Some December graduates of Western Kentucky University received an early Christmas present—personal recognition from President Thomas C. Meredith during Western's first-ever December Commencement.

More than 500 students filed into E.A. Diddle Arena Dec. 14. WKU added the December ceremony to ease some of the crowding in the traditional May Commencement, said Registrar Freida Eggleton.

Dr. Meredith told Western's newest alumni that education is an unending process. "Today's world is changing quickly, so quickly that you can't let your learning stop here today," he said. "This is a commencement, the beginning of the rest of your lives and the next phase of learning."

Dr. Meredith gave the graduates three pieces of advice, extensions of Western's motto, "The Spirit Makes the Master:"

* "Always see farther than you can see," he said. "Don't be satisfied with what is easily within your grasp."

* "Always give more than is expected of you; give just a little more," he said. "Be humane and caring as an educated member of society," he said.

* "If you do all three of these things, what a wonderful world we're going to live in," Dr. Meredith said, "and I guarantee you'll be successful."

Among those graduating were five students who received special recognition for their academic achievements. Those with the highest grade-point average in their college were designated scholars of the college. Those with 4.0 GPAs with all of their coursework completed at Western were named winners of the Ogden Trustees' Award. The students were:

* Karen Starkey, a German major from Cookeville, Tenn., Scholar of the Potter College.
* Dennis Rupers, a government major from Bowling Green, Scholar of the Potter College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and Ogden Trustees' Award.
* Robin Huntsman Hood, an early elementary grades education major from Smiths Grove, Scholar of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences and Ogden Trustees' Award.
* Karen Starkey, a German major from Cookeville, Tenn., Scholar of the Potter College.
* Shelly Forsb, a geology major from Bowling Green, Scholar of the Ogden College of Science, Technology and Health.
* Melva Casana, a marketing major from Bowling Green, Scholar of the College of Business Administration and Ogden Trustees' Award.

WKU exceeded its United Way goal of $50,000. Left to right: Deborah Wilkins, Alex Downing, Wayne Overholt, Matt Dettman, Debra Cherwok and David Dunn, campus chair.
**Knowing what to do when there's a crisis**

The scenario: A rail car loaded with explosives has overturned near the campus, causing Western Kentucky University to activate its crisis management plan. Although it was only an exercise, the staged "crisis" one afternoon last fall provided WKU administrators valuable information and experience for dealing with the real thing, according to Horace Johnson, director of Public Safety.

The 30-minute exercise was designed "to give everyone a feel for what it is like during a crisis," Johnson said. "This was a brand new experience and most everyone learned from it without having to go through an actual crisis." Johnson said the table-top exercise was scheduled in conjunction with a meeting of the crisis management staff, a group of key administrators designated by the University's Crisis Management Plan to handle campus emergencies.

"Public Safety called all members of the crisis management staff and told them that the crisis operations center (located in the Downing University Center) had been activated and that they should report there to execute the Crisis Management Plan," Johnson said. Once they arrive, staff members were briefed on the nature of the crisis. The staff then began walking through the decisions that needed to be made, including making potential arrangements to evacuate residence halls, transporting and lodging displaced students and distributing information to the public, including parents.

Johnson said the exercise "went as expected" and that suggestions raised during an evaluation session that followed the exercise will be incorporated into the plan.

**Alumni Affairs and University Relations staffers win eight advancement awards**

The Alumni Affairs and University Relations offices at Western Kentucky University received eight awards from the Kentucky chapter of CASE-K for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE-K). The awards, which cover work completed in 1995, were presented at the CASE-K annual meeting last week in Louisville.

The Alumni Affairs office received an Award of Excellence in fund-raising publications for a brochure to raise private support for E.A. Diddle Memorial Park. That project was coordinated by Donald Smith, Annual Fund Coordinator; Ron Beck, Planned Giving Coordinator; and Fred Hensoley, Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

Alumni Affairs and University Relations shared an Award of Merit for publications for the Alumni magazine. The magazine was edited by Lucinda Anderson and was designed under the direction of Tom Meacham, Coordinator of Publication Services.

The University Relations office received six awards.

