By Lena Sweeten

The 1930s was a decade of contrasts. While the Great Depression caused widespread unemployment, breadlines, Hoovervilles, and mass migrations from the South, Americans expressed an irrepressible optimism and hope for the future. The Kentucky Museum's newest exhibit, Hard Times and High Hopes: Fashions of the Thirties, captures this spirit as demonstrated in the movies, fashions and popular magazines of the period.

It's a must-see exhibit this summer.

Hollywood reached the pinnacle of its glamour during the thirties. Stars such as Carole Lombard, Joan Crawford, Clark Gable, and Jean Harlow lit up the silver screen week after week. Their movies showcased independent career women, seductive bombshells, charming scoundrels and suave heroes, whose stories provided audiences with cheap escape from the trials of everyday life.

Hollywood also became a major influence on clothing fashion during the 1930s. Designers used stars to model their newest fashions as an easy way to reach wide audiences. The impact of movies on clothing styles is unquestionable. For example, the famous instance in "It Happened One Night," in which Clark Gable is shown wearing a shirt without an undershirt, caused an almost overnight drop across the country in the sale of men's undershirts.

The elegant evening wear, sensible business suits, and carefully coordinated accessories women wore in the movies were easily emulated by ordinary women, especially those handy with a needle and thread.

Needlecrafts were extremely popular throughout the 1920s and 1930s. Because of the Depression, money was often scarce, and many women made do with inexpensive materials, remaking old dresses into newer styles, recycling materials, and investing in new accessories to update older clothes. Their innovations can be seen in the new exhibit, designed by Donna Parker, exhibits curator, and Dr. Sallye Clark, WKU professor, emeritus, guest curator.

"We stress that clothing of the 1930s was important," said Ms. Parker. "There were specific clothes for special occasions. Unlike today, when you can wear pants almost any day, you had to wear the right dress, the right hat, the right shoes."

Among the items on display are stylish women's hats, evening accessories, a winter coat with a fur collar, and several children's dresses. Also included are the numerous beauty products which were available to women, including rouge and powder, manicure kits, and hairstyling tools. Women in the thirties were very careful with their appearance, despite economic hardships, and were often ingenious at making do with what they had.

"One child's dress in the exhibit is made from her mother's older dress. It shows the thriftiness of that period," said Ms. Parker.

Indeed, thriftiness was encouraged and applauded in many of the magazines of that day. For example, one article in the Feb. 1937 Home Arts-Needlecraft says, "With so much talk about 'social security,' we are all coming to have a greater respect for the meagerness of the dollar and to want to save it whenever possible. Made-over clothes should prove just as exciting as new, if not more, because of the economies affected."

Such optimism, such desire to focus on the positive enabled women to continue to be concerned with fashion, hair and makeup, as shown in the exhibit, while they also ran households, managed limited family budgets, reared children, and increasingly worked outside the home. And despite the hardships of the Depression, the exhibit also demonstrates that Americans had a continuing positive outlook, a willingness to make do with what they had and a firm belief that the future was bright.

Hard Times and High Hopes will be exhibited through June 1995.

Western Kentucky University is fortunate to lay claim to the Kentucky Museum as a rich storehouse of information and exhibits featuring Kentuckians. The museum attracts more than 35,000 visitors a year, including 12,000 school children on tours based on standards in the Kentucky Education Reform Act.

Museum Hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sundays: 1-4 p.m.

For more information about all exhibits, call 2592.

Below: A display of children's clothing in the thirties featured in the Ky. Museum exhibit.
Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

MUSIC
Dr. Michael Kallstrom's composition for alto and tenor saxophones with piano, *Time Converging*, was performed for a joint meeting of the North American Saxophone Alliance and the Southeastern composers League (SCL) at West Virginia University in May. Dr. Kallstrom is currently Vice President of the SCL Business Administration.

ECONOMICS
Dr. Jim Ramsey presented a paper, *State Tax Elasticity Cyclical Variation: An Empirical Assessment*, to the Mid-Continent Regional Science Association at its annual meeting June 3 in Chicago. The paper is the result of research by Dr. Merl Hackbart of the University of Kentucky, Dr. Steve Lile of the WKU Department of Economics and Dr. Ramsey.

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newsmagazine of the Association of College and University Housing Officers International.


Putting WKU on the map

By Bob Skipper

Dr. Nickolas Crawford, WKU Professor of Geology and Geography, has been awarded an Honorary Life Membership from the National Speleological Society during the group's national meeting in Texas for his work in cave and karst studies. The life membership is the society's highest honor.

