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Dr. Marion B. Lucas: Distinguished Historian With Exciting Future

By Sheila Cromley Evans

I had the privilege for three decades of working with some very fine members of Western's faculty. A perfect example is Dr. Marion B. Lucas, 1999 University Distinguished Professor.

A prolific history at Western, Marion, or M.B. as some refer to him, is one of two faculty members appointed this year by the University's Board of Regents as Distinguished University Professors.

It is a recognition given to faculty who have given long and distinguished service to the university and who have been productive in teaching, research, scholarship, and public service.

For 33 years, Marion Lucas has been a member of Western's History faculty, and says his enthusiasm for teaching, research and public service is "higer than ever.

Throughout his long and distinguished career, it was because of "old-given advice" from his mother, Marion says, that is most likely responsible for his successes today: "Now if you are going to do it, she used to say, do it right," he shared with me during a recent interview at the Faculty House.

"While others must judge the success of my efforts, I have attempted, in whatever I have undertaken, to achieve the highest quality," he said, adding: "Being a member of Western's history department, where a talented faculty makes for keen competition, has been an added incentive." His dazzling list of accomplishments will make your head swim.

With his specialty The Old South and The Civil War, Marion Lucas has published two books and is working on a third, 'A History of Blacks in Kentucky, Volume I: From Slavery to Segregation, 1700-1861,' published by the University of Kentucky Press; 'Shermans and the Burn ing of Columbia,' published twice by Texas A&M University Press, and in a third printing at the University of South Carolina Press, and A Biography of John G. Fee, Kentucky Abolitionist and Educator, under contract for publication by the University Press of Florida.

Fee was the founder of Berea College in Kentucky.


One of his articles won the Otto A. Rothwell Award, another won the Richard H. Collins Award, and another was reprinted in an anthology.


During his career, he has received grants totaling $24,239.

He has made numerous papers and panel presentations and has amassed a public service record that includes serving as a referee for local and regional radio and television stations, and for scholars, writers, magazines, and universities.

He has given speeches to more than 30 civic, fraternal, elder hostels and historical organizations and served as coordinator for the annual WKU History Conference, as well as representative for the James Madison Fellowship Program.

He has been director of the Ohio Valley History Conference, which originated at Western.

In 1993, he received the University's Award for Excellence for Scholarship Research, which is the highest recognition this university could ever give me," he said. 'I think I've had a good career,' Marion muses, looking at his lower lip in contemplation. 'Clad in jeans and T-shirts, sans socks without slacks, he stomped on a well-worn, lumpy couch in the Faculty House the afternoon we watched, in the exact place I'd see him many times when the Faculty House was in its zenith in the 70s and 80s. The Faculty House buzzed as a gathering place for colleagues to share cups of coffee and company'

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"At nine on the dot in the morning, a contingent of the presidential staff and company make your head spin."

In the language of the historian, he said with a smile, 'Today's historians are becoming better writers, and looking at things from different points of view is important. It is an exciting time for the profession,' he said.

"Little did I suspect back in the 1960s, when as a high school student I joined the Future Teachers Club that one day I would become a professor. Upon reflection, I could not have chosen a better profession."

"More than 30 years, I am confident that my most productive years of teaching, research and public service were in the 1980s." He has a smile on his face.

Check out Dr. Marion Lucas's web page for complete information about this University Distinguished Professor, www.wku.edu/~lucmb/

Distinguished Professor

A University Distinguished Professor is a five-year appointment by the University's Board of Regents based upon approval by the University President and recommendation by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

A University Distinguished professor is expected to:

- demonstrate sustained excellence in teaching, research/creative activity and service;
- provide leadership for innovative and/or interdisciplinary efforts in these three areas;
- conduct an annual faculty seminar and participate in colloquia as appropriate;
- serve on the University's Board of Regents.

The University Distinguished Professor receives recognition as a distinguished faculty member, an annual stipend of $7,500 for the term of the appointment, and an annual allowance of $1,000 for travel or other professional expenses.

If you would like more information about eligibility for this award and deadlines and procedures for nomination, contact the Office of Academic Affairs.
Assistant Dean Puts Faculty First

Linda Brown-Ferguson has been named Assistant Dean of the Ogden College of Science, Health and Technology.

"I like the character of the people and the University," he said. "It just seemed like a lot of exciting things are going on. I thought it would be nice to be part of it." Dr. Kirchmeyer became part of it when he started his job as Vice President for Information Technology Aug. 30. He said his experience and Western’s emphasis on technology in its strategic plan were a good fit.

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In his new role, Dr. Kirchmeyer will lead an Information Technology division that includes a campus computer network and telephone system, a distance learning network, a public radio station and a public television station.

As vice president for Information Technology, he’ll provide leadership for Western’s involvement in the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual University and other systems and be involved in the final planning and construction of a state-of-the-art technology and journalism building.

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Info Tech VP Drawn By ‘Enthusiasm’

By Tommy Newsom

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Deadlines: First week of the month for the following month.
Off to the Olympics!

It is not difficult to find famous names in the world of sports with ties to Western. We have a long history of producing world class athletes and coaches, but this time, our star athlete is someone you might not expect.

Huda Melky, Director of Equal Opportunity and Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance, is a 20-year Western employee, who will be competing in the 2000 summer games in Sydney, Australia. She will be representing her native Syria in the marathon event to be held Sept. 24, 2000.

Melky will be the first woman to represent Syria in the marathon event. She has been involved with track and field for several years, most recently competing in the Chicago Marathon in October 1998. Her time for the 26.2 mile run was three hours and 14 minutes, a better time than any other Syrian female marathon runner. Because she is Syria's only female participant in the event, she will not be required to go through a qualification process.

Melky has dual citizenship and she says it is gratifying to be giving something back to her native home and at the same time contributing to the United States. She came to the United States 24 years ago, leaving behind her entire family. She recently returned to Syria for a visit, a visit which turned into a meeting with the Director of the Syrian Athletic Federation and consequently her acceptance as a future Olympian.

Melky regularly competes in the Chicago and Boston marathons, as well as other marathons across the country. She will be training with Coaches Curtis Long and Michelle Scott and the WKU track and field team. "This is the dream of the best athletes in the world," Melky said, "and I never thought I was one, but I'm going to train very hard and do my best."
Enriching the International Experience Through Language

By Kimberly Shan Pansy

This semester, Western Kentucky University is the first university in Kentucky, and one of only eight universities in the country, to offer an English as a Second Language program. This private language institute based in Austin, Texas, tailors classes for students to provide international students with the English skills they will need to be successful in American colleges and universities.

"The E.S.L.I. program is our first effort at offering prospective students an opportunity to develop their English language skills," said Dr. John Peterson, Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Director of International Programs. "We are optimistic that it will help in the long run to increase the number of international students who are enrolled here at Western."

The E.S.L.I. program is separate from the English as a Second Language program currently offered in WKU's English department. In the English as a Second Language program, students brush upon their English skills while taking other classes. In contrast, students in the E.S.L.I. program concentrate only on English classes, five hours a day five days a week. Upon arrival at Western, the international students are tested to determine their level of English proficiency. They are then placed in one of three classes according to their test scores. Each class or level lasts 16 weeks and students must complete all three levels to pass the course.

"The idea is that by the end of one year, their English proficiency would have improved remarkably with that much emphasis on English," said Dr. Ronald Eckard, English professor and Director of the WKU English as a Second Language program. Students enrolled in the E.S.L.I. program live on campus and are eligible to participate in all campus activities. Once they complete the three levels of language training they may apply to take classes at Western, or at any other educational institution. Dr. Peterson says that by having the language institute at Western, it is more likely that international students will want to continue their educations at WKU.

