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Women In Transition

By Sheila Conway Eison

It is 8 a.m. and the room is filling up. The Women In Transition have begun another day. For most, long before they get here.

It is very cold outside, but the atmosphere in here's warm, and the smell of coffee is beckoning. Although it is early, the room is abuzz with activity.

A copy machine clicks in the corner. Linda Lee, the newsletter co-editor, is busy running her final proof.

For so early, conversation is lively.

In the room the women come and go, talking of Michelangelo, T. S. Eliot's line from The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock, comes to mind.

Except the subject is Hemingway. Cathy is flailing her fist on the table, and Hemingway's treatment of his women characters is the target.

Cathy is correspondence secretary, a sociology major and a women's studies minor.

Her new perspective of Hemingway has both delighted her and increased her appetite for more literature.

Her colleagues participate in the discussion.

Women in Transition, or WIT, began in 1988

Women In Transition, or WIT, as it's more commonly known, began in 1988 (one or two members are still around since the first years) when six women students who had been in Catherine Ward's English classes gathered at her home to discuss the obstacles they faced as they were pursuing their undergraduate degrees.

Ward, a professor of English, had asked the University to recognize that an increasing number of Western students were not the typical 18-21-year-olds. "These students had special needs which were not being met," said Ward. Many of those included money problems. Many were single mothers trying to work, go to school and raise children. Many had husbands, but still had other hardships," said Ward.

The mission of the group was and remains today to help older women students who are experiencing hardships while pursuing their degrees.

Around Ward's kitchen table, the women began to organize.

They elected officers, and one of the women suggested a name, and Women in Transition, (WIT) was in business.

Following University procedures, the group soon was recognized as an official University Club. They distributed a survey on campus and gathered membership quickly.

Soon it was evident WIT needed an on campus meeting place, and with space already at a premium, it wasn't easy, but this highly motivated group and its leader were unrelenting, and managed to convince the University that Garrett 102, an unused classroom, could house Women In Transition.

Attic furniture and a donated refrigerator and some initial publicity helped Women In Transition get some notice.

Faculty and staff began to donate items, such as clothing, which attracted some new members.

"We also received a sewing machine, patterns, and materials, which were a great help to one member who was making her own clothes by hand!" Ward recalls.

That first academic year of operation, WIT organized a series of brown bag noon seminars conducted by staff members from various University offices, and some of the topics covered in that, and in years to follow, were time management, stress management, test taking, study skills, surviving the loss of a spouse, single parenting, building self-esteem, financial aid, how to apply for housing, plus many others.

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In celebration of teaching

The WKU Center for Teaching and Learning invites you

Tuesday, March 5
3:30 p.m.
Grise Hall Room 335

Bowling Green Mayor Eldon Renaud and
Warren County Judge Executive Michael Buchanan
will meet with you and explore teaching's role in the symbiotic
relationship between campus and community.

Wednesday, March 6
2:30 p.m. Dr. Carl Hurley,
America's Funniest Professor
On A Clear Day You Can See Tomorrow
Downing University Center, Room 226

11:30 a.m. - Lunch in DUC Auxiliary Dining Room
featuring Dr. Hurley

2:00 p.m. - Reception, Garrett Ballroom

Registration for lunch needs to be made by Feb. 21
Call the Center for Teaching and Learning, 745-6508

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Cornelius Martin, WKU Regent, pledges
$50,000 to WKU Foundation

Cornelius Martin, owner of Martin Automotive Group in
Bowling Green, and member of the WKU Board of Regents, has
pledged $50,000 to the Western Kentucky University Foundation
for the support of Western Kentucky University. Making the
presentation to WKU President Thomas C. Meredith, Martin said:
"I believe that the commitment to higher education and continu­
ing education is one of the main ingredients to making our commu­
nity and our young people more competitive in the marketplace," Martin said. With cutbacks higher education faces in state and federal
funding, he added, "The one's who can give should give in
proportion to their ability."

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GROUP DYNAMICS OF CLASSES
by Dr. Dean May,
Allied Health
Thursday, Feb. 15
2:15 to 3:15
ESTB 248

USING PRESENTATION SOFTWARE TO ENHANCE YOUR CLASSES
by Dr. Eileen Williams,
Educational Leadership
Monday, Feb. 26
1:00 to 2:00
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EXPLORING METAPHORS FOR TEACHING
by Dr. Sally Kuhlenschmidt
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(Graduate Assistants)

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December Commencement

The Commencement Committee has set Saturday, Dec. 14, 1996 at 10 a.m. for the first WKU Commencement ceremony in E.A. Diddle Arena. University Registrar Freida Eggleton says the decision was made after a capacity crowd at the 1995 May Commencement filled Diddle Arena.

