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A Letter from the President

Fellow Alumni:

The Kentucky General Assembly will convene January 6, 2004, to consider the 2004-2006 biennial budget. Now more than ever we need your support to send the message to the General Assembly and to Kentucky's new Governor that postsecondary education must be adequately funded.

In 1997, the General Assembly passed postsecondary education reform, known as House Bill 1, which established specific goals for postsecondary education. Western's legislative mandate was to assure access to baccalaureate and master's degree programs and to achieve national prominence in at least one Program of Distinction. Now six years later, Western is the fastest growing university in Kentucky. Our enrollment has grown by 23 percent, and our applicant pool has doubled to more than 11,000. Our retention of freshmen is up, and our graduation rates are rising. Western's new engineering programs are a key component of an emerging statewide engineering strategy. Our Journalism and Broadcasting programs are consistently recognized by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation as among the best in the nation and were awarded top honors in 2001 and 2002. The WKU Forensics program won all three national competitions and also swept the international competition for intercollegiate debate in 2003.

As you are aware, we have recently completed a successful capital campaign, raising \$102 million and doubling our endowment to \$56.4 million. We have also doubled our grants and contracts income to \$29.8 million, and our auxiliary enterprises are generating revenue for numerous campus enhancements, including renovations of our dining facilities and residence halls. Western is experiencing a complete transformation. Just as the supporters of House Bill 1 envisioned, Western is driving the economic development of our region, and we join the other universities in the pursuit of quality of life improvements all across the Commonwealth.

Our challenge, however, is this: we cannot sustain increased enrollments, attract talented faculty and enhance academic quality without adequate funding from the state. So how can you help?

You can begin by contacting your state representative and senator with the message that funding for postsecondary institutions must be a top priority for the General Assembly in 2004. I've given you a few statistics to illustrate Western's response to postsecondary reform, and you can log on to <http://www.wku.edu/govrelations.html> to learn more.

In addition, I encourage you to contact Governor Ernie Fletcher with the same message at (502) 564-2611. He will be making his budget recommendations in late January, so please contact him soon.

Included in this issue of ALUMNI magazine are two postcards that you can address and send to your legislators. I would also urge you to contact Senate President David Williams and House Speaker Jody Richards. You can reach any member of the legislature at (502) 564-8100. Even if you are reading this from your home in another state, please take time to send in the postcards or call Senate and House leadership to inform them that all of our alumni are concerned about sustaining the momentum at Western. Additional legislative contact information is available at <http://www.wku.edu/govrelations.html>.

Thank you for your willingness to get involved on behalf of your alma mater. This will prove to be a challenging year for us, and your help will be needed. I hope the upcoming holidays will be full of good cheer for you and your family.

Sincerely,

Gary A. Ransdell

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Dr. Charles McGruder and his students are the recipients of Bill and Ann’s generosity. Recently, the McCormacks made a commitment to fund two more endowed professorships by naming WKU as beneficiary of a portion of an IRA. This gift will provide a lasting source of assistance for WKU and allow the McCormack’s to avoid both income tax and estate tax on the gifted proceeds from their IRA.

“Being appointed the McCormack Professorship was a gratifying honor. The McCormack’s philanthropy allows WKU to help take research to the next level.”

— Dr. Charles H. McGruder III, William McCormack Professorship in Physics

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By Tommy Newton

Photo by Rick Loomis



Those words are inscribed on a bench at the Guthrie Tower. They're also written on the hearts of those who've answered the call to protect and defend those freedoms.

From the beaches of Normandy to the sands of Iraq, Western students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends have been on the frontline in war.

Some, like Dero Downing, returned to serve their nation and community. Others, like Sgt. 1st Class Robert Guthrie, paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The Guthrie Tower honors the memory of a soldier killed in the Korean War and all those associated with Western who lost their lives in service to this country.

Freedom is not free.

"My footprints on Omaha Beach have long since been washed away, but D-Day will remain etched in my memory. Most of all, I continue to have respect and admiration for those who served our country..." – President Emeritus Dero Downing, quote inscribed on Guthrie Tower bench.

"After being fired upon by small arms, mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and mobile missile launchers, I no longer questioned whether embedded journalists would be put in harm's way. The press asked for it and they got all the danger one could ask for." – Rick Loomis, WKU Class of 1994 and photographer for Los Angeles Times.

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Iraq. If the United States intends to set up a democracy in another country, then its own press is obligated to be there to chronicle the process for better or for worse." – Noelle Phillips, WKU Class of 1991 and reporter for Savannah (Ga.) Morning News.

"The young men and women over here are doing a fantastic job. We may have thought the younger generation was lacking in certain areas, but over here they are a tribute to all the Americans that have come before them." – Lt. Col. Lawrence Pickett, WKU Class of 1986.

Freedom is not free.

In this issue of the WKU ALUMNI magazine, we're taking a special look at those who've been in Iraq in the past year. Alumni (two from the military and two from the media) tell their stories "In Their Own Words."

You'll also read about a graduate who was promoted in a ceremony in Baghdad: a student whose military unit got called up just before the spring 2003 semester began; and a medical treatment developed by Lt. Gov. Steve Henry.



By Rick Loomis
Class of '94

*Photojournalist for Los Angeles Times
(Excerpts from May 2003 edition of
The Digital Journalist)*

I left Kuwait and crossed into Iraq with the Marines on March 20, 2003. Three weeks later I was sleeping on the floor of Saddam Hussein's vacated Presidential Palace. And during the days in between, the harsh realities of war were not only realized, but emblazoned reluctantly in my memory.

Before the war started I wondered if there would really be a war. I was worried about being a member of the embedded media. Would there be unfettered access or would the military just use us as a propaganda tool, allowing us to show only what made the U.S. look good? Would I, or any journalist for that matter, ever be on the front lines of the war?

After being fired upon by small arms, mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and mobile missile launchers, I no longer questioned whether embedded journalists would be put in harm's way. The press asked for it and they got all the danger one could ask for.

The unit I traveled with was the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines out of Camp Pendleton, Calif. I rode in an unarmored Humvee with a hodgepodge of leftover personnel: Two combat engineers, a Navy corpsman, and a corporal who usually launches tank-killing missiles but found himself commanding our vehicle.

As I've been told by soldiers and Marines, their job is sometimes filled with days of sheer boredom broken by moments of sheer terror. After crossing uneventfully into Iraq from Kuwait, my unit was merely one vehicle



Student was ready to start semester when called up

Monica Calvert of Scottsville, Ky., joined the Marine Corps Reserve to help pay for college. She'd spent a couple of semesters at Bowling Green Technical College and one semester at Western Kentucky University.

In January, she was getting ready to start her second semester at Western when her military police unit got the call. "As soon as Sept. 11 happened, I knew I'd be going somewhere," she said.

Calvert and her mother, Martha Sisco, were on their way to church when the call came. She had 48 hours to get to Lexington, where the unit is based. "I could tell by the look in her eyes that was the call she was dreading," Sisco said.

The unit, which includes people from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee, was sent to the Middle East Feb. 9 to watch prisoners of war and to guard convoys.

While in Iraq, Calvert said her worst experience was a sandstorm. "If you put your hand in front of your face, you couldn't see it," she said. "You couldn't see anyone until they came right up on you."

Until then, Calvert said she really didn't think about being in another country. "It just kind of hit me," she said.

When she returned home in September, several Scottsville residents welcomed her at the town's square.

Calvert's mother watched all the news reports from the war. "Every person over there is someone's child," she said. "I knew I wasn't alone, but it's still hard."

One of the things Calvert missed was a shower. "You get a 5-gallon bucket and use your own drinking water to put in there and wash off," Calvert said. "I really missed the hygiene."

Calvert thinks the war in Iraq made a difference for Iraqis. "I don't think the people over here see how much of a difference we made over there," she said.

— Scott Sisco, *Bowling Green Daily News*



in an endless stream of vehicles that were pouring across the border like ants headed to a grand feast.

Once we were deep into Iraq territory it was boredom instead of action that became the mainstay. But all of that changed as we rolled into An Nassiriya, a southern town of several hundred thousand and a place which continued its resistance for weeks after we rolled through.

Artillery and mortars pierced the night with fiery flash as they shot toward An Nassiriya a few kilometers north of our position. Our orders were to push through and not to engage in the fight going on there more than necessary.

Gunshots sounded from all directions, leaving the uneasy feeling that enemy forces were surrounding us. I could hear shouting directed at our vehicle. From the darkness only a few feet away, a panicked and angry voice registered over the gunfire. I had just witnessed my first friendly fire incident.

As we advanced north, the gruesomeness of war was still fresh. After being pounded by U.S. Marines in the air and on the ground, I watched Iraqis emerge from the distant tree lines, hands in the air. One man waved an oversized white flag. It was a sight to

see and also an important photograph among others I had just taken.

Many nights while my Humvee companions were snoring away, I was sitting in the dark huddled under a poncho and sleeping bag to keep light from the computer screen from alerting any enemy to our position. As the Honda generator created a steady drone while keeping the computer and satellite phone charged, I would file my work and contact the photo desk in LA to inform them of my progress as best I could while keeping within the ground rules. As a journalist, it was frustrating to be vague but the ground rules would not allow me to precisely pinpoint where I was or where I was going. So I was always, "south of An Nassiriya" or "near Al Kut" or "on the outskirts of Baghdad."

While I reserve the right to a final opinion on the war until enough time has passed to realize its benefits or detriments, I must say that there was a point when my view of the war was altered. I came into the war with an open mind. But I did have reservations as to the U.S. justifications for war against Iraq.

By this point, I had only seen the destruction caused by a better armed

and better prepared force dominating a scrappy underdog in hard fought battles in dinky southern towns. In Al Kut, which was supposed to be our battalion's battle from the start, we merely made a dashing run in from the south and came right back out. Instead of pushing the fight through Al Kut and continuing north toward Baghdad, we headed south.

Amazingly, people from towns that were still smoldering from our attack were out on the streets in force cheering our convoy as it retraced its path south. My opinion was smashed. Maybe the U.S. was doing the right thing after all. My opinions became as confused as the direction we were traveling to get to Baghdad. Through the night and most of the next day we traveled south, then west, and then north to end up on the eastern edge of Baghdad.

It was evident that we sent Iraqi government workers scrambling to escape before our arrival. It took only minutes for poor locals to take advantage of what was left behind. The



looting had begun. I watched as a man removed a portrait of Saddam Hussein from the wall of an office and smashed it onto the ground. He retrieved the paper reproduction and tore it up in my face with a smile. There was no language barrier there.

Iraqis in Saddam City showered the Marines with adoration as they streamed into the city. Civilians lined the highway on either side cheering and yelling as we went by. There were thousands of them. I stood up in the back of our open Humvee and tried to take it all in. It felt as if I was in the Rose Bowl Parade. It wasn't all smiles from there, however. Smiling looters ruled the days and unseen snipers ruled the nights.

For weeks after the fall of Baghdad, reporter David Zucchino and I had the run of the area with only a handful of other embedded reporters. But after idling all the way to Baghdad we finally found ourselves with autonomy but not mobility. Half-exploring, half-reporting, we searched for a better mode of transportation each day.

Finally, we drove an '80s era Chevrolet Celebrity with peeling gray paint into the military zone with a sense of pride and accomplishment. While ours may not have been the white, shiny and new armored Mercedes that was being driven by NBC reporters, it was a slight improvement over the Massey Ferguson tractor that an embedded writer from the Associated Press was seen tooling around on.

Now that my war is over, I am anxious to get back to read articles and see photographs to learn what really happened. I did the best I could to cover my small corner of the war. I saw a lot, but even within what I witnessed there was much that I missed because of a lack of autonomy. But then I would not have seen any of it were I not embedded with the military.



**“Let Valor Not Fail”
Capt. Chris Bridges
Class of ‘97**

I was asked to write about my experience in Operation Iraqi Freedom. It has been a journey of a lifetime, one that I'm proud to have been a part of and will never forget the achievements and sacrifices that are associated with preserving the freedoms that make our country great. Since Sept. 11, 2001, I have been deployed for 321 days in combat zones. I am assigned to 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). My battalion was

WKU graduate earns promotion in Iraq

When you belong to an organization that has been part of the United States military for 227 years, it is a challenge to forge new paths or to find new ways to be “first.”

On May 30, Lt. Col. Mark Held, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, led the way by becoming the first Army officer to be frocked as a colonel in an Iraqi presidential palace. Maj. Gen. Carl A. Strock, interim Baghdad city administrator and director of military programs at USACE headquarters, pinned the eagles on Held's collar.

Held, a Louisville native who serves with the South Atlantic Division in Atlanta, thanked Strock for making history by conducting the first officer promotion in the palace on the banks of the Tigris River.

Held, who received his bachelor's ('82) and master's ('88) degrees from Western, said he wished his family could have joined him for the “most important promotion in my military career.” He also thanked his boss, Brig. Gen. Peter T. Madsen, his wife for her support throughout his career, his family, his friends and his forward engineer support team in Iraq.

