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PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR MINORITY STUDENTS

The primary mission of the Office of Minority Student Support Services is to serve as a resource base for African American students at Western. Established in 1989 with the appointment of a Black Student Retention Coordinator, the office has grown to meet the needs of the population it serves.

The Office of Minority Student Support Services serves as an advocate for nearly 1,000 African American students as a link between them and the university community at-large. And the office provides an environment which fosters acceptance and promotes self-discovery," Washington explains.

"Although the primary focus of the office is the retention of African American students, we also are committed to providing equal access to our services and resource materials to Western students and alumni," says Assistant Director Woods, adding:

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-CJ. WOODS

"We really hope that all students are able to benefit both educationally and culturally from our resources," Specific programs provided by the Office of Minority Student Support Services include freshman support programs: M.O.D.E.L.S & Peer Mentoring (Minority Mentors Offering Direction, Encouragement & Leadership Strategies) and EXCEL (Excellence X-Pressing Culture, Education & Leadership).

The M.O.D.E.L.S. program recognizes that a positive attitude and positive role models stimulate and motivate students toward success, and the Peer Mentoring Program is based on the same premise, except the mentors are upperclass students.

The purpose of the EXCEL Program is to help first-year African American students adjust to their Freshman year. A series of workshops is offered on such topics as developing a healthy lifestyle, relationships, money management, cultural growth and understanding, as just a few examples.

The office conducts a series of enrichment workshops, seminars and panel discussions that are designed to address the academic, vocational, personal and social issues of students. Advising and counseling are also offered, and Minority Student Support Services host and cosponsor a variety of programs, including such social and cultural events as Black History Month, the annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration; Homecoming activities, the Spirit of Success Program, cosponsored with the Office of Admissions; Miss Black Western and Gospel Extravaganza.

The Office of Minority Student Support Services also is responsible for Project: Aims, an initiative by Western and the state of Kentucky to complement other campus/local activities to better prepare African American students for entry into college.

Also, merit-based scholarships, some one-year, and some renewable, are available to entering African American Freshmen.

The Minority Student Support Services Resource Room, located in Room 425, Potter Hall, serves as a repository for reference publications and materials on the African American culture.

The Resource Room seeks to be an important hub, not only for students, but for faculty and staff as well.

Persons seeking more information about Minority Student Services at WKU may contact the Minority Student Support Services Office, either Ms. Washington or Woods, at 425 Potter Hall, Western Kentucky University, 1 Big Red Way, Bowling Green, KY. 42101-3576, at 502-745-5066.
Lancaster Lecture on Health Reform

Dr. Robert Lightfoot Jr., director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program, professor and associate chairman for education for the University of Kentucky School of Medicine, will discuss Impact of Health-Care Reform on the Training of Future Physicians as L.Y. Lancaster Lecturer Friday, Oct. 11.

He will speak at 6 p.m. in the Theresa Gerard Auditorium, Garrett Center. A 5 p.m. reception will precede the lecture and a 7 p.m. dinner for members of the Education faculty for the University of Kentucky, scheduled for the Lecture Series, the Training of Future Physicians for the Department of Medicine, Western, a drop of about 400 in the fall of 1995, according to Registrar Freida Eggleton.

The preliminary figures show 14,781 students at Western, a drop of about 1.4 percent from the same point in the fall of 1995, according to Registrar Freida Eggleton.

The preliminary figures show increases in sophomores, juniors and graduate students and decreases in freshmen and seniors. Eggleton said the smaller senior class is the result of a small freshman class three years ago. The smaller freshman class reflects the shrinking number of high school graduates in Kentucky, she said.

Final enrollment figures will be available in late October.

Freshmen: Quality vs. Quantity

The quality of the freshman class at Western Kentucky University continues to increase. According to preliminary enrollment figures, the average ACT score for the freshman class for this fall is 21.19, which is above the state and national averages. The average high school grade-point-average is up to 3.1 from 3.08 with 59 freshman coming to Western with 4.0 high school GPAs. Western also has 33 Governor Scholars in the 1996 freshman class, up from 28.

"We are beginning to see the effects as Western strives to move to a new level of excellence," said WKU President Thomas C. Meredith. "These changes are helping us attract students with higher academic credentials and reflect our effort to improve the quality of the educational experience at Western."

