2002 Alumni Weekend
April 26-28

Come back home

Make your plans to come home for the weekend.
Alumni Weekend 2002 will be April 26-28.

Come celebrate
45th cluster reunion for the Classes of 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959 and 1960
40th reunion of the Class of 1962
30th cluster reunion for the Classes of 1971, 1972 and 1973
25th reunion for the Class of 1977
10th cluster reunion for the Classes of 1991, 1992 and 1993

Plans are underway for a weekend full of activity and fun.

The Class of 1952, the first class to graduate from the Owensboro campus, will gather to celebrate their 50th reunion and receive their 50-year medallions during Commencement Weekend 2002, May 11.
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KWC rated “Best Value” college

The U.S. News and World Report has once again rated Kentucky Wesleyan College as one of the top ten best educational values in the south in their annual college report.

The U.S. News ranking rates KWC as the second best value in the South for southern comprehensive (liberal arts) colleges. Previously, KWC has been ranked in the top ten four times in the past eight years. The highest rating given to the college was No. 1 in 1994.

The best value ratings were based on three variables – percentage of all undergraduates receiving grants meeting financial need, average cost after receiving grants based on needs and average discount percentage of a school’s total costs.

According to U.S. News the rankings provide a realistic measure of where students can get the best education for their money.

Overall, KWC ranked No. 17 in the first (top) tier of southern comprehensive colleges. U.S. News lists a top 25 representing the first tier followed by three tiers – second through fourth – ending with No. 100.

A comprehensive institution focuses on undergraduate education and offers a range of degree programs in the liberal arts and in professional fields such as business, communications, criminal justice and education. There are 322 comprehensive colleges, ranked within four regions: Midwest, North, South and West.

Wells appointed chair of board of trustees

Jack Wells ’75 accepts congratulations and best wishes from John Jones ’67, who served as past chair of the board of trustees from 1992 to 2001.

The Kentucky Wesleyan College Board of Trustees appointed Jack Wells ’75 as incoming chair, who will serve a three-year term.

Wells, president of Wells Health System, Inc. in Owensboro, has been a trustee of the college since 1994.

The board also appointed Terry Woodward ’62, president of Wax Works, Inc., in Owensboro as vice-chairman and Rev. Dr. Jay Smith ’85, as secretary. Woodward and Smith will also serve three-year terms.

The board announced five new members:

Dr. Arba Kenner ’74 is a partner in the medical practice of White, Kenner and Scott, PSC in Frankfort, Ky. She also serves on the board of directors of the Kentucky Wesleyan College Alumni Association.

Cheryl Downing King ’70 is deputy secretary for the Kentucky Cabinet for Workforce Development in Frankfort, Ky. She previously served as associate commissioner for the Kentucky Education Department and director of personnel for the Owensboro Public Schools. King also served on the board of the Owensboro-Daviess County Chamber of Commerce.

Marcia Smith Lawrence ’47 is a retired accountant in Lexington. She is a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Hindman and serves as co-chair of the Winchester-era Capital Campaign Committee - a part of the Changing Lives campaign.

Dr. Kenneth Peters ’57 is a family practitioner and senior partner at Jeffersontown Family Practice, and chairman of the board of Extra-Hour Care in Louisville. He has served as president of the Jefferson County Medical Association and the Kentucky Medical Association. In addition, he served as a volunteer in the Louisville Regional Campaign Committee for the Changing Lives campaign.

Randall Raskin ’66 is president of Coach’s Choice Apparel, Inc. in New York City. He has helped organize Kentucky Wesleyan alumni activities in New York.

Board members reappointed for four-year terms were Rev. Donald Rankin ’65, Mitch Settle ’83, Rev. Gregg Tate ’76, Katheryn Darr ’74, Bart Darrell ’84, David Hocker ’59 and Dennis Newberry.

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President’s house occupied this spring

For a year and a half the lot at the end of President’s Drive has been vacant – until now! The new President’s home is currently under construction and is scheduled for completion in the spring. This new home is being built on the location of the former Massie home, and will have a red brick facade, Georgian architectural style, in keeping with the rest of campus. In addition to residential space, there will be areas for college functions, receptions, dinners and informal gatherings. “Carol and I eagerly await completion so that we can move back on campus,” said Dr. Wesley H. Poling, president. “We look forward to welcoming the entire campus community to the new President’s home and to sharing this new building with everyone in the same ways we did the former President’s home.”

To follow the construction progress, log on to www.kwc.edu and open the “About KWC” page. Click on the President’s Home construction web-cam icon for an immediate update.

Currently under construction, the new President’s home will be complete in the spring.
The National Science Foundation in Arlington, Va., has awarded Kentucky Wesleyan College a $99,989 grant for the project entitled "Acquisition of Transmission Electron Microscopy Equipment for Invertebrate and Vertebrate Pigment Cell Studies, Undergraduate Laboratory Demonstrations and Undergraduate Research."

This grant, the largest from NSF to KWC since 1984, allows for the acquisition of instrumentation to equip a transmission electron microscopy facility. Specifically, the equipment will include a transmission electron microscope for study of cellular components; an ultramicrotome with a diamond knife; a second ultramicrotome for preparatory work and training purposes; a glass knife-maker, also for preparatory work and training; and appropriate darkroom equipment.

KWC biology professors Dr. David Oetinger and Dr. Steven Wilt ’92 head the project. In an isopod-acanthocephalan parasite system, Oetinger is seeking an understanding of how a parasite can mediate changes in a host’s morphology—of selective advantage to the parasite. In Wilt’s research, the integrity of the retinal pigment epithelium is critical for optimal vision. A better understanding of the ultrastructural-molecular relationships that maintain that integrity is important to our understanding of the evolution of the vertebrate eye and subsequent defects in structure and function.

The transmission electron microscopy facility is expected to be operational for the spring semester.

The cross is a gift

Through a gift made by the hands of an alumnus, Tapscott Chapel now displays a beautiful cross and flame, the symbol of the United Methodist Church. O. Tarrell Thompson ’66, (right) a retired UMC pastor and woodworker, crafted the gift and gave it to the college in honor of his wife, Eva Lena Hurt of Evansville, Ind. “It is both an honor and a privilege to not only accept this gift of the heart, but to proudly display the cross and flame in the Chapel,” said Dr. Wesley H. Poling, president (left). “Its constant presence will be a bold reminder and testimony to our heritage and faith.”

Meet our Trustees

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The 2001-2002 Board of Trustees gathered in September for their fall meeting, one of three annual campus meetings.
Kingsolver exhibits photography

Photography and flowers - two interests, one exhibit.
"Botanical Biographies," a flora photography exhibit by Rob Kingsolver, professor of biology at Kentucky Wesleyan College, was held in the Ralph Center Gallery during the month of October. This exhibit is a result of Kingsolver’s sabbatical project in the spring of 1999 and captures different stages of plant life development.

Kingsolver surveyed the flora of John James Audubon State Park in Henderson, identifying and documenting the flowering plants in the biological preserve. Part of the project was to learn close-up photography techniques, to digitize photographs and to practice using graphics software to produce images for educational purposes. This show was a compilation of digitized images that reflect a diverse collection of wildflowers native to Western Kentucky.

A sign of the times

Regional radio stations 96-WSTO and 99.5-WKDQ were on campus with a semi-tractor trailer-sized banner for the local community to sign in support of the victims of the September 11 terrorist attack. Donations were collected by local firefighters for this fund-raising effort. More than $23,000 was raised from the tri-state area for the Fire Fighters Widow and Orphans fund in New York City.

A special fund-drive on campus for victims and their families raised nearly $1,000 from students, faculty and staff. More than $23,000 was raised from the tri-state area for the Fire Fighters Widow and Orphans fund in New York City.

KWC welcomes new faculty and staff

A new fall semester brings new faculty and staff to the Kentucky Wesleyan campus family.

Dr. Leanne Faulkner, the new assistant professor of mathematics, succeeds Dr. Y. Sitaraman. Faulkner graduated from Tennessee Tech with a bachelors and masters degree in mathematics and has a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Kentucky. She taught at Ohio County High School and Owensboro Community College. Last year she taught math lab for KWC on a part-time basis.

Stephanie Jarvis, a 2001 KWC graduate, joins the staff as admissions counselor. She has a bachelor of science degree in communication arts.

Dr. Kurt Noll is the new assistant professor of religion and philosophy, succeeding Dr. Jeff Fager. Noll graduated with a B.A. from Shippensburg University, a M.A. from Lutheran Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. He has held adjunct positions at Penn State University, Harrisburg Area Community College, Lutheran Theological Seminary and Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Clay Watson joins the KWC faculty as assistant professor of computer information systems. Watson has a B.A. and M.B.A. from the University of Memphis and has done post M.B.A. work at the University of Mississippi and the University of Memphis. Watson comes to KWC as a senior systems analyst and project leader with the United States government and also as an adjunct professor at the University of Memphis.

Gene Wright is a new admissions counselor. He holds a B.A. degree in social science from Morris College. Wright comes to KWC from Green River Steel Corporation where he worked as general manager of human resources.

