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The Western Kentucky University Board of Regents has named the University's business college in honor of Gordon Ford, CPA, who has made a commitment of more than $10.6 million in gifts to support business programs.

The Gordon Ford College of Business reflects the impact that this commitment will have on Western Kentucky University,” WKU President Gary Ransdell said. “This gift, the largest ever received by the University from a single donor, will be transformational, not only for Western, but for the community and region as well. It will provide a solid foundation for growth into the next century.”

The commitment includes $9.5 million in unrestricted funds in the “Gordon Ford Dean’s Fund for Excellence.” In addition, $500,000—combined with a $500,000 match from the Commonwealth of Kentucky—will create the Mattie Newman Ford Professor of Entrepreneurial Studies, named in honor of Gordon Ford’s mother. Ford will also continue to fund a scholarship program for accounting and business majors that he began in 1992, bringing the total commitment to $10.6 million.

Business college Dean Robert Jefferson said the focus of the Ford Fund for Excellence “is to establish study at Western’s Gordon Ford College of Business as the premier undergraduate program in Kentucky. This program will have activities which will provide added value to the Western degree for both graduates and employers.”

Investments from the fund will support student and faculty scholarship, research projects, technological enhancements and social and leadership development for graduates, he said.

The $500,000 match from Kentucky’s Regional University Excellence Trust Fund will create a $1 million endowed professorship that will attract and support talented and prominent faculty interested in working with students to bring distinction to Western’s business students and graduates.

“The Mattie Newman Ford Professor of Entrepreneurial Studies will provide instructional and program leadership, while further promoting the importance of a quality education for management and business professionals,” Dr. Jefferson said.

President Ransdell added that “support for nationally recognized faculty is essential in preparing competent graduates and leaders for business and economic development opportunities in Kentucky and the mid-south region.”

Ford said he chose to make this gift because he has “been interested in education for many years, believing that education is the hope of the world.”

Ford’s family has had a connection with Western for more than 90 years. His mother attended Western in 1907-09, just after it moved to its present location on the “Hill” in 1906, and received a teaching certificate. Ford came to Bowling Green in 1931, graduating from Bowling Green Business University in 1934. BGU merged with Western in 1963 to become the Bowling Green College of Business Administration.

He has numerous ties with education, including giving 10 or more scholarships, a year for worthy students at Western since 1992. He was one of the founders of Kentucky Southern College, served as a trustee at Bellarmine College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

A native of Greenville, Ky., Ford was a founding partner in the accounting firm of Yeager, Ford and Warren in Louisville. That firm merged with the firm of Coopers & Lybrand, which recently merged with PricewaterhouseCoopers and lives in Louisville, Ky., and Village of Golf, Fla. He is married to Glenda and has three children: Dr. Gordon B. Ford Jr. and Gayle Ford Whittenberg, both of Louisville, and Gregory N. Ford of Melbourne, Fla.

He is a member of the WKU Board of Advisors and a director of the WKU Foundation.

Tom Hiles, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, said Ford’s gift will “impact the faculty and students of the Ford College for generations to come. His support will also be the cornerstone of our advancement efforts by inspiring others considering leadership support.”
The University has received a $100,000 gift from Active Services Corp. to help fund an endowment for the school's Gerontology Program.

The donation, $20,000 a year for five years, will support the establishment of an endowed chair in gerontology, said Dr. Lois Layne, a professor of psychology at WKU and director of the Gerontology Program. "The Active Day Center has been a dynamic, innovative part of the Gerontology Program," Dr. Layne said. "Our successful partnership with Active Services will allow us to expand training in research in adult day services as well as services for the elderly. The gift will ensure that the Gerontology Program at WKU will thrive in the future."

The Gerontology Program was developed in 1986 and includes a 21-hour multidisciplinary minor. It involves 25 faculty from across the campus. A graduate certificate is planned, Dr. Layne said.

Active Services, based in Birmingham, Ala., has managed the WKU Active Day Center since February, as part of a five-year agreement. The Center, in existence since 1989, provides a safe and supportive environment for older adults who need care and supervision.

Services offered by the Center include:
- "Assisting frail and disabled older adults, allowing them to remain in their homes;"
- "Providing respite for families of Alzheimer's patients, relieving stress and providing support;"
- "Allowing families to maintain employment while their elderly family member is being cared for;"
- "Providing emotional support and socialization for isolated elderly; and"
- "Contributing to quality of life to help postpone the need for nursing home placement."

The Center also provides educational opportunities for WKU students who plan careers working with the aging population, including 15 part-time employees and more than 300 academic placements through internships and volunteer opportunities.

It was the second adult day care center in the country to be located on a college campus.

Active Services provides services in 36 cities in five states with almost $20 million in annual revenues. It was founded in 1995 and is the nation's largest provider of adult day health services.

