Dr. Michael Ann Williams, winner of WKU's 1996 University Award for Research and Creativity, wore a smile and carried an armload of papers to her office door one morning. The hall was littered with chairs and file cabinets — the products of moving into another office.

"It'll probably be a little crowded in there," she said as she opened the door to reveal a room full of partially packed boxes. "Let's go over here."

She quickly walked down the hall a few doors and went inside a meeting room.

Williams is one of three faculty excellence award winners at WKU for 1996. Her award is for Outstanding Research and Creativity.

The two other awards recognize outstanding teaching and public service.

Williams has been a professor at Western since 1991, specializing in vernacular architecture and material culture. She has published three books and is currently working on her fourth. One of the first three, Homeplace, won two awards in 1993, part of the reason she has been recognized by Western for her research and work.

"I WANT MY BOOKS TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE IN THE REGION THEY ARE ABOUT."

-Dr. Michael Ann Williams

"This award is important because it is recognition within the University community," said Williams. "The two awards I received for my previous book were more from the academic field."

Most of Williams' other work has dealt with folk art and architecture. Her new project deals with how similar traditions are presented in different ways.

Williams is comparing native Kentuckians Sarah Gertrude Knott, the founder of the National Folk Festival, and John Lair, who started the Renfrow Valley Barn Dance, a radio show that once exceeded the popularity of the Grand Old Opry.

Williams said that the new project was a change of pace. "It has taken me pretty far afield," she said, "I am primarily a material culture scholar ... so this is a little bit of a jump for me."

Williams said that many of her ideas come to her while she is working on other projects.

"The idea for this project came while I was working on The Great Smoky Mountains Folk Life," she said. "One of the areas I had to do more research on was the music. I became very interested in commercial radio productions and how they altered folk music and the festivals."

"I met a man in western North Carolina involved in folk festivals who actually knew Lair and Knott. That provided me with a link and sort of sparked the idea. I knew Knott's papers were here and I felt like someone ought to do something with them because they are such an important collection."

Williams said that though awards and recognition are important, she finds other aspects of her work just as rewarding.

"I think the most rewarding thing for me has been teaching graduate students of folklore," she said. "Although my research is important and I see it as an important component of (teaching), I think that ... the sort of relationships that form in those situations are the reward."

Through her fieldwork and research, Williams said that she feels she can accomplish more than if she were only a traditional teacher.

"Over the years of being a folklorist, I have met people from all different types of backgrounds and have become friends with people I might not have encountered otherwise," Williams said. "I want my books to be accessible to the people in the region they are about. The fact that people outside the discipline read them and can learn something or feel a connection is important to me."

The last question Dr. Williams answered was that if her work could accomplish one thing, what would she want it to be? She paused, pondered her answer for a moment and said, "I want to open people's eyes to all of the different ways of doing things. I think folklore helps people overcome the prejudice that there is one certain way of living or thinking about things. Studying different regions and learning from people makes their lives available for other people to understand and gives it back to them to preserve their traditions."

About the author: Abrell is a WKU junior print journalism major from Columbus, Ky.
Jackson, Roenker, named first Distinguished Professors

By Chris Abrell

Dr. Carlton Jackson and Dr. Daniel Roenker have been honored as the first two Western Kentucky University Distinguished Professors.

The program was approved last August to recognize faculty members who have served the university over a long period of time with an outstanding record of teaching, research and service. It seeks to encourage participants to pursue professional activities and become more involved in university life by providing added support.

UDP’s are selected for five-year terms through nominations to a special committee chaired by the Assistant or Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. The committee consists of the deans of the four undergraduate colleges and the colleges’ faculty representatives. No more than two UDP’s will be chosen annually and there may only be 10 at any given time.

UDP’s receive recognition as a distinguished faculty member as well as an annual stipend of $2,000 and a $1,000 travel/expense account. In order to maintain these privileges, UDP’s must conduct annual faculty seminars and participate in question/answer sessions, in addition to maintaining their excellence in teaching, research, service, and leadership. All UDP’s serve on the Advisory Council of the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Dr. Jackson, a history professor, has been a faculty member at Western since 1961. A graduate of the University of Georgia, he has published 15 books on such topics as Zane Gray, Hattie McDaniel and the history of the Scotch-Irish.

His endeavors have earned him awards including Fulbright Professorships in Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and Finland. A veteran of oral presentations as well, Dr. Jackson has delivered lectures in South America, Iran, Germany, China, Belize and Austria.

During his career at WKU, Dr. Jackson has received the University Award for distinguished Contributions in Research and Creativity twice and the Potter College Award for Distinguished Contributions in Public Service once. He is a member of the American Culture Association where he serves as newsletter editor and has been listed as a contributing source in the Dictionary of International Biography (1976) and the Directory of American Scholars, Contemporary Writers and Outstanding Educators of America (1970).

