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A photograph of a snowy campus scene. In the foreground, a large tree with snow-laden branches stands on the left. A paved walkway with a black metal railing runs along the right side, where two people are walking away from the camera. In the background, a large, multi-story building is visible under a bright, overcast sky. The ground is covered in a layer of snow.

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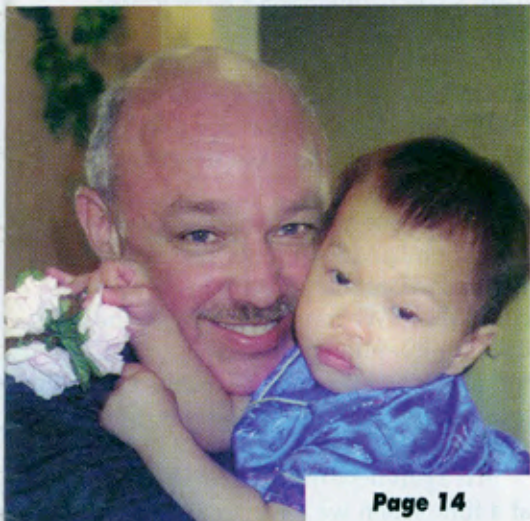
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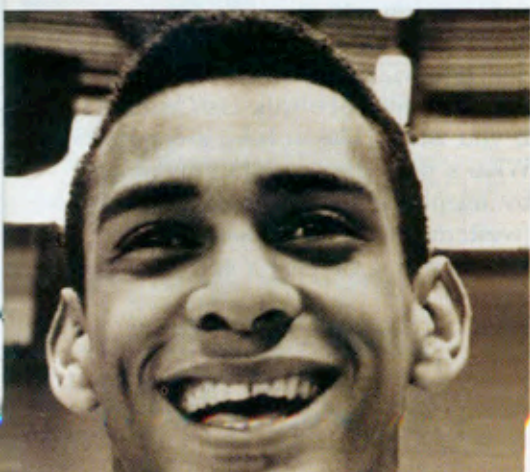
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Stephanie Cosby (left), a senior from Greenville, Kentucky, is congratulated by WKU Alumni Association President Wendell Strode after being named the 1998 Homecoming Queen.



Hilltoppers from across the country gather at the Festival of Friends Tailgate Party on the South Lawn of the Downing University Center. Over 5,000 people attended the Festival this year. Highlights included over 25 tents set-up to host receptions and parties for student organizations and WKU departments, live music, a pig roast and games for kids.



Western quarterback Willie Taggart (#1) rushes for several of his 163 yards during the Homecoming game against Elon College. The Toppers won the game 24-21, and finished another outstanding season with a record of 7-4. Taggart moved into the record books this season by becoming the NCAA Division I all-time career rushing leader for quarterbacks.

Fraternity members from Omega Psi Phi present their winning form during the 1998 Homecoming Step Show. The Omegas won the fraternity division and Alpha Kappa Alpha won the sorority division. The Step Show is sponsored by the National Panhellenic Council, and the event drew over 2,800 people to Diddle Arena on Saturday evening after the Homecoming football game.



WKU Athletic Director Lewis Mills glances up for some last minutes instructions before drawing the winner of a 1998 Corvette in the annual Hilltopper Athletic Foundation Corvette Raffle. The winner was Betty Lou Lunsford. This annual event helps raise over \$100,000 for Hilltopper athletic programs.

Photos by Stuart Burrill

Professor Joe Cangemi teaches "Life 101"

by James S. Edelen, Print Journalism senior, Shelbyville, KY

Psychology professor Joe Cangemi likes to tell people he teaches his students lessons from the fictitious college course, Life 101. In fact, the 62-year-old smiling Italian from Syracuse, New York insists the message he conveys to his students in and out of the classroom hasn't changed in 30 years.

Before beginning his career with the Department of Psychology in 1968, Cangemi committed himself to ten years of work in the business sector so that he would be better prepared to serve students one day as a university professor. He said the decision was a result of his educational experiences both as a graduate and doctoral student and through the guidance of several influential teachers and their expertise outside the classroom.

Throughout 30 years of amazing work as a teacher and as a private leadership consultant to numerous *Fortune* 500 companies around the world, Cangemi has been able to use private sector case studies, guest speakers and large doses of humor to inform his students about the world of work. To be sure, Cangemi's commitment to mixing textbook theory and "real" world experiences as a teacher has proven to be an impeccable combination.

In 1979 and again in 1991 Cangemi was awarded the *Excellence in Productive Teaching Award* from the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences as testament to his expertise and his ability to communicate with students. In 1987 Cangemi received the *Excellence in Research/Creativity Award* from the College and was honored campus-wide in 1983 when he received the Western Kentucky University *Dis-*

tinguished Public Service Award.

But how has this former collegiate basketball coach been able to effectively translate success and longevity in the private sector into academic accolades and staggering popularity on the Hill?

Associate professor John Bruni, a department colleague and 10-year friend, said he believes Cangemi's pursuit of professional work opportunities before his arrival at Western has made all the difference. Bruni



Joe Cangemi

said Cangemi brought a real source of unique experience with him to the department in 1968 and that his work continues to add to his prestige.

"There are not many people here in the department who can bridge the gap between the work-a-day-world and the campus community," he said. "Joe's work and his perception does."

Whether bridging the gap or touching students individually, he's been successful. Jason Gregory, a junior from Hendersonville, Tenn., said his experience in the classroom with Cangemi has taught him about respect for himself and others. The speech communication major said Cangemi has a unique way of taking knowledge and applying it on every level so students understand its importance. Most notable, he said, was

Cangemi's way of forging friendships with students and encouraging their best efforts.

Psychology professor Bill Pfohl agrees. He said his 20 year friendship with Cangemi has convinced him that there are very few like him. Pfohl said Cangemi's expertise has brought the Western community a tremendous amount of positive visibility and notoriety throughout his tenure. He said both the students and faculty on the Hill are able to benefit from his work.

Cangemi is quick to point out that much of his good fortune has come from the freedom he has had at Western and specifically, the freedom given by department head John O'Connor. The two first met in 1975 when O'Connor took the helm and have since enjoyed both friendship and a professional relationship.

O'Connor said Cangemi's enthusiasm for the job has always been infectious and he and all of the faculty have learned from his classroom technique. "He's a believer in people and what people can do," he said. "Joe never having been here would have robbed the department and Western Kentucky University of one of the best teachers around."

Clearly the good will and good fortune of Joe Cangemi can be explained by those he touches. His peers agree that he is singular in his capacity to teach and his students admit that it is a privilege to receive his personal attention.

Or maybe Joe Cangemi's life and career can best be described by his pride, his love of life and an old saying attributed to Confucius: "Get a job you want and you'll never have to work."

Gifts will Provide Endowed Professorship

James L. "Bud" Layne of Glasgow has pledged \$500,000 to Western Kentucky University to create an endowed professorship in the Department of Engineering Technology. And his gift will be matched by the Regional University Excellence Trust Fund, which was created with the passage of the Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997.

A \$1 million endowment will be created, and Western is among the first universities to take advantage of the Regional University Excellence Trust Fund.

"Endowments are the way of ensuring that the University will continue in perpetuity, and the Kentucky General Assembly has wisely chosen to provide the public universities with incentives for creating endowments to support key faculty positions," said WKU President Gary Ransdell at a press conference in Glasgow held to announce the gift.

"Bud Layne's gift not only allows us to create the professorship and take advantage of the state matching funding, but he also sets the perfect example of how others can profoundly impact the education of our future workforce," he said.

The James L. "Bud" Layne Professor of Mechanical Engineering Technology will attract and support a quality faculty member committed to providing a bridge to industry and developing student projects.

"The Layne Professor will provide professional direction for student project development," said Dr. John Russell, head of the Department of Engineering Technology.

"The professor will ensure that

the students of the mechanical and electro-mechanical engineering technology programs will experience a high quality and unique curriculum and will provide leadership and promote the importance of additional industry support for the engineering technology programs."

“We have a long-term interest in developing a strong mechanical engineering technology program at Western”

Layne, chief executive officer of Span Tech in Glasgow, said such partnerships are essential to the economic development of the region.

"We have a long-term interest in developing a strong mechanical engineering technology program at Western," he said, adding that his firm has hired several WKU engineering graduates. "I believe in the school and I believe in the program."

Layne has been a long-term supporter of the program. In 1997, he pledged more than \$200,000 to create another endowment to support the programs.

Layne said the matching money from the trust fund was a factor in his decision to create the endowment.

"You get to double your money," he said.

Tom Hiles, vice president for Development and Alumni Affairs, said: "Bud Layne has played a leadership role in the establishment of the WKU Foundation and continues to participate in a number of volunteer roles. This gift once again points to Bud as a role model in supporting Western."

The endowment will be administered by the WKU Foundation.



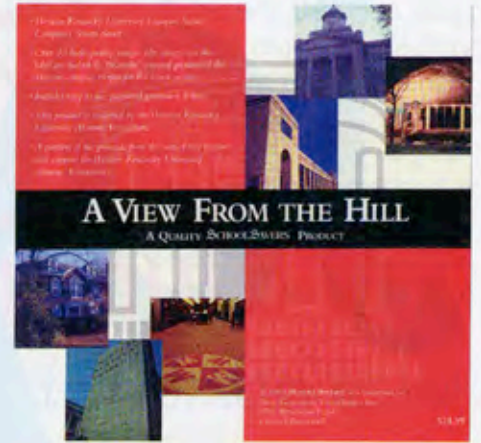
(L to R) Pete Mahurin, Chairman of WKU Foundation, Gary Ransdell President of Western Kentucky University, and James L. "Bud" Layne.