- Bob Skipper, Coordinator of news and photo services, received Awards of Excellence in feature stories for one WUNN-TV release and in special efforts, with Registrar Freda Eggleton, for the Toline telephone class registration demonstration and press conference.
- Sheila Eison, Coordinator of Internal Communication and Editor of On Campus, the faculty/staff newspaper, received an Award of Excellence in feature stories for stories about WKU's Major Gifts Campaign and Marketing Study, Changing the Face of Raising Funds and Farewell to the Unexamined Life. She also received an Award of Merit for special efforts in utilizing On Campus for Major Gifts Campaign education services.
- Lou Anne Beckham, former Special events coordinator, received an Award of Excellence in non fund-raising events for the Presidents Club reception featuring astronaut Terry Wilcut.
- The "World of Western" student newsletter received an Award of Merit. It was produced by Jeff Younglove, Coordinator of Special Events in University Relations; Jerry Barnaby, Assistant Director, Educational Television Services; and Greg Purpus, Admissions Counselor.

CASE-K is the state chapter of the national organization of advancement professionals in higher education, encompassing the areas of alumni relations, public and media relations and development and fund raising.

**Public Radio: Wow, what a fund drive!**

The Public Radio Service of Western Kentucky University ended its Fall Membership Drive with a record $110,504 from 1,749 pledges from Kentucky, Tennessee and Indiana.

"The response to the drive was just incredible," said Jane Moore, assistant director of Public Broadcasting.

**On Campus**

1996 Award of Excellence, Kentucky Council for the Advancement and Support of Education

1996 Blue Pencil Award of Merit, Kentucky Association of Government Communicators

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**EKU, WKU cooperate in criminal justice master's**

Dr. Elmer Gray, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, reported to Dr. Thomas C. Meredith, President, and Dr. Barbara Burch, Vice President for Academic Affairs at WKU that Eastern Kentucky University and WKU officials met in December to initiate a second cycle of the WKU-EKU Cooperative master's program in criminal justice.

"This joint endeavor is an excellent example of Interinstitutional cooperation," said Dr. Gray, adding "EKU is totally unselfish and cooperative in their commitment to this program."

The program consists of 36 hours (18 professional provided at Western by EKU, and 18 foundation provided by Western). Students may begin WKU courses immediately, and EKU courses in the fall of 1997. Meanwhile, facilities are working on course equivalencies, and office personnel are working on student matriculation processes, and administrators are updating the agreement policy. Gray said, adding:

"We anticipate a cadre of approximately 20 part-time students. Bowling Green area police officers are the primary stakeholders."
Legislature honors Jim Wayne Miller

During the Kentucky General Assembly special session last fall, Senate members introduced a resolution honoring Kentucky Poet Laureate Jim Wayne Miller, who died last August.

"This honorable body is proud and honored that Jim Wayne Miller chose Kentucky as his adopted state. The passion, dedication, intelligence and social consciousness Jim Wayne Miller brought the Commonwealth of Kentucky and to this great nation will never be forgotten, and his influence will continue through his writings," the resolution reads.

A copy was given to Miller's wife, Mary Ellen Miller, of Bowling Green, and a member of WKU's English faculty.

Miller, an accomplished poet and author, was a member of WKU's Modern Languages and Intercultural Studies faculty at WKU, teaching German, until his death.

Senators introducing the resolution were: Nick Kafoglis, David E. Boswell, Benny Ray Bailey, Walter Blevins Jr., Charlie Borders, Fred Bradley, Lindy Casebeer, James Crase, Jeff Green, Ernie Harris, Paul Herron Jr., David K. Karem, Dan Kelly, Robert J. "Bob" Leeper, Gerald A. Neal, Julie Cannan Rose, Richard Sanders, Larry Saunders, Ernesto Sconso, Tim Shaughnessy and Elizabeth Tori.

INFO LINE AND E-MAIL KEEP WKU FANS UPDATED

Whether it's the latest in news and sports, checking upcoming events or seeing if classes have been canceled because of the weather, the Western Kentucky University Information Line helps keep people in touch with WKU.

By dialing (502) 745-4845, or 1-888-CALL-WKU (toll free), callers can choose from a menu offering news, sports, events calendar or cancellations. The recorded messages will be updated on a timely basis, according to John Wright, Coordinator of Electronic Services at Western.

