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“The public and the General Assembly have been sending messages to higher education for some time that higher education needs to be more accountable and responsive to our clientele—both our students and the businesses and industries who employ our graduates,” WKU President Thomas C. Meredith said. “We have heard the call for greater accountability and change and we are meeting the challenge.”

Some of the goals are already being met. Others are being addressed by initiatives such as “Moving to a New Level While Keeping Old Traditions.” The plan, approved this year by the Board of Regents, details 34 recommendations, including a comprehensive assessment for departmental majors early in their senior year; increasing the effectiveness of advising students; issuing a “quality assurance” on graduates completing specific majors; encouraging students to perform community service and raising admissions standards.

“We believe the implementation of Moving to a New Level will allow us to be more responsive to the demand for greater quality, accountability and change in higher education in Kentucky,” Dr. Meredith said. Since the 1995 Accountability Report dealt with historical data, the results of these initiatives will be reflected in future reports.
Advocates gain support

Last fall, On Campus ran the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education Position Paper which calls for greater support for Kentucky’s colleges and universities.

More than 60 organizations from around the state have now endorsed the Position paper, including the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, other business organizations and economic development groups, the Kentucky Council on Higher Education and various university constituencies, according to Norma Adams, a Somerset attorney who serves as chair of the Advocates. The Advocates is a volunteer citizens group composed of business and civic leaders working to assure that Kentucky colleges and universities are adequately supported in order to provide meaningful employment for all Kentuckians. The Advocates are working to ensure that higher education receives the resources it needs to build a better future for Kentucky.

Visit honors composer

Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Karel Husa will visit the WKU campus Feb. 5 and 6 to meet with students and faculty and rehearse and conduct his music with the WKU Symphonic Band and University Choir.

The visit is part of an international celebration commemorating his 75th birthday. Special performances of his music are taking place throughout the United States and Canada during 1996 honoring the great composer, conductor and humanitarian.

The Czech-born composer left his native Czechoslovakia in 1946. In 1954, he came to the United States to teach at Cornell University until his retirement in 1992. As his reputation in the United States grew, his name in his homeland disappeared, his music was banned and he was declared persona non grata by the Communist government of Czechoslovakia.

His career has taken him throughout the world where his music has been performed by ensembles comprising musicians of all ages. His name is known in every American college and university, and he has developed a popularity as a guest conductor and composer among young musicians and professionals that is unmatched in today’s world. His third String Quartet earned him the Pulitzer Prize for composition in 1969.

The WKU band and choir will present Husa’s Concerto for Percussion and Wind Ensemble, Festive Ode and 0 with Husa conducting Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. in Van Meter Auditorium.

Admission is $5. For more information about this special visit, call the Department of Music at 745-3751.

The Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education propose the following commitment for action from the governor and state lawmakers:

- Increase funding 7 percent during each year of the next biennium to bring Kentucky education to the average funding level of neighboring states;
- Increase funding beyond the average during the second biennium, and commit long-term to making Kentucky a real leader in higher education and
- Maintain competitive tuition policies and bolster financial aid to help ensure access for all Kentuckians.

"Simply put, we want our governor and state legislature to ensure that higher education is truly a top priority," said Adams. "Without more adequate funding, Kentucky will continue to rank at the bottom of the list in terms of state support for Kentucky college and university students.

"That would be shameful."

Black History Month Celebrated at The Kentucky Museum

February 1, 1996
“Martin Luther King, Jr. and The Civil Rights Movement” Photographic exhibit opens Gallery F

February 4, 1996
Performance Black Gospel Music Cross Family Singers 3 - 5 p.m.
Reception Follows

LUNCHTIME LEARNING SERIES
*Participants are invited to bring a sack lunch; beverages may be purchased.
Meeting: Noon - Orientation Room
February 7
“African American Women in Kentucky”
Dr. Sandra C. Ardrey
WKU Government Department

February 14
“African American Education in Kentucky”
Dr. John A. Hardin
WKU History Department

February 21
“The Civil Rights Movement and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.”
Dr. Alan B. Anderson
WKU Philosophy and Religion Department
All at the Kentucky Building. Free.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. exhibit, organized by the Kentucky Historical Society, will be at The Kentucky Museum through February 29, 1996.