Ken Oliver (right), president, chair and CEO of Active Services, presents a check to WKU to begin funding an endowed chair in gerontology. The $100,000 gift over five years was announced at a press conference. Accepting (from left) are Provost Barbara Burch; Joanne Robertson, Active Services regional administrator; and Dr. Lois Layne, university liaison to the Adult Day Health Care Center.
Fall Commencement: 1,100 Degrees; Honors Kentucky Historian, Dr. Thomas Clark

At Fall Commencement Dec. 19, the University conferred more than 1,100 degrees, including a special degree to honor the state's Historian Laureate for Life.

Dr. Thomas Clark received an honorary doctorate, the fourth in the school's history. At age 95, he continues to research and write books, chapters, overviews and other works on the history of the Commonwealth.

Clark left the University of Kentucky in 1968 after a 37-year career as a professor of history and chairman of the department. He estimates he taught 20,000 students in his career. He is also noted for helping found the University of Kentucky Press, which later became the University Press of Kentucky.

Clark wrote his History of Kentucky in 1937, which remains a treasure among the 40-plus books to his credit. One of his latest endeavors is a History of Clark County, published in 1996. He also wrote overview chapters for such works as The Kentucky Encyclopedia, Kentucky's Governors and The Filson Club's bicentennial issue.

WKU President Gary Ransdell told the graduates that their education did not end with graduation, but that education should be a life-long process.

"Your experience at Western is one chapter of your own personal novel," he told the approximately 600 graduates participating in E.A. Diddle Arena. "You are the author and only you can determine how your story will unfold. As you leave this hill, you take with you a kaleidoscope of experiences that have shaped your life."

In tradition, Dr. Ransdell greeted each of the graduates participating as their names were called.

WKU also recognized four undergraduate students for their academic achievements. Students named Scholar of the College graduate with the highest grade-point average of students in their academic colleges. Recipients of the Ogden Trustees' Award finished their undergraduate degrees with a 4.0 GPA and all course work completed at Western.

The students were:

**Kevin Ball of Bowling Green**, Scholar of the Potter College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and Ogden Trustees' Award recipient. He is the son of Donald and Judith Ball.

**Jimmy Hodgkins of Owensboro**, Scholar of the Gordon Ford College of Business and Ogden Trustees' Award recipient. He is the son of Jim and Rose Hodgkins.

**Michelle Cunningham of Russell Springs**, Scholar of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences. She is the daughter of Junior and Mary Lou Cunningham.

**Alissa Watson of Liberty**, Scholar of the Ogden College of Science, Technology and Health and Ogden Trustees' Award recipient. She is the daughter of L.J. and Buffy Watson.

Western also presented a doctorate in educational administration to Paula Little of Albany. She is the first graduate of the joint doctoral program between Western and the University of Louisville to receive the degree at Western.

Jo Anne Conway, Owensboro, Ky., Class of '98, B.S. Geography and Geology.

Kentucky historian, Dr. Thomas Clark, awarded Honorary Doctor of Letters Degree.

Dr. Carlton Jackson, Distinguished Professor of History, Mace bearer.
Weather: What to Do

When the weather outside is frightful this time of year, classes sometimes, though rarely, need to be cancelled, or delayed.

People like to know how the decisions are made, so here’s a quick rundown of weather closing procedures.

On the main campus, Facilities Director Mark Stroud, Police Chief Horace Johnson and Provost Barbara Burch survey conditions and make a recommendation to the President or his designee.

The President makes the decision to cancel part or all classes or close the university.

Decisions for day classes should be made by 6 a.m. and by 1 p.m. for evening classes.

The Office of Public Affairs, specifically, Media Relations, notifies news media immediately. This takes only minutes, so turn on your favorite electronic media source, either radio or tv, and you’ll get the word through their closing announcements.

It is important to note that Western will only announce closings, not delays, or not in-staff days. Extended campus directors survey conditions at their locations and consult with Academic Affairs, which then contacts Media Relations for dissemination of announcements.

You can access announcements on radio and tv primarily, but also on the WKU Information Line at 745-4445, the WKU Web site, campus cable tv and infolines.

Stay warm!

Coffee’s Brewing at the Faculty House

Need that little extra surge of caffeine in the morning, even though you had your coffee before you left home?

The Faculty House invites you, thanks to your Alumni Association.

“It’s part of the Alumni Association’s Board’s initiatives to support our faculty and staff,” says Alumni Association Executive Director, Dr. Gene Creme.

So as a part of that, new life has been breathed into the old Cedar House, as it was called when faculty and students built it in the 1920s for a respite from the drudgery of daily routines.

“We hope to rekindle an old tradition,” says Dr. Creme. Alumni Association President Wendell St. John stopped by one day last week to say hello to his guests.

The Faculty House has been a gathering place for decades for colleagues, but in recent years hasn’t received any attention. It beckons you to once again come enjoy coffee and doughnuts in the morning, just like the old days.

For new folks, it’s the old Cedar House between Cherry Hall and Garrett Conference Center.

Other recent initiatives of the Alumni Association include sponsoring faculty excellence awards for $1,000 each; sponsoring door prizes and gifts for on-campus events, such as the Staff Council’s Fall Break Banquet.

