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The idea came from the vice-president for finance, James Ramsey, who came to the university in 1992 with experience in state government as manager of Kentucky’s investment portfolio. As with municipal bonds, financial officers of municipal leases offer attractively low interest rates because they don’t have to pay taxes on the income from the lease-purchase payments.

To simplify matters, Western Kentucky also devised the financing as a “master acquire as much as $10-million worth of equipment over several years, at interest rates averaging about 5.7 per cent.

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When the leases run out—various items were bought over different periods—the equipment belongs to the university. The lease payments for what the university has obtained so far amount to $573,926 a year. Some of that comes from a $10-per semester computing fee that is charged to each student. The rest comes from the university’s $112-million annual operating budget. In the budget cuts of 1992, 1993, and 1994, computing funds were protected.

While many experts say such financing makes sense for colleges, they note that an institution could be at risk if it tried to stretch out its payments longer that the useful life of the equipment. In such cases, the college would be stuck paying the interest and principal on machines that are already obsolete.

Western Kentucky has been conservative in most of its financing assumptions, but Dr. Anderson acknowledged that the university “may be pushing it a bit” in buying the bulk of the computers on a five-year schedule. It hopes to squeeze a full five years of use out of the computers by eventually passing them down to new students with less sophisticated needs.

Employees themselves designed the campus network and took more that two years to lay the fiber-optic cables, putting in the last of the wiring last February.

LOW INTEREST RATES

All 560 full-time professors and most of the 900 staff members now have personal computers in their campus offices. Each of the 2,664 dormitory rooms and every classroom is wired to a campus network, which is connected to the Internet. An additional 660 computers—also hooked into the network—are available in student computer centers for as many as 16 hours a day. Every student is provided with a WKUNET account that gives them one-click access to e-mail, a word-processing program, the university’s World Wide Web page, and card-catalogue listings for the library of Congress and the university’s own library system.

Judging by the many users at computers on recent afternoon at the Student Technology Center, in the main library, some students are taking full advantage of the network’s features.

In one carrel, Andrea R. Willis, a senior, was typing e-mail to a friend. B. Elizabeth Parks, another senior, was working with graphics software, which she had bought herself to use, to design a booklet for her sorority, Chi Omega.
Information technology at WKU

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Dwayne L. Rutledge, a junior a few rows away, was manoeuvring his mouse to scroll down the listings in his card-catalogue search for articles on the North American Free Trade Agreement. He had used the computer before, but that was a year ago, and he was rusty. "I decided I might as well come up here and start to get a little more familiar with it," he said. The quick-searching capability of the system was a big attraction for him: He had to write a five-page paper on trade, and "I'm a day late," he admitted.

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The institution has awarded a $100,000 for competitive grants to 11 faculty members with ideas for new computer-related course materials, and it will hold a similar competition this year. It has also told its computer-support staff to give high priority to professors seeking help. Cassandra Pinnick, a professor of philosophy and one of the grant winners, wants her students to understand the power of the Internet as a research tool, not just as a resource for checking sports scores or reading about a favorite rock group. In her "History of Modern Philosophy" course, students were required to locate and analyze a Francis Bacon text

Kentucky's future tied to universities, colleges

By Aaron W. Hughey

As a faculty member (associate professor, Department of Educational Leadership) dedicated to ensuring that the students who attend Western Kentucky University receive a first-rate education, I am deeply offended by both the substance and tone of Mark Chellgren’s recent column in the Daily News (“Universities want more money, to be left alone,” Opinion, Sept. 24).

I am particularly outraged by the following statement: "...policymakers are beginning to ask for some indication that the hundreds of millions of tax dollars annually poured into universities is being used for something other than just sitting around thinking great thoughts." Like most of my colleagues, I rarely have time to "sit around" and am seldom accused of "thinking great thoughts." On the other hand, I routinely put in 60-hour weeks for which I receive compensation that can hardly be described as exorbitant. Then again, money was never my primary motivation for choosing a career in education. I teach because I want to make a difference. I spend countless hours struggling with how to best endow tomorrow’s leaders with the knowledge and skills they will need just to survive. I try to do whatever I can to enhance their chances for success in all aspects of life. I worry about them because I care.