Black History Month is sponsored by Fruit of the Loom.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has begun a public information service giving road and traffic conditions updated weekday mornings and revised throughout the day as conditions change. Motorists may call 1-800-4KY-ROAD (1-800-459-7623) to learn of road/travel conditions and known delays and any suggested alternate routes. Motorists can also access the Kentucky Road report through four of Kentucky’s welcome centers along I-75 in Boone and Whitley Counties and I-65 in Simpson and Bullitt Counties through the new direct access telephone service.
Duane Carr, English, has had two articles accepted for publication: "Heroism & Tragedy: The Rise of the Redneck in the Fiction of Ellen Glasgow, in the Mississippi Quarterly;" and "The Dispossessed White as naked Ape and Stereotyped Hillbilly in the Southern Novels of Cormac McCarthy, in Midwest Quarterly.


Dr. James L. and Nancy H. (English) Davis, Place in Edith Wharton's Ethan Frome, pp. 1-7.

Dr. David J. Keeling, Penny Lane and the Street of Vice: Popular Music, Sense of Place and Images of the Urban Environment, pp. 8-22.


Dr. Aaron W. Hughley, assistant professor of Educational Leadership, had a review of Reform in Student Affairs: A Critique of Student Development by Bloiland, Stamatakis and Russell published in the November 1995 issue of the College Student Affairs Journal.


Patrick Moore and Ronald Milliman, Marketing, had Application of the Internet in Marketing Education published in Advances in Marketing 1995.

Dr. MaryEllen Pitts, Head, English Department, has had a book, Toward a Dialogue of Understandings: Loren Eisley and the Critique of Science, published by Lehigh University Press in Bethlehem, Pa.

Dr. James Ramsey, Economics, will have a coauthored manuscript, Municipal Bond Sales in Foreign Markets: Experience and Results, published in an upcoming issue of Public Budgeting and Finance.


A 'United' Way

Gene Crume, WKU director of Alumni Affairs and a member of the board of directors of United Way of Southern Kentucky, says WKU faculty and staff pledged $45,000 during the United Way of Southern Kentucky campaign. This was up over $36,000 pledged last year. Campus chair this year was Dr. David Dunn.

"The increase merits special recognition for significant increase by a company at the United Way of Southern Kentucky banquet in December, Crume said. "This financial commitment is backed by strong investment from employees on numerous United Way committees and the various boards of member agencies," says Crume. WKU's campaign committee also consisted of Debby Cherwok, Matt Dettman, Jay Sloan and student worker Theresa Dettman.

The entire effort was endorsed by WKU President Thomas C. Meredith, last year's UWSK campaign chair, and fundraising was conducted on the front lines by departmental representatives from all across campus, Crume said.
Academic Affairs

CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING
WKU's Center has been cited by the Professional and Organizational Development Network (POD) in Higher Education for "best and brightest" ideas, such as teaching strategies; consulting practices; workshops, seminars and conferences; and organizational development. At the annual conference the ideas are recognized and included in a Bright Idea Booklet distributed by POD members.

Dr. Sally Kuhlenschmidt directs WKU's center.

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

ENGLISH
Pat Carr read her story, Diary of a Union Soldier, at the Civil War Panel of the 1995 Southern Festival of Books in Nashville Oct. 13 and 14. She also has been selected as one of the judges for the prestigious 1996 Fiction Contest of the University of Pittsburgh Press.

Dr. Ron Eckard, professor of English, was co-presenter with Bonnie Fullen of the University of Central Florida of Models for Improving ESL Teaching Through the Use of Innovative Teacher Assessment at the Southeast TESOL, Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Conference at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tenn. Oct. 28.

Dr. Eckard presented Writing Process and the Teaching of Science: Two Theoretical Points of Convergence at the annual conference of the Society for Literature and Science in Los Angeles, Cal. Nov. 4.