Thank you, Alumni Association!

Graduate Fellowships Available

Master’s degree level graduate fellowships worth up to $24,000 are available for future teachers.

Contact at Western is Professor of History M.B. Lucas.

Funds are awarded through the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, federally-owned endowed program to strengthen instruction about the Constitution in the nation’s schools.

College seniors and college graduates who intend to become secondary school teachers of American history, American government and social studies are eligible for awards.

Call 502-745-5735, Marion B. Lucas, Cherry Hall 224-B.
Professional Activities

ACCOUNTING

Jan Colbert has been appointed by Gov. Paul E. Patton to the Kentucky State Board of Accountancy.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Julie Blythe has been elected secretary of the Professional Marketing Association of Bowling Green.

BIOLOGY

Kincheloe Foreman presented Initiated Stenell Modifying Bacteria: Implications as pathogen models, for the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Louisville. She presented Acid 7-Dethoxyribomycin Product Pathogenicity or Non-Pathogenicity at the Kentucky-Tennessee Branch of the American Society for Microbiology in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

COMMUNICATION AND BROADCASTING

Dr. Terry Likes, assistant professor of broadcast journalism, has produced a documentary, "The Boys in the Band," for Los Angeles and Global Warming, which has aired nationally.

COUNSELING AND TESTING SERVICES

Debra Crisp has been appointed to the Division 17 Program in a Small Business for the 1999 meeting of the American Psychological Association in Boston.

ECONOMICS AND MARKETING

Dr. Steve Bolton, Marketing, and Dr. Jan Colbert, Accounting, have published Recommendations for Preventing and Managing a Small Business for the 1999 meeting of the American Psychological Association in Boston.


Dr. H.Y. Kim presented Production Risk, Financial Integration & Risk Sharing, and The International Consumption/Outstanding Paper Challenge at the 69th annual conference of the Southern Economic Association in Baltimore. Dr. Kim also served as chair and discussed for papers on Applied Economic Issues.

Dr. Felicia Laski's and Dr. Richard Shannon's article, "The Student Perspective: Should the Marketing Department Offer Specializations?" was published in Marketing Advances in Theory, Practice, and Research, pp. 181-183, 1998.

Dr. Laski presented "Topic-Based Learning Assignments in the Marketing Curriculum at the 1998 Society for Marketing Advances Great Teacher Competition. She presented "What's the Future?" to the Subject Area Market: A Content Analysis of a Study Awarded on International Marketing: The Student Perspectives at the 1998 Academy of International Business Meetings in New Orleans. She also served as a discussant for Populor in International Business.

GORDON FORD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Martina Gibson, office associate in the Office of the Dean, has been appointed to the Warren County Board of Education.

ENGLISH


Gretchen B. Niva served on the local arrangements committee for the 88th annual convention of the National Council of Teachers of English in Nashville, Tenn.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Murat Tirfikolgu organized and chaired the first International Aluminium Casting Technology Symposium sponsored by ASM International in Chicago. He also edited the proceedings, Advances in Aluminium Casting Technology.

LIBRARY PUBLIC SERVICES


MANAGEMENT AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Dr. M.A. Rahim gave six presentations:

- Structure equations model of supervisory power and subordinate's conflict styles and effectiveness, 10th convention, American Psychological Association, San Francisco.
- An examination of the relationship of conflict management strategies to moral development, and Innovation and the role of organizational learning 38th meeting of the Academy of Management, San Diego.

MATHEMATICS


MUSIC

Dr. John Carmichael, conductor of the WKU Symphonic Band, has been selected as the university's representative to the executive board of the National Band Association. The WKU Symphonic Band has received two prestigious invitations for performance. The Kentucky Music Educators Association has invited the band to perform at the 1999 in-service conference Feb. 6, and MENC invited the band to perform at the southern division meeting last month.

Selections from Dr. Michael Kallgren's composition were released on Capitol Records, are aired on the Chicago radio program, Something Else, on station WLUW 88.7 FM on Sundays each week. The CD is available through Tower Records and Disc Jockey.

Dr. Kalbrenn performed his Electric Opera, Glassy! for the Tampa Bay Composers Forum in St. Petersburg, Fla., and at Stetson University in September. He also gave master classes for student composers at both locations.

He has been awarded grants from the University of Florida and the Mediterranian Roman Commission Fund of the International Foundation to compose a work for horn and orchestra. The new piece will be performed by hornist Dr. Paul Heath, who will perform it for compact disc in Europe with the Moravian Symphony in March.

Dr. Ted Kerstetter has been elected vice president of the Kentucky Music Teachers Association (KMTA). He attended the Nashville Chamber Orchestra in October as clarinet soloist on Aaron Copland's Concerto for Clarinet and Orchestra. In November, he performed a series of solo recitals in the Southeast with WKU faculty pianist Donald Speck, Kerstetter's article, "Tuning Notes, Tuning Phrases: The Unwritten Notations All Students Should Learn," appeared in the December 1998 issue of The Instrumentalist.