Dr. Jackson has recently completed a book, Forgotten Tragedy: The Sinking of HMT Roha, about the German sinking of a WWII British troop ship transporting 1,015 American soldiers. He is currently working on the life story of Joe Gavi, a holocaust victim from Minsk, Russia.

Dr. Jackson said he was pleased to be named a UDP and that the money would help in his travels.

"It is a good feeling to be honored by faculty," Dr. Jackson said. "I will do my best to live up to that honor. I've already been invited to three conferences. I hope to make two of them."

Dr. Roenker came to Western in 1976 after receiving his doctorate from Kansas State University. He is ranked by students as one of the best professors at Western, despite teaching the difficult subject of statistics. His recognition as a University Distinguished Professor is not his first university award. He has received the Award for Research and Creativity, the Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Outstanding Faculty Member Award along with College of Education and Behavioral Science awards for his excellence in teaching and research.

His research focuses on mental imagery and cognitive and perceptual abilities, topics on which he has published numerous articles and given many presentations. Dr. Roenker has worked in the public sector as a statistical consultant for the Kentucky Department of Education, the Environmental Protection Agency, the State University of New York, the Owensboro School System, and numerous area businesses.

He has recently received $500,000 in federal funding for a project on perception and cognition in older drivers.

Dr. Roenker echoes his colleague, Dr. Jackson, in that the travel money, he said, would be helpful.

"The money will allow me to travel more to present my work," Dr. Roenker said. "It was harder to travel in the past because I had to rely on grants."

Though Dr. Roenker says he knows the faculty will benefit from this program, he says he was surprised to be one of the first to be named.

"I was honored. I think of myself as just doing my job."

Note: Information for this story was also collected by Nikcole Payne, a senior from Easley, S.C. majoring in Public Relations and English.
Dr. Charles M. Anderson named Vice President for Information Technology

Dr. Charles M. Anderson has been named Vice President for Information Technology at Western Kentucky University.

Dr. Anderson, who has been Assistant Vice President for Finance and Administration, will lead the new division which will include the areas of computing and telecommunications. The appointment is effective immediately.

In making the announcement, WKU President Thomas C. Meredith said the importance of these areas continues to grow.

"Given our leadership in Kentucky and being one of the leaders in the country in the area of information technology, this was an appropriate move for this University," Dr. Meredith said.

Western became fully computer networked this spring, giving students, faculty and staff access to a full range of computing resources. Those resources include electronic mail, access to the Internet and access to a host of programming from Western's mainframe computers.

Access to these computing resources is available in all residence hall rooms, classrooms and offices.

In addition, Western has funded an initiative to provide each faculty member with a computer.

"We are fortunate to have someone with Dr. Anderson's talent and reputation as a part of the Western family," Dr. Meredith said.

"I am challenged by the opportunity to continue Western's leadership role in the use of information technology particularly in support of its educational mission," Dr. Anderson said.

"We have an extraordinarily talented and dedicated group of people who have brought Western to the forefront in computing and telecommunications."

Dr. Anderson's appointment comes after an internal search. The creation of the new division will be funded through existing resources within the division of Finance and Administration.

As Vice President for Information Technology, Dr. Anderson will have responsibility for Western's computing and telecommunications areas, including: Administrative Computing, Academic Computing, Microcomputing Services, Telephone Communications, the Center for Instructional Technology and Educational Telecommunications (including PBS affiliate WKYU-TV and the four public radio stations, WKYU-FM, WDCL-FM, WKPB-FM and WKUE-FM).

In addition to his administrative duties, Anderson is a professor in the Communication and Broadcasting Department where he regularly teaches a course in new communications technology.

A native of Cumberland Co., Ky., Dr. Anderson has been at Western since 1967.

He has a bachelor's degree from Western, a master's degree from the University of North Carolina and his doctorate from Indiana University.

He is serving his third term as an appointed member of the Kentucky Authority for Educational Television (KET's governing board) and is currently vice chairman of that board. He is also an appointed member of the Kentucky Information Resources Management Commission and has been active in the Kentucky Broadcasters Association, serving on its board and being the first public broadcaster in the nation elected as president of a commercial broadcasters association.

In addition to being Assistant Vice President, Dr. Anderson has served as Associate Dean for Telecommunications and Director of Media Services. During his 28-year career at Western, he has led the establishment of the University's public radio network, public television station, an interactive television network which delivers instruction to several communities in the region, and most recently a cable television system serving the residence halls and a campus-wide data network.

Congratulations to our Retirees!