Yearbooks are here

Attention 2001 graduates, the KWC Porphyrian is here. Daviess County graduates may come by campus to pick up their copy. If you live outside of Daviess County, email Sibbie Adkins at sadkins@kwc.edu with your name and address. A yearbook will be sent to you.
New student enrollment up

New student enrollment at Kentucky Wesleyan College is up five percent from last fall according to President Dr. Wesley H. Poling.

A total of 230 new full-time students are attending classes this semester Poling said, a five percent increase over last year (219). In addition to 164 first-year students, the college reported 56 transfer students and 10 who were readmitted, which accounts for the growth of new students on campus.

“We’re very pleased with our gains in new student enrollment,” said Poling. “The new programs and facilities along with the efforts of our entire campus community have produced this growth. These results will have positive effects on our future enrollment. Overall enrollment growth will result from larger entering classes each year.”

The enrollment of the college includes 631 full-time and 40 part-time for a total of 671 students, equaling a full-time equivalent of 646. That compares to 679 total students and a full-time equivalent of 653 from the fall of 2000, a one percent decrease.

Poling said a factor for the decrease was a larger than normal graduating class in May 2001, resulting in a lower number of students expected to return.

“Our retention rate rose to 80 percent compared to 73 percent in 2000,” said Poling. “This helped keep our overall enrollment at about the same level as last year.”

Kentucky Wesleyan students come from 19 states and two foreign countries.

KWC partners with Chamber of Commerce to offer program for graduating seniors

The Owensboro-Daviess County Chamber of Commerce and the Regional Alliance for Education have partnered with Kentucky Wesleyan College, Brescia University and the Western Kentucky University Extended Campus to offer a free program for students called “College to Career.” This program is designed specifically for graduating college seniors who attend a four-year high educational institution in Owensboro.

The College to Career program is designed to offer help such as:

- Finding a job after college
- Managing your money
- Living and leading in Owensboro
- A career fair for graduating seniors only
- Off-hours networking opportunities for seniors to be introduced to the Chamber business community

The purpose of the program is to provide training that college seniors need to successfully make the transition from college to career.

The program began in September with the Finding a Job After College session and ends in May when graduates are introduced at the Chamber’s Rooster Booster Breakfast.

O’Grady shares his experience

While flying in a mission to enforce the NATO no-fly zone policy in the skies over Bosnia, USAF Captain Scott O’Grady was shot down by a Soviet-made anti-aircraft missile that slammed into his F-16. At the ninth annual Leadership Day symposium, O’Grady told the incredible story of how he survived in hostile territory for six days before being rescued by the U.S. Marines.

He shared with an audience of over 500 how his faith in God grew stronger out of this experience. He also talked about how this event in his life underscored his love and devotion to his family, who at this time had no idea if O’Grady was dead or alive.

An inspiration in both his faith and patriotism, O’Grady signed autographs and met those who waited patiently in a long line to shake his hand and thank him for faithfully serving our country.

Other Leadership Day speakers included: Sylvia L. Lovely, executive director/CEO of Kentucky League of Cities; Don Penn Moore III, president of Moore Automotive Group and a KWC trustee; Pam Smith-Wright, former president of the Owensboro Human Relations Commission; June Bell, St. Joseph Peace Mission; Linda Domenese, Hospice Association; Rosemary Lawson, Boulware Center; Mark Glover ’83, WEHT-TV25, Evansville, Ind.; Ryan Lemond ’89, sports anchor, WLEX-TV, Lexington, Ky.; David Oetinger, Ph.D., KWC professor of biology and Cdr., U.S. Navy Medical Services Corps, Ret.; and KWC junior biology major James Fleming Jr.

The concluding activity for the day was a Coffee House and reception featuring student art and performances in theatre, music and English.

Leadership Day is an annual full-day program of academic courses, public lectures, workshops and other events designed to enhance leadership development among KWC students.
Wade lecture ponders Martin Luther and Nazis

In his lecture “Martin Luther and the German Nation,” Steven Ozment, professor of ancient and modern history at Harvard University, attempted to sever the link that many scholars have made between the sixteenth-century religious dissenter and the Nazis of the twentieth century.

At the annual Wade lecture held in November, Ozment argued that although Luther did publish attacks upon the Jews later in his career, he had defended the Jews in a previous context. Although he did call for the expulsion of Jews from Germany, he also urged that other, more radical Protestants be treated the same. Thus, despite the fact that Luther intermittently indulged in anti-Judaism, he was in no way a doctrinaire anti-Semite. Ozment concluded that this lack of religious toleration should be understood within the context of the sixteenth century, not uprooted and judged by the standards of our day.

Routinely teaching all levels of western culture and history at Harvard, Ozment places special emphasis on Renaissance and Reformation social history and culture, and German history. In addition, he has published numerous articles extending from the ancient to modern world.

This lecture series honors the memory of Dr. Robert Wade ’23 and Alma J. Wade. Wade was a member of the Kentucky Wesleyan College board of trustees.

Magnuson lecture spotlights Williams

The Ellie Magnuson Lectures in Literature and Science highlighted guest lecturer Professor Miller Williams this fall. Williams, professor of English and foreign language at the University of Arkansas, spoke on “The Science of Poetry and the Poetry of Science.”

Educated in the sciences, Williams has served as visiting professor of U.S. literature at the University of Chile and as Fulbright professor of American studies at the National University of Mexico. He has represented the U.S. State Department on reading and lecturing tours throughout the world.

In 1999, Voice International named him one of the best 20 poets in the world now writing in English.

“The selected poetry Professor Williams read made an excellent correlation between the sciences and humanities,” said Dr. W. L. Magnuson, KWC professor of chemistry. “It is a privilege to have him on campus.”

The Ellie Magnuson Lectures in Literature and Science were established as a means of honoring the memory of Ellie Magnuson, a medical technologist and wife of Magnuson.

The James Graham Brown Society sponsored this event.

Homecoming 2001

It was a beautiful sunny day in October – a day fit for a king and queen, of Homecoming that is. Left to right: Ryan Sandefur was crowned king and Jill Wyatt was crowed queen. Sandefur is a senior English/education major from Earlington, Ky. Wyatt is a senior communications major from Earlington, Ky.

Kamille Krahwinkel, a junior English/education major from Owensboro, was crowned princess and Tanner Turely was crowned prince. Turley is a junior communications major from Owensboro.

Beavin lecture discusses “Jesus in Hollywood”

What is the difference between representation and reality? This question is central to all religious experience and traditions. Even if a religious experience is genuine, it cannot be communicated unless it is transformed into a representation.

Nearly 200 people attended the annual Beavin Lecture Series in October to hear Dr. Adele Reinhartz highlight the problems of religious representation through an in-depth analysis of religious films. “Jesus in Hollywood” consisted of two lectures during which Reinhartz, professor of religious studies at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, presented clips from films about Jesus, including early silent films, foreign films and more recent American films.

Consistently, she demonstrated that filmmakers have been compelled to alter the content of biblical narratives in order to make the film version understandable to a modern audience. At times, this was necessary because the audience lacked historical background; or because modern cultural assumptions were imposed on to the ancient story of Jesus; or in other cases, because the film’s vague depiction reflected genuine uncertainty in the ancient biblical representation of Jesus.

Reinhartz has published numerous books and articles probing the ancient world in which the New Testament was written. Her Beavin lecture topic will be part of a forthcoming book titled, Jesus of Hollywood, to be published by Oxford University Press.

The Edward L. Beavin Memorial Lectures were established as a means of honoring the memory of Edward L. Beavin ’50, alumnus and KWC professor of religion and philosophy from 1957-84.
A gift that secures your income

Q. Are you looking for a fixed income with no market risk in a time of low CD rates and severe stock market instability?

A. A charitable gift annuity may be your answer.

Here’s how it works: as a donor, you transfer funds (cash, bonds, stock, mutual funds, etc.) to Kentucky Wesleyan College in exchange for fixed lifetime income payments. The rate of payment does not change with the stock market, inflation or interest rates – it is firmly set at the time of your gift and never changes. Your age determines the rate. Current rates are shown below (American Council On Gift Annuities, July 1, 2001).

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Example: Joan, age 70, transfers $40,000 to KWC for a gift annuity. She will receive a guaranteed annual income of $2,880 (7.2% of $40,000) for her lifetime.

You may be in a situation where you wish to have the fixed income continue to a spouse or child for their lifetime. You can create a two-lives annuity that will continue to pay a second person after the first person passes. The rates are slightly lower.

By investing in a gift annuity, you can:
- forget worrying about your income deteriorating as interest rates fall or the stock market declines,
- be secure in knowing you’ll receive regular and unchangeable payments you will not outlive, and
- enjoy significant tax savings too!

Let me show you how you can earn income and give to KWC at the same time. I’ll be glad to calculate your benefits (at no obligation) based on various gift amounts you would consider. Give me a call…or send me an email: Berry Major @ (270) 852-3139 or bmajor@kwc.edu.