Last summer, Dr. Kerstetter performed at the annual convention of the International Clarinet Association at Boise State University. He lectured with Dr. Jeffrey Drapkin, professor of clarinet at Boise State University and the clarinet quartets of the German-born clarinetist Bernhard Crusell.

Dr. Kerstetter and Donald Scott recorded Robert Schumann's Symphony of Georgia composer Lewis Nielsen. The work was commissioned by Kerstetter and performed last year.

Dr. Marshall Scott was trumpet instructor at the Interlochen Arts Camp last summer. He gave performances, and performed at the Festival of Trumpets Concert at the 1998 International Trumpet Guild Conference at the University of Kentucky.

Dr. Robyn Swanson has been elected president of the Board for the Kentucky Alliance for Arts Education. In December, she provided leadership to the nation's leading conference, "Arts Literacy for a Changing America."

Dr. Mary Woolf in 1996 in The Motel Peculiar of Tarus, Vivace 42, a Fourteenth- Century Without: The Beginnings of the Sixteenth-Century Articulate at the International Medieval Congress in Leeds. She also chaired a session on Aspects of the late Medieval Motel.

NURSING

Dr. Donna Blackburn, associate professor, has Effects of a Cognitive-Behavioral Intervention Program for Rheumatoid Arthritis appearing in the August issue of Research in Nursing and Health, Physics and Astronomy. The work was co-investigated by Vaughn Sinclair, Kent Wallston and Kathy Derby. They both are physical therapy and rehabilitation physiologist Dr. Howard Fuchs, while Blackburn was a student at Vanderbilt University. She received her PhD degree in nursing science from Vanderbilt University December 18.


PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

George Vourisopoulos, professor of physics and director of the Applied Physics Institute has received the Distinction College, University, Scientist Award from the Kentucky Academy of Science.

PUBLIC HEALTH

T. Laugh, W. Higgins, T. Nicholson and D. Dunn published Student Health Services in a 4-year Post Secondary Institution, Vol. 1, No. 3 in the College Student Journal, 32 (3) 433-442.

Moore, M. and Schuster, C., gave an update on sexually transmitted disease at the KAPHER annual convention in Bowling Green.

Schuster and Moore presented Teaching human sexuality—lesbian and gay issues in the Bowling Green community.


THEATRE AND DANCE

The Chronicle of Higher Education in a November issue features WKU Assistant Professor Bob Bone in its book-award column.

Bone made headlines with his World Wide Web site called The Jazz Dance, which includes a very thorough look at that style of movement. You can find historical essays and profiles of performers, such as Bob Fosse and Chita Rivera, descriptions of individual techniques and links to dance companies. Check it out at http://www.uk.edu/~bbone/ home.html.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

February

1
Lecture-Nikki Giovanni
7 p.m.
Downing University Center Theater
Bennie Beach (502) 745-5792

2-7,31
Kentucky Museum Exhibit
"A Kind of Nobility: The Kentucky Orphan Brigade"
Kentucky Building & Museum
Earlene Chelf (502) 745-5263

2
Hilltopper Basketball
Vs. Florida International
7 p.m.
E.A. Diddle Arena
Sports Information, (502) 745-4298

4
Hilltopper Basketball
Vs. Louisiana Tech.
7 p.m.
E.A. Diddle Arena
Sports Information, (502) 745-4298

5-6
KY Orphan Brigade
Encampment Activities
Kentucky Building & Grounds
Earlene Chelf (502) 745-5263

6
KHSSL Regional Tournament (Sr. High)
Garrett Conference Center
David Almand, (502) 745-6340

6
American College Test
Grise Hall
Counseling Services, (502) 745-3159

6
Law School Admissions Test
Grise Hall
Counseling Services, (502) 745-3159

6
Lady Topper Basketball
Vs. Southwestern Louisiana
7 p.m.
E.A. Diddle Arena
Sports Information, (502) 745-4298

6 (Snow date is 2/20/99)
Future Homemakers of America
Star Events
8 a.m.
Academic Complex
Martha Rogers, 502/534-9341

8
Lady Topper Basketball
Vs. Belmont
7 p.m.
E.A. Diddle Arena
Sports Information, (502) 745-4298

8-12
Healthy Living Week
Free HIV testing at Student Health
Dates TBA - Call for appointment
Student Health Services,
(502) 745-5641

10
Astronomy Public Nights
6:30 p.m.
Thompson Complex, Central Wing
Department of Physics
and Astronomy, (502) 745-4357

10
Hilltopper Basketball
Vs. Arkansas - Little Rock
8 p.m.
E.A. Diddle Arena
Sports Information, (502) 745-4298

My Feminism
Women's Studies Gender Images
Film Series
7 p.m.
Garrett Auditorium
Women's Studies, (502) 745-6477