Dr. Crawford is best known as the founder and director of the Center for Cave and Karst Studies at Western, the only cave science institute in the country. Through the Center he founded the Mammoth Cave Summer University Program 16 years ago, which continues to be the only university accredited cave education program in the U.S. Dr. Crawford and the Center were also presented the Certificate of Merit.

"Dr. Crawford's Mammoth Cave program has educated hundreds of people who now better appreciate and manage karst systems," said NSS member Dr. George Veni as he introduced Dr. Crawford at the awards ceremony. "Dozens were fired-up by what they learned and went on to pursue careers specializing in cave science. They now spread his word that karst is complex, sensitive and important."

Dr. Veni said thousands of people have made caves a priority in their lives because of Dr. Crawford's efforts.

"Some are becoming the scientific leaders of tomorrow who will better define caves and how they function," he said. "Others are implementing those results to protect and conserve caves on private and public lands. Many are everyday people whose subtle appreciation of caves is evolving into tangible support for cave conservation."

Through his research, Dr. Crawford has become a leader in the evaluation and clean-up of some of the country's worst environmental disasters in karst landscapes. Preservation, however, lies in preventing problems, Dr. Veni said, "which is why I believe his work in education is his most important contribution to speleology."

Dr. Crawford said he was pleased that the top speleological society in the country recognized the work being done at Western, the Center and the Department of Geography and Geology.

"We think we've helped educate the public and the profession to the special problems in karst regions," Dr. Crawford said, adding that about 40 percent of the U.S. east of the Mississippi River has a karst geography. Through education, groundwater pollution problems in karst regions have improved, he said.

Dr. Crawford said students with knowledge in karst geography are also finding jobs using their skills in combating groundwater problems.

"Who would have thought cave explorers would be in demand?"

Robo Enterprises Inc. will help Warren Countians

Robo Enterprises Inc. of Bowling Green has established a new scholarship program at WKU to help four students from Warren County.

The Robo Oil and Gas Exploration Scholarship Fund will provide $34,000 over five years for the scholarships, one each to a graduating senior at each of the four high schools in Warren County, according to David Rose, president and chief executive officer of Robo Enterprises.

Three students will be nominated from each of the high schools by the schools' guidance counselors. Those names will be forwarded to the Office of Admissions at Western, which will consult with the Office of Student Financial Assistance before making the award.

"It is my desire that the scholarship be awarded to those having a financial need with a preference to those with the highest academic credentials and/or potential," Rose said, adding that the scholarships underscore Robo's interest in and commitment to the young people of Warren County.

The first scholarships will be awarded in the fall 1994 semester.

The gift was made to the Western Kentucky University Foundation for the benefit of Western, according to Robert M.

Rutledge, executive director of the Foundation and vice president for Institutional Advancement at Western.

Headquartered in Bowling Green, Robo Enterprises is the number one oil and gas exploration company in the Illinois Basin and ranks in the top 3 percent nationally. It was founded by Rose in 1983 and the company recently struck one of the largest producing wells in the area in the Pine Grove Oil Field in Edmonson County. That well is expected to produce in excess of 200 barrels of oil per day.

For more information contact Dennis Smith, Assistant Director of Admissions, 2551.
Confessions of a lazy

By Sheila Eison

Clad in jeans and a matching denim shirt, Carlton Jackson strolls into University Relations on campus, sits down to visit, and as casually as people talk about the weather, says, "I just stopped by to tell you about my latest book."

His unassuming manner is only a front for one of the most energetic and productive faculty members on Western's campus.

A close colleague, retired History Professor Drew Harrington, describes Jackson as the kind of person who's always approachable—he'll do anything for you—definite in his opinions, and very thorough in his work.

As he chats about his latest experience, an enjoyable hour passes by, and Jackson saunters out, leaving in his wake a fascinating amount of information that unfolds into a real success story about a satisfying career of accomplishment.

The process of putting this latest book, number 13, probably (it's hard to remember the number because he overlaps working on several books at a time—right now he's finishing number 15), is a story within a story, which again is typical of WKU's journalist-turned-professor, and one of the longest tenured faculty members on campus, 33 years.

Ninety years after his first novel was published, novelist Zane Grey's last novel is off the presses, and Jackson edited Grey's last book, wrote the introduction and added footnotes to the late author's work, George Washington: Frontiersman.

Jackson, a four-time Fulbright lecturer and recipient of a number of distinguished lectureships and awards for his scholarship, is an expert on Zane Grey, having written Grey's biography, first published in 1973, with a second edition in 1989.

"As a boy, I used to play hooky from school and go out into the woods to read his books," says Jackson.

The woods were in north Alabama, where Jackson grew up.