President and Mrs. Thomas C. Meredith recognized this year's retirees from WKU at a banquet in their honor in Downing University Center May 16.

The special guests attending are pictured at left, first row, left to right: Sally Boswell, Hope Richards, Neva Gielow, Edward Kearney, Gretchen Niva, Frances Webb, Joan Krenzin; second row: Faye Miller, James Wright, Donna Phillips, Henry Baughman, Peggy Thompson, Elizabeth Jones; third row, Susie Mills, James Davis, Charles Eison, Leighton Neighbors, Helen Skaes, Betty Neblett; fifth row: Corban Goble, Jerry Nole, Regis O'Connor, President Meredith, Robert Bueker and Paul Campbell.

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139th Commencement honors 15 top graduates

At the 139th Commencement in E.A. Diddle Arena May 5, the University conferred approximately 237 associate degrees, 1,404 baccalaureate degrees and 381 master's degrees.

The University honored 15 top graduates from the school's four undergraduate colleges.

Honored from the Potter College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences were:

Barry Downs of Leitchfield, Ky., a bachelor's degree in social studies and Scholar of the College;

Marissa Lee of Ogden, Utah, a bachelor's degree in broadcasting with an area study in honors and Scholar of the College;

Andrew Trippel of South Bend, Ind., a bachelor's degree in philosophy, Scholar of the College, and Ogden Trustees' Award.

Bowling Green College of Business Administration:

Jennifer Lewis of Scottsburg, Ind., a bachelor's degree in accounting and Scholar of the College;

Brandon Rucker of Bedford, Ky., a bachelor's degree in accounting, Scholar of the College and Ogden Trustees' Award; and

Brian S. Turner of Franklin, Ky., a bachelor's degree in accounting, Scholar of the College and Ogden Trustees' Award.

College of Education and Behavioral Sciences:

Karen Howard of Glasgow, Ky., a bachelor's degree in early elementary grades education, Scholar of the College and the Ogden Trustees' Award;

Kristie Jackson of LaGrange, Ky., a bachelor's degree in exceptional children education—speech and communications disorders, Scholar of the College and Ogden Trustees' Award;

Ogden College of Science, Technology and Health:

Erik Goodwyn of Elizabethtown, Ky., a bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics and Scholar of the College;

Connie Holmes of Nortonville, Ky., a bachelor's degree in early elementary grades education and Scholar of the College.

Ogden College of Education:

William Green, Ky., a bachelor's degree in mathematics and economics, Scholar of the College and Ogden Trustees' Award.

WKU President Thomas C. Meredith, right, recently expressed the University's gratitude to Jim Britte, left, of Britte Furniture in Bowling Green, for his generous gift of furnishings during redecoration of the University President's office. Dr. Meredith presented Britte with a copy of the late WKU Basketball Coach E.A. Diddle's biography.
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Finance and Administration reorganizes

In a May 2 memo to vice presidents, deans, department heads and directors, Dr. James R. Ramsey, Vice President for Finance and Administration, explained an internal reorganization of the Finance and administration area.

The reorganization, effective immediately, includes three significant aspects, says Dr. Ramsey.

- The first includes combining the budget and institutional research functions and staff into a new unit of Budget and Management Information.
- Under the direction of Ann Mead, the budget staff will move to 311 Wetherby Administration Building.

- Second, Dr. Cecile Garmon, Assistant Vice President for Finance and Administration, will oversee implementation of Moving To A New Level, in addition to leading institutional-wide strategic planning and coordinating other critical interactions with the Council on Higher Education.

- Third, John Osborne has been promoted to Assistant Vice President for Finance and Administration, overseeing the Departments of Purchasing and Facilities Management, and Gary Meszaros has been promoted to Director of Business Services.

“We anticipate that the reorganization will enhance our customer focus, make us more outcome-oriented, and will utilize our most important resource, our people, efficiently, and effectively,” Dr. Ramsey said.

Persons wishing to contact Ms. Mead may call 3250. Persons needing to contact Denise Huffman are asked to continue to call 6375 and Sarah Price at 2242.

More Science from the Internet

Several issues ago, we ran some answers to science questions via the internet of high school and college students. By demand, more:

Vacuum: A Large, empty space where the pope lives.

Equator: A “managerie” lion running around the Earth through Africa.

A permanent set of teeth consists of eight canines, eight cuspidors, two molars, and eight cuspidors.

Planet: A body of Earth surrounded by sky.

Before giving a blood transfusion, find out if the blood is affirmative or negative.

President Thomas C. Meredith presents a gift to Robert V. Haynes, Vice President for Academic Affairs, at a reception in his honor in May. Haynes, who resigned last fall, will teach in the Department of History. At right is his wife, Mrs. Martha Haynes.

