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Fall 1995 enrollment at WKU was 14,721.

Western Kentucky University won a 1996 Webbie Award from the Academy of Web Design. Internet users nominated and chose the site as the winner of Best University in a World Wide Web Site category. Visit the site at "http://www.wku.edu".

The "Academic Advisor Handbook" prepared by the staff of the Academic Advising and Retention Center received the top award in the Advisor category at the 1995 National Academic Advising Association Conference.

In 1995 Western Kentucky University awarded the largest number of bachelor's degrees in Kentucky in Communications, Education, General Studies, Mathematics and Physical Science.

Office of Sponsored Programs

Western Kentucky University faculty and staff members submitted a record number of grant proposals, and won 265 awards, a record number in FY 1996. Funds received from federal and state government agencies, and private foundations amounted to $13,301,182. This represents an increase of 21% over the total amount Western received in FY 1995, and is the highest amount in Western's history.

Proposal submission also increased during FY 1996: faculty and staff submitted 277 proposals totaling $26,106,221.

University Libraries

Brian Couts, Library Public Services Department Head, is serving as the editorial judge for the 1996 Benjamin Franklin Awards given by the Publishers Marketing Bureau.

Cindy Etkin, Library Public Services, was appointed by Governor Paul Patton to serve a four-year term on the Kentucky Archives and Records Commission. Etkin also received the 1996 Outstanding Academic Librarian Award given by the Academic Section of the Kentucky Library Association.

Kentucky Museum

The exhibit "Remember Me When I Am Gone: Kentucky Friendship and Memory Quilts" received the 1996 1st Place - Museum Exhibit Award from the Historical Confederation of Kentucky.

About 100 photographs and a dozen New York Times Magazine covers appeared in "Politics and Presidents: George Tames - Four Decades of Washington Photojournalism," a retrospective exhibition of work by the renowned political photojournalist. The exhibition was a joint venture of The Kentucky Museum, WKU's Photojournalism program and the Photojournalism Foundation, Inc. With the assistance of Naomi Lewin at WKYU-FM, the Tames exhibit was featured in a National Public Radio Broadcast, May 28, 1996.

Items from the Robert Penn Warren Collection are on loan to the Atlanta History Center for an exhibit on southern history and culture, scheduled as part of the Cultural Olympiad Committee's 1996 Olympic Arts Festival. The exhibit, "The American South: Past Present and Future," opened June, 1996, and runs through Sept, 1997.

Physics and Astronomy

Wei-Ping Pan, John T. Riley, and William G. Lloyd (Chemistry) along with John W. Smith, Alonzo Alexander, and Max Robinson (Ogden Shop) received grants totaling more than $675,000 from TVA, USDoE, the Electrical Power Research Institute, the Kentucky Department of Natural Resources, NSF, and the LECO Corporation to construct a 12-inch fluidized bed combustor (FBC) system, complete with computer control and on-line monitoring of flue gases. This system is the only known laboratory FBC unit at a non-doctoral granting institution in the U.S.
The Chemistry Department’s Coal and Fuel Laboratory has served as the “lead laboratory” in the development of two standard tests for the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM). Undergraduates performed much of the work in developing the standards. Presently the lab is working on two more tests for the ASTM.

Wei-Min (Charles) Lee and Wei-Ping Pan received a $298,927 grant from the Department of Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research to study processing chemistry and stability of high temperature polyimides.

**Athletics**

The 1995 Hilltopper Baseball Team had the highest-ranked recruiting class ever (29th by Collegiate Baseball).

The Hilltopper basketball team has finished in the top four in the Sun Belt Conference regular season for the past seven years, winning the title in 1994 and 1995. Hilltopper basketball continues to rank among the Top 10 NCAA schools in all-time winning percentage and average wins per season, and WKU basketball ranks in the Top 15 in all-time victories.

Hilltopper Chris Robinson, a senior from Macon, Ga., was a 1996 Basketball Weekly All-American (honorable mention) and the ninth leading scorer in WKU history. He was named to Basketball Times’ All-Midwest Team and to NABC/Sears’ All-District 7 Team. Robinson was the second Hilltopper named to the Sun Belt All-Conference team for three straight seasons.