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Joy *the* of Our Lives

by Ellen and Sean Keeney

My husband, Sean, the Western grad, and I would like to share with our fellow Hilltoppers the story of the most wonderful chapter of our life together.

On March 8, 1998, a beautiful 16-month-old girl, named Li Jun Yuan, was placed into our arms, in a hotel room at the Majestic Hotel in Nanning, China. Previous to this unbelievably exciting experience, we had been trying for many years to have a child on our own, and with the help of fertility specialists. We had both entered our fourth decade and decided that adoption was the answer to making the dream of having our own child come true. But we also found out that trying to adopt in this country once you are over 40 is very difficult.

We began networking with a local adoption support group and other individuals we knew of who had and were adopting from China and gathered information on several agencies until we found the right one for us. We chose a wonderful agency out of Portland, OR, called Cascade International Children's Services.

From the moment we called them in May, 1996, to submitting our offi-

cial application with them on July 8, 1996, to our homestudy which took place in August 1996 until as late as February 1997 we were requesting, completing and sending out mounds of paperwork. We had to write our biography, accumulate some home photos, obtain several certified copies of our birth certificates and our marriage certificate, make copies of



our income tax statement and bank statements, and get notarized copies of our financial statement, three personal letters of reference, employment verifications, and medical health verifications.

We had to be fingerprinted by our local police department (including my in-laws as members of the household)-my mother-in-law's came back after several weeks indicating they were smudged and they had to be redone. We were all checked out by the local and state police, the HRS Child Abuse Registry, and the FBI. I'm sure there is no other procedure that required as extensive a background check as adoption does, and especially international adoption. Many of these documents went to the INS, the Florida Department of State for Authentication (when my

birth certificates which I obtained from the local Health Department arrived with my other documents, I found out I had to get a new set from Jacksonville, - the local ones weren't signed by the proper authority), and all of these papers had to go to the Chinese Consulate in Texas for further approvals.

Sean's birth certificates had to be obtained from New York (what an ordeal that was) and were processed through the New York State Department of Chinese Consulate in New York. Eventually all the paperwork ended up at our agency in Portland. By the time all this was done, we could have been considered contributing supporters of the U.S. Postal Service.

Once our social worker completed the write up of our homestudy, which took until December 1996 (the longest known time to write up a homestudy in the history of adoptions, so we were told by everybody), she sent a copy to INS (the long version). We received our INS approval on Dec. 30, 1996 and what a glorious New Year's celebration for us. INS notified the Chinese government and sent our first round of paperwork to China and on Jan. 27, 1997, a letter was issued to us with our official case number. After translating the abbreviated version of our homestudy and



other documents, our agency sent the second round of our paperwork to China in February 1997.

At this point our paperwork got caught up in a reorganization of the whole adoption process in China. It wasn't until Dec. 30, 1997 (a year to the day after our INS approval) that we received our referral of Li Jun over the phone. On Jan. 5, 1998, we went to UPS to pick up the package the agency had sent us with her picture and paperwork. What an emotional moment! I broke down in tears and Sean was stunned and joyous. It would be two more months of completing additional paperwork, getting ready for the trip to pick her up, and waiting!

We left Ft. Lauderdale International Airport at 6 a.m. on March 5, 1998 and flew for about 24 hours with two layovers to get to Beijing. Li Jun, it had been decided, would be renamed Michelle Irene and later we added a second middle name June to Americanize a part of her Chinese name. We spent a day and a half sightseeing in Beijing, all the while thinking of the moment we would get our precious baby. I think we were both in a state of semi-shock when she was handed to us, but all our parental instincts kicked in and we just started helping each other figure things out. Another woman in our group had some experience with babies and helped us out, too.

Every day we are thankful for having this beautiful child. Michelle has brought so much joy into our lives. Our dogs also think it's great to have someone to clean up after - picking up spilled food is certainly not a problem in our household.

We continue to meet more families with children from China and more who are just starting the process. We would be more than happy to share our

experience and information with any other Hilltoppers who may be interested in adopting from China. One of the few requirements the Chinese government places is that you must be over 35, and to request a healthy child you must be childless. There are special needs children available as well, who often have very correctable problems. We can be reached at our home in North Lauderdale any evening or weekend at (954) 721-4403. If you are interested, we would love to hear from you!

*"Every day we are thankful
for having
this beautiful child."*



Private giving surpasses \$4 million

Private giving at Western topped the \$4 million mark during 1997-98.

Total private giving to Western was \$4.27 million for 1997-98, compared to \$3.045 million for 1996-97, according to Tom Hiles, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations.

Hiles said the increase can be attributed to a couple of factors, including the excitement over the appointment of Dr. Gary Ransdell as president, a more dedicated and systematic effort by the major gifts officers and a strong alumni program.

"We're very encouraged by the trendline of these numbers," Hiles said. "This is a fairly significant increase from last year. We're even more optimistic for the future because of some individuals who have stepped forward and provided six- and seven-figure support even before we have finalized our strategic plan and gone public with some of those initiatives."

Hiles said some of those major commitments will be paid over time and are not reflected in the current totals.

"We're also optimistic because we have a president who has been out in the community and out among our friends and constituents talking about his vision for Western's future," Hiles said. "So we will be able to build on that conversation and be able to articulate some of the interests and needs for the University."

Hiles said there will continue to be a push in the University's development effort. The five-year plan calls for increasing the University's endowment to \$50 million from its current \$20 million; increasing annual giving from \$4 million to \$10 million; increasing the number of endowed professorships from two to 25 or more and increasing alumni giving from 16 percent to 20 percent.

"We are currently taking the University's strategic plan and beginning to translate that into a document that we would be able to present through our constituencies, talk with them about Western wants to be into the next century," Hiles said. "So I'm very excited about building a financial base of support that will ensure quality programs and curriculum into the next century."

\$1 million gift to fund endowment for gifted studies program and scholarships

A \$1 million gift from an anonymous donor to Western will fund an endowment for the University's Gifted Studies Program and scholarships for local students.

The gift, which will be paid over the next 11 years, will fund several annual scholarships. The remainder will be placed in the Gifted Studies Program Endowment, which will begin to provide immediate income for programmatic support.

"This gift ensures permanency of the Gifted Studies Program at Western and will allow it to continue to be the premier program in the Commonwealth," said WKU President Gary Ransdell.

"The Gifted Studies Program is one of those programs that makes Western distinctive and it defines our priority

for academic achievement and enhancement of intellectual capacity," he said. "This gift will help encourage the best and brightest students to participate in this program and others to support it in like fashion."

He added that the donor is primarily interested in academic excellence.

Dr. Julia Link Roberts, director of the Center for Gifted Studies, said income from the endowment will be used to enhance the Center's programming.

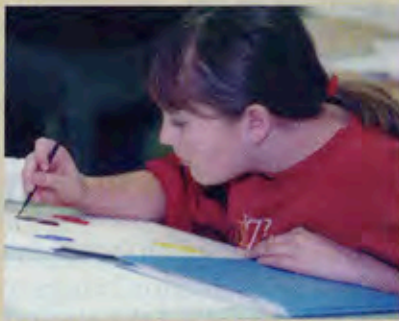
"Today is a wonderful day for the Center for Gifted Studies and for its future at Western," Dr. Roberts said. "This endowment will ensure our future as well as a continuation and expansion of the Center for Gifted Studies."



Programs offered by the Center for Gifted Studies, like the Super Saturday Seminars, will benefit from a \$1 million gift from an anonymous donor. The gift will be used to establish an endowment for the Center.

The WKU Foundation will administer the endowment and the scholarship funds.

The Center has provided educational services for gifted children, their parents and educators for 17 years under Dr. Roberts' direction. The vision for the Center is to increase services for gifted children, youth and adults in order to improve the quality of life



within Kentucky and throughout the nation.

The Center provides a variety of programs, including Saturday seminars and summer opportunities for students and educators. More than 10,000 students and educators have participated in on-campus programs offered by the Center.

In addition, the Center provides services to schools across the Commonwealth and beyond.

Jazz performance education program

Western alums Lively and Frances Wilson have started a \$3,000 annual gift to the jazz performance education program.

Frances Hildreth-Wilson ('47) majored in music and grew up in Smiths Grove. Lively Wilson ('48) majored in English and grew up in Bowling Green.

The gift will go toward travel and other expenses related to the WKU Jazz Band.

"It will give us an opportunity to do a lot of things," said Marshall Scott, director of the jazz education program.

Scott said it will make it possible to bring in guest artists, tour high schools and buy equipment when needed.

"Jazz is a unique American art form. Both listening and playing have given me a great deal of satisfaction," Frances Hildreth-Wilson said. "We wanted to share that experience with others."

WKU receives donation for scholarships

Western has will receive \$57,000 from the United States Tobacco Manufacturing Company Inc. for a scholarship program for the children of families of dark tobacco producers.

The check was presented to Dr. Ray Johnson, interim head of Western's Agriculture Department, by Gary Cadd, vice president of United States Tobacco Manufacturing Company.

