be lots of activity on Friday the 25th, if you can come in early.

Graduates, please accept my congratulations now. Unfortunately, I cannot be here for the ceremony on May 5 because I will be returning from the Accreditation Council meeting in San Francisco.

If you are returning this fall, you should be pre-registered by the time you read this. If you are not, contact your advisor immediately!

* The Link has chronicled successes of the 1995-96 year. We thank our student achievers for bringing more acclaim to the department, and we encourage returning students to resolve to keep up the winning traditions.

* Dr. Corban Goble is

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A recap of who's going where this summer

- Matthew Tungate, The Plain Dealer, Cleveland
- Tonya Root, Myrtle Beach Sun News, Myrtle Beach, S.C., police reporter
- Kevin Kelly, Arlington Morning News/Dallas Morning News, Texas
- Chris Hutchins, People Magazine
- Janean Davidson, The Tribune-Courier, reporter, Benton, Ky.
- Dennis Varney, Darryn Simmons and Jim Hannah, Courier-Journal, copy editor and reporters, Louisville
- Mitchell Quarles, The Paducah Sun, reporter, Paducah, Ky.
- Jason Hall, Peoria Journal-Star, reporter, Peoria, Ill.
- Patrick Witty, The Detroit News, photographer, Detroit
- Nelson Kepley, News and Record, photographer, Greensboro, N.C.
- Jon Grant, Wall Street Journal
- Michel Fortier, Minneapolis Star-Tribune, photographer, Minneapolis
- Kim Hughes, The Times, photographer, Shreveport, La.
- Chad Stevens and David Pierini, Muskegon Chronicle, photographers, Muskegon, Mich.
- Chris Stanford, Springfield News, photographer,

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Thomas named Top Scholar

Kimberly Thomas, a print journalism major, is the 1995-96 recipient of the Kappa Tau Alpha Top Scholar Award, presented to the graduating senior in journalism at Western with the highest class ranking.

Thomas was honored April 4 during the annual induction ceremony of the WKU Chapter of KTA National Honor Society in Journalism and Mass Communication.

New members are Emily Baker, Lori M. Becker, Linda Lee, Kristen L. Miller, Shelley Gwen Reitmeyer, Kimberly D. Shain, Matthew Tungate and Kristie Leigh Young.
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conducting his last finals as a full-time faculty member this semester. He enters the optional retirement program in the fall, with plans to teach two classes in the fall semester and travel through the spring term.

Greeting students in the fall will be two new faculty members: Dr. Augustine Thator, who will teach public relations classes, and Dr. Linda Lumsden, who replaces Dr. Goble as teacher of the Journalism and Society and American Press History classes.

Surely the remodeling in Garrett Conference Center will be done by fall. The photo studio and offices of Jim Highland and Wilma King-Jones will be on the ground floor. Electronic imaging equipment now located in GCC 107 should be on the second floor in space now occupied by the photo studio. Dave LaBelle's office should be on the second floor of GCC, and the Journalism Resources Center should be set up in Highland's current office in Gordon Wilson.

Please keep your fingers crossed that the job is finished by fall. Also by fall we expect to obtain new computers for the Print Design Lab in Gordon Wilson.

If anyone wants a progress check over the summer, call us. Summer office hours are 8-4 p.m. The department office number is (502) 745-4143. My line and answering machine number is (502) 745-2064.

INTERNS

Springfield, Ill.
- Mike Sweeney, Citizen-Patriot, photographer, Jackson, Miss.
- Barry Guiterrez, The Philadelphia Inquirer, photographer, Philadelphia
- Christopher Obenchain, Lexington Herald-Leader, photographer, Lexington
- Rami Maalouf, Vancouver Columbian, photographer, Vancouver, Wash.
- Lori Becker, Newsday, copy editor, Long Island
- Stefanie Boyer, The Seattle Times, photographer, Seattle
- Alex Jennings, Kalamazoo Gazette, photographer for spring term, Kalamazoo
- Scott Panella, The Oregonian, photographer, Portland, Ore.
- Kelly Guenther, The Cincinnati Enquirer, photographer, Cincinnati
- Teak Phillips, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, photographer, St. Louis
- Jason Clark, Journal Standard, Freeport, Ill.
- Melissa Gagliardi, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer, reporter, Owensboro, Ky.
- Charboneé LaBelle, Rapid City Journal, reporter, Rapid City, South Dakota
- Stephen Lega, Sweetwater Reporter, Sweetwater, Tex.
- Stephan Frazier, Pueblo Chieftain, photographer