Also, alumni and friends of Western may receive the latest news, sports and other information via a daily electronic mail message called At-Western.

Subscribers receive an e-mail message every weekday with the latest news, sports and events information, according to Wright. At-Western also provides the latest job openings at WKU.

To subscribe to At-Western, send an e-mail message to <MXXSERVER@WKU.EDU>. In the body of the message, type one line of text: SUBSCRIBE At-Western your name. Be sure to replace "your name" with your real name. For example, John Wright would send the message: SUBSCRIBE At-Western John Wright.

Within a short time, subscribers should receive a confirmation message from the server, along with a short questionnaire. Subscribers may leave the list at any time by following the directions they receive with the confirmation message.

Phonathon Surpasses $400,000 Goal

Two months of calling have paid off as students have raised more than $400,000 in pledges during the 16th annual Western Kentucky University Phonathon. Students making calls the last night in November raised a record $403,014 in pledges for various programs across campus, according to Donald Smith, Coordinator of the Annual Fund.

"Pledges were made from 6,031 alumni, with an additional 1,947 considering gifts," Smith said. In addition, there were 1,534 increased pledges and 1,111 new pledges," he said.
Bob Boross, Artist-In-Residence, Department of Theatre and Dance, writes a monthly column for Dancer newspaper and will serve as a contributing writer on jazz dance for Dance Magazine, the world's largest dance periodical. Also, the Jazz Dance Homepage, a web site he created on all aspects of jazz dance, has been selected as a "link of the month" by Dance Magazine in the November 1996 online issue. The Jazz Dance Homepage can be accessed at http://wkulive2.wku.edu/~borross/home.html.

Dr. Catherine Carey, Economics and Marketing, presented her paper, co-authored by Charles Spradlin, WKU economics graduate student, Foreign Direct Investment in the Presence of Asymmetric Adjustment Costs at the 66th annual conference of the Southern Economic Association in Washington, D.C. in November. She also discussed papers dealing with Common Market Arrangements.

Dr. Carey's article, U.S. Import Supply Behavior: Evidence from the 1980s, has been accepted for publication in the winter issue of the Eastern Economic Journal.

Dr. Marilyn Casto, who serves interior design majors in the Department of Consumer and Family Sciences, has been elected Vice President of the Southeastern Society of Architectural Historians for the 1996-97 professional year.


From Geography and Geology: Papers presented at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Science at Kentucky State University:


Dr. David Keeling, Secondary City Growth in Mexico: The Case of Huatusco, Veracruz.

Dr. Conrad Moore, Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Marihuana Cultivation in Kentucky;

Dr. Wayne Hoffman and James Bingham, The 1995 Kentucky Education Reform Proficiency Test: A Spatial Analysis;

Glen Conner, Freeze-Thumb Events in Kentucky.

Dr. Nicholas Crawford and Richard Tucker, Dye Tracer Investigations of Groundwater Flow at Sites Contaminated with High Concentrations of Nonaqueous Phase Liquids: Matrix Interference Analyses.

Dr. Keeling presented two lectures to faculty and students in the Department of Geography and Engineering at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY.

Dr. Albert Petersen presented Insider-Outsider View of a State Geography Alliance at the annual meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education at Santa Barbara, CA in November.

Dr. Chris Groves recently was honored as a fellow of the Cave Research Foundation, and also was elected to the Foundation's nine-member board of directors. The Foundation has a number of ongoing national and international cave exploration and scientific programs. Notable among these is the exploration and survey of the Mammoth Cave System, which at 350-plus miles is by far the world's most extensive known cave system.

Dr. Groves also gave two talks about karst landscapes and cave development to Earthwater Archeology Research Groups working in Mammoth Cave National Park.

Cindy Etkin and Elaine Moore, Library Public Services, presented Winning Combinations: The Library and the Computer Center as Interactive Partners at the biennial meeting of the Southeastern Library Association Oct. 24 in Lexington, Ky.


Anna Jo Johnson, Assistant Professor of English, Community College, chaired a session on Portfolios and Basic Writers at the National Council of Teachers of English 86th annual convention in Chicago in November.

Dr. Kathy Kalab, Sociology, had Aging Patterns in Japan, Part II published in the Fall-Winter 1996 issue of The Japan Center of Tennessee Newsletter.