The Committee voted to limited the May ceremony to those students who were completing all degree requirements in May or August. Eggleton said, adding that previously, December graduates could participate in the May ceremony if they planned to graduate in the upcoming fall semester.

"The intent of the December ceremony is twofold: it will provide recognition for December graduates at a time closer to their actual completion of requirements, and it will reduce the attendance at the May ceremony, thereby improving the overcrowded conditions," Eggleton said.

Approximately 800 students complete their degree requirements at the end of the fall semester, and Eggleton says she expects approximately 400-500 students to participate in the December ceremony.

Searches continue

As On Campus went to press last Friday, the search committee for the Vice President for Academic Affairs was narrowing candidates to a list of four, scheduled to be released on Monday, according to search chair, Dr. James L. Davis.

Davis said the committee was making phone calls on Friday and would inform President Meredith Friday afternoon of the committee's plans, if all went as scheduled.

Davis said he hoped a selection would be made before the end of the month.

Fred Hensley, interim vice president for institutional advancement, said the Ast/Bryant search firm has given additional names to the campus search committee for a vice president for institutional advancement, and the committee is in the process of reviewing applications.

Interviews for the candidates for dean of the College of Business Administration have been completed, and an announcement of the Dean will be made shortly, says Dr. James L. Ramsey, vice president for finance and administration and chair of that search committee.

Women’s Alliance Award

The Women’s Alliance of WKU is accepting nominations for the 1995 Award for Outstanding Contribution to Women. The award gives recognition to a woman in the WKU community who has made a significant contribution to the advancement and/or well-being of others, especially women, the award, a silver bowl or tray, will be presented at the luncheon March 28.

Nelda Sims is chairing the award selection committee. For nomination forms or more information, contact her at 312 Wetherby Administration building or call 745-5378.

A Golden Moment

Dr. Dero G. Downing, center, President Emeritus of Western Kentucky University and President of the College Heights Foundation, was honored at a recent basketball game for 50 years of service with WKU President Thomas C. Meredith awarded Dr. Downing with a plaque, and congratulated WKU's fourth president and his wife, Mrs. Harriet Downing.

Dr. Downing first joined Western in 1946 as a math teacher and basketball coach at College High School. He later served as director of College High before joining the University administration as registrar, director of admissions and dean of business affairs before becoming president in 1969. He retired in 1979 and became president of the College Heights Foundation.

Regents meeting minutes

A 4 percent increase by the state for funding higher education will not mean a 4 percent increase in Western Kentucky University's state appropriation, according to WKU President Thomas C. Meredith.

Dr. Meredith, speaking to the board of regents at its quarterly meeting Jan. 26, said Western will receive a 3.2 percent increase in state funding under Gov. Paul Patton's proposed budget, or about $1.55 million.

"He had earlier talked about a 3 percent pool for higher education, with every entity getting 3 percent," Dr. Meredith said. "The 4 percent, instead of being given equally across to each institution, kicks into the Council (on Higher Education) formula."

Equity provisions in the council formula dictate that state institutions such as Western, the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville will receive a 3.2 percent increase, while the state's community colleges will get a 9.5 percent increase. "A lot of the money that we had hoped would come our way has shifted," he said.

In other action, the board:

*Approved a recommendation to move anthropology from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology to the Department of Modern Languages and Inter-cultural Studies;

*Approved establishing a portable retirement plan option. The option, made possible by the 1994 General Assembly, would allow faculty and some administrators to have retirement plans with private companies instead of the state retirement system. Dr. Meredith said this will improve the University's ability to compete with out-of-state institutions in recruiting quality faculty and administrators.

Deadlines for On Campus:
first working day of each month

Pre-register for your health screening at the Preston Center by Feb. 20.
Call 745-6531.
Sociological Association. WKU's program was cited for its technology employed for at least teacher preparation. Colorado's first conference on audience and participation. work was visual and media artists through readiness of religious leaders to technologies in order to increase popular religious practices and the following at recent conferences: Association for Early Childhood Certification Portfolio Development at the annual conference of the Kentucky Early Childhood Association in Overland Park, Kansas; Development and Implementation of a Performance-Based Assessment System for Licensure at the annual Division for Early Childhood Conference in Orlando, Florida; and Development and Implementation of Performance-Based System of Personnel Preparation and Licensure at the annual Conference for Exceptional Children, Teacher Education Division in Honolulu, Hawaii.

JOURNALISM
Jack Bridges presented Mass Communication Technologies and Mass Entertainment as Determinants in American Tastes in Popular Religion at the University of Colorado's first conference on Media, Religion and Culture Jan. 13. His paper explored the consistent use of what are essentially entertainment features in Western popular religious practices and the readiness of religious leaders to adopt new communication technologies in order to increase audience and participation. Bridges' conclusion was that "Based upon evidence in our cultural evolution, a movement into "virtual religion" by some religious leaders may be expected as the newest communication technology employed for at least ostensibly religious practices."