- Will Chandler, Anniston Star, photographer, Anniston, Ala.
- John Stoops, Gazette-Times, photographer, Corvallis, Ore.
- Tara Bricking, Erin Rogers and Regina Dieker, The Leader, photographers, Fort Knox, Ky.
- Carrie Pratt, South Bend Tribune, photographer, South Bend, Ind.
- Bradford Luppino, The Post Star, photographer, Glens Falls, N.Y.
- Carol Clements, the Buntin Group, advertising, Nashville
- Jason Vincent, Doe-Anderson agency, advertising, Louisville
- Kaylyn Ashley, MC2 Consulting, advertising, Lexington
- Shawn Justice and Jeremy Clemons, Courier-Journal, advertising, Louisville
- Teri Mercer, Bowling Green/Warren County Tourism, advertising, Bowling Green
- Scot Cottingham, Wendy's corporate headquarters, advertising, Bowling Green
- Don Edwards, WBKO, advertising, Bowling Green
- Brett Rietzke, Capitol Arts Center, advertising, Bowling Green
- Heather Roberts, Camping World, advertising
- Cynthia Biggs, TVR Productions and Motor World, advertising, Bowling Green
- Christy Withers, WDNS, advertising, Bowling Green
- Karen Brown, editorial page, and Epha Good, copy editor, Cincinnati Enquirer

Catherine Whipple, Lexington Herald-Leader, design, Lexington
Student publications end year with recognition and awards
by Bob Adams, Publications Advisor

If awards and national recognition are factors in determining what kind of year it has been in Student Publications, the evidence is overwhelming that 1995-96 was outstanding.

The awards starting coming in October and haven't stopped yet. Here is a "brief" review of the honors.

The College Heights Herald was a Pacemaker Finalist (the only one in Kentucky) and placed second in the ACP Best of Show for non-daily tabloid newspapers at the 1995 convention in Washington, D.C. Spring editor Matt Tungate received honorable mention in the Los Angeles Times Editorial Writing competition and political cartoons. Stacy Curtis received honorable mention in the College Media Advisers comic strip competition.

Photographers Joe Howell won third, feature picture of the year, and Andy Cutraro, third, sports picture of the year.

The second issue of the 1994-95 Xposure was second in the Best of the Show for magazines at ACP.

In the Best of Collegiate Design III competition, Photojournalism – College Heights Herald, Maria Burnham/Joel Stefanchik, first; Herald, Jason Frakes/Stefanie Boyar, second; Herald, Dennis Varney/Scott Panella, third; Talisman, Ken Harper and Amethel Parel-Sewell/Kathryn Scott, fourth.

Front Pages, tabloid – Herald, Stephanie Stivers, second.


The Herald received the most awards in the 1996 KIPA Newspaper Contest. Kevin Kelly was named College Journalist of the Year at KIPA and Melissa Gagliardi was runner-up. Varney won the Deadline Copy Editing competition at KIPA.

Other individual winners were Kelly and Gagliardi, first, news story; Stephanie Broadbent, second, news story; Jason Hall, third, news story; Kristina Goetz, honorable mention, news story; Karin Lowe and Tonya Root, first place tie, investigative reporting; Goetz, honorable mention, investigative reporting; Goetz, honorable mention, continuing news; Charboneé LaBelle, honorable mention, continuing news.