13
KHSSL Regional Tournament
Garrett Conference Center
David Almand, (502) 745-6340

8 p.m.
Van Meter Auditorium
Special Events (502) 745-2497

20
KFA State Tournament (College)
Garrett Conference Center
David Almand, (502) 745-6340

20-21
Sigma Chi Regional Conference
Grise Hall
Sebastian Pantano (502) 846-2142

20
Hilltopper Basketball
Vs. South Alabama
7 p.m.
E.A. Diddle Arena
Sports Information, (502) 745-4298

23-24
Eating Disorders Awareness
Student Health Services,
(502) 745-5641

27
Lady Topper Basketball
Vs. South Alabama
7 p.m.
E.A. Diddle Arena
Sports Information, (502) 745-4298

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
Grants and Contracts

October

Binder, Michael. Library. $1,164 from the Warren County Bar Association for “Warren County Bar Association: Library Books”.

Carini, Michael. Physics / Astronomy. $4,977 from NASA / Kentucky Space Grant Consortium for “Search for Signatures of Accretion Disks.”

Coffey, David. Agriculture. $15,000 from Kentucky Department of Education for “Integration of Academics and Voc-Ed Project FY99.”

Dunn, David. Public Health. $373,500 from the Kentucky General Assembly for “Area Health Education Center MOA FY99.”

Gowes, Chris. Geography & Geology. $2,000 from National Park Service for “Development of WWW Page for Karst Studies FY99.”

Hagaman, John. English. $654 from School Districts for “WKU Writing Project FY99.”

Hagaman, John. English. $20 from School Districts for “WKU Writing Project FY99.”

Handy, Rod. Engineering Technology. $412 from SCA Hygiene Products for “SCA Hygiene Products - Industrial Hygiene Sampling.”

Horn, Richard. Small Business Development Center. $18,925 from Kentucky Small Business Development Center for “MOU between WKU & Kentucky Small Business Development Centers.”

House, Stephen. Institute for Economic Development. $120,000 from U.S. Economic Development Agency for “University Center Program FY99.”

Hoyt, Robert. Biology. $26,388 from National Park Service for “Rehousing and Conservation of Catalog Specimens.”

Mendel, Colleen. 7T/IAS. $147,085 from Department of Health and Human Services / Administration for Children and Families for “Early Head Start Delegate Agreement - Murray.”

Nims, Don. Educational Leadership. $64,467 from Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources for “Group Training for Residential Workers FY99.”

Reeder, Charlotte. Environmental Health & Safety. $31,500 from the Environmental Protection Agency for “Radon Measurement Survey FY99.”

Roenker, Dan. Psychology. $77,385 from National Institutes of Health for “Enhancing Mobility in the Elderly.”

Scott, Roger. Physics / Astronomy. $5,000 from NASA / Kentucky Space Grant Consortium for “Multi-Color Observations of Blazar Variability.”

Scott, Roger. Physics / Astronomy. $9,932 from NASA / Kentucky Space Grant Consortium for “Astronomy & Space Science Workshop for Teachers.”

Van der Meer, Wieb. Physics / Astronomy. $5,000 from NASA / Kentucky EPSCoR for “Chemical Sensors for Life Support Systems in Space Human Habitats.”

November

Bhattacharya, Raja. Management & Information Systems. $2,580 from Kentucky Department of Employment for Web Page Development Project.


Binder, Michael. University Libraries. $1,111 from Warren County Bar Assn. for Warren County Bar Association: Library Books.

Giffen, Rebecca. Agriculture. $5,002 from Bowling Green Municipal Utilities for BCGMU Composting Project.

Handy, Rod. Engineering Technology. $3,099 from Triad LLC for Triad LLC - Industrial Hygiene Sampling, Characterization and Assessment.


Houston, Martin. Ogden College of Science, Technology and Health. $2,200,000 from Council on Postsecondary Education for Applied Research and Technology Program of Distinction.


Mendel, Colleen. Training and Technical Assistance. $12,203 from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services / Administration for Children and Families for WKU Campus Child Care Head Start FY99.

Pan, Wei-Ping. Chemistry. $86,170 from Illinois Clean Coal Institute for Study of Chlorine in High Temperature Corrosion in AFBC System - Year 2.

Pankratz, Roger. Teacher Education. $58,947 from Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education for WKU Eisenhower Middle School Math and Science Program.

Parsons, Bill. Economics & Marketing. $12,000 from U.S. Department of Commerce / SAHT for Presidential Management Training Initiative (PMTI).

Rice, Paul. Center for Training and Development. $1,000 from Bluegrass State Skills Corporation for Leitchfield Plastics.


Rice, Paul. Center for Training and Development. $7,084 from Bluegrass State Skills Corporation for Flynn Enterprises Hopkinsville - Supervisory Training.

English Professor Mary Ellen Miller, a former faculty regent, has again been elected to serve on the University’s governing board.

In the Jan. 21 election, Miller received 212 votes; J. Michael Brown, a professor of economics and marketing, received 64 votes, and Donna Blackburn, an associate professor of nursing, received 39 votes.