The Western Kentucky University Department of Music Chamber Music Series 1996-97

A Brahms/Schubert Anniversary Celebration

Oct. 13, Van Meter Auditorium
Works for String Quartet
Lindsayan String Quartet

Nov. 17, IWFAC Recital Hall
Haydn: String Quartet
Brahms: Piano Quartet, Op. 25
Donald Speer, piano
Lindsayan String Quartet

Nov. 24, Van Meter Auditorium
Schubert, Brahms, and friends, Shorter piano pieces
Sylvia Kersenbaum, piano

Jan. 26, IWFAC Recital Hall
Brahms: Sonata for clarinet and piano Op. 120 No. 1
Brahms: Sonatina for viola and piano Op. 120, No. 2
Brahms: Two Songs for contralto, viola and piano, Op. 91
Brahms: Trio, Op. 114 in A Minor
Donald Speer, piano
Todd Kerstetter, clarinet
William Goodwin, viola
Naomi Lewin, contralto

Feb. 16, Van Meter Auditorium
Schubert: Piano Quintet, Op. 114 in A Major (The Trout)
Mendelssohn: Piano Trio, Op. 49 in D Minor
Lindsayan String Quartet
Sylvia Kersenbaum, piano
Donald Speer, piano

April 13, Van Meter Auditorium
Schubert: Piano Sonata, Op. 120 in A Major
Brahms: Piano Sonata, Op. 1 in C Major
Schubert: Piano Sonata, Op. Posth. in B-flat Major
Sylvia Kersenbaum, piano

April 27, IWFAC Recital Hall
Works for String Quartet
Lindsayan String Quartet

Send timely items for consideration in On Campus by the 15th of the month.
The 1996-97 Chamber Music Series

A season of celebrating Brahms and Schubert

By Sheila Conway Eloyn

The WKU Department of Music's 1996-97 Chamber Music Series promises to be an exciting season, and one definitely not to miss.

This season will honor the 100th anniversary of Brahms' death, and the 200th anniversary of Schubert's birth by featuring performances of works of the two great composers.

Sylvia Kersenbaum, professor of piano at WKU for the past 20 years, continues to balance her teaching with meeting the demands of the concert circuit. And on Sabbatical Leave last year in her homeland, Argentina, Kersenbaum was invited to perform in Montevideo Uruguay's season.

Kersenbaum has continued to achieve worldwide fame in performances that continue to receive rave reviews from critics from San Francisco to London.

And as if preparing this season's Chamber Music repertoire weren't enough, while she was on her sabbatical leave last year in her homeland, Argentina, Kersenbaum was invited to perform in Montevideo Uruguay's season.

Considered to be located in the cultural capital of Ibero-America, Montevideo invited Kersenbaum to perform her Beethoven cycle, all 32 Sonatas, which she performed at WKU during a season six years ago.

Critics acclaimed her nine performances there as The Musical Event of The 1995-96 Season.

And it is not incidental that Kersenbaum is the only female concert pianist worldwide to perform all of Beethoven's 32 Sonatas in one cycle.

Where does her strength and her energy come from? "I love playing," says Kersenbaum, who is up for any challenge that involves music, whether it be performing a series of concerts right in the middle of planning an entire musical season.

"Teaching and playing are not tiring at all," she said in an interview for the Western Alumnus Magazine when she first came to Western. And her feelings have not changed, she says.

Her work is her pleasure. Despite the fact that she calls herself a romantic, Sylvia Kersenbaum is not pretentious, and not at all what one might expect a concert pianist to be. Though she has that passionate dedication to her art, and an obsessive drive to work, Sylvia Kersenbaum is a very real person. She's practical, organized.

She has a strong physique matched by a spiritual strength she regards as the greatest gift her parents gave to both her and her sister "to help us cope with every situation," she says. And Sylvia also has a refreshing sense of humor and a sound perspective.

"You have to have a strong vocation and a very healthy mind and body. You must have that discipline and moral and inner strength. Of course there are times when you feel down and don't want to work, but still you must. When I have a student tell me that today there is no inspiration, I say it doesn't matter to me in the least. You must be able to cope with it and to overcome it."

Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Sylvia Kersenbaum began her musical training with her mother. Soon afterward she became a pupil of the eminent teacher, Vincenzo Scaramuzza.

She holds degrees in Performance, Pedagogy and Composition from the National Conservatory in Buenos Aires and Artist Diplomas from both the Academy of Santa Cecilia in Rome and the Accademia Chigiani, Siena. Sylvia Kersenbaum has appeared in recitals and as soloist with orchestras throughout Europe, the Far East, North and South America and has performed in 15 states in the United States.

Noted orchestras include the London Symphony, Royal Philharmonic, Munich Philharmoniker, Bayerische Staatskapelle, Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, the San Francisco Symphony, and the Louisville Orchestra, and with conductors Wolfgang Sawallisch, Jean Martinon, Gunter Herbig, Leopold Hager, Garcia Navarro, and Lawrence L. Smith, to name but a few.

