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The art of being ‘student-driven’

By Sheila Eison

There’s more than just a new name for the former home economics and family living department, which became the Department of Consumer and Family Sciences last spring.

There’s a whole new perspective and a whole new direction to the department, and probably most importantly, there is “a new commitment to students and their well-being, both personally and professionally,” says Dr. Carl Hall, who came to WKU in 1991 to give direction to the department and make its graduates more competitive in the job market.

The concept more competitive is key to the mission of WKU’s revamped department, says Hall, because two of the program’s majors are leading employers internationally.

One is the hospitality industry and the other is the apparel and textiles industry. The hospitality industry is the largest employer, and places Western in a position to really assist young people, to make Western more competitive in the job market with our graduates, and to help our students be more creative,” says Hall, adding: “Creativity is going to be expected, and students are needing entrepreneurial training. Today’s very dynamic situation worldwide dictates that students recognize their own abilities and have a flexibility to dare to do well,” he says.

Hall says the apparel and textiles industry is now larger and more general, and where students used to be able to prepare for a career in a particular area, such as becoming a buyer in a clothing industry, now they are going to have to be able to find niches in a variety of related areas.

“The department has a simple mission: we want our graduates to be competitive with the region, and this correlates with the idea that students come to a university to train for careers,” says Hall, adding: “And we want our students to leave as better people for having been in the department. And that means also that they have a willingness to be creative and to engage in risk.

“That idea is more relevant today than ever before,” Hall says. “Our role is to help students blossom and help build that confidence to really succeed. That’s the exciting part of our two-fold mission.

“We are student-driven just like the market is consumer-driven. And I don’t mean that we give students the grades they want. What I mean is that we care about our students and we have to demonstrate a caring attitude toward them.” This Hall insists upon, the idea of “in loco parentis,” he says, but for all ages of student, whether traditional or non-traditional. “Being there” for the student is essential for nurturing that creative and entrepreneurial spirit, and Consumer and Family Sciences at WKU is going for it.

Hall has extensive experience, having helped shape and chair home economics and consumer studies departments at Central Missouri State University and Oklahoma State University, and having a favorite specialty in family finance. “I enjoy the challenge. It’s one of the driving elements behind Carl Hall I believe in,” he says.

The changes in the department, including its name, reflect a more contemporary image, while still retaining a home economics element component, something alumni will want to know is still an important part of the department.

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Guaranteed, or your teacher back!

Western Kentucky University is the first university in Kentucky to guarantee the quality of its teacher education students.

"With the Quality Assurance Program, we are trying to assure school districts that we stand behind our graduates," said Program Director Dr. Richard Roberts, a teacher education professor at Western.

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The Quality Assurance Program covers Western graduates in their Kentucky teaching internship. If the new teacher encounters instructional difficulties in any of seven instructional areas, and the problem results from shortcomings in the preservice teacher preparation program, Western will help the teacher remedy that problem at no cost to the teacher or school district.

There are only about five other institutions across the United States that have such a program. "The Quality Assurance Program for first-year teachers is designed to express University-wide confidence and pride in the graduates of our teacher preparation programs and to communicate to the school districts of Kentucky the belief that our graduates will contribute significantly to the schools and children of the Commonwealth," said WKU President Thomas C. Meredith.

The program is meant to provide support that is beyond the scope of the first-year teacher's internship committee and the staff development services normally provided by the school district, Dr. Roberts said.

Teachers spend their first year as a teacher intern, working with a three-person internship committee made up of the school principal, a teacher and a university representative. If performance is satisfactory, the teacher can then receive state certification.

Teachers must be certified during their first two years. The internship committee observes the teacher intern three times a year and provides assistance to help the intern realize his or her potential, Dr. Roberts said. This includes helping the intern build on strengths as well as overcome weaknesses.

If there is a problem that is beyond the scope of the committee, the committee chairman can contact Dr. Carl Martray, dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, who will send Dr. Roberts to check out the situation.

If the program is warrantable, Dr. Roberts said a plan will be devised to help the student through the remainder of the school year and into the second if necessary.

Dr. Roberts said he does not expect to be overwhelmed by requests for help. "I don't foresee a tremendous demand," he said, adding that the statewide failure rate for first-year interns is less than 2 percent.

Western has developed a series of check points in its teacher preparation program to help identify potential problems before the student graduates, Dr. Roberts said. This, coupled with the Quality Assurance Program, helps the student make a better transition from college to professional life, he said.

Not all problems are warrantable. Dr. Roberts said the program deals with difficulties that can be traced back to the student's training and not with such areas as personal problems, an intern being assigned to teach out-of-field or the intern has been assigned excessive duties.

The program begins with the May 1993 graduates and Western is in the process of getting the word out to the school districts in Kentucky.

'We want to be accountable for our products.'