President Thomas C. Meredith, second from left, held a reception this spring for WKU’s new Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Barbara Burch, second from right. Dr. Burch will officially begin her duties July 1.
LEARNING AT LOST RIVER

By Chris Abrell

It was a steep descent into the small, thickly forested valley. Various species of trees and plant life marked the way to the bottom of the trail. Insects buzzed in the faces of the explorers. As they reached the end of the slope, the guide stopped and began to explain their surroundings.

"The valley you see around us is the result of a cave-in," the guide said. "Thousands of years ago, this valley was part of the cave we are about to explore.

This wasn’t an expedition into the wilds of Africa or South America. It was a field trip for Western Kentucky University faculty, taking a trip into Bowling Green’s own Lost River Cave. The tour was part of the “My Favorite Lecture/Class” series, a program under the direction of Dr. Sally Kulhenschmidt, a psychology professor and Director of WKU’s Center for Teaching and Learning. The center was established to provide activities and opportunities to support and enhance individual excellence in classroom instruction.

"This is the third part of the series," Kulhenschmidt said. "It is a special event that we run occasionally. We notify faculty members and take volunteers.

Dr. Chris Groves from geology was selected to give this lecture. Groves, a one time Western Kentucky student, has been a professor at WKU for five and a half years and was the 1995 recipient of the Ogden College Award for Teaching.

"Tours are something I am involved in a couple times a year," Groves said. "Until Sally called me up, I didn’t know about this faculty program. It gives us more teaching resources and helps us learn how to share our experiences with each other."

Groves led the group of ten through a lecture and brief cave tour, revealing the long history of the cave as well as its natural beauty. The lecture was modeled after the ones he gives his students.

Lost River Cave was in use long before the first Europeans settled the area. Evidence over 11,000 years old has been found indicating Native Americans inhabited the cave. Much later, the area was used by union and confederate troops during the Civil War. The cave even reportedly harbored famous outlaws like Jesse James and John Hunt Morgan.

The history of the cave didn’t end there. It has also played an important role to the citizens and culture of Bowling Green. From the 1800s until 1915, locals harnessed the power of the river to run mills. By the 1930s, the cave had become a local hot spot, housing a night club.

After all of its previous glory, the cave became the equivalent of a dump. Garbage and sewer runoff polluted the area, marring its beauty. It was at this time in the 1980s that Western came to own the land. The university leased the land to the Friends of Lost River, a group organized to protect, promote and clean up the area for tourism.

To some extent, that goal has been achieved. The area is now virtually free of garbage. Paths and walkways have been built and lights have been installed inside the cave and outside. Markers now line the trails, pointing out significant points of historical interest. All of these improvements have led to more visitors.

"The cave attracts more and more people all of the time," Groves said. "One of the things the Friends of Lost River are trying to do is to make the cave more accessible to the public and increase public awareness.

"The value of the cave is self evident," Groves continued. "Although we are in city limits, we have a little pocket of wilderness that, if nothing else, is just a nice place to come and to relax."

But for Groves and Western Kentucky, the cave is much more than that.

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Harrel and Loretta Murrary and their daughter, Ellen, enter the low tunnel into Lost River Cave as part of Dr. Chris Groves’ class in the WKU Teaching and Learning’s My Favorite Lecture/Class series. Loretta Murrary teaches English at the WKU Glasgow campus. In the photo at left, the gang’s inside the cave. Information on future lecture/classes can be obtained by calling the Center for Teaching and Learning at 745-6508.
Committed to being an advocate for women

Judy Owen, WKU’s Director of the Career Services Center, is the recipient of the WKU Women’s Alliance’s 1996 Award for Outstanding Contribution to Women.

Dr. Jimmie O. Price, Professor of Public Health and Director of Women’s Studies, presented the award at the final meeting of the school year of the WKU Women’s Alliance.

“I wasn’t here long before I heard good things about Judy Owen. She is one of the most graceful, poised, competent and dependable persons I’ve ever had the privilege to work with,” said Dr. Price, who won the award last year.

“Anyone who knows Judy Owen knows she possesses the characteristics of honesty and integrity, something I can respect,” said Dr. Price, adding:

“She gives credit to others for their contributions and she loads by example, effectively serving as a team leader when necessary, or as a team member.

“She’s thorough, and unfailingly does her preparation.”

A listing of Judy Owen’s successful efforts on behalf of women at Western include being a charter member of the WKU Women’s Alliance, past president of the Alliance, a member for four years of the Women’s Alliance Advisory Committee to the President, currently chairing the Alliance’s Nominations Committee, serving presently as a member of the steering committee of WKU’s Women’s Studies Program, serving as a past co-chair of the Women’s Studies Program’s Awards Committee, and taking on the role of Staff Adviser to the Women In Transition Program this year.