Sylvia Kersenbaum's recordings for the EMI-Angel label have won major international press acclaim. Among others, they include the complete Chopin etudes and Sonatas, Liszt Hexameron and several transcriptions, Paganini-Brahms Variations, and Tchaikovsky's Second Piano Concerto.

In 1990, the American Beethoven Society awarded her Honorary Membership and invited her to perform on their series at Southern Illinois University, and she also was guest artist of the American Liszt Society in 1986 for the Liszt 150th Celebration.

In 1990, WKU awarded her the University's Award for Research and Creative Activity. In that earlier interview Sylvia also said something that still applies to her today. She was telling us that WKU seemed to suit her because she was able to grow here.

That continues to be important to her as both a performing artist and as a teacher. Clip and save the Chamber Music Series schedule which appears on page 2 of this issue.

"I think it's always important for you to be in some place where you can create something, or improve something, or contribute in some way," says WKU's artist, adding: "Everything is still growing."

Clip and save the Chamber Music Series schedule on page 2, this issue.
Dr. Ray Biggerstaff, Professor of Public Health at Western Kentucky University, has been elected president-elect of the Southern Health Association. As a past president of this association, he received the Sarah Stice Award for outstanding contribution to the field of health education and the Russell Teague Award for distinguished service in community health. He also has received the Charles Jordan Award from the SHA for outstanding service to public health.

Dr. Biggerstaff also was recently appointed to the University of Kentucky Rural Health Advisory Council. The Center was established by the Kentucky General Assembly to improve the health of rural Kentuckians using the tools of the university in education, service and research.

Dr. Biggerstaff for the past 20 years has received a community health grant from the Kentucky Council on Higher Education to support students during their internships in rural areas.

Dr. Barry Brunson, and Dr. Claus Ernst, Mathematics, were visiting scholars at Wolfram Research in Champaign, Ill., working on the interactive courseware, Algebra, Trigonometry, and Mathematics, which they are authoring.

Dr. Marilyn Casto, Consumer and Family Sciences, presented Candace Wheeler and the Emergence of Interior Design as a Profession at the meeting of the Nineteenth Century Studies Association in Miami, Fla. She also had an article, Kentucky’s Victorian Theaters, published in The Kentucky Review.

Glen Conner, Geography and Geology, was selected by the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C. to work in their Global Climate Laboratory as a visiting scientist. From May 19 through June 8, he reviewed Kentucky’s climate station history files to assure completeness and clarity. Surveyed archived materials related to Kentucky’s climate, and researched the use of extreme temperature records as a means for measuring climatic change. While there, he presented a seminar to the Climatologists of the National Climatic Data Center on Record Daily Temperature Extremes as Indicators of Climatic Variability.

Conner presented Folklore Climatology to the American Meteorological Society's Broadcast Meteorology meeting, attended mostly by radio and television weathercasters in Boston in June. In August, he presented a report of climate activities in Kentucky and served as a member of the nominating committee for the American Association of State Climatologists at their meeting in Laramie, WY.

Dr. Charles Daniel and Dr. Burch Oglesby of the Department of Physical Education and Recreation have been elected to the Board of Directors of the Southern District American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD). Daniel is president and Oglesby is parliamentarian for the 13-state district. The AAHPERD provides a standard for teachers and job-site personnel to be trained and to serve as a professional organization that deals with research and practical programs.


Dr. Jim Flynn, Professor of English, presented Negotiated Connections: Teaching Langland with Chaucer at the Tenth International Congress of the New Chaucer Society, held in Los Angeles, CA.


Dr. Chris Groves, Geography and Geology, presented a seminar on The Central Kentucky Karst at a meeting of the American Cave Conservation Association in Horse Cave, Ky. In July, he presented Recent Results from the Hawkins River Site, Mammoth Cave, Ky. with Joe Meiman, at the Kentucky Geosciences Symposium in Lexington, Ky. In August, he presented What Are We Learning at the Hawkins River Site? with Joe Meiman at the Fifth Mammoth Cave Science Conference at Mammoth Cave, Ky. Groves and associates in August had a proposal accepted to find and to direct the Mammoth Cave Working Group of UNESCO's International Geophysical Correlation Program, Project #379, Karst Processes and the Global Carbon Cycle.

Dr. Margaret Curtis-Howe, Professor of Philosophy and Religion, has been awarded a Fulbright Grant to teach Linguistics and American Literature at Sana’s University in Yemen for the 1996-97 academic school year. She left Sept. 15.