-Dr. Thomas C. Meredith

In addition to showing the University's commitment to and support of education reform, the program should give Western graduates an edge when they apply for that first teaching position, Dr. Roberts said.

Dr. Meredith said he would like to see the program expanded to other areas in the University in the future.

"We want to be accountable for our products," Dr. Meredith said.

Brag Sheet'

WKU's President, Dr. Thomas C. Meredith keeps an ongoing Brag Sheet, a listing of recent accomplishments of WKU's faculty and staff, to take with him when he makes speeches about the good things that are happening at Western. The Brag Sheet also goes to numerous constituents of WKU, so keep your department head informed of your achievements and help keep WKU in the spotlight.

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Robert M. Rutledge III named vice president for institutional advancement

Robert M. Rutledge III has been chosen to serve as WKU's Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

Rutledge has been serving as president and executive director of the Texas A & M University Development Foundation. His appointment to Western is effective Sept. 1.

"He brings a wealth of experience and success in the development field that will allow us to move forward quickly," said WKU President Thomas C. Meredith.

As vice president, Rutledge, 48, will provide leadership for the offices of Development, Alumni Affairs, University Relations, the Institute for Economic Development and Public Service and the newly-created WKU Foundation.

Rutledge received the doctor of jurisprudence degree at the Bates College of Law at the University of Houston and his undergraduate degree at Texas A & M University.

He has been with Texas A & M for almost 20 years and has been president of the Texas A & M University Development Foundation since 1982.

As president and executive director at Texas A & M, Rutledge reported directly to its seven-member board of trustees. He led a staff of 63. He was responsible for the design, coordination and implementation of all capital fundraising programs and assets management for Texas A & M University.

He was responsible for nurturing the relationships among the Foundation, university community, Alumni Association and 12th Man Foundation. As president of the Texas A & M Foundation Trust Co., Rutledge was responsible for the management of $29 million in trust assets.

He has also served Texas A & M as director, associate director and assistant director of development and students legal advisor. Before joining Texas A & M, Rutledge was a partner in the Houston law firm of Sullins, Rutledge & Underwood.

He is a member of the Texas Bar Association, the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce, the Bryan-College Station Rotary Club, the board of directors of the Bryan Hospital, the board of trustees of the Texas Baptist Children's Home and the board of directors of Miracle Farms Inc. He is also professionally active in the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, the Society of Institutionally-Related Foundations and the National Association for University Land Grant Colleges.

He and his wife, Glenda, have three children: Robert, 24; Heather, 22; and Lane, 20.

Gene C. Crume will direct WKU alumni affairs

Gene C. Crume Jr., Coordinator of Special Events in the Office of University Relations, assumed duties as the University's director of Alumni Affairs Monday.

He replaces Jim Richards, who has assumed duties of Interim Executive Director of the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation.

WKU President Thomas C. Meredith praised Crume's work in coordinating special events on campus.

"We are fortunate to have someone of Gene's experience and qualifications to fill this position," Dr. Meredith said. "In this era of declining state support, it is increasingly more important to communicate with our alumni and friends and to cultivate their support.

Gene will draw on his experience as a former Spirit Master in working with our alumni as well as those within the University."

Crume holds two degrees from Western — a bachelor's degree (1988) in public relations and a master's degree (1993) in communications. He joined University Relations in 1989 after serving as district executive of the Circle Ten Council of the Boy Scouts of America in Dallas, Tex.

He has been chairperson of the national Special Events Conference of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), a member of the CASE-Kentucky Conference Program Committee, the Kentucky Community Leadership Conference and Leadership Bowling Green.

He is married to Cindy Smith Crume, a WKU graduate and a native of Bowling Green.

Accreditation Update

By Joe Clish, director,
SACS Steering Committee

Western's self study for the reaccreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) continues to shape up well. Last fall's department, college, and unit reports were reviewed and accepted by the Steering Committee, becoming the basis for spring 1993 Working Committee Reports on nine areas.

Over the summer these Working Committee reports were boiled down into a first draft of the university's Institutional Report. Copies of all these documents are available in the Helm Library Reference Area and the SACS Office, 600 Cravens. In addition, vice presidents, deans, working committee chairs and steering committee members all have copies of the Institutional Report first draft.

This fall we hope to get the draft Institutional Report approved by the Steering Committee and printed up for wider distribution in final form, and also to compile a supplement summarizing changes the university and university units have made as a result of self study findings. At the same time we are gathering materials for a resource file containing all sorts of university policies and publications called for by SACS criteria or documenting claims made in the self study report.

In November we mail out the Institutional Report to members of the SACS visiting team who will be in Bowling Green in early January. A little later the supplement detailing institutional and unit changes will follow. Then, most probably in February 1994, the visiting team will be on campus. If my experience as a SACS team visit observer is typical, team members will arrive with a list of questions and concerns which they will attempt to satisfy by fanning out across campus to interview students, faculty, administrators, and staff.