James Heldman has completed three years as vice president of the Jane Austen Society of North America and has now been elected secretary of the Society.

Joe Millichap presented The Con/texts of Robert Penn Warren's 'History' (1935), as part of a panel on Fugitive/Agrarian texts in historical contexts organized by the Society For the Study of Southern Literature at the national convention of the Modern Language Association in December in Chicago.

M.E. Pitts, department head, presented Writing Process and the Teaching of Science: Two Theoretical Points of Convergence at the annual conference of the Society for Literature and Science in Los Angeles, Cal. in November.

MUSIC
Michael Kallstrom gave a lecture/recital featuring his Electric Opera at St. Petersburg Junior College Nov. 2. The event was sponsored by the Tampa Bay Composers Forum. He also performed excerpts from Into the Deep at Stetson University in Deland, Fla. for a conference of the Society of Composers Nov. 4.

Dr. Mary Wolinski presented The Source of W, at the annual meeting of the American Musicological Society in New York City in November.

Business Administration

ECONOMICS
The following faculty participated at the 65th annual meeting of the Southern Economic Association in New Orleans Nov. 18-20:

Dr. H.Y. Kim presented co-authored with Dr. Stephen Lile and Dr. James Ramsey, Municipal Bonds and Tax Arbitrage. Dr. Kim also served as a discussant for papers dealing with Trade and Development of Pacific Rim Countries and Interjurisdictional Impacts of Taxes and Public Spending.

Dr. Daniel Myers and Dr. Charles Roberts presented Regional Differences in Male/Female Headed Household incomes: 1987. Dr. Roberts also served as a chairperson for papers on History of Economic Thought, and as a discussant for papers on Gender and Academics. Dr. Myers also served as a discussant for papers on Labor Supply and Home Production.

WKU's chapter of Delta Sigma Pi, professional business fraternity, has won several national and regional honors. The Zeta Theta chapter had the second highest fund raiser, with profits of $65,495, less than $50 behind the winning chapter. Jennifer Brooks, a 1991 graduate, received the district director of the year award for the Mid-South Region. The chapter also won the outstanding scrapbook award for the Mid-South Region.

Education and Behavioral Sciences

CONSUMER AND FAMILY SCIENCES

Dr. Marilyn Casto presented Scientific Design: Rationalization of Early Twentieth Century Homes at the annual meeting of the Southeastern society of Architectural Historians in November in Birmingham. She serves also as a member of the organization's board of directors.

Dr. Joyce Radall, professor of consumer sciences, presented a successfully juried paper, Home Equipment Technology in Russian Curricular and Consumer Issues at the 1995 annual Technical Conference of the Association of Home Equipment Educators in Nashville, Tenn. in November.

SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED STUDIES IN TEACHER EDUCATION

Dr. Brent Askins presented Ideas on and a Need for Student Work Ethics Evaluation and Making Work Ethical Evaluations and Work in Schools Today at the Kentucky Vocational/Technical Conference, and Effective Presentations that People Will Remember at Carolina's Society of Training and Development in Charleston, S.C.

Dr. Don Collins and Dr. John Moore presented Multicultural Education and Mathematics at the National Council for Teachers of Mathematics in Springfield, Mo. in November.

Dr. Pat Daniel presented Research Report on the Implementation of Kentucky's School Based Professional Development to the Western Kentucky Writing Project Outreach at Barren River State Park.


Dr. Tabitha Daniel presented Transitioning From a Knowledge-based to a Performance-based Certification process to the Department's Primary Program at the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators and National Association for the Education of Young Children meetings in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Barbara Kacer and Elizabeth Cooksey presented Looking at the World Through a Wide Angle Lens at the National Convention of Kappa Delta Pi in Birmingham, Ala.

Dr. John Moore, Dr. Sam Evans and Dr. Robert Otto presented Helping Preservice Social Studies Students Experience the NCSS Standards Through Authentic Assessment at the National Council for the Social Studies in Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Jacqueline Schliefer and Elizabeth Cooksey presented Making a Difference with Interdisciplinary Teaching at the International Convention of Kappa Delta Pi in Birmingham, Ala.