SOCIOLOGY
The master's program in sociology has been named one of 13 nationally deserving of special recognition by the American Sociological Association. WKU's program was cited for its emphasis on quantitative methodology and teacher preparation.

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
ART
Brent Oglesbee, assistant professor of art, and W.T. Stinson, a part-time instructor, have been juried and selected to receive the Al Smith Artist Fellowship Awards made to outstanding Kentucky visual and media artists through the Kentucky Arts Council. Each will receive $5,000, intended to help artists to produce. Oglesbee's work was Mixed Media fabricated sculptures and Stinson's work is Light and Shadow sculptures.

Oglesbee also is currently showing mixed-media sculptures in a one-person exhibition, Nostalgia Overtakes Function, in the Doris Uhmann Gallery at Berea College, Berea, Ky.

Business Administration
ACCOUNTING
Dr. Minwoo Lee presented "Liquidity Risk, Signaling and Insurance in the Initial Public Offerings Market and Different Problem Structures and Auditor's Probability Assessments in Analytical Review at the 1993 annual meeting in New Orleans, La. of the American Academy of Accounting Finance.

Dr. Nace Magner presented The Interactive Effect of Outcome Favorability and Procedural Justice in Work Performance, co-authored with M. Rahaman and R. Welker, at the 1995 Decision Sciences annual meeting in Boston, Mass.

Education and Behavioral Sciences
TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES CAMPUS CHILD CARE
Seven employees of Western Kentucky University's Campus Child Care have been awarded Child Development Associate credentials in recognition of their work with young children.

They are: Taylor Tucker, Jennifer Morgan, Rebecca Stephens, Tyson Greenfield, Debra Coomer and Yolanda Hunt; and Sherri Meyer.

The credentials were awarded by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood profession. The CDA is the only major national effort to improve child care by evaluating and recognizing the skills of individuals providing care.

CONSUMER AND FAMILY SCIENCES
Dr. Marilyn Caste presented Scientific Designs: Rationalization of Early 20th Century Homes at the Southwest Society of Architectural Historians in Birmingham. She also lectured on and was photographer and curator for the Kentucky Museum exhibit, Illustrating the Past: Historic Kentucky Interiors, currently running through September 1996.

The Dietetics program has received word from the American Dietetic Association that the five-year Program Evaluation Document has been approved by the Commission on Accreditation/Approval for Dietetics Education.

Dr. Louella Fong, professor of family studies, project coordinator of the Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education Birth-Primary Assessment Test Project, Dr. Vicki Stayton, project director, and other members of the interdisciplinary team, presented the following at recent conferences: Association for Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Certification Portfolio Development at the annual conference of the Kentucky Early Childhood Association in Overland Park, Kansas; Development and Implementation of a Performance-Based Assessment System for Licensure at the annual Division for Early Childhood Conference in Orlando, Florida; and Development and Implementation of Performance-Based System of Personnel Preparation and Licensure at the annual Conference for Exceptional Children, Teacher Education Division in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dr. Martha Jenkins presented General Values and Clothing specific Evaluative Criteria: Simple and Canonical Correlations at the International Textile and Apparel Association conference in Pasadena, California.

Dr. Danita Kelley and Dr. L. P. Mercer of the University of Kentucky presented Effects of Central Histamnergic Activity on Locomotor Activity and Food Intake in Rats at the joint Experimental Biology meeting for six national organizations, including the American Institute of Nutrition, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Treva Mitchell chaired the Accreditation Site Team at Southwest Texas State University last November and presented, with student Leslie Fadgett, on Successful Recruiting at the regional meeting of Home Economics Teachers in Elizabethtown.

Dr. Joyce Rasdall presented a juried paper on Curricular and Consumer Issues which was published in the Proceedings of the 1995 Annual Technical Conference of the Association of Home Equipment Educators.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
Dr. Donald R. Nims and Dr. Don Dinkmeyer presented Using Early Recollections in Family Systems Therapy at the 53rd American Association of Family Therapy Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

Finance and Administration
Dr. Charles M. Anderson, assistant vice president for finance and administration, has been elected vice-chairman of the Kentucky Authority for Educational Television, governing board of Kentucky Educational Television (KET). Originally appointed in 1986, Anderson is serving in his third term which will expire in 1997. He has been appointed by three governors. Anderson has been a member of the Authority's Executive and Finance committees.

University Libraries
KENTUCKY MUSEUM
The Kentucky Museum quilt exhibit, Remember Me When I Am Gone: Kentucky Friendship and Memory Quilts, received first place Museum Exhibit Award from the Historical Confederation of Kentucky at the group's annual meeting in Danville. Curator of the exhibit was Museum Registrar Sandra L. Staebell.