Dr. Michael Kallstrom's composition for double bass and piano, ZING! was performed in Chile, Argentina and in Rio de Janeiro at the Sala Vecilia Meirelles, Brazil’s premiere recital hall, this past summer. ZING! has also been released on a European compact disc by bassist Milton Masciadri. Dr. Kallstrom’s composition, AROUND THE CLOCK, for alto saxophone and piano, was performed in a faculty recital at Louisiana State University in July.

Dr. Kallstrom was an invited guest composer to the Indiana State University Festival of New Music in September. Guest Artist Gail Levinsky played his composition, AROUND THE CLOCK.

AROUND THE CLOCK also was performed by Professor Griffin Campbell of the Louisiana State University School of Music on September recitals at Tulane and Baylor Universities. Also in September, Bassist Milton Masciadri played Dr. Kallstrom's composition, ZING!, on a concert tour in Slovenia. The Kentucky Arts Council has selected Dr. Kallstrom to be included in their Performing Arts Directory, which will be distributed to all regional and state arts councils in the U.S. and it will be displayed in the KAC booth for the Southern Arts Federation Conference in Mobile, Ala.


Dr. Nace Magner, Accounting, presented Testing the Interactive Effects of Procedural Fairness and Outcome Favorability on Current and Future-Oriented Reactions of Members of a Voluntary Professional Organization, with C. Ehlen and R. Welker at the Academy of Management annual meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. Magner had The Interactive Effect of Outcome Favorability and Procedural Justice in Work Resource Allocation on Work Performance.

Douglas Mooney and Randall Swift, Assistant Professors of Mathematics, have been awarded $8,441 by the Kentucky PRISM (Partnership for Reform in Science and Math) program to extend their Modeling Course Development Grant, which involved developing an introductory course to mathematical modeling, which has become a permanent part of the WKU math curriculum. Students convert real world problems into mathematical problems to find more realistic solutions. The course emphasizes collaborative projects and writing about math.

Dr. David Neal, Mathematics, has received a $6,020 grant from the Kentucky Partnership for Reform Initiative in Science and Mathematics (PRISM) for a project entitled, Statistical Inference on the TI-82/83.


Dr. Cassandra Pinnick, Department of Philosophy and Religion, has been invited to chair the contributed paper session, Methodology Naturalized and Contextualized, at the Philosophy Science Association 1996 meetings to be held in Cleveland, Ohio Oct. 31-Nov. 3.

Dr. Pinnick also will present What's Wrong With the Strong Program's Case Study of the 'Hobbes-Boyle Dispute?' at the History of Science Society meeting in Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 6-11, as part of the panel, Analytic Approaches to the History of Science.


Dr. James Ramsey, Economics, Vice President for Finance and Administration, was co-investigator on a recent report published by the Council of State Governments, Road Fund Tax Evasion: A State Perspective. Dr. Ramsey performed the statistical analysis of estimating road fund tax evasion loss to the states in his research. Dr. Ramsey has been notified that the article, Municipal Bond Sales and Foreign Markets: Experience and Results, will be published in the Fall 1996 issue of Public Budgeting and Finance.

Dr. Tom Richmond and Dr. Doug Mooney, Mathematics, presented papers at a special session of the Tennessee Topology Conference in Nashville, Tenn. in June. Richmond spoke on Zero-dimensional ordered compactifications, and Mooney spoke on Ordered quotient maps and the lattice of ordered compactifications.


Dr. Steven White, Associate Professor of Accounting, is serving as secretary-treasurer of the Southwestern Federation of Administrative Disciplines (SWFAD), an organization for disciplines common to business administration. The term is for three years. After that, he will become program vice president and then president for one term.

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Faculty Appointments

Dr. Michael Carini, Assistant Professor, Physics and Astronomy
Dr. Eric Conie, Assistant Professor, Chemistry
Dr. Thomas Dillon, Assistant Professor, Finance and Computer Information Systems
Dr. Linda Flynn, Assistant Professor, Teacher Education
Dr. Rodney Handy, Assistant Professor, Engineering Technology
Dr.oulouse Iator, Associate Professor, Journalism
Dr. Patrick Marchand, Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance and Computer Information Systems
Dr. Michael Thomas May, Assistant Professor, Geography and Geology
Michele Moore, Instructor, Public Health
Jane Olnsted, Instructor, English
Dr. Darrell Ray, Biology
Dr. Nancy Roberts, Associate Professor, English
Dr. Scott Root, Assistant Professor, Music
Michael Rush, Instructor, Public Health
Malcom Mobutu Smith, Assistant Professor, Art
Dr. Philip Wilson, Assistant Professor, Teacher Education
Dr. Richard Allan Wolfe, Associate Professor, Management