Dr. Johnson said United States Tobacco Manufacturing's effort "has encouraged our faculty to concentrate more recruiting efforts in those counties where dark tobacco is grown, has stimulated interest among our students and improved the attitude towards tobacco, and even encouraged our department to offer a course

in tobacco production this spring semester which has an enrollment of 33 students."

According to Cadd, the company is enthusiastic about the prospect of providing scholarships to the children of tobacco farmers.

"This money will provide the opportunity for men and women to develop and strengthen their voice and skills as they prepare to meet the challenge to agriculture in the 21st century," Cadd said.



Kristi Beth Costellow

Logan County student receives first Shaver scholarship

A 1998 graduate of Logan County (KY) High School is the first recipient of the Clyde Lehman Shaver Memorial Scholarship at Western.

Kristi Beth Costellow of Russellville will use the \$1,000 scholarship to major in elementary education at Western. She is the daughter of Kenny and Jane Costellow.

The scholarship is in memory of Mrs. Shaver, a Logan County native, WKU graduate and well-respected teacher in Henderson. Born Clyde Covington Lehman, she attended Western until 1933 when she married John Wesley Shaver and moved to Henderson. She was widowed in 1950 and she continued to raise their three children.

Because she valued education, she returned to Bowling Green in 1958 and completed her degree in elementary education in 1959.

The scholarship, awarded annually to a student in Logan or Henderson counties, celebrates Mrs. Shaver's love for education and for Western. Recipients must possess personal qualities of honesty, initiative, integrity, vision and perception for leadership, compassion for others and sensitivity to the earth, awareness of diversity and openness to change as well as demonstrated academic success.

The endowment, created within the WKU Foundation, was established by friends and family. Principal benefactors include Ronald G. and Dr. Anne C. Sheffer (Mrs. Shaver's daughter) of Louisville and Ed Adler of Clarkston, Mich.

Eight Hilltopper Greats Elected To The Athletic Hall Of Fame

Eight former Western athletes have been elected as the eighth class for induction into the WKU Athletic Hall of Fame. The 1998 class includes — **Raymond "Rip" Gish** (basketball), **Rick Green** (football), **Terry Hassall** (tennis), **Gene Rhodes** (basketball and baseball), **Marvin Satterly** (football), **Greg Smith** (basketball), **Art Spoelstra** (basketball and baseball) and **Kami Thomas (Howard)** (basketball). Their selection brings to 69 the number of former Western athletes and coaches who have earned berths in the school's Athletic Hall of Fame. The 1998 class was inducted at the Hall of Fame Dinner Sept. 18.



Raymond "Rip" Gish lettered three seasons (1949, '50 and '51) on the hardwood for the Hilltoppers, earning All-America honors as a senior in 1951. The three Hilltopper basketball teams he lettered on posted an overall record of 69-20, going 25-4 in 1949, 25-6 in '50 and 19-10 in '51. He helped the Toppers earn berths in two NITs (1949 and '50) and the 16.3 scoring averaged he recorded as a senior in 1951 was, at the time, the third highest season mark ever for a Hilltopper. As a senior, he averaged a school record 15.5 rebounds a game, a Hilltopper standard that stands today as the oldest individual record in the WKU books. Gish lives in Valdosta, GA.



Rick Green, a linebacker, was a part of some of the best Western football teams ever, helping his four varsity teams win 37 of 46 games, two Ohio Valley Conference championships and two Grantland Rice Bowl titles en route to earning berths in the NCAA-II national championship game in both 1973 and 1975. Green led the Toppers in tackles in both 1974 and 1975. He still holds Hilltopper season and career records for both total stops (213 and 540, re-

spectively) and unassisted tackles (131 and 317). A two-time All-America pick (1974 and '75) and a member of the recently selected OVC All-Half-Century Team, he played on three defensive units ('73-75) that gave up an average of just 9.4 points per game. Green lives in Charleston, S.C.



Terry Hassall ranks as one of the most dominate tennis athletes ever to play on the Hill, earning three letters and Ohio Valley Conference Player-of-the-Year honors twice (1970 and '71). For his efforts, he was honored as one of four former Topper athletes on the 12-man OVC All-Half-Century Team selected earlier this year. The three Topper tennis teams he led posted a combined record of 55-7 in double matches, going 19-1 in both 1968 and 1971 and winning 17 of 22 matches in 1970. All three of those teams won OVC championships as well. Hassall is currently the head professional/athletic director at the Merion Cricket Club in Haverford, PA.; the oldest true racquets club in the nation.



Gene Rhode was an outstanding two-sport athlete on the Hill, helped lead the Hilltoppers to three OVC basketball

championships (1949, '50 and '52 — all three earning berths in the NIT) and the school's first OVC baseball title (1952). He was the winning pitcher in the title game of the '52 OVC baseball tournament. Rhodes led the '51-52 Toppers with a school record 182 assists, a mark that stood for 32 years. His four Western basketball teams went 95-25. He later played pro basketball with the Indianapolis Olympians. After a successful high school coaching career, he returned to the Hill as an assistant basketball coach (1964-68) before putting in three seasons as head coach of the Kentucky Colonels of the ABA. Rhodes lives in Louisville.



Marvin Satterly, a dominant lineman who played on both offense and defense, is one of only four athletes in Western's 34 years as a member of the OVC to earn All-Conference recognition three times (1951-53) and was named to the OVC's All-Half-Century Team last spring. The four Hilltopper teams he played on went 25-12-3 and won both the school's first OVC championship and first bowl game (1952). An All-America selection as a senior and the captain of the '53 Hilltoppers, he went on to enjoy a successful business career in the Louisville area. He passed away in January 1998.



Art Spoelstra

was an outstanding basketball and baseball athlete for the Hilltoppers in the early 1950s, earning All-America honors on the hardwood in 1953 and '54. A three-time All-OVC pick (1952-54) at center, he helped lead the Toppers to three 20-win seasons (80-14 overall), three OVC titles and three appearances in the NIT. He scored 1,510 career points (still 10th best among all Hilltoppers) and averaged 16.4 points an outing (still the ninth best career scoring average for a Western cager). The 52 points he scored against Morehead State in December, 1953, was the first 50-point game for a Kentucky collegian and still ranks as the second best single game total in the WKU record books. He resides in Evansville, IN.



Greg Smith

lettered three seasons (1965-66 through '67-68) on some of the finest basketball teams ever on the Hill, earning All-OVC honors twice (1966 and '67). Those teams won 66 of 79 games and two OVC titles (1966 and '67 — both NCAA tournament teams). He posted five 20-plus rebounding games and averaged 11.8 boards a game for his career (still the sixth best average in the WKU record books). Following his stellar career on the Hill, he enjoyed an eight-year stint in the NBA, playing with the Milwaukee Bucks (1968-72), the Houston Rockets (1971-72) and the Portland Trail Blazers (1972-76). He won an NBA championship while with the Bucks. He resides in the Portland, OR., area.



Kami Thomas (Howard)

was a key member of the most successful women's basketball teams ever at Western, helping her four teams win 103 of 131 games, making two trips to the NCAA Final Four. As a senior, her Lady Toppers totaled the highest number of victories ever for a WKU cage team, going

32-4. She still ranks among the Lady Toppers' top five in nine categories, including points scored (1,796 — the second highest total ever for a Lady Topper) and games started (she's second on that list as well with 120). She averaged 14.0 points per game for her career and her assists total (335) still ranks seventh in the WKU record books. She is currently the head coach of the Lady Raiders at Warren East High School in Bowling Green.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Nov. 6 Lithuania (exhibition) / 7 p.m.
 - 9 Sports Tours (exhibition) / 7:30 p.m.
 - 13-14 at Florida International Tour, Miami, Fla.
 - 13 WKU vs. Mount St. Mary / tba
 - 14 WKU vs. Howard / tba
 - 19 Austin Peay / 7 p.m.
 - 22 at Iowa / 2 p.m.
 - 27 at Indiana / 7:30 p.m.
 - 29 Middle Tennessee / 2:30 p.m.
 - Dec. 2 Tennessee Tech / 7 p.m.
 - 4-6 at Northwestern Tournament, Evanston, Ill.
 - 4 vs. Maine, Ohio or Northwestern
 - 5 vs. Maine, Ohio or Northwestern
 - 10 Wisconsin / 7 p.m.
 - 20 Southern California / 2:30 p.m.
 - 31 at Vanderbilt / 2:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 4 at Florida International / tba *
 - 7 at Miami (Fla.) / 7 p.m.
 - 14 at New Orleans / 7 p.m. *
 - 16 at Southwestern Louisiana / 7:05 p.m. *
 - 23 Louisiana Tech / 7 p.m. *
 - 30 Arkansas State / 7 p.m. *
 - Feb. 6 Southwestern Louisiana / 7 p.m. *
 - 8 Belmont / 7 p.m.
 - 11 at South Alabama / tba *
 - 13 New Orleans / 7 p.m. *
 - 18 Florida International / 7 p.m. *
 - 20 at Louisiana Tech / tba *
 - 25 at Arkansas State / tba *
 - 27 South Alabama / 7 p.m. *
 - March 4-6 at Sun Belt Tournament, Jonesboro, Ark.
- * Sun Belt Conference game / all times Central