Dr. Herbert N. Simmons presented Model Rocketry: High Montilation and Physics at the Kentucky Science Teachers Association meeting in Lexington.

Dr. Brenda Stallion presented Mentor Teams: Building Supportive Relationships at the Delaware State Department of Education in Dover, Del.

Stallion and Dr. Stephen Barkley (Professional Learning Systems) presented Teaching the Skills of the 21st Century: Maximizing Learning for the Urban Learner at the National Council of States in Los Angeles, Calif.

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES
Beth Schaeffer, disability coordinator, co-presented with Terri Perkins and Linda Heflin, Southern Kentucky Head Start, the Team Approach to Leadership for Middle Management at the annual National Association for the Education for Young Children conference in Washington, D.C. in November.

Institutional Advancement

ALUMNI AFFAIRS
Gloria Wininger Carrico, coordinator of reunions and Parents Club, has won first place at the Singer Academy's Dealer Sample Showcase in Las Vegas. Carrico, who also works as a sewing specialist with the Singer Sewing Center in Bowling Green, received a $1,000 check for her Elegant Traditions Christmas tree skirt, which incorporated a variety of machine techniques.

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS
Bob Skipper, coordinator of news and photo services, picked up two awards in media-commuity relations at the annual meeting of the Council for Advance ment and Support of Education-Kentucky (CASE-K). WKU's Office of University Relations received a grand award for special effort for a media packet for the Kentucky Supreme Court session held on Western's campus. Skip per and WKU's chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists prepared the packet. Skipper also received an award of merit for a feature story on Dr. Nicholas Crawford, professor of geography and geology for his work in cave and karst studies.

Science, Technology and Health

CHEMISTRY
Dr. John T. Riley received the Distinguished College/University Scientist Award from the Kentucky Academy of Science in November. Awards are given to scientists who have significantly contributed to the advancement of science, technology and/or engineering in Kentucky.

Dr. Riley's research has focused on coal science; atomic spectroscopy for identification of constituents of coal; and coal desulfurization, which led to a patented process for removing organic sulfur.

His extensive academic career has been marked by his successful integration of research and teaching:

Riley founded and helped build the Coal and Fuel Laboratory at WKU into a nationally recognized facility. His grants and contracts have brought more than $2 million to Western.

GEOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY
Dr. David Keeling presented Transport and Regional Integration in Southern South America at the 18th national Third World Studies Conference in Omaha. He also presented two lectures at the University of Maryland in October, Twenty-First Century Buenos Aires: Progressive Megacity or Development Disaster? and Denuitified! Argentina's Transport Policy in the Era of Global Restructuring.

Faculty who presented papers and/or were elected section officers at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Science in Bowling Green in November are:

Wayne Hoffman and James Bingham, Boon or Boondoggle: Kentucky's Industrial Incentive Program.


David J. Keeling, Regional Integration, Transport Improvements, and the Global Economy; elected chair, geography section.

James L. Davis and Stuart A. Foster, Railroads and Place: A Geographic Analysis.

L.M. Trapsasso, Water Conservation Systems Developed Centuries B.C., Part Two; P.R. of China.

Trapsasso presented Ecotourism and Mennonites: Recent examples of Rainforest Destruction/Preservation at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Association of Latin American Specialists in Ecuador.

Glen Conner, The Doubling of Kentucky's ClimateRecord:


S. Reza Ahsan, Air Photos of Bowling Green, Ky.

E.A. McClellan, Tectonic and Stratigraphic Setting of the Hillabee Greenstone: A Progress Report; She was elected chair, geography section; Nicholas Crawford, William Clauser, and Shelly Forbis, Potential Groundwater Contamination of the Karst Aquifer under Bowling Green, Kentucky from Spills of Hazardous Chemicals being Trans­ ported along Railroads and Highways; Crawford, The Use of Microgravity for Installation of Monitoring Wells Directly into Conduits in Karst Aquifers. Crawford presented the keynote speech, Techniques for Detection of Karst Subsurface Features at site investigations:

Geotechnical and Environmental Conference, the Twenty-Sixth Ohio River Valley Soils Seminar at Clarksville, Ind.