I make these points not because I want a pat on the back. I simply feel that it is important to realize that I am the rule, not the exception. At Western Kentucky University, we are all, from the president on down, committed to making the future a little brighter for all of Kentucky’s residents. The benefits of higher education extend far beyond the students who currently sit in our classes. It helps everyone.

Higher education is not, and should not be, exempt from legitimate criticism. Those of us who work in academe readily admit our faults and are forever striving for continuous improvement on all fronts—from the blackboard to the balance sheet. No doubt, there are many things we could be doing better. The tendency among some journalists, however, is to point out isolated instances of excess and isomerence and then present this distorted picture as being characteristic of the enterprise as a whole. Every profession has its embarrassments. Every profession has those who try to take advantage of the system for their own ends—perhaps even journalism. But with all of its inherent problems and difficulties, higher education is still a bargain. The return on investment, both tangible and intangible, is truly enormous. During the course of his/her lifetime, the average college graduate can expect to earn approximately $500,000 more than those who do not acquire a degree. Yet this is relatively insignificant compared with the impact on an individual’s total quality of life. Being ‘educated’ entails more than the mere acquisition of technical skills and job security. It entails something much deeper—something Chellgren seems incapable of understanding.

Is college for everyone? Certainly not. But the truth is that Kentucky’s future is intrinsically tied to its colleges and universities. Our citizens deserve greater access to higher education, not less. When economic times are hard, there are always those who favor finger pointing and quick fixes over what may be in the long-term. As a society, we can either get our priorities straight now or suffer the inevitable consequences of short-sighted, narrow-minded thinking.

Send timely items for consideration in On Campus by the 15th of the month.
Dr. Charles Smith, music teacher of the year

By Nikcole Payne

Western Kentucky University
Music Professor Charles Smith recently received the 1996 Teacher of the Year Award at the annual convention of the Kentucky Music Teachers Association (KMTA) at Morehead University.

Smith teaches theory, composition and flute at Western. He has taught at James Madison University, Wake Forest University and Southeast Missouri State University. Prior to that, he taught instrumental and choral music in public schools for 10 years in New York, Montana and New Jersey.

Since 1980, 19 of Smith's college and pre-college woodwind composition students have won honors in 35 state, divisional and national competitions sponsored by the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA). This year, Smith had Kentucky winners in the Elementary and Junior High School categories of the MTNA-Warner Bros. Student Composition Competition. Those students, who are two of Smith's grandchildren, will advance to southern division competitions.

Smith has served KMTA and MTNA in several capacities. He serves on the KMTA Executive Board as Chair of Composition. Smith founded the Biannual KMTA Composers Concerts which present chamber music of Kentucky composers to audiences throughout the state. He has been the conductor of the 140-student All-State Piano Ensemble at the KMTA Convention.

Why Clinton defeated Dole in '96

By Nikcole Payne

Western Kentucky University Communications and Broadcasting Department Head, Dr. Larry Winn attributed President Bill Clinton's re-election to money, Morris, mastery and media.

Winn said that money affected the outcome in two ways.

First, Americans seemed fairly comfortable with the economy. "To paraphrase what someone said, 'grab a person by the pocketbook and the heart and mind will soon follow,'" he said.

"Although certainly not the only factor, the economy, together with the perceived lack of a foreign policy crisis helped to elect Clinton," Winn said.

Second, "The Clinton campaign had more money and had it earlier. Clinton's positive and negative tv ads started running long before the Dole campaign could get on the air with its own ads. It was as if the Clinton team had built an insurmountable lead before the opposing team took the field," he said.

According to Winn, democratic campaign manager Dick Morris "reinvented Clinton, enabling him to co-opt some Republican positions and leaving Dole little room on the political spectrum."