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Nov. 7 tba (exhibition) / 7 p.m.
 - 10 tba (exhibition) / 7 p.m.
 - 14 at Evansville / tba
 - 18 at Virginia Commonwealth / tba
 - 22 at Louisville / tba
 - 25 Akron / 8 p.m.
 - 30 Belmont / 7 p.m.
 - Dec. 3 Middle Tennessee (Nashville) / tba
 - 5 Alabama at Birmingham / 7 p.m.
 - 8 at Butler / tba
 - 19 at Murray State / tba
 - 22 Southern Illinois / 7 p.m.
 - 29-30 at All-College Tour. Oklahoma City
 - 29 Oral Roberts vs. Cal Poly-SLO
 - WKU vs. Oklahoma
 - 30 consolation championship
 - Jan. 9 New Orleans / 7 p.m. *
 - 12 at Florida International / tba *
 - 16 Southwestern Louisiana / 7 p.m. *
 - 21 Arkansas State / 7 p.m. *
 - 23 at South Alabama / tba *
 - 28 at Arkansas-Little Rock / 7:05 p.m. *
 - 30 at Arkansas State / tba
 - Feb. 2 Florida International / 7 p.m. *
 - 4 Louisiana Tech / 7 p.m. *
 - 6 at Southwestern Louisiana / tba *
 - 10 Arkansas-Little Rock / 8 p.m. *
 - 13 at Louisiana Tech / tba *
 - 18 at New Orleans / 7:35 p.m. *
 - 20 South Alabama / 7 p.m. *
 - 27-March 2 at Sun Belt Tour., Lafayette, La.
- * Sun Belt Conference game / all times Central

Challenging the Spirit



On July 31, the WKU Board of Regents embraced three important initiatives that will provide the framework to guide our thinking as we embark on a transformational course at Western.

Challenging the Spirit, a strategic plan which establishes our priorities and goals for the next five years, the approval of peer institutions with which Western will compare itself, and finalization of the University's first program of distinction, have charted a distinct course for future initiatives at Western.

The strategic plan focuses on five categories: 1) increased student learning; 2) developing the student body; 3) assuring high quality faculty and staff; 4) enhancing responsiveness to constituents; and 5) improving institutional effectiveness. The plan will guide our actions between now and the summer of 2003. Our goal is for Western to strengthen its position as the best comprehensive university in Kentucky and to emerge among the best in the nation.

The plan also clarifies WKU's mission to produce globally competitive graduates and to be of service to our constituents. The goals and objectives included in the plan are ambitious,

distinctive and relevant to the desires expressed by our alumni, students, faculty, staff and other constituents which we serve. It is our desire that the plan actively influence decisions, motivate efforts and assist us in the channeling of resources.

Challenging the Spirit is designed to encourage us to break away from our counterproductive habits, experiment with new approaches, dismantle bureaucratic barriers, nurture our expectations of ambition and represents a commitment to achieve national distinction for Western.

The strategic plan is ambitious and includes performance indicators to define those outcomes which we will achieve during the next five years. One of the ways to measure our progress is to identify a group of institutions with which we compare our academic and administrative performance. We have pinpointed 10 institutions with which we will draw our comparisons over the next several years:

- Appalachian State University (North Carolina);
- Ball State University (Indiana);
- East Carolina University (North Carolina);
- Indiana State University;
- James Madison University (Virginia);
- Marshall University (West Virginia);
- Miami University (Ohio);
- Middle Tennessee State University;
- Southern Illinois University; and
- Truman State University (Missouri).

The Council on Postsecondary Education will continue to have benchmarks for state comparisons and the Southern Regional Education Board will assess comparisons with regional universities. It is our intent at Western, however, to think national and compare, for our own purposes, our performance to a collection of nationally recognized institutions.

The Board of Regents also heard a report on the approval by the Council on Postsecondary Education of WKU's

initial program of distinction. The recognition of programs of distinction is an outgrowth of the Higher Education Reform Act of 1997. WKU's first program includes a combination of disciplines throughout the life and physical sciences and represents a significant impact on the quality of life throughout the state and area. The Applied Research and Technology Program will incorporate an applied research dimension into the learning experience of both graduate and undergraduate science and technology students and will work with 10 applied research centers to address "real-world" problems identified by external constituents of the university. The units included in the program include WKU's Agricultural Research and Education Complex; Applied Physics Institute; Center for Cave and Karst Studies; Kentucky Climate Center; Materials Characterization Laboratories; Applied Technology Transfer Center; Biodiversity Center; Biotechnology Center; Environmental, Health, and Safety Resource Laboratory; and the Technical Assistance Center for Water Quality.

These programs involve an optimum number of students and represent dramatic enhancements to our core curriculum. We have indicated to the CPE our intention to request approval for our second program of distinction, journalism and communications, next year.

It is a privilege to be part of Western at a time when we have an extraordinary opportunity to define our goals and achieve new heights. I am confident you will be proud of what we all desire Western to be in the 21st Century. If you would like to have a copy of WKU's plan, please contact my office by telephone (502-745-4346), E-mail (western@wku.edu), or mail (1 Big Red Way, Bowling Green, KY 42101).

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A Message from Wendell K. Strode President, WKU Alumni Association

The privilege of serving as the president of the WKU Alumni Association inspires great excitement and a humble heart for me. Like many others



have said, Western is indeed a special place. It is special to the Strode family, with 35 of us having attended Western, 24 having graduated and six currently on the Hill. Western has given so much to us that I look forward to giving back by serving in

this role.

As much as I look forward to helping Western, I am equally excited about what we can accomplish through our Alumni Association. To paraphrase Dr. Ransdell, the strength of

Western lies in the combined energies of our alumni. If asked to name one goal for the next year for the Alumni Association, it would be that we touch each alumnus in a manner that rekindles a fire of Western spirit that burns so brightly that others see, hear and feel Western Kentucky University. Let us all unite in support of our University and demonstrate a communion of both spirit and tangible action that lifts Western to new heights.

The spark from this fire can only be passed on when you get involved with us and share the exciting things going on in the Alumni Association with others. Please share with us your thoughts and ideas on how together we can move Western forward. Again, I am honored, excited and humbled to serve as your alumni president and look forward to working with each of you.

A group of Music Alumni had a reunion in July at the University Plaza Hotel in Bowling Green. The group had a wonderful time of fellowship and renewing friendships. They have demonstrated their continued interest by joining in giving support to the development of the Nelle Gooch Travelstead Scholarship Fund and the Howard Carpenter String and Piano Scholarship Fund, as perpetual trusts within the College Heights Foundation.



Spring/Summer 1998
ALUMNI CLUB EVENTS

The wonderful examples of WKU Spirit that permeate the Alumni Clubs continued to remind a lot of your fellow alums throughout the Spring and Summer what an outstanding honor it is to be a Hilltopper!

April

April 23 proved to be a popular night for Alumni Club steering committees to meet! The **Four County (KY) Club** met at the Briarpatch Restaurant in Owensboro to discuss its 1997-98 events and plan for 1998-99. In addition, the **Greater Louisville Young Alumni** group met at Panera Bread in St. Matthews Mall and made plans for a summer barbecue and to join the general alumni group for their Spring Day at the Races in May.

The **Northern Kentucky Young Alums**, led by Sarah Cottongim ('96), had an inaugural meeting at Brewworks in Covington. They planned some informal get-togethers at summer park concerts and to join their general alumni group for a "Welcome to Western" picnic for area incoming freshman in July.

May

The **Greater Nashville and Warren County (KY) Alumni Clubs** combined their efforts to join President Gary Ransdell as he through out the first pitch at *WKU Night at the Nashville Sounds* on May 1. Nearly 100 alums, faculty, staff and Hilltopper Athletic Foundation supporters gathered for a pre-game barbeque and watched the Blues Brothers and human bowling between some great innings of minor league baseball at Greer Stadium.

On Saturday, May 2, the Alumni Association staff jumped in the van and rolled down I-24 to annual **Atlanta Alumni Club** Kentucky Derby Party. President Gerald Fudge ('63) hosted yet another fabulous bash with barbecue and the finest mint juleps in the entire Peach state, mixed

by none other than those veteran cold drinks managers, Jim ('82) and Angie ('81, '86) Davis.

Although everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and left modest winners in the annual pool, the highlight of the day may have been watching Alumni Association Interim Director Donald Smith and Annual Fund Assistant Scott Self slay the visiting snake who thought the barbecue smelled good, too!

The **Christian County (KY) Alumni Club** steering committee reorganized and met on May 14 at Latham's Grill in Hopkinsville. The group hopes to increase its profile and the profile of Western in the Hopkinsville area. The first event on their calendar was a picnic at Club Coordinator Chip Miles' ('70) home on August 13 with President Gary Ransdell in attendance.

Thursday, May 21 the **Warren County (KY) Alumni Club** and the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation co-hosted a Red Towel Dinner to welcome new head men's basketball coach, Dennis Felton, to WKU. More than 200 alums and supporters heard Coach Felton discuss his philosophies on recruiting, discipline, and winning.

The **Greater Louisville Alumni Club** hosted its annual Spring Day at the Races on May 23 at Churchill Downs. Nearly 400 alums enjoyed a perfect spring day and hobnobbed with both President Ransdell and Coach Felton.

The **Barren County (KY) Alumni Club** had an inaugural steering committee meeting at Bolton's Landing on May 28. The group, led by President Amy Newberry Shipley

('91, '94), focused on supporting the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation's Big Red Corvette Raffle and planning a Barren County Pep Rally on Oct. 20 as a part of the WKU Homecoming Festival.