Dr. Carl Kell, Professor of Communication and Broadcast, is chairman, of the Speech Communication Association Task Force on Masters Only Graduate Programs. The 20-member group is compiling information and making recommendations for the 7,000-member national organization.

Dr. Kell presented I can see clearly now: Rhetorical Distinctions of Clear in the American Marketplace at the 16th annual convention of SCAIP, Speech Communication Association of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Dec. 6-7.


Dr. Kim presented Intertemporal Production, Production Smoothing, and Asset Returns at the 66th annual conference of the Southern Economic Association in Washington, D.C. in November. He also discussed papers dealing with Mergers and Collusion.


Dr. Millichap's article, Carson McCullers' Literary Ballad, origi-
Show features Susan B. Anthony

The Kentucky Library and the Pierian Literary Club are co-sponsoring a presentation entitled "Susan B. Anthony: The Napoleon of the Movement," a one-woman show performed by Melinda Strobel at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 9, at the Kentucky Building.

Anthony's 50th birthday celebration is the setting for the performance about the woman who was instrumental in shaping the political rights of American women. From 1850 until her death in 1906, she generated the troupes, organized meetings, canvassed with petitions, lectured, and brought women of all stations to a clearer understanding of their rights as human beings and as citizens of the United States. Her single-minded determination and courage pursued enfranchisement for women, earning her the title, "the Napoleon of the movement."

Many of the rights and privileges women hold today are due to her unswerving commitment to improving their status. This crucial story of our American heritage has been basically ignored—until now.

Susan B. Anthony seeks to bring to light one of America's most important heroines, and the audience will have an opportunity to meet the woman who helped change the status of women all over the world.

The actress, Melinda Strobel, studied at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art and has a degree in theatre from Willamette University. She has performed in several shows, both in Oregon and Atlanta, Ga.

"Susan B. Anthony: The Napoleon of the Movement" is presented as part of a ten-city tour of Kentucky and is sponsored by a grant from the Kentucky Humanities Council, a state-based program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. There will be a reception following the performance, which is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Nancy Baird (502) 745-6263.

University Libraries will offer the following FirstSearch Worldwide Web Workshops for faculty, staff and students:

- February 4, 1997
- March 4, 1997
- April 1, 1997

All workshops scheduled for 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Helm Library Room 5

Reservations necessary: 745-6115

- Learn how to use FirstSearch on the WWW to access many databases and the holdings of 22,000 libraries.

University Libraries is offering the following:

- March 25
- April 8
- 3 - 4 p.m.

Helm Library Room 5

Reservations necessary: 745-6115

- Learn how to use InfoTrac SearchBank on the WWW to access full-text articles with graphics from 1,000 journals.

University Libraries will offer a series of electronic research workshops for faculty, staff and the general public:

- Feb. 25
- Consumer Information
- Cindy Etkin
- Feb. 27
- Web Sites for Geography and Maps
- Charles Smith

Other listed next month:
- 7 p.m.
- Cravens Library Room 111
- Reservations necessary: (502) 745-6115

Bicentennial Exhibit

"First American Roads, Rails and Rivers: Warren County Then and Now," an exhibit developed by The Kentucky Museum to document this county's history and heritage, will open to the public March 1 as part of the community-wide celebration of Warren County's 200th anniversary.

The exhibit and opening activities are made possible by First American National Bank of Kentucky and Tennessee, the title sponsor; Houchens Industries, Inc., and the Margie Helm Library Fund, co-sponsors; and Humana, Inc., Louisville.

Contributions earmarked for interactive computers and software for educational programs were received from Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation, plus cost-sharing funds through WKU's Office of Sponsored Programs and an additional monetary award from the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

On Dec. 14, 1796, the fifth Kentucky General Assembly passed legislation establishing Warren County.

In addition to setting boundaries, providing for some county officials and locating government buildings, the legislation also stipulated that the newly established county would begin to function March 1, 1797.

Exactly two years from that historic date, The Kentucky Museum's bicentennial exhibit will open with a series of musical performances and special activities, starting at 10 a.m. and running until 3 p.m.

Riley Handy, Library Special Collections department head, said, "To tell Warren County's story, we have pulled together an array of three-dimensional artifacts, plus photographs, maps, broadsides, books, manuscripts—things from all our collections—to help visitors learn more about our history."