“What could be better than to be promoted in the former home of the Republican Guard,” the new colonel said. “It is my personal strike against terrorism.”

— By Marilyn Phipps,
Iraqi Reconstruction Office Public Affairs





Photo by Rick Loomis

first deployed on 17 November 2001 to secure an airbase in Jacobabad, Pakistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. During our time spent in Combined Joint Operation Area (CJOA) Afghanistan we participated in Operations Anaconda in the Lower Shi-e-Kot Valley and Operation Mountain Lion in the Zavar Kili Valley. Upon redeployment, we began a rigorous training cycle to prepare for our current deployment to Kuwait and subsequently combat operations in Iraq.

It is hard to express the emotions and apprehension that grips your constant thoughts as you prepare to enter the unknown and unpredictable events that are found in combat. It is an experience that quickly transitions from moments of pure boredom to seconds of raw chaos in which no one

has a clear picture of the events that are unfolding around them. We only know what we see, and our mind then switches to autopilot and we execute the training we have been taught. As we sat on the Kuwait and Iraq border the night before we crossed into Iraq, it was fascinating to watch soldiers gather in their own little groups to talk about anything but the looming task ahead. We tried to take our minds off the future, but talk of family and friends quickly turned to talk of things to come.

We crossed the Iraqi border in the middle of night and drove approximately two and half days to establish a base in the desert south of the second holiest city in Islam, An Najaf. It was in there in the desert that we endured the worst sandstorm that I could ever imagine.

The storm lasted for over two days and at one point it was literally raining mud from a dark red sky. After about two weeks in the desert, we moved to a location outside the town of Al Hillah, famous for the ruins of the Tower of Babylon. My battalion participated in the attack to seize the town and then moved toward Baghdad. After securing our sector of Baghdad, we began the transition to stabilization and support operations. We patrolled the streets of Baghdad to stop the looting that was now running rampant. I was amazed at how beautiful Baghdad was and I actually enjoyed being there. Partly because it was the prize, the one city that if we seized, Saddam's power was gone, the other part was that it was the first time in about two months that I slept inside a building.

After about a month in Baghdad we rejoined the rest of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) around the northern Iraq city of Mosul. My battalion then moved west toward the Syrian and Turkey border to the town of Tall Afar, where I am currently sitting and writing this letter (July 2003). In a burnt out, looted fort that once housed Iraq soldiers that were responsible for keeping the Kurds under control during Saddam's regime. The countryside is a mix of Arabs and Kurds and we are slowly understanding the dividing ethnic and religious lines that separate them. There are several challenges that I never would have predicted; the Iraqi people were very dependent on Saddam. He provided them with everything that they needed and now that the regime has collapsed the people of Iraq do not know how to execute the initiative to get water to their town, propane for cooking or fuel for their cars.

Despite the success that we have achieved through difficult, realistic training, the victory has come at a price. Our battalion suffered casualties in Al Hillah and Baghdad; fortunately, all the soldiers wounded should make a full recovery. Unfortunately, there are several families in America that are forever changed by the loss of a loved one; these are the heroes that have made the greatest sacrifice.

Although the time away has been incredibly challenging, it is easy to motivate us to get the job done and get home. This odyssey began when terrorists shocked our nation and removed the warm blanket of protection that we had taken for granted. I'm proud to serve in the finest infantry unit on the face of the earth and I'll fondly recall my days in the "Rakassans." My time at Western Kentucky University taught me that the

"Spirit makes the Master." Since Sept. 11th, 2001, I have seen that Spirit that has made us the greatest country in the world and the Master of our destiny.

To everyone at Western Kentucky University, thank you for your support of the soldiers during these trying times. I look forward to visiting Bowling Green, Ky., again to see the newest changes.



**By Noelle Phillips
Class of '91**

Reporter for Savannah Morning News

I can't count the number of times I wished to be anywhere but Iraq. Like the time I awoke at 3 a.m. with artillery rounds whizzing overhead and my heart pounding from raw panic. Or the time a young Iraqi girl blew a kiss only to have someone else pop a mortar round at us less than a minute later. Or the mornings I could only dust sand off my body with baby wipes because there are no bathrooms in the desert. I prayed if I ever got out alive, I would never go back.

Six months later I sit with my Labrador retriever by my side and the smell of apple dumplings baking in the oven, thinking "Yeah, I'd go back

tomorrow." It is crazy. However, covering the war in Iraq for the Savannah Morning News goes down as the greatest adventure of my life.

I've worked at the paper since August 1997 when I moved to Coastal Georgia for a bureau job at the Morning News. Reporting on Fort Stewart and the Army's 3rd Infantry Division was only a small slice of my job and, to be honest, the part I was reluctant to do. I soon realized how important the military was, and I convinced the editors to let me cover it full time in January 1999.

Since then, I've traveled to Kuwait, Panama, the Bahamas, Bosnia and Afghanistan. During those trips, I watched soldiers keep peace or train for combat. In Iraq, for the first time, someone was actually shooting at us. I suspected as early as the spring of 2002 that the United States would attack Iraq. That's when the 3rd Infantry Division increased its number of troops training in Kuwait, and it was obvious the division would lead the invasion.

I knew I would go into war with the 3rd Infantry. I had to do it for myself and for the paper's readers.

The American public must know what the military is doing. As a journalist, I was exercising the very rights our soldiers are fighting to establish in Iraq. If the United States intends to set up a democracy in another country, then its own press is obligated to be there to chronicle the process for better or for worse. So, I endured six weeks of terror, wonder, misery and excitement to bring the war home to Savannah.

All but 500 of the 3rd Infantry's soldiers are home. For now, there are no plans for them to return to Iraq. If they do, I will go for two reasons: A sense of adventure and a firm belief in a free press.



**By Lawrence H. Pickett
Class of '85**

I am a Civil Affairs (CA) officer with the 308th Civil Affairs Brigade out of Homewood, Ill. (a suburb of Chicago). I was activated with my unit on Jan. 14 and spent about 30 days in Ft. Bragg, N.C., going through mobilization training. On Feb. 21 we stepped off the aircraft in Kuwait City, Kuwait. We spent all of the pre-ground war in one of the Army camps out in the Kuwaiti desert. The unit's time there was spent assisting V Corps in preparing their Civil-Military activities once the war started and during the reconstruction. We all honestly thought that the biggest problem we would face during the initial combat phase would be displaced civilians (DCs), luckily that situation never arose. We had some small instances of DC movement but nothing like the thousands that we were expecting. During the initial combat operations we stayed in Kuwait and started conducting limited Humanitarian Assistance (HA) operations into southern Iraq. We coordinated with the Kuwaiti government to send convoys of food and water into the southern provinces. My unit actually sent four soldiers and two HMMWVs (high-

mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles or Humvees) with these convoys to ensure they reached the towns of An Nasiriyah and Karbala. The reception of the townsfolk was very positive and they appreciated the food and water. We conducted about four of these HA convoys before we were called forward into Baghdad itself. I will admit that I saw a lot of damaged and destroyed Iraqi vehicles, but not a lot of needy looking people on the sides of the road.

The thing that has stayed with me to this day is the complete difference the southern portion of Iraq looks like compared to Central Iraq. We passed by mud hut villages that have never had electricity, running water or any of what we would consider the basic necessities of life. These people were still living the way their great-grandparents did years ago. Now when you get into Central Iraq there is a normal infrastructure established and the bulk of the people are well fed and in decent condition. The biggest problem these folks have is that their technology is so outdated that we really can't repair their stuff. It is better to just build all new facilities.

There is a lot of really good stuff going on over here rebuilding and assisting the Iraqi people. We have rebuilt schools, medical clinics and hospitals throughout the country that were so neglected that it is no wonder that parts of Iraq are considered a third

world country.

There are some really nice people over here but the bulk of them have lost the ability to think beyond their own immediate needs. In the area that I working in Baghdad, we get numerous people coming in complaining about vandals and criminals, when we ask them to provide us with names and specifics, they want some sort of reward money. They fail to understand the concept of community service. Even the police want money to go investigate crimes. Even though the news focuses on Baghdad, there are thousands of people outside of Baghdad that need assistance. These people, for the most part, want U.S. assistance to help them put their country on its feet and to make a better future for their children. Unfortunately a lot of the news that you see doesn't point out that fact.

I have felt great personal satisfaction in being able to provide sports equipment to several schools in the area as well as assist in rebuilding medical clinics and providing needed medical supplies.

I am working with some other folks in trying to get funding to dig sweet water wells at around 250 schools in the "Sunni Triangle." We are trying to provide clean drinking water to the students as they go to school as well as a place that the villagers can come to get clean water for cooking and drinking. Currently these villages draw their drinking water directly out of the Tigris River and the canals that branch off. There is zero water treatment going on in these areas, which is why there is so much childhood illness in the area.

The young men and women over here are doing a fantastic job. We may have thought the younger generation was lacking in certain areas, but over here they are a tribute to all the Americans that have come before them.



Military using antibiotic beads



Antibiotic beads, an innovative wound treatment developed by orthopedic surgeon Steve Henry, Kentucky's lieutenant governor and a member of Western's Hall of Distinguished Alumni, are being used to treat patients from the war in Iraq.

The beads, which resemble a string of pearls, are placed directly into a wound to reduce the rate of infection and the number of amputations. The techniques also received international recognition during the Persian Gulf War.

In April, Henry visited the Walter Reed Army Medical Center to treat patients from Iraq and to teach doctors about using the antibiotic beads.

Henry and Dr. David Seligson, an orthopedics colleague at the University of Louisville, have been working on the project for about 15 years. But the idea for the beads originated while Henry was a student at WKU in 1976.

Henry, a pre-med student in biology and chemistry, discovered that catalytic converters, automotive anti-pollution equipment, contained ceramic beads impregnated with metals such as platinum and palladium. Henry reasoned that these metals could be extracted and reclaimed by exposing them to a solution of sulfuric and hydrochloric acids.

Six years later, as a U of L orthopedic resident, Henry was working with complex open fractures with a high rate of infection, when he recalled his research at WKU. Henry began developing a system to deliver antibiotics directly into severe wounds to prevent the spread of infection. Additional research with Seligson resulted in the development of the antibiotic beads.

— Information from news reports and the lieutenant governor's press office

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Chris Bridges
Class of '97



Photo by Rick Loomis

Colonnade Dedicated in Honor of Terry



Katie Towery, recipient of the William L. “Gander” and Barbara Ann Terry Scholarship, poses with Barbara Jo Terry-Porter at the colonnade dedication event.

One of Western’s most beloved landmarks now has a new name. The colonnade, site of the former football field, was dedicated as the William L. “Gander” Terry Colonnade on July 25, 2003.

The site is named in honor of Terry, a Marion, Ky., native who was a student at Western from 1924-1928. After graduating from Western, Terry served as football coach in 1929, 1934-35, and 1938-41. The 11 Western teams for which Terry played or coached were a collective 67-31-7. He was inducted into Western’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997. He died in 1991 at the age of 83.

Terry was among the students who faithfully worked to convert the colonnade site from a rock quarry into the football stadium. The colonnade was completed in 1927, and is considered a treasured

campus landmark by all students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

Terry’s daughter, Barbara Jo Terry-Porter, was present at the July event which honored her father. “I know how much it would’ve meant to my papa,” Porter said.

BB&T Funds Visiting Professorship

A \$250,000 gift from BB&T will be used to create a Visiting Professorship in Business Leadership and Ethics at Western Kentucky University. The gift will be matched by \$250,000 from the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s Regional University Excellence Trust Fund to create a total professorship fund of \$500,000.

“This gift will enable the Gordon Ford College of Business and WKU to provide annual pro-

grams in business leadership and ethics for students, faculty and members of the business community,” said WKU President Gary Ransdell.

“This endowment will allow us to enhance the encouragement of personal character and professional leadership with integrity, and to foster entrepreneurship and leadership among business graduates and faculty,” Dr. Ransdell said.

“The foundation for our value system at BB&T is making objective decisions based on reality, which requires an unwavering commitment to ethical behavior at all times,” John Allison, Chairman and CEO of BB&T, said.

“We do not allow ourselves to evade uncomfortable facts, and we force ourselves to stay focused on what is so, and not what we wish were so. Because we firmly believe in this philosophy, we are committed to helping great schools like Western Kentucky University teach the important role of ethical leadership in today’s business world.”

Rick Wilson, BB&T Area Executive, said this gift is an example of BB&T’s strong commitment to the communities in which it does business.

“We are very pleased to further the tremendous educational opportunities offered by Western Kentucky University,” he said.

Turner Gift to Fund Endowed Journalism Professorship

A gift from Margaret and Cal Turner, Jr. will fund a professorship in one of Western Kentucky University’s most nationally prominent programs. The Turners recently made a gift of \$500,000 to



create the *Margaret and Cal Turner Professorship* in Journalism in the Potter College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

“My education in Scottsville, Ky., was largely rendered by Western Kentucky University teachers. Thankful for that contribution to our lives, Margaret and I are honored to invest in that fine Western educational heritage for future generations,” Cal Turner said.