June

Larry ('55) and Betty Sue French hosted the final **Heartland Alumni Club** steering committee meeting for Larry's term as president on June 8. The group finalized plans for its "Welcome to Western" picnic on July 28 and continued to plan for their student recruitment night on Sept. 22.

Representatives from seven alumni clubs attended C.A.M.P (Club and Alumni Management Program) the weekend of June 12 and 13. (See adjacent story.)

July

The **Northern Kentucky Alumni Club's** annual "Welcome to Western" picnic was July 13 at President Bev Furnish Humphrey's home in Park Hills. President Ransdell was the special guest at the event which allowed WKU incoming freshman to interact with returning students and alumni from their home area.

As you can see, the alumni clubs continually strive to be wonderful examples of "The Spirit Makes the Master" in their communities. For club information in your area, call Ameer Meyers at 1-888-WKU-ALUM, email at amee.meyers@wku.edu or download the website at www.wku.edu/Alumni/clubs/index.html

C.A.M.P. '98 Cookin' Up the Spirit

The WKU Alumni Association's annual volunteer training weekend—C.A.M.P. (Club and Alumni Training Program)—took place on Western's campus June 12-13. Representatives from eight alumni clubs, including Greater Louisville, Greater Nashville, Emerald Coast (FL), Houston, and Central Indiana, traveled to learn about the volunteer opportunities and organizational dynamics of WKU Alumni Clubs.

In planning club activities, the Alumni Association encourages volunteer leaders to use local resources and events as catalysts for creativity. So in planning for C.A.M.P. '98, the Alumni Association staff practiced what they preached. Duncan Hines was born and died in Bowling Green, and local tourism officials have created a festival in his name to bring recognition to one of Bowling Green/Warren County's favorite and most famous sons. The Duncan Hines Festival happened to be planned for the same weekend as C.A.M.P. '98. Thus the theme "Cookin' Up the Spirit: Your Recipe for Award Winning Alumni Club Success" was born.

WKU Alumni Association Executive Director Gene Crume and Board President Rick Wilson opened the weekend and greeted the group on Friday afternoon. The training sessions began soon after with Ameer Meyers, coordinator of alumni programming, leading the volunteers in discussions surrounding the newly-designed volunteer manual and alumni network. After a short break, Crume led a session on leadership titled, "Forget the Recipe...the Chef Makes the Difference."

The volunteers then went to the Academic Complex for *The Big Red Bake-Off*. Four teams of three volunteers chopped and stirred and mixed some fabulous creations that were used as dessert for "Dinner in the President's Outback." President and Mrs. Ransdell served as judges for the Blue Ribbon competition and

Team 1—Bev and Lee Humphrey from Northern Kentucky, Andy Gregory from Central Indiana and Amos Gott from Warren County—took the prize with their Topper Trifle!!

Saturday began with a session on student recruitment activities led by Dr. Luther Hughes, associate vice president for Academic Affairs for Enrollment Management, and Sharon Dyrson, director of Academic Services and Admissions. Then Director of Planned Giving Ron Beck, and Director of Annual Giving Donald Smith, spoke to the group on the many ways alumni club volunteers could assist the university with its fundraising goals.

After a side trip to the Kentucky

Museum, the group enjoyed "Lunch at the Hilltop Cafe" on the Fine Arts Center colonnade lawn.

The weekend concluded with a session on the alumni volunteers interaction with the WKU website for publicity and information and a roundtable discussion on event ideas, volunteer identification and resource maximization.

Perhaps Bill Brown, co-president of the Emerald Coast (FL) Alumni Club, summed the weekend up best when he said, "There's only one thing better than C.A.M.P.—Christmas!!". Watch the Alumni Association Calendar of Events and make plans to join your fellow volunteers for C.A.M.P. '99!

College High Reunion

Alumni from College High held their "Grand Gathering" on the weekend of July 31. More than 250 registrants took part in the weekend's festivities. The Cardinal Picnic held at the Bowling Green-Warren County Convention Center carried out a Western picnic theme and was a great time to meet and greet with former classmates. On Saturday, the memorial service paid tribute to those alumni lost during the years. Dr. Dero Downing and Dr. Richard Grise gave inspirational messages. Ms. Gertrude Bale accompanied a duet by Jana Ballard and Tim Sexton. Class pictures were taken at the front door of College High. Some of those pictures in the earliest classes were Frances Curd ('31), Lottie Evans Van Meter ('32), Dr. Richard Grise ('37) and Mary Oliver ('36). After lunch, the group toured the Kentucky Museum for the College High Exhibit featuring memorabilia including the College High Spirit Stick, University High beanie, class memoirs, photos and much more.

During Satur-

day afternoon, alumni held Class Get Togethers and toured campus. Many opted to tour the College High building, now the Science and Technology Hall. That evening, President Gary Ransdell addressed the group at the Junior/Senior Banquet. Master of Ceremonies for the banquet was Dr. Carroll Brooks. Judge John Minton Jr. announced the establishment of a College High Endowment Fund to possibly provide scholarships and/or erect a memorial for the school. Afterwards, alumni danced the night away at the Senior Prom with music provided by the Doc Livingston Band.

Thanks to the College High Reunion Steering Committee for planning this year's reunion. Members of that committee are: Dr. Carroll Brooks, Sarah Hightower, Pat Manning, Pat Markle, Judge John Minton Jr., David Sowders and Steve Todd.

If you are interested in contributing to the College High Endowment Fund, send your contribution to WKU Foundation, 1 Big Red Way, Bowling Green, KY 42101.



Class pictures were taken in front on the College High building. The classes of '68, '69 and '70 pose together.

Mark your Calendars!

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1999

The Society of African American Alumni will host a **Spring Celebration** dinner commemorating 35 years of African American Alumni involvement at WKU.

The program will include:

- ✓ special musical entertainment by award-winning Western alumni
- ✓ the announcement of the first recipient of the Society of African American Alumni Scholarship
- ✓ the recognition of WKU's first African American graduates.

So, mark this date and make plans to attend. Invitations will be sent in March with specific time and location information.

If you are interested in being a corporate sponsor or preliminary ticket information please contact Jill Blythe, associate director for alumni programs, by calling 1-888-WKU-ALUM.

Western Kentucky University's Cultural Enhancement Committee presents their

1999 Premiere Performances

Thursday, February 18

Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble
8 p.m. Van Meter Auditorium

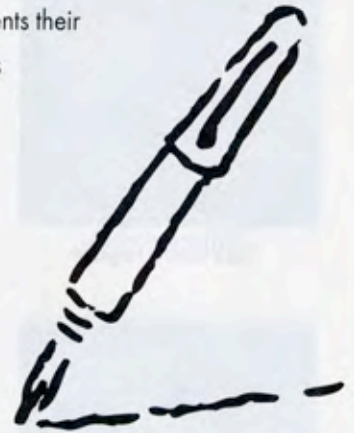
Tuesday, March 23

Stephen Jay Gould
(acclaimed evolutionary biologist)
8 p.m. Van Meter Auditorium

Monday, April 12

Doris Kearns Goodwin
(presidential historian and biographer)
8 p.m. Van Meter Auditorium

For more information on these events please contact the Office of Special Events at (502) 745-2497.



General Russell E. Dougherty Inducted into the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame

General Russell E. Dougherty ('41) was inducted into the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame on Friday, October 2, 1998 in Lexington. General Dougherty, who was in the inaugural Hall of Distinguished Alumni class in 1992, was recognized for his outstanding 34-year career in the Air Force.

General Dougherty's military service included service in the 123rd Cavalry, Kentucky National Guard. At the start of World War II he became a Aviation Cadet in the US Army Air Corps. During the war, he served as a flight instructor and later flew on a B-29 combat crew. His military service includes many highlights with the most notable being his role as the commander of the most powerful air force in the world - the U.S. Strategic Air Command in 1974. General Dougherty retired from commissioned service in 1977.

Before the induction into the aviation hall of fame, General Dougherty

wrote in a letter to Western's president, Dr. Gary Ransdell, "It remains to be seen how I will be portrayed by my introduction during the ceremonies; however, I provided ample indications of my Hilltopper identity to those constructing the program -- it would be hard for them to miss my pride in having Western Kentucky University roots."

The Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame was formed by resolution of the Kentucky General Assembly in 1994 and it is the Commonwealth's Official Aviation Hall of Fame. The mission of the hall is to honor

Kentuckians who have made significant contributions in the fields of aviation and aerospace.



Western friends and acquaintances gather at The Aviation Museum of Kentucky at the Blue Grass Airport in Lexington to celebrate the induction of General Russell E. Dougherty ('41) into the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame. From left to right are former Kentucky governor Louie B. Nunn (BU '41), General Dougherty, WKU alumni director emeritus Lee Robertson ('50, '57).



Jacob Gilmore Ferguson



Robert Harrell ('71, '74)



Louis Berman ('75)



Don Langley ('75)

Pre 70's

Dr. Vernon Stone ('51) of Columbia, MO, has been named the 1998 Distinguished Broadcast Journalism Educator. The award recognizes excellence in electronic journalism and mass media education. He is the 16th recipient of the highest honor presented by the Radio-TV Journalism Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Nell D. Main ('60) of Lexington, KY, is proud to announce the birth of Jacob Gilmore Ferguson. Her grandson is sure to be a future "Hilltopper."