Woloschek is the winner

Ray Woloschek ’57 of Portsmouth, Ohio, a retired pharmacist, correctly identified the most members of the tree planting photo contest (from the Summer 2001 issue) to win a gift certificate to the KWC bookstore for any item of apparel. Congratulations, Ray! The correct identities of persons in the picture are:

1. Jo Ann Smith
2. Norma McDuffee
3. Sandra Schmidt or Myrna Gregory
4. Patsy Helm or Peggy Childers
5. Dr. Elbert Ockerman
6. Unidentified
7. James (Jimmie) Jones
8. Katie Peterson
9. Marty Cameron
10. David Hocker
11. Carol Richards
12. John Van Dyke
13. Richard Zimmerman
14. Bob Rice
15. Richard Warden
16. Ellis Johnson
17. Noel Stephenson
18. David Hilton
19. Harold Burton
20. Harry Baker or Paul Thoms
21. Jasper McKenney
22. Unidentified
23. William Walker
24. Horace Harrison
25. John W inneke

Now taking nominations for alumni awards

Nominations are being accepted for Alumni Awards 2002, which will be presented during Alumni Weekend on April 27. Awards to be given include:

The Outstanding Alumnus Award is the highest award that can be presented to an alumnus/alumna. This award recognizes continuing significant support to the college, the church, and/or the community.

The Alumni Achievement Award recognizes an alumnus/alumna who has achieved a level of prestige within his/her profession or career field and/or contributed profoundly to the quality of life of others; advanced the arts and sciences; or demonstrated such creative and distinctive entrepreneurial, managerial or leadership ability.

The Alumni Service Award recognizes years of dedicated work and service to the college by an alumnus/alumna.

The Gus E. Paris Distinguished Service Award honors members of the faculty or staff or any non-alumnus/alumna for outstanding contribution and/or distinguished service to the college.

The Office of Alumni Relations must receive nominations for 2002 awards no later than January 25, 2002. To learn more about making a nomination, contact the Alumni Office at 270-852-3139 or e-mail bmajor@kwc.edu.
Returning to KWC…as a career

by Michelle Hartz Harris ’96

A few years after graduating from Kentucky Wesleyan in 1996, I was given the opportunity to return to KWC to continue my career. The decision to come back was an easy one for me.

I remember expressing my interest in my cover letter that I wanted to return to the family and friendly atmosphere, and that is the truth. I enjoyed my years at KWC because the faculty and staff were ready to help me and other students and they made us feel welcome. And that still holds true. Also, KWC had the best faculty of any other school. And that remains the same today.

Classes were the right size - there were never too many students but just enough to have a lively discussion. And, I always felt welcome because the faculty knew me by my name, often offering individual attention.

Myrna Melhiser ’58. English instructor, returned to teach at KWC after retiring from the Daviess County Public School system. “I hadn’t intended to teach again, but was called to finish a year when a teacher left. I have been here since then – four years.

“I enjoy the small college atmosphere and the friendliness of the staff and student body. I also enjoy being with and educating young people,” said Melhiser. “My working here allows me to have contact with the education field – a vital part of my life. I enjoy working at KWC also because working with students helps keep my mind facile.”

When Professor of Elementary Education Yvonne Taylor ’58 was asked why she came back to KWC to teach, she responded, “It was meant to be. Working with aspiring young teachers at KWC is the capstone experience of my 46-year teaching career.

“It keeps me young,” continued Taylor. “But most of all I enjoy my students and my colleagues – the KWC student body has some of the most impressive young people I have ever known – as it did when I was a student here! I see colleagues who give and give and give as they instill the need for life-long learning and provide the foundation for students to become leaders in their chosen fields. I enjoy working with these people.”

As the faculty is respected and loved by the students, so is the administrative staff, who works with students from registration to graduation. One great example is Scott Kramer ’87. Everyone knows Dean Kramer – former registrar and now dean of student life. He always has a smile on his face and knows each and every student. Maybe his great connection with the students is because he is an alumnus. After graduating from KWC in 1987 he returned to work in the admissions office.

“I returned to KWC because I really enjoy working with college age students. I also enjoy the challenge of helping to make KWC one of the top liberal arts colleges in our area,” Kramer said. “The decision to return was really a ‘no-brainer’ for me.”

While some of the returning staff, like Melhiser, are returning after retiring from a career outside of KWC, some are returning as recent graduates. Stephanie Jarvis ’01, admission counselor, accepted her position not long after accepting her diploma.

“I actually never left KWC, I graduated in May and was hired in June 2001,” Jarvis explained. “I was very excited about taking the position as admissions counselor because I felt I could give insight to prospective students because of my education, athletic, and social experiences at KWC. I love working and interacting with the students, faculty, and staff. I have had a wonderful experience working at KWC.”

As alumni return to pursue a career with KWC, they are also interested in giving back to their alma mater. Kent Lewis ’98, campus minister, recently returned to KWC. “When the opportunity arose for me to become the campus minister at the college, I jumped at it because campus ministry was such a big part of my life as a student,” said Lewis.

“I like working on campus, seeing and talking with students about college life. Because of my age, I can still relate to what they are going through,” Lewis continued. “I also like working with some of my former classmates. Aaron Adkins ’98 (assistant to the dean of student life) was my roommate and one of my best friends. I was his best man at his wedding and now we are working across the hall from one another.”

There is something about being at KWC that is like being at home. Wendy Hawes ’92, regional admissions counselor, best sums up the KWC career experience - “It’s been great working at KWC. And there is still something about turning onto campus and driving up the main drive that makes me smile.”


Returning Alumni

Aaron Adkins ’98 Assistant to the Dean of Students Resident Director, Deacon Hall
Sibbie Tegethoff Adkins ’97 Resident Director, Deacon Hall
Karl Bates ’97 Assistant Football Coach
Brian Benjamin ’98 Assistant Football Coach
Joe Britton ’56 Professor Emeritus of English
Margaret Baggett Britton ’56 Associate Professor Emeritus of Sociology
Martha Lillie Bryant ’66 Evening Supervisor, Library
Amy Cappiccic ’97 Resident Director, Peoples Hall
Barbara Cockrum ’56 Evening Supervisor, Library
Jane Coomes ’87 Campus Nurse
Leadership Instructor
Marisue Stevens Coy ’69 Assistant Professor of English and Education
Director of the PLUS Center
Mark Durst ’66 Director of Institutional Research
Ray Harper ’85 Men’s Head Basketball Coach
Michelle Hartz Harris ’96 Director of Admission Services
Wendolyn Hawes ’92 Regional Admission Counselor
Monty Helm ’77 Art Instructor
Ruth Hutton Hume ’62 Administrative Assistant, Advancement Area
Stephanie Jarvis ’91 Admissions Counselor
Scott Kramer ’87 Dean of Student Life
Kent Lewis ’98 Campus Minister
Todd Lillpop ’01 Head Baseball Coach
Berry Major ’60 Director of Alumni Relations
Beverly Grant McEnroe ’62 Director of Career Development & Community Services
Patricia Gabbert McFarling ’83 Associate Professor of Library Science
Director of Library & Academic Information Services
Myrna Gregory Melhiser ’58 English instructor
Murray Minto ’87 Men’s Golf Coach
Lairy Nofsinger ’58 Admission Counselor
Rebecca Rohrer O’Bryan ’95 Secretary, Teacher Education Department
Jay Parrent ’95 Registrar
Roy Pickrell ’75 Assistant Public Relations Director
Sports Information Director
Cynthia Ellis Sandefur ’94 Controller
Anthony Tate ’98 Assistant Football Coach
Dr. Yvonne Decker Taylor ’58 Associate Professor of Elementary Education
Buelah Bogle Wilson ’72 Government Documents Clerk
Steven D. Witt ’92 Assistant Professor of Biology
Glenn Young ’58 Assistant Athletic Director

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Kentucky Wesleyan College is committed to transforming the lives of its student body. It utilizes every available educational and recreational resource to nurture and enrich the growth of its students. The Changing Lives campaign focuses on preparing students, like myself, to be competent leaders who will flourish in the technologically advanced world of the 21st century.

As a transfer student from a large Division I university in the west, I found myself on uncharted territory for the first few months here at KWC. Once I got past that initial “culture shock,” I was able to see many differences between my old college and my new one. I saw how Kentucky Wesleyan needed a lift. The Changing Lives Campaign is just that lift.

The university I transferred from was well equipped with state of the art computer labs, a lively student community center, fully funded programs, and up-to-the-minute technology in the dorms and many buildings. This fostered a “we will meet the students’ needs” attitude, and made learning better, faster, and smarter.

Through your donations, KWC has made and is still making changes to meet the needs of the students and improve our education everyday. Our technology has grown, a fine arts building is in place, a new community center is almost complete and plans for a new science building are on the burner. This campaign has closed the gap I saw between KWC and my previous school. Kentucky Wesleyan is becoming a college to compete with the best colleges; a college to give us the best education.

Over the past year I have come to love KWC for what it is, and what it will hopefully become. I am so lucky to be a student here, and without your support I would not have the scholarship that makes my education possible. Thank you for all the support you give me and KWC.

by Stacy Todd
Sophomore communications/psychology major from Madisonville, Ky. and James Graham Brown scholar
It’s all about Changing Lives
An update on The Campaign for Kentucky Wesleyan College

James Graham Brown Foundation gives grant

Kentucky Wesleyan College has received a $60,000 grant from the James Graham Brown Foundation in Louisville for the continued funding of the James Graham Brown Scholar Recognition Program. The grant will be received over a two-year period.