Winn said that another factor was the political mastery of Clinton and his campaign organization. "Despite having one of the best minds in politics, Dole did not make emotional contact with voters and never found a focus."

"The democrats had a national candidate who is the consummate campaigner in Bill Clinton. He is just an excellent campaigner," said Winn. "They also had a superior campaign organization."

Winn said republican candidate Bob Dole made his mistake when he said during the republican convention speech that he wanted to build a bridge to a former America.

"Clinton, taking those words out of context somewhat, said that he wanted to build a bridge to the future, not to the past," Winn said.

Winn explained that the bridge metaphor became a key component of the Clinton campaign. Clinton made age a factor by declaring that he wanted to build a bridge to the 21st century.

Another minor factor during the campaign, according to Winn, was the media. He emphasized that the media did not make the difference in the election, but that with a few exceptions the dominant media—networks news, CNN news and some major newspapers—are distinctly biased toward the liberal side of the political agenda. "Although the media attacked both parties, they harped more on the techniques used during the Republican convention."
From the Department of Allied Health and Human Services:


Dr. Ray Biggstaff, professor of Public Health, has been elected president-elect of the Southern Health Association, which includes 10 southern states, including Kentucky. Dr. Biggstaff is a past president of the Kentucky Public Health Association which awarded him 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 Jordean Award from the Southern Health Association for outstanding service to public health, and has received a community health grant from the Council on Higher Education to support students during internships in rural areas. He also has been appointed to the University of Kentucky Rural Health Advisory Council.

Biology Department faculty had the following recent publications:

Mark Clausen, Staff Technician, and Dr. Larry Elliott published in Transactions of the Kentucky Academy of Science, Comparison of Cryptococcus neoformans Isolates from Clinical and Environmental Collections in South Central Kentucky and Surrounding Areas.


Dr. Robert Hoyt presented Acute low PH impairs chemoreception and feeding performance in larval fathead minnows at the annual meeting of the Early Life History Section of the American Fisheries Society in New Orleans in June. Dr. Hoyt also received awards of $34,161 and $14,558 from the National Parks Service to continue two ongoing projects on cataloging natural resource materials through 1996-97.

Dr. Doug E. McElroy, with J.A. Showmaker and M.E. Douglas, presented Discrimination of gila robusta and Gila cyphus: a classic "producer's vs. consumer's risk gambit at the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists meeting in New Orleans.

Anthony Bowles, Student Financial Assistance, has been serving as the Kentucky Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (KASFAA) representative for minority concerns, and he developed an informational booklet which brought Kentucky's association national recognition by the National Association of Financial Aid Administrators. Kentucky won the 1996 NASFAA State Award.

Kevin Burney, Counseling Services Center, presented Counseling Centers on the Web at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Conference for Counseling Center Personnel in Nashville, Tenn. Oct. 18.

John C. Carmichael, Director of Bands, was elected by band directors across the nation to serve as a national member-at-large to the Executive Committee of the National Band Association, the country's largest band director organization. He also was a featured clinician at the Kentucky Music Educators Association In-Service Clinic, presenting Band Improvement, A Craftsman's Guide to Rehearsal Techniques.

Dr. Carmichael also is serving as state chair of the National Band Association for the 1996-98 biennium, and as a committee member on the NBA's Select Music List Revision Committee.

From the Career Services Center:

Becky Bennett presented a session on the Internet, and Carol White moderated a panel of students involved in cooperative education programs at schools in Kentucky and Ohio at the midwest Cooperative Education Association annual conference in Convinton, KY. in October. WKU's center were actively involved in planning the conference, hosted by the Cooperative Education Association of Kentucky. Planners included Bennett, Judi Glas, Judy Owen and White.

Dr. Marilyn Casto, Professor of Consumer and Family Sciences, presented Interpreting The Colonial Experience in Early Period Rooms and House Museums at a meeting of the Society of Architectural Historians in Auckland, New Zealand. In October, she attended a meeting of the Southeast Society of Architectural Historians in Boca Raton, Fla., where she presented Architect vs. Decorator vs. Domestic Engineer.