The Lady Topper Basketball Team made its 13th consecutive appearance in post-season play and led the Sun Belt in three-point and free throw shooting.

Cross country runner Nick Allwell, a junior from Durban, South Africa, led the Hilltoppers to their second consecutive league championship.

Veteran Coach Curtiss Long was named the Sun Belt Conference Cross Country Coach-of-the-Year for the sixth time.

Women’s cross country runner, Christine Brown, a junior from Owenton, was a first-team District IV GTE Academic All-America selection. Majoring in psychology, she had a 4.0 GPA.

The 1995 Hilltopper football team finished the year second in the county in rushing offense and 25rd in total offense. Western football ranks among the Top 25 I- AA schools in the nation in all-time winning percentage and average wins per season.

Hilltopper football players Brian Bixler, a senior from Delaware, Ohio, Dan McGrath, a senior from Downers Grove, Ill., and Joey Stockton, a sophomore from Vine Grove, earned All-American recognition. Bixler was also honored as one of Burger King’s weekly Scholar-Athletes. The award earned a $25,000 university scholarship donation from Burger King.

The 1995 soccer team won WKU’s first Sun Belt Conference championship. Tom Morgan, a sophomore from Lexington, was named to the all-conference team for the second time.

Hilltopper swimming coach Bill Powell improved his career record at WKU to 232-59.

The Men’s Tennis Team was recognized at the annual spring Academic Scholar-Athlete banquet as the WKU athletic team with the highest combined GPA. The team’s cumulative GPA was above a 3.0.

Jamie Ritterskamp, a sophomore from Floyds Knobs, Ind., a dominant figure in Lady Topper Volleyball, was named to the District IV GTE Academic All-America Team.

**Consumer and Family Sciences**

Natasha Clark Smith, a Bowling Green senior interior design major, was awarded a $1,000 scholarship from the Blue Grass Chapter of Electrical Women’s Round Table.

Projects by WKU interior design students Huo Fu Chiang, Taiwan, Theresa Roach, a senior from Bowling Green, and Anita Kay Donoho Stinson (’95). Bowling Green, were selected for exhibit at the National Juried Interior Design Showcase of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.
Educational Leadership

Delbert Hayden was appointed by former Gov. Brereton Jones, and continues to serve, as a member of the Certification Board of Marriage and Family Therapists.

Aaron Hughley was appointed editor of New Directions for Education Reform Journal, published by the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences.

Susan James serves on the editorial board of the Elementary School Guidance and Counseling Journal. She also serves as President of the Kentucky School Counselors Association.

Donald Nims obtained a $60,000 grant from the Department of Social Services to provide group counseling certification training for counselors in various state facilities.

Martha Burton served as director of a Kentucky Department of Education Grant to provide assessment centers for principals and superintendents throughout the Commonwealth.

Ronald D. Adams was elected Vice President of the Foundation of the Mid-South Educational Research Association.

Physical Education and Recreation

Charles Daniel is serving as Southern District President of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD).

Burch Oglesby received the Dance Teacher of the Year Award from AAHPERD.

Modern Language and Intercultural Studies

Valerie Haskins, bioarchaeologist, conducted an archaeology field school at the "Cave of the Glowing Skulls" in Honduras. Haskins also gave several presentations regarding the exhumation of two Civil War burials that she excavated with the aid of WKU students.

Erika Brady, associate professor of folk studies, has been appointed adjunct associate professor in the Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine of the University of South Alabama College of Medicine.

Michael Ann Williams, associate professor of folk studies, had a new book published titled Great Smoky Mountain Folklife.

German major Christina Grimm (94) of Newburgh, Indiana, is in Munich, Germany, on an internship provided by the United States Congress/German Bundestag Exchange of Youth Professionals.

Karim Egloff, associate professor of French, had a book published titled Le Theme du Regard dans L'oeuvre d'Andre Langevin. Ecrivain Quebecois about the work of Quebec writer Andre Langevin.

Nursing

Mary E. Hazzard, professor of nursing, was selected as a 1996 Kellogg FNP Faculty Fellow by the Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing. She also received the 1996 Brescia College Maggie Clement Religious Award.