For over 25 years, the James Graham Brown Scholarship Fund has helped enable Kentucky Wesleyan to recruit and retain many of its best and brightest students. Forty James Graham Brown Scholars on campus each year have provided a more talented student body than would otherwise be possible. It also helps Kentucky Wesleyan to continue to provide a group of highly skilled and educated graduates who have chosen to remain in Kentucky for their careers.

Brown Scholars have been served in at least some fashion since 1985 by the James Graham Brown Society, a mostly social organization for these talented students - currently under the direction of Henry Connor, professor of chemistry; W.L. Magnuson, professor of chemistry and Dan Bradshaw, professor of history. Special funding from the Brown Foundation since the fall of 1996 has enabled Kentucky Wesleyan to do a great deal more. The Society organizes special programming, field trips and other activities, which foster camaraderie unique to this group.

In addition, special recognition dinners for current and former Brown Scholars are held each year.

In addition to providing funding assistance for these activities, this grant enables Kentucky Wesleyan to expand and enhance the Brown Scholar program, including provisions for mentoring and shadowing both on and off-campus and expanding the areas of leadership and character development.

The Winchester Campus Community Center

It’s official! The new campus community center will be named the Winchester Campus Community Center at a formal dedication ceremony on Friday, February 15 at 1:30 p.m. at the new building site. The public is invited to attend.

The center is named in honor of the Winchester-era heritage of Kentucky Wesleyan, and in recognition of the diligent campaign efforts of Winchester-era alumni campaign volunteers.

The Winchester Campus Community Center is near completion. Final interior touches are being made, equipment and furniture are being selected and signage will soon grace the exterior. When students return from Christmas break, the new building will be open and ready for their use.
$2.4 million gift challenges others to give

At the board of trustees meeting, Terry Woodward, chair of the Kentucky Wesleyan College Changing Lives Capital Campaign, announced a challenge grant of $2.4 million from an anonymous friend of the college.

“As the capital campaign continues to grow towards a goal of $20 million dollars, I am excited about the way this grant will help ensure the successful completion of the campaign,” said Woodward. “It’s a challenge for alumni and friends of Kentucky Wesleyan to step forward with their gifts by December 31, 2001, the scheduled end of the campaign.” He added, “Donors may direct their new gifts and pledges to the campaign project they wish to support. The matching gift will be directed to the business department to enhance and expand that academic program.”

“We are thrilled about this anonymous challenge gift. The gift will match dollar-for-dollar all new gifts and pledges that are made to the campaign. Not only does it give incentive for new pledges, but donors can direct their money to specific projects of need while supporting the business program at the same time,” said Dr. Wesley H. Poling, president. “It is up to all alumni and friends of Kentucky Wesleyan College to follow this exemplary act of generosity.”

The Changing Lives campaign has raised $18.6 million. Anyone interested in contributing to the campaign should contact Ron McCracken, vice president for advancement, at 270-926-3111 or ronmc@kwc.edu.

Sneak preview

At their annual fall meeting, trustees got a sneak preview of the Winchester Campus Community Center as they dined “barbeque picnic dinner style” in the unfinished bookstore of the new building. Trustees Charlie Schertzinger ’62, Sonny Hall ’71 and Ellen Ewing ’67 were among the 50 plus trustees and guests to tour this new facility.

Memory bricks

In 1922, the former home of the Owensboro presidents of Kentucky Wesleyan College was built. This farm home, which was turned over to the college in 1955, was destroyed by a tornado in 2000. Today, a new home is being built to replace this original house.

The previous home, a yellow-brick Italian Renaissance villa-style house, was occupied by KWC presidents Lever, Hamilton, White, Hartman and Poling.

You can now own a piece of KWC history and a brick from this 78-year old structure. If you would like to own a yellow-brick from this former home, please fill out the form below and return it with a check for $25.00 to: Kentucky Wesleyan College, Advancement Office, 3000 Frederica Street, Owensboro, Ky. 42301.

The $25.00 cost includes a tribute plaque mounted on the brick and shipping/handling fees. Any dollar amount received above the $25.00 fee will be a gift to the Changing Lives capital campaign. For more information, contact Ron McCracken at 270-852-3140 or email ronmc@kwc.edu.

Memory Brick Order Form

(Please print)

Name: __________________________
Phone number: (____) __________  Email: __________________________
Number of bricks desired: __________________________
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Please enclose a check for $25.00 or more.
Celebrating 50 years in Owensboro 1967-1985

This is the second installment of a three part series celebrating the 50th anniversary of Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro. The Spring 2002 issue will conclude this series and will highlight 1986 to the present. All of the history and photos are courtesy of retired KWC professors Dr. Lee A. Dew (history) and Dr. Richard A. Weiss (German and current KWC archivist) through their book “In Pursuit of the Dream: A History of Kentucky Wesleyan College.”

1967
Pauline Smith Peeples Dormitory and the Little Theatre opened.
Kentucky Wesleyan makes their second appearance in the NCAA Baseball regional Championship.

1968
New dormitory named Kendall Hall after several years the “new men’s dorm.”
Panthers win their second NCAA basketball championship.

1969
First peace protest by students of the Vietnam war.
CBS newsman Marvin Kalb and civil rights leader Julian Bond speak at KWC.
KWC wins their third NCAA basketball title.

1970
“Million Dollar Campaign” of 1951 paid in full.
Second peace protest by students on the Vietnam war.
Memorial services held in Quonset for Kent State University victims.
Library Campaign by students gains national attention by renowned radio commentator Paul Harvey.

1971
Dr. William James chosen president.
Students protest faculty reduction during spring semester.

1972
Renovation of Massie Hall into Student Center begins.

1973
Panthers win their fourth NCAA basketball championship.

1974
New Library Learning Center and Massie Student Center opened.

1975
Tapscott Chapel opened in September.

1976
Women’s basketball and tennis added as intercollegiate sports.

1978
Communication arts (radio and television) and criminal justice majors added to the curriculum.

1979
Dr. Luther White named president in the fall.
KWC adds men’s soccer and women’s volleyball as intercollegiate sports.

1980
President White leads a successful $3.5 million fund raising campaign called “The White Tornado.” The campaign received $1 million from the James Graham Brown Foundation in addition to the $2.5 million raised by Dr. White.
Women’s tennis becomes the first KWC sports team in history to go undefeated with a 10-0 record.
Women’s softball added as intercollegiate sport.

1982
WKWC radio and KWC TV begin broadcasting.
The Panthers participate in the NCAA basketball tournament for the first time in eight years.

1983
Football returns to Kentucky Wesleyan after a 53-year absence.

1984
Groundbreaking ceremony for the Health and Recreation Center.
The Little Theatre
Drama at Kentucky Wesleyan received two major boosts in 1967 with the employment of Ramon Delgado as instructor in speech and drama and with the building of The Little Theatre, later known as the Playhouse. The new facility became the site not only of KWC plays but also performances of the newly organized Theatre Workshop of Owensboro. Delgado was also an accomplished playwright and his one-act play “Waiting for the Bus” was selected as one of the ten best plays of the year in 1967.

Dormitories are named
The new Pauline Peeples dormitory was completed in time for the opening of the fall semester in 1967. With the completion of Peeples dormitory there remained one problem regarding what to call the new men’s dormitory completed in 1963. In 1968 it was formally named in honor of Harry R. Kendall. Kendall left a substantial estate in a trust fund to Kentucky Wesleyan. The Kendall trust was to remain in effect for 40 years.

James appointed president
Dr. William E. James, pastor of Settle Memorial United Methodist Church in Owensboro, was named the new President of Kentucky Wesleyan College on April 12, 1971 by board chairman H.G. Whittenberg Jr. President James, in turn, pledged to establish a “creative Christian community” at Kentucky Wesleyan, and announced his determination to “under gird and implement the identity of Kentucky Wesleyan College as a church-related Christian institution.”

Library building campaign
Student Government Association President Burleigh Matthews announced a campaign at the beginning of 1969 by which the student body would attempt to raise one million dollars for a new campus library. It was called “The Wesleyan Idea,” and it contrasted dramatically with the scenes on campuses across the nation where demonstrations were the norm. The campaign gained national attention by renowned radio commentator Paul Harvey. The campaign reached a total of $225,000, but fell short of the goal of $300,000 and the campaign was ended.
Peace protests
The years 1969 and 1970 were fought with tensions and confrontations. The burgeoning reaction to the ongoing war in Vietnam led to demonstrations on campuses throughout the nation. The course of the tensions was external rather than internal at Kentucky Wesleyan. Peace rallies and bonfires were held on campus twice in support of the anti-war movement.