Retirements

Dr. Faye Carroll, Government
Carol Cary, Agriculture
Dr. Raymond Cravens, Government
George Downing, Mathematics
James Felix, Physical Education and Recreation
Dr. William Floyd, Psychology
Laverne Hardy, Engineering Technology
Dr. Milburn Harryman, Educational Leadership
Dr. Betty Houston, Psychology
Dr. Shirley Laney, Physical Education and Recreation
Betty Nellett, Psychology
Keith Pennington, Superintendent, Facilities Management
Dr. Thomas Updike, Educational Leadership

Faculty Entering Optional Retirement Program (early retirement with special tenure status)

Dr. Robert Bueker, Mathematics
Dr. Carl Cheif, Government
Pauline Jones, English
Rodney McCurry, Biology
Dr. Regis O'Connor, Communication and Broadcasting
Hope Richards, Mathematics

Grant-Funded Staff Appointments

Jody Burton, Public Safety
LaVonda Burton, Lead Teacher, Training and Technical Assistance Services
Edis Garcia, Lead Teacher, Training and Technical Assistance Services
Nathan Jordan, Teacher Assistant, Training and Technical Assistance Services
Elizabeth Main, Student Health Services and Wellness Center
Allen Polk, Public Safety
Scott Wade, Public Safety

Staff Appointments

Dr. Juana Bayless, Academic Adviser, Evening Coordinator, Glasgow Campus
Brian Grady Bolt, Farm Manager
Andrew Hendel, Assistant Football Coach
Robert Wayne Jones, Instructional Computing Specialist, Microcomputing

Support Services

Byron Lightsey, Assistant Residence Hall Director
Shane Ravellato, Assistant Manager, Intramural and Recreational Sports
Dr. Paul Rice, Dean, Community College and Continuing Education
Nancy Scott, Analyst/Programmer, Computer and Informational Services
Jeff Sull, Complex Director, Residence Life
Jeffrey Walz, Restricted Women's Basketball Coach
Kimberly Weeks, Complex Director, Residence Life
Julie Wohlfarth, Area Coordinator, Residence Life

Staff Promotions

Dr. Charles M. Anderson, Vice President for Information Technology
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Michael Crowe, Residence Hall Director
James Deiz, Complex Director, Residence Life
Dr. Blaine Ferrell, Head, Department of Biology
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Cherita Johnson, Residence Hall Director
Antony Kirchner, Senior Network Specialist, Computer and Informational Services
Ann Mead, Director of Budget and Management Information
Gary Messars, Director, Business Services
John Osborne, Assistant Vice President for Finance and Administration
Ingrid Villar, Residence Hall Director
Teresa Zabik, Area Coordinator, Residence Life

Classified Personnel

Appointments

Kendra Anastasio, Billings and Receivables Specialist, Accounts and Fiscal Services
Susan Miller, Senior Serials Assistant, University Libraries
Pamela Napier, Office Assistant, Sponsored Programs
Laura Polk, Admissions Assistant
Linda Taylor, Payroll Associate, Accounts and Fiscal Services
Judy Thompson, Duplicating Machine Operator, Purchasing

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CTL 1996 Fall Workshops

Using Multimedia Technology with Case Methodology
presented by Ed Counts, Teacher Education
Tuesday, Sept. 24, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Academic Complex 240

Dealing with Aggression in the Classroom
presented by Rich Greer, Counseling Services, Howard Bailey, Student Life, & Horace Johnson, WKU Police
Thursday, Oct. 10, 1—2 p.m. in Grise Hall 335

Presentation Skills: Interactive Communications in the Classroom
presented by Larry Winn, Communication & Broadcasting
Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2:15—3:15 p.m. in CTL (Cravens Ground Fl.)
(The following workshop is presented in association with WKU Media Services and is a Teleconference.)

Teaching with Style: Enhancing Learning by Understanding Teaching & Learning Styles
presented by Tony Grasha (Dr. Grasha is nationally recognized in the field of psychology) Friday, Oct. 18, Noon to 2, AC 240

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Just the Basics
(for the Busy Instructor)
presented by Linda Todd, Community College
Thursday, Oct. 24, from 1—3 p.m. in Grise Hall 530

Teaching Writing in Our Disciplines:
Not Just for English Faculty
presented by Retta Poe, Psychology
Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 1—2 p.m. Grise Hall 335

Creating Classroom Presentations Using Freelance Graphics
presented by Linda Todd, Community College
Thursday, Nov. 7, from 1—3 p.m. in Grise Hall 530

Please call 6508 to register.
Western Kentucky University students, left to right: Shelly Nisefleet, Adrien Deloach, Nikki Payne, Larice Cuthenberry, Thomas Jewell and John Marshall.

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