Senior Community Health BSN Nursing students were awarded a Distinguished Service Award by the Kentucky Cancer Program and the Barren River District Area Council.

Beverly Siegrist, assistant professor, received the Award of Excellence for Outstanding support of activities of the Kentucky Cancer Program and dedication to cancer control education.

Kari Moore, a junior nursing student from Taylorsville, received the Health Hero Award from the Kentucky Association of Nursing Students.

Three senior baccalaureate nursing students and two faculty presented two papers at the National Conference on Service Learning in Boston.

Industrial Technology

The Industrial Technology Department hosted the Regional Technology Student Association. The competition involved activities for 61 students from seven high schools.

Murat Tiryakioğlu received a $15,000 research grant for an
undergraduate project. He also presented two papers at the 16th ASM Heat Treating Conference and another at the 100th AFS Casting Congress.

**College of Education and Behavioral Sciences**

- One hundred percent of the 1995 Communication Disorders Program master's graduates passed the American Speech and Hearing Association national exam.
- Elementary Education majors, under faculty supervision, are working with the Bowling Green Housing Authority to provide basic skills to students requiring assistance.
- Alice Mikovich, Mary Barr Humphry, and Wanda Weidemann were selected to participate in the Appalachian Education Laboratory Science/Mathematics Technology Implementation Leadership Training Project.
- Ed Counts and Bill Bintz received the first research fellowship granted by the Renaissance Group to develop a multi-media instructional program that integrated the interactive capabilities of computer and laser disk technology with case-based teacher education methodology.
- Kerry-Louise Holloman, Exceptional Child Education student from Alvaton, was honored as Kentucky Student CEC Member of the Year.
- The WKU Student Council for Exceptional Children won the poster display competition and the Herbert J. Prehm Award for an outstanding proposal in the MR/DD strand at the Council for Exceptional Children national meeting in Orlando.

Barbara Kacer serves as chair of the state Alliance for Multicultural Education and is the only higher education representative named to the Kentucky Leadership Team organized by the Kentucky Department of Education.

Western Kentucky University recently established The School of Integrative Studies in Teacher Education to better address the needs of Kentucky's teachers and schools.

James B. Barksdale, Jr. accepted an invitation to again serve on the "Panel of Visiting Lectures" of the Mathematical Association of America.

Lyn Miller was selected to participate in Project NExT, a year long program administered by the Mathematical Association of America, and supported by an Exxon Education Foundation grant.

**Student Publications**

- Catherine Whipple, a senior from Georgetown and College Heights Herald design editor, was named College Newspaper Designer of the Year. She also received a Newspaper Design Graduate Fellowship from the Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Fla.
- The College Heights Herald was a Pacemaker Finalist and placed second in non-daily tabloid newspapers category at the 1995 ACP Best of Show competition in Washington, D.C.
- The Herald was named Best Non-Daily Student Newspaper in the Society of Professional Journalists Region 6 Mark of Excellence contest.
- The Herald received the most awards in the 1996 KIPA Newspaper Contest. Kevin Kelly, a sophomore from Lexington, was named KIPA College Journalist of the Year and Melissa Gagliardi, a senior from Louisville, was runner-up. Dennis Varney, a senior from Racoon, won the Deadline Copy Editing Competition.

**Mathematics**

- The WKU Mathematics Department received more than $51,000 from the Exxon Education Foundation for a statewide project, "New Horizons-Expanding Successful Practices for Elementary Teachers."
- Carroll Wells received a $41,000 grant from the Kentucky Council on Higher Education Eisenhower funds to conduct professional development institutes in math for K-12 teachers.
- The Western Kentucky Council of Teachers of Mathematics has been selected to host the 1996 Kentucky Council of Teachers of Mathematics' annual conference.
- Julia Roberts was named to the boards of the National Association of Gifted Children and The Association for the Gifted. She is also the co-chair of the Kentucky Advisory Council on Gifted and Talented Education.
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**Journalism**

Patrick Witty, a senior from Glasgow, won the 1996 College Photographer of the Year competition and Chris Stanford, a junior from Warner Robins, Ga., finished second in the national event sponsored by the National Press Photographers Association and the University of Missouri.