According to Tom Hiles, vice president for Institutional Advancement, the gift will be matched by \$500,000 from the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s Regional University Excellence Trust Fund, creating a total endowment of \$1 million for the Turner Professorship.

“It is truly fitting that the Turner family, whose name is tied to excellence, be forever connected with our nationally prominent Journalism Program,” Hiles said.

Dr. Pam McAllister Johnson, the new director of Western’s School of Journalism and Broadcasting and Center for 21st Century Media, said “We have a very strong School of Journalism and Broadcasting.”

“Our goal is to take it to the next step, to promote the school, and to obtain an endowed chair in each of our sequences: advertising, broadcasting, public relations, photography, and mass communications. This gift is very significant because it is our first endowed chair. It is very special.”

McCormack Gift Establishes Endowed Professorships at WKU

A \$2 million legacy commitment from Dr. William M. McCormack will fund one of the most important priorities of Western Kentucky University’s “Investing in the Spirit” Campaign. The commitment, made in June 2003, officially moved the Campaign above the \$100 million mark.

According to Tom Hiles, WKU’s vice president for Institutional Advancement, Dr. McCormack, a 1957 alumnus, and his wife, Ann, have made a commitment to establish two endowed professorships in the Ogden



College of Science and Engineering. The new professorships will support WKU’s physics and biotechnology programs.

“This gift solidifies one of the Campaign’s most important goals of creating new endowed professorships to support a variety of academic disciplines,” Hiles said. “The McCormacks are focused on promoting academic excellence, and this gift will strongly promote quality for generations to come. We are extremely grateful.”

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Alumni College June 2004

Let’s take a stroll down memory lane. Remember those late night talks with your college roommate? Remember rushing back to your dorm before curfew? Remember the feeling of leaving a class after aceing a test? Have you ever wanted to relive those days again? Here’s your chance.

Alumni College is a continuing education program for Western Kentucky University alumni. The program gives alumni of Western an opportunity to stay on campus in one of Western’s newly renovated residence halls, while taking fun, educational classes. If you would like more information on Western’s Alumni College program, please call the WKU Alumni Association at 888-WKU-ALUM or e-mail alumni@wku.edu.

Hiles added that this new commitment was made in addition to the McCormacks' gift in 2000 to establish an endowed professorship in the sciences and the Kentucky Academy of Mathematics and Science.

Dr. McCormack said he is pleased to provide this support for Western. "I feel that education is the single most important aspect of your life in terms of maturity and growth," he said. "The more we contribute to allowing young people to go to school and learn, the better our state and country can progress and face the problems of today."

Dr. McCormack's family has had a close association with Western for many years, including an uncle who served on WKU's Board of Regents and is the namesake of McCormack Hall, one of Western's residence halls.

Gala Honorees

The fifth annual President's Circle Gala and the Campaign Victory Celebration was held on Western's campus Sept. 19, 2003. During the evening's festivities, new members of the Cherry Society were recognized. New inductees during the 2002-2003 academic year are listed below.

**Spirit of Western
(\$1 million and above)**

ARAMARK WKU Dining Services
Commonwealth Health Corporation
Insight Communications
Ann and William M. McCormack

Colonnade (999,999 - \$500,000)

Barbara Jo Terry-Porter
Janet C. and Richard Frockt
Greenview Regional Hospital
Martha and Bob Owsley
Pepsi Americas of Bowling Green

Margaret and Cal Turner
Judy and Steve Turner
Glen, Frieda (d.) and John Wells
Carol and Denny Wedge

**Cornerstone
(\$499,999 - \$100,000)**

Atmos Energy
Bowling Green Municipal Utilities
Neil F. Budde and Virginia B. Edwards
Brian E. Coutts
Irene M. Erskine
Friends of the Lost River, Inc.
Joan B. Garrison
Dr. William R. and Frances
D. Hammond
Integra Bank
Jessie Ball duPont Fund
The Humana Foundation
Edward G. and Jeanette Murphy
Klemm Estate
Sue and Melvin Morris
Norton Healthcare
Owensboro Mercy Health System
Rafferty's
Scott, Murphy & Daniel, LLC
Scotty's Contracting & Stone
Paula Anne Smith and Ben Smith
South Central Bank
T.J. Samson Community Hospital
WBKO Television

**Legacy Circle -
Society of 1906**

Martha and Bob Owsley
Edward G. and Jeanette Murphy
Klemm Estate
Barbara Jo Terry-Porter
Palma and Ron E. Milliman
Glen, Freida (d.) and John Wells
Mary Carolyn Wolfe and
James W. Brite, Sr.



Bob and Jan Hensley look at the campaign donor wall that was unveiled during the President's Circle Gala reception.



Campaign co-chairs Don Vitale and Mary Nixon announce the campaign total.



Glenda and Gordon Ford talk with Rick Wilson during reception.



Recognized for their generous gifts to the University Libraries and Kentucky Museum include: Dr. Tom Baird, Nancy Baird, Penny Harrison, Dr. Lowell Harrison and Charles Hardcastle, representing his sister, Lila Greene.

University Libraries and Kentucky Museum Honor Benefactors

On Sept. 28, the University Libraries and Kentucky Museum honored four benefactors with signage bearing their names in various rooms within the Kentucky Library and Museum and Helm Cravens Library.

In the Kentucky Museum and Library

The Harrison & Baird Reading Room, formerly known as the Kentucky Library Reading Room, is named in honor of Dr. Lowell and Penny Harrison and Dr. Tom and Nancy Baird both of Bowling Green, Ky.

The Redford Gallery is named in honor of Tom and Audrey Redford of Cullowhee, N. C. and Ft. Myers, Fla. The room houses museum temporary exhibits.

In Helms-Cravens Library

The Greene Listening Library is named in honor of Lila H. Greene of Bowling Green, Ky. The listening library provides the opportunities to study a variety of music selections as well as oratory, historical events and theatrical performances in both audio and video formats.

Professorship Scrolls Presented to Benefactors

Western recently honored five benefactors whose gifts created endowed chairs or professorships since Oct. 2001. Each donor and college was presented with a professorship scroll to commemorate the gift. Those honored at a recent luncheon include:

Dr. Walter Scott of New York, N.Y. His gift created the Walter N. Scott Professorship in Physiology.

Dr. William and Ann McCormack of Apopka, Fla. now residing in Bowling

Green, Ky. Their gift created two chairs, the W. M. and Ann A. McCormack Chair for Physics and the W. M. and Ann A. McCormack Chair for Biotechnology.



Pete and Dixie Mahurin of Bowling Green, Ky. Their gift created the Mahurin Endowed Professorship in Gifted Studies.



The Humana Foundation located in Louisville, Ky. Their gift created the Wendell Cherry Professorship in Business Leadership and Ethics.



Richard, Janet and Ryan Frockt of Las Vegas, NV. Their gift created the Richard Frockt Family Professorship in History.

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TOP: Dixie Mahurin and Dr. Gary Ransdell.
CENTER: Andy Cherry, Mary Ruth Cherry and Dr. Gary Ransdell.
BOTTOM: Dick Frockt and and Dr. Gary Ransdell.

Other benefactors not at the luncheon but also honored include:

- Drs. John Lynn and Bobbie Boyd Lubker whose gift created the Boyd-Lubker Visiting Scholars Program.
- Confidential donor whose gift created a visiting professorship in teacher education.
- Zuheir and Susan Sofia whose gift created the Zuheir and Susan Sofia Visiting Professorship in International Studies.
- Bob and Martha Owsley whose gift created the Owsley Visiting Professorship in Business Leadership and Ethics.
- Cal and Margaret Turner whose gift created the Margaret and Cal Turner Professorship in Journalism.

Diddle Renovations Completed, Basketball Season Underway

Fans caught a glimpse of some of the changes that took place in the first phase of the renovation of E.A. Diddle Arena last year.

Improved lighting and two new video boards enhanced the fan experience during games, while 16 luxury suites were available for the first time ever. Now, the installation of brand new seats should allow Western faithful to comfortably enjoy the 2003-04 season and beyond.

A new floor, in addition to the seats, was laid down over the summer as well, making the upcoming season the first time Western Kentucky's basketball teams won't play on the original hardwood that was in place when the building opened in December 1963.

Both teams' locker rooms are also completed, and WKU Athletics



also has full use of a new training room, weight room and two auxiliary gyms heading into the 2003-04 season.

Western celebrated the completion of the renovation project with a ribbon cutting ceremony Nov. 11. The Lady Toppers began play three days later in the first round of the Preseason NIT, while the Hilltoppers' first contest in the renovated arena took place on Nov.

29 when WKU faced Mississippi State in the BB&T Classic.

Scholarship Celebration

The third annual Scholarship Celebration event was held on Oct. 16. The event brings together the donor representatives and recipients of Western's endowed scholarships.

Currently, Western offers more



Recipients of scholarships supported by Commonwealth Health Corporation pose at the Scholarship Celebration Dinner. From left are Ashli Marie Miller (Charles M. Stewart Scholarship), Doris Thomas, Vice President of Marketing for CHC, Ron Sowell, Executive Vice President for CHC, Candace Collins (Floyd Ellis Scholarship) and Michael York (CHC Endowed Scholarship for Nursing).

than 400 endowed scholarships representing more than \$1 million in financial assistance to nearly 1,200 students. This year marks the first time the event was held as a dinner.

"I think this format will allow students and donors to get a better chance to know each other and most importantly, better allow students to properly express their gratitude," said Alex Downing, President of the College Heights Foundation. Approximately 250 attendees were present at the event.

"This year's event has added meaning because it marks the culmination of the Investing in the Spirit Campaign," Downing said.

Enrollment Tops 18,000, Sets Another Record

For the third consecutive year, Western Kentucky University has set a record for fall enrollment, according to estimates provided to the Council on Postsecondary Education.

"Total estimated enrollment for fall 2003 is 18,391," Registrar Freida Eggleton said.

That number includes 15,820 undergraduate students and 2,530 graduate students. Of that number 13,690 are full-time students and 4,660 are part-time.

Eggleton said the final figure may fluctuate slightly, but the estimate is usually fairly close to the final figure.

Fall enrollment has increased every year since 1998 with records being set since 2001 when enrollment topped 16,000.

"Our continued growth is an indication of the quality and value students and parents see in a Western education," WKU President Gary Ransdell said.

"We continue to make significant improvements to the physical campus and to the curriculum and these improvements, coupled with the family atmosphere that permeates the Western experience, make Western a university of choice for more and more students."

BE PASSIONATE . . . About What You Do



"Go to work for someone you greatly admire in a profession you feel passionate about. We look for people that have a passion for their business, that love jumping out of bed in the morning," the Oracle of Omaha told a packed Van Meter Auditorium of mostly Gordon Ford College of Business students and faculty.

Warren Buffett, America's most recognized and quoted businessman next to Bill Gates, was the fourth Hays Watkins Visiting CEO Professor. Buffett is the chairman of the board and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., the parent company of Bowling Green Ky., based Fruit of the Loom.

Buffett, who is reported to be worth in excess of \$35 billion, is recognized for his common-sense, down-to-earth approach to business. He wowed the capacity crowd with his wisdom, easy manner and sense of humor.

"Whatever you're doing now in terms of maximizing the value of your mind and the longevity of your body is what is going to determine where you are 20, 30, 40 years (from now)," he told the audience as part of his advice on the importance of personal development in being successful, not just in business but in life.

Buffett attributed his business success to picking companies with the right people running them. "The key is people. There is no more dramatic illustration of that than Fruit of the Loom. It went from being a horribly mismanaged company to being a magnificently managed company, he added, saying the only stipulation he made for buying the company was John Holland's remaining

as the CEO.

"Integrity, intelligence and energy are the three most important qualities we look for in an employee. If a person doesn't have the integrity, the intelligence and the energy will kill you, he said with a knowing smile. "You have to understand people to be successful in business."





Western's Police Department: To Protect and Serve

By Bob Skipper

When Robert Deane took over as chief of the Western Kentucky University Police Department in January 2000, he began putting his experience to work to continue building a department that is recognized for its professionalism.

Deane retired after 30 years with the Detroit Police Department, then moved to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. The opening at Western gave him the chance to move to a larger university.

"My move from Wisconsin to here, a full-sized university with sports programs, campus and urban areas, was just a normal progression in my career and I think the combination of my police work and first university job I had prepared me even better to mix the two and make it work," Deane said.

The department now has 26 sworn officers who have the same arrest powers and same training as other police officers in Kentucky.

"A lot of people still think of us as security, and we're a lot more than security officers," he said.

Capt. Mike Wallace, a 19-year WKUPD veteran, said the department has been a leader in setting high standards. Western's was the first university department in Kentucky to become certified by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police. Wallace also helped develop the Police Officer Professional Standards (POPS), the standards by which all police officers in Kentucky are certified.

WKUPD was the first department in Kentucky to have certified bike patrol officers, and those officers have become certified instructors.

"We look at our progress as an evolution, not revolution," Wallace said. "We're always looking for creative ways to meet our challenges. We're

constantly revising our goals and standards and looking to maintain and upgrade our equipment.”