Kenneth ('61, '64) and Sue ('65) Bragg of Fruitland Park, FL, have decided to retire with a combined 67 years as educators.

The 70's

Jerry Shelton ('70) of Bowling Green, KY, was recently appointed to the board of Farmers National Bank. He is currently the managing partner of Shelton & Associates, LLP, CPAs, and is a longstanding businessman and community leader in the Bowling Green area.

Stephen B. Catron ('71) of Bowling Green, KY, has been re-elected representative of the Second Supreme Court District on the Board of Governors of the Kentucky Bar Association.

Robert Harrell ('71, '74) of Calvert, KY, check out the picture, that's right. He lost 180 pounds. He has recently retired from the Marshall County School System after 27 years in education. He is on the Board of Directors of the Murray State University Wesley Foundation.

Tana Comer ('73) of Joelton, GA, recently graduated from Cumberland University with a master's degree in public service management.

Robert L. Wilkins ('73) of Louisville, KY, has been named vice president of sales for Powertel, Inc. He will be serving in the region covered by the Birmingham Office.

David Eakles ('74, '76) of Bowling Green,

KY, was selected Kentucky's Distinguished Principal for 1998. This prestigious award is given by the Kentucky Association of Elementary School Principals and the U.S. Department of Education.

Kenneth Ray Evans ('74) of Louisville, KY, has recently graduated from the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary with a master's degree in divinity.

Louis Berman ('75) of Bowling Green, KY, has been promoted to president of Van Meter Insurance. As president, Berman will be responsible for daily operations and growth strategies for VMI.

Don Langely ('75) of Bowling Green, KY, is a local real estate investor who has been acting as a hobby for a about four years. He has had extra parts in "The Patriot," "Instinct," and Al Pacinco's new film (still untitled).

The 80's

Bryan Armstrong ('80) of Frankfort, KY, has been named the first director of communications for the new Kentucky Community and Technical College System. The former College Heights Herald editor-in-chief is responsible for KCTCS' internal and external communications.

Keith Hopgood ('80) of Owensboro, KY, was appointed to Van Meter Insurance's Sales Leadership Team. The Sales Leadership Team plays a strong role in determining the agency's growth. Hopgood began working for VMI at its home office in Bowling Green, but since he has moved to Owensboro and began opening that branch.

Don Evans ('81, '89) of Bowling Green, KY, was named Outstanding Teacher of the Year at the Department for Technical Education's 17th Annual Awards and Recognition Ceremony.

William T. "Happy" Chandler (B.A. '83, MS '85) received the MDiv, degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in May 98. He began the PhD. program in Systematic Theology at Southern in August.

Mike Miller ('83) of Mason, OH, has been

named director of the newly-formed Region 2 of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). He started his director duties June 1. He will be overseeing offices in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia.

Patricia Welker ('83) of Narragansett, RI, was recently appointed managing editor/administration in the news department of The Providence Journal Company.

Charles Pride ('87, '89, '96) of Bowling Green, KY, was elected for a second term as member-at-large of the General Council of Phi Delta Theta on June 20 at the fraternity's General Convention and 150th Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Susan Stockton ('87) and husband Chris Walther, of Kobe, Japan, are the proud parents of Rollin Stockton Walther. He was born on April 9, 1998, weighing 9 pounds and 3 ounces.

Lesley Hall ('88) of Bowling Green, KY, has been promoted to Claims Specialist for Van Meter Insurance. Hall will be responsible for coordinating claims activities with all VMI branches.

Amy Harris ('89) of Sulzbach, Germany, has accepted a position with Lear Corporation, which is the largest global automotive supplier of interior systems. Her position is purchasing coordinator for Portugal. She is based at their International Headquarters in Germany.

Thomas Montgomery ('89, '90) of Bedford, IN, has recently re-enlisted for two years while serving at Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Readiness Center, Indianapolis.

The 90's

Anne Duncan ('90) of Louisville, KY, has been assigned as a detective to the city/county police's merged Crimes Against Children Unit.

Bret Happel ('90) of Ft. Wayne, IN, was recently promoted to national accounts executive for PB&S Chemical/Soco Chemical. Brent has been with PB&S for eight years, and has served as branch manager

for PB&S facility in Fort Wayne for the past three years.

Lori Baerg ('91) and husband David, of Lees Summit, MO, are the proud parents of Adam David Baerg. He was born on July 2, 1998 weighing 7 pounds and 7 ounces.

Lisa Mays Stickel ('91) of White House, TN, has been admitted as a new partner of the firm of Parker & Parker, CPAs. Stickel has been with the firm since 1995 and will be in charge of the audit practice.

John Champion ('92) and wife Michelle of Little Rock, AR, have recently had their first child. On April 30, 1997, Hannah Katherine Champion was born.

Cindy Edlin Rolfson ('92) and husband Rick of Covington, KY, proudly announce the arrival of their children, Luke Jonathon and Malea Clare Rolfson. The two future Hilltoppers were born on June 7, 1997.

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Keith Hopgood ('80)



Patricia Welker ('83)



Charles Pride ('87, '89, '96)



Amy Harris ('89)

THE ALUMNI GRANT

WKU offers an Alumni Grant to any qualified nonresident student whose parent, step-parent or grandparent holds an associate, baccalaureate, master's or specialist degree from the University. The Alumni Grant is awarded to students who meet scholastic criteria. Contact the Office of Admissions at [502] 745-2551 for an application or for more information.

ALUMNI NOTES



Anne Duncan ('90)



Hannah Champion



Luke & Malea Rolfsen



Christian Volkert ('92)

Christian Volkert ('92) of Bowling Green, KY, was appointed to Van Meter Insurance's Sales Leadership Team. This appointment, given only to VMI's top producers, allows Volkert to participate in the agency's management activities at all locations. Volkert has been employed at VMI for five years.

Kevin Moore ('93) and wife Kathy ('93) of Lexington, KY, proudly announce that their house just grew by two feet! Hannah Keely Moore was born on April 11, 1998 at 11:30 p.m. She weighs 7 pounds, 13 ounces and is 20 inches long.

Adam Pawlowski ('94, '96) of Lebanon, TN, has joined Gish, Sherwood, & Friends as a junior copywriter.

Andi Cailles ('95, '98) of Bowling Green, KY, has accepted a position at Milliken University in Decatur, IL, as an area coordinator in the Department of Residence Life.

Laura Massey ('95) and husband Kenny of Park City, KY, proudly announce the

birth of Austin Thomas Massey on Dec. 5, 1997. He joins big brother K. Preston.

Jennifer DeVoe ('96) of Bluffton, SC, is now working for Hampton Inns of America as a guest relations representative.

Brian Cassity ('97) of Paris, KY, recently completed the U.S. Navy Basic Training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

Tim Pate ('97) of Louisville, KY, has joined Topworx as a customer service representative.

Tiffanie Rosier ('97) of Yorktown, VA, is an area coordinator for James Madison University. She received her master's degree in higher education from Western in 1997.

Deborah Anna Logan (faculty), has published a book with the University of Missouri Press titled *Fallenness in Victorian Women's Writing: Marry, Stitch, Die or Do Worse*.

I N M E M O R I A M



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FEBRUARY 12, 1998

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Career Services

The Career Services Center is for Alumni Too!

If you are contemplating a career change or looking for a new job, the WKU Career Services Center can be a resource for you!

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Individual assistance in critiquing resumes and cover letters and information on job search strategies is provided by appointment. Brochures, books and videos on all aspects of the job search are available at the Center.

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Would you like to be up-to-date on "Hill" happenings?

Do you enjoy telling others about your experiences at Western?

Do you know someone who would benefit from all that Western has to offer?

When are meetings and how much does it cost?

There are NO meetings to attend and NO dues or membership fees. All we ask is your willingness to occasionally help with activities in your community.

What types of activities are these?

The types of activities vary in each community, but some examples are: high school college fair programs, academic scholarship presentations, and writing or calling prospective students in your area.

I live outside of Kentucky. Can I still help?

YES!! We need great alums from all over the country!

So whether you graduated in '48 or '98, we'd love to hear from you. Please complete and return the interest form below to the Office of Admissions or contact Courtney Schmidt at 800-4WKUINF (800-495-8463) and she'll be happy to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to hearing from you!

What is Hilltopper Associates?

Hilltopper Associates is an informal group coordinated by the Office of Admissions to help us spread the good word about Western Kentucky University to as many students as possible.

YES! I would like to show my Western Kentucky University "Spirit" by getting involved in the Hilltopper Associates Program.

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Children and Childhood in the 19th Century

"Children and Childhood in the 19th Century," an exhibit of 53 photographs from England and the United States that examine many different aspects of childhood in the last century, will be exhibited at The Kentucky Museum until Dec. 13.

Photographic documentation of the difficulties and harsh realities of life for many 19th century children makes this exhibit an excellent complement to the museum's "Growing Up Victorian: A Kentucky Childhood" exhibit, which depicts middle-class life.

Education materials to accompany "Children and Childhood" include a videotape with images and narration from both exhibits that compare the two sides of 19th century childhood; a folder containing twelve 8"x10" "Children and Childhood" and "Growing Up Victorian" photographs with suggested activities for "reading" them to uncover historic information; and "Great-Grandmother's Trunk," containing authentic 19th-century clothing, a family album of historic photographs and a set of suggested activities for using the items to gain a better understanding of Victorian life.



Photo of Robert Berks' "Meet Mr. Lincoln" courtesy the Kentucky Historical Society.