LIBRARY PUBLIC SERVICES
Cynthia Etkin, law coordinator, received the 1995 Outstanding Librarian Award from the Kentucky Library Association's Academic Library Section at the group's fall meeting. She also received a certificate and a $50 cash award from the Kentucky Library Instruction Clearinghouse for the best library instructional materials produced during the year.
Celebrating Women's History Month at WKU

The Department of Music and the Women's Studies Program present

THE NOTRE DAME STRING TRIO

Tuesday, March 5, 8:00 p.m.
Ivan Wilson Center for Fine Arts Recital Hall
Free to all interested persons

"Women as Professionals" seminar
Tuesday, March 5, 1:00 p.m., in the Recital Hall

Gender equity issues in the classroom

The College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, Women's Studies, and the Offices of Academic Affairs and the President will sponsor a seminar on Gender Equity Issues in the Classroom Thursday and Friday, March 7 and 8.

Workshops are directed to three target audiences and will explore the dynamics of sex bias in adult and professional communications, analyze sex bias in the university classroom and review recent research on teacher effectiveness in the university classroom. Presenters are Phyllis Lerner and David Sadker.

Thursday's events include a workshop for teachers, counselors and administrators 7-9 p.m. at the Bowling Green Warren County Convention Center, preceded by a book signing at 6:30 p.m.

Friday's activities at Tate Page Hall Auditorium include book-signing by David Sadker at 8:30 a.m., a 9 a.m. workshop for preservice teachers in WKU's Teacher Education Program, and a 2-4 p.m. session for WKU faculty and staff.

Phyllis Lerner, director of Interweave, Santa Monica, CA, specializes in training and technical assistance for teachers, administrators, community personnel and parents in the areas of equity, diversity, inclusion and effective instructional strategies.

David Sadker, professor in the School of Education at the American University in Washington, D.C., is published and trained in areas ranging from sex bias in professional communications to sexual harassment, from effective strategies in management to effective strategies in the classroom.

For more information, call Dr. Shula Ramsay, 745-6556, Martha Barton, 745-4890 or the Women's Studies Office, 745-6477.

Photo: Right: Dr. Sethanne Hotaard, astronomer with the NASA Office of Space Science, lectured on "4,000 Years of Women in Science" sponsored by the Department of Physics and Astronomy Feb. 7 in a public lecture and to students of Dr. Charles McGruder's astronomy class.

- Photo by David Pierini

Left to right: Christine Rutledge, Karen Buranskas, Carolyn Plummer
"We also started an emotional support group which met twice a month at noon and was led by a trained facilitator who volunteered her time," Ward added. On this particular morning, Ward also stopped to visit. The first hour of the school day is busy in the WIT room because a lot of the members are moms, up early to get their families off to work or school, and they schedule their classes a little later. The WIT room is often a refuge. "It's just a quiet place to come," says member Cynthia Brown. There is laughter, because the room at that moment is not quiet. Yet it is pleasant. "You know what I mean," Cynthia repeats, herself laughing. "I can't stand that boom-boom music of the cafeteria and the TV rooms at the student centers. This place is perfect. And I like the support—I usually get!" she jokes. It is obvious on that support is a major thread running through WIT. Linda, who's waiting for her photocopy of the newsletter she and Cathy produce together, interjects from the corner of the room, "It's just a good place to come together and relax and be women," she said. Ramona Racz, wife and mom, agrees. "We try to keep each other motivated. "And I can come here and get emergency messages about my children," she says, referring to a huge bulletin board which is reserved for messages for members. "None of us miss classes; we know why we're here." Linda adds. "We wouldn't for anything," offers WIT's President, Millie Jessup, mother of four, who provokes more laughter saying: "We're vintage people! We know what we're here about, and we think we're the most motivated students on campus because we've lived in the real world. We've been there, seen that!" A new member walks into the room. Her name is Mandana Mahdavi and she's from Iran. She's shy, but she comes on in, and everybody welcomes her. Her photo is taken right away by a member, and she and Ward engage in chat immediately. Her tension eases as she feels the friendliness of the room and she sees women just being themselves. Cathy was a student at Elizabethtown Community College when she heard about the WIT program at Western, which, by the way, is rather unique nationwide. There are few such groups just for women non-traditionalists, and the uniqueness of Western's is the attention to life needs the group gives to each other, such as food from the Food Pantry. "Sometimes these women don't get child support money, or whatever, and they have no food," Ward says. Cynthia's in charge of the Food Pantry, which is maintained by donations. The resourcefulness of these women can't be underestimated. For example, during WIT's early years, members who worked in various offices on campus developed a network of students workers in most of the key student service offices on campus, such as academic advising, financial aid, student support services, etc. "When one of our members called an office for help, she asked for a particular person who gave her good service," Ward said. By the end of the second year in operation, Ward said she graphed the grade point averages of the WIT members and mailed the information to key University administrators. "Almost 75 per cent of our members had GPA's of 3.0 and above," Ward said proudly. They are honors students and most are on some type of scholarship. Every year in April, WIT hosts a Friends of WIT Brunch, and faculty and staff and people who have helped the group throughout the year are invited. The members of the organization provide the food (all homemade), and about 100 guests average each year. One special to the WIT group is Mrs. Susan Meredith, wife of WKU President, Dr. Thomas C. Meredith. She is an ex-officio member and active member of the group's advisory board. "I am very supportive of this group and anything I can do to help them in the many different ways they need help," Mrs. Meredith said. As years have gone by, WIT has been able to secure better than junk furniture.
brushed her hair for school, Melissa, 7, gave her mom a hug and a kiss. "I still feel guilty because I'm not there as much," Jessup says. "I think they wouldn't love me anymore." Jessup also has three sons: Jeremy, 8; Brian, 17.