Gagliardi, second, personality profile; Chris Hutchins, first, feature story; Lori Becker, third, feature story; Eric Thompson, honorable mention, feature story; Adam and Jenny Black, second, reviews; Gagliardi, honorable mention, general interest column; Jim Hannah, first, editorial; Leslie Flynn, honorable mention, editorial; Stacy Curtis, first, editorial cartoon; Flynn, third, opinion page.

Kelly, first sports game story; Mike Scott, second, sports game story; Aaron Sanderford, honorable mention, sports game story; Karen Brown, second, sports news; Kelly, third, sports news; Kelly, honorable mention, sports features; Kelly, second, sports column.

Varney, first, overall layout; Cara Anna, second, overall layout; Anna and Varney, honorable mentions, front page layout; Gagliardi and Catherine Whipple, second, feature page layout; Good, second, sports page layout; staff, second and third, special sections.

Jon Grant, first, informational graphics; Curtis, third, original illustration; Dana Johnson, first, news photo; Chris Stanford, second, news photo; Jason Clark, third, news photo; Stefanchik, honorable mention, news photo; David Smith, second, feature photo; Clark, honorable mention, feature photo; Chad Stevens, second, sports photo; Chris Obenchain, third, sports photo; James Glover II and Boyar, honorable mentions; Stefanchik, first, photo essay; Jamal Wilson and Barry Guiterrez, second, photo essay.

Curtis, second, advertising art; Erica Arvin, honorable mention, advertising campaign, staff, second, house ad.

The Herald was named Best Non-Daily Student Newspaper in the SPI Region 5 Mark of...SEE AWARDS, page four
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excellence contest. Individual winners in the SPJ Mark of
Excellence competition were
Flynn, third, Editorial Writing;
Curtis, first, Editorial Cartoons;
Gagliardi and Kelly, second, spot news; Hutchins, third,
Feature Writing; Kelly, third, Sports Writing; Teak Phillips,
first, spot new photography; Phillips, second, Feature Photo;
Clark, first, Sports Photo.

Talisman Xposure was named the Best Student Magazine published more than once a year in the SPJ Region 5 Mark of
Excellence contest. Individual winners in the SPJ contest were
Hutchins, second, Non-Fiction
Magazine Article; and Brian
Spears, third, Non-Feature
Magazine Article.

The 1995-96 Xposure is one of
12 Pacemaker Finalists. The five
winners will be announced in
November in Orlando. It was
named a Gold Crown Magazine
by the Columbia Scholastic
Press Association. It was one of
five magazines recognized from
224 entries.

In the CSPA competition,
design editor Craig Fritz and
art director Andy Frazier won
first in overall design and gen-
eral use of typography through-
out the magazine. Fritz also
placed first in black and white
cover design and spread
design. Fritz and editor Parel-
Sewell were first in title and
contents page.

Managing editor Rachel
Griffith was first in single illus-
tration rendering of photo-
graphic material and Chad Ress
won single illustration that
complements the content of the
accompanying copy. Ray
Meese Jr. was first in black and
white photography or black
and white with one other color,
Cuttraro placed first in single
color photograph that comple-
ments and illustrates the con-
tent of the accompanying copy
and Patrick Witty's portfolio of
work was selected as the best
entry.

In the newspaper competition, the Herald was first in tabloid
overall design and Dennis
Varney and Patrick Witty were
first in tabloid page one design.
Good and Whipple placed
first in tabloid sports page
design, Good was second and
Varney and Howell were third.
Whipple and Witty placed
third in full page photo layout
and Stanford, Phillips and
Stefanchik were first in two or
more page photo layout. Boyar
and Stefanchik were second in
that category.

Stacy Curtis placed in all four
cartoon categories. He received
honorable mention for editorial
cartoons, second in sports, first
in comic strip and second for
his portfolio of work. He also
placed third in the art/illustra-
tion category. Hutchins was
second in health feature.

In photography, Dana Johnson
was first in single spot news
photograph in a tabloid and
Stanford was third. Stefanchik
was first in single feature pho-
tograph. Boyar was second in
single sports photograph and
Chad Stevens was third.