Students protest faculty changes
In the spring of 1972, President James announced the decision to let go several faculty members for disciplinary or budget reasons. The shock and dismay felt by students and faculty were profound. Emotions swept the campus, ranging from consternation to rage. Students called for a one-day strike in protest of the decisions about the removal of faculty in chemistry, speech-drama, political science, business, history, English and music. The strike was cancelled with the administration's decision to meet with student leaders Jack Robinson, Russell Wilkey and Jim McGarrah (and the rest of the students) to discuss their concerns and complaints.

Greeks, independents and flag football
Fraternities and sororities, as well as many other groups, were an integral part of Kentucky Wesleyan. One of the biggest events on campus every afternoon during the fall in the late 60s and early 70s was flag football. The Snakes (Sigma Nu), Sig Eps (Sigma Phi Epilson), Sammies (Sigma Alpha Mu), Phi Delts (Phi Delta Theta) or the Animals (independents) competed for the prestigious intramural championship in the middle of the Quad with hundreds watching. All three sororities, Alpha Omicron Phi, Kappa Delta and Sigma Kappa, also participated in flag football.
Dr. Luther Wesley White III, a 55-year old attorney and former president at Randolph Macon College in Virginia, agreed to assume the formidable task of leading Kentucky Wesleyan College through the decade of the 1980s. Dr. White was also the first person appointed to KWC’s presidency since David Batson (1879-1883) who was not a Methodist minister.

New academic programs
In the fall of 1978, the college reorganized its academic departments to add three new majors to the curriculum: criminal justice, communication arts (radio and television) and nursing. The major in criminal justice was designed to offer both bachelor and associate degree programs to provide special educational training for persons seeking careers in law enforcement, probation and parole agencies, and similar areas. The communication arts major made way for the opening of WKWC, the college’s radio station, and for expanded cooperative arrangements with the local cable television company to use majors in the production of programs. President James implemented these programs plus the new computer science major during his tenure.

Tapscott Chapel
The college began a $750,000 local fund drive in the Owensboro area in 1974. James A. Tapscott, president of Tapscott’s Inc., was appointed chairman of the campaign. Tapscott contributed a gift of $50,000 to be utilized for the construction of a chapel, which was named in honor of Tapscott and his wife Frances Sherman Tapscott.

Library Learning Center a reality
It was announced that a J. Graham Brown Foundation grant of $300,000 was received to build a new library. The groundbreaking ceremony was May 1973 to remodel the first floor of the Student Union Building to accommodate the library and build a one-story addition. The dedication and opening of the new Library Learning Center took place in September 1974.

HRC groundbreaking
President White announces the college will build a new physical education facility in October 1983 at a groundbreaking ceremony. The Health and Recreation Center, which replaced the World War II era Quonset Hut, would house classrooms, offices, a weight-training area, racquetball courts, locker rooms and a gymnasium. The building would be completed in the winter of 1986.
“Give a damn.” These words occupy a full page in the 1970 Kentucky Wesleyan yearbook Porphyrian, and they typify the spirit of students during the sixties and early seventies. When I came to Kentucky Wesleyan in 1969, the student body was fairly cosmopolitan. Students came here from many sections of the country, with an especially large contingent from the east coast, particularly New Jersey and New York. I believe our students were representative of students across the nation.

The preceding generation, the highly introspective post-World War II students of the late forties and fifties, had concerned themselves with the question of self-identity: “Who am I?” This concern reflected itself in students’ enthusiasm for plays such as Miller’s “The Death of a Salesman,” Sartre’s “No Exit” and Beckett’s “Waiting for Godot.”

The early sixties witnessed the emergence of activists Martin Luther King, Jr. and John F. Kennedy, and suddenly students changed their question from “Who am I?” to “What can I do?” Thus the sixties and early seventies produced perhaps the most politically active students of the twentieth century. Many students sympathized or joined with the Students for a Democratic Society in that organization’s protest against what they considered the fascism of Joe McCarthy and the House Un-American Activities Committee, and many of them participated in sit-ins and marches for civil liberties and equal rights.

The sixties suffered considerable turbulence with the assassinations of John Kennedy, Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy, and with the lingering burden of the Viet Nam War. Students across the nation organized to express their dissatisfaction with the war, and Kentucky Wesleyan students were no exception.

At a meeting in the Student Union Building (now the Library Learning Center/Presidents Hall) in October 1969, students gathered to plan their participation in a nationally observed Moratorium Day on October 15. The majority wanted to march on the National Guard Armory. When the Owensboro Police Department declined to marshal the march, several faculty members, fearing that something might happen like the Ohio National Guard’s slaying of four Kent State University students later that school year (May 4, 1970), counseled the students to hold an on-campus protest. On October 15, students and faculty demonstrated in various ways. Some faculty suspended classes, and others devoted their classes to discussion of the war’s issues. The Quad provided the area for a number of activities: protest speeches, music by the band “Instant Puddin,” flag football, singing and prayers for peace. A yearbook photo shows students wearing t-shirts with logos such as “Apathy Breeds Ignorance” and “Give Peace a Chance.” Many wore black or white armbands.

The 1970 Porphyrian identifies “Sensitivity” as its theme. Its editors declare, “We challenge our tradition because we believe truth without questioning is false,” and they call for “Confrontation” as a good thing.

Students since the early seventies have been less politically active – perhaps more concerned with personal economic goals, sports, TV and the Internet. I must confess to a nostalgia for students more dissenting, more vocal, more active. As idealists, they believed their voices could make a difference, and they did not hesitate to challenge conventional ideas and practices. What better place for the expression of dissent than the college campus? After all, the college should serve as the marketplace for ideas of all sorts.
Football Gazette names six Panthers to preseason All-America

Football Gazette named six Kentucky Wesleyan student-athletes to their 2001 preseason NCAA Division II Mid-Major (non-scholarship) All-America teams.

Seniors Drew Hall (rb), Corey Jordan (wr), Frank Wintrich (lb) and junior Tony Black (de) received first team honors. Seniors Jake Colson (og) and Nick Boling (lb) received honorable mention All-America recognition.

Jordan, a 5-foot-7-inch, 152-pounder from Barnesville, Ga., caught a team-best 63 passes for 890 yards and 13 touchdowns, averaged 14.1 yards per catch and 89 yards per game last season. He was named National Receiver of the Year by Football Gazette as a junior.

Black, a 5-foot-10-inch, 207-pounder from College Park, Ga., led the Panthers with a season record 11 sacks for minus 75 yards and finished fourth in the nation (NCAA Div. II) in sacks per game with 1.1 in 2000.

Hall, a 5-foot-10-inch, 214-pounder from Owensboro led KWC with 810 yards rushing on 115 attempts and 101.2 yards per game last year. Hall also caught nine passes for 88 yards and one touchdown.

Colson, a 6-foot-1-inch, 276-pounder from Columbus, Ga., started all 10 games last season on the offensive line.

Wintrich, a 6-foot-3-inch, 225-pounder from Seminole, Fla., led the Panthers with 94 total tackles including 51 solos and 10 tackles for lost yardage. Wintrich had three sacks, two pass breakups, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries, starting all ten games last season.

Boling, a 6-foot-1-inch, 225-pounder from Reynolds Station, Ky., sat out last season as a medical redshirt. In 1999 he was named first-team All-American by Football Gazette when he led the Panthers with 88 tackles.

The legacy lives on

KWC returns to former Winchester campus to retrieve original basketball floor from 76 years

Kentucky Wesleyan College officials traveled back to Winchester, Ky., its home for 61 years, and moved the center jump circle from the original basketball floor in “Spencer Memorial Gymnasium” to Owensboro. Built in 1926, the gymnasium is now known as College Park Gym.

“We are thrilled to be bringing the center jump circle from the Spencer Gymnasium floor to Owensboro,” said KWC President Dr. Wesley H. Poling. “The legacy of championship basketball at Kentucky Wesleyan College began in Spencer Gym, and we will now be able to have a piece of that legacy on permanent display on the Owensboro campus.

“We appreciate the generosity of the City of Winchester and the Parks and Recreation Department in making this historical artifact available to us. We continue to celebrate and preserve our rich heritage of the years Kentucky Wesleyan occupied the campus in Winchester,” Poling added.

The Panthers defeated Transylvania, 34-23, in the first game at Spencer Gym on January 9, 1926 and went on to a career home record of 124 wins and 77 losses for a 63.5 winning percentage in 24 seasons (1926-51). KWC won five of their first 11 Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regular season and tournament basketball championships while in Winchester.

Listen to Kentucky Wesleyan games on the web

Kentucky Wesleyan fans, alumni and friends can listen to any Panther football and men’s basketball game from anywhere in the world by going to Kentucky Wesleyan’s website, www.kwc.edu/athletic/audio.htm, and click on the game.

An individual must have RealPlayer on their computer to listen to the broadcasts. Fans who do not have RealPlayer on their computer can download the program for free from the KWC website to their computer. This one-time installation takes time so download RealPlayer a day in advance of the game. Once RealPlayer is installed, anyone can listen to the broadcasts.

Broadcasts begin 10 minutes prior to game time and will conclude following the coaches’ post game show. WBIO 94.7 FM is the official radio station of Kentucky Wesleyan football and basketball.
New coaches join KWC athletic staff

**Adam Burgess** joins the Kentucky Wesleyan College men’s basketball team as the second assistant coach.

Burgess comes to KWC after spending the past season as a graduate assistant coach at Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss.