Queen Anne sofas cheer the room, and a beautiful cherry desk houses the computer, but WIT is outgrowing its room.

Officers of the group also include Sharon Shipman, secretary, and Anita Coursey, treasurer.

Members often are involved in other campus organizations. Teresa Edmundson, who has a graduate assistantship to develop recruitment and orientation materials for WIT, "has been everything on campus," Ward says proudly.

Teresa's been a member of WIT since 1989, and held several student offices, including Associated Student Government and service on the University's Academic Council.

"She was a quaking aspen leaf when she came," Ward said with affection about the mother of three children who is chairing the committee to find a new faculty adviser to WIT.

Ward, who has retired from full-time teaching, announced this would be her last year to work directly with the program.

The group has added a staff adviser also this year, Judy Owen, director of the Career Services Center.

Owen, who is also a member of the Women's Studies Executive Committee, has a full plate, but says she's working for WIT "Because it's a chance for me to give something back that I experienced. I had a great deal of support as a female in my career, and I know women need that support. Both the Women's Studies and the Women In Transition Programs directly benefit women, and it's because of that I want to continue to be involved," she said.

WIT continues to grow more visible on campus. There is more to do, but members don't have time to stick around this morning for a second cup of coffee.

Before they go, however, President Millie says: "I want to see WIT expand all over the United States. We're not just a student group. We're a University organization. We need to be greater in numbers."

Teresa, who's eating a hurried breakfast, says, "Women come in here as freshmen, stay a couple of years, and then are gone. We'd like to find them, follow up on their successes. Perhaps they could help the group that's here now, and the women who will come behind us."

The room is becoming quiet as people leave. It will fill again around lunch perhaps, and become active around evening class time.

Someone will clean the coffee pot for tomorrow. No matter what happens for the rest of it, the day has started well.
Catherine C. Ward: ‘advocate, activist for women, teacher, scholar’

By Bob Skipper

She has been an unrelenting advocate for women on Western’s campus, earning the respect of both men and women.

All because Katie Ward knew it could be done, then has gone out, often against odds, and done it.

Catherine Coogan Ward, professor of English at WKU, started the women’s studies minor at Western, directed the women’s studies program at Western for five years and chaired the annual world-renowned Women’s Studies Conference at WKU for four of the nine years the conference was held in Bowling Green.

And although all that can be said very quickly, it hasn’t been overnight that Katie Ward’s contributions to scholarship and to humanity at Western have been achieved.

Generous and equal parts of patience, persistence and non-nonsense have been her method of getting attention for the causes Katie Ward has pursued, and her followers can learn much from her quiet, but firm example.

It is only fitting, then, that in the fall of 1996, the Women’s Studies Program at Western Kentucky University will award its first Catherine Coogan Ward Scholarship in honor of the program’s first director.

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The scholarship, which will be awarded to a student with a minor in women’s studies, is a tribute to Ward and her accomplishments during the five years she directed the Women’s Studies Program, according to Dr. Jimmie O. Price, who assumed the post of director of women’s studies when Ward relinquished her duties in May 1994. Dr. Price is a professor of health education in the WKU Department of Public Health.

“Katie Ward played an instrumental role in getting the women’s studies minor started,” Price said, “adding: ‘She is an advocate and activist for women as well as a prominent teacher/scholar.’

The first goal of raising enough money to endow the scholarship through the WKU Foundation was met before the official campaign started, Price said. In fact, direct solicitations have not yet been initiated, but with the help of three significant donations, more than $10,500 has been raised, meaning the first scholarship can be awarded in the fall.