They will want to know whether we actually do what we say we do in the Institutional Report, and may have spotted accreditation requirements we have not addressed well and want to investigate those.

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Business Administration

ECONOMICS

Dr. Brian Goff presented (co-authored with Dr. Gary Anderson, California State University-Northridge) "The Political Economy of Prohibition in the United States, 1919-1933," at the Western Economics Association meetings at Lake Tahoe June 27-29.

Finance and Administration

PUBLIC RADIO

David Wilkinson, director of public radio, has been elected to the boards of directors of three organizations. He was re-elected to the Kentucky Broadcasters Association Board of Directors representing public broadcasting. He was re-elected at-large member of the Kentucky Association for Gerontology and was elected to the board of directors of the Alvaton Volunteer fire Department in Warren County.

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

GOVERNMENT

Dr. Raymond L. Cravens, professor of government, received the Kentucky Outstanding International Educator Award given annually by the Kentucky Council for International Education. The award was presented during the annual spring conference of the group at Shakerstown at Pleasant Hill. He served as president of the KCIE for eight years during the formative stages of the organization. In the 1980s, he was a founder and first director of the Cooperative Center for Study in Britain, a multi-state study-abroad consortium offering summer, short-term and semester-abroad programs in Britain and Ireland. He directed two statewide federally funded international education programs and in 1984 was author of a chapter in a book published by the American Council on Education on exemplary international programs provided by American Colleges and Universities. He is a former vice president for academic affairs at WKU. He was also dean of public service.

Education and Behavioral Sciences

CONSUMER AND FAMILY SCIENCES

Dr. Carl Hall, Joyce Rasdall and Martha Jenkins presented individual sessions at the 1993 annual meeting and exhibition of the American Home Economics Association in Orlando, Fla. July 25-29. Hall addressed Pro-Active Changes and Choices-A Challenge for the Future of Home Economics. Rasdall presented a successfully juried Bowling Green Toilets-Socially Responsible Design for the Aging and Jenkins reported on Textile and Clothing Programs in Higher Education. An article entitled Technology in the Kitchen, written by Dr. Rasdall and published by What's New was distributed to more than 2,000 registrants. Rasdall is treasurer of the Design Section of AHEA.

Student Affairs

CAREER SERVICES

Judy Owen, director of the Career Services Center, was recently selected to the board of directors of the Cooperative Education Association of Kentucky at the organization's spring conference. She will serve a two-year term.

University Libraries

LIBRARY PUBLIC SERVICES

Therese D. Baker has been appointed chair of the Professional Development Committee of the Academic Library Section of the Kentucky Library Association and chairman of the Outstanding Southeastern Author Award Committee of the Southeastern Library Association for 1993 and 1994.

LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Donna Parker and Jonathan Jeffrey made a presentation at a South Union Shaker Seminar in South Union, Ky. on Sericulture, Silk, and the South Union Shakers. The two spoke on Flax Production at South Union, Ky. at a Berkshire Shaker Seminar at South Union in July.

At the annual meeting and symposium of the Costume Society of America, Region VI, members of Library Special Collections at WKU gave presentations:

Sandra Staebell, Fragile Forms, Fashion Trends and Flannel; Victorian Clothing and The Dress Reform Movement;
Jonathan Jeffrey, Silk, Sericulture and South Union Shakers and Donna Parker, Made to Fit a Woman: Riding Uniforms of the Frontier Nursing Service.

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SACS Update

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All the SACS visiting team members will be university professionals in their own right, usually a cross section of faculty and administrators headed up by the president of a school comparable to Western. They will be especially interested in their own special areas. For example, on the visit I observed a visitor who was also a reference librarian spent most of her time in the library of the host school, while a visiting professor of marketing wanted to talk to her opposite numbers, their department head, and their students.
Dr. Kelly Thompson

Remembering 'Mr. Western'

On August 14, 1993, the life of Dr. Kelly Thompson, 84, third president of Western Kentucky University, was finished, but not his legacy.

As a leader in higher education, he had earned greatest respect in the highest circles. His 64 years of service encompassed nearly three-fourths the life of his 87-year-old institution. Dr. Thompson had come to be affectionately known as "Mr. Western." He nurtured a small state college to maturity as a university.

Dr. Thompson’s last interview was this past summer, for the Lebanon Enterprise, his hometown newspaper. He was interviewed by Charles Pearl, news editor, and the very comprehensive story by Pearl traces the life of Dr. Thompson at WKU. Excerpts are printed in this special section of On Campus, with permission of the author, a 1974 graduate of WKU. It is to be read and savored by Dr. Thompson’s family and the thousands of friends he leaves behind.

By Charles Pearl

LEBANON—When it was time to leave, he didn’t want to go. And a coach helped him stay.

Kelly Thompson had completed his freshman year at Lebanon High School and his football coach, Pearson Cooper, liked him. Kelly had grown a little faster than some of the other young players and his football coach could see some potential.