In addition, she has researched and presented three separate programs on the Status of Women at Western.

“Judy Owen assumed a leadership role regarding the studies of the status of women at Western, and she did that without the protection of a doctorate, without the protection of faculty rank, and without the protection of tenure,” said Dr. Price, adding:

“She is certainly a person of conviction and of courage, and like many others at Western, I admire her greatly.

Here’s what other colleagues of Owen said when they nominated her for this year’s award:

Catherine C. Ward, Professor of English, 1987 Alliance Award recipient and founder of Women In Transition at WKU:

“For more than 20 years Judy has been a consistent and energetic advocate for Western’s women. She has given outstanding service to the Women’s Alliance; she has been a courageous spokesperson for women; she has been an active contributor to academic programs which enhance the position of women; and she has been unselfish in her service to women students.

“Judy Owen was one of the first to volunteer to serve as a mentor for women In Transition, support program for non-traditional women students.

“She has been an effective, able, and generous adviser. Judy is both a role model and a cheerleader; she shows the women what they can become, and she urges them on with her praise and encouragement,” said Ward.

Every officer in the WIT Program signed a letter, led by the group’s President, Millie Jessup, which said: “Even before becoming our staff adviser, Judy served as a mentor for individual members, gave seminars, and made herself available to individuals who needed assistance. Judy is a positive influence on our group. She is always willing to give us praise, encouragement, and advice. She is a strong supporter and good role model for WIT.”

Judy Owen’s supervisor, Dr. Jerry R. Wilder, Vice President for Student Affairs:

“Throughout her long career at Western, Judy has continued to be a strong advocate for equal rights for women... Because of the powerful impact and influence that Judy Owen had in shaping my philosophy concerning gender equity, the record of the Division of Student Affairs in the employment of female professionals is second-to-none on this campus.

“I attribute that success in large measure to the very positive influence on behalf of the advancement of women by Judy Owen.”

Upon receipt of her award, Owen said:

“This award is for supporting others. But I need to say that one can’t give it if one hasn’t been supported herself, and I have been—by my family, my co-workers, the Women’s Alliance.”

The 24-year veteran of WKU has served as Assistant Director and Coordinator of Academic Advisement in the Center for Career Planning, Academic Advisement and Placement. She became Director of Career Planning and Placement in 1986, now the Career Services Center.

She has served on the Educational Leadership Department’s Counselor Education Program and served as a resource member of a task force for Moving to A New Level.

She also was a member of the Steering Committee during the Institutional Self Study conduct of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

“Networking,” Owen readily responds.

“I have had the good fortune to find friends when I needed them, and to ask for their advice.”
Sgt. LeAndre Anderson has been promoted to staff sergeant in the Department of Military Science.

Theresa D. Baker, Library Public Services, and Elaine Moore were appointed WKU representatives for the State-Assisted Academic Library Council of Kentucky’s Task Forces on Document Delivery and Electronic Systems, respectively.

Dr. Jan Colbert, Accounting, coauthored, with Sandra Abell, Amendments to Internal Control Guidance in the Faulkner & Gray CPE Program, April 1996. Dr. Colbert presented a seminar to the Nashville Chapter of CPAs in May on Practical Guidance for Internal Auditors: Locating Misstatements.

She has also published Engagement Risk in the March 1996 issue of The CPA Journal.

Dr. Brian Goff, Economics, presented, with Dr. Melvin Borland, Human Capital and the Efficiency of Cash vs. In-Kind Transfers at the Public Choice Society meetings in April in Houston, Tex. Dr. Goff also served as a discussant for papers on Legislative and Electoral Processes.

Sheila Conway Eison, University Relations, has received two Awards of Merit in the Kentucky Association of Government Communicators 1996 Blue Pencil Competition. On Campus, WKU’s faculty-staff newspaper, received the award in the category of one-color newsletters. Two educational articles by Eison, Changing the Face of Raising Funds, and Farewell to the Unexamined Life, about the WKU Major Gifts Campaign, received awards in the news series category.

Dr. Larry Elliott, Biology, was appointed by Gov. Breneton Jones to the Kentucky Biodiversity Council whose main goal is the preservation of the diverse nature of life in the Commonwealth.

Cynthia Etkin, Library Public Services, has Creating a Core Knowledge for Electronic Reference Services in the Tennessee Librarian.

Connie Foster, Library Automation Technical Services, has been elected secretary of the North American Serials Interest Group for 1996-1998.

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Dr. Kathy Kalab, Sociology, was invited to deliver the induction address for Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honor Society, at the Tennessee Technological University 1996 initiation in April.