Dr. Casto also has been elected vice president/president-elect of the Southeast Society of Architectural Historians.

Geography and Geology faculty report the following activities since last issue:

Dr. Chris Groves and Joe Meiman presented Variations in Carbonate Water Chemistry and Aquifer Dissolution Rates in The Logenesis: Hawk's River System, Mammoth Cave, Kentucky at the 41st Midwest Groundwater Conference in Lexington, Ky. in October.

Published in the Proceedings, Geography Section, Kentucky Academy of Science, at the annual meeting in Bowling Green in November 1995, edited by David Keeling, are:

Dr. L. Michael Trapasso, Water Resource Systems Developed Centuries B.C., Part II: The Djufajaran Water Works in the Peoples Republic of China, pp. 19-21;

Dr. David Keeling, Regional Integration, Transport, and the Global Economy, pp. 33-44;

Dr. S. Reza Ahsan, Air Photos of Bowling Green, KY, pp. 49-52.

Dr. Corban Goble, Journalism, presented Rogers' Typograph versus Mergenthaler's Linotype: The Push and Shove of Patents and Priority in the 1890s at the American Typecasting Fellowship sessions in Charlotte, N.C.

Dr. Richard Greer, Director, University Counseling Center, has been re-elected to a two-year term as secretary of the Southern Association for College Student Affairs Foundation Board of Trustees.

Adult Day care: a winner again

WKU's Adult Day Health Care Center has received the 1996 Public/Private Partnership Award from the Southeastern Association of Agencies on Aging (SEA4A).

The award honors organizations which have a positive impact on the quality of life of older persons through joint work with others.

The WKU Adult Day Health Care Center provides an active program of health care, exercise, recreation, art, music, education and community outings. The goals for participants include maintaining independence and optimal functioning, encouraging socialization, improving self-esteem, providing intellectual stimulation and maintaining connections within the community.

The center provides family support, case management, referral services, an Alzheimer's support group and an Alzheimer's respite program. The center also assists frail and disabled elderly and provides emotional support and socialization for isolated elderly.

Approximately 500 college students gain hands-on experience in caring for the elderly at the center. Under the leadership of Jeanie Robertson, center director, and Dr. Lois Layne, project director, the center has been named twice as an outstanding adult day health center in Kentucky.

The SEA4A includes area agencies on aging in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida.
1996 25 Year Service Awards

The following WKU faculty and staff were honored for 25 years of service at a dinner in their honor in October:

Patricia Adams, Building Service Attendant, Facilities Management
Charles Anderson, Vice President, Information Technology
Virginia Atkins, Associate Professor, Consumer and Family Sciences
Ray Biggerstaff, Professor, Public Health
John Crenshaw, Professor, Computer Science
Royce Dethridge, Supervisor, Landscaping, Facilities Management
Sheila Eison, Coordinator, University Relations
Ann Handy, Office Associate, Sports Information
Riley Handy, Department Head, Library Special Collections
Brenda Hawks, Building Service Attendant, Facilities Management
Bettie Johnson, Staff Assistant, Graduate Studies & Research
Alton Little, Professor, Physical Education and Recreation
Glen Lohr, Professor, Public Health
Carl Martray, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Janice Masanann, Coordinator, Acquisitions, Library Auto & Tech. Servs.
Sam McFarland, Professor / Director, Honors Program
Ernest Owen, Associate Professor, Psychology
Raul Padilla, Associate Professor, Modern Lang/Intercult. Studies
Walter Richards, Equipment Attendant, Physical Education & Recreation
Lucy Ritter, Associate Director, Student Health Service/Wellness Center
Joerg Seitz, Assistant Professor, Government
Sally Strickler, Coordinator, Reference Services, Library Public Services
Judy Thornton, Chief Buyer, Purchasing
Beverly Veenker, Associate Professor, Theatre & Dance
John Wassom, Department Head, Economics
James Webb, Assistant Supervisor, Masonry, Facilities Management
Paul Wozniak, Department Head, Sociology

Robert Hansbrough, Associate Director of Bands, served as an adjudicator for the 1996 Florida Bandmasters Association State Concert Band Festival, one of the most significant and challenging concert band performance assessments events in the United States. Hansbrough also was appointed to the board of directors for the Kentucky Music Educators Association and will serve as the Third District KMEA Festival Manager.