He grew up on North Spalding Avenue in Lebanon, but now his parents, C.B. and Josephine Thompson, were moving to Louisville.

His coach, sensing that Kelly didn’t want to move to Louisville, told him he would try to work something out where he could stay in Lebanon and play football at LHS. Kelly wondered "how in the world" he could do that.

"I don’t know," Cooper answered. "But we can try. I’ll go and talk to all the local businessmen and maybe somebody can use you where you can make enough to pay your room and board."

Thompson, 84, smiles, recalling his Lebanon days.

"I ended up with a great job—night clerk at the Vaughn Hotel in downtown Lebanon," he recalls. "Coach Cooper must have knocked on everybody’s door up and down Main Street. Nick Withen and his wife ran the hotel and they were both getting old and weary. So they liked the idea of me coming to work there."

"A great friendship started there. I stayed at the Vaughn until I graduated from high school in 1928. When I left, I was more like a member of the family. It worked out beautifully. A football scholarship was Thompson’s ticket to college. He had accepted a scholarship to Danville’s Centre College. But then a football coach from a foreign college—way down in Bowling Green—came to Marion County looking for Lebanon High’s 5'-0', 170-pound fullback. Kelly wasn’t in town. He had gone to Louisville to find summer work.

"I was trying to earn a few extra bucks to go to school on," Thompson said.

Coach Ed Diddle returned to Bowling Green “and wrote me an awfully nice letter.” He said he had been in Lebanon and was sorry he missed Thompson. He had heard Kelly had accepted a scholarship to Centre “which meant I had a job waiting on tables.”

Diddle said he would be in Bowling Green every weekend until school starts and he would like for Thompson to visit the campus of Western Kentucky State Teachers College. In the letter, Diddle included a small brochure, which said there is no tuition at Western.

"The tuition at Centre was more than the total expenses at Western, even if I didn’t do a lick of work at Western," Thompson recalls. "So I knew I had to look into this."

"In Marion County then, the wind all blew toward the University of Kentucky, Centre and Eastern. It just didn’t blow in the direction of Bowling Green."

Soo after receiving Diddle’s letter, Thompson arranged a trip to Bowling Green.

"When I arrived there, I was never so surprised in my life," he says. "It was a fine looking place and everybody was so nice. Mr. Diddle spent all Sunday with me. At 4 o’clock Sunday afternoon we shook hands on his front porch. I was going to Western provided the Centre coach would release me.

Thompson traveled back to Louisville Sunday. The next morning he called Centre’s coach.

A Lebanon doctor who was a Centre graduate had introduced Thompson to the Centre football coach.

"He said he understood and he appreciated me calling," Thompson recalls. "So I was released. And before the Centre coach died, he and I became friends."

BOWLING GREEN—When it was time to leave, he didn’t want to go. And a coach helped him stay.

Kelly Thompson’s college football career was brief. The day before the opening game for Western’s freshman team, Thompson suffered a severe shoulder injury in practice.

"I tore all the ligaments and muscles," he says. "It was a terrible shoulder separation. Did it on a tackling dummy. Felt like a train hit me. The doctors told me not to play any more football."

He had come to Western hoping to play four years of football. Football was his key to earning a college education.

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Dr. E. Kelly Thompson

1909-1993

Years of service, Western Kentucky University 1929-1993

President, Western Kentucky University 1955-1969
‘This University has lost ‘Mr. Western’

But he listened to the doctors’ advice.

He went to work at whatever part-time jobs he could find. But he soon ran out of money because employers were cutting back, laying off people. Kelly was 19. The stock market collapse and the Great Depression hit during Thompson’s student years at Western. But in the autumn of 1928, Kelly didn’t expect to last on campus until Christmas at the place he had quickly grown to love. He knew it was time to leave.

“I was sitting on the steps of old Potter College, the main building on campus then,” he recalls. “I was just stunting out into space because I had reached the point where I had decided to go back to Lebanon to spend the night. Then I would go back to Louisville where I could work two jobs. Then a big yellow convertible drove up in front of the building. Mr. Diddle was driving it. He had been to Nebraska; I believe, where his brother-in-law was in the auto business.”

‘It was absolutely unbelievable, through his leadership, what was accomplished. That kind of marvelous vision is so rare.’

- Dr. Deron G. Downing

He looked over at Kelly and said, “What’s the trouble, boy?”

“I knew he knew the plight I was in,” says Thompson. “Mr. Diddle had 19 jobs for his players and one of the jobs was supposed to be mine after the football season ended. We called them football scholarships, but they were jobs. They were legitimate jobs too, but not back-breakers or anything like that.

“The injury ended my football career so I couldn’t take one of those jobs. That would have been like throwing one of his jobs away forever. Mr. Diddle didn’t say anything about it and I didn’t either. I just told him I was broke and couldn’t keep going.”