Kenneth Kuehn, Maintaining the Quality of Kentucky Coal.

Dr. Chris Groves and J. Meiman presented a seminar on Ongoing Research in Karst Hydrogeology, Mammoth Cave National Park at Vanderbilt University. He presented, with Meiman, and J.C. Hall, Water Quality Variations and Contaminant Mass Flux Signatures: Associated with Flood Pulse Activity in the Mammoth Cave Karst Aquifer, Kentucky, at the national meeting of the Geological Society of America in New Orleans in November.

We're Sorry
We were incorrect about Corban Goble's retirement. It's July 1, 1996. And Judy Owen should have been identified in a photo as chair of the Women's Alliance Awards Committee.

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Student Affairs

ADMISSIONS
Finley C. Baird, assistant director of admissions for Minority Recruitment, has been elected treasurer of the Kentucky Associa-
The 25-Year Club

In November, President and Mrs. Thomas C. Meredith hosted the inaugural 25-Year Club Banquet in Garrett Ballroom on campus honoring employees with 25 or more years of service to the institution.

Invitations were sent to current employees who were employed prior to July 1, 1970.

The event will be held every year from now on, according to Ivy Roberson, Human Resources Employment Service Coordinator.

The University awards gifts to persons who’ve reached the quarter of a century mark serving Western, by offering a choice of a pin or a ring, said Roberson.

“Dr. and Mrs. Meredith had the idea to have an annual banquet because it makes achieving this milestone more special," she added.

Approximately 160 persons and their guests were honored at this first banquet. "Once a person reaches the 25-year mark, he or she will be invited back to the banquet each year," says Roberson.

Honorees are listed on these two pages.

