You can help keep those memories alive by investing in The Hilltopper Hall of History

ABOUT THE MUSEUM

One hundred years of Hilltopper athletic history is a significant milestone and the W-Club is commemorating that history in a very special way. We have all enjoyed walking around the Stansbury Concourse of Diddle Arena and reminiscing about days gone by while seeing the team photographs on display. We’ve all said to ourselves that we wish this tribute to the past could be something more. Now, a new vision for just that is in the imminent future.

The Hilltopper Hall of History will incorporate several components into a wonderful display of Hilltopper athletics through the years. The hallways will be transformed into a look at each decade of Hilltopper athletics — from jerseys, to All-Americans, to record breaking feats, to a glimpse into the culture of the decade, to the campus environment, to the amazing stories of Hilltopper athletes — a true museum celebrating our past and shaping our future.

New virtual kiosks will be added around the concourse to enable you, with just a click of a button, to access team photos, individual athletes, coaches, statistics, and so much more, all with the ability to grow and change through time. Murals will be displayed throughout the concourse enhancing the visual appeal of the walk. Banners will hang from the ceiling denoting specific decades. We will literally create a museum dedicated to Hilltopper Athletics. It’s impressive, and we hope you want to be a part of making it happen!

There’s just no place like Western...
No matter what it has been called, Western Kentucky Teachers College, Western Kentucky State College, or Western Kentucky University, the Bowling Green school is unique among all of our public colleges. It commands the love, loyalty and school spirit that I don’t think any of our other schools can match.

-- Earl Cox, Former Sports Editor, Louisville Courier Journal
You’ve Got Many Wonderful Memories of The Hill . . .

HOW DO I JOIN THE TEAM?

This brochure will give you a glimpse of how this tribute to Hilltopper athletics will take shape. Thousands of former Hilltopper athletes have put their blood, sweat, and tears into making our heritage what it is today. The Hilltopper Hall of History will ensure that the dedication of each former athlete is recognized in a meaningful way. Murals, banners, team photo and records kiosks; and case-after-case filled with images and notes chronicling the history of WKU athletics — it will be a college sports museum to rival similar projects in the halls of universities across the country.

In order to make this vision a reality, we need your financial support. The fundraising goal for this Museum is $100,000. The Alumni W-Club is requesting gifts of $1,000 from 100 individuals to make this happen. Be part of this effort to ensure 100 years of Hilltopper history. Your $1,000 commitment may be a one-time gift or you may choose other payment options. Each donor of $1,000 or more will be recognized on a donor wall at the entrance of the Museum.

There is much to be done to open this Museum during 2010 as we continue to celebrate the first century of Hilltopper Athletics. Please consider becoming a part of this tremendous project today!

ABOUT THE W-CLUB

The W-Club, which traces its roots back to the late 1920s, is the official alumni letterwinners organization at WKU. The organization was created by Coach E.A. Diddle and nurtured through the decades by longtime Diddle aide Ted Hornback and, later, by veteran football assistant coach Butch Gilbert. Membership in the W-Club is open to all former Hilltopper athletes. Membership gifts permit the organization to actively participate in the life of Hilltopper Athletics each year.

The Club, with membership dollars, annually supports the Department of Athletics letter awards program through the purchase and presentation of letter jackets, letter blankets and letter plaques to qualifying current student-athletes. The W-Club also supports the WKU Athletic Hall of Fame; hospitality gatherings before select Hilltopper games; a quarterly member newsletter; the John Oldham Athlete-of-the-Year Award; and a variety of other projects designed to support current WKU athletic programs and help former Toppers stay engaged with the tremendous athletic heritage here on The Hill that they helped develop.

Among the projects that the W-Club has supported for more than two decades is the Team Picture Gallery along the walls of the Col. E.B. Stansbury Concourse in Diddle Arena. Now, the W-Club is undertaking its most ambitious project to date. The Alumni W-Club is proud to be a part of establishing the Hilltopper Hall of History in E.A. Diddle Arena to chronicle the birth and growth of Hilltopper Athletics from its beginnings in 1910 through its 100th Anniversary in 2010 — and beyond.