The Department of University Housing hosted the Kentucky Association of Housing Officers’ annual conference Oct. 3 and 4. Kit Tolbert, Director, was re-elected state Secretary/Treasurer for two more years. In February 1997, Kentucky will host the regional conference, and WKU’s department is heading pre-conference and special events.

Dr. Robert Jefferson, Dean of the Bowling Green College of Business Administration, has been appointed president of the Mid-Continent East American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) Association of Business Programs and Schools. His term will last one year. Dr. Jefferson also serves on the National AACSB Visitation Accreditation Committee for Collegiate Schools of Business.

Dr. Martha Jenkins, Professor of Consumer and Family Sciences, received the Romanza O. Johnson Citizenship Award at the annual meeting of the WKU Home Economics Alumni Association meeting in October. Dr. Virginia Atkins, Professor, was honored for service as editor of the department and association’s newsletter.

Dr. Michael Kallstrom of the Department of Music has been selected by the South Carolina Arts Commission to perform excerpts from his opera, STORIES, for their Arts Conference and Performing Arts Showcase in January. He also was selected for the South Carolina Arts/Roster. His composition for double bass and piano, ZING!, was played at the Moscow Conservatory of Music in November, and his composition for alto saxophone and piano, AROUND THE CLOCK, was performed in Lafayette, La. for the Noontime concert Series.


Dr. Kenneth Mussnug, Industrial Technology, and Dr. Aaron W. Hughey, Educational Leadership, have had The Truth About Teams accepted for publication in Training for Quality. It will appear in the February 1997 issue (Vol. 5, no. 1).

The WKU Department of Music has been awarded a charter to the National Music Honor Society, Phi Kappa Lambda. The fraternity recognizes the academic and musical excellence of upper division music majors with the rights and privileges of membership. A class of 11 was inducted at the chapter installation ceremony in April 1996.

Gretchen B. Niva, Associate Professor of English, was recorder/reactor for a session on Age, Gender and the Composing Process at the 86th annual convention of the National Council for Teachers of English in Chicago Nov. 21-26.

From the Department of Nursing:

M. Susan Jones, associate Professor, has received a grant from the National Institute of Nursing Research, National Institute of Health, Empowering Rural Adolescents in Risk Reduction, designed to develop, implement and evaluate a participatory nursing research and educational program to reduce injuries and illnesses among adolescents in Warren County.

Physical Education and Recreation faculty Jeannette Askins, Randall Deere and Burch Ogleby have been honored by the Kentucky Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (KAHPERD).

From the Department of Public Health:

Michele Johnson Moore presented The Nature and Scope of Sexuality Education in Florida Public High Schools at a session during the American School Health Association National

Forensic Team Sweeps Tournament

WKU’s William E. Bivin Forensic team swept the Miami University Invitational Tournament in October. Varsity debaters selected Krista Knaul of Bowling Green to advance to the final round against Ohio State. Other team members are: Doug Moro, Andy Spears, Aaron Whaley and Mike McDonner.

WKU competed against 27 teams with several individual events winners:

Andy Sparks, Chris Chandler, Lee Watts, Courney Blankenship, McDonner, Stephen Burnett, Kelly Burchell, Wesley Shirley, Angela Meyer and Kerri Richardson.
GRANT & CONTRACT AWARDS

Coffey, David, Agriculture, Continuation of the WKU Agricultural Academies Integration, Kentucky Dept. of Education. $2,000.


Fong, Louella, Consumer and Family Services, Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Ed (IECE), Kentucky Dept. of Education. $120,000.