Anna Combs, Director of the E.S.L.I. program, says she believes that Western's willingness to have a private language academy here shows a great deal of foresight and preparedness for the future. Combs, a professor of English, previously served as the Director of the English as a Second Language program for Bowling Green's Refugee Center, and says she realizes the value of cultural exchange. "We in Bowling Green have a larger refugee and immigrant population than most cities our size. We are getting more and more international people every day, and I think it's great for the culture here."

There are currently about 20 students enrolled in the E.S.L.I. program and Combs says she expects that figure to double by the spring semester. She says she enjoys her work and finds it very challenging. The job is more than teaching international students how to speak and write English. At the beginning of the semester, Combs made several trips to the airport to pick up students and bring them to campus. She then took them to run errands such as banking, grocery and household shopping, and generally orienting them to American culture. She says her hope is that she and fellow instructor Dr. Urquart can give the students a foundation that will equip them to be successful students in the United States.

"Many international students come to college and don't have an adequate English background," Combs said, "they may drop out or can't carry the load. We teach them how to communicate in English, take notes, listen to professors and write papers."

In November, Dr. Eckard will be attending the Southestern regional conference of the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages. The conference will be held in Birmingham, Ala. Eckard says among the topics to be discussed will be the issue of privatizing language programs. He says he feels Western is far ahead of other universities in this respect. He says he feels the E.S.L.I. program at Western is much needed and he is optimistic that the program will grow and become very successful.

"As long as we are in the business of educating people as a university, I think we should continue to have non-native speakers of English," Eckard said. "I think it is very important to have students from various countries. It's good for those students to have an American experience and get an American education, and it's good for us to have friends and alumni from various nationalities. Furthermore, and perhaps more importantly, it is good for our American students to have friends and classmates from various countries and various languages. It is an enriching and broadening experience for everyone."

On Campus Western Kentucky University

October 1999

President Gary Ransdell Honored the Following Retirees at the Annual Banquet:

Congratulations to all who have served Western so well!

Reza Ahsan, Geography & Geology
Jocelyn Allford, Educational Leadership
Charles Anderson, Information Technology
Thomas Baldwin, Modern Languages & Intercultural Studies
Greg Baue, Computer Science
Ron Beck, Development
Betsy Bruner, Accounts & Fiscal Services/College Heights Bookstore
Willie Carter, Purchasing
Camilla Collins, Modern Languages & Intercultural Studies
Clara Chmp, Facilities Management
Barbara Deming, Facilities Management
Brenda Elmire, Facilities Management
Don Elmire, Facilities Management
Laurie Finley, Management Information Systems
Janet Gentry, Ogden College for Science, Technology & Health
Dorothy Graves, College Heights Bookstore
William Harmon, Public Radio Service
Tom Harmon, Accounts & Fiscal Services
Joe Nelson, Facilities Management
James Hood, Facilities Management
Wanella Huddleston, English
Mary Rat Bamhuyten, Mathematics
Stephen Jacobs, Mathematics
Martha Jenkins, Consumer & Family Sciences
Horace Johnson, Police Department
Mark Lowry, Geography & Geology

Elashia Martin, Alumni relations
George Massey, Government
Joseph Mayes, Facilities Management
Ruby Meador, Allied Health & Human Services
Robert Ott, Integrative Studies in Teacher Education
Edith Parker, Institute for Economic Development
Patty Prindiville, Registrar
Eugene Proctor, Biology
Walter Richards, Physical Education & Recreation
Jo Rogers, Hilltopper Athletic Foundation
Rondal Runyon, Facilities Management
Kay Russell, Academic Affairs
Joerg Selig, Government
Leiburn Simmons, Facilities Management
Rebecca Stamper, Mathematics
Joseph Stobie, Mathematics
Walter Stoops, Art
Sally Stricker, Library Public Services
Norman Tarrant, Industrial Technology
Beverly Veitner, Theater & Dance
Ron Veitner, Philosophy & Religion
Christine Vincent, Purchasing
Faye Welch, Purchasing
Neva Whitlow, Facilities Management
Thomas Youngblood, Biology
Western Kentucky University is among other universities in the state that will receive multi-year postsecondary education gifts from Ashland Inc. The announcement was made by Paul W. Chellgren, Ashland Inc. Chairman and CEO, and Charles Whitehead, President of the Ashland Inc. Foundation at the State Capitol Building July 29.

The gift, which will be shared by the eight state universities and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, will total over $2.5 million. "As a result of today’s action by the Ashland Inc. Foundation, these institutions will receive a dollar-for-dollar match of our gift from the State of Kentucky, so that the total will exceed $5 million," said Chellgren.

The 1997 Special Session of the Kentucky General Assembly enacted House Bill 1, a measure that established a state-funded challenge grant of $110 million to stimulate private giving between June 1 and Dec. 31. Over $74.34 million has been raised by the universities and matched by the state already.

Universities and colleges may use a wide variety of funding sources to match the state incentive funds, including business or corporate gifts, gifts from alumni or other private individuals, agency funds contributed by affiliated corporations, auxiliary enterprises, and other entities, such as hospitals, federal government funds that can be used for permanent institutional endowments, and other funds specifically approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education.

WKU will receive a 4-year gift totaling $180,000. The universities may use the state incentive funds and the matching funds from individuals and businesses in four general categories:

- Endowed Chairs – provide funding for additional faculty positions for salary or salary supplements and associated expenses. Faculty invited to assume endowed chairs generally have active, funded research programs underway.
- Endowed professorships – establishes funding for salary supplements and other expenditures associated with the enhancement of existing positions.
- Endowed graduate fellowships – creates funding for fellowship stipends for outstanding graduate students.
- Research and graduate mission support – assist the improvement of programs of national distinction, such as the funding of visiting scholars, nationally prominent publications, the dissemination of research, and the advancement and support of the general research mission of the institution.

Source: The Washington Post

Enhancing the Chinese Exchange

President Ransdell, along with his wife, Julie, and Ogden College Dean Martin Houston and his wife, Sue, spent ten days in China last month, accompanied by Dr. Wei-Ping Pan, Professor of Chemistry. They visited three universities - China Mining University in Beijing, Taiyuan University of Technology, and Southeast University in Nanjing City.

The purpose of this visit was to enhance the Chinese exchange program, established in 1989, among Western's Ogden College of Science, Technology and Health and the Coal Ministry in China. Since the exchange program was established, Western has hosted 36 Chinese visiting scholars for an average period of one year, and 46 Chinese university administrators and faculty for short site visits. In turn, Western has sent Ogden College faculty to China on 23 occasions. Over the past 10 years our Chinese visiting scholars have co-authored with Western faculty and students over 100 papers published in professional proceedings and journals. In the 10-year period international for this program has increased from 43 percent to 76 percent of the total costs, which in turn has enabled Western to decrease its share of this spending.

During their visit both Dr. Ransdell and Dr. Houston received honorary professorships at Taiyuan University of Technology. Dr. Ransdell welcomed 4,000 new freshmen in a speech at a ceremony at Taiyuan University of Technology. Mrs. Ransdell and Mrs. Houston delivered lectures on the cultural exchange program to undergraduate and graduate students at Taiyuan and Southeast Universities.

Next issue: Kimberly Perley's report of the visit from the perspectives of President Ransdell and Dr. Pan.
Professional Activities

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE
Dr. Mark Ross and Dr. Jan Colbert have published "CPA: What Should It Stand For?" in the Aug. 1999 CPA Journal.
Dr. Jan Colbert, with Brian Turner, co-authored and published "Fraud and the Management Accountant" in the July/August 1999 issue of the Corporate Controller.

JOURNALISM AND BROADCASTING
Steve White won two national competitions for his documentary, Corvette Hall of Fame, produced for the Corvette Museum. White received both the "Telly" and the National Videographer Award of Excellence." Corvette Hall of Fame was written, directed, photographed and edited by White and co-produced by White and Liz Hill.