"I flunked seventh grade, but if I hadn't, I probably wouldn't be here today," Jackson said, with a slightly faded southern accent (perfect articulation, but with a hint of drawl). With a laugh, Jackson boasts of dropping out of high school in the 11th grade, but only because he admits proudly the Air Force "straightened him out and he has the military to thank" for his education. After his stint in the Air Force, the "red-headed North Alabama iconoclast," as his friend Harrington also describes him, scored so high on the GED he was able to attend college while working as a journalist.

And to lead an interesting life that has taken him around the world enjoying lecturing and writing as a historian.

It's the journalist in him that helps him in his research on many books, says Jackson, who pursued family members of the novelist Grey for the biography of the author who's come to be known as the voice of the American West.

Jackson made trips to California and knocked on doors of Grey's family members, quickly winning them over with his friendly manner and casual dress, which included jeans, T-shirt and a baseball cap, he tells good-humoredly.

Grey's son, Romer, put off by a scholar tracking down information about his father, was reluctant to meet Jackson at first, but when Jackson showed up on his doorstep, he remembers fondly Romer's change of tune: "You don't look like a damn professor! Come on in!" he said.

Grey's son, Lauren, who also became a good friend of Jackson, contacted him to help on Grey's last novel.

"Grey died in 1939, and the book was finished in 1938, but Grey's publisher then, Harper's, believed the novel was out of the Zane Grey image," says Jackson. "They wanted to promote him as a western novelist and as a fisherman, but the book's setting is the Ohio Valley," says Jackson.

Thus, the University press of Kentucky has published this latest work, "and interestingly, it comes full circle to the Ohio Valley, because Grey's first book, Betty Zane, is set in the Ohio Valley, in Zanesville, Ohio and Wheeling, West Virginia," says Jackson.

Jackson attended the celebration of the book's publication at the American Booksellers Association meeting this summer in Los Angeles.

Jackson has a first novel himself coming out this fall, Kentucky Man, based on the story of George Alie, a Green County native.
Outlaw Man, a book based on the life of George Al Edwards, a Green County, Ky. native who lived around the turn-of-the-century who was involved in a 15-year feud.

Jackson says he has written a variety of topics. Some of his books include: Presidential Vetoes, 1792-1945; the Grey biography; The Great Lill, a book about the song, Lili Marleen; Hounds of the Road, a history of the Greyhound Bus Company in America, and a biography of Hattie McDaniel, the woman who played Mammy in the award-winning movie, Gone With the Wind.

But it's not only his written accomplishments which have brought distinction to Carlton Jackson. He has a long list of prestigious lecturehips as well.

"Actually, I probably have spent five or six years of my career away from Western's campus," Jackson says jokingly, but that, too, is actually quite true.

He has lectured in England, France, Greece, Afghanistan, India, Nepal, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru and Finland.

His Fulbright senior lectureships have taken him to Dhaka University in Bangladesh, Quad-e-Azam University in Islamabad, Pakistan, Bangalore University in India and the University of Helsinki in Finland.

The limit on Fulbrights for any professor is two, but Jackson, the rulebreaker, may go for five or more, as no surprise to anyone.

He has also completed a number of U.S. Information Agency-sponsored lecturehips, some of which include U.S. Authors and Their Impact on American Society, in Germany, an American Endowment Professorship at Pahlavi University in Shiraz, Iran and lectures in American Studies in Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina and Chile. Reports on these lectures are available at the USIA.

Jackson has twice won WKU's highest award which goes to faculty for Excellence, and both times in the category of Research and Creativity, and he shared the Public Service Award with History Professors Richard Weigel and Drew Harrington for publishing a book review page in the Bowling Green, Ky. newspaper, The Daily News.

Back to the writer for a moment:

Manuscripts making the rounds or in progress at present include a book about English Writer Monica Dickens, great-granddaughter of Charles Dickens.

How does he get his ideas for books?

"I usually get them from reading about something or someone," says Jackson, as in this case. Jackson read that after her death a manuscript by Monica Dickens was found, about the Samaritans, an internationally-recognized suicide counseling program which she initiated.

"I wanted to do a biography of her, but Dickens' British publisher was afraid as an American I'd miss some of the British nuances," says Jackson, whose wife, Pat, is from England.

"Maybe they were right," he said, so he has edited Dickens' manuscript and written an introduction for it.

Another work in progress is a newly-signed contract with the Popular Press to do a biography of Martin Ritt, the film director whose successes include Saunter, Stanley an Iris, a motion picture about illiteracy, and Nuts, starring Barbra Streisand, which deals with incest.

"Ritt's works have a distinctly social context, and since I teach social history, I chose this topic," explains Jackson.