Western Kentucky University won the Hearst Photojournalism Competition for the seventh consecutive year. Michel Fortier won first overall and fourth place, picture story and wildcard. Chris Stanford won second overall, tie for best single picture and first place, sports and news.

The Society of Professional Journalists' National Public Service Award won by the Lexington Herald-Leader featured work of alumni Bill Estep and Chris Poore. The award-winning news project exposed corruption in county governments.

**Communications and Broadcasting**

Western Kentucky University Forensic Society won two national titles in 1996. WKU students won the National Forensics Association (NFA) Tournament. Western also won the individual events sweepstakes in its division and placed seventh in the open division. Earlier, the team won the 1996 Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Individual Events national championship.

**Economics**

Ricky Stagg, Bowling Green graduate student, received a fellowship for his doctoral studies at Penn State.

Institute for Economic Development & Public Service

The Business-to-Business Expo at the Institute for Economic Development and Public Service featured 60 booths which more than 400 individuals visited.

**Military Science**

Jack W. Thacker, History Department, was awarded the Commander's Award for
Public Safety

- Officer Gordon Turner and Mike Waldrop are the first and only certified instructors for Police Mountain Bike Training in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Public Health

- J. David Dunn, professor and head of the Public Health Department, serves as a Kentucky Public Health Association board member and was recently elected Treasurer. Dr. Dunn is also editor of the KPHA’s newsletter.
- Ruby F. Meador was honored with a lifetime membership for the Kentucky Dental Hygienist Association.
- Douglass Shuttle was elected to the Dental Education Council for the Kentucky Dental Association.
- One hundred percent of WKU’s students completing the Dental Hygiene program passed the 1995 National Board Dental Hygiene Examination.

Allied Health & Human Services

- J. Glenn Lohr, Health Education professor, serves on the Kentucky Pre-Service Health Education Task Force and the Kentucky Comprehensive School Health Task Force.
- Thomas Nicholson, Public Health professor, was named the 1996 National Association for Public Health Policy program chair.
- Western’s Public Radio Service raised more than $157,000 in membership support during 1995-1996.
- Western Kentucky University Television and The Kentucky Network have agreed to produce a series of videos and an interactive CD-ROM that will explore and explain Kentucky’s coal industry.
- Educational Television Services produced and continues to update the Library’s entire video series. The project includes TOPDOG, the first interactive tour of the library system.
- Educational Television Services won awards for “World of Western”, the 1995 student recruiting video, and “Take Charge of Your Life”, an introduction to WKU Career Services Center.

WKYU-TV

- WKYU-TV produced nine new programs in the Main Street series which airs on KET, a special program about women and AIDS, and nine programs in the University Journal series hosted by David Lee, dean of Potter College.
- WKYU-TV Telecourse enrollment doubled in the 1995-96 academic year. Persons in the service area may earn an associate’s degree in art, business, and general studies from the Community College via telecourses.
- WKYU-TV24 viewership has grown dramatically, according to Nielsen television ratings. Ratings from November, 1995 show that more than twice the number of households are watching the station each week as compared to 1994.
Philosophy and Religion

The Philosophy and Religion Department has the largest religious faculty, and the only religious major in the Commonwealth. The department also established a Theta Alpha Kappa Chapter, the national honor society for religious studies and theology.

Alan Anderson was selected to make a major presentation at the University of Chicago's conference on the role of religion in the civil rights movement.

John E. Long was appointed by former Gov. Brereton Jones to the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission.

Edward L. Schoen received a $10,000 Templeton Science-Religion Course Award for his course, "Religion, Science, and Contemporary Life."

Lawrence W. Snyder was selected for the Young Scholars in American Religion fellowship program sponsored by the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture.

Ronald A. Veenker serves as president of the Middle West Branch of the American Oriental Society, serves on the National American Oriental Society Board of Directors and was chosen to deliver this year's commencement address at Hebrew Union College.

Career Services

Judy Owen, Career Services Center director, received the WKU Women's Alliance 1995-96 Award for Outstanding Contribution to Women.