MUSIC
Dr. Michael Kallstrom's commissioned composition for youth choir, adult choir, brass quintet and organ was premiered before an audience directed, photographed and edited by White and co-produced by Dr. White and Liz Hill.

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION
Dr. Lawrence Snyder's most recent work, "The Religion of Humanity in Victorian America," has been published in Perspectives on Religion and American Culture, Blackwell Publishers.
Dr. Cassandra L. Pinnick will chair the session, "Physics from the 1900s" during the History of Science Society's 150th Anniversary meeting, to be held Nov. 4-5 in Philadelphia, Pa.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES
Web site and Virtual Library Coordinator Haiwang Yuan's article, "Web-based Client Survey and Data Analysis: A Review" will appear in the June issue of Library Instruction Round Table News. Yuan, with Steve Stone, presented a session on "The KICL Information Literacy Tutorial Module" project at the annual conference of the American Library Association June 26-29 in New Orleans, La.
Yuan, Gay Perkins, Elaine Moore and Elizabeth Knight conducted a Poster Session on "Techniques to Expand the Impact of Our Electronic Workshops." At the conference, Yuan was appointed as chair of the Computer Applications Committee of the Library Instruction Round Table of the American Library Association.

WKU POLICE
The WKU Police Department received a five-year reaccreditation from the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police. The department was first accredited in July 1993, making it the first university police department in Kentucky to obtain state accreditation.

Celebrating the 'Legacy'

WKU President Gary Ransdell visited with WKU students recently at The Legacy Picnic, hosted by the WKU Student Alumni Association. The annual picnic is held on the Craig Alumni Center lawn, for WKU students who are children and grandchildren of WKU alumni.

Photo by Sheryl A. Hogan

It's 270 Don't Forget It's 270

Susan Sampson, Associate Director of Network Computing and Communications, will write a special column for this information which will appear in future issues of On Campus. She reminds us of the area code change which is coming up Nov. 1.

The Kentucky Public Service Commission decided last November to split the 850 area region, and create a new area code to alleviate the rapid exhaustion of numbers in the 850 area.

On May 1, 1999, "Permissive Dialing" began, and during the six-month period through Oct. 31, users will be able to place calls to the new 270 area code region by dialing either 502 or 270.

Mandatory Dialing will begin Nov. 1, 1999, when users will have to dial 270 to successfully complete a call to the new area. The area code split will allow users to continue dialing seven digits for local calls.

Things to consider in preparation for the area code change are:

PRINTED MATERIALS:
Any printed material bearing telephone numbers, which include the 502 area code, must be changed to reflect the 270 area code prior to the mandatory dialing start date of Nov. 1, 1999.

AUTO DEALERS:
Any pre-programmed device such as telephones, fax machines and modems must be re-programmed prior to the mandatory dialing start date of November 1, 1999.

For your convenience, the following information is available at http://www.wku.edu/internet/support/aquadialers.html

1. Map of counties and area code boundary split
2. Two tables depicting the exchanges converting to 270 and those that will remain 502.

The Telephone Communications Office will address any questions or concerns that may arise. If any office or department requires assistance in re-programming speed-dialers, fax machines or modems, please submit a request via e-mail to TelephoneCommunications@wku.edu.

Ky: Getting to Know You!

The Center for Teaching and Learning hosted a group of new faculty on a bus tour "to get acquainted with what life in Kentucky is like," said Center Director Sally Kuhlenschmidt. Veteran faculty helped act as hosts on the trip which included visits to the Glasgow and Elizabethtown campuses and a few "sights" along the way - Barren River State Park, Lincoln's Birthplace, background for this happy group's photo, and probably the highlight of the trip, the Whistlestop Cafe in Glendale.
The following appointments, promotions, and retirements were approved by the University's Board of Regents at their regular quarterly meeting in May. Information is provided by the Department of Human Resources.

**FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

**Computer Science**
- Robert R. Byrd, Visiting Instructor
- William S. Specs, Instructor

**Engineering Technology**
- Ollan Cuvaci, Associate Professor

**Geography & Geology**
- Mace Layton Bentley, Assistant Professor
- Jamie Strickland, Instructor

**Integrative Studies in Teacher Education**
- Barbara Brindle, Assistant Professor

**Modern Languages/Intercultural Studies**
- Susan M. Davis, Instructor
- Carolyn Lindsey King, Assistant Professor

**Music**
- Theodore DeCusso, Visiting Professional in Residence
- Kenneth Haddix, Instructor
- Robert Wayne Pope, Assistant Professor

**Physical Education & Recreation**
- James Matthew Green, Assistant Professor

**Psychology**
- Kelly L. Moldle, Assistant Professor

**Theater & Dance**
- Deborah L. Cote, Visiting Assistant Professor

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**Academic Technology**
- Randolph B. Cutum, Information Technology Consultant
- Joseph A. Powers, Manager, Computer Laboratory

**Admissions & Academic Services**
- Amy M. Decker, Admissions Counselor
- Kimberly Ann Kinser, Admissions Counselor

**Art**
- James K. Chalmers, Department Head

**Athletic Trainer**
- Sheri K. Harris, P.T., Temp Prof Non-Faculty
- William M. Kethwold, P.T., Temp Prof Non-Faculty

**Building Services**
- Mundus Brown, Attendant
- Matthew Lee A. Griffin, Attendant

**Education**
- Robert W. Lowney, Attendant

**Equal Opportunity/ADA Compliance/SSCA**
- James B. McCallin

**Facilities Fiscal Services**
- Carmen Myers, Office Associate

**Gordon Ford College of Business**
- Tabatha Dawn Lear, Office Assistant

**Hilltopper Athletic Foundation**
- Kelly L. Butchell, P.T., Temp Prof Non-Faculty
- Rachel E. Manning, P.T., Temp Prof Non-Faculty
- Melissa E. Morris, Office Associate

**Integrative Studies in Teacher Education**
- Gail Diane Miller, P.T., Temp Clerical/Secretarial

**Maintenance Services**
- Paul W. Barber, Maintenance Plumber
- George Albert Hunt, Carpenter

**Network Computing & Communications**
- Mark Filipovich Gershkovich, P.T., Temp Prof Non-Faculty
- Jerry P. Sumpter, P.T., Temp Technician/Paraprof

**Registrar's Office**
- Janet R. Genyi, P.T., Temp Clerical/Secretarial

**Student Activities & Organizations**
- Heather Renee Strode, Coordinator, Usip/Volunteerism

** Geoffrey L. Johnson, Supervisor, Training Coordination**

**Jennifer Almen, Research Hydrologist**

**Training & Technical Assistance Services**
- Beth Ann O'Brien, Staff Assistant
- Lori L. Arthur, P.T., Regular Tech/Paraprof
- Vicky L. Delcher, Office Associate
- Susan J. Ice, P.T., Regular Tech/Paraprof

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- Karen Lynell Tanner, Attendant
- Janice D. Wooley, Attendant

**Controller**
- Mary Ellen Cole, Staff Accountant

**Continuing Education**
- Christy L. Benjamin, P.T., Reg Clerical/Secretarial

**Educational Leadership**
- Sheila E. Hoche, Office Assistant

**Equal Opportunity/ADA Compliance/SSCA**
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Western Kentucky University has been awarded $1.14 million grant to improve teacher preparation programs. The Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant was one of 25 grants totaling $33.5 million announced Tuesday by U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley. In the grant, Western is the leader among 10 "Reinassance Group" teacher preparation institutions that, together with their schools of arts and sciences, K-12 partner schools and business partners, have joined to redesign teacher education to focus on student learning in K-12 classrooms.