Diddle told Thompson to get in his car and they’d talk about it on the way to town.

“As he was driving, he asked me if I had seen someone about the circus job,” says Thompson. “I told him I had checked on it, but the circus had been called off this year.”

Diddle parked his car and they went in the Bowling Green Bank & Trust Co.

“He walked back to where the bank president was and said, ‘This boy needs $25. Make out a note and I’ll sign it for him. Put it in the bank where he can get it when he needs it.’

“The bank president said, ‘OK, Ed. I’ll be glad to do that.’ I hadn’t said a word and he didn’t even know my name when he started making out the note. I was in fairy land because that was the difference in my being able to stay at Western.”

Through the years, several versions of that story were told.

Thompson, smiling. “But that’s the accurate one,” he said. “The others had minor variations. Somebody would put a little twist into it. One version was that someone had told Coach Diddle that one of his football players was out on the Louisville Road, carrying old suitcase, and trying to hitchhike back home. And Coach jumped in his car and went out there and overtook me.

“That didn’t happen, but it’s immortal really. I guess somebody thought that sounded better than sitting on the steps up at Potter College and looking off into space, which did happen.”

The $25 lasted almost until the end of the school year. Near the end of his second semester, Thompson, along with a lot of other people, applied for the job of field representative at Western.

“I went through this merry-go-round of waiting, waiting, waiting,” he said. “But finally Dr. H.H. Cherry (Western’s first president) chose me. And sometimes I think I haven’t come back down to earth since.”

His job was to travel throughout the state and area recruiting high school students to Western. He started June 1, 1929. Western furnished him with a Model A car to drive. The first place he went was to Lebanon.

“I told Dr. Cherry when I met him that I’d like to start in my hometown, Lebanon. And he said, ‘I can’t think of a better place to start.’ So I went home to do field work for Western. And I’ve been here at Western ever since.”

While working for Western he continued to attend classes and eventually earned his bachelor’s degree in 1935. Then he was appointed public relations director at the college.

In 1937 Thompson was granted a year’s leave from Western to set up a public relations program for the Indianapolis baseball club of the American Association.

“Some friends thought that would result in my departure from Western,” said Thompson. “But I never had any intentions of staying in Indianapolis. It actually strengthened my desire to stay at Western even though Indianapolis offered to raise my salary and make me vice president of the club.”

He returned to Western but left again in 1944 to serve in the U.S. Navy’s educational program until his discharge in 1946.

When he returned to Western from the Navy, he was appointed assistant to Dr. Paul Garrett, who had become Western’s second president. Thompson also continued his public relations duties, and in 1947 completed requirements for his master’s degree at Western.

On Nov. 19, 1953, President Garrett suffered a stroke in his office and the duties of president were handed to Thompson. Garrett died in February 1955 and one month later the college’s board of regents unanimously named Thompson the acting president.

Seventeen persons applied for the Western presidency including Wendell P. Butler, then the state superintendent of public instruction and chairman of the board of regents by virtue of his office.

On Monday morning, Oct. 17, 1955, Kelly Thompson was elected as the third president of Western, which was founded in 1906. The College Heights Herald, Western’s student newspaper, said in its Oct. 21 issue that Thompson “is believed to be the first person in Kentucky to rise from a student to president of his alma mater.

Thompson was hired for a four-year term at $9,000 a year, the maximum allowed by state law.

His first words as Western’s president were: “I would like to say to the members of the board that no one ever accepted such an honor more humbly. I love this college with a passion. I have been employed here 26 years and all that I have owe to Western. I pledge that you will never have any reason to regret your action. I shall never allow myself to be a part of anything that will reflect discredit on this institution. With humility and sincerity in my heart I will do everything within my power to guard the trust and faith you have placed in me.”
with the passing of Kelly Thompson'

The Louisville Courier-Journal, in an Oct. 19 editorial, praised Thompson, calling him "Mr. Western" in the headline. The editorial read:

"With the possible exception of basketball coach Ed Diddle, no man has ever been more closely identified with Western State College than Kelly Thompson, who has just been named president of the Bowling Green institution. And because of his love for the school, and his popularity on the campus and throughout the state, no appointment could have been more gratifying to Hilltopper students and alumni."

"For Kelly Thompson is a part of Western, just as Western has been the center of his interests and efforts for the past 15 years. And if devotion, ability and energy have not lost their value, Mr. Thompson will grace the president's office as ably as have his predecessors."

"He does not fit the generally accepted idea of a college president. There is nothing of the aloof, austere scholar about him. Young, vigorous and friendly, he resembles the school he has for so long represented, and during his service as acting president of the school he has shown a considerable ability as an administrator. This ability, his familiarity with the school and its state, and his popularity throughout Kentucky will, we are confident, prove the popularity throughout Kentucky."