Baldwin, Thomas P.
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9/1/68

Barksdale, Jr., James
Mathematics
9/1/68

Beck, Ronald D.
Development
6/1/70

Berry, Willie Ray*
Sociology, Anthrop. & Social Work
9/1/68

Bingham, James Morris
Geography & Geology
9/1/65

Brown, James Lee
Theatre & Dance
9/1/66

Bruner, Betty
College Hts. Bookstore
11/25/68

Bueker, Robert C.
Mathematics
6/1/66

Burchett, Charlotte D.
Comp. & Info. Services
5/29/67

Byrd, Larry Clay
Chemistry
9/1/69

Cantrell, Richard P.
Economics
2/1/67

Cheif, Carl
Government
9/1/63

Clark, Lynn Fred
Psychology
9/1/68

Conley, Franklin D.
Office of the Dean, OCSTH
2/1/68

Craig, James R.
Psychology
9/1/69

Crume, Jr., Charles*
P. E. & Recreation
9/1/69

Davis, Nancy*
English
2/1/69

Davis, James L.
Geography & Geology
6/1/64

Dillard, Gary E.
Biology
7/1/68

Dillingham, Jr., George
History
2/1/69

Dorman, Ed S.
Physics & Astronomy
9/1/69

Dunn, James David
Public Health
6/1/70

Dunn, Thomas P.
Sociology & Anthropology
9/1/69

Durham, Nada H.
Library Auto & Tech. Serv.
2/1/63

Eison, Charles Lemuel
Psychology
6/15/70

Elliott, Larry P.
Biology
9/1/65

Fernandez, Leo A.
Art
9/1/66

Fong, Louella Jean
Consumer & Family Sciences
2/1/70

Fridy, Wilford E.
English
9/1/66

Gabehart, Milton Keith
Accounting
9/1/64

Gibson, Janice Phelps
Nursing
8/16/64

Glaser, Joseph Anthony
English
9/1/65

Gouvas, Henrietta
College Hts. Bookstore
1/5/70

Gray, Elmer
Office of VP for Acad. Affairs
9/1/68

Hall, Jr., Jack O.
Accounting
9/1/68

Hardcastle, Doris Jean
Library Auto & Tech. Serv.
3/1/68

Harmon, George Thomas
Accounts & Fiscal Services
7/1/68

Harrington, J. Drew*
History
9/1/68

Harris, Jerry W.
Comp. & Info. Services
6/16/70

Hartman, David R.
Chemistry
9/1/66

Hayden, Delbert
Educational Leadership
9/1/69

Hays, Charles T.
Accounting
9/1/63

Henrickson, Charles H.
Chemistry
9/1/68

Holder, Linda J.
Print Shop
6/1/68

Holt, Linda S.
International Prog. & Proj.
6/25/70

House, Stephen D.
Inst. For Economic Development
6/20/67

Hoyt, Robert Dan
Biology
9/1/69

Huddleston, Macie Wanella
English
9/1/65

Hulshart, Wynotta
College Hts. Bookstore
1/15/70

Humphrey, Douglas
Physics & Astronomy
1/1/65

Hunter, Norman*
Chemistry
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Jackson, Carlton
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Johnson, Ray E.
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Jones, Pauline Griffin
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Kaleb, Kathleen A.
Sociology & Anthropology
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Kearn, Edward
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Keck, Peggy D.
Finance & CIS
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Krantz, Leon Michael
Comp. & Info. Services
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Krenzin, Joan Ladwig
Sociology & Anthropology
9/16/64

Leonard, William Everett
Theatre & Dance
9/1/69

Lowrey, Betsy*
Geography & Geology
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Lucas, Marion B.
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Madison, Anita
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Martin, Brenda S.
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Masannat, George S.
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Mayes, Joseph W.
Ground Maintenance
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McCurry, James Rodney
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Miller, Sue D.
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Miller, Mary Ellen
English
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Mills, Susie
Bldg. Services Attendant
9/1/68

Moore, Russell Haywood
English
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Mosby, Charmaine Allmon
English
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Murphy, Frederick L.
History
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Nebbett, Betty Ann
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Niva, Gretchen Bradshaw
English
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Nole, Charles Jerry
Facilities Management
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O'Connor, Jr., John Regis
Communication & Broadcasting
9/1/69

Oakes, John Warren
Art
2/2/66

Oglesby, Burch E.
P. E. & Recreation
9/1/65

Parker, Edith
Inst. For Economic Development
5/1/70

Petersen, John H.
Government
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Petersen, Jr., Albert J.
Geography & Geology
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Powell, William Arthur
P. E. & Recreation
9/1/69

Power, Ralph Glenn
Mathematics
9/1/68

Price, Jessie Thomas
Bldg. Maint. & Repair
4/1/66

Prins, Rudolph
Biology
9/1/68

Pulsinelli, Robert W.
Economics
9/1/67

Rascoe, Robert B.
Office of the Dean, CEBS
6/1/70

Rasdall, Joyce O.
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Reasoner, John William
Chemistry
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Reiss, John H.
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Richards, James*
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Riley, John Thomas
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Roberson, Ivy T.
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Roberts, Charles Arthur
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Robinson, Virgil Max
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Runner, Rondal Eugene
Ground Maintenance
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Rutledge, Jerry Walker
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Sample, Mary C.
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Sanders, James E.
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Schifferdecker, Ivan E.
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Schock, Jack*
Sociology & Anthropology
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Schwarzkopf, Janet M.
English
9/1/63

Scott, A.
Voncelle
Comp. & Info. Services

Shank, Lowell William
Chemistry
9/1/66

Sheeley, Vernon Lee
Educational Leadership
9/1/68

Siddens, Frederick A.
Print Shop
10/6/67

Sloan, J. Julius
Academic Comp. & Services
9/1/69

Spurlock, John Howard
English
9/1/64

Stiegel, Frank*
English
9/1/68

Steen, Nelda B.
Office of Dean, PCAHSS
9/5/67

Stokes, Joseph F.
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Stone, Richard G.
History
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Taylor, Craig H.
Sociology & Anthropology
9/1/67