Deane said the combination of experiences has helped him to understand—and appreciate—the differences between municipal and campus departments. While the department offers unique opportunities for its officers, there are challenges as well.

“I like the atmosphere of a college, the concept of life-long learning and the different people you run into and the different disciplines,” Deane said. “It broadens your horizons. Some officers like that as well. It’s a little bit slower pace in most cases than city or state policing would be. You’ve got to be a people person. You’ve got to be able to deal very effectively with people from the president of the university down to the building attendants.”

Deane said his officers practice a “gentler” style of policing, emphasizing the service role they play at the university.

“What I stress to my officers is that we are public employees and we’re here to serve the university community,” he said. “And we are

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service driven for the university, from giving directions to people who are here for the first time to getting to know students by their first name and having them come to you for advice, to helping people who are locked out of their cars,

have flat tires or run out of gas. Any way that we can be helpful to our university community to make it a safe place that is conducive to learning and being able to feel free to enjoy yourself on campus, that’s what we’re here for.”

Deane said, “his officers are aggressive when we need to be, but for the most part we want to be approachable, we want to be looked upon as there to help the people of the university and people who can be talked to by anybody at the university—student, faculty or staff.”

While municipal departments place more emphasis on arresting offenders and putting them in jail, “we try to guide them and help them go the right direction as much as we possibly can.”

Wallace said Western was using the community-policing concept long before it became popular with municipal departments.

“Being service oriented, we try to prevent a problem rather than be reactive to it,” he said. “Covering a smaller area, we try to meet and get to know our community,” he said.

The different pace is something Deane stresses when interviewing officer applicants.

“I take real efforts to explain the differences to them,” he said. “I tell them that if you are looking for car chases and cars blowing up and all that kind of thing, this is the wrong place. This is not where you want to be.”

Other advantages include taking college classes for free, reduced tuition for immediate family and a



four-day, 10-hour work schedule.

“That gives the officers a little more time with family and do some of the things they want to do,” Deane said.

A major disadvantage is salary.

“The challenge in university policing is similar to that of a city in that we are directly impacted by what happens in Frankfort at budget time,” he said. “We can make strides for two or three years and if we have two or three years where there is not as much money available, we can lose what ground that we’ve gained and we have to start all over again. Probably the single most important aspect is that it is difficult for universities to keep up with the salaries of municipal, state or federal departments. It seems that every time the university makes strides to help with the current salaries, then those that we’re trying to catch up get additional raises and we find ourselves at the low end of the pay scale again and that makes it more difficult to attract and retain people who want to be in policing,” Deane continued.

The inability to compete with salaries and several retirements have meant a turnover problem that is not

easily corrected. It can take 18 months from the time a position is advertised until the officer is able to patrol solo if the officer has to participate in the police academy at Richmond, Ky. That hampers the ability to put a team of officers together and keep them together.

“I have seen a majority of the old-timers who have been here a number of years retire, leave and be replaced by young men who I have an opportunity to mold into the type of officers who I think are good for the university,” he said. “It has been a difficult process because they don’t have the experience the older guys have, but still they are open to change, to doing it differently than it has been done in the past and I think that’s good for our department.”

One of the major positives from the outset was the support of the administration, he said. Deane said he met with WKU President Gary Ransdell soon after he was hired and was promised as much support as he could give.

“I thought that was important that we had the support of the president of the university,” Deane said.

Autry Investigation

Professionalism and the ability to work with other agencies played a major part in the investigation into the murder of a WKU student in May.

In the early morning hours of May 4, a fire was reported in Hugh Poland Hall. Freshman Melissa “Katie” Autry was found in her room badly burned. She died three days later.

A task force of multiple agencies was assembled to investigate the crime. Those agencies included the Kentucky State Fire Marshal's Office, Bowling Green Fire Department, Bowling Green Police, Kentucky State Police, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Deane, whose experience includes 10 years as a homicide detective in Detroit, coordinated the investigation. Two suspects were arrested within eight days and Deane praised the cooperation among the investigative agencies, the groundwork for which was laid earlier.

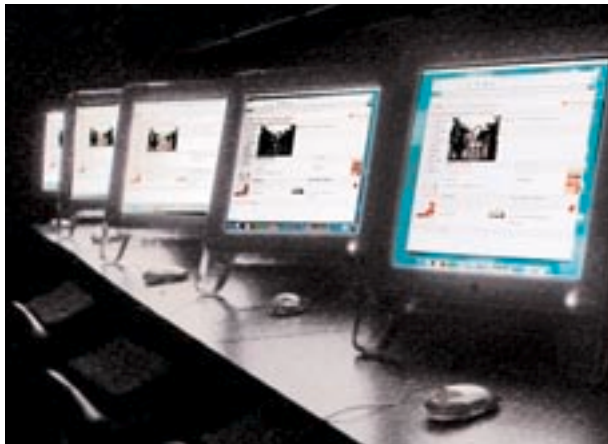
“All of those leaders opened their arms to me when I came here and welcomed me and gave me advice and aid and it helped my transition be smoother than it could have been otherwise. It’s a great working relationship that we have,” he said. “I think we are looked upon as a professional department, not just a bunch of cops for hire by the university.”



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The Western Kentucky University Alumni Association exists to enhance and strengthen the Western Spirit. Through an engaging mix of programs, services, activities, and events, alumni are encouraged to develop strong ties with each other and get reconnected with their alma mater.



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We hope that you find our site engaging and resourceful. With more than 72,000 alumni across the globe, we strive to provide you with exciting opportunities to stay in touch with your alma mater and with other alumni. Our goal is to enhance and strengthen the Spirit of Western Kentucky University, so we encourage you to join the growing number of alumni, who graciously give their time, energy, and support to help ensure that you can “expect the best.”

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Introducing the WKU Alumni Online Community.

An online community is now available to all WKU alumni who register with their alumni ID number. The online community provides valuable resources so you can stay in touch with Western and each other.

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- Searchable Chapter Pages
- Searchable Class Notes
- Searchable Events Calendar

Visit the WKU Alumni website for the new online community at www.wkualumni.org

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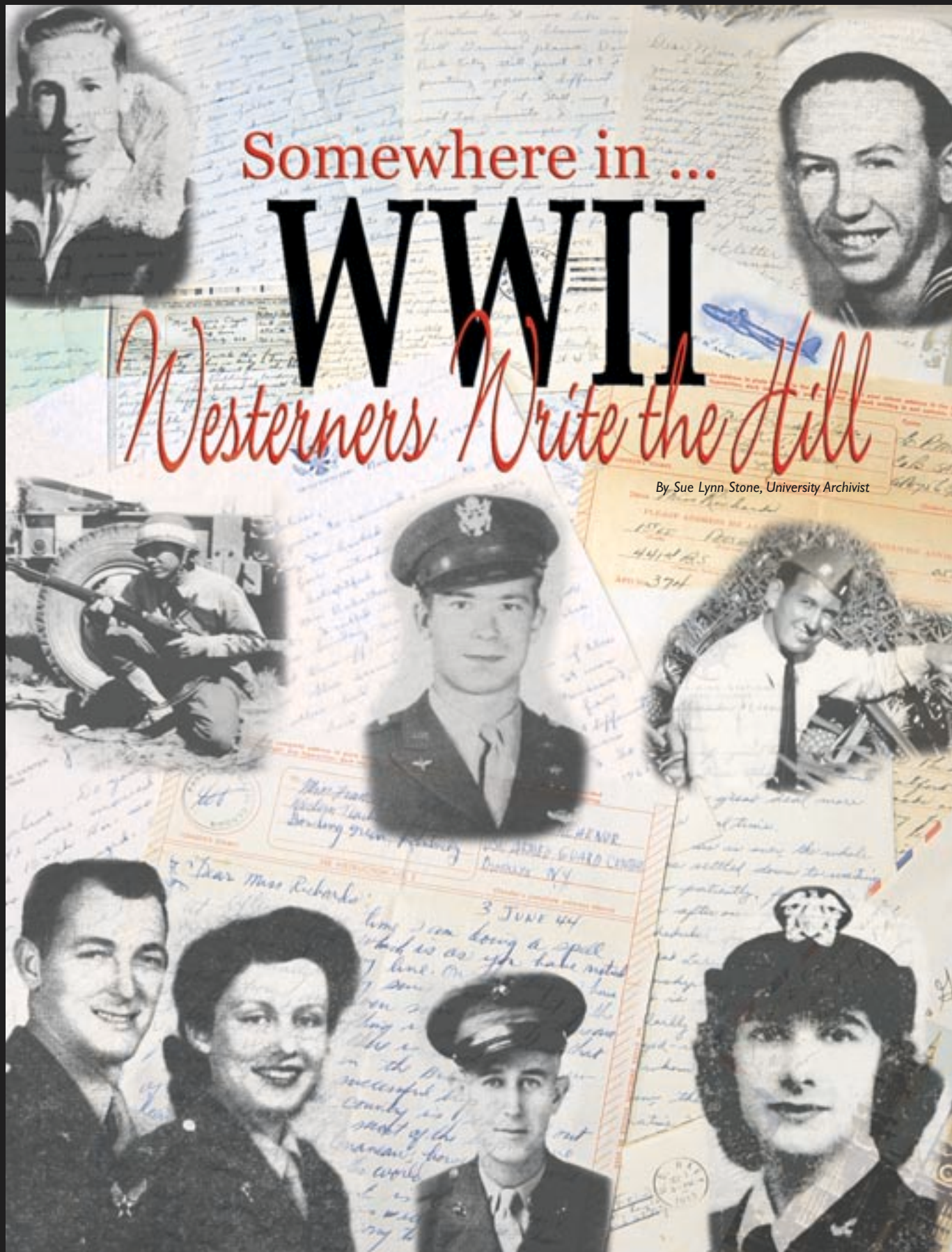


Somewhere in ...

WWII

Westerners Write the Hill

By Sue Lynn Stone, University Archivist





While training and fighting World War II, Western students wrote their former professors. Over 1250 letters written to professors G. V. Page (Physics), Marjorie Clagett (French), Frances Richards (English), Gabrielle Robertson (History) and Dorthie Hall (Journalism) tell the military stories of young men and women who had formed life-long

friendships while students on the Hill. Whenever possible, they provided news, but they were ever mindful of the censors. Another limitation Lowell Harrison explained to Miss Robertson: "To know combat, one must experience it."

While fighting "somewhere in Germany" on Dec. 16, 1943, Joe Robertson wrote: "As you would say 'What an interesting period of history to be living in.' The only hitch is I get too close to the making of it every now and then." A year later, John V. Yarbrough echoed this idea to Miss Robertson:

"In spite of the fact that you tried to make me learn History, I'm over here helping make more for you to try to teach the poor hard working college students. When anybody wisecracks that they'd rather make History than learn then they can take it from me that they don't know how crazy they are."

Many students shared news of other Western alumni. Roy Ellis wrote Mr. Page: "I run into them quite unexpectedly but it is always a great pleasure." John Hanes reported that his 1943 platoon, which included 23 UK graduates and 6 WKSTC men, sang "Stand Up and



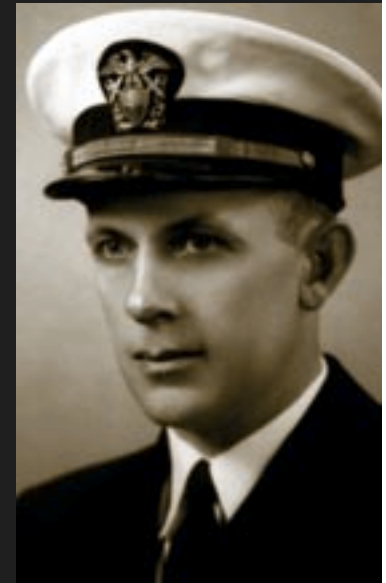
Cheer" and "On, On U of K" as they marched. In June of 1944, 20 former classmates in the Army Air Force Pilot School in Greenville, Miss., penned a



joint letter to Miss Richards. Having received numerous letters after his Camp Roberts address was published, Mack Sisk, former co-editor, declared "one of the greatest services the *Herald* could possibly render during this war [is] that of keeping Westerners Westerners."

Letters often told of the destruction that the writers had seen and the appreciation of liberated peoples. B. T. Towery wrote Miss Clagett: "In Southern France the troops were greeted everywhere by smiling people . . . everyone was glad to see us." Many described their training and compared their education to their fellow soldiers. Several shared the desire "that something besides another war will come out of this one this time."

Within their letters, servicemen and women placed stamps for Miss Robertson's collection, foreign currency, photographs, and instructional handouts. In return, they appreciated the copies of the *Herald* and the *Talisman*, news clippings, food, and Autumn leaves



from the Hill, but the recurrent theme throughout the letters is the importance placed on news from home. From Italy in January 1945, Hugh Standiford possibly best expressed it: "Thanks again for writing me – morale over here is spelt M-A-I-L."

To learn more about our war letters, check out the Kentucky Library & Museum's new website at www.wku.edu/Library/kylm If you have letters to donate, contact sue-lynn.stone@wku.edu or phone 270-745-4793.