The University was awarded $1,146,097 for the first year of an anticipated five-year grant totaling more than $5 million, according to Roger Pankratz, designated director of Western's grant.

Western's partner institutions are California State University, Fresno; Eastern Michigan University; Emporia State University in Kansas; Kentucky State University, Longwood College in Virginia; Middle Tennessee State University; Millersville University in Pennsylvania; Southeast Missouri State University; and the University of Northern Iowa.

The five-year program is designed to develop accountability systems that evaluate the impact of teachers on student learning; use teacher and student work samples in student teaching as evidence that teacher candidates can facilitate student learning; implement a mentoring program where arts and sciences professors, teacher educators and school practitioners work with teacher candidates in public schools; involve business partners in teacher preparation; network with schools and universities across the nation to learn and share best practices; and implement a research program that connects teacher performance to K-12 student learning.

The Teacher Quality Enhancement Program provides incentives for schools like Western to develop innovative partnerships with schools of arts and sciences, high-need school districts and local businesses for the purpose of teaching teachers to facilitate higher levels of achievement in students.

"Effective teaching starts with effective training," Riley said. "Through partnerships between universities and school districts whose student populations face many learning challenges, these grants will revamp teacher preparation programs to ensure that tomorrow's teachers have the knowledge and skills to understand every child's strengths and weaknesses and to help each one reach his or her potential."
Five To Be Inducted as 'Distinguished Alumni'

Western Kentucky University will add five new members to its Hall of Distinguished Alumni during Homecoming ‘99. WKU’s Heritage Foundation, led by Dr. Daniel Stroman, vice president for advancement and chief development officer, will honor Gordon Ford, historian and film director; John Carpenter, movie director; Anthony Shearer, actor, author and film producer; Jannice Owens Aaron, M.D., radiation oncologist; and Shearer Jordan Harrison, CPA.

Dr. Ford is a WKU graduate, Dr. Aaron received her medical degree from U of L. She completed an internal medicine internship at U of L, a radiology residency at Yale University School of Medicine, and a fellowship in neuroradiology at the Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Aaron has divided her time between practicing medicine and teaching. She began teaching at U of L in 1991 and progressed through the ranks from associate clinical professor, chair of Diagnostic Radiology, to chair of Diagnostic Radiology—with 16 residents—a post she held until her retirement from U of L in 1997.

Dr. Shearer has authored or co-authored more than 375 medical periodicals, reviews papers or books since 1965, and has served on the editorial boards of seven periodicals. He was the "L. Bernard Distinguished Lecturer at Western in 1999. He and his wife, Minnetta, have two children, Matthew and Nancy. These five will join 42 others in the Hall of Distinguished Alumni, which was established in 1993.

Five To Be Inducted as ‘Distinguished Alumni’
Homecoming 1999: ‘Shout the Century Out’

TUESDAY, OCT. 19

Homecoming Pep Rally
Downtown Glasgow
For more information, unless otherwise indicated, call the WKU Alumni Association at (270) 745-4395.

THURSDAY, OCT. 21

Fourth Annual Awards Program and Dinner
6-8 p.m.
WKU Alumni Association
For more information call Alex Downing at (270) 745-5266.

Friday, OCT. 22

Hall of Distinguished Alumni Luncheon and Induction Ceremony
noon
Bowling Green-Warren Co. Convention Center
Sponsored by the WKU Alumni Association
Honorees include John Carpenter, Dr. Gene Shearer, Dr. Lowell Harrison, Gordon Ford and Dr. Jannice Aaron.
Tickets are $25.

Fourth Annual Awards Program and Dinner
6:30 p.m.
Location TSA
Sponsored by the Department of Journalism & Broadcasting
For more information call the Department of Journalism at (270) 745-4163.

Big Red Street Fest
6-8 p.m.
Big Red Way
Sponsored by the Warren Co. Alumni Club
Children’s activities, games, prizes and pig roast. For more information call WKU Alumni Association at (270) 745-4395.

Saturday, OCT. 23

Homecoming Day

Homecoming Games and Activities
WKU Alumni

WKU Libraries offers hands-on electronic research workshops to instruct faculty, staff and students how to access full text articles and newspapers from their desktops. The Libraries’ and KCVL’s (Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual Library) full text databases will be covered.

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Workshops will be in Helm Library 108. Registration is not necessary. For more information, contact University Libraries Reference Office (270) 745-6115, or web.reference@wku.edu.
Increasing Numbers of Minority Teachers

About 60 minority students at Western Kentucky University will receive teacher education scholarships this fall thanks to an $82,500 grant from the Kentucky Department of Education.

The scholarships are part of an effort "to increase the ranks of minority teachers in Kentucky," said Leslie Godo-Solo, coordinator of WKU's Minority Teacher Recruitment Center.

To qualify for the scholarship, the minority student must be a Kentucky resident, a WKU student pursuing a teacher education degree and maintain a 2.5 grade-point average, Godo-Solo said.

The maximum scholarship award is $2,500 per semester, but to serve as a Kentucky resident must be a Kentucky resident for 12 months, a WKU student pursuing a teacher education program, and have a grade-point average of 2.5 or better, Godo-Solo said.

The center, which opened in 1992, was one of 99 semifinalists from 1,603 applicants for an Innovation Grant from the Harvard Foundation. Even though WKU wasn't a finalist, the exposure will benefit the minority recruitment efforts, she said.

WKU also is working with the state Department of Education to recruit more minorities as principals and with school districts to encourage minorities to become teachers.

Programs like the Aspiring Teachers Educators Administrators and Mentors or A-TEAM, Young Educator clubs and other activities help generate interest in teacher education, she said.

The "grow your own" approach toward minority teacher recruitment is especially important for smaller school districts that have trouble competing against larger or big-city districts, Godo-Solo said.

Facilities Management Offers GED

Western Kentucky University's Facilities Management Department is offering a series of classes to help staff members earn their GEDs.

The classes, which began Sept. 8, are offered at no charge and prepares employees to complete the GED test. The classes are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in the Facilities Management conference room on the ground floor of the Parking Structure.

"It's just something that's important" for employees and for Western, said Ocie Clements, Manager of Building Services.

Western allows any eligible full-time employee four hours a week to participate in this program and pays a one-time award of $200 for each staff member who graduates from the program and receives a GED.

The classes begin with an individual assessment to determine the appropriate grade level in the five areas tested for the GED, Clements said. After 25 hours of instruction, a pre-GED test is given to determine whether participants are ready for the GED test, he said.

Online Applications

"It will catch on," Dyson said. "If you're on-line, the library then, to start with, will connect to the database so that people will be able to do that through the library system.

To make an online application, visit WKU's website www.wku.edu and click on Office of Admissions. Then click on Applications and click on On-Line Admission Application.

Prospective students then simply follow the directions and fill out the application. Applicants set up an account and password before starting the process. The $25 application fee can be charged to a credit card or to a bank account.

Once the application process is completed, the information is electronically sent from CollegeNET to WKU's admissions office. The application information is then entered into WKU's database for a good service for the students," Dyson said.

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Gift Aids Engineering Tech

James D. Scott, owner of Scott's Contracting Inc. of Bowling Green, has given Western Kentucky University $125,000.

The gift will provide $100,000 in one-year funding for the Scott Center for Construction and Engineering and the James D. Scott Professor of Civil Engineering Technology in the Department of Engineering Technology. The additional $25,000 will support the Basketball Enhancement Fund for the men's basketball program.

The Scott Center for Construction and Engineering will combine the resources of Scott's Technology Center and Western Kentucky University to create a flow of technical knowledge, professional training, consultations and technical support from Western to engineering and construction companies. It will also involve WKU students in practical situations with those companies.