Residence Life

MASTER Plan (Making Academic and Social Transitions Educationally Rewarding) had more than 1,000 participants in 1995. The program was recognized as one of the top four innovative programs by NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrators) in the Southeast region.

David Parrott was appointed to his second term as Kentucky state director for NASPA Region III. Dr. Parrott was selected to be a faculty member at the SACSA/NASPA (Southern Association of College Students) National Conference.

Interactive Television

Interactive television classes in 1995-96 academic year. Lois Layne, director, received a $117,000 grant from the Barren River Area Development District and a $10,000 grant from the United Way.

Sally Kuhlenschmidt received the "Bright Idea" award from the Professional Organization Development Network. She also co-authored four presentations.

University Relations

Jeff Younglove and Sheila Conway Eison received 1996 Kentucky Association of Government Communicator's Blue Pencil/Gold Screen Awards. Younglove, special events coordinator, received an award of excellence in video for an external audience. Eison, a special communications assistant, received a Gold Screen Award for a package on the WKU Board of Visitors.

LeRoy Metze co-authored several presentations on integrating technology and energy efficient lighting.

Jackie Pope and Joyce Wilder presented programs on cultural diversity at the Mid-South Educational Research Conference and the Foster Teen State Conference.

Lynn Clark published S.O.S. Help for Parents.

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University Center Board

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The Office of University Relations was the first higher education public relations office in Kentucky to have a home page on the World Wide Web. The page has news releases, an experts directory and Brag Sheet online.

Bob Skipper, coordinator of news and photo services, won two awards in media/community relations at the 1995 Council for the Advancement and Support of Education-Kentucky annual meeting. Skipper won a grand award for a media packet he coordinated for a session of the Kentucky Supreme Court that was held on campus. He also received an award of merit for a feature story on Nicholas Crawford, professor of geophysics.

Fred Hensley, interim vice president for institutional advancement and director of university relations, conducted a session on "Developing a Marketing Plan with Multiple Goals: Enhancing Image, Promoting the Capital Campaign and Supporting Student Recruitment" at the American Marketing Association's Symposium on the Marketing of Higher Education in Chicago. Hensley is a pre-publication reviewer of the AMA's Journal on the Marketing of Higher Education.

The WKU Alumni Association won an Award of Excellence from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, District III. The award was for the association's overall alumni program.

English

Nancy Goldfarb, English professor, won a $4,000 research grant to pursue her research on drowning as a literary metaphor. She was also appointed faculty advisor of Women in Transition.

James Heldman, English Professor, was elected Secretary of The Jane Austen Society. Heldman has served the society as Vice President for the past three years.

Alumni Affairs

Joe Survant's poetry scrapbook, We Will All Be Changed, was published in 1995. He won the 1995 Arkansas Poetry Prize for his book Anne & Alpheus, 1842-1882. Survant was also a finalist for the 1995 Pablo Neruda Prize in Poetry sponsored by the Tulsa Arts Council and Nimrod Magazine.

Mary Ellen Pitts, English professor, recently published Toward a Dialogue of Understanding: Loren Eiseley and the Critique of Science, and an article, "The Vital Role of Writing-across-the Curriculum in Faculty Development."

Lee Spears presented "What Nurses Need to Know About Writing: A Neglected Area of Professional Communication" at the Midwest Conference of the Association for Business Communication.

Professor John H. Spurlock has been editing Jesse Stuart's autobiographical novel Beyond Dark Hills for a new edition to be published by the Jesse Stuart Foundation in 1996.

Ronald Eckard was appointed Chair of the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Awards Committee.
Sharon T. Herman, part-time instructor, was accepted for a month's residency at the Dorland Mountain Arts Colony in Temecula, Calif.

Robert E. Ward, English professor emeritus, wrote An Encyclopedia of Irish Schools 1500-1800.

John Hagaman edits the Kentucky English Bulletin, the official Kentucky Council of Teachers of English/Language Arts publication.

**Biology**

Dr. Larry P. Elliott, Professor of Biology, was one of the nine members of the Kentucky Biodiversity Council appointed by former Gov. Brereton Jones.

**Psychology**

William Pfahl was elected National Association of School Psychologists President.