2003-04 Hilltopper Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
11/21	at Auburn	7 p.m.
11/25	at Virginia Commonwealth	6:30 p.m.
11/29	Mississippi State	7 p.m.
12/4	Louisville	7:30 p.m.
12/7	Murray State	2 p.m.
12/13	Austin Peay	7 p.m.
12/16	at Illinois State	7 p.m.
12/20	Evansville	4 p.m.
12/23	at Ball State	7 p.m.
12/30	at Fordham	6 p.m.
1/3	Kentucky State	4 p.m.
1/7	at Arkansas State	7 p.m.
1/10	at South Alabama	7 p.m.
1/15	Arkansas-Little Rock	7 p.m.
1/17	Arkansas State	7 p.m.
1/22	at New Orleans	7 p.m.
1/24	New Mexico State	3 p.m.
1/29	Louisiana-Lafayette	7 p.m.
1/31	at Florida International	6 p.m.
2/5	Middle Tennessee	7 p.m.
2/8	West Virginia Tech	7 p.m.
2/12	at Denver	8 p.m.
2/14	North Texas	7 p.m.
2/19	at Arkansas-Little Rock	7 p.m.
2/21	ESPN Bracket Buster Sat.	TBA
2/26	at Middle Tennessee	7 p.m.

For ticket info call 1-800-5-Big-Red

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Hilltopper Football Travels Similar Path to National Championship Season

By Brian Fremund



Regardless of the outcome of the 2003 Western Kentucky University football season, Hilltopper alumni and fans will have seen the story before.

For the third straight year, WKU opened Gateway Football Conference play against Western Illinois. Despite forcing four fumbles in the fourth quarter, the Hilltoppers fell, 33-28, in Macomb to begin league play 0-1 again. Like last year, when Western was 2-3 with a Gateway loss entering October, the Toppers bounced back to win their next two games. Matt Lange converted all three of his field goal attempts the following week to help WKU hand Southwest Missouri State a 9-6 defeat, then Lerron Moore scored the second of two touchdowns with less than two minutes remaining to lead Western to a 27-24 victory at Illinois State.

Despite their perch among the nation's elite, the Hilltoppers had a tough road for the final games down the stretch. The Toppers fell to Top 5 Southern Illinois due to some last minute heroics on their part, but then crushed nationally ranked Northern Iowa and perennial power Youngstown State to finish the season. The Toppers finished the final game of the regular season 8-3 overall and 5-2 in conference action.

The Western Kentucky University football team made the I-AA Playoffs for the fourth consecutive season and will work hard to defend their national title. No matter how the Hilltoppers fare in the playoffs, the highlight of the pre-conference schedule was a 36-3 victory over instate rival Eastern Kentucky as "The Battle of the Bluegrass" resumed following a two-year hiatus. Lange kicked a school-record five field goals and scored 18 points as WKU played in front of a sold out crowd at L.T. Smith Stadium/Jimmy Feix Field for the first time since 1996.



Vote for BIG RED

By Brian Fremund

One of the most popular mascots in America, Western Kentucky's Big Red was named to the Capital One All-America Mascot Team prior to the start of the 2003 football season. It's the second time in as many years that Big Red has been selected for the honor.

The competition for the National Mascot of the Year is winding down, though, so Hilltopper faithful can still vote for Big Red on-line for the ultimate award. On-line polling at www.capitallonebowl.com will be conducted through 4 p.m. (CST) on Dec. 22, with each individual allowed to vote once per day.

The 12 members of the Capital One All-America Mascot Team were selected from among the entries received from the 238 eligible NCAA Division I-A and Division I-AA schools that feature a football team. A panel of five judges from Capital One, ESPN, and the mascot community used the following criteria to determine the 12 team members:

- Interaction with fans and demonstration of the mascot's originality, ability to create enthusiasm among the fans, and contribution to an exhilarating atmosphere.
- Originality, creativity and professionalism of mascot appearance or costume.
- Demonstration of good sportsmanship.
- Involvement in community service.

WOMEN

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
12/3	Arkansas	7 p.m.
12/6	at Louisville	1 p.m.
12/13	at Clemson	6 p.m.
12/18	Mississippi	7 p.m.
12/22	Kentucky	7 p.m.
12/29	Western Illinois	7 p.m.
1/2	at Murray State	7 p.m.
1/5	Tennessee Tech	7 p.m.
1/8	at Liberty	5 p.m.
1/11	Illinois-Chicago	2:30 p.m.
1/15	at Arkansas-Little Rock	7 p.m.
1/17	at Arkansas State	7 p.m.
1/22	New Orleans	7 p.m.
1/24	South Alabama	7 p.m.
1/29	at Louisiana-Lafayette	7 p.m.
1/31	at New Mexico State	8 p.m.
2/5	at Middle Tennessee	7 p.m.
2/9	Florida International	7 p.m.
2/12	Denver	7 p.m.
2/14	at North Texas	7 p.m.
2/19	Arkansas-Little Rock	7 p.m.
2/21	Arkansas State	7 p.m.
2/26	Middle Tennessee	7 p.m.
2/28	at Florida International	6 p.m.

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Spring Celebration

Carroll Knicely Center

April 17, 2004

February 21st

Lady Topper Reunion Night

Diddle Arena Hall of Champions

6:00 p.m., Feb. 21, 2004

Special reunion teams will be the 1974
Lady Topper team and the 1989 Sun Belt
Conference championship team will be honored.
For more information, contact Ginny Hensley
at 1-888-WKU-ALUM.

February 28th

Coming Home

Diddle Arena Hall of Champions

2:30 p.m., Feb. 28, 2004

Special reunion teams will be the 1934 SIAA
and KIAC champs, the 1939 SIAA and KIAC
champs, the 1949 OVC and OVC tournament
champs, the 1954 OVC and OVC tournament
champs, and the 1994 Sun Belt Conference
Champions. For more information, contact
Ginny Hensley at 1-888-WKU-ALUM.

1970's Decade Reunion Weekend

Diddle Arena Auxiliary Gym

6:30 p.m., Feb. 28, 2004

For more information, contact
Amy Miller at 1-888-WKU-ALUM.



The WKU Open House for the Heartland Alumni Chapter was a success with 63 potential students attending.



Pat Richardson ('65, '78) presents John Asher ('90) with a Jack Harbaugh signed National Championship jersey during the Fall Day at the Races event in Louisville.

2004 | web page service

WKU Career Services Center Web page

- Job vacancy listings and resources
- Career information
- Campus interview schedule
- Resume posting and job bank sites including the Hilltopper Internet Resume Service database exclusively for WKU students and alumni.
- Job Search assistance

Individual career and job search counseling available by appointment.

Western Kentucky University Career Services Center

270.745.3095 or www.wku.edu/CareerServ/

www.wkualumni.org
or 1-888-WKU-ALUM

2004 | nashville area teacher's fair

Career Services for Alumni

Nashville Area College to Career Fair,
Nashville Area Teacher Recruitment Fair and
Nashville Area Graduate School Fair

Three events, one day, one location, no charge

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004

11 to 6 p.m. (CST)

Tennessee State Fairgrounds, Nashville, Tenn.

240 organizations attended last year.

New this year – Graduate School Fair



Keeneland Fall Day at the races. Charlotte Hiler Easley ('77), Alice Smith Simon ('51), Alice Underwood Leininger ('77), Jane Banks Lamb ('51), Pat Courtney Underwood Hafers ('50)

2004 | wku spring job fair

WKU Spring Job Fair

Thursday, March 11, 2004

1 to 5 p.m. (CST)

Carroll Knicely Conference Center
(WKU South Campus)

2355 Nashville Road, Bowling Green, Ky.

120 organizations attended last year.



Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders celebrated with Earl Fischer, WKU Regent, at a WKU Alumni event for the Dallas chapter.

Classnotes

1930's

Dr. Chester Travelstead ('33) of Albuquerque, N.M., was recently honored in having the College of Education administration building named after him at the University of New Mexico. The building was dedicated as Travelstead Hall in honor of his contributions to the college, university and education. Travelstead served as dean of the College of Education from 1956 to 1968 before becoming vice president for Academic Affairs and then UNM's first provost.



Jimmy Feix ('53, '58) and his wife, Frankie, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 30, 2003.

Gilbert T. Calhoun ('55) of Hilton Head Island, S.C., has been reappointed to the Town of Hilton Head's Planning Commission. He served on the Commission from 1998 through 2001. Calhoun served with NATO from 1990 to 1994 as the Principal Planning Director at the SHAPE Technical Centre and is retired from the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency and the United States Air Force. Calhoun's wife, Merrilyn, was recently appointed to serve on the Town of Hilton Head's Municipal Election Commission.

leadership in the medical physics community. In May 2003, Professor Glasgow was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Radiology. Fellowship is one of the highest honors conferred by the ACR on only about 10 percent of its members.

W. Ed Walker ('65) of Jacksonville, Fla., was recently named senior manager of development and construction with



Crescent Resources, LLC. Walker is a 30-year veteran of commercial real estate with an emphasis on development, design and construction of office, retail, industrial and mixed-use projects. Prior to joining Crescent, Walker served as vice president of development and construction for St. Joe Commercial Inc. and Retail Planning Corporation, and senior vice president of development for The Landmarks Group.

1940's

Dr. Dero Downing ('43, '47) of Bowling Green, Ky., and his wife, Harriet, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 22, 2003.

1950's

Allen ('53) and Elizabeth (Thomas) Anthony ('54) of Fort Davis, Texas, will celebrate their 50th



wedding anniversary on Dec. 26, 2003.

Jimmy ('53) and Ann (Holloway) Sacca ('53) of Jackson, Miss., recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 6, 2003.

1960's

Glenn P. Glasgow ('65) of River Forest, Ill., recently received dual honors. In July 2002, Professor



Glasgow was elected a Fellow of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine. The category of Fellow honors members who have distinguished themselves by their contributions in research, education, and

Charlie Shuffield ('66) of Orlando, Fla., is serving as 2003 President of the Orlando



Union Rescue Mission and as President-elect of the Rotary Club of Orlando. Shuffield, who has practiced law in Orlando for 33 years, previously

served on the Rescue Mission's Board of Directors and most recently held the seat of Vice President in 2002.

Linda (Schultz) Miller ('67, '79) of Louisville, Ky., has been selected by the American School Counselors Association as the 2003 National School Counselor Supervisor of the Year. She accepted her award at the ASCA National Conference in St. Louis in July.



Dennis F. Dycus ('69) of Franklin, Tenn., has been awarded the Tennessee Society of CPA's (TSCPA) 2003

Outstanding CPA in Government Award. Dycus was presented the award at TSCPA's 73rd Annual Convention & Educational Conference on July 17, 2003.

James Gary ('69) of Frankfort, Ky., has been appointed General Counsel for the Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet. Gary also married Barbara Acton McCollum on Aug. 16, 2003.

Paul Just ('69, '72) of Bowling Green, Ky., received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the College Sports Information Directors of America at the group's annual workshop on June 30 in Cleveland, Ohio. The award is presented annually to CoSIDA members who have served at least 25 years in the profession and are retiring or leaving the profession.

Steven J. Kimbro ('69) of Wilmington, N.C., has retired from

General Electric after 28 years. He is currently the Controller for Bald Head Island Limited, which is a privately owned island just off the coast of Southport, N.C.

Zuheir Sofia ('69) of Columbus, Ohio, became the new chairman of The Ohio State University's Board of Trustees on May 2. Sofia, who has been a member of the board since 1995, currently is vice chairman of the Board of Trustees and is chairman of its Fiscal Affairs Committee. Sofia also is president of the Stanbery Group, LLC, a registered investment adviser, and is co-managing partner with A. Michael Lipper of L&S Partners I, LLC, a private fund investing in the securities of financial services and diversified equity mutual funds.

1970's



Michael J. Curtin of Simpsonville, Ky., was recently appointed assistant to Maj. Gen. D. Allen Youngman, who oversees the state's Army and Air National Guard. Besides his Guard duties, Curtin is the planning and budget director at the University of Louisville.



David L. Maraman ('70) of Noblesville, Ind., has been named chief lending officer of First Indiana Corp. Maraman also will assume the

role of acting chief credit officer while First Indiana completes a national search to fill that position.

Deborah (Hall) Carney ('72) of Eddington, Maine, received her Doctor of Ministry degree in May from Bangor Theological Seminary.

Thomas J. Joyce ('72) of Harrisburg, Pa., was recently inducted into the Candy Hall of Fame. Joyce started his career with Hershey in 1975 and is currently the director of Customer and Industry Affairs for Hershey Foods.

Dr. Suzanne Banister ('73) of Bellingham, Wash., is currently the coordinator of Music Education, symphonic band conductor, and student teaching supervisor at Western Washington University.

Lila (Wells) Guzman ('73) of Round Rock, Texas, is currently a young adult author. Guzman's novels include Lorenzo's Secret Mission, Green Slime and Jam, and Lorenzo's Revolutionary Quest.