We hope to expand the amount of money in the endowment and use the earnings from the interest to award one or more annual scholarships,” she said.

The eligibility criteria and process for application and selection of the recipient will be established by a scholarship committee, chaired by Dr. Ann Goetting of the Sociology and Anthropology Department. Other members of the committee include: Andy Callies, student; Dr. Jacqueline Pope-Tarrence, Psychology Department; Dr. Arvin Voc, Philosophy and Religion Department, and Dr. Richard Wilson, Public Health Department.

Although she is flattered by having the scholarship named for her, Ward said she really appreciates what it will mean to the Women’s Studies Program.

“I think this will be good publicity for the program and will be an encouragement to our students,” she said.

Ward said her interest in women’s studies started later in her career.

“My teaching at the University has been rewarding, and for the first almost 20 years, outside of my teaching, I concentrated on research and writing,” she said. Her areas of research included contemporary Irish fiction and contemporary fiction by African-American women. Much of her work is the foundation of research by other scholars.

Ward then became interested in women’s studies as a discipline.

“After I started reading the theoretical basis for women’s studies and other women’s studies literature, it changed my perspective on the world and human experience,” she said. “It could do that for me in my late 50s, it certainly should be able to do it for our students.

“It was very broadening rather than narrowing and it was very exciting scholarship. In fact, I came to the conclusion that it was some of the best scholarship that was being done now.”

In addition to working to establish the women’s studies minor, in 1988, Ward and a handful of non-traditional students founded the WKU Women in Transition Program, or WIT, which helps women help themselves as they juggle college, work and family responsibilities.

“I realized how their lives had been significantly impacted in a negative way, most of them, by the fact of their gender and that they had very little realization of the power they had as individuals to take control of their lives and to change their lives,” she said.

Watching the women grow and become transformed is exciting, Ward said.

“Between my research and this more human interest, I feel like the University has given me a wonderful opportunity to do something significant with my life, to leave both an intellectual and human legacy,” she said.

Although Ward’s studies is first and foremost an academic pursuit, Ward said it “carries within it the expectation that the students do some outreach into the community, that it doesn’t just remain in the head, that it becomes transformed into some kind of action. Now, that action doesn’t have to be political action. It doesn’t have to be partisan, but it should be integrated into their lives. I hope this scholarship will encourage that.

“I would hate to have my tombstone say, ‘She had a nice house,’ or ‘She played bridge well,’” said Ward “I’d like to leave some kind of significant contribution to the people I’ve worked with, and this will help to do that,” she said.

Regarding herself, Katie Ward is consistent understatement, saving the capital letters for her causes.

In addition to the honor of establishing a scholarship in Ward’s name, the Women’s Studies Program annually presents the Catherine Coogan Ward Feminist Action Award to a member of the WKU community who has worked to improve conditions for women.

Ward was the first recipient of the award in 1994.

Those interested in obtaining more information about the scholarship, or in making a contribution, may contact Dr. Jimmie O. Price at (502) 745-6477.
Department of Justice grants funds to WKU for police officers

Western Kentucky University will use a nearly $139,000 federal grant to hire three new police officers.

The $139,602 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice is part of the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Universal Hiring Program and will help the University hire three additional officers for three years. The University has committed to seeking funding to continue the positions when the grant expires.

"We applied for the grant with the intent of using it to have more personnel," said Horace Johnson, director of WKU Police. "With the budget cuts over the last few years, we're short personnel, so this will bring us back up to where we need to be and help us to do our job better."

The new officers will allow WKU Police to fully implement several community policing programs, Johnson said, including ADOPT-A-COPP and the WKU Citizens Academy.

ADOPT-A-COPP establishes a neighborhood police patrol in each residence hall with a police officer essentially becoming a member of the hall's staff. The officer can provide education by interacting with the students both on a professional and personal level. At the same time, they conduct regular patrol of the area, observing for suspicious activity. The WKU Citizens Academy is an eight-week program in which members of the campus community gain a better understanding of the department's decision-making processes as well as what the officers face. In addition to classroom sessions, there is an optional four-hour ride along program.

"The intent of the academy is not to produce civilians trained in law enforcement, but to help WKU residents and the community to better understand the police department," Johnson said.

The grant will also allow the department to place officers on bicycle patrol 24 hours a day and enable the crime prevention officer to dedicate time fully toward coordinating programs in rape prevention, crime prevention, alcohol awareness and drug abuse, Johnson said.


The University is advertising the positions and hopes to hire the new officers in March. After police academy and field training, they should be ready to go by the beginning of the fall semester," he said.