Prior to Delta State, Burgess served as a student assistant at the University of South Alabama in Mobile for two seasons including one with then USA assistant and now current KWC Associate Head Coach Tommy Wade. The Jaguars won the 2000 Sun Belt Conference title with a 20-10 record.

Burgess graduated from South Alabama with a bachelor’s degree in physical education in 2000 and is currently pursuing a master’s degree from Western Kentucky University.

**Dylan Hammons,** a national softball hitting and pitching instructor, has been named head softball coach. For the past three years Hammons, 29, has served as manager of softball training at the Players SportsPlex in Owensboro with special emphasis on fast-pitch hitting and pitching. He has also been a hitting and pitching instructor for nine years with the All-American Talent Showcase, a renowned softball instructional academy across the country.

This summer Hammons coached the Kentucky United Softball team to three championships including the state title. He began his coaching career in 1991 as an assistant softball coach at his alma mater Oroville High School. He then spent three seasons at La Jolla High School in San Diego as an assistant before moving to Las Plumas High School in Oroville as the head coach for six years.

Hammons becomes the Panthers fifth head coach in the college’s 22-year softball history.

Former Kentucky Wesleyan College soccer standout **Robin Joska** has been named assistant soccer coach for the men’s and women’s programs.

Joska, a 2001 graduate, was a four-year starter for the Panthers at midfield. The native of Churdum, in the Czech Republic, started all 18 games last season, and was the second leading scorer with seven goals and 15 points.

Kentucky Wesleyan College assistant baseball coach **Todd Lillpop** has been promoted to head coach. Lillpop is the second KWC alumnus and the 12th head coach in the college’s modern baseball era (1961-present). He was an assistant for two seasons.

Prior to joining the staff in 2000, Lillpop was a three-year starter for Kentucky Wesleyan in center field (1997-99) where he batted .304 for his career. He also finished in the top 10 in the seven career categories: No. 3 - six triples; No. 4 - 471 at bats; No. 6 - 143 hits and 37 stolen bases; No. 7 - 138 games played; No. 8 - 100 runs scored; and No. 9 - 27 doubles.

The Owensboro native began his collegiate career at Southeastern Illinois Junior College before transferring to KWC where he received a bachelor of science degree in physical education. Lillpop was also a four-year starter at Apollo High School in Owensboro. Lillpop returns 17 letter winners including six position starters and the entire pitching staff from this past season’s 20-27 squad.

**Heather Oxley,** an assistant coach at Oakland City University (Ind.), has been named head volleyball coach at Kentucky Wesleyan College.

Oxley joined Oakland City last season as the top assistant after a stellar two-year career for the Mighty Oaks. She made her coaching debut by leading Washington High School to the Hoosier State Games last summer.

At Oakland City, Oxley was twice named co-captain, the most valuable defensive player and the team’s top Scholar-Athlete. She began her collegiate career as a freshman and sophomore at Vincennes University (Ind.) where she earned the Most Valuable Offensive Player award twice.

Oxley was a four-year starter at Washington (Ind.) High School before signing with Vincennes University in 1996. She graduated cum laude from Oakland City University in 2000 with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education.

**Bryce Swafford,** head girl’s basketball coach at state champion Conway Springs High School in Conway Springs, Kan., has been named assistant women’s basketball coach at KWC.

Swafford compiled a 44-5 record for an 89.8 winning percentage in two seasons as head coach at Conway Springs, as well as winning the Kansas Class 3-A state championship with a 23-3 record.

He was named state coach of the year for all classes by the Greater Wichita Sports Commission and Class 3-A state coach of the year by the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association. His responsibilities will include developing the post players, coordinating recruitment efforts, scouting opponents and overseeing academic progress. He will also serve as the Panthers head women’s golf coach.

Swafford earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in industrial technology education from Pittsburg State University (Kan.) in 1994 and 2000.

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There will only be one Shupie
by Joyce Ann Evans

Shupie Wheeler (left), with long-time friend King Richeson ’48, “...his legacy and the lives he has touched can never be fully measured...”

It is sometimes said of loyal Kentucky Wesleyan alumni that they “bleed purple.” Clarence S. “Shupie” Wheeler would certainly fit into that category – perhaps even be the role model.

Shupie died on September 22 in Duluth, Ga. and we will miss his KWC cap, his true passion for Kentucky Wesleyan, his stories of the Winchester campus and most of all his friendship.

A 1949 KWC graduate, Shupie was a member of the basketball team and co-captain in 1949, making the all-conference team in 1948 and 1949. He was also president of his classes in 1946-1949 and president of the student body in 1949. Wheeler also played baseball and was a member of the Mystic 13.

Carlos Higgins ’49 was best man at the marriage of Shupie and Rosemary Johnson Wheeler ’49 and remembers their wedding day. “They were married by the President of Kentucky Wesleyan on February 17, 1946.”

Higgins said he and John “Dog” Campbell ’49 and Fairce Woods ’49 lived across the hall from Shupie on Batson Hall’s first floor on the Winchester campus. “Shupie was a tall skinny kid and a good ball player. He knew the theory of basketball and could incorporate that theory and execute it.”

A highly decorated Navy veteran, Shupie served in World War II between 1942 and 1945. He was a gun crew captain, seeing action in every theater of the war.

Carlos related Shupie’s story of being wounded in combat, surviving his ship sinking and spending four days on a life raft.

“Shupie said a German U-boat torpedoed his boat and knocked him into the water. The ship was leaking oil and was severely damaged so Shupie and a few others were trying to get away from the ship. He witnessed the ship go down and then watched the German U-boat surface and fire at the life rafts.”

Higgins continued, “Shupie said he was covered with oil but after several days they were finally picked up by a foreign ship. While he was recuperating, Shupie painted a picture of his experience and had it framed in his home.”

The extraordinary life of Shupie Wheeler was celebrated in Lexington, Ky. on October 7 as friends and family gathered to remember him.

Roy Pickerill ’75 told the gathering that he became friends with Shupie many years ago and “Shupie taught me that Kentucky Wesleyan is a very special place and that it is important to learn about its heritage.”

Pickerill continued, “KWC has produced many alumni, but there will only be one Shupie in its history. His legacy and the lives he has touched can never be fully measured but we know that he lives forever in our hearts, minds and spirits.”

Shupie is survived by his wife, Rosemary, and his children Carolyn and Danny.

50 G. Chad Perry III and his wife Juliane were honored by the Pikeville College board of trustees with the naming of a faculty position in the School of Osteopathic Medicine, in recognition of their efforts to improve health care opportunities for the people of eastern Kentucky. The new professorship is named the Chad and Juliane Perry Distinguished Professorship in Family Medicine. They also received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Pikeville.

53 W. Glenn Sowards was honored by the board of directors and staff of Wesley Village as a member of “Heroes, Saints & Legends,” a celebration of individuals whose lives have enriched our world. Glenn is a United Methodist minister who has led congregations throughout western Kentucky. His service to the church has also included posts as the district superintendent for the Hopkinsville, Madisonville and Owensboro districts.

58 Carol Ayer Baker was recently elected a life director of the University of Southern Indiana Foundation. A longtime supporter of the university, she has served in a variety of volunteer capacities.

63 Bill Kurtz was a guest speaker at the 52nd International Auctioneers Conference and Show in Boise, Idaho in July. He is a past president of the National Auctioneers Association.

Dr. Thomas Meredith was recently named head of the 34-campus University System of Georgia by the Georgia Board of Regents. Meredith, Alabama chancellor, has been the head of Alabama’s three-campus system since 1997. Before joining the Alabama system, he spent nine years as president of Western Kentucky University. He began his career as a teacher and coach at Owensboro High School. Meredith begins his new position January 1, 2002.

65 Michael Clayton was recently appointed personnel commissioner of the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education. A retired human resources manager, Michael and his wife Marilyn live in Nipomo, Calif.

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Twenty-four Cincinnati area alumni gathered in Cincinnati at the home of Bill ’47 and Mildred ’46 Kincaid in July for this annual summer picnic. Although their basement had been flooded with mud from a storm the night before, the potluck picnic proceeded and was a success. Thanks to the Kincaid’s for hosting this event.
67. Jackie D. Leigh, in his 37th year as a minister, is now serving the Waynesfield United Methodist Church in Waynesfield, Ohio. His first church was in 1964 while a student at Kentucky Wesleyan. He and his wife Clara have two sons, David and Tim.

68. P. Michael Lutz is an assistant professor of mathematics education at California State University, Bakersfield. He taught high school mathematics for 27 years in Elkhart, Ind. Michael received a Ph.D. in mathematics education from Indiana University in January.

70. Richard Spector and his wife Jan had their first grandchild, Alyssa Lauren, born April 25. They have three children, Jennifer, Jason and Matt. Richard is vice president of sales for Fun Time International Inc. in Manalapan, N.J.


77. Dorothy Queene Rates-Finiello is the Art Services Director for the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County, N.C. She taught for six years in the North Carolina school system and won numerous awards through directing her arts students on the middle school level. Also a professional artist, she has exhibited in several tri-state and two national exhibits. She and her husband James have three children, Eric, Taisha and Ricci.