Victor Lopez ('73) of Miami, Fla., the divisional vice president of Chicago-based Hyatt Hotels and Resorts, has been



honored by the Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility (HACR) as one of the most influential Hispanics in Corporate America. Lopez received the 2003 HACR Governance Award at a dinner held June 30 in Chicago at the organization's 11th Annual Symposium on Corporate Responsibility.

Mary (Branyon) Palmer ('73) of Midlothian Va., is currently completing her MEd in Special Education-Learning Disabilities at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Dr. Emery E. Alford ('74) of Lutz, Fla., is currently the Dean of Academic Affairs at Hillsborough Community College's Ybor City Campus. Alford is a former WKU music faculty member and continues his music performance career in south Florida where he has performed over 150 shows/concerts a year with various symphony orchestras, ballet and opera companies and Broadway touring groups.

B. Kaye (DeWilde) Beckner ('74) of Bowling Green, Ky., has retired after 28 years of teaching, mostly fifth graders. She loved teaching but now looks forward to being a full-time mom.

Carolyn (Raglin) Belmar ('74) of Versailles, Ky., has retired from Metro Parks after nearly 30 years of service to improve lives of the young and old in Jefferson County.

Dallas Charton ('75) of Bolivar, Ohio, graduated from the University of Akron with a Master's Degree in Education in December 2002.

Debbie (Harris) Quintin ('75) of Cecilia, Ky., has been named Client Services Director for Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children in Louisville, Ky. She formerly served as Communications Specialist for Missouri Baptist Children's Home in St. Louis, Mo., and office manager for Glendale Children's Home in Glendale, Ky.

Thomas J. Sabetta ('75, '88) of Louisville, Ky., is the past president of the Kentucky Communications Association (2001-2002), the editor of the *Kentucky Journal of Communications* (2002-2005), and associate professor of Communications at Jefferson Community College.

David N. Alexander ('76) of Van Buren, Ark., has retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel after a combined 20 years in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve. Alexander currently teaches seventh grade geography at Ramsey Junior High School in Ft. Smith, Ark.

Timothy Eichenbrenner ('76) of Charlotte, N.C., received the Christopher Newport University Distinguished Alumni of the Year award. Eichenbrenner, a pediatrician practicing in Charlotte, N.C., received the highest honor of the CNU Alumni Society at the group's end-of-the-year event on June 14.

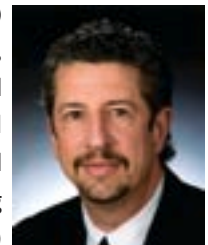
Stephen Fogle ('76) of San Antonio, Texas, was appointed to Leadership San Antonio. Fogle is one of 45 individuals chosen to participate. Leadership San Antonio is a jointly sponsored program of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce and the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The program provides an experience to learn about the challenges facing the San Antonio community and its leaders.

Beverly (Davenport) Sypher ('76, '77) of West Lafayette, Ind., is a faculty member in the department and Purdue University's new Associate Provost for Special Initiatives.

Howard Sypher ('76) of West Lafayette, Ind., is the new head of the Department of Communication at Purdue University.

Bruce W. Bohanon ('78) of Peoria, Ill., was promoted to nurse manager of Mid-West Kidneys largest unit. Mid-West Kidney is the 10th largest dialysis company in the United States.

Tom Yunt ('78) of Dubuque, Iowa, has been elected as the WCI President and Chief Operating Officer (COO)



The Woodward Communications, Inc.

Georgiana Carlson ('79) of Glen Ellyn, Ill., was honored by the YWCA DuPage Center as part of the 2003 Outstanding Women Leaders for Health and Fitness.

1980's

David Frank ('80) of Tarrytown, N.Y., has been promoted to Deputy Picture Editor of The New York Times. In Frank's position, he is the second in command of the 80-member department, which last year won two Pulitzer Prizes for Photography for its coverage of the World Trade Center bombing.

Barrett Hampton ('80) of Hendersonville, Tenn., participated in a project that was selected as the Project of the Year (2002) by the Wyoming Engineering Society. The project, at UMC, is the first modular patient tower in the United States. Hampton is an architectural designer.



Steve McConkey ('81) of Danbury, Wis., has devoted himself to ministering to track and field athletes. He has coached

USA National Clubs that were Christian-based, coached individual runners and served as a spiritual guide to athletes, trying to help them have a strong foundation in the Christian faith. Through a ministry called 4 Winds Christian Athletics, McConkey connects with world-class athletes at major meets such as the USA Track and Field Championships, the Olympics and Olympic trials. He and his wife, Elizabeth, founded the ministry in 1988.

Scott Harris ('82) of Eules, Texas, completed his coursework and is beginning his dissertation for his Ph.D. in Disaster and Emergency Management at Oklahoma State University. Harris has accepted a new position with USEPA in the Counter-Terrorism program as an On-Scene Coordinator.



Cynthia (Mitchell) Mallett ('83) of Ellensburg, Wash., and her husband, Steve, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Georgia Caroline Mallett. She was born on May 18, 2001.

George Nichols III ('83) of Tampa, Fla., has been named senior vice president in charge of New York Life's AARP Life Insurance Operation in Tampa, Fla. Prior to his current position, Nichols served

as senior vice president in New York Life's Agency Department, which oversees the distribution of products through approximately 10,000 licensed agents in the United States.

Carrie (Whaley) Orman ('83) of Louisville, Ky., has been named executive director of The Kentucky and



Southern Indiana Stroke Association. KSISA is a non-profit chapter of The National Stroke Association, whose mission is to promote stroke awareness, education, and prevention information to help reduce the risk factors associated with stroke.

William P. Simpson ('83) of Hopkinsville, Ky., was recently promoted to Captain at the Police Department and has been with the department for nearly 18 years.

Roger Cunningham ('84) of Nashville, Tenn., has been named partner with the firm Image III, providing ownership stake in the company and additional leadership responsibilities. Cunningham will serve as Partner, President, and COO, continuing in overall management of the company and providing leadership in accomplishing the firm's strategic objectives.

Loren Shipley ('84) of Annapolis, Md., participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Shipley is a mobilized reservist with Military Sealift Command, Europe and is now serving at MSC Europe Headquarters in Naples, Italy.

Tom ('85) and Sheri L. (Brown) Boston ('84) of Birmingham, Ala., opened Southern Pharmaceutical, Inc. in April 2001. They provide discreet and personal service to patients seeking treatment for infertility or mental illness. The Bostons have three daughters, ages 10, 11, and 16 months.

Maj. Jesse T. Huff, Jr. ('85) of Madisonville, Ky., is currently serving in a Medical Mission as Task Force CMDR



44th Med Brigade in Uzbekistan. Maj. Huff is deployed from Kentucky Army National Guard and is CMDR of the 1163rd Medical Detachment in Greenville, Ky.

Steven L. Musen ('85) of Lexington, Ky., is serving as Director of the Mindanao Baptist Rural Life Center on the Island of Mindanao in the Philippines. The MBRLC is a non-government organization, sponsored by the International Mission Board of the SBC.



Thomas E. Powell ('85) of Mayfield, Ky., has been admitted as a member of the law firm

Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC. Powell is a resident in the firm's Louisville office and concentrates his practice in the areas of administrative and insurance litigation and occupational safety and health law.

**The WKU Alumni
Association Presents:**



**“Homes of British Royalty”
July 9 – 17, 2004**

Join WKU President Dr. Gary Ransdell and University Distinguished Professor Dr. James Baker for a summer trip to England. Visit St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London and experience a musical theatre production on West End. Enjoy short excursions to Hampton Court, Windsor Castle, Oxford and Brighton. These sites of interest will be combined with plenty of time to explore London on your own.

**This exciting
opportunity includes:
Roundtrip airfare from
Nashville
7 nights lodging
7 breakfasts, 1 dinner
Ground transportation in
England
Tour admissions
1 musical theatre production**

*Cost: \$1,600 per person, based on
double occupancy.*

**For additional information,
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Alumni Association at 888-
WKU-ALUM (958-2586) or
270-745-4395, or by
email alumni@wku.edu**

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Lt. Col. Todd Shipp ('85) of Lizella, Ga., is assigned to the 335th Theater Signal Command East Point Georgia Camp Doha Kuwait. Shipp serves

as the Secretary General Staff for both Major General Lowell C. Detamore, Commanding General of the 335th and Brig. Gen. Roger L. Ward, Deputy Commanding General.

Ken W. Kopp ('86) of Hopkinsville, Ky., was awarded the Air Force Air Medal and Aerial Achievement Medal for sustained aerial achievement while flying 25 combat and combat support missions supporting Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Kopp is a Senior Navigator flying the C-130E at Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas.

Michael Reff ('86) of Atlanta, Ga., was awarded the Southeast Regional Emmy Award for his part of the camera work on the hour special “Crossroads.” Along with this award, Michael, a cameraman for Turner Studios-Film and Video Unit, was also nominated for two other Emmy's dealing with lighting and photography.

David ('86) and Susan (Hofsass) Sneed ('85) of Elkins, W. Va., are the proud parents of their second child, Emma Kay Wethington. She was born on July 13, 2002.



Steve Ayers ('87) of Bowling Green, Ky., received his Doctor of Ministry from Drew University in Madison, N.J., in May 2002. Ayers released his first book, “Igniting Passion in Your Church,” in December 2002.

Leslie Luanne (Harris) Hicks ('87) of Gilbert, Ariz., and her husband, Jerry, are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Megan Kathleen Hicks. She was born on March 5, 2003.



Maj. Kevin Morris ('87) of Shelbyville, Ky., recently returned from a five-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Maj. Morris is a C-130 Navigator with the Kentucky Air National Guard's 165th Airlift Squadron in Louisville, Ky.

Ben J. Wathen ('87) of Bardstown, Ky., joined Farmers Bank & Trust Co. of Bardstown on Sept. 2, 2003 as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

Theresa (Hommrich) Carroll ('88) of Louisville, Ky., has joined the staff of The Student Loan People as Operations Support Manager. Carroll will be responsible for database administration, project management, and business analysis.

Terry Likes ('88) of Bowling Green, Ky., won national honors from the Broadcast Education Association and first place from the Kentucky Associated Press for his radio documentary on “The media coverage of Sept. 11th.” Likes interviewed ABC's Sam Donaldson and John Cochran, CBS 60 Minutes' Steve Kroft, NBC News President Neal Shapiro and many others. The program aired in Washington, D.C., Chicago and in Kentucky on WKYU-FM Bowling Green and on the Kentucky News Network. Likes has taught Broadcast Journalism at Western Kentucky University since 1988 and is a former radio/TV news reporter.

Jennifer (Strange) Kaminski ('88) of Owensboro, Ky., is now the marketing director for Owensboro Medical Practice, which consists of the following: Owensboro Heart & Vascular, Owensboro Primary Care, Immediate Care Center, The Hancock Clinic, and The Livermore Clinic. Kaminski's responsibilities include advertising and promotions as well as public relations for the numerous patient services offered by the facilities.

Greg Smith ('88) of Arnold, Mo., received his M.B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

Samy S. Abunaser ('89) of Gaza, Palestine, is currently the deputy dean of the faculty of computers and Information Technology in Al-Azhar University in Gaza.

Tracy Cowan ('89) of Gulf Breeze, Fla., recently became a member of the Alabama Bar after having passed the Bar examination held in February. He has been a member of the Kentucky Bar since 1993, a member of the Tennessee Bar since 1999, and a member of the Florida Bar since 2002.

Christopher L. Gaddis ('89, '91) of Owensboro, Ky., was selected as the new principal for Cravens Elementary. Gaddis began in the Owensboro school district in 1990.

Dr. Richard ('89) and Ashlea (Campbell) Welch ('97) of Bowling Green, Ky., are the proud parents of Campbell Alivia Welch. She was born in Dec. 2002.

1990's

Gary Dillard ('90) of Clermont, Fla., and his wife, Bonnie, are the proud parents of Emily Elizabeth Rose. She was born on May 2, 2003 and weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces.



Jennifer (Greenwell) Haddow ('90) of Louisville, Ky., is the proud parent of Samuel Allen Haddow. He weighed 9 pounds and 8 ounces and was born on July 23, 2003. The grandparents and mother hopes he will grow up to play football at WKU!



Susie (Vitelli) McCoy ('90) of Hendersonville, Tenn., is currently a housewife while her husband, John, is the assistant vice president at UBS/Paine Webber. They have been married for 12 years and have two children, Lucas and Avery.

Clara D. Verst ('90) of Bowling Green, Ky., has successfully completed the professional certification exam of the Kentucky State Board of Accountancy in her first sitting. The exam, administered earlier this year, is designed and graded by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Eva (Glahn) Atkinson ('91) of Owensboro, Ky., and her husband, David, announces the adoption of Anna Marie Hua Atkinson on Feb. 24, 2003, in Changsha, Hunan, China.

Roger Casalengo ('91) of Boynton Beach, Fla., has been named the assistant vice president of human resources for the south Florida region for Homebanc Mortgage.