Pigford, Darleen, Computer Science, Microsoft Instructional Lab Grant, Microsoft. $67,900.

Morse, Mike, Journalism, New Media Visual Editing Workshop, John S. & James L. Knight Foundation. $375,000.


Mendel, Colleen, T/TAS, Early Head Start Delegate, KY Cabinet for Human Resources. $140,000.

Kacer, Barbara, Teacher Education, Professional Development Projects, Kentucky Dept. of Education. $450.

Askins, Brent, Teacher Education Field-Based Teacher Education KY Cabinet for Workforce Development. July 25, 1996 $18,500.


Groves, Chris, Geog. & Geology Land Use and Water Quality of Ground Water National Park Service. Sept. 30, 1996 $17,000.

Hackney, Richard, Physics/Astronomy KY NASA/Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) Program, Year Council on Higher Education July 24, 1996 $125,000.

Hackney, Richard, Physics/Astronomy NASA’S Space Grant Consortium Program, Year 5 NASA’S Space Grant Consortium July 24, 1996 $12,500.


Lucas, Marion History A Tribute to Thomas D. Clark: KY Historian Kentucky Humanities Council Aug. 30, 1996 $95.


Havins Hopkinsville Bluegrass State Skills Corporation July 22, 1996 $5,052.


Schliefer, Jacqueline Teacher Education Enrichment Activities for Business Education Kentucky Cabinet for Workforce Development July 25, 1996 $3,500.

Wilkinson, David ED TV & Radio Services Kentucky TeleLink Network Year 2 Allocation Kentucky Information Resources Management Commission Sept. 8, 1996 $38,000.

Wilson, Terry Teacher Education Kentucky Agriculture and the Environment in the Classroom Kentucky Agriculture and the Environment in the Classroom, $17,883.

From page nine Convention in St. Louis, Mo. Oct. 30-Nov. 3.

She also received the ASHA national scholarship at the awards banquet.


Afzal Rahim, Management, presented and/or published: Relationships of leader power to effectiveness and organizational commitment: A cross-cultural study, coauthored at the 16th annual meeting of the National Academy of Management, Cincinnati, Ohio; Managing conflict for increasing organizational learning, 3rd biennial International Conference on Advances in Management, Framingham, MA.; Confirmatory factor analysis of the bases of leader power: First-order factor model and its invariance across groups in Multivariate Behavioral Research, 1996, Vol. 37, pp. 495-516.


Dr. Jim Ramsey, Economics, was coauthor of The Concept of the Structurally Balanced Budget, presented at the recent meeting of the Public Budget and Financial Management Conference held in Washington, D.C.

Nancy C. Rascoe, Assistant Professor, presented a research poster, Contraceptive Behavior at Six-Weeks and One Year Postpartum at the Kentucky Nurses Association annual meeting.

Sally Ray, Assistant Professor of Broadcasting, chaired the program on communication assessments as training and development tools Nov. 23 at the 82nd annual meeting of the Speech Communication Association in San Diego, CA.

Dr. Joyce Rasdall, Professor of Consumer and Family Sciences, presented Empowering Families and Consumers: Using the Home Equipment Factor for Addressing Critical Issues at the annual Technical Conference of the Association of Home Equipment Educators in Salt Lake City Oct. 10-12.

From Residence Life: As a community service project coordinated by the Department of Residence Life, the following presented leadership sessions with Rich Pond Elementary Students: Dr. Ernest Owen, Associate Professor, Psychology; Patti Collins, Staff Psychologist, Counseling Center, Mark Zimmerman, Complex Director, Department of Residence Life, Mike Robertson, Graduate Assistant, Educational Leadership and David Baskett, Resident Assistant. The program lasted three weeks.

Dr. Joseph Stokes, Mathematics, presented Common Threads of Math Refusal Movement in the joint conference on Teaching Science and Mathematics in Little Rock.