New publications continue to
try to intrude on the Herald's
role as the primary source of
information about Western, and
apathy clouds the future of the
Talisman Xposure, an award-
winning product that few peo-
ple are willing to buy.

The 1996 graduates are leav-
ing a legacy that will be hard to
duplicate. But the future bright-
ens as the underclassmen
accept the challenge. The only
thing certain about 1996-97 is
that it will be different. That
part never changes. And if tra-
dition holds, it will a good year.

Witty named college photographer of the year

Patrick Witty was named by
the National Press
Photographers Association as
the 1996 College Photographer of
the Year. Chris Stanford was
chosen as the runner-up.
Witty also won second place in
the sports portfolio competi-
tion. Stanford placed second in
the picture story competition.

Other winners were: Stefanie
O'Connor, first place, feature
and photo story; Scott Panella,
two Awards of Excellence,
and photo story feature; David
Pierini, Award of Excellence,
sports feature; Michel Fortier,
Award of Excellence, sports fea-
ture; Teak Phillips, Award of
Excellence, spot news; and
Jamal Wilson, Award of
Excellence, general news.
George makes guest appearance

Thomas George, National Football League writer for The New York Times, visited the Department Apr. 10 and 11, serving as an editor-in-residence for The College Heights Herald and as a guest speaker for several classes. His visit was sponsored by a grant from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation.

A native of Paducah, George is a Western journalism graduate. He served as the sports editor for The Herald and, after graduation, was a sports writer for The Detroit Free Press before moving to New York.

George returns to Western each summer to teach writing at the Minority Journalism Workshop.

Western honors students

Western held an awards ceremony, Sunday, Apr. 14, in the Garrett Conference Center Ballroom, to honor students with high achievement. In the Department of Journalism, five students received awards.

Tamara Bynum, Outstanding Advertising; Linda Coan, Outstanding Photojournalism; Jennifer Lynch, Outstanding Public Relations; Kimberly Thomas, Kappa Tau Alpha Outstanding Senior in Journalism; and Catherine Whipple, Outstanding Print Journalism Senior.

Ad students place second in Nationals

Five advertising students represented Western Apr. 22 in the semi-finals of the National Student Advertising Competition in Dayton, Ohio, capturing second place.

The students, who presented a national integrated marketing communications campaign for the American Red Cross, competed against universities from Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky.

The team members were Don Edwards, Tami Bynum, Brett Reitzke, Karen Graybill and Christy Withers.

Advertising scholarship winners

Advertising scholarship recipients for the 1996-97 year are: Kaylyn Ashley, John B. and Clarence Gaines Scholarship; Jason Loehr, Kerri Stewart Memorial Scholarship; and Scot Cottingham, Carl C. (Pat) Jordan Creative Scholarship.

Ad Luncheon held

The Advertising Club held its annual end-of-the-semester luncheon on Thursday, Apr. 25, at O'Charley's restaurant.

The Club honored Gil Stengel, who is retiring from teaching this semester. They also recognized graduating seniors, scholarship and other winners.

The department welcomes new faces

Two new faculty members will start work in the Department of Journalism in Fall '96. They are Dr. Augustine Ihator and Dr. Linda Lumsden.

He will teach JOUR 351 Fundamentals of Public Relations, JOUR 352 Public Relations Communication and JOUR 201 Basic Reporting. She will teach JOUR 201 Journalism and Society, JOUR 422 Current Issues in Mass Communications and Basic Reporting.

Dr. Ihator, currently teaching at Lane College in Jackson, Tenn., holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Southern University and doctorate from Howard University.

Dr. Lumsden, currently teaching at Peace College in Raleigh, NC., holds a bachelor's degree from Central Connecticut State University, master's degree from Syracuse University and doctorate from the University of North Carolina.

The Link serves the Department of Journalism students, faculty and administrators. Suggestions and materials will be accepted from anyone in the department.

Janean Davidson, editor
Dr. Corban Goble, advisor