Michael S. Colvin ('91) of Larchmont, N.Y., has been named Partner in the Corporate Department of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, one of the largest firms in the nation. Colvin practices in the area of private and public company mergers and acquisitions, private equity placements, and insurance company transactions.

Lance A. Daniels ('91) of Paintsville, Ky., is a partner in the law office of Preston and Daniels in Paintsville. Daniels also serves as a JAG office in the Army Reserves as well as an adjunct professor at Prestonsburg Community College.



Karl ('91, '00) and Jennifer (Anderson) Miller ('92) of Bowling Green, Ky., are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Karlie McClain Miller. She weighed 8 pounds and 15 ounces and was 21 inches long. She was born June 30, 2003.

Ashlea (Ladd) Parks ('91) of Lexington, Ky., and her husband, Jason, are the proud parents of Emily Caroline Parks. She weighed 6 pounds and 13 ounces and was born on July 23, 2003. Ashlea is employed as an Account Manager for United Healthcare and Jason is the Sergeant for the Lexington Police, Larceny Crimes Unit.

Kenneth Brittain ('92) of La Grange, Ky., has had his first book, Expeditionary Force, published by Port Town Publishing, Superior, Wisc. The work, a Civil War/science-fiction novel, went to print June 1, 2003. Brittain has also had a short story appear in the 2002 Port Town Publishing anthology, Sixteen Pieces of Gold.

Kathleen (Powell)

Hannah ('92) of Knoxville, Tenn., was named marketing manager at The University of Tennessee Press in October 2002. Hannah worked as a sales representative for W.W. Norton & Co., Inc., in New York, N.Y. before coming to the press.



Donald Knarr ('92) of Nashville, Tenn., has started the business Groove Water and Mold Removal

in Nashville. He's the man with a plan in the Big Red Van.

Greg "Groovy" Duvall ('93) of Franklin, Tenn., has started the business Groove Water and Mold Removal in Nashville, in conjunction with his construction company, Groove Construction.

John Rowley ('92) of Nashville, Tenn., has moved from partner to President of Fletcher & Rowley Consulting Inc., the Nashville-based communications consulting and advertising firm. Rowley has done media consulting work on more

than 150 Democratic campaigns. After working for two election cycles with William B. Fletcher Consulting, Rowley became one of the youngest principals in a national Democratic media consulting firm when they formed Fletcher & Rowley Consulting, Inc.

Jerry Shaw ('92) of Louisville, Ky., was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserve at a ceremony at the Pentagon on April 14. LTC Shaw was brought on to active duty in January to work with the Crisis Action Team at the National Military Command Center. He is normally assigned to the Joint Staff as an Operations Research Officer.

Michael K. Sprague ('92) of Maceo, Ky., has been appointed to the Indiana School Counselor's Association Board. For the third consecutive year, Sprague is the Cannelton classroom teacher's association president.



Nikki (Owen) Bonifer ('93) of Louisville, Ky., has been appointed senior manager, consumer

engagement with Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation. Bonifer joined B&W after previously being employed at Maker's Mark Distillery.

Leigh Carrico ('93) of Louisville, Ky., has been honored by Baptist Hospital East for her exemplary work in the community. Carrico, a speech-language pathologist, has

been a seven-year volunteer for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. She also volunteers one evening a week to quilt with other ladies in the St. Joseph's Children's Home Ladies Sewing Society and at the Home of the Innocents where she spends countless hours offering her talents as a speech therapist.

Stuart Campbell ('93) and Glenda (Cundiff) Burris ('93) of Bowling Green, Ky., were married on Aug. 6, 1993. Burris received his Ph. D. in Analytical Chemistry from North Carolina State University in 1998. They are the proud parents of their two children, Lily and Nathaniel.

Janet (Sparks) Anglin ('94) of Olive Branch, Miss., married David Anglin in 1997. They graduated from Mid-America Baptist Seminary in 2001 in Germantown, Tenn., where she earned a Master of Arts in Christian Education and served as an admission counselor. Janet and David welcomed their first child, David Pate Anglin, on Aug. 3, 2002.

Claude ('94, '01) and Samantha (Tapp) Bacon ('98) of Bowling Green, Ky., are the proud parents of



their first child, Maggie Beth Bacon. She weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces and was 21 inches long. She was born June 25, 2003.



Devin L. Delano ('94) of New York, N.Y., recently attended the U.S. Open and met Susan Lucci.

CLASS NOTES

J. Todd Duncan ('94) of Independence, Ky., was appointed as the Director of Housing and Food Services at the University of Cincinnati on April 2, 2003.

Eli ('94) and Heather (Hall) Flint ('94) of Atlanta, Ga., are the proud parents of Rory Flint. He was born on May 15, 2003.

Mary Beth

Frith ('94, '02) of Hendersonville, Tenn., and her husband, Scott, are the proud parents of their second child, Corbin Michael Frith, born May 14, 2003. He weighed 6 pounds and 7 ounces and was 19 inches long.



Brian L. Harris ('94) of Kokomo, Ind., has successfully gained a one-year exemption to the British Amateur this year at Royal Troon and a three-year exemption to the British Mid Am which is at St. Andrews next year, then Royal Liverpool and Murifield.



Janet (Hayden) Jones ('94)

of Pewee Valley, Ky., was named the "Nurse of the Year" at Baptist Hospital Northeast, which is located in LaGrange, Ky. Jones received her award at the 22nd Annual Kentucky Nurse Recognition Banquet held on May 9 at the Hurstbourne Hotel in Louisville, Ky.

Andrew S. LaJoie ('94, '98) of Louisville, Ky., recently graduated from the University of Louisville with a Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology and a Master's of Science in Public Health.

LaJoie is now a clinical epidemiologist and statistician at the Christine M. Kleinert Institute for Hand and Microsurgery in Louisville, Ky.

Rick Loomis ('94) of Costa Mesa, Calif., has been named Newspaper Photographer of the Year by the National Press Photographers Association. Loomis was honored at the Best of Photojournalism 2003 contest.

L. Dow Raddall ('94) and Rebecca Wayman of



Lewisville, Texas, were married on March 22, 2003.

Bryan D. Staples ('94) of White House, Tenn., was promoted to investigative producer/photographer at WTVF Nashville. Staples was recently awarded the George Polk Award, National Headliner Award, Investigative Reporters and Editors Award, the Society of Professional Journalists award, and an Emmy award for Investigative Journalism.

Matt Gray ('95) of Owensboro, Ky., owns Gray Sky Music, a full service music production company specializing in producing high quality, original jingles in producing high quality, original jingles to give businesses the edge in advertising for radio, TV, video, on-hold music, in-store, or anywhere. Gray also records CD's for musicians/singers.

Michael J. Hicks ('95) of Owensboro, Ky., owns and operates A Unique Video Productions. It is a broadcast quality digital video production company located in Owensboro, Ky.

Three Western Kentucky University Graduates Share in Denver Paper's Pulitzer Prize

WKU graduates Barry Gutierrez (2002), Marc Piscotty (1993), and Mark Osler (1993) shared in the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for Best News Photography awarded to the Rocky Mountain News in April. The three photojournalism graduates, along with 17 other staff members, contributed to a 20-photo entry covering the Colorado wild fires in summer 2002.

Staff members spent several weeks photographing the devastating wild fires, which began in April and lasted through the summer. Fifteen photographers traveled throughout the state, documenting the natural disaster and human emotion resulting from the fires. The paper's photo staff had previously won two other prominent awards for coverage of the wild fires, the Pictures of the Year International competition and the National Headliner Awards.

This achievement marks the second time in four years the Rocky Mountain News photographers have taken journalism's top honor in the breaking news photo category. In 2000, a collection of photographs from the Columbine school shootings won the prize.

For more information about the paper and to view the prize-winning photos, visit www.rockymountainnews.com

Kelly (Meagher) Malley ('95) of Lexington, Ky., and her husband, John, are the proud parents of their first child, John Joseph Malley IV. He weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces and was 21 inches long. He was born on April 8, 2003.



Ken ('95) and Susan (King) May ('98) of Bowling Green, Ky., are the proud parents of Katherine Elizabeth May. She was born on Sept. 25, 2003 and weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces.

Tina (Mock) Geary ('95) of Louisville, Ky., married Shawn Geary on July 4, 2003. Tina is currently employed by Hillsdale House, Ltd. as a customer service representative for the import furniture retail division.

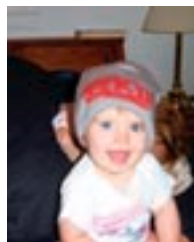
Alex McLain Rose ('95) of Spruce Pine, Tenn., currently works as an interpretative park ranger for the National Park Service. Rose works for the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Krista (Burford) Staples ('95) of White House, Tenn., participated in the Country Music Marathon in Nashville, Tenn., and finished in just over three hours.

Alan W. Taylor ('95) of Bowling Green, Ky., has been promoted to senior manager at the Bowling Green office of BKD, LLP, certified public accountants. Taylor, CPA, provides merger and acquisition and corporate financial services.



Jason ('96) and Ann (Hughes) Bolin ('96) of Bowling Green, Ky., are the proud parents of Abigail Faith Bolin.



Amy DeLorenzo ('96) of Charleston, R.I., has been awarded a scholarship as part of the third annual Budweiser Conservation Scholarship Program. DeLorenzo is one of 14 scholarship winners from colleges and universities across the country. The Budweiser Conservation Scholarship Program is a competitive scholarship program to support and promote innovative research or study that responds to significant challenges in fish, wildlife, and plant conservation in the United States.

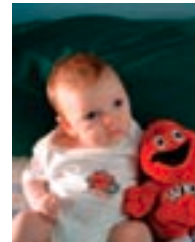


Greg ('96) and Jennifer (Keiber) Edmonds ('96) of Lebanon, Ohio, are the proud parents of Molly Elizabeth Edmonds. She was born on Sept. 9, 2003 and weighed 6 pounds and 14 ounces.

Krista (Morgan) Finley ('96) of Aurora, Colo., and her husband, Jason, are the proud parents of Ann Marie Finley. She was born on Oct. 4, 2002.



Dan ('96) and Melissa Ann (Hardin) Hans ('96) of Louisville, Ky., are the proud parents of their first child, Preston Wayne Hans. He was born on June 3, 2003 and weighed 6 pounds and 12.4 ounces.



Sgt. August K. Nienaber ('96) of Tucker, Ga., recently returned from Iraq while assigned to the Marine Corps Reserve's Company "A", 8th Tank Battalion, based in Fort Knox, Ky.

Jason Vincent ('96) of Louisville, Ky., is the program director at Brightside (formerly Operation Brightside). Vincent manages programs and events for Brightside, while teaming with other community organizations to look for ways to keep the city beautiful.



Tonya (Decker) Whobrey ('97) of Leitchfield, Ky., married Tommie Whobrey on Aug. 30, 2003. They have two sons, Luke (5) and Cole (2).

Kathleen Lajoie ('97) of Louisville, Ky., recently completed her Psy. D. in Clinical Psychology from Spalding University. Lajoie is a child-and-infant psychologist with Seven Counties Services in Louisville, Ky.

Rebecca A. McCaulley ('97) of Louisville, Ky., received a Master of Science in Forensic Science from the University of Alabama at Birmingham on May 10, 2003.

Adam Rider ('97) of Bowling Green, Ky., has accepted the position of director of Middle School Programs with Bowling Green-Warren County Community Education. Rider will be responsible for all aspects of the after school program.

Andy Spears ('97, '99) of Hendersonville, Tenn., serves as the Press Secretary to the Senate Democratic Caucus at the Tennessee General Assembly. Spears is pursuing a Ph. D. in Public Administration from Tennessee State University.



Terra J. Swanson ('97) of Louisville, Ky., and Stewart T. Scovil were married on Oct. 9, 2001 at Prince of Peace Church in Fossa, County Kerry, Ireland. Swanson has been accepted to the M.Sc. in Counseling Psychology Program at Trinity College Dublin. They relocated to Dublin, Ireland, in the fall of 2003.

Brandi (Harwood) Dicken ('98) of Glasgow, Ky., and her husband Shannon, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Reece Addison Dicken. She was born on Dec. 17, 2002 and weighed 8 pounds and 1 ounce.

Jon Fish ('98) and Amanda (Caulder) Fish, of Wrightsville Beach, N.C., were married on May 16, 2003, in Historic Greenfield Lake Park in Wilmington, N.C.

Amy D. Risley ('98) of Bowling Green, Ky., has taken a position in the WKU Office of Admissions. She began working as a counselor and recruiter in February 2003.

Nicole Bennett Banks ('99) of Flaherty, Ky., and her husband, Lenny, are the proud parents of Anthony Bennett "Ben" Banks. He was born on Oct. 4, 2002.

Angie (Glass) Bishop ('99) of Glasgow, Ky., and her husband, Chuck, are the proud parents of their first child, Cade Matthew Bishop. He was born on May 25, 2003 and weighed 7 pounds and was 20 inches long.



Ramey Allen Douglas ('99) of Cedar Park, Texas, plans on attaining his masters degree at either the University of Texas in Austin, Tex. or Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Tex.