78. Patty Steward Pernisek recently received her teaching certificate in middle grades education from Western Kentucky University. She is teaching 8th grade language arts at Daviess County Middle School. She and her husband Ken Pernisek ’75 have two sons, Jonathan and Shane.

80. Mark G. Locke is minister of music and worship at Collierville United Methodist Church in Tenn. and was elected chair of the Order of Deacon at the Memphis Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Larry Tierney has been promoted to manager of technology infrastructure at Williams Gas Pipeline in Owensboro. He has been with Williams for 20 years.

81. Robert W. Milburn Jr. has been appointed to the Kentucky parole board.

82. Russell Comoes is in central administration for the Harrison School District in Colorado Springs, Colo. He and his wife Laura have four children, Angela, Rusty, Katie and Kelly.

It was hot in August, but not too hot for 116 Winchester-era alumni to gather at College Park in Winchester, Ky. for the annual Winchester Picnic. Alumni from all points across Kentucky attended this catered event, as well as alumni from Louisiana, Georgia, Virginia and Ohio.

83. Rene Thompson represented the Million Mom March as an NGO delegate to the United Nations in July at the Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms in All Its Aspect. She and her husband Steve have one son, David.

84. Timothy Keiningham authored the recently released book, *The Customer Delight Principle* (2001, McGraw-Hill) with Dr. Terry Vavra. Timothy is a marketing consultant and senior vice president with Marketing Metrics, Inc. in Paramus, N.J. He and his wife Michiko Fujita Keiningham ’86 have two children, Hana and Sage.

87. Stephanie Vargason O’Neal has been promoted to vice president and commercial lending officer for the Owensboro market of AREA Bank. She has been with the company since 1983.

88. Mike Sprague was elected Cannelton Teacher Association president. He has also testified before the Indiana School Counselor Standards Board, giving input on future counselor licensing. Mike is a counselor/librarian with the Cannelton City Schools. He and his wife Juanita Estes Sprague ’86 live in Maceo, Ky.

Traci Westerfield is a physician resident - Family Practice with the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center and will complete her residency in Sept. 2003.

89. Tim Bentley is department director of Community Care Network at the Methodist Hospital in Evansville, Ind.

Kellie Beeler Ehalt and her husband Michael have two children, Kelsie, and Andrew Edward born March 29. They live in Orlando, Fla.

Stephen Bruce Milne married Ginger Jo Lohr on August 4. He earned a master of science degree in organic chemistry and a doctor of philosophy degree in inorganic chemistry from Vanderbilt University and is a toxicology supervisor with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.
Samantha Bateman Nelson is a buyer at Best Buy.com. She was recently invited to the Grammy Awards show and enjoyed it very much. She and her husband Brian have two children, Calin and Erin.

Jody Craig Stobbe and her husband Goetz have a new baby, Sarah Grace, born May 16, who joins big sister Jennifer. Jody is a senior regulatory specialist for Buckman Laboratories International, Inc. in Bartlett, Tenn.

Travis Chaney recently opened the third office of Watson, Chaney and Associates, a financial advisory branch of American Express. His wife Christy Taylor Chaney ’01, began her apprenticeship as a funeral director this summer at Glenn Funeral Home in Owensboro.

Lisa D. Lamb Hunt has been promoted to project manager at Goodwill Industries, Inc. in Evansville, Ind. She has been with Goodwill as a case manager since 1999.

Mitch Major and his wife Laura Weida Major ’95 have a new son, Springer Corum, born October 24. Mitch completed his MBA in management at Wingate University in May with a perfect 4.0. He works for Family Dollar Stores in their corporate headquarters and is currently project manager for implementation of a new software system across the company. Mitch, Laurie and Springer live in Charlotte, N.C.

Jonathan T. Moore received a master of fine arts degree in film and television from the University of California Los Angeles School of Theater, Film, and Television in June.

James Duncan completed his internal medicine residency at Mayo Clinic and has accepted a position with Danville Medical Specialists in Danville, Ky. He and his wife Sharon Murphy Duncan ’91 have two children, Emma and Luke. Sharon completed her master’s degree in management.

Wayne Swift ’96 and Jason Goddard ’94 joined an alumni crowd of more than 150 that danced the night away to the music of the Velvet Bombers at the home of Jack Wells ’75. This event, hosted by the Owensboro Area Alumni Chapter, was the first of many activities this new chapter will be planning for Owensboro area alumni. Thanks Jack for hosting this get-together.

Michael J. Helmy and his wife Monica have a new baby daughter, Olivia Anne, born June 19. They live in Little Rock, Ark.

Mark H. Knight is branch officer with the State Bank of Countryside in Chicago, Ill. and was promoted to the board of officers. He was recently nominated for “Chicago Man of the Year” in Chicago Magazine. Mark volunteers as an elementary school tutor, teaching math, reading and history to children with “English as a second language.” He also teaches financial literacy to new immigrants from Latin America.

Andrew Pagel and his wife Jill Eubank Pagel ’96 have a new daughter, Hadley Drew, born April 12. Andy is a history teacher and assistant soccer coach at Marshall County High School in Kentucky and Jill is a guidance counselor at North Marshall Middle School.

Doug Sandifer and his wife Laura have a new son, Deelan Scott, born April 25. Doug is a teacher and boys soccer coach at Daviess County High School in Owensboro.

Christy Vaughan is a library associate with the Daviess County Public Library. She married Graham S. Temple on November 10.

Janie Gant Moseley was among 21 Kentucky educators who received Teacher Achievement Awards from the Kentucky Department of Education and Ashland, Inc. She was also one of three finalists for Elementary Teacher of the Year. Janie is a professional development resource teacher at Cravens Elementary School in Owensboro.

Lucy Madigan Armstead is coordinator of adoptions for The Methodist Homes and was recently named Staff of the Month. She and her husband Dale have two children, Kyler and Lainey.

Denean Carol Hedges Hendren married Seth Michael Hendren on June 9. She is a family nurse practitioner in Jackson, Tenn.

Eve Bamberger Holder has been promoted to manager at EKW & Associates, LLP. She has been with the company since 1996. Eve is also a graduate of the American Bankers Association National Compliance School.

Darren Howard is production supervisor at General Motors. He and his wife Julie Bales Howard ’96 have three children, Tyler Michael, James Blake and Kathryn Ann. Julie is a kindergarten teacher with Dayton Public Schools and they live in Kettering, Ohio.

John Pitchford works for Kroger as a meat cutter. He and his wife Amy live in Louisville.

Toby Alexander and his wife Holly have a new son, Cole Michael, born August 20. Toby is a buyer for Commonwealth Aluminum in Louisville and they live in Sellersburg, Ind.

Benjamin T. Hoak teaches English and science at Heritage Christian School. He is also on the board of contributors for the Messenger-Inquirer (newspaper) in Owensboro.

Chris Houk is a recruiter/admission counselor for accelerated programs at Spalding University in Louisville.

Annessa Ann Babic has a Distinguished Graduate Student Teaching Fellowship at State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Kent Patrick Greer is taking classes at the Kent School of Social Work through the University of Louisville in pursuit of a master’s degree in social work. He is a communication center representative for Humana/Emphesys in Louisville. He also performs in a local band called “Screaming Through December” that performed at the International Barbeque Festival in Owensboro in May.

Cattron Michele Grossman and Brian Douglas Blackwell ’98 were married on December 16, 2000. They both have a master’s degree from Tennessee Tech.
Brian Henderson married Katrina Grantham on August 11. Brian is a claims representative with Cincinnati Insurance Co.

Julie Ann Roemele completed her Peace Corps service in Bulgaria last year and is attending the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University where she was awarded a graduate assistantship.

Sonya Kirby Simpson and her husband Darin are the proud parents of twins, Jax and Jaclyn, born March 28. She is a science teacher at Burns Middle School in Owensboro and cross country coach for Apollo High School and Burns.

Jennifer Lynn Blair Estes is an accountant with RJ Pohl & Associates. She and her husband Scotty have two sons, Jonathon Amos and Michael Dean and live in Hawesville, Ky.

Keeley Roberts married Scott Hargis on August 4 and is a nurse practitioner in Nashville, Tenn. She earned her MSN from Vanderbilt University in August. Misty Miller Vincent and her husband Chris have a new son, Caleb Christopher, born on May 3. Misty is a teller supervisor with First National Bank in Greenville, Ky.

Jessica Collins Allen married Charles Allen on February 23. They live in Clarksville, Tenn.

Emily Bellamy Baur is community development planner for the Green River Area Development District. She has also been accepted to the master of public administration program at Western Kentucky University.

Kathryn Brennan married Paul Herron ’02 on December 30, 2000. Nicole Tomer Henry is an administrative assistant with Miles Enterprise - Seed Office in Owensboro. She has a daughter, Kaela Michelle.

Julie Burris Payne and Pat Payne were married on July 14. She is an exercise physiologist at Owensboro Mercy Health System HealthPark and Pat works at Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

Remzi Rasmussen and Crystal Burns ’01 were married July 21 and they live in Atlanta.