Dr. Biff Kummer, Physical Education and Recreation, presented Cancelling the Canadian Far North to the Kentucky Recreation and Park Society at its annual conference in Bowling Green. He has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Society. Dr. Kummer also has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Wilderness Education Association, appointed to the Kentucky Parks and Recreation Foundation Board of Directors and elected to the Land Between the Lakes Association’s Elk & Bison Prairie fund raising committees.

Dr. Kummer moderated a panel on Wildlands: Common Ground at the Wilderness Education Association International Conference in Tennessee.

Dr. Michael Kalstrom’s composition, AROUND THE CLOCK, was performed for a joint conference of the North American Saxophone Alliance and the Electro-Acoustic Music Festival March 29 at the University of Florida. His composition for horn and tape, EASTERN BRILLIANCE, was performed by Jackie Fassler-Kerstetter on her doctoral recital at Florida State University and by Paul Basler at the University of Florida at Louisiana State University as part of a guest faculty recital in April. The trio Bel Canto performed Dr. Kalstrom’s TIME CONVERGING, which was commissioned by the Trio, on a guest recital at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music in March. Dr. Kalstrom performed his composition for voice, electronic tape and video, INTO THE DEEP, as a guest composer/performer for the Florida State University International Festival of New Music April 12.


Dr. Donald R. Nims, Assistant Professor, and Dr. Aaron Hughay, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership, and Randy Oliver, Health program Administrator with the Kentucky Division of Mental Health, presented A Five-Year Study of Flexible Funding in the Treatment of Children With Emotional Disabilities at the Fourth National Case Management Conference May 18-22 in Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Johnaton A.K. Njoku, Folk Studies, was guest speaker at the Leadership Bowling Green Retreat at Barren River Lake Resort. He spoke on Cultural Diversity—Putting America First.

Dr. Joel Philhhours and Dr. Charles Hays, Accounting, have published SEP and Keogh Plans: Two Simplified Retirement Plans for Small Business in the Spring 1996 issue of The Small Business Controller.

Dr. Dwight Pounds, Music, retires this year from the American Viola Society’s Board. He is a past vice president and chair of both the Awards and Nominations committees, serving the AVS since 1981. His book, The American Viola Society: A History and Reference, published in 1985, is
an extraordinarily thorough volume that has captured and chronicled our history," says the current AVS President, Thomas Tatton.

Dr. James Ramsey, Budget Director for Kentucky and WKU's Vice President for Finance and Administration and Professor of Economics, traveled to the former Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan with other American educators to provide training, advice and consulting to leaders there who are interested in rebuilding their economy.

Dr. Carroll Wells, Mathematician, received a $41,000 grant from the Kentucky Council on Higher Education, Eisenhower funds, to conduct a professional development institute in mathematics for K-12 teachers this summer.

WKU Police gave awards to three employees: Lt. Eugene Hoofer, the Distinguished Medal; Officer Gordon Turner, the Police Officer of the Year Award and Pat Murphy, the Civilian Employee of the Year Award.

Dr. Edward Yager, Government presented Community Collaboration and Economic Development: Examining Public and Private Sector Leadership Roles at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting in Chicago, IL. Dr. Yager recently assumed duties as President of the Kentucky Political Science Association and is currently organizing the association's annual conference to be held in Bowling Green next March.

Jeff Younglove, University Relations, Jerry Barnaby of WKU's Public Radio Service, and Greg Purpus, Admissions, received an Award of Excellence in the 1996 Gold Screen Awards Program sponsored by the Kentucky Association of Government Communicators. The winning entry was a video, World of Western, student recruitment/marketing video.

Barnaby was producer and Younglove and Purpus were assistant producers.

29th annual Hobson Grove Faculty/Staff Golf Tourney Friday, July 12 Call 745-6060 for details

Journalism and publications awards
The College Heights Herald student newspaper was named best all-around news and daily newspaper, and Talisman Exposure, WKU's magazine-style yearbook, was named best magazine published more than once a year by the Society of Professional Journalists Region Five Conference.

Student winners were: Stacy Curtis, first, editorial cartooning; Kevin Kelly, second, spot news and third, sports writing; Melissa Galgardi, second, spot news; Leslie Flynn, third, editorial writing; Chris Hutchins, second, non-fiction magazine article, and third, feature writing; Tak Phillips, first, spot news photography, and second, feature photography; Jason Clark, first, sports photography; Renee Shaw, first, radio in-depth reporting and Brian Spears, third, non-fiction magazine article.

Newspaper design awards
Catherine Whipple has been named College Newspaper Designer of the Year by the Student Society of Newspaper Design. Also winning were Dennis Varney; Epha Good; and Karin Lowe.