After stepping down as Western’s president on Sept. 12, 1969, because of health problems, Dr. Thompson continued to serve Western on a reduced schedule at the request of the board of regents. In the decade of the 1970s, Thompson served as president of the College Heights Foundation, a philanthropic component of Western dedicated to aiding Western students through scholarships and emergency loans. He relinquished the Foundation presidency in February 1980 and has served as the Foundation’s chairman of the board since then. He is now in his 64th year of service to the university.

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player for the Hilltoppers—and public relations director at Western, agrees.

"Money was more plentiful then, but he had the ability to go about getting it, and he had some tough competition with the other universities," Gibson said. "When he saw a chance to get $6.7 million and he knew he needed a new building, it didn't take two years for him to decide how to go about it. He moved like a streak of lightning because he knew the money might not be available in six months so he'd better grab it now.

"Dr. Kelly Thompson is a master at persuasion. He has a knack of having you do something, such as chairing a committee or something, and making you think it was your idea all along, when you didn't know what he was talking about when he started. He's a man you like immediately. He has a pleasant, outgoing personality. And the longer you're around him, the more impressed you become."

Thompson is a "public relations genius," Gibson said. "No one can outdo him as a public relations person. He's the type of person who loves to do favors for people. When he was president, he had an open-door policy. And it was open to students, faculty, staff, townspeople, visitors or what-have-you. He wanted to keep a family-type atmosphere at Western. And he wanted to be open anytime to assist a student or help a person. He thought by leaving his door open, it might be the difference in salvaging a student and in being able to do something positive for the community."

Like his predecessors and his successor in the president's office, Thompson has always been a "fanatic at keeping the Western campus clean, immaculate," said Gibson. "And he expected faculty and staff to pick up any little piece of trash they saw on campus. Dr. Thompson could almost catch debris in mid air."

Thompson's love of athletics has never diminished through his long life.

"You couldn't find two people who were any closer than President Thompson and Mr. Diddle," said Gibson. "They truly loved each other. Both were fiercely loyal to Western."

Gibson says Western is in Kelly Thompson's blood "as deep as it can be."

"An effective administrator is a skilled communicator. And if anybody was ever better at that than Kelly Thompson, I don't know who it would be. He knew human nature and he could turn a wart into a beauty mole because he was always so positive."

Thompson is married to Sarah Pearce Thompson of Bowling Green. They were married in 1931. She was valedictorian of the Class of 1927 at Bowling Green High School. In 1930 she earned her bachelor's degree from Western, majoring in English and minor ing in French. During her senior year at Western, she was chosen by the student body as a "Campus Student Queen."

Her father, the late Dr. W.M. Pearce, was director of Western's Department of Extension and Correspondence for many years. Prior to joining the Western faculty, he was president of Ogden College.

Mrs. Thompson was a teacher of English, Latin and French in the Shelby County school system at the time of their marriage. Since then, she has been a homemaker. The Thompsons have two living children: Pattye Ann Gilligan, of Ocala, Fla., who is a public counselor; and Kelly Thompson Jr., a Bowling Green attorney. They are both Western graduates.

A third child, Hardin Cherry Thompson, died in 1963 at the age of 25 during his senior year at Western. The Hardin Planetarium, which adjoins the spacious Kelly Thompson Complex for Science on the WKU campus, is named in honor of the Thompsons' deceased son.

The Thompsons also have five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In recognition of his hard work and leadership at Western, Dr. Thompson was honored by the Kentucky Press Association as "The Outstanding Kentuckian of 1960." Then in 1965, Kentucky Gov. Edward T. Broahritt presented Dr. Thompson with the first "Kentucky Distinguished Citizen Award."

Thompson served as governor of the Kentucky-Tennessee district of Kiwanis International in 1952, after serving two terms as lieutenant governor and as president of the Bowling Green Kiwanis Club. He is a member of the Kiwanis Legion of Honor.

Thompson is one of the three men who organized the Ohio Valley Conference and was one of the first inductees when the conference created its Hall of Fame in 1977. Also that year, the Public Relations Student Society of America at Western named its chapter after Dr. Thompson. In 1992 he was among the first to be inducted into the WKU Hall of Distinguished Alumni.

Dr. Thompson and his wife are both in declining health now at their home.

"The qualities I've always observed in Dr. Thompson, including determination and courage, are certainly apparent in his efforts to regain his health," said Downing at his College Heights Foundation office.

Thompson underwent surgery for lung cancer.

July 8, the afternoon a Lebanon reporter visited his home, Thompson had gone to a medical clinic for a bone scan that morning.

"Naturally, I hope the news is good," he said. "But if it isn't when it comes to being grateful for the life I've been privileged to live, I don't have a complaint. I feel I've been the luckiest man in the world. And that's the truth."
A student-driven and consumer-driven mission

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New color brochures are being prepared to recruit students in all of the department's areas, and all have a 1990's approach. In May, the University's Board of Regents approved changes in the department's curriculum which included merging seven degree programs into five. The current majors include dietetics, home economics education, hotel, restaurant and tourism management, interior design and textiles and apparel merchandising.