Josh Sims was named second shift supervisor of information systems at UniFirst Corp., Owensboro Distribution Center. He has been with the company since 1999.

Brandon Tabor and Courtney Lubbe Tabor ’01 were married April 21. Courtney is a client representative for insurance brokerage and risk management at Marsh USA, Inc. in Cincinnati. Brandon is a sales representative for SGH Golf, Inc. They live in Ft. Mitchell, Ky.

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Marguerite Tabor Wilson on May 15 in Masonic, Ky. She was a retired teacher. She was followed in death in August by her husband Farris D. Wilson.

Henry K. Carl on August 7 in Brookville, Ky. He was a Methodist minister and had served six different charges in the Kentucky Annual Conference of the Methodist church for 25 years. He transferred to the Florida Annual Conference and served 15 years in two charges.

Beverly Woolsey Robertson on June 3 in Lexington, Ky. He was a World War II veteran, having served with the Corps of Engineers in the European Theater as a First Lieutenant and he also participated during the Battle of the Bulge. He was manager of Southern States Cooperative and was a charter member of the Southern Hills United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Susan Darnell Robertson; three sons, George Stuart Robertson of Calif., Matthew Cotton Darnell Robertson of Winchester, Ky., and Richard Conrad Robertson of Lexington.

Malone “June” Gaynor Jr. on September 1 in Owensboro. He was retired from Modern Welding and was a World War II Army veteran. He was also a member of KWC’s All-American/All-Sports Club, Presidents Society and Heritage Society. He established the Malone and Lillian Gaynor Endowed Fund at KWC. His
first wife, Lillian Lyons Gaynor, died in 1992. He is survived by his wife, Anna Simpson Gaynor; a stepson, Michael Simpson of Bowling Green, Ky., former vice president for development at KWC; and a stepdaughter, Deborah Simpson Fillman of Owensboro.

57 Joseph “Joe” Martin on June 19 in South Carolina. He retired from WEST VACO Co. as a civil engineer, and received his certified public accountant degree. He started little league football in Owensboro, was a member of Fair Play Presbyterian Church and a Korean War Air Force veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Elizabeth Belcher Martin; three daughters, Dana Martin Wheeler of Owensboro, Debra Martin Pigage of Ga., and Jodi Martin Strehl of South Carolina; and two sisters, Jane Kiger of Fla. and Nancy Martin Baggett ’60 of Owensboro.

58 Joe Randy Penrod on June 4 in Owensboro. He retired from Owensboro Public Schools as a teacher and an administrator and was a member of St. John United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife Jo Ann Goodwin Penrod ’58; a son, Tod Penrod of Dallas; two brothers, Billy Penrod of Benton, Ky. and Ed Penrod of Tenn.; and two sisters, Nancy Alford of Madisonville, Ky. and Jean Estes of Owensboro.

62 Jo Nell Leach on July 27 in Owensboro. She retired from teaching after 39 years and was a member of Fordsville Baptist Church. Survivors include a son, Phillip Grady Leach of Fordsville, Ky.

67 Leonard Harold Garrett on June 11 in Lexington. He was a retired civil engineer. Survivors include his wife, Linda Brown Garrett; a daughter, Teresa D. Garrett of Winchester, Ky.; his parents, George and Juanette Garrett of Owensboro; two brothers, James Garrett of Fla.; and two sisters, Mary Alice Boling and Wanda Garrett, both of Owensboro.

78 Tom Goggans on August 4 in Greenville, S.C. An Owensboro native, he managed Carlton Mercedes-Benz Dealership of Greenville and was a member of First Baptist Church of Owensboro. He was an Army veteran and a 1972 graduate of Daviess County High School. Survivors include his wife of 25 years, Carolyn Jeffries Goggans; and two brothers, Eddie Goggans of Owensboro and John Goggans of Ill.

He was a true friend
by Joyce Ann Evans

A memorial service was held October 1 in Harrison, N.Y. for Tom Hohlweck ’67 to celebrate his life. Hohlweck was senior vice president at AON Risk Services Inc. whose offices were located on the 92nd floor of Tower 2 of the World Trade Center.

His good friend Randy Raskin ’66 spoke at that service, "Tom and I go back a long time together. We were classmates in the early 60s at Kentucky Wesleyan College where we bonded because we were two of the few students from the New York area."

Raskin continued, “Even then, we were no strangers to crises: Cuban missiles and the assassination of JFK. But back then, these were far distant events, and we certainly never thought such world and domestic crises would ever affect us personally. Little did we know.”

Randy Raskin, a KWC Trustee, was in Owensboro recently and talked about his friend Tom, who was also a good friend of Randy’s roommate Stan Botgacki ’66. “Stan and Tom earned extra money in college by stuffing papers on Saturday night at the Messenger-Inquirer.”

Raskin and Hohlweck lost touch after leaving Kentucky. "Tom and I kept in touch by stuffing papers and discussing the latest sporting events, and we certainly never thought we would lose touch as we went on to Paris for a week, and Tom replied ever so seriously, ‘so what’s wrong with Owensboro?’”

Raskin related the following story. "It was February of 1998 and President Poling invited Tom, Pam, Sherry and me to Owensboro for the capital campaign kick-off celebration. Tom and I hadn’t been back in many years, and as is true of visiting any place anew, you tend to notice different things. In this case it was the beautiful homes in Owensboro. Being New Yorkers, what stood out the most were the prices.”

Raskin continued, “Tom took considerable notice of this, concluding that he had indeed found the place of his retirement dreams and he kept bringing this up all weekend. Tom eventually relented on his choice of retirement locations, but he did inform Pam that he would try to make Owensboro an annual ritual. The last piece of this story took place the following year, when Pam suggested they go to Paris for a week, and Tom replied ever so seriously, ‘so what’s wrong with Owensboro?’”

Active in alumni activities in the New York/New Jersey area, Hohlweck’s commitment to Kentucky Wesleyan was strong and he has been a generous financial supporter as well.

In conclusion Randy Raskin said of his good friend Tom Hohlweck, "He was a true friend and I will always remember and miss his wit and humor and sensitivity, and the joy he brought to Pam and to all of us.”

Hohlweck is survived by his wife, Pam; three children, Todd, Randy and Robin; his mother, Edith Goldmark Hohlweck; and a sister, Mary Judge.
Much has been said in our society about the importance of volunteers – those people who give willingly, intentionally, spontaneously, without profit or payment. Surely those words are a fitting description of Bill Kincaid, a 1947 Kentucky Wesleyan graduate who has been reading to the blind and sight impaired in the Cincinnati area for over 10 years.

The scope and importance of his work was rewarded last year when Bill was presented the Caroline F. Fibbe Award, one of the most prestigious honors anyone can win in that field. “Mr. Kincaid is the kind of volunteer we’d like to clone,” said Jane McGraw, community relations director of the Cincinnati Association for the Blind. “He gives access to the printed word for people who cannot see and does so with skill, enthusiasm and kindness.”

However Kincaid is the first to tell you that he’s not in it for the rewards. “I have enjoyed all my reading experiences immensely. I have learned so much about those who are blind, and those dedicated sighted people, both paid and volunteer, who keep the program going. The Cincinnati Association for the Blind is a wonderful organization.”

He continued, “Through the years I have come to know blind professionals in so many fields who do things we sighted people find most remarkable. I feel I have received much more than I have given.”

In 1990 Kincaid began reading for Sushil Oswal, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Cincinnati. “Before long, I was reading for him several hours a week, but I also became his reading time is about 32 minutes.

WRRS has been on the air for some 20 years and all the readers are volunteers. The station has a full menu of reading from all the Cincinnati papers and magazines, from the front page to the obituaries and comics, according to Kincaid. “Since WRRS and the Cincinnati Association for the Blind are now one organization, we have new studios with state of the art equipment.”

While other cities in the nation have stations like WRRS, their Personalized Talking Print (PTP) program is unique to Cincinnati. Bill was chosen to be in the beginning focus group.

“We had four readers and 16 blind listeners, all of whom were given voice mail boxes,” Kincaid explained. “Our listeners leave a message in a reader’s mailbox in the computer requesting something the listener wants to read. The reader then finds that information and leaves it in the listener’s mailbox. Our most frequent request was for news. The program was an immediate success and we had to get more computer space and more volunteers.”

Currently 138 volunteers read daily to 195 blind and print handicapped from a menu of over 30 items from the newspapers, magazines, and other sources.

In addition to his volunteer time at WRRS, Kincaid also reads the front page of the Cincinnati Enquirer every morning on the telephone at his desk. He is the only reader who reads everyday, and his average daily reading time is about 32 minutes.

Kincaid and his wife Mildred Poe Kincaid ’46 met at Kentucky Wesleyan and have many wonderful KWC memories. “Most of our longest lasting friendships, now in their 60th year, began in Winchester at Kentucky Wesleyan.”

Friendship is an area in which Bill Kincaid has always excelled, but perhaps it has never been more important than with the blind and sight-impaired friends he touches each day with his time, his kindness and his dedication.

Sharing his vision

by Joyce Ann Evans
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