Carl Myers was appointed Student Affairs Committee Chair for the National Association of School Psychologists. Myers also co-authored an article, "Transdisciplinary, Play-based Assessment in Early Childhood Special Education: An Examination of Social Validity."

Joseph Bilotta was elected Sigma Xi president. Bilotta also supervised a number of student research presentations.

Elizabeth Lemers received the College of Education Research/Creativity Award. She received a $59,425 two-year grant from The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation. Lemers also made two presentations for the Society for Research in Child Development and another for Sigma Xi Research Conference.


David Frieske presented a poster at the Seventh Annual Convention of the American Psychological Society and a paper at the Third Practical Aspects of Memory Conference. Frieske also published Round Table on Geriatrics: Of Interest to Practitioners and Researchers and The Time Needed to Answer: Measurement of Memory Response Latency.

The Adult Day Care Center was designated the Outstanding Adult Day Health Care Center in Kentucky for the second year. Lois Layne, director, received a $117,000 grant from the Barren River Area Development District and a $10,000 grant from the United Way.

Sally Kuhlenkemich received the "Bright Idea" award from the Professional Organization Development Network. She also co-authored four presentations.

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Distinguished Professors

Carlton Jackson, history professor, and Daniel L. Roenker, psychology professor, were selected as Western's first University Distinguished Professors.

They are expected to demonstrate sustained excellence and provide leadership for innovative and/or interdisciplinary efforts in teaching, research/creativity and service. Each will receive a $2,000 annual stipend and a $1,000 travel allowance. They will serve on the Advisory Council of the Center for Teaching and Learning and perform faculty seminars and speeches as appropriate.

During his 35 years at Western, he has published 16 books including Hattie: A Life of Hattie McDaniel, A Social History of the Scotch-Irish, The Great Lili, Zane Grey, and most recently Picking Up the Tab: The Life and Movies of Martin Ritt. He has also published many articles and editorials for area newspapers on topics from Alabama Whigillery and the White Basin System to Ahmed All's Search for the Heart.

Jackson has achieved the status of Distinguished University Professor through many years of dedication to his career. This dedication is exemplified through the many awards and honors he has received. He won the University Award for Distinguished Contributions in Research and Creative Writing twice and the Potter College Award for Distinguished Contributions in Public Service.

Jackson's commitment to teaching is evident through his consistent achievements in education. Jackson has been awarded Fulbright Professorships in Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, and Finland. He has served as a visiting professor in Austria, Belize, China, Germany, Iran and South America.

He is a member of the American Culture Association where he serves as newsletter editor. Jackson is listed in Dictionary of International Biography, 1976, Directory of American Scholars, Contemporary Writers, and Outstanding Educators of America, 1970.

Jackson recently completed a book, Forgotten Tragedy: The Sinking of HMT Rohina, about the sinking of a British troop ship in WWII where 1,015 American soldiers were lost because of an attack from Germany. The Naval Institute Press will publish the book. Presently, he is working on the life story of Joe Gavi, a holocaust victim from Minsh, Russia. Jackson hopes to have the manuscript completed by December.

Daniel Roenker has been teaching psychology at Western for 20 years. The Covington native received his undergraduate degree from Thomas More College. He received his master's and doctoral degrees from Kansas State University. Since he started teaching at Western in 1976, he has compiled an excellent record in teaching, research, and service.

The College of Education and Behavioral Sciences has recognized Roenker several times for his outstanding achievements. He has won the Award for Research and Creativity, the Award for Excellence in Teaching, and the Outstanding Faculty Member Award. Roenker's peers recognize him as an extremely dedicated individual.

He has published several articles on mental imagery and cognitive and perceptual abilities including Predicators of Useful Field of View Performance and Driving, Avoidance, Functional Impairment and Crash Risk in Older Drivers.

Roenker has been a statistical consultant for the Kentucky Department of Education, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the State University of New York. He has provided statistical training to local businesses including Brown Printing, Kendall, and Morgantown Plastics.

Roenker has provided much service to Western by serving on various committees. He has served on several committees twice such as Faculty Development, Faculty Research, Academic Complaint, and Academic Probation.