"Because transportation was and continues to be important to Warren County's growth and development we decided to make transportation the exhibit's main theme," Handy said.

To carry out that theme and to present the exhibit materials in a logical fashion, the exhibit is divided into sections dealing with business and industry, education, health, recreation and war, which have subtitles that connote transportation.

As an example, Handy said the section on health is subtitled "Road to Recovery."

Handy also said that the exhibit will cover approximately 2,400 square feet, about half the exhibition space on the museum's main floor.

Included in the exhibition will be a special room to exhibit Warren County art or items from county residents' art collections, another area for clothing and textiles, and a third for over-sized items, such as Duncan Hines's stove, a large drum used in parades and political rallies and some larger pieces of furniture.

Handy said that a major element of every exhibit the museum offers to the public is its educational component.

"With the help of our sponsors and grants from Weyerhaeuser and Academic Affairs, we're pleased to be able to add some computers to our exhibit."

Handy explained that two interactive computers, located in the area where the exhibit ends, will give patrons opportunities to review and expand on the information provided in the exhibit and to see how this community's history "fits" with state and national history.

"First American Roads, Rails and Rivers: Warren County Then and Now" will be on exhibit throughout Warren County's bicentennial year, 1998 for Bowling Green's 200th anniversary and probably into the early part of the next century.

Handy said the long exhibition period will provide everyone in this county and the region and opportunity to see the exhibit.

"This extended exhibition period will also allow us to change out some things so the public will have opportunity to see more of the collections."

For more information about the museum's bicentennial exhibit, education programs or opening events/activities, call (502) 745-5263.
The Personnel File

Western Kentucky University
February 1997

The following personnel changes were approved by the University's Board of Regents at its Oct. 25 meeting. Information is provided by the Department of Human Resources, 502-745-2071.

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Dr. John M. Anderson, Assistant Professor, Biology
Catherine A. Anderson, Instructor, Community College
Robert W. Borros, Assistant Professor, Theatre and Dance
Dr. Sandra D. Clements, Visiting Assistant Professor, Physics and Astronomy
Dr. Joseph G. Cole, Assistant Professor, Physical Education and Recreation
Dr. Steven L. Daniel, Instructor, Biology
Karen Gramling, Instructor, Mathematics
Dr. Wm. Eddie Houston, Instructor, Dean's Office, Ogden College

Dr. Haibo Liu, Assistant Professor, Agriculture
Robin McCubbins, Instructor, Computer Science
Lisa A. Menetrey, Instructor, Nursing
Dr. Basil A. Osi, Visiting Assistant Professor, Physics and Astronomy
Dr. Mary O'Phelan, Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership
Paula W. Potter, Visiting Instructor, Management
Dr. Stacy S. Wilson, Assistant Professor, Engineering Technology
Dr. Frank B. Wyatt, Assistant Professor, Physical Education and Recreation

FACULTY ENTERING EARLY RETIREMENTS WITH SPECIAL TENURE STATUS

Dr. James M. Heldman, Professor, English
Dr. Thomas P. Dunn, Professor, Sociology

NEW EMPLOYEES IN TEMPORARY, GRANT-FUNDED POSITIONS

Michael D. Belbot, Research Associate, Physics and Astronomy
Althea R. Benton, Membership Associate for Television, Educational Telecommunications

Gayla Cissell, Research Associate, Psychology
Stacy K.B. Moore, Research Associate, Physics and Astronomy
Dr. John Nobilo, Research Associate, Physics and Astronomy

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Valerie Hines, Curation Assistant, Dean's Office, Potter College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences
Pamela R. Janoski, Facilitator, Teacher Education
Tracy Smith, Distance Learning Assistant, Interactive Television
Keri Watson, Assistant Residence Hall Director, Residence Life

Melissa Wilson, Programmer / Analyst, Administrative Computing Services
John Wright, Coordinator, Electronic Services, University Relations

STAFF PROMOTIONS

Deana Doan, Residence Hall Director
Deborah J. Gabbard, Office Associate, Department of Agriculture
Matt Gregory, Residence Life Complex Director
Tess D. McKirley, Office Coordinator, Career Services Center