Jackson is presently in London researching at the Public Records Office for his 16th book which will be about the disaster of the HMT Rohna, second only to the U.S.S. Arizona to lose lives in a disaster. The Rohna tragedy took place in the Mediterranean. Jackson will also inquire about the status of the Dickens manuscript.

At a time when he sees colleagues retiring, Jackson's eyebrows go up at the query about his 33 years of teaching and writing.

"I haven't even thought about retiring!" he exclaims. "Why should I? I like what I'm doing," he says, in his comfortable, booklined office on the second floor of Cherry Hall.

Even though he was a newspaperman only for a short period in his younger years, the journalist in Jackson compels him to keep digging up more stories.

"Every time I think I'm through with Zane, here comes something else," he says, adding, "I'm not through yet. I've had a good career with not very many regrets, and I think I still know a good story when I see it!"

And as an added note: University Relations has a rich file of past stories written over the years about Carlton Jackson, and in studying the stack, a decade-ago story in which he was interviewed about The Dreadful Month, his book that takes the U.S. coal mining industry to task for the number of disasters in the industry in this century, Jackson perhaps best reveals the anomaly that is the essence of this respected lecturer and prolific author.

He's been asked about how he writes on so many diverse topics that just keep coming.

He leans back in his chair, coffee mug in hand, the picture of the pondering professor, in his element amongst strewn papers and books askew on the shelf.

"I don't know really," he says. "Sometimes I wonder that myself. I'm basically lazy."

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7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. - OAR, DUC, VMA, CCC, contact: Sharon Dyrsen, 4242. All Day - Hilltopper Tennis Camps Session 3, Tennis Courts, contact: Jody Bingham, 3542. All Day - Hilltopper Basketball Camps, Preston Center, contact: Matt Killcullen, 2131. 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Summer Day Camp WKU Faculty/Staff Children, PHAC, contact: Krista or Terry, 6061. All Day - Hilltopper Tennis Camps Session 3, Tennis Courts, contact: Jody Bingham, 3542. All Day - Hilltopper Basketball Camps, Preston Center, contact: Matt Killcullen, 2131. 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Summer Day Camp WKU Faculty/Staff Children, PHAC, contact: Krista or Terry, 6061.

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Noon - 5 p.m. - State Farm Insurance College, Institute for Economic Development, contact: Tina Parker, 615-898-6452. 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Summer Day Camp WKU Faculty/Staff Children, PHAC, contact: Krista or Terry, 6061. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. - State Farm Insurance, DUC, contact: Tina
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|     | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Panhellenic Rush, All of DUC, contact: Scott Taylor, 2458. |
|     | 11 a.m. | Rush Orientation, DUC Theatre, contact: Scott Taylor, 2458. |
|     | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Panhellenic Rush, All of DUC, contact: Scott Taylor, 2458. |

| 12  | 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Christian Church In Kentucky Conference, DUC, GCC, contact: Greg Alexander, 606-233-1391. |
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### Tour Europe with the Choir!

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There will be space available for non-singing participants to accompany the WKU Choir on its May 1995 Tour next Spring.

Dr. Gary McKercher, Assistant Professor of Music, has announced plans for the '95 Choir tour.

- **Stops** will be in Belgium, France, Switzerland, Austria and Germany from May 9 to 24.
- The Choir will present approximately seven concerts in European cathedrals and churches.
- Cost of the trip is $1782, and this includes air transportation, two meals per day, hotel and private home stays and land transportation.
- Deadline for the first deposit toward the trip is Sept. 1.

For more information, call Dr. Gary McKercher at 5915.

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### Important Dates

- **First Day of Classes - Fall '94** (tentative), contact: Office of Registrar, 3351.
- **10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.** - Fee Disbursement, GCC BRM, contact: Dana Jacobson, 5527.
- **10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.** - Fee Disbursement, GCC BRM, contact: Dana Jacobson, 5527.
- **10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.** - Panhellenic Rush, All of DUC, contact: Scott Taylor, 2458.
Gone fishin'? 56 retirees are honored

Quoting a retiring Cornell University professor, Dr. Thomas Meredith, WKU President told about 40 1994 retirees attending the President's annual Retirement Banquet: "I now step aside for a less experienced and less able person."

In an upbeat address to those persons who are leaving full-time positions on the Hill, many after long years of service, WKU's President told them, "You take with you a wealth of experience--40 retirees, 860 years of service.

"Institutions of higher education are generally pretty much the same on the surface, the buildings, books, computers, blackboards, streets and trees. It's the people who make the difference.

"You have made a difference. You have helped make this great university what it is today. You invested yourself in Western, and you produced a profit."

Some of the longest tenured to retire included George Downing, with 35 years' service; Jimmy Pels, 33 years; Raymond Cravens, 33 years and James Bennett, 30 years.