Tom Tutino, Associate Professor, Theatre and Dance, recently designed scenery for a production of Camelot at the Cumberland County Playhouse in Crossville, Tenn. The design also was entered in a juried exhibit sponsored by the southeast section of the United States Institute for Theatre Technology, and was selected to be exhibited at the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Miami in March.

Thank you to all faculty and staff who have contributed items to On Campus this year. Have a very happy holiday season! See you next year!
Technology

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that she knew was on the Internet. Next term, in another class, she’ll use her World-Wide Web page to give students links to the philosophy collection at a University of Missouri library and then will ask students to find, and program in, links to other sites with relevant materials.

“I’m going to prod them to look for that Francis Bacon document where they otherwise might be pursuing the Foo Fighters,” she says, referring to an alternative-rock band.

She also posts exam questions and answers students’ queries on an electronic bulletin board. “If they can’t get there, they don’t know what assignments are due,” she says. “They don’t get the study questions.”

Claire A. Rinehart, a professor of biology and also a grant winner, projects his Web pages on a screen during class to illustrate his lectures. Later, if students want to learn more about something he has mentioned—say, Gregor Mendel, the 19th-century botanist—they can go to the Web page, click on the reference, and see the information.

With his grant, he is developing computer animations to demonstrate principals of developmental biology, such as the mutation of the genome, and hopes to incorporate them into future Web pages.

Students, for the most part, enjoy the high-tech approach, but some find the computer work tedious and inconvenient. Dr. Rinehart, for example, requires students to develop a computer spreadsheet and to use an on-line catalogue to locate reference material.

“It aggravates me,” says Lesley N. Prester, one of his first-year graduate students in biology. “We spend hours and hours working on assignments. I can find the information myself in the library just as easily.” She has a computer at home, but the Internet connection there isn’t as easy to use as those right on the university’s network. Often, to complete an assignment, “I have to drive up here at nighttime to do it,” she says.

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That’s the pace of change the university has come to expect. “We’re not there yet,” says Dr. Anderson. “We’ve come a long way.”

Fall Commencement Saturday, Dec. 14 10 a.m.

8 p.m. Van Meter Auditorium. Music Dept. 745-3751.

4 Dreams of a Famous Physicist, or An Apology for Philosophy of Science. Prof. W.C. Salmon, University Professor of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh. 2 p.m. Theresa Gerard Auditorium, Garrett Center. Dept. of Philos. & Rel.

5 BGW Symphony Orchestra. Holiday Pops, 8 p.m. Van Meter Auditorium. Music 745-3751.

9-13 Final exams.

14 Commencement. 10 a.m. E.A. Diddle Arena. Registrar. 745-3351.

17 Final grades due in the Office of the Registrar by noon.


January 9 & 10 Orientation, Advisement, Registration. Freshmen, Transfer & Readmissions. All Colleges. 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Garrett Conference Center and Van Meter Hall. Sharon Dyren, 745-4242. Walk-ins, all colleges, Jan. 10.

13 Day & evening classes begin.


20 Martin Luther King holiday. University closed.

25 Super Saturday Seminar. 2 p.m. Various Campus locations. Gifted Studies, 745-6965.

28 Women In Journalism. DUC 226. Deana Groves, 745-6133.
Dr. Cassandra L. Pinnick, WKU assistant professor of philosophy, plans to have her students use the internet to view materials in the U. of Missouri Library.

By Goldie Blumenshtyk
Western Kentucky University realized four years ago that it was falling behind in technology. Its officials knew what they wanted for their campus of 15,000 students: Internet access in every classroom and dormitory room, electronic bulletin boards where professors could post assignments and collect papers, and an e-mail system that administrators could use to replace low-level meetings and photocopied memoranda.

What they had were several dozen computers in student laboratories, a slightly higher number on professors' desks, and a separate administrative system of 300 terminals wired to a mainframe computer. To reach the Internet, most users needed to dial out over modems.

Western Kentucky was in the first of three years of budget cuts, and no technology companies were beating a path here to set up demonstration sites for their latest products.

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