Photography awards
Eleven WKU students won national awards in photography, including first and second in College Photographer of the Year competition: Patrick Witty, 1996 College Photographer of the Year, second place, sports portfolio; Chris Stanford, second in picture story; Stefanie Boyer, award of excellence, sports feature; T. Jason Clark, award of excellence, general news and sports feature; Michel Fortier, award of excellence, personal vision and two awards of excellence, picture story; Barry Gurierrez, second, personal vision; David O'Connor, firsts in feature and picture story; Scott Panela, two awards of excellence, sports feature; David Pierini, award of excellence, documentary; Teak Phillips, award of excellence, spot news, and Jamal Wilson, award of excellence, general news.

Publications awards
The Talisman Exposure, WKU's magazine-format yearbook, was named Gold Crown Magazine. Students winning awards from WKU were Design Editor Craig Fritz, Art Director Andy Frazier and Editor Amathel Parel-Sewell, all 1995 graduates. Others included Managing Editor Rachel Griffith, 1996 graduate Chad Rose, Ray Meese Jr., Andrew Cuttraro, 1995 graduate, and Patrick Witty.

The College Heights Herald Student Newspaper was first in tabloid overall design. Cited for awards were Verne, Witty and Good, Joe Howell, 1995 graduate, Chris Stanford, Teak Phillips, Joe Stefanchik, Stefanie Boyer, Stacy Curtis, Chris Hutchins, a Dana Johnson, 1995 graduate, and Chad Stevens.

Researcher
Phil Shelton has been awarded $3,000 through the Council on Undergraduate Research in Asheville, N.C. to conduct research this summer under the guidance of his faculty mentor, Dr. D.W. Slooom of the Department of Chemistry.

Forensic winners
The William E. Bivin Forensic Society won its second national title in a month at the National Forensic Association Tournament in April.
WKU's debate program was named the best in the nation.

Students to be commended are: Robert Mattingly, Adam Black, Chris Fleming, Lee Watts, Amy Sparks, Doug Mory, Bill Thompson, Korissa Ballou, Jenny Black, Kristin Pamperin, Aaron Whaley, Alex Plocik, Krista Knaul, Mike McDonner and Andy Varela.

Interior Design winners
Projects by three interior design majors at Western Kentucky University have been selected for exhibit in the National Juried Interior Design Showcase at the 1996 American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

An environmentally/energy responsible residential design project by Theressa Roach, a Bowling Green senior, will be featured at the June 30 showcase.

Energy/environmentally responsible luminaries by Anita Kay Donoho, a 1995 graduate from Bowling Green, and Huo Fu Chiang, a student from Taiwan, will also be featured in the showcase.

Scholarships
Four Warren County high school students have been selected to receive the 1996-97 National City-Harman and Potter Incentive Awards.

The scholarships cover in-state tuition. In addition, National City will establish a $400 savings account for each of the students.

This year's recipients are:
Jamie Tabor of Bowling Green High School, the daughter of James Tabor and Vicki Bowen;
Sheryl Hagan of Warren Central High School, the daughter of Wanda Duncan;
Jason Rose of Warren East High School, the son of Dennis and Janet Rose and
Kasey Hurley of Greenwood High School, the daughter of Debbie and Rodney Copas and Jimmy and Robin Hunley.

Photographer-
Patrick Witty of Glasgow, Ky. 1996 National College Photographer of the Year, is pictured here covering a prison chain gang in Alabama.

-Po by David Pierini
Grant to help environment

Pete Dotson and Dr. David Stiles of Western Kentucky University's Agriculture Department have received a $6,200 grant from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture for the last phase of an environmental project. The project involves the treatment of livestock waste through an artificial wetland area, consisting of 14 individual ponds filled with aquatic plants. The waste disposal project is located on Nashville Road on the Western Kentucky University farm.

Western Online wins Webbie

WKU has received a 1996 Webbie Award from the Academy of Web Design for Western Online, the University's presence on the computer World Wide Web. Western Online was nominated by Internet users and chosen by the Academy as the winner in the category of Best University at a World Wide Web Site. Margaret Cline directs WKU's Microcomputing Center, which is responsible for Western Online.
Regents approve $125 million budget, new pay plan, information & tech division

The Western Kentucky University Board of Regents May 1 approved a $125 million budget for 1996-97.

The budget includes a 3 percent pool for salary increases. It includes $54.6 million in state appropriations, an increase of 3.2 percent, and $27.7 million in tuition revenue.

As a part of the budget process, regents also approved 6-5 a $25 per semester increase in student fees to fund a plan to bring Western into compliance with the federal mandate Title IX in athletics. The plan would add three women's sports—swimming, softball and soccer—over the next five years to balance athletic opportunities between the genders.