Matt Dettman, associate professor of engineering technology, will serve as the director of the Scott Center and as the James D. Scott Professor. He will also supply engineering and technical support to the Center. The Scott Center will employ students from the Civil Engineering Technology/Construction Management program. It will provide them with practical experiences in asphalt technology, construction materials and highway construction technologies.

"The students won't be involved in laboratory experiments," Dettman said. "They will be involved in real-world applications. Jim Scott has provided Western with an opportunity to be unique in terms of a program of this size." The gift will also create initial funding for the James D. Scott Professor of Civil Engineering Technology, an additional faculty position within Western's Civil Engineering Technology/Construction Management program. The Scott Professor will provide classroom instruction located in a national academic center in this part of the country in the field of asphalt technology and construction materials.

"Technical knowledge will flow freely from Western to industry," Scott said. "The benefit to students is threefold. First, they will gain firsthand knowledge and experience. Second, they will view their professors as practicing professionals who will add relevance to their classroom instruction. Third, they will be exposed to the engineering and construction community, enabling them to make a smooth transition from school to work. I'm happy to be able to help Western, the community and the region lay a solid foundation for growth into the next century.

Scott said he sees the gift helping to make a smooth transition into the new millennium in academics and athletics.

"Western has always enjoyed a proud tradition in men's basketball," he said. "Our renewed emphasis on excellence through the Basketball Enhancement Fund is a fitting tribute to the outstanding group of coaches and players leading our program and to the great leadership of coaches who have historically represented Western." Western President Gary Ransdell said the gift adhires to every aspect of the school's strategic plan, "Challenging the Spirit.

"This gift will set a national precedent in bridging the gap between academia and industry while providing students with practical educational experiences," Dr. Ransdell said. "In addition, future graduates and engineering faculty will have increased awareness of the accomplishments of Jim Scott and the many other professionals whose contributions he has made and continues to provide us. All of us at Western are extremely grateful to Jim Scott."
Sandy/Martin Jones Gift Supports Self-Sufficiency

Sandy and Martin Jones will give Western Kentucky University $100,000 over the next five years for the Sandy and Martin Jones Reach Higher Educational Awards Program.

The Reach Higher Program is a self-sufficiency program of the Housing Authority of Bowling Green established in response to the federal government's welfare reform efforts. It has developed successful partnerships with Bowling Green and Warren County agencies, businesses and industries to provide low cost, reliable transportation, continuation of basic services, child care, on-the-job training, job and life skills, and permanent, full-time employment.

The Sandy and Martin Jones Reach Higher Educational Awards Program will give Reach Higher participants the chance to earn a degree at Western Kentucky University.

"Not everyone can obtain academic success," Sandy Jones said. "This will open the door for those individuals. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to impact the lives of those who want to continue on the path of higher education."

The Housing Authority of Bowling Green will make recommendations for the awards. The program will fund tuition and will be flexible to meet additional costs for books and fees. The Housing Authority will also use the gift to leverage additional support for related costs.

"There are no excuses for not succeeding," Abraham Williams, executive director of the Housing Authority, said. "We appreciate the effort the Jones have made in helping to put some of our Reach Higher participants on the road to a degree."

Sandy Jones, owner of Quality Personnel in Bowling Green for more than 21 years and Martin Jones, vice presidents of the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce, said they want to give back to the community.

"We're thankful for the opportunities we've had," Sandy Jones said. "We feel it's important to help open doors and remove barriers for other people."

"This program will help people help themselves. They won't be dependent on a hand-out. We're offering them a hand-up."

The Reach Higher Program won the 1997 National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials' Humanitarian Award for Welfare Reform, the 1997 Kentucky State Office of Housing and Urban Development's Resident Initiative Program of the Year and the 1997 First Place Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Community Partnership Award.

"This gift is a true display of Sandy and Martin's character," Western President Gary Ransdell said. "They are dedicated to working to improve Bowling Green and Warren County. We are committed to serving our community. This gift helps make our job a lot easier. Western is grateful to Sandy and Martin for their generosity."

Tom Hiles, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, echoed the sentiments.

"Sandy and Martin's gift combines their support for the university and the community," Hiles said. "We do appreciate of their continued volunteer and financial commitment to Western and Bowling Green."

Bowling Green Couple Makes Lead Gift to Lady Topper Program

By Chris Meador

Kenny and Mike Hunt of Bowling Green have made a commitment of $125,000 in support of the Lady Topper basketball program at Western Kentucky University.

This is the largest ever received by the Lady Toppers from a single donor, will be used to meet a number of pressing needs of the program, including summer school opportunities for Lady Topper student-athletes, recruitment efforts, and renovation and capital improvement projects, said Head Coach Steve Small.

"We feel lucky to be a part of Wku, we have been blessed with loyal fans," Small said. "It is a tremendous gift from Mike and Belle will enable Lady Topper basketball to continue to flourish, and it will help the program in ways that are good for our players and students." The Lady Topper program has a rich history, Wku President Gary Ransdell said, but "sustaining our position among the nation's elite will require a long-term commitment between Western and those who provide the financial support to be competitive. Belle and Mike have made a wonderful commitment to help maintain our place among the nation's top women's basketball schools."

The Hunts say they are proud to support such a worthy program.

"It's rewarding to get to know the young ladies individually and see them become successful women and productive citizens," Hunt said. "We're honored to be a small part of the process." Tom Hiles, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations at Western and Hunt's friend, said "we do appreciate of their support."

"We're thrilled to see the Cornerstone Level of the Henry Hardin Cherry Society, a cumulative recognition society established in 1991."

Turner Fund Supports Glasgow Campus

The Turner family of Scottsville has created the Turner Fund for Excellence to support Western Kentucky University's Glasgow Campus.

Interest from the $230,000 endowment, the largest gift received by the Glasgow Campus from a single donor, will be used to support student and facility development.

"This kind of support is absolutely essential as Western strives to become the best comprehensive university in Kentucky," said Wku President Gary Ransdell.

Dr. Ransdell said the Glasgow Campus is an important element in the University's mission of providing accessible education opportunities.

"The Turners have been a very important part of the Southcentral Kentucky business community with Dollar General Stores and Farmers National Bank of Scottsville," Dr. Ransdell said. "They recognize the role education plays in the development of a region and the need that Western and the Glasgow Campus fulfill not only in Barren County but in the surrounding area as well."

Steve Turner, chairman and CEO of FNB Financial Corp., said the gift is to both Western and to Glasgow.

"The institution and the city have been instrumental in the success of our family and this is a small way of acknowledging and somewhat repaying that debt," Turner said.

Turner added that Western's Strategic Plan, which includes the goal of "embracing responsiveness to constituencies," was the intellectual force behind the gift.

The gift places the Turner family in the Colonnade level of the Henry Hardin Cherry Society, a cumulative recognition society established in 1991.

Adult Day Care Center Stays On Campus

Commonwealth Health Corporation and Western Kentucky University have signed an agreement for the continued operation of an adult day care center on the WKU campus.

"We are pleased that Western and CHC have finalized an agreement on the adult day care center," said Wku President Gary Ransdell. "An effective adult day care center is important to the clients it serves and to the faculty and students at Western. Part of that is in our gerontology and related service programs."

Adult day care programs serve the elderly, disabled or chronically ill who are unable to completely function independently but do not yet require 24-hour nursing care. This type of program provides an option for families to stay together rather than place their loved ones in a nursing home. "CHC is pleased to continue the operation of this center on Western's campus," said Doris C. Thomas, Vice President of marketing for CHC. "This will provide a smooth transition for the clients since they can stay in familiar surroundings."

The center will remain in Jones-laggers hall on University Boulevard and will retain an educational dimension that has been a hallmark since the center was established in 1990, said Dr. John Petersen, Associate Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations.

"This agreement allows Western to continue the academic goal of providing faculty and students the opportunity to interact with the center's clients," Dr. Petersen said. "All parties should benefit from this agreement."