All of these materials will be made available to regional public schoolteachers for classroom use. Area students will also be invited to come to the museum to see both exhibits and make their own comparisons. A catalog/bibliography, developed by WKU English professor Dr. Ward Hellstrom as a part of the original exhibit, will be available to interested visitors at no charge.

The "Children and Childhood" photographs are part of a larger collection developed in 1985 by Hellstrom with a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The exhibit toured extensively in the late 1980s. In 1997, Hellstrom gave the exhibit to The Kentucky Museum to become a part of its permanent collection. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 11:30a.m., Hellstrom will present a slide program about the complete collection.

"Children and Childhood in the 19th Century" is sponsored at The Kentucky Museum by Greenview Regional Hospital Women's and Children's Services and National City Bank, with additional support from Fruit of the Loom and Morgan Keegan Company.

Special Lincoln Sculpture Makes Stop at the Kentucky Museum

A shining bronze sculpture of Kentucky native and sixteenth United States president, Abraham Lincoln, will be exhibited at The Kentucky Museum through Dec. 11, 1998.

The bronze bust, measuring 21" high and 12" wide, was created by internationally acclaimed sculptor Robert Berks for placement within the Kentucky History Center, a \$26 million history museum and research library currently under construction in Frankfort. Until the center opens in spring 1999, the sculpture, titled "Meet Mr. Lincoln," is traveling across the state.

"Meet Mr. Lincoln" is among more than 300 sculptures and monuments created by Berks, whose previous works include a monument to



This historic photograph by Lewis W. Hine (1910) courtesy the National Archives identified the little boy pictured as "Francis Lance, 5 years old, 41 inches high. He jumps on and off moving cars at risk of life. St. Louis, Mo., May, 1910."

physicist Albert Einstein at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C., and an eight-foot head of President John F. Kennedy, situated within the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, also in the nation's capital. Berks has been acclaimed by The New York Times as the "Capital's Michelangelo" for his twelve works on view within Washington, D.C. Other sculptures include subjects ranging from Martin Luther King Jr. and Franklin D. Roosevelt to Johnny Carson and Frank Sinatra.

Commenting about his creation, Berks said, "In this sculpture, I have given the human side of Lincoln as well as his greatness. With its texture you get the feeling of the man's beat, his complexity, that special subtle quality. He looks a little incredulous in this bust, with a slightly humorous quality about him."

In addition to Berks bust of Lincoln, a number of items, primarily from the Kentucky Library's collections, are also on display. They include prints, photographs, broadsides, sheet music, stamps and first-day cancellations, diary excerpts and more.

And, Rosalyn Stamps, a long-time supporter of the Kentucky Library and Museum, has also loaned a small bust of Lincoln to be included in the exhibit.

"Meet Mr. Lincoln" may be viewed during museum hours: 9:30 - 4:00 Tues. - Sat., 1:00-4:00 Sun.

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They considered selling the property and giving a portion of the proceeds to Western. The resulting charitable income tax deduction could then be used to help offset the capital gains tax. One problem: they needed more income than the remaining funds could generate.

Enter the charitable remainder uni-trust. The Smiths established a charitable remainder uni-trust with the Western Kentucky University Foundation and placed the entire property in the trust (stock can also be used). Since the trust qualifies as a charitable trust, it sold the property without incurring any capital gains tax. The full amount of the proceeds (less closing costs) was then invested in a balanced portfolio of stocks and bonds -- the right mix to provide a 6 percent annual payout to the Smiths plus enough added appreciation to keep the trust growing.

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Three new regents join board

Three new members have joined Western's Board of Regents. All three were sworn in at the Board's July meeting.

Stephanie Cosby, a senior from Greenville, KY, is the new student regent. She earned the right to represent the students by being elected president of the Student Government Association.

Ronald G. Sheffer and James B. Tennill Jr., both of Louisville, were appointed to six-year terms by Gov. Paul Patton. Sheffer ('60) is an attorney with the firm of Sheffer-Hoffman. He served on the Board of Regents from 1976 to 1984. Tennill ('65) is the branch manager and first vice president of Advest Inc., a leading regional brokerage and investment banking firm.



Stephanie Cosby



Ronald G. Sheffer



James B. Tennill Jr.

Professor receives state award

Western geography and geology professor Nicholas Crawford received the 1998 Outstanding Geologist Award given by the Kentucky Chapter of the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG).

Dr. Crawford was selected to receive the Award for contributions within the state in the field of geology.

Dr. Crawford leads many organizations at WKU and is the director and founder of the Center for Cave and Karst Studies and the Karst Field Studies Program which is offered each summer at Mammoth Cave National Park.

Much of Dr. Crawford's research deals primarily with groundwater contamination of carbonate aquifers, sinkhole flooding and sinkhole collapse. He has been the recipient of 25 grants for karst hydrologic re-

search.

"I cannot think of a greater honor than to have my work evaluated by the professional geologists of Kentucky and judged worthy of this award," Dr. Crawford said.

Professor honored with award from national Head Start

Colleen B. Mendel, director of Western's Training and Technical Assistance Services, was recognized at the National Head Start Association's 25th annual conference in Seattle.

Mendel was one of six people nationwide to be recognized for *Special Contributions to Training in Specialty Areas*. She was honored for her leadership in management training, for the creation of a Leadership Development Center and for her contributions to developing specialized training programs for Head Start parents.

As the executive director of T/TAS, a division of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, Mendel directs the activities of several federally-funded projects, including two Head Start Quality Improvement Centers which provide assistance and training to Head Start programs in eight southern states. With an annual budget of \$4 million, the Quality Improvement Centers represent the largest grant in the history of the University.

In addition, Mendel administers another \$1 million annually to operate WKU's Campus Child Care which offers Head Start and day care services, the Barren River ADD Child Care Resource and Referral and the Region IV Head Start Learning Center.

Program of distinction established in applied research and technology

Western has been known for involving undergraduate students in research. Now, thanks to \$2.9 million from the Kentucky Incentive Trust Fund, the Applied Research and Technology Program will pull those research centers together into a program that will benefit faculty, students and industry.

The program will involve faculty-faculty, faculty-student and student-student interaction, said Dr. Martin Houston, dean of the Ogden College of Science, Technology and Health.

The program combines four prominent centers that have already gained national reputations (Materials Characterization Laboratory, Kentucky Climate Center, Cave and Karst Studies and Agriculture Research and Education Complex) with five growth centers that are approaching national stature (Biodiversity Center, Biotechnology Center, Applied Technology Transfer Center, Environmental, Health and Safety Resource Laboratory and Technical Assistance Center for

Water Quality).

A unique feature of the program is that centers from across 10 departments in the college are cooperating to make it work, said Dr. Ed Houston, program director and assistant to the dean.

"Very few projects, whether grant projects from industry or governmental agencies, require only one discipline," he said. "This program allows us to develop teaming efforts with chemists, biologists, engineers, industrial hygienists, physicists, across the board ... to bear on a par-

ticular problem."

Ed Houston said the program also takes students from the classroom experience all the way through practical application so that they are ready to get a job in the area that they want when they graduate.

"In most cases, (college graduates) are not ready to take a concept, put a research plan together, and execute that research plan," he said. "This program will allow a young person to enter industry, or enter graduate school, and be able to think on his or her feet to put together a plan to solve a problem and execute

that plan."

The funding from the Incentive Trust Fund includes \$1.2 million for 1997-98; \$1 million for 1998-99 and \$500,000 for 1999-2000, all of which must be matched by the University through a combination of external and internal funds, said Dr. Barbara Burch, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

"It is anticipated that the University will be submitting additional proposals for Incentive Trust Fund support in the future," she said. Dr. Burch said the Applied Research and Technology Program was advanced first because of its ability to raise the required matching funds.

Students help Kentucky Living with anniversary issue

Sometimes a recommendation is all that's needed to get the ball rolling in your direction. That's what the students in Dave LaBelle's Advanced Photography class at Western discovered last fall when they were selected by the editor of *Kentucky Living* magazine to do the photography for the magazine's 50th anniversary issue in July.

"We're glad to be given the opportunity," LaBelle said. "It's nothing new for our students, but yet it's also a learning experience at the same time."

The opportunity was given partly on recommendation of a WKU alumnus, Debbie Gibson, who freelances for the magazine.

"We had heard from several sources of the especially good and outstanding department there at Western," said Paul Wesslund, editor of *Kentucky Living* and vice president of the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives, which publishes the magazine. "Then, Debbie came on board the project and seconded the suggestion."

LaBelle and his students worked hard shooting the pictures for six stories that appear in the magazine. Some of those focus on areas such as businesses that are at least 100 years old, perceptions of Kentuckians and how electricity has changed life in Kentucky.

LaBelle said that assignments like these are challenging, but nothing that the students can't handle.

"It's a reinforcement of what they already know," he said. "This is a learning experience just like one that a student would have on an internship."

The students were given one or more of the 15 photo assignments that the magazine contracted. The magazine was published in July and LaBelle is hopeful that the students will walk away with more than a paycheck.

"A job like this adds experience along with pictures to a student's portfolio," he said. "This magazine goes to a lot of people in rural areas that wouldn't normally know of the talent here at Western. In that sense, it's also tremendous promotion for the school as well as the department and its students."

Western's Public Radio wins Jesse Stuart Memorial Media Award

Western's Public Radio Service is the 1998 winner of the American Heart Association's Jesse Stuart Media Award.