“I’m thrilled and honored,” Miller said following the vote count. “It is wonderful to know that your colleagues have that much faith in you,” said the veteran faculty member.

Miller joined Western’s English faculty in 1965. President Gary Ransdell said he was pleased that 59 percent (315 out of 537) of the faculty voted. “This is very important in terms of faculty participation in this election,” he said.

Miller previously served as faculty regent from 1983-86.

She is a published poet, and provides strong leadership to the Robert Penn Warren Studies activities which WKU hosts annually.

She’s the 1997 recipient of the Catherine Coogan Ward Feminist Action Award for her service to improving conditions for women.

She replaces Dr. Raymond Mendel who resigned last fall.

Mary Ellen Miller Returns to University Board

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY PBS!

WKYU-PBS, the public broadcasting service of Western Kentucky University, celebrated 10 years of providing local public television service to the southcentral Kentucky region with an open house Sunday, Jan. 17, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tours of the station were given, followed by special remarks from WKU officials.

Barbara Deeb hosted a live broadcast of Outlook from the studio. The program examined the history and development of public television in southcentral Kentucky, its role as a partner in the culture and events of the community, and the potential for an ever-increasing level of service with the advent of digital television. Special guests scheduled to appear on the show included Dr. Charles Anderson, WKU vice president for Information Technology; Steve Newberry, chairman of the Kentucky Authority for Educational Television; Dave Wilkinson, director of Educational Telecommunications at WKU; and Capitol Arts Center Director John Rodgers.

The occasion kicked off a year-long celebration that will feature a number of special events, including an exhibit scheduled to open at the Kentucky Museum in April.

The offices and studios of WKYU-PBS are located on the first floor of the Cochran Wing of the Academic Complex at Western. Parking for the open house will be available in the Special Events Parking Lot on the South Lawn of the Downing University Center.

Barb Deeb, producer/host of WKYU-TV, interviews VP for Information and Technology Dr. Charles Anderson and Dave Wilkinson, director of Educational Telecommunications during a live production of “Outlook” celebrating the 10th anniversary of WKYU-PBS.
Bivin Forensic Society Takes Act on the Road, Brings Back Trophies

BALL STATE AND EAST MICHIGAN

The William E. Bivin Forensic Society recently won the Ball State University Invitational Tournament and placed third overall at the Eastern Michigan University Invitational.

In addition to winning the sweepstakes at Ball State, Western won the Traveling Trophy for Sustained Excellence, Western finished 36 points ahead of Indiana University and 43 points ahead of Ohio University.

At Eastern Michigan, Western finished behind Bradley University and Illinois State University.

Students who were winners at Ball State or national qualifiers at Eastern Michigan included:

Mike McDonner, a Louisville senior, debate (Ball State).
Kerry Richardson, a Louisville senior, debate, varsity impromptu speaking and varsity extemporaneous speaking (Ball State) and debate and varsity impromptu speaking (Eastern Michigan).

David Laing, a Louisville freshman, novice impromptu speaking (Eastern Michigan).

David Wilkins, a Bardstown freshman, novice extemporaneous speaking (Ball State and Eastern Michigan).

Wesley Shirley, a Hodgenville junior, persuasion, varsity informative speaking and rhetorical criticism (Ball State).

Erica Carson, a Lexington junior, varsity duo acting, varsity prose and dramatic interpretation (Ball State).

Stephen Barnett, a Versailles junior, persuasion (Ball State and Eastern Michigan) and varsity duo and rhetorical criticism (Ball State).

Bernadette Cornett, a Bowling Green freshman, programmed oral interpretation and novice informative speaking (Ball State).

Leslie Holt, a Bowling Green freshman, programmed oral interpretation (Ball State).

Phillip Winninger, a Bowling Green freshman, novice extemporaneous speaking (Eastern Michigan).

Shandana Dickerson, a Franklin freshman, novice poetry (Eastern Michigan).

Miranda Eubank, a Glasgow sophomore, novice extemporaneous speaking (Ball State) and novice poetry (Eastern Michigan).

Anthony Johnson, a Mount Sterling freshman, novice duo acting and novice poetry (Ball State) and novice poetry (Eastern Michigan).

Ross Goodwin, a Cerulean freshman, novice duo acting and novice informative speaking (Ball State) and novice impromptu speaking (Eastern Michigan).

Jace Lux, a sophomore from Evansville, Ind., varsity duo and novice poetry (Ball State) and novice prose (Eastern Michigan).

Bivin Forensic Society Takes Act on the Road, Brings Back Trophies

OWENSBOO COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND BRADLEY INVITATIONAL

The William E. Bivin Forensic Society at Western Kentucky University won the debate sweepstakes at the Owensboro Community College Invitational Tournament and finished third overall at the Bradley Invitational, both held in November.

Three students won individual honors at the Owensboro Tournament.

In Lincoln Douglas Debate, Jennifer Clod, a Florence junior, finished first; Amanda Gibson, an Elizabethtown junior, finished second; and Brian Sisk, a Newport senior, finished fourth.