The department stresses that the majors are all comprehensive, meaning that there are four specific courses which all majors must take which are described as comprising "a common body of knowledge." These classes are design concepts, human nutrition, management of family resources and family relations.

The core classes are important, explains Hall, because they are related to any major students in the program choose.

For example, family issues are central to living, and therefore, should be central to a student's overall education, Hall says.


Drs. Susan DeVaney and Aaron W. Hughey of Educational Leadership had Multiculturalism in higher education: Moving from awareness to action published in the first issue of New Directions for Education Reform.

Dr. Aaron W. Hughey, assistant professor of Educational Leadership, and Danny Hinson, director of the University Homestay Program in Kobe, Japan, had Assessing the efficacy of the Test of English as a foreign language (TOEFL) published in the August edition of Psychological Reports.

Dr. Hughey also had Total Quality Management: Residence Life's formula for success published in the June edition of ACUHO-I's Talking Stick, a newsmagazine of the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International.


With lifestyle trends changing so rapidly, with both partners in a family working outside the home now the norm, and with changing sex roles emphasizing more sharing in duties involved with running a home, family issues must be a central issue, the department mission stresses.

Thus a minor transitioned from child development to family studies, which can and will be developed into a related field degree, Hall says.

Family studies is strongly linked with the department's home economics education component. "We are concerned, but we haven't been as involved as we've needed to be in the family life education area," Hall says, explaining that Western merely reflects an emphasis on family studies nationwide.

But he says the curriculum will continue to develop, and "As higher education evolves, we too will be more involved with developing a program in the area of family life education," he says.

For example, Hall cited a program format under consideration which could offer a non-certification option to prepare persons to work in business and industry in a family life education capacity, with the aim of increasing productivity of people on the job because of healthier family lifestyles.

"Culture and the world systems are undergoing change so rapidly, and we're right in the middle of the fray," says Hall.

In the area of dietetics, there has been more growth recently than in the past 25 years. Some of the reasons, he says, are because of emphasis on health care fields and diet.

"Body chemistry is a new field of study. How we each respond to food intake differently is a vast field," he says, adding: "As the system defines itself, dieticians will be needed more, perhaps in clinics, and we (meaning Consumer and Family Sciences) will see that this happens."

"This is an exciting time," Hall says.

"The consumer tells us what the trends are."

Dr. Bette Burruss, Teacher Education, $95,000 from the U.S. Department of Education for FIRST: Schools and Teachers Program, restructuring of the primary grades (K-3) in the Christian County Schools.

Dr. Douglas Harper, Physics and Astronomy, $15,000 from the National Science Foundation for Electron Stimulated Desorption from Surfaces.

Dr. Vicki Stayton, $103,591 from the U.S. Department of Education for Project TEAM, to identify qualified personnel/social work, psychology and speech/communication disorders with children ages birth through five with disabilities and their families in rural southcentral Kentucky; $80,311 from the U.S. Department of Education for Project PREPARE, a project to prepare regular educators and other professionals to assume roles in early intervention for 3 to 5-year-olds with disabilities; and $34,946 from the Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources for University-based regional technical assistance teams to assist the Cabinet for Human Resources in establishing the Kentucky Early Intervention System.

Dr. John Vokurka, Teacher Education, $211,089 from the Kentucky Department of Education, funding for the Diagnostic Network Coordination Center.
Department of Theatre and Dance
1993-94 Theatre Season

Oct. 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 at 8 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 17, 3 p.m.
Russell H. Miller Theatre
What The Butler Saw
by Joe Orton

Nov. 18, 19 and 20 at 8 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 21, 3 p.m.
Van Meter Auditorium
Kiss Me Kate
by Cole Porter

Feb. 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 20, 3 p.m.
Russell H. Miller Theatre
Macbeth
by William Shakespeare

April 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 at 8 p.m.
Sunday, April 10, 3 p.m.
Russell H. Miller Theatre
The Heidi Chronicles
by Wendy Wasserstein

April 20, 21, 22 and 23 at 8 p.m.
Sunday, April 24, 3 p.m.
Russell H. Miller Theatre
An Evening of Dance '94
Western Kentucky University Dance Company

Performances in Russell H. Miller Theatre
Adults $5, children, senior citizens, students, $3

Performances in Van Meter Auditorium
Adults $6, children, senior citizens, students, $4

WKU: Quick Facts
Fall 1992 Enrollment: 15,750
Total Alumni: 65,000
Total Employees: 1,500
Most frequently declared majors: Elementary Ed, Psychology, Nursing, Accounting
Extra-curricular activities

On Campus

Sept. 17, 18, 19
Oct. 29, 30, 31
Oct. 1, 2, 3

There are many arts and leisure events in the WKU area throughout the year. Listed below is a sampling of what you can find to do outside the classroom and the office to relax. As of press time in early August, the organizations featured on this page were able to send us information. Have fun!