The department currently has 20 officers and was the first university police department in Kentucky to be accredited by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police.
About Infotrac

University Libraries is introducing on a trial basis a new Internet-based delivery system, InfoTrac SearchBank, for its popular InfoTrac Expanded Academic Index.

InfoTrac SearchBank offers several advantages over CD-ROM access: availability to an unlimited number of on- and off-campus users; full-text articles from 550 journals; weekly updates; and backfiles to 1981. The service will be evaluated for continuation after a two-month period.

InfoTrac SearchBank workshops for faculty, staff and graduate students will be offered Feb. 7, March 6 and April 3 at 2:30 p.m. in Helm Library, Room 5. To reserve a spot, call Ext. 6115 or e-mail Peggy Wright at wrighmml@wkuvc1.wku.edu.


Electronic Workshops

University Libraries is offering two series of workshops to introduce faculty, staff and graduate students to WKUNet accessible electronic indexes and information resources.

The next in the series are March 6 and April 3 and will feature TOPCAT, CD-ROMs and the Internet accessible InfoTrac Expanded Academic Index.

The second series will introduce FirstSearch and will be scheduled by college on the following dates: Potter - Feb. 21; Education - March 27; Ogden - April 10; and all colleges - April 11.

All workshops begin at 2:30 p.m. in Helm Library, Room 5. To reserve a spot, call Ext. 6115 or e-mail Peggy Wright at wrighmml@wkuvc1.wku.edu.

You may also register directly from the Libraries’ Electronic Information Resources Home Page at http://www.wku.edu/www/library/deansoffice/electinfo.htm, where you will find additional information about the Libraries’ workshops and electronic resources.

Deadline for On Campus: first working day of each month.

Kentucky Museum features photographer George Tames

"The Loneliest Job in the World," photograph of former President John F. Kennedy, is one of more than 100 photos to appear in a George Tames retrospective exhibit Feb. 25 through June 29, 1996 at the Kentucky Museum at Western Kentucky University. -George Tames, New York Times

The Kentucky Museum at Western Kentucky University will feature an exhibit of more than 100 photographs of New York Times Photographer George Tames Feb. 25 through June 25, 1996.

Tames, who had a 48-year career as a photojournalist for the Washington Bureau of the New York Times, is reputed to be the greatest political photographer of all time.

Politics and Presidents: George Tames—Four Decades of Washington Photojournalism, is sponsored by Columbia Greenview Hospital and Trans Financial Bank.

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Want to talk about teaching?

CTL-sponsored open forum/discussions on Pedagogy!

Wednesdays, DUC 226
11:45-12:45

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Thursdays, Faculty House
1-2 p.m.

Call 6508
February 14

(For phone prefixes in this calendar are 745 unless otherwise noted, at campus, dial last four numbers).

February 15

Brown bag discussion. Women’s Studies. See page 5.

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Men’s basketball, 7 p.m. E.A. Diddle Arena. 2266.

February 16

Equine Promotions Quarter Horse Show. 6 p.m. 8 a.m. I.D.D., Brown Agricultural Exposition Center. Through Feb. 18. Connie Williams, 502-477-9777.

Dan Piano/Percussion Recital. 8 p.m. Department of Music. Ivan Wilson Center for Fine Arts Recital Hall. Featured pianists are Dr. Janet Bass Smith of Bowling Green and Denise LaBianco from the University of Louisville; Dr. Christopher Norton and Marty Sharer of WKU will play percussion. Centerpiece of the program is Beata Bartok’s Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion. 3751.

February 17

Multi-Cultural Workshops. 9 a.m. Garrett Center Ballroom. Dr. Joyce Wilder. 2315.

Super Saturday Seminar. 2-4 p.m. Feb. 24. Dr. Julia Roberts, 6323.

February 18

The Department of Music presents the Lindsay String Quartet in concert. 4 p.m. Ivan Wilson Center for Fine Arts Recital Hall. 3751.

February 19

Kentucky writer Bobbie Ann Mason will give a reading from her fiction at 7:30 p.m. in the Theresa Gerard Auditorium, Garrett Conference Center. Free. English Department, 3043.

February 20


Men’s basketball. Lamar/Sunbelt Conference. 7 p.m. E.A. Diddle Arena. 2313.


Teacher Education Job Fair. 9 a.m. Institute for Economic Development. Through 22nd. Career Services, 3095.

February 21

The Civil Rights Movement and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., presented by Dr. Alan Anderson, Department of Philosophy and Religion. Noon. Orientation Room. Kentucky Museum. Earlene Chelf. 2592.

FirstSearch. 2:30 p.m. Helm Library Room 5. Earlene Chelf. 2592.

February 22

Lady Toppers. New Orleans/Sunbelt. 7 p.m. E.A. Diddle Arena. 2133.