Presently, Roenker is engaged in a federally funded project on perception/cognition in older drivers. He received a $500,000 grant from the National Institute on Aging to pursue the project. In the past three years, he has given more than 20 speeches to local churches and civic organizations about research on elderly drivers.
Teaching Awards

Lester L. Pesterfield, inorganic chemistry assistant professor, received the 1996 Faculty Teaching Award. Pesterfield, originally from Maryville, Tenn., earned his bachelor's and doctoral degrees from the University of Tennessee. He has been at Western since 1991.

In 1994, The National Science Foundation awarded Pesterfield a $18,712 grant for equipment for an inorganic laboratory. He is recognized in the 1996 edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers. He has published several articles including A High-Resolution Luminescence Study of Silver Diethylentriaminepentacacetate Europate (III).

Pesterfield is well received by his students and respected for the difficult courses he teaches. He receives positive student evaluations annually. According to student evaluations, most of Pesterfield's students feel that he is an effective teacher in the classroom and the laboratory.

According to Pesterfield, "an effective university professor not only tries to challenge and motivate current students, but also attempts to foster an interest in his/her field in future students." Therefore, he is a summer instructor for the Verbally and Mathematically Precocious Youth Summer Program (VAMPY). As a result of his participation in VAMPY, the 1995 Governor's Scholars Program recognized him.

Besides teaching, he is active in many organizations such as the American Chemical Society, Inorganic and Chemical Education Divisions, Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Faculty Advisor of the Western Kentucky Chemistry Honor Society, Faculty Instructor for the Western Kentucky Gifted Studies Summer Program, Kentucky Academy of Sciences and Sigma Xi Undergraduate Research Committee.

Currently, Pesterfield is assisting the chemistry department in developing a laser spectroscopy lab and directing two student research projects.

Nicholas C. Crawford, geography and geology professor and director of the Center for Cave and Karst Studies, won the 1996 Faculty Service Award. Crawford has been at Western for 20 years. The Dayton, Ohio native, received his undergraduate degree at Tennessee Technological University and doctorate from Clark University in Worcester, Mass. Before coming to Western, Crawford taught at Austin Peay State University, Peabody College, and Vanderbilt University.

Crawford has received numerous honors and awards for his dedication to his scholarly endeavors. He received an honorary life membership and a certificate of merit from the National Speleological Society. The National Council of State Garden Clubs awarded him the Silver Seal Award for work protecting groundwater. Crawford has received the University Faculty Excellence Award for Outstanding Achievement in Research and was recognized for Public Service by the Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University.

Crawford is not only dedicated to service. He is also a member in several professional societies. Some of his memberships include the Cave Research Foundation, Geological Society of America, Association of American Geographers, Sigma Xi, and Phi Kappa Phi.

Crawford has contributed to the improvement of Western's Geography and Geology program by founding and directing the Center for Cave and Karst Studies. He also created the Mammoth Cave Summer University Program.

During his 20 years at Western, the university and the community have recognized Crawford for public service. He organized the Eighth International Congress of Speleology. He has investigated toxic and explosive fumes rising from homes and schools. He also founded Friends of Lost River and has coordinated Karst Hydrology workshops and field trips.

Crawford has had many articles published. Some of his more recent articles are: Hydraulic Investigation, Sad Troublesome Site, Nashville; Davidson County, Tennessee and Karst Groundwater Study of the Century Electric Site, McMinnville, Tennessee.

Michael Ann Williams, modern languages and intercultural studies associate professor, won the 1996 Faculty Award for Research/Creativity. Williams graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. She received her master's and doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania.

The native of Austin, Texas, has been at Western for 10 years. Williams has also taught at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Western Carolina University. She

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Williams has received the Abbott Lowell Cumming Award and the Author Award for *Homeplace*. She served on the Board of Directors and as editor of Vernacular Architecture Newsletter.

Her colleagues admire Williams for her dedication to research and creativity in her field. Jonathan Njoku said Williams has "a high sense of social responsibility, intellectual pursuit, and professional commitment." Other colleagues agree that Williams has done extraordinary research in the field of folk studies.

Williams serves on the editorial board of Material Culture. Currently, she is researching Sarah Gertrude Knott and John Lair, two significant Kentucky cultural preservationists.

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