Phoebe Parks, Degree Certification Officer, Registrar
Lorettta Stanley, Residence Life Complex Director

STAFF RETIREMENTS

Ann P. Cravens, English
Paul Joiner, Public Safety
Judy Thornton, Chief Buyer, Purchasing

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Sarah Boles, Student Records Associate, Registrar
Allison DeArmond, Psychology
LaTonya T. Dufley, Office Assistant, Integrative Studies in Teacher Ed.
Jody L. Evans, Office Associate, Dean's Office, Potter College

Amy Elizabeth Littrell, Office Associate, Human Resources
Curtis B. Mitchell, Assistant Farm Manager
Charlleen B. Reynolds, Office Associate, Admissions
Robyn Scott, Office Assistant, Student Health Service & Wellness Center

Thomas Sutton, Office Assistant, Military Science

IN MEMORY

Bonnie L. Williams, Sept. 14, 1996, Visiting Assistant Professor, Nursing

GRANT AND CONTRACT AWARDS

Wagoner, Andy, Admissions
Minority Education Recruitment & Retention Scholarship Program.Kentucky Dept. of Education. $49,500.

Myers, Phil, Center for Training and Development. SKF-HUB Cash I. SKF USA, Inc. $1,870

Binder, Michael, Library
Warren County Bar Association: Library Books. Warren County Bar Assn. $1,671, $1,229.

Jones, Susan, Nursing
Center for Ag Disease & Injury Research, University of Kentucky Research Foundation. $28,000.

Layne, Lois, Psychology
WKU Adult Day Health Center. Warren River Area Development Division. $1,277.

Martin, Jim, Agriculture
Systemic Approach to Teaching Science: Council on Higher Education (Eisenhower Program) $38,518.

Hoyt, Robert, Biology
Continuation of Backlog Cataloging Project. National Park Service. $15,166.


Barton, Martha, Educational Leadership Superintendent Assessment Program. Kentucky Department of Education. $27,888.


Lee, Laura Harper, Library
Kentucky Museum-Warren County Bicentennial Project. Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation. $2,000.

Hackney, Karen, Physics & Astronomy
Extension of Astronomy Activities: Applying KERA Principles. National Science Foundation. $6,713.

Givens, Nancy, Student Health & Wellness. Logan Aluminum Wellness Continuation Grant. Logan Aluminum, Inc. $49,563.

Daniel, Tabitha, Teacher Education
Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education. Kentucky Department of Education. $10,000.

Evans, Sam, Teacher Education
Kentucky Institute for Educational Research. Kentucky Institute for Educational Research. $54,520.

Otto, Robert, Teacher Education
Center for Economic Education. KY Council on Economic Education. $5,500.

Wilson, Terry, Teacher Education
PRISM Networking. KY Science & Technology Network. $75,000.

Reserved until 5 p.m.

President Meredith sent a memo to faculty and staff reserved parking space users announcing he's approved a recommendation by the executive officers and the University Parking and Traffic Committee to modify the ending time of reserved parking from 6 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Maintaining reserved parking until 6 p.m., when many of the users of those reserved parking spaces are not utilizing the spaces, has created a hardship on our students who attend night classes. Likewise, during daylight savings time, many of those seeking available parking overlook or simply cannot see the reserved marking on these spaces," Dr. Meredith said, adding the move also is to make our campus user friendly, and more customer oriented."
Public Radio wins awards in 1996

The Public Radio Service of Western Kentucky University has earned top honors in a wide variety of categories in the Kentucky Associated Press Broadcast Competition for 1996. WKU-FM won first-place awards for coverage of alternative school calendars, an on-going arson investigation and an in-depth report on the number of people killed in mobile home fires in the state.

A 29-minute report on the impact smoking has on cardiovascular disease in Kentucky was named the top public service report in the state.

The judges also recognized WKU-FM's regularly-scheduled newscast and the station's coverage of minority teacher recruitment, Black History Month and a report on ways some families are trying to save for the cost of higher education. Other reports honored covered subjects such as the George Tames Photographic Exhibit at the Kentucky Museum and a Kentucky Derby preview.

The total of 11 AP awards in one year is a record for WKU-FM. News Director Dan Modlin said the entire station staff deserves credit for the award-winning performance.