February 23

Equine Promotions Quarter Horse Show. Through 25th. 6 p.m., 8 a.m., 8 a.m. I.D. Brown Agricultural Exposition Center. Connie Williams, 502-477-9777.

February 24

Kentucky Holstein Cattle Club Sale. 11 a.m. I.D. Brown Agricultural Exposition Center. Allen Chiles, 502-725-7091.

February 25

Musical. Canterbury Tales. 3 p.m. 5845. Studio Production 8 p.m. Mildred Howard Theatre, Gordon Wilson Hall on Feb. 26 and 27.

February 26

CTL Spring workshops for faculty. 1 p.m. Grise Hall 338. 6508.

February 27

Department of Music Presents Symphonic & Concert Bands. 4 p.m. Van Meter Auditorium. 3751.

Department of Music Presents Arts Quartet Recital. 8 p.m. Ivan Wilson Center for Fine Arts Recital Hall. The program consists entirely of premier performances of new works written for the quartet and its somewhat unusual instrumentation, and includes works by WKU faculty members Charles Smith, flute; Tod Kerstetter, clarinet, Larry Long, bassoon and Jackie Kerstetter, horn. 3751.

March 2

Foreign Languages Festival. 8 a.m. Grise Hall, Garrett Center. Greg Bresco. 502-745-5903.

March 3

Department of Music presents Kim Richard, Clarinet, senior recital. 3 p.m. Ivan Wilson Center for Fine Arts. Recital Hall. 3751.

Faculty-staff health screening. Preston Center. Through March 8 a.m.-Noon. Nancy Givens. 6391.

March 5

Department of Music & Women’s Studies Present: Woman as Professional: Concerns for Women in Music. 1 p.m. Ivan Wilson Center Recital Hall. 3751.

March 7

Gender Awareness Issues in Educational Settings. 7 p.m. Bowling Green-Warren County Convention Center. Also March 8. See page 5. Sharon Hartz. 4603.

March 8

Department of Music presents Bowling Green Symphony Chamber Orchestra. TBA. 3751.

March 10

Department of Music presents Dr. Michael Kallstrom, composer. Faculty recital. 3 p.m. Ivan Wilson Center for Fine Arts. 3751.

March 11

Advance Registration for summer term begins.

March 12

Department of Music presents Patricia Johnson /Clint Miller. The American Song. 8 p.m. Ivan Wilson Center for Fine Arts Recital Hall. 3751.

WKU interactive tv technology continues to expand

The expansion of interactive television teaching technology continues at Western Kentucky University with the official opening last month of its latest distance learning classroom in Russellville.

The opening ceremony linked the new Russellville facility with an interactive television classroom in the Academic Complex on Western's campus in Bowling Green. Fred Mudge, a WKU regent and Kentucky's Secretary for Transportation, as well as other local officials, were in Russellville. WKU President Thomas C. Meredith, other members of the Board of Regents, and other WKU officials were on campus at the Academic Complex.

The new facility will provide interactive television services for Russellville and Logan County schools, government, business and industry, according to David Wilkinson, director of public broadcasting at Western. Students in the local schools will be able to participate in interactive television classes originating at other schools in Kentucky or elsewhere in the nation, Wilkinson said. For example, if a school wants to offer a course in German, but does not have a teacher, students could be connected to a German course being taught elsewhere in an interactive television classroom.

"Students might also participate in college preparatory counseling sessions and career guidance opportunities via the interactive television facility," Wilkinson said.

For school administrators and faculty, interactive television will offer opportunities to participate in teleconferences and in-service training without having to travel. WKU's new interactive television facility will also be available to community groups, local government and area businesses and industries. They can benefit from training and teleconferencing opportunities that will be available, Wilkinson said.

Western has been a pioneer in distance learning via interactive television. The University delivered its first course offerings to Owensboro in 1984 and now has the longest history of interactive television service in the state, Wilkinson said.

This semester, Western is offering 22 hours of college course work to extended campus facilities via interactive television. This service allows residents in the University's service region to enroll in college courses for credit without having to travel to the main campus in Bowling Green. Two courses are being offered at the Russellville facility by the WKU Nursing Department.

Western operates a total of 11 interactive television classrooms: two on the Bowling Green campus; two at the Owensboro campus; one at Fort Knox; one at Elizabethtown High School; two at the Glasgow campus; one at Taylor County High School; one at Russell County High School, and the new facility at the Logan County Chamber of Commerce.

Western plans to build at least two additional rooms on the Bowling Green campus in the next year, Wilkinson said.

During the 1995 fall semester, 747 students participated in interactive television classes at the extended campus.

This expansion of interactive television classrooms was made possible by a Star Schools Grant from the United States Department of Education, with matching funds from the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Western.

For more information, contact David Wilkinson, (502) 745-2400.