The fee increase, which is expected to raise $637,000 a year, is necessary to implement the plan, said WKU President Thomas C. Meredith.

Beginning in the fall, in-state undergraduate students will pay $870 per semester for tuition, as set by the Kentucky Council on Higher Education, and $140 in fees.

Regents also approved a plan to implement a new staff classification and compensation plan as recommended by the consulting firm W F Corroon. The plan includes adjustments of $479,000 to bring the salaries of 335 employees up to minimums set by the new structure.

In other business, the board:
*Approved a reorganization to create an Information Technology division, and
*Approved the first two recipients of the University Distinguished Professorships. (See complete story, this issue, page 2).

Chemistry Dept. gets equipment grant

The Western Kentucky University Department of Chemistry has received $80,000 to purchase laboratory equipment.

The National Science Foundation will administer $40,755 in a grant. The rest will come from a matching fund. Dr. Darwin Dahl, associate professor of chemistry and the project director, said WKU was chosen from a field of between 1,500-2,000 applicants; 600 grants were awarded.

Dahl said that in his nine years at Western, the chemistry department has received the grant nine times.

The chemistry department will be purchasing a supercritical fluid extraction unit and a capillary electrophoresis system. The new equipment will allow the university to offer a quality course in chromatographic techniques and will give students a chance to become familiar with equipment used in industry today.

Grant could help pharmaceuticals

WKU's Department of Chemistry has received a Cotrell College Science Award worth $33,400 from the Research Corporation for a project directed by Dr. Donald Slocum, Professor of Chemistry, on Relating the Solution Structures of Organolithium Reagents to their Reactivity in Directed Metalation.

Results from the study could be beneficial to the pharmaceutical industry.

WKU receives full certification from NCAA

Western Kentucky University has received full certification from the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

The change in certification status is in response to Western's plan to address Title IX, which covers gender equity issues in athletic programs, and to address minority opportunities. The original classification of certified with conditions, announced in June, 1995, required Western to submit a comprehensive plan for addressing those issues.

WKU regents May 1 approved a plan that would establish three new women's sports—swimming, softball and soccer—over the next five years.

Education & Behavioral Sciences college honored

WKU's College of Education and Behavioral Sciences is part of a program receiving honors from the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.

WKU is among five universities selected to deliver presentations July 2 in San Antonio, Texas, at the annual Education Commission of the States National Forum.

Western was selected because of its partnership program with area schools and Josten Learning Corporation "in making a difference in teacher education," said WKU Education Dean Carl Martray.

Western's partnership program will be presented by WKU Director of Educational Technology Leroy Metze and Lost River Elementary School Principal David Eakles.

The partnership will be represented by Dr. Jim Becker, Director of the WKU School for Integrative Studies and Teacher Education; Michael Hayes, Vice President of Josten Learning Corporation, Tim Murley, Principal at North Warren Elementary School, and Dr. Martray.

WKU charts international honorary

A chapter of Phi Beta Delta, the honor society for international scholars, has been established at Western Kentucky University.

The Gamma Nu chapter was inaugurated in April, and it will recognize faculty, professional staff and students who have demonstrated a commitment to scholarly achievement in international educational interchange, according to Donna Cheshire, assistant director of International Programs. Cheshire said Phi Beta Delta has a goal of increasing recognition of the importance of the international experience in higher education.

Charter members of the Western chapter include: Cheshire; James T. Baker, History Department; Kimberly A. Diehl, International Student Services; Carlton Jackson, History Department; Jarie Lue, graduate student from Norway; Wei-Ping Fan, Chemistry Department; John H. Petersen, Government Department; Elaine S. Poston, graduate student from Bowling Green; Julia L. Roberts, Teacher Education Department, and Min Win, graduate student from the People's Republic of China.

Phi Beta Delta was founded in 1896 and has chapters at 85 colleges and universities.

COMING UP

See Western Online for the complete calendar.

July
3 6 p.m. Annual Kiwanis Fireworks event. Smith Stadium. Dr. Phil Myers, 745-4652.
10 Summer Camp for Academically Talented Middle School Students. Dr. Julia Roberts, 745-6323.
26 9 a.m. Board of Regents meeting. Wetherby Administration Building. Elizabeth Estes, 745-4346.

2 p.m. WKU Foundation Board meeting. Wetherby Administration Building. Sue Miller, 745-6208.

31 OAR. Sharon Drysen, 745-4242.
Dr. Chris Groves, Professor of Geology at WKU, took faculty and friends to Lost River Cave one June day where the cave-turned-classroom revealed lots of interesting facts about the history and geology of the cave. The tour was part of the WKU Center for Teaching and Learning's My Favorite Lecture/Class series designed for faculty to exchange their tips on teaching. The whole story's on page six!