CHC received a contract from the Barren River Area Development District to operate adult day care services for its clients beginning July 1. With that contract, CHC also receives the Certificate of Need necessary to provide the services.

Gifts to Benefit Kentucky Museum and English Department

Two recent gifts to Western Kentucky University will create endowments to benefit The Kentucky Museum and the English Department. Gifts totaling $230,000 will be used to provide the Museum and English Department with the freedom to preserve and care for items in its collections, said Richard Sowers, Director of Development for University Libraries.

Interest from a $100,000 endowment created by an anonymous donor will be used to support the Museum and English Department as well as the donor's church. The donor responded to the need of the Museum to further preserve and care for items already housed in its collection, said Richard Sowers, Director of Development for University Libraries. The donor also wishes to annually award faculty in the English Department who promote the fundamentals of writing and literature, he said.

A $250,000 gift from the Mildred Givens estate has been used to create the Mildred and Wayne Givens Program Endowment Fund. Sowers said interest from this endowment will be used to sustain the mission and objectives of The Kentucky Museum and Library.

Ms. Givens, who died in 1994, lived in Louisville and was a long-time friend of the Museum. She established the endowment in memory of her late husband, Wayne.

"These endowments will provide lasting financial support for these programs," said Wku President Gary Ransdell. "This kind of support is essential as we strive to meet the goals we've set in our strategic plan, 'Challenging the Spirit.'"
Journalism Students Win Mark of Excellence

Two Western Kentucky University students have won national honors for outstanding college journalism in the 1998 Mark of Excellence Contest sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists. Jerome Brewer, a Paducah junior, won in sports writing for a story titled "An Urban Renewal."

Kristi Runyon, a 1999 graduate from Richmond, won in television spot news reporting for "Storm Coverage.

The students will receive their awards at the Mark of Excellence Awards Breakfast Oct. 4 at the society's national convention in Indianapolis.

Student Broadcasters Win AP Award

Western Kentucky University student broadcasters won 20 of 27 radio/television awards at the 1999 Kentucky Associated Press Awards banquet.

Aimee Reed, a Columbia junior, first place in radio newscast.

Rachael Crump, a Louisville senior, first place in radio news report, second place in radio newscast.

Darla Johnson, a Franklin senior, first place in radio feature/human interest.

Randall Parmley, a Monticello junior, first place in radio sports.

Lisa C. Hughes, a Scottsville sophomore, first place in radio best reporter, honorable mention in radio newscast.

Chris Freeman, a senior from Newbrough, Ind., second place in radio news report, second place in TV sports reporting.

Kristi Runyon, a Richmond senior, second place in radio feature/human interest, second place in TV best reporter.

Anthony Bobrowski, a Louisvile senior, second place in radio sports.

Kevin Willis, a Radcliff senior, second place in radio best reporter.

Kern Richardson, a Shelbyville junior, first place in TV new report, honorable mention in radio news report.

Heath Myrick, a senior from Carthage, N.C., first place in TV feature.

Myrick and Wesley Shirley, a Hodgenville senior, honorable mention in TV news report.

Adrienne Nobles, a senior from Edmond, Okla., honorable mention in TV feature.

New Program Seeks Talented Math and Science Students

Western Kentucky University is seeking funding for a new program designed to give talented high school juniors and seniors a head start to careers in math and science.

The Kentucky Academy of Mathematics and Science will offer a residential early admissions college program for bright, highly motivated high school students who have demonstrated an interest in a math or science career. Each year the academy would admit up to 100 Kentucky students who apply during their sophomore year and are selected based on standardized test scores, grades, personal interviews and recommendations.

Instead of spending their 11th and 12th grades in high school, they come to the Kentucky Academy and instead of taking normal high school courses in these two years, they pick only normal courses offered at this University and taught by University professors," said Dr. Charles McGruder, head of Western's Physics and Astronomy Department.

Academy students will live in a dedicated residence hall with fellow academy students. At the end of two years, the students will have earned at least 60 college credit hours and will receive a high school diploma with their class from their home high school.

"These are the same courses that WKU undergraduates take," Dr. McGruder said. "It means that they are coming to college two years earlier than normal. Academically, they are treated just like other Western students. The difference is in their age. They will be housed differently and they will have very different social rules than undergraduates."

"Academically, they are Western students. Socially, they are high school students." Establishing the academy "is a key to building a workforce which is scientifically and mathematically oriented," said WKU President Gary Ransdell. "Such a workforce is the prerequisite for Kentucky's economic future. This academy will enable Kentucky's exceptional young scientists and mathematicians to learn in an environment which offers advanced educational opportunities, preparing them for leadership roles in the Commonwealth of Kentucky."

The academy will give the students challenges that are not available in high school, Dr. McGruder said.

"What we find is that students who are gifted in math and science don't have the opportunities that they can enjoy in a university setting," he said. "They are precocious. They are capable of doing university work, but they don't have the opportunity because high schools are not geared for them. What other states have found is that putting them in a university setting gives them the opportunity to grow and mature intellectually at an earlier age."

The academy will be similar to programs offered in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana and North Carolina. Dr. McGruder said, adding, "We are learning from their experiences, both good and bad."

In addition to the academic support, academy students will receive guidance and support to help them develop socially, Dr. McGruder said. Students will be required to live on campus in a single, supervised residence hall and there will be a full staff, including a director and psychologist.

"It's not cheap, partly because they require a lot of attention and a lot of supervision, not academically, but socially," he said.

The estimated annual budget would be $2.1 million, with a one-time fee $4.75 million to renovate Florence Schneider Hall to house academy students. Western will be seeking funding from the 2000 General Assembly.

Similar academies are all state funded, Dr. McGruder said.

For Kentucky residents, the academy will pay the cost of room and board, tuition, fees and books for a reasonable course load. Out-of-state students will be considered on a space-available basis only and must pay for all costs, including a program fee.

He said the United States faces a serious problem because "it is a developing country when it comes to scientific personnel. Currently, 60 percent of the graduate students in engineering are foreign born. In physics, its 86 percent. In other words, we are importing brain power."

Kentucky's academy will help "entice gifted young Americans to go into the fields of mathematics, science and engineering," he said. "The key is getting them when they're young and turning them on when they're very young by continuing them with science the way it really is and then hoping that they will continue science, engineering or math as a career option. The success of the other schools indicates that it will be a successful program in Kentucky as well."

WKU is a logical place for the academy because of its work with gifted students and in the sciences, Dr. McGruder said.

"With the Center for Gifted Studies (directed by Dr. Julia Roberts), we have a long tradition of catering to gifted students," he said, adding this will be combined with the University's strength in the sciences and the way it involves students in research projects.

Western has also designated its Center for Applied Science and Technology at its Program of Distinction, a program that has the potential to grow in national prominence. The center includes the microcenters of Laboratory of Biodiversity Studies; Kentucky Climate Center; Center for Cave and Karst Studies; Agriculture Research and Education Complex; Biotechnology Laboratory; Center for Technical Assistance for Water Quality; Technology Transfer Center; Applied Physics Institute; Coal and Fuel Laboratory and Environmental Health and Safety Resource Laboratory.

"There is intense interest at Western for this, from the president on down," Dr. McGruder said. "The University will also benefit from the students attending the academy."

"It means that the brightest of students from across the state will be here, and that is going to have an enormous impact on the intellectual environment at this University in my view," Dr. McGruder said. "Dr. Ransdell has made very clear is that we want to go for quality. That's what the Kentucky Academy is all about."
The Western Kentucky University Board of Regents gave WKU President Gary Ransdell authority to execute a five-year contract with Collegiate Health Care, based in Norwalk, Conn., to establish and operate a campus health clinic.

