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Script
Chamber of Commerce
Coffee Hour
(prepared by Chamber)
COFFEE HOUR
AGENDA
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31
7:30 A.M.
BOWLING GREEN WARREN COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER

BROOKS: WELCOME TO COFFEE HOUR

THANK WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY FOR SPONSORSHIP OF COFFEE HOUR

CALL ON GENE CRUME OF WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY FOR THE INVOCATION

CRUME: INVOCATION

BROOKS: ANNOUNCEMENTS:

REMARKS REGARDING RECENT PUBLIC ISSUES DEVELOPMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS, AGAIN, TO LOWELL GUTHRIE AND HIS EMPLOYEES ON EARNING THIS PRESTIGIOUS HONOR.

CONGRATULATIONS IS ALSO IN ORDER
FOR THIS YEAR'S ATHENA AWARD RECIPIENT. THE HONOREE FOR 1997 IS MS. SANDY OWEN (ASK HER TO STAND).

SANDY, OWNER OF QUALITY PERSONNEL, IS EXTREMELY ACTIVE WITH THE CHAMBER. SHE SERVES AS AN AMBASSADOR AND IS A PAST SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR. SHE IS A FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND HAS BEEN THE ORGANIZATION ARM OF THE INDUSTRY APPRECIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU AND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHAMBER AND OUR COMMUNITY.

THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER VERY SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS WOMEN WHO WERE NOMINATED FOR THIS
NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AWARD. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE 1997 ATHENA FINALISTS TO PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED FOR YOUR EFFORTS. A SPECIAL THANKS TO CORNELIUS MARTIN AND MARTIN OLDSMOBILE FOR SPONSORSHIP OF THE ATHENA AWARD WHICH IS IN ITS 12TH YEAR ON BOTH THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS. THE OFFICIAL PRESENTATION OF THE STATUETTE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ANNUAL DINNER ON JANUARY 15, 1998, AT THE CONVENTION CENTER.

WE, AS A CHAMBER, HAVE SUBMITTED NOMINATIONS IN EACH OF THE EIGHT CATEGORIES FOR THIS YEAR'S STATEWIDE INNOVATION AWARDS. THESE AWARDS ARE A PROGRAM OF THE KENTUCKY CERTIFIED COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIP (FORMERLY CERTIFIED CITIES). THE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE CERTIFIED COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP LUNCHEON ON NOVEMBER 18 AT THE SEELBACH IN LOUISVILLE. WE ARE FORTUNATE TO ALWAYS HAVE SEVERAL PEOPLE ATTEND IN REPRESENTATION OF OUR CHAMBER. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THIS EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAMBER OFFICE.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT THE CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, AT 9:30 A.M. TO ANNOUNCE THE 1997 FARMER OF THE YEAR. MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND AS WE RECOGNIZE NOT ONLY OUR LOCAL FARMERS AND AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO
THE IMPORTANT ROLE WHICH
AGRICULTURE PLAYS IN OUR LOCAL
BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT.

ANOTHER EVENT COMING UP AT THE
END OF NEXT MONTH IS THE
LEADERSHIP BOWLING GREEN
GRADUATION. ON NOVEMBER 20, THE
CLASS OF 1997 WILL HAVE COMPLETED
THEIR EIGHT-MONTH LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND WILL
CELEBRATE WITH A DINNER AND
CEREMONY. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
ATTENDING THIS EVENT TO BE HELD AT
THE BOWLING GREEN COUNTRY CLUB,
PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAMBER
OFFICE.
ONE OF THE FEATURES OF OUR COFFEE HOUR IS THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS. AT THIS TIME, I WILL CALL UPON OUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, MARY BETH RABY, WHO WILL INTRODUCE OUR NEW MEMBERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS.

NEW MEMBERS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING

OUR SPONSOR FOR TODAY IS WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY. AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UPON BARBARA BURCH, WKU'S VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, TO INTRODUCE OUR FEATURED SPEAKER.
BURCH: INTRODUCE GARY RANSDELL,
PRESIDENT, WESTERN KENTUCKY
UNIVERSITY

RANSDELL: REMARKS

BROOKS: PRESENT SPEAKER WITH GIFT.
AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE SOME
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE
HILL. I WOULD LIKE NOW TO CALL UPON
JILL BLYTHE OF WKU ALUMNI AFFAIRS.

BLYTHE: REMARKS REGARDING HOMECOMING
ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE
BROOKS: A HOMECOMING WEEKEND CANNOT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT A PEP TALK FROM THE COACH. AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UPON WKU FOOTBALL COACH JACK HARBAUGH FOR A FEW UPLIFTING WORDS.

HARBAUGH: COMMENTS

BROOKS: THANK SPONSOR AND EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING. REMIND ABOUT THE FOLLOWING:

THE NEXT BUSINESS AFTER HOURS IS SET FOR NOVEMBER 11 FROM 4:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M. AT QUALITY PERSONNEL. THE NOVEMBER COFFEE HOUR IS HOSTED BY THE CHAMBER’S AGRI-BUSINESS COMMITTEE AND WILL BE

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HELD AT THE L.D. BROWN
AGRICULTURAL EXPOSITION CENTER AT
THE WKU FARM. BE SURE AND MAKE
PLANS TO ATTEND THIS UNIQUE COFFEE
HOUR EXPERIENCE THAT HAS BECOME A
CHAMBER TRADITION.
HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN
AND DON’T FORGET TO SUPPORT WKU
AND THE TOPPERS BY ATTENDING THIS
WEEKEND’S MANY HOMECOMING
ACTIVITIES. YOU ARE ADJOURNED.
CHAMBER REMARKS OUTLINE

I. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THOSE PRESENT

II. HISTORICAL THRUST OF PAST LEADERS’ INTENT FOR UNIVERSITY-COMMUNITY

A. CHERRY QUOTES

Education and democracy are members one of another, inevitably and inextricably bound together.

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Extend the vision of mind and you broaden the fields of commerce; build upon the efficiency of the school and you quicken industrial life.

B. TOWN & GOWN QUOTES

Town and Gown relations began in medieval Europe and have continued to today wherever there are institutions of higher learning.

What started out as conflict often between communities and students causing general upheaval evolved into cooperation between universities and communities today.

There was the famous Oxford-Cap war at Harvard in the mid-19th century where a town-gown disturbance focused on the wearing of a certain piece of headgear by the Harvard students. What seems to us today a trivial issue, back then were the result of deep-seated differences between the people of the town and those who wore the “gowns.”

Today there is diversity of involvement regarding higher education and the community which plays a vital role in decision making at universities—there is hardly a field or department in modern higher education that does not have some relationship to one or another aspect of community affairs.

Western’s educational programs and numerous community activities undertaken by students, faculty and staff are a basic element in the town-gown relationship in this community.

In the next century, we will need to concentrate upon even more community involvement in campus planning—the environment, the non-traditional student who comes from the work force—the role of the virtual university in providing community access.

Creation of a University-Community Task Force is a first step in addressing the multiple issues the campus and community will face as we go into the next century—prepared --and together.
III YOUR OWN MAJOR THEMES FOR THE FUTURE OF TOWN & GOWN COOPERATION

A. PURPOSE OF A UNIVERSITY SEARCH FOR TRUTH IN A TECHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY

B. PREPARING OUR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEMOCRACY AT THE LOCAL, STATE, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

C. SHARING IN MUTUAL MISSIONS FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY THAT IS A WORK IN PROGRESS, AS CHANGE IMPACTS OUR WORLD