Taylor, Patricia M.
English
9/1/68

Thacke, Jack W.
History
9/1/64

Threlkel, Claude
Ground Maintenance
3/1/66

Todd, Susan
Library Auto & Tech. Serv.
6/14/65

Trowman, Richard L.
History
9/1/69

Tuck, Donald R.
Philosophy & Religion
9/1/69

Underhill, Paul D.
Bldg. Maint. & Repair
12/1/68

Underhill, Dorothy
Bldg. Services Attendant
9/1/65

Utley, Kenneth W.
Community College
9/1/65

Vegues, Jr., Joseph A.
Government
6/1/66

Veenker, Ronald A.
Philosophy & Religion
9/1/66

Wells, Kenny W.
Heating, Air Cond. & Utility Sys.
10/1/68

Wells, Carroll G.
Mathematics
9/1/66

Wells, Pamela James
Facilities Management
6/1/70

Wesolowski, James Walter
Communication & Broadcasting
9/1/69

Wilder, Jerry R.
V. P. For Student Affairs
9/1/67

Wilkins, Curtis C.
Chemistry
9/1/65

Williams, Janice P.
Nursing
2/1/67

Winstead, Joe E.
Biology
9/1/68

Wolff, Clarence Neal
Physics & Astronomy
9/1/69

Wooley, Terell*
Central Receiving
9/1/68

Yangbluth, Thomas Alan
Biology
9/1/66

*indicates employees who retired with 25 or more years of service and had not received a 25 year recognition gift

The Office of University Relations regularly solicits news tips regarding faculty activities, achievements and awards. To submit news items for external media consideration, contact Bob Skipper (4295).
Charitable donations to higher ed continue to rise

Charitable donations to the nation's colleges and universities continue to rise slightly. Voluntary support, when adjusted for inflation, has increased by about 2 percent each year since 1989, found a recent American Council on Education report. Donations had risen by about 5 percent per year between 1980-87, before dropping by 7 percent in 1988. Between 1980 and 1994, charitable support for higher education increased by 55 percent in constant 1994 dollars, from $8 billion to $12.4 billion. Approximately 9.5 percent of all tax deductible contributions made in 1994 were given to the nation's higher education institutions. Contributions from individuals made up the largest share of donations to higher education in 1994 (51 percent). This group included alumni (28 percent) and nonalumni (23 percent). Other contributors to higher education included foundations (21 percent); corporations (20 percent), other organizations, such as fundraising consortia, clubs, and unions (7 percent); and religious organizations (2 percent). Nearly three-quarters (72 percent) of the philanthropic support for higher education in 1994 was earmarked for current operating expenses such as salaries and financial aid. The remainder went for capital purposes, including endowments, buildings, property, and equipment.

This profile was prepared by Linda Knopp of the American Council on Education's Division of Policy Analysis and Research. For more information, call (202)939-9450.

Graduates say WKU offers quality programs

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"Western is currently meeting its 1997 goal in graduation rates for undergraduates and is working to raise that figure further. Nearly 40 percent of the students who started in 1988 graduated within six years. The goal is 38.8 percent. WKU is near (62.3 percent) the 63.5 percent goal for overall percentage of students who persist over six years; and Western is meeting goals for pass rates on two of three national licensure examinations. WKU graduates meet or exceed the goals for passing the National Teacher's Examination and the associates degree level of the National Council Licensure Exam for nursing students. It is within 6 percent of the goal for the NCLEX at the baccalaureate level.

As a part of the Accountability Report, the Kentucky Accountability Committee interviewed focus groups with employers across the state. Employers were asked to comment on higher education in Kentucky as a whole and not on individual institutions. In those meetings, employers said that higher education in Kentucky has:

*Successfully provided the discipline-specific skills graduates need;
Not kept up with the changing needs of business, such as computer programming. (Western has made a major commitment to being on the cutting edge of technology in the classroom) and
Not helped graduates develop the interpersonal and communication skills they need;

Employers said they wanted open, face-to-face discussions with faculty and administrators about the needs of business and wanted faculty to visit businesses so they can better understand the day-to-day operation of business. Some of that is addressed through Western's Institute for Economic Development and Public Service and its training programs.