"This issue has undergone thorough and diligent consideration by our Student Health Clinic Committee, and I fully endorse the committee's recommendation that we form a partnership with Collegiate to meet the health care needs of our students, and eventually our faculty, staff, and their families," Dr. Ransdell said. "This has been a complex undertaking, and I am confident that this will be a very positive move for Western that will mean access to a state-of-the-art facility and expanded quality offerings at reasonable costs, and a reduction in mandatory student fees."

Samuel H. Makris, Collegiate's president and chief executive officer, said he appreciated that Western's leadership is putting its confidence in Collegiate.

"Collegiate is the largest national provider of university health services. With a new WKU partnership, we will serve more than 115,000 students," Makris said. "This is a great opportunity for our organization and current university health services staff. Together, as partners, we will provide the students and the rest of the campus community with comprehensive, high-quality health and health education services in a new state-of-the-art facility."

The committee reviewed seven proposals from three bidders before recommending the proposal by Collegiate, said K. Ann Mead, committee chair and Western's chief financial officer. The review included evaluations based on credentials and qualifications, quality, content and creativity of the proposal, scope of proposed services and cost to consumers, and financial commitments, she said.

"Collegiate brings to the table an excellent reputation and considerable experience in the higher education community," Mead said. "They currently provide health services at 11 campuses across the U.S. at schools that range from 1,500 students to 22,000."

She said Collegiate is "dedicated to student health and development and the delivery of quality primary health care to the campus."

Collegiate will assume management of the current Student Health Service in September. Mead said the University will retain the current regular employees through the end of the 1999 fall semester. The employees will then be evaluated for hiring by Collegiate, which expects to increase staff from the current 17 full-time positions. She added that Collegiate will be meeting soon with the current staff.

Final details will be released once a contract is signed, probably in early September, Mead said. Highlights of Collegiate's proposal include:

- Construction of a state-of-the-art facility on campus to be open by August 2000. The size of the facility will depend on its location, which will be determined at a later date.
- Expanded services to include University employee and their families by January 2001.
- Reduction of the mandatory student health fee from $31 to $15 beginning with the second year of the contract.
- Enhanced services that may include expanded primary care, women's health, allergy/immunology and health promotion services.
- A strategic plan developed in concert with students and employees.
- Applying for accreditation from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care within 24 months.
- Exemption of any profits between Collegiate and the University.

Mead said the contract will be reviewed every two years for a possible two-year extension.

Western began exploring options in campus health services in January 1999 when it was determined that the space for the current Student Health Services in the Academic Complex would be reassigned to enhance the design and flow of the new Instructional Technology and Communications Building.

Campus Alcohol Awareness Group Wins With 'Trust the Truth'

A Western Kentucky University student group has received national recognition for its alcohol awareness program.

Peers Encouraging Responsible Choices, or PERC, recently won an honorable mention from the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week Contest. The theme for 1998-99 was "Trust the Truth."

The WKU group is beginning its third year at WKU in conjunction with Student Health Services. PERC encourages responsible choices in social and educational settings and hopes to reduce the abuse of alcohol and other drugs, promote self-esteem, encourage responsible sexual behavior, promote diversity and enrich the lives of students.

"We've been able to change attitudes toward binge drinking," said Teresa Edmundson, PERC adviser and an assistant health educator.

The group's 1998-99 programming included Midnite Madness, a safe alternative to Thursday night parties. Approximately 200 students enjoyed free food, soft drinks, mocktails, a live band and volleyball tournaments. PERC's certified peer educators also worked with freshman orientation classes to provide alcohol awareness information to 800 freshmen.

In addition, the group partners with other campus organizations for alcohol-free events, educational and prevention programs and other awareness campaigns.

The WKU organization is part of a national network of campus groups that provide students peer wellness initiatives in social and educational settings.

PERC has also received awards from such organizations as Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students and Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol, or BACCHUS and GAMMA Peer Education Network Affiliate Award for Kentucky. In 1999, its Midnite Volleyball program was honored for Outstanding Creativity in Prevention Education and Awareness at the BACCHUS and GAMMA Peer Education Network's General Assembly in Washington, D.C. The group won the programming award for its PERC in Freshmen Seminar program and was named outstanding affiliate for Area Seven, Kentucky, Ohio, and Michigan, at the 1999 Area Seven Regional Conference. PERC's alcohol abuse prevention programming also received honorable mention from the Inter-Association Task Force on Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Issues.

Builders Give to WKU

The Builders Association of Bowling Green, Ky., Inc., has contributed $10,000 to Western Kentucky University's College Heights Foundation to increase the corpus of the association's scholarship fund.

Representing the association in the gift presentation were: Berrie Jones (front, center), president; and Ethwood Jones (front, right), Secretary/Treasurer. The gift was accepted by H. Alexander Downing (front, left), Chair President. Also present (back row, from left) were: Mike Liddle, scholarship committee member; Mary Vaughn, executive director; and Gary Counts and Kathy Collie, scholarship committee members.

Woman's Club Gives to WKU

The Woman's Club of Smiths Grove has donated $1,000 to the College Heights Foundation at Western Kentucky University, increasing the corpus of the perpetual trust the club started in 1973. The trust fund supports annual scholarships to WKU students.

The presentation was made by Theresa Lewis, club president, to H. Alexander Downing (left), President of the College Heights Foundation. Also present was Sue Edwards, the club's President Elect.

Keystops Gives to WKU

Keystops Inc. has contributed $17,500 to Western Kentucky University to increase the corpus of two perpetual trusts within the College Heights Foundation and to help the school's football and men's basketball programs.

The gift represents proceeds from the Keystops Benefit Golf Classic. H. Alexander Downing (left), President of the College Heights Foundation, accepted the gift from Lester Key, President of Keystops Inc. Also present was Tom Hiles, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations at Western.
Bank Management Institute Creates Endowment

The Kentucky Bank Management Institute has created an endowment at Western Kentucky University to support an annual conference on banking and financial planning.

Interest on the $260,000 endowment will be used to bring prominent bankers from across the country to WKU's Gordon Ford College of Business to speak on issues critical to the industry.

"This program will help our students benefit from the brightest minds in the banking industry," said WKU President Gary Ransdell. "This kind of private support is an essential element in our quest to bring relevance to our curriculum and to provide public service to the banking industry in our area."

Jim Nichols, Executive Director of the Kentucky Bank Management Institute, said the organization, which was founded in 1982, has had a good relation with Western.

"We've put several hundred bankers through KBMI courses and often use Western professors as instructors," he said. The endowment will mean continued involvement between the College of Business and the banking industry through a continuing education program and through faculty development, he said.

This relationship made Western the "natural recipient" for the gift, said Steve Marcum, KBMI treasurer and chief financial officer for Franklin Bank and Trust.

Marcum said the climate of banking education has changed. Mergers have reduced the number of banking companies in the state, and many are opting for in-house training or non-traditional delivery methods, such as over the Internet. Given those changes, Marcum said KBMI decided to give its assets to Western "and let the University take the lead in banking education delivery. Western has done an excellent job in supporting the banking industry in this community."

Dr. Robert Jefferson, Dean of the Gordon Ford College of Business, said the gift "supports the progress and momentum" of Western's Finance program.

"The continuing involvement of our students and faculty with the banking and financial services industry adds to the academic achievement and competence of our finance and business graduates," he said. "This endowment will support quality in our leadership efforts to provide superior student learning and continue the involvement of students and faculty with leaders in the industry."

Learning Never Ends

Want to know how to read a stock chart? Interested in the digital revolution in television? Want to improve your church newsletter? Tired of making home videos that jump around more than Ricky Martin? Western Kentucky University's Department of Continuing Education is ready to help.

Fall classes, which began in September at the University's South Campus on Nashville Road, include two that "are kind of unique," said Sharon Woodward, program coordinator. Those are "How to Read a Stock Chart" and "TV and Media in the Future."