Public Radio also received the Community Affairs Award and the Meritorious Service Award from the Kentucky Broadcasters Association (KBA).

Western received the Community Affairs award for outstanding contributions to the community through the Annual Classical Music Month Poetry Contest. Western's Public Radio earned the Meritorious Service Award for high achievement and performance.

The news department provides information on issues of special interest in Kentucky, including in-depth reports on mobile home fire safety, the impact on smoking on heart disease, minority teacher recruitment, regional transportation needs and the possible impact of the "concealed carry" legislation.

The station frequently shares audio with other KBA stations and the Kentucky News Network. Western's Public Radio has also been recognized in 1996 for the Kentucky Educational Association School Bell Award, the American Heart Association Jesse Stuart Memorial Award and the Society of Professional Journalists Award for Outstanding In-depth Reporting for Radio.

February is Black History Month

$100,000 Gift will aid WKU agriculture

Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture and 1965 Western Kentucky University graduate Billy Ray Smith presented WKU with a $100,000 check at halftime of WKU's homecoming football game on Oct. 26. Commissioner Smith made the presentation to WKU President Thomas C. Meredith and former Agriculture Department head Luther Hughes for use by WKU's Agriculture Department.

Commissioner Smith worked along with the 1996 Kentucky General Assembly to secure the funds for Western's university farm. Smith is committed to higher education and to enhancing educational opportunities for students majoring in agriculture.

Hughes, assistant to the vice president for Academic Affairs, presented the check to Gordon Jones, interim head of the Agriculture Department.

According to Jones, the funds will be used for maintenance, improvement and equipment for the University Farm. The department plans to install more water lines, repair and expand buildings and to build sheds for machinery.

Other universities receiving funds from the General Assembly are: Murray State, Eastern Kentucky and Morehead.

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6 Toppers Basketball vs. Arkansas State 7 p.m. All home basketball games in E.A. Diddle Arena.

7 High School Honors Program. 8 p.m. Garrett Conference Center. Dr. Sam McFarland (502/745-2011).

8 Super Saturday Seminar. 2-4 p.m. Gifted Studies 502/745/6565.

9 Toppers Basketball vs. South Alabama. 4:30 p.m.

10 Ramona Hyman Enactment as Rosa Parks-Black History Month. 7 p.m. Downing University Center Theater. Bennie Beach (502/745-5792).

11 Toppers Basketball vs. Western Louisiana. 7 p.m.

12 Living Arts for Students - Cinderella. 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Van Meter Auditorium. Kelly Pepper (423)/450-3455.

13 Faculty Senate. Garrett Ballroom. 3:30 p.m.

14 Happy Valentine's Day!!

15 Super Saturday Seminar. 2-4 p.m. Gifted Studies 502/745/6565.

16 Lady Toppers Basketball vs. Louisiana Tech. 7 p.m.


19 Super Saturday Seminar. 2-4 p.m. Gifted Studies 502/745/6565.

20 Women's Alliance. 7 p.m. Women's Studies. 7 p.m.

21 Deadline for Faculty Development Fund Applications. Academic Affairs Office.

22 Super Saturday Seminar. 2-4 p.m. Gifted Studies 502/745/6565.

23 The Burning Bed. Gender Images Film/Video Series. Garrett Center 100. 11:45 a.m.

24 Women's Alliance. 7 p.m. Women's Studies. 7 p.m.

25 Lady Toppers Basketball vs. Arkansas State. 7 p.m. Campus Center Gymnasium.
Graduate students on the rise

Enrollment for the spring semester at WKU is up slightly, according to preliminary figures. There are 13,992 students enrolled at Western this semester, an increase of 84, or 0.6 percent, over the same time last spring, according to Registrar Freida Eggleton.

The biggest increase is in graduate students, up 128 over last spring. Dr. Elmer Gray, Dean of Graduate Studies, said the increase can be attributed to two programs that were not available in the spring of 1996.

"First is the reactivation of the MBA program," Dr. Gray said. The program began enrolling students in the fall, and enrollment is now approaching 90, he said. Another 25-plus students are enrolled in Western's new community college faculty preparation program, Dr. Gray said. Enrollment is also up on the rise for Western's cooperative doctoral program in education with the University of Louisville.