Capitol Arts Series

The Capitol Arts Center's 1993-94 season features a variety of events, starting off with Gala '93 Sept. 11 at 8 p.m. Beloved band leader to the elite for years, Lester Lanin will perform from 8 to midnight beginning at the Capitol and moving to the Gala party tents.


Capitol Arts Center is located on Fountain Square in Bowling Green, and the building itself, the renovated Princess Movie Theatre, is a community landmark.

For ticket information and further information about special events and exhibits, call 842-ARTS.

Horse Cave Theatre

Horse Cave Theatre in Horse Cave, Ky., offers performances Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. with weekday matinees at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

The remainder of the 1993 season includes Martin's Room, The Crucible, Dancing at Lughnasa, Shakespeare's Julius Caesar starting in September and Dickens' Christmas Carol beginning in November.

For reservations, call toll free 1-800-342-2177.

The Louisville Ballet

The Louisville Ballet's headquarters are at 1300 Bardstown Road in Louisville. All performances are held at the Kentucky Center for the Arts.

For tickets and more detailed information, call toll free 1-800-775-7777.

Sports

1993 Hilltopper Football Home Schedule

Alabama at Birmingham
7 p.m. Sept. 25
Jacksonville State (Homecoming) 5 p.m. Oct. 2
Western Illinois Noon Oct. 30
Eastern Illinois 1 p.m. Nov. 13
Murray State 1 p.m. Nov. 20

For ticket information call 5222.

The Big Red Card is the new identification card that's part of a University-wide on-line access control system. It serves as your official campus ID.

For more information, contact the ID Center at 2471 or visit Room 126 in the Downing University Center to get your card.

Hours are weekdays 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Join the Raymond B. Preston Health & Activities Center!

Either through payroll deduction or your Big Red Card, faculty and staff may join the Preston Health & Activities Center for a minimal fee and enjoy wellness and fitness programs, organized recreational sports, swimming and a multitude of activities that can keep you fit.

Hours are Monday through Friday, 6 a.m.-11 p.m., Fridays, 6 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sundays 1-11 p.m.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to take advantage of early morning and lunch hours reserved pretty much for you.

Call 6530 for general information and 6060 for intramural and recreational sports.

Visit the Owensboro Museum of Fine Art

901 Frederica Street, Owensboro, Ky.
Mary Bryan Hood, Director 653-3181
Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. 1-4 p.m.
Outstanding exhibits! Check it out!

WKU Children's Theatre Series, Fall 1993

Aug. 27, 28, 29 Hallelujah Horseshoe
Sept. 17, 18, 19 Alice in Wonderland
Oct. 1, 2, 3 Robin Hood
Oct. 15, 16, 17 The Little Mermaid
Oct. 29, 30, 31 East of the Sun, West of the Moon
Nov. 5, 6, 7 A Toby Show
Gordon Wilson Hall, Theatre 100 Fridays 4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 1 and 3:30 p.m. 75 cents

The Big Red Card
August
25
Last day to Drop/Add a First Bi-
term class without a grade.
Trent Graphics Art Sale. Down-
ing University Center, third floor.
27
Faculty development applica-
tions are due in Academic Affairs.
Last day students may register
for a full-time course load.

September
6
Labor day. Classes dismissed
and offices are closed.
8
Red Cross Blood Drive. 10 a.m.-6
p.m. West Hall Cellar.
9
Faculty research grant applica-
tions are due in Academic Affairs.
13-17
Faculty-Staff Health Screening.

Library Hours
Helm-Cravens: Monday
through Thursday, 7:45 a.m. until
midnight. Friday, 7:45 a.m. until
5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. until
5:30 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. until
midnight.
Science Library: Monday
through Wednesday, 7:45 a.m.
until 10 p.m.; Thursday and
Friday, 7:45 am. until 5 p.m.;
Saturday, 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.
and Sunday, 1 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.
Educational Resource Center:
Monday through Thursday, 7:45
a.m. until 8 p.m.; Friday, 7:45 a.m.
until 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.
until 2 p.m. Closed Sundays.
Kentucky Building: Museum:
Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30
a.m. until 4 p.m.; Sunday, 1-4
p.m.; Library: Monday, 8:30 a.m.
until 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday through
Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. until 4
p.m.
Glasgow Campus: Monday
through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. until
7:30 p.m.

Welcome back, Western!
Huda Meiley, left, staff assistant in Student Life, was among faculty-staff volunteers helping
students get settled last week. This time it happened to be Melissa Stirsman, a sophomore
from Central City, Ky., who fumbled with a hand on her microwave oven.
Photo by Bob Skipper

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