At Bradley, the following students received individual honors:

John Allen, a Morehead freshman, third, novice prose.

Ross Goodwin, a Cerulean freshman, fourth, novice prose and sixth, novice duo interpretation.

Jace Lux, a sophomore from Evansville, Ind., fourth, novice poetry.

Julie Robinson, a Versailles junior, fifth, novice informative speaking.

Miranda Eubank, a Glasgow freshman, sixth, novice duo interpretation.

Amy Jones, a Morehead sophomore, sixth,Varsity informative speaking.

Two Honored in Hearst Awards Program

Two students from Western Kentucky University have placed in the November photojournalism competition of the Hearst Journalism Awards Program. Entries in the test of three photojournalism competitions were in the categories of feature and portrait/personality.

Chad Stevens, a senior from Bowling Green, placed third, winning $1,000 and qualifying for semi-final judging in May for the national championships.

Jonathan Krichner, a junior from Santa Cruz, Calif., finished eighth, winning $500. The Wku Journalism Department will receive a matching $1,500. Western is in second place in the points competition.

Nominate Faculty For Excellence

Western Kentucky University is accepting nominations of full-time faculty for its annual college and university-wide faculty awards.

Nominations can come from faculty, staff, alumni, administrators, students and the community. The awards include teaching, research/creativity and public service.

Nominations will be reviewed by faculty advisory committees set up in each college and the areas of University Libraries and Information Technology. Final selection for the university-wide awards will be made by a faculty/student/alumni committee chaired by the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

Winners at the university level receive and engraved silver bowl and a $1,000 cash award from the WKU Alumni Association.

Nomination forms are available from the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Wetherby Administration Building, room 229, or by calling (270) 745-2206. Deadline is Monday, Feb. 8.
SPRING 1999 DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC ELECTRONIC RESEARCH WORKSHOPS

During February and March, WKU Libraries' subject librarians will teach six weekly discipline-specific workshops for faculty, staff and students. Workshops being offered are:

Feb. 4 "Education" 2:30-4 p.m., Helm 108 Ruth Kinnersley
Feb. 9 "Psychology" 2:30-4 p.m., Helm 108 Sally Ann Strickler
Feb. 18 "Industries and Companies" 5:30-7 p.m., Helm 108 Gay Perkins
Feb. 24 "Music" 2:30-4 p.m., Helm 108 Penny Papangelis
March 4 "History" 2:30-4 p.m., Helm 108 Brian Coutts
March 11 "Government Information on the Internet" 5:30-6:30 p.m., Helm 5, Rosemary Meszaros

Note: A hands-on component will be available for all sessions taught in Helm 108.

For more information, contact University Libraries Reference Service (502) 745-6115 or web.reference@wku.edu

@ BELL SOUTH Community Internet Workshops

January 28 "Internet Browsing & Searching" (Haiwang Yuan)
February 25 "Weather on the Web" (Glen Connor)
March 25 "Nutrition and Weight Control on the Web" (Ruth Kinnersley)
April 20 "Birding on the Web" (Elaine Moore)
June 10 "Travel Web Sites" (Brian Coutts)
July 6 "Paranormal Subjects on the Web" (Charles Smith)
August 26 "Genealogy on the Web" (Rich Weigel)
September 14 "Investigating Murder Mysteries" (Beth Knight)
October 14 "Comparative Religion Studies on the Web" (Penny Papangelis)
November 9 "Girl Scouting on the Web" (Rose Davis)

All workshops, which are free and open to the public, are scheduled for 7 p.m. at WKU's South Campus; 2355 Nashville Road, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Registration is necessary and may be done by contacting University Libraries Reference Office (502) 745-6115 or web.reference@wku.edu

Confederate Camp, 3rd Kentucky Infantry, Corinth, Miss., May 11, 1862, from the original in the collections of the Museum of the Confederacy, will be among the artifacts in the Orphan Brigade exhibit at The Kentucky Museum Feb. 2-July 31, 1999.

Kentucky Museum Exhibit Memorializes Kentucky's Orphan Brigade

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 5 and 6, about 75 uniformed re-enactors from the region will biology on the front lawn of Western Kentucky University's Kentucky Museum. This encampment, complete with tents, a couple of cannons, a picket for several horses, and re-enactors portraying officers and enlisted men who fought in the First Kentucky Brigade during the Civil War, will mark the opening of STAR BANK [soon to become FIRSTSTAR] "A Kind of Nobility: The Kentucky Orphan Brigade," to be at the Kentucky Museum Feb. 2-July 31, 1999.

While encampment set-up will occur most of Friday (the 5th), planned activities, including period music by Saxon's Cornet Band, wet-plate photography by Tim Parsons, a presentation about a Civil War surgeon by Hugh Ridensour, will take place between 9:30-3:00 on Saturday. All activities are open to the public and most are free, except the period photographs, and food, which may be purchased.