Drew ('99) and Ginny (Steenbergen) Hensley ('97) of Bowling Green, Ky., are the proud parents of their first child, Reed Walker Hensley. He weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces and was 21 inches long. He was born on March 21, 2003.

Amy (Wallace) Hill ('99) of Louisville, Ky., received her master's of Social Work from the University of Louisville Kent School of Social Work and is employed as a social worker at Wellspring in Louisville, Ky.

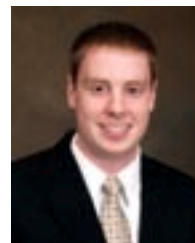
Jean-Marie Lawson ('99) of Bowling Green, Ky., recently joined Hartland Equipment as the Director of Governmental & Commercial Marketing. Hartland Equipment is a John Deere Dealership with locations in Bowling Green and Glasgow, Ky.

Michael Miller ('99) of LaVergne, Tenn., and his wife, Megan, are the proud parents of Emma Grace Miller. She was born on July 4, 2003 and weighed 5 pounds and 8 ounces.

Corey ('99) and Chasity (Nation) Patterson ('97) of Burkesville, Ky., are the proud parents of their third child, Caitlyn Rylee Patterson. She was born on Aug. 25, 2003.

Courtney (Blankenship) Spears ('99, '03) of Hendersonville, Tenn., is the Director of Speech and Theatre at the Hyde Magnet School. Spears is working toward the Education Specialist degree in School Administration at Tennessee State University.

Maurice H. Young ('99) of Louisville, Ky., has been promoted to supervisor from senior



accountant at the Kentucky-Southern Indiana practice unit of BKD, LLP, certified public accountants. Young specializes in providing attest and consulting services to a variety of clients including health care, not-for-profit and governmental entities.

2000's

Joshua D. Durkee ('00) of Athens, Ga., is currently a 2nd year graduate student at the University of Georgia. Durkee plans to re-apply for the Ph.D. program at UGA after graduating.

Gabriel Fancher ('00) of Fort Wayne, Ind., was recently hired as Wells Fargo Investments Private Client Services Bilingual Rep for the Ft. Wayne and North Eastern Indiana Market.

Patrick ('00) and Tara (Beard) Horn ('98) of Valrico, Fla., are the proud parents of their first child, Spencer Reno Horn. He was born on April 23, 2003.

Amanda (Coates) Lich ('00) of Lexington, Ky., and her husband Stewart, are the proud parents of Ava Kate Lich.

Kerri L. Richardson ('00) of Louisville, Ky., joined the staff of WHAS-11 (ABC) in Louisville as a television news reporter in December 2002. Previously, Richardson worked as a reporter at WFIE-14 (NBC) in Evansville, Ind., and at WBKO-13 (ABC) in Bowling Green, Ky.

Shannon (Wellock) Gardner ('00) of Franklin, Tenn., married Scott Gardner on Aug. 2, 2003. Shannon is working at Madison Marquette Realty Services in Franklin, Tenn., and Scott is attending Middle Tennessee State University.

Troy D. Williams ('00) of Franklin, Ky., is currently an information resource support specialist III with the State of Tennessee Department of Health in Nashville, Tenn.

Anna M. Woodring ('00) of Bowling Green, Ky., was promoted to Rehab manager of Russellville Healthcare Manor in Russellville, Ky., in June 2003. Woodring also is the full-time speech language pathologist at the facility.

Jennifer Belcher ('01) of Lexington, Ky., recently participated in the Summer Kickoff hosted by the Coalition for a Healthy and Active America (CHAA) in Georgetown, Ky.

Dave Chaney ('01) of Nashville, Tenn., recently participated in the Summer Kickoff hosted by the Coalition for a Healthy and Active America (CHAA) in Georgetown, Ky.

Danyale A. Ellis ('01) of Bloomington, Ind., was admitted into the Higher Education and Student Affairs doctoral program at Indiana University.

Regan Kays ('01) of Forest Hills, N.Y., landed a job in 42nd Street on Broadway in April 2002. Kays joined the cast after eight days of rehearsal and is currently in the show.

Leslie (McClard) Smothers ('01) of Bowling Green, Ky., has gained Associate Real Property Appraiser status with the Kentucky Real Estate Appraisers Board. Smothers is currently employed by Duncan Appraisal Company, which specializes in commercial and industrial property.

Sgt. David L. Thoma ('01) of Russellville, Ky., is currently on active duty assigned to the Marine Corps Reserve's Company "A", 8th Tank Battalion, based in Fort Knox, Ky.

Jason D. Allard ('02) of Bowling Green, Ky., was recently called to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to Military Police Company "A", 4th Force Service Support Group (FSSG), home based in Lexington, Ky.

Justin ('02) and Jaclyn (Phelps) Ashby ('02) of Owensboro, Ky., were married on Aug. 3, 2002. Jaclyn teaches at Daviess County High School and Justin is the assistant superintendent of the Summit Country Club.

William E. Brown ('02) of Fayetteville, N.C., recently graduated from the U.S. Army Ranger School and has taken command of an Airborne Rifle Platoon in the 2nd Battalion of the 504th Parachute Infantry regiment of the 82nd Airborne.

Tracy T. Madison ('02) of Rocky Hill, Ky., has recently joined the Bowling Green office of BKD, LLP, certified public accountants, as a staff accountant for the tax department. Madison will assist with general tax, audit and accounting engagements.

Jennifer E. Meadors ('02) of Bowling Green, Ky., has successfully completed the professional certification exam of the Kentucky State Board of Accountancy. The exam is designed and graded by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Melinda (Milligan) Harrington ('03) of Lexington, Ky., married Justin Harrington on Aug. 2, 2003.

Tabitha J. (Lear) Nunn ('03) of Bowling Green, Ky., and her husband, Ray, are the proud parents of their fourth child, Gavin Ray Nunn. He was born on Feb. 16, 2003 and weighed 8 pounds and 15 ounces.

Dr. John C. Carmichael of Bowling Green, Ky., was recently recognized as the 2003 Kentucky College/University Music Educator of the Year by the Kentucky Music Educators Association. Carmichael is in his 10th year as director of bands at Western Kentucky University.

Valgene L. Dunham of Myrtle Beach, S.C., has been appointed to the new position of associate vice president of Grants, Contract Administration and Research Planning at Coastal Carolina University. A former dean of Coastal's College of Natural and Applied Sciences, Dunham will coordinate all the university's grant and sponsored research activities, seek institutional grant opportunities, oversee all non-credit academic programs offered through the university, and develop strategic plans for external laboratory facilities.

Jack Harbaugh of Milwaukee, Wis., was recently inducted into the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame. Harbaugh ended his coaching career at Western Kentucky University after guiding the Hilltoppers to its first NCAA Division I-AA football title last fall. Harbaugh now serves as the Associate Athletic Director at Marquette University.

Merritt Johnson of Franklin, Ky., was selected for the Navy's Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate Program. The Navy selects about 200 applicants each year for the program.

Van Vance of Louisville, Ky., was recently inducted into the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame. The smooth, easy listening voice of Vance was heard on WHAS Radio for 42 years (1957-99), first as a disc jockey, then as a play-by-play announcer for the Kentucky Colonels and University of Louisville football and basketball, and then as the popular host to Sportstalk.

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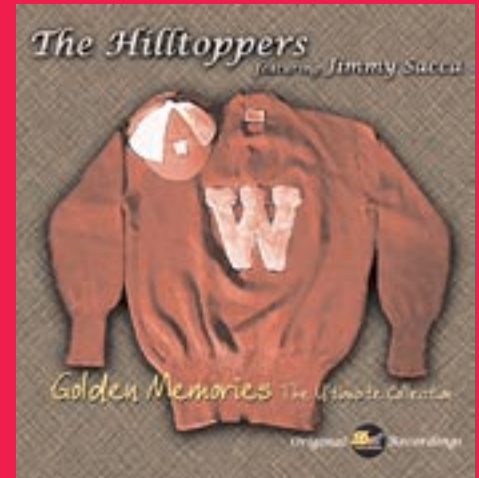
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A new CD "The Hilltoppers Featuring Jimmy Sacca - Golden Memories The Ultimate Collection" is available in The Museum Store. To purchase the CD at a cost of \$21.20 tax included (plus \$3.95 shipping/handling), e-mail Deborah.Cole@wku.edu or phone 270-745-6080.

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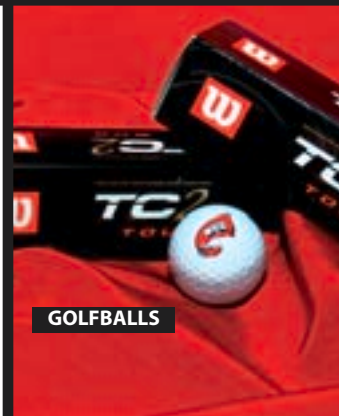
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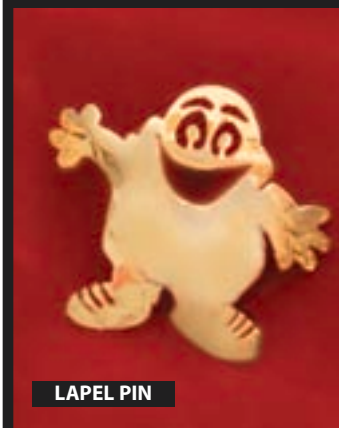


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Leading From the Top

Today, it seems as if the call for leaders in all areas of society is louder than it has ever been. National and international events, especially since 9/11, have created an opportunity for leaders in government, politics, law enforcement, and the military to assume roles of great importance. For over 80 years, Western Kentucky University has been there to answer the call for military leadership through its military science program.

The Army Reserve Officers Training Corps at Western has a long and distinguished history. The genesis of today's ROTC program began in 1918 when Dr. Henry H. Cherry oversaw the creation of the Student's Army Training Corps (SATC) as part of Western Kentucky State Normal School. These SATC units later evolved into the Reserve Officers Training Corps which became a permanent part of the University in 1919.

The Corps was first organized as a Junior Division unit and offered two years of basic military training. Students who desired an Army officer's commission were required to transfer to another institution offering a senior ROTC program until a Senior Infantry Branch Oriented Division was organized in 1935. Western commissioned its first Senior ROTC cadet class in 1937.

Throughout WWII, Western produced commissioned officers, many of whom served with great distinction in both the European and Pacific Theaters. The Army ROTC program was modified in 1947 to include an Air Force ROTC program on campus. Later, in 1949, the Air Force ROTC became a separate organization and produced officers for service during the Korean War period until it was discontinued in 1957. During its 10-year

life span, the program produced over 300 Air Force officers.

In 1954, a couple of significant changes occurred in the ROTC program. A formal charter for the Scabbard and Blade National Honor Society was established to recognize and develop qualities of leadership, honor, and academic achievement, and create a better understanding of the military profession. And the Infantry Branch Program was converted to the General Military Science Program to prepare senior division cadets for commissioning in any of the Combat, Combat Support, or Combat Service Support branches of the Army.

Over the years there have been numerous examples of Western Kentucky University students who have gone on to distinguish themselves in the military. Col. Sidney C. Carpenter, Lt. Col. Thomas Kenneth Hightower, Col. Raymond T. Nutter and Col. Elliott P. Sydnor Jr. received the Army Distinguished Service Cross – a tribute second only to the Congressional Medal of Honor an individual can receive in combat.

The late Brig. Gen. Herbert M. Wassom is one of a few graduates of Western's Reserve Officers' Training Corps program to earn the rank of general in the United States Army. Brig. General Kenneth R. Fleenor rose through the ranks of the United States Air Force to become a brigadier general with many decorations and director of all flight operations for the USAF Air Training Command. Another WKU graduate, retired U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Jerry D. Humble, is the director of Tennessee's Office of Homeland Security.

In addition to these examples of individual achievement and accomplish-

ment, Western's ROTC program has produced several squads that have garnered national recognition for excellence as well.

- Western's ROTC Rifle Team won six consecutive National ROTC Rifle Matches sponsored by the War Department from 1928 to 1933.

- The Rebelettes, a female drill team sponsored by the Pershing Rifle Company were selected as National Champions in 1967, 1973, and 1975 in university exhibition drill competitions.

- In 1983, the Pershing Rifles Company and Rebelettes were retired, but were replaced by the Organization of the Red Knights who continued the excellence in drill and ceremonies, presentation of the official colors, and demonstration of the highest standards of military bearing within the Corps of Cadets.

Even today, Western's military science program is thriving and providing tomorrow's military leaders today. At the May 2003 commencement exercises, ten Army ROTC cadets were commissioned as second lieutenants and 56 WKU students were recognized as serving in active duty.

As Dr. Gary Ransdell, President of Western Kentucky University says, "Western Kentucky University is proud of its Army ROTC program. ROTC at Western shares with the University a rich history and a tradition of excellence. Leadership, academic performance, and self-discipline are the traits most often exhibited by Western students who participate in ROTC. These students set a high standard for the Western student body."



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