The honor recognizes excellence in the coverage of cardiovascular disease issues, and is presented to just one radio station in the state of Kentucky each year. This marks the fifth time in the past six years Western's Public Radio has won the award.

The winning entry, titled "Stressing the Point," dealt with the impact stress and anger can have on cardiovascular disease. The 29-minute report included interviews with heart patients, cardiologists, and physical therapists working with patients who have experienced heart attacks. Interview guests included several members of the WKU community, including Psychology Professor Lynn Clark and Counseling Services psychologists Patty Collins and Karl Laves.

The award-winning program was produced by News Director Dan Modlin and Jeanine Howard-Cherry and Kevin Ingram of the WKYU-FM news staff.

Five Inducted into Hall of Distinguished Alumni

The Western Kentucky University Alumni Association inducted five of its brightest alumni into the Hall of Distinguished Alumni on October 23. This year's class included a world-renowned surgeon and politician; a prominent leader in the agriculture industry; the first African-American to earn a master's degree at Western; a giant in the banking and investment industries; a much-decorated U.S. Army general.

These five joined 35 other Western greats inducted since the Hall was established in 1992. The search for next year's class has already begun. If you know of an alumnae or an alumnus worthy of this distinction please contact the Alumni Association at 1-888-WKU-ALUM or by e-mail at alumni.association@wku.edu.

Dr. Stephen L. Henry



When Stephen Henry was growing up in Owensboro, his mentors were U.S. Sen. Wendell Ford and a local surgeon. Henry has made the most of these two inter-

ests, becoming an internationally-known orthopedic surgeon and Kentucky's lieutenant governor.

Henry graduated from Western in 1976 with a degree in biology. While at Western, Henry served as class president in 1973 and '74 and was president of the Student Government Association and student regent in 1976.

From Western, Henry went to medical school at the University of Louisville, then he joined the staff of the medical school.

Henry, who lives in Louisville, helped develop a new tool for use in trauma patients and on battlefields: beads containing massive doses of antibiotics that can be packed directly into wounds by emergency first responders. The beads were used by American forces in the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Storm.

The political influence resurfaced in 1992 when Henry won the "A" district seat on the Jefferson County Commission. He was re-elected in 1994 and tapped by then-Lt. Gov. Paul Patton to be his running mate in the 1995 gubernatorial election. Henry's bid for the democratic nomination for Ford's Senate seat fell short in 1998.

In 1988, the Kentucky Jaycees named Henry an Outstanding Young Kentucky Leader and a year later, the National Jaycees named him one of Ten Outstanding Young Americans because of his work as a physician and his civic and community work.

Billy Joe Miles



In 1960, when Billy Joe Miles was a student at WKU, his father began selling seed corn from a one-room building on their 225-acre farm. Today, the family operation has expanded into five

corporations with divisions in agricultural supplies, research and development, fuel and lubricants and convenience stores.

Miles, of Owensboro, graduated from Western in 1962 with a degree in agronomy

and began working with his father, William. More than three decades later, he holds the titles of president of Miles Farm Supply; president of Marathon Fuels; vice president of Miles L.P. Gas; and chairman of ExSeed Genetics. He has been an officer and owner with these companies, which have about \$200 million in annual sales, since their inception.

He has been active in professional organizations, serving as past president of the Kentucky Fertilizer and Agricultural Chemical Association, Kentucky Soil Conservation Districts and the Kentucky Soybean Association. He is also director of the Governor's Task Forces on agriculture and efficiency and a board member of National City Bank of Kentucky.

Miles has received several honors for his accomplishments, including the 1993 WKU Alumni Award; 1990 March of Dimes Man of the Year Award for Western Kentucky; Kentucky's Man of the Year in 1987; and the 1992 Mayor's Award for Excellence.

He is also a civic leader, serving on the Owensboro-Daviess County Planning and Zoning Commission; a board member of Owensboro Community College and Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville.

He has four children: Debra Miles Seymour, George Sterett Miles, Paul Allen Miles and Vera Suzanne Miles.

Dr. Frank Otha Moxley



In 1958, Dr. Frank O. Moxley became the first African-American to graduate from Western with a master's degree in psychology and guidance. But that

was only one of many firsts for the Bowling Green native.

Dr. Moxley has also been an educator, coach and was the first guidance counselor in the state of Kentucky. He formed the first Negro Athletic League in Kentucky and served

as its commissioner for 10 years. He also formed the Southern Negro Athletic Conference and helped establish Cumberland Trace Legal Services in Bowling Green.

Dr. Moxley began his career as a pre-med student at Wilberforce University in Ohio. From there he attended graduate school programs at Ohio State, Indiana and Indiana State universities before coming to Western in 1956. In 1974, he earned his doctorate in psychology from East Coast University/National Christian University.

In 1931, Dr. Moxley began a 24-year career as a teacher and assistant coach at State Street High School in Bowling Green. He then spent 10 years as a counselor and basketball coach at High Street School in Bowling Green and a year as a counselor and assistant basketball coach at Bowling Green High School.

Dr. Moxley has also been an active participant in civic organizations, including the Bowling Green-Warren County Chamber of Commerce, Southern Kentucky Economic Opportunity Council, Kentucky Coaches Association, Kentucky Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union and the Warren County Democratic Executive Committee. He was recognized for his service when a recreation center was named for him.

He has been married to Pearlee Goodbar for more than 50 years and they have three children: Warren D. Moxley, Shirley Hill and Mary A. Sands.

Zuheir Sofia



Zuheir Sofia came to Western from Lebanon. Sofia's parents wanted him to go to a school where they had a friend in the Economics Department, but he soon began mak-

ing his own mark on The Hill.

Sofia became president of the International Student Club and began involving the

club in mainstream activities on the campus. He joined Delta Sigma Pi, a business professional fraternity, where he became senior vice president.

He earned degrees in economics and business administration from Western in 1969. He is also a graduate of Washington University and the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University.

Sofia began his career at The Huntington in Columbus, Ohio, as an assistant vice president in 1971. By 1986, he worked his way to president, chief operating officer, treasurer and director of Huntington Bancshares Inc., a \$28 billion multi-bank holding company in Columbus. He left the company in June to form Sofia & Company Inc. and is now chairman of the private firm which provides financial and investment services.

He is also a published author, with articles appearing in "The American Banker," "Ohio Banker" and "Euromoney." He is also the author of the book "External Debt of Developing Countries: Its Applications to Country Risk Analysis."

Sofia is also active in several professional and civic organizations. He serves as a trustee of The Ohio State University; is chairman of the board of the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Research Institute, and serves on the board of The Ohio State University Hospitals and The Ohio State University Foundation. He also serves on the WKU Board of Advisors. He is founder, past president and chairman of the honorary trustees of the Columbus Council on World Affairs; past president of the board of Columbus School for Girls; an honorary trustee for life and past chairman of the board of trustees of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra and an honorary trustee of Goodwill Rehabilitation Center.

He is married to the former Susan Owen Ryburn of Charlotte, N.C., who received bachelor degrees in French and English from Salem College. She is the vice chairman of the Ohio Arts Council, an appointment by Ohio Gov. George V. Voinovich.

The Sofias have one daughter, Sarah, 21, and twin sons, Joseph and Zachary, 19. They reside in Bexley, Ohio.

Brig. Gen. Herbert M. Wassom



Brig. Gen. Herbert M. Wassom is one of only a few graduates of Western's ROTC program to earn the rank of general in the U.S. Army. He was killed August 17,

1988, when the plane carrying Wassom, the president of Pakistan and the U.S. ambassador crashed in Pakistan.

A Tennessee native, Wassom came to Western in the late 1950s where he proved himself to not only be a leader in the ROTC, but also on the football field. He was named all-Ohio Valley Conference in 1959 and '60 and was captain of the 1960 Hilltopper squad.

After graduating with a degree in industrial arts in 1961, Wassom began his commission in the Army and started a stellar career that took him all over the world, being promoted to brigadier general in 1985. He also earned a master's degree in international relations from George Washington University. His military education included the Army Command and General Staff College and the National War College.

Some of his command assignments included Chief, U.S. Defense Representative to Pakistan; Assistant Division Commander (Support), 101st Airborne Division; Director, Joint Control Group, U.S. Atlantic Command; Chief of Staff, 101st Airborne Division; Deputy Director of the Army Staff, Office of the Chief of Staff, Army; and Commander, 528th Field Artillery Group.

Wassom also received numerous decorations, including: Defense Distinguished Service Medal; Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster; Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Air Medal; and Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

He is survived by his wife, Judy, who lives in Melbourne, FL, and two children, Doug and Tara, both Western graduates.

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Jennifer Scott, the daughter of Marcellus and Eugenia Scott, draws on a pumpkin during the Street Fest, sponsored by the Warren County Alumni Association. Other children looking for pumpkins included (from left) Josh and Alex Skipper, the sons of Bob and Kim Skipper, and Ashley Neiman, the daughter of Doug and Brenda Neiman.

WKU Head football coach Jack Harbaugh (above/left) fires up the crowd (below) at Big Red's Roar. The event is Western's official Homecoming pep rally and it is held annually on the Friday night of Homecoming weekend. Over 1,000 students, alumni and friends trek up the Hill to the Colonnades at the Ivan Wilson Fine Arts Center Amphitheatre, the site of the old football stadium, to attend the festivities.



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