"A Kind of Nobility," an exhibit organized by the Museum of the Confederacy, (Richmond, Va.) to memorialize the brave soldiers who fought in the Orphan Brigade, uses artifacts, documents and printed materials to examine the contributions, sacrifices and bravery of the men who served in the First Kentucky Brigade.

Primarily made up of the 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 9th Kentucky Infantry regiments, the Kentucky Orphan Brigade, composed of soldiers from across the Commonwealth of Kentucky, fought predominantly in the Western Theatre (between the Appalachian Mountains and Mississippi River).

Although President Abraham Lincoln proved successful in keeping Kentucky, not all Kentuckians fought for the Union. Ninety thousand Kentuckians enlisted in the Federal army, while approximately 25,000 of their friends and family left Kentucky to fight with the Confederate army, orphaned from their homes and families during the war.

The First Kentucky Brigade received its nickname shortly after the battle of Stones River (Dec. 1862-Jan. 1863). Tradition says that after that battle, a fierce engagement resulting in devastating loss of lives, Major General John C. Breckinridge is said to have lamented, "Oh, my poor orphans!" Although Breckinridge is credited as the first to refer to the First Kentucky Brigade as "orphans," the exact origin of the name may never be known.

Ed Porter Thompson, the 6th Infantry's quartermaster who is considered the Brigade's first and primary historian, wrote: "However this war may terminate, if a man can truthfully claim to have been a worthy member of the Kentucky Brigade he will have a kind of nobility."

Besides the artifacts and materials on loan from the Museum of the Confederacy, additional items from the Filson Club, the Kentucky Historical Society/Military Museum, the Jacob Fiestand House Museum, the Orphan Brigade Kinfolk Association, and Kentucky Building collections will complement the traveling exhibit.

In addition to STAR BANK-FIRSTSTAR, "A Kind of Nobility" is funded by the Harry E. Jackson Visiting Exhibit Fund in WKU's College Heights Foundation.

For more information about the exhibit or activities scheduled for the exhibit's opening, contact Earlene Chelf, (502) 745-5263 or e-mail: earlene.chelf@wku.edu
Black History Month at The Kentucky Museum

As a part of the University-wide observance of Black History Month, The Kentucky Museum will have two exhibits: (1) "Jonesville Watercolors" by Ivan Wilson; and (2) "Church by the Side of the Road Collection: A Pictorial History of Bowling Green and Warren County Churches with an African-American Heritage," a photographic exhibit by James Walker.

In addition to the exhibits, the following programs are scheduled:

Feb. 1 - 11:30 a.m. "Jonesville: The Forgotten Community...1881-1967...Remembered," which will be presented by Maxine Ray, who will use slides and photographs for a discussion about life in Jonesville.

Feb. 15 - 11:30 a.m. A presentation about the life of Dr. Z.K. Jones and the move to preserve his house at 922 State Street in Bowling Green. Using slides and photographs, Japanese Askew-Gibson, Executive Director, South Central Kentucky Minority Economic Development Council, Inc., will lead the discussion.

Feb. 22 - 1:30 p.m. Individuals who were involved in the Civil Rights Movement will talk about their experiences. Discussion will be led by Dr. Sandra Andrey, Department of Government and Director of WKU's African American Studies Program; Mr. Charles Nebbett, of Russellville, Civil Rights Activist and Speaker; and Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Freedom Singer and Manager; and Dr. Alan Anderson, Head, Department of Philosophy and Religion at WKU.

All programs will be held in the Kentucky Museum Orientation Room and are free and open to the public. For more information, call (202) 745-2592.

Kimonos Connect Cultures

Two exquisite silk kimonos and their obis (sashes), some shoes (zori), socks (tabi) and fans donated to The Kentucky Museum last May by Miko Muraguchi, of Kawanishi, Japan, will go on display at the museum Feb. 23.

Kimonos, which literally means "the thing worn," have become almost a universal symbol of Japanese culture. According to Muraguchi, it is customary for Japanese parents to have kimonos made for daughters. She explained that when daughters become engaged, the parents show friends and relatives all the kimonos and obis she will take with her when she gets married.

It is also traditional for the kimonos to be passed from mother to daughter. In Muraguchi's family, her older sister received most of their mother's kimonos. However, her mother had several of the robe-like garments made for Muraguchi in Kyot o, one of about a dozen textile-producing areas in Japan known to produce some of the finest kimonos and obis. Muraguchi plans to keep most of the kimonos given to her by her family; however, since she has no daughters, Muraguchi decided to donate two to the Kentucky Museum.

Muraguchi, a significant influence in the Bowling Green/Kawanishi Sister City relationship, said she also hoped the kimonos would "become a small bridge between Bowling Green and Kawanishi."

This historic photo shows Jonesville School teachers and students (ca. 1900). The Jonesville community is featured in several Ivan Wilson watercolors exhibited at The Kentucky Museum for Black History Month.
$10 Million Gift for Business College

Gordon and Glenda Ford, benefactors of the Gordon Ford College of Business at Western Kentucky University, have committed a gift of more than $10 million for the WKU business programs.