The "Stock Chart" class will be taught by attorney John McCracken, who presented the idea for the course. McCracken will explain the trends and patterns of most stock charts and give students a better understanding of technical analysis.

Woodward is excited about the "TV and Media in the Future" class that will explore the changes in television. She hopes to have KET bring its mobile high-definition TV unit to Bowling Green and have a representative talk about KET's new digital station.

A variety of other Continuing Education courses are available this fall. Computer courses and motorcycle rider classes remain among the most popular, Woodward said.

"We're getting more and more people who've never used a computer before wanting to get in on the classes," she said. Classes include introductory courses, training in new applications and how to use the Internet.

Back by popular demand is a "Ballroom Dancing" course taught by Burch and Phyllis Ogleby. That class begins on Oct. 25.

Other new courses include "Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People," "Spanish for Law Enforcement, Emergency and Medical Personnel," "Improving Home Video Techniques" and "Diet Free and Prosperous Living."

The Continuing Education program also includes 10 professional development courses on workplace and management skills for business and industry.

Woodward said the department is always looking for new ideas for courses and instructors to teach them.

To learn more about the fall 1999 classes, call Continuing Education at (270) 745-1908, stop by the South Campus office at 2356 Nashville Road, e-mail "continuing.education@wkbu.edu" or visit the department's page on Western's website -www.wku.edu. A course catalog includes detailed information on all classes, dates and registration fees.

Grants and Contracts

Albers, Jo-Ann. $12,000.00 from Knight Foundation for ASIMC/Newspapers in Residence Program.

Carril, Michael. $3,000.00 from NASA/Kentucky Space Grant Consortium for The Superhump Phenomena in SU UMA systems.

Carril, Michael. $4,763.00 from NASA/Kentucky Space Grant Consortium for Numerical Analysis of Variability in Blazars.

Fong, Lowella. $8,499.00 from Kentucky Department of Education for IIEPC Proficiency Evaluation of Employed Candidates and Related Degrees.

Gelderman, Richard. $3,500.00 from NASA/Kentucky Space Grant Consortium for Determining Physical Conditions Throughout the Lagoon Nebula.

Gelderman, Richard. $19,163.00 from NASA/Kentucky Space Grant Consortium for The Origins of Radio Galaxies.

Groves, Chris. $8,000.00 from National Park Service for Arthur Oil Field.

Houston, William E. $500,000.00 from EPA for Technical Assistance Center for Water Quality for Small Rural Water Companies.

Mendl, Colleen. $215,815.00 from U.S. Department of Health & Human Services/Admin. For Children and Families for Head Start Quality Improvement Center (Region IV) IV-B Supplement.

Mendl, Colleen. $141,617.00 from U.S. Department of Health & Human Services/Admin. For Child Care Services & Referral FY03.

Mendl, Colleen. $11,110.00 from U.S. Department of Health & Human Services/Admin. For Children and Families for Head Start Supplement.

Persons, Bill. $50,000.00 from U.S. Department of Education for WKU Business and International Education Program Year 2.

Philips, Katrina. $76,440.00 from Kentucky Department of Education for WKU Nontraditional Career Assistance Center.

Priest, Nancy. $31,810.00 from Bluegrass State Skills Corporation for MTO Industries/CGP.

Preist, Nancy. $300,000.00 from Bluegrass State Skills Corporation for Slipp Bridge Company Applicant Assessment.

Preist, Nancy. $3,247,000.00 from Franklin Precision Industries, Inc. for Franklin Precision Industries, Inc.

Sahil, Shiven德拉. $12,000.00 from Kentucky NSF/Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research for Phytooeoordination of Toxic Metals by Sesbania.

Schneck, Steve. $2,103,000.00 from Kentucky Department of Education for Superintendint Training Tuition Support.

Scott, Roger. $10,000.00 from NASA/Kentucky Space Grant Consortium for Astronomy and NASA Space Science Workshop: Participatory Learning Activities.

Scott, Roger. $8,000.00 from NASA/Kentucky Space Grant Consortium for An Astronomy and Space Science Teacher Workshop for the New Millennium.

Slocum, D.W. $12,000.00 from Kentucky NSF/Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research for Ion-Multiple Specific Ortho- and Lateral Metallations.

Stokes, Michael. $1,000.00 from Kentucky Biodiversity Council for Process in the Max Medley Collection of Kentucky Vascular Plants.

Tiryakioglu, Murat. $12,000.00 from Kentucky NSF/Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research for Quench Sensitivity of Cast Aluminium Alloys.

Vokurka, John. $54,489.00 from Kentucky Department of Education for Diagnostics Center of South Central Kentucky FY03.

Wagoner, Andy. $82,500.00 from Kentucky Department of Education for Minority Educator Recruitment & Retention Scholarship Program.

Wilson, Terry. $6,000.00 from Kentucky Biodiversity Council for Biodiversity Curriculum.

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**1-2**
Kentucky Honors Roundtable
TBA
WKU South Campus
Doug McElroy (270) 745-2081 or (270) 745-3569

**1-3**
Picasso at the Lapin Agile
8 p.m. Oct. 1st and 2nd, 3 p.m. Oct. 3rd
Russell H. Miller Theatre
Dept. of Theatre and Dance

**2**
Bowling Green 10K
Campus
2 p.m.
Prime Time Events (270) 782-3660

**7**
Staff Fall Break Brunch
9 a.m. -11 a.m.
Downing University Center Patio
Staff Council

**8-10**
John Lyons Horse Symposium
L.D. Brown Ag Expo Center
L.D. Brown Ag Expo Center (270) 843-3642

**9**
Sales Sale
L.D. Brown Ag Expo Center
L.D. Brown Ag Expo Center (270) 843-3642

**12**
Faculty Recital, Voice
Wayne Pope
7:30 p.m.
Recital Hall
Music Department (270) 745-3751

**12-13**
Fall Grad Fair ’99
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Daily
Downing University Center 3rd Floor
Jill Blythe (270) 745-6555

**13**
Women in the Media with Amy Bingham
11:45 a.m.
Garrett Conference Center 100
Women’s Alliance

**14**
Swatting Indian Style & My Heart Is My Witness
7 p.m.
Garrett Auditorium
Women’s Studies (270) 745-6477

**16**
Comprehensive Exam for college Education
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Tate Page Hall
Susan Krisher (270) 745-6662

**16-17**
SKPTA Team Penning Regional Final
L.D. Brown Ag Expo Center
L.D. Brown Ag Expo Center (270) 843-3642

**19**
Second Bi-Term Begins
Sharon Drysen (270) 745-4242
Western Arts Woodwind Quintet
7:30 p.m.
Recital Hall

**21**
Bowling Green Western Symphony Orchestra
7:30 p.m.
Capital Arts Center
Music Department (270) 745-3751

**22**
Big Red Street Fest.
TBA

**23**
WKU Homecoming (see special calendar, this issue)
Alumni Affairs (270) 745-4395

**24**
SKPTA Team Penning
L.D. Brown Ag Expo Center
L.D. Brown Ag Expo Center (270) 843-3642

**29**
WKU Board of Regents Meeting
TBA

**30**
KMEA State High School Marching Band Championships
TBA
L.T. Smith Stadium
John Carmichael (270) 745-5893

**30-31**
Bluegrass Reining Horse Show
L.D. Brown Ag Expo Center
L.D. Brown Ag Expo Center (270) 843-3642

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Happy Halloween!
Send any e-mail items you wish to be added to Coming Up to: Kimberly.Parsley@wku.edu
Enriching Through Language

DJ Urquhart, Anna Combs and Amy Radia head the ESL (English as a Second Language Institute) Program to reach out globally to international students. Photo by Sheryl A. Hagan