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Thanks for the Memories

The classical scholar Democritus once said “Nothing exists except atoms and empty space; everything else is opinion.” Thanks to the enthusiasm and perseverance of these professors, even we non-chemistry majors left KWC knowing a great deal more facts than that - and yet, perhaps a few opinions! Thank you, Robert and Nancy Flachskam, Dr. Magnuson and Dr. Connor for bringing this intimidating, but fascinating discipline to life for so many students.

James Fleming, M.D., M.Sc. ’03
Resident Physician, Vanderbilt University Hospital

I took General Chemistry taught by Dr. Magnuson my freshman year. The class took place from 11 a.m. until noon. One day Dr. Magnuson’s wife and daughter, Barbie, arrived near the end of class to go to lunch with him. Dr. Magnuson was still lecturing. Barbie, who I think was about 4 or 5 years old, went up to him and hung on to his leg while he proceeded to finish the lecture, writing on the board and dragging her along with him. Nothing prevented Dr. Magnuson from completing his lecture!

Arba Kenner, M.D. ’74

I always enjoyed the Christmas party the chemistry professors hosted at Dr. Magnuson’s house each December. It was fun to see them in a social setting outside of the seriousness of the classroom and laboratory.

Andrea Swearingen Clifford ’90

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Dr. Cheryl King Reflects on her First Year as KWC’s President

Storms, Students and Brownies

Who could have predicted a hurricane in Kentucky? Tree limbs, roof tiles and the contents of every trash receptacle on campus were everywhere just two weeks before the 150th Anniversary and my inauguration. But in true KWC spirit, everyone pulled together. The facilities crew worked miracles, and our students, with the offer of free pizzas, combed the campus and hauled out bags of debris. The campus looked better than ever when over 1,000 alumni, family and friends joined us for our long-anticipated celebration in late September.

As we focused on one of the worst economic downturns in years during the winter months, we found ourselves hit again by Mother Nature with a catastrophic ice storm that forced us to close the campus for four days—the first closure in more than 40 years. Students dealt with the lack of power, hot food and cell phones in amazing ways. They told me it was a bonding experience! I almost cried when I heard that several students walked the neighborhood to help clear fallen limbs and take care of anything else that needed to be done.

All this would give anyone a little heartburn, right? Not at Kentucky Wesleyan. The year’s successes were many, and they surpassed the challenges by far. Here are just a few:

◆ Freshmen student retention (fall to spring) jumped to a record 88 percent.
◆ Students raised over $20,000 for charities, including $12,000 for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.
◆ Eleven of the 13 sports posted a record cumulative GPA of 2.9; nine teams topped 3.0.
◆ The KWC tradition continued with the men’s basketball team going to the NCAA Tournament for the second year in a row.
◆ Summer enrollment increased nine percent from the previous year.
◆ The Class of 2009 was one of the largest in many years.

It was an extraordinary year, but we’re just getting started. A major strategic planning process is underway involving just about everyone on campus. The agenda for change will position KWC well for the future. Ruth Seydel and Jeff Barber, members of the Board of Trustees, are co-chairing the planning efforts, and a specific agenda will be forthcoming in the next few months.

Students can look forward to new programs and opportunities in 2009-2010 as well. A three-week winter term is planned with more than 11 courses offered in exciting places such as Key West, the Everglades, Washington, D.C. and Chicago. Students will soon have more options for residential housing, the Winchester Student Center will see major upgrades and Frisbee golf is already a huge hit!

Our academic programs will certainly be strengthened with the addition of the prestigious Wesleyan Fellows program this fall. The nine students selected will work on research projects with faculty and off-campus supervisors.

I hope I’ve conveyed the amazing spirit that permeates the KWC community today. We weathered the storms of the last year, and we are stronger and more resolute than ever.

At the height of the ice storm, our doorbell rang one night. Several students were on the front porch of our home here on campus. My heart was in my throat—what had happened?

When I opened the door, I learned they wanted to gather at our house and make brownies. I got out the mixing bowls and pans, and they went to work. I do believe that evening was the highlight of the year.

Dr. Cheryl D. King
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Thumb through the pages of 1966-1969 Porphyrians, and George Tinsley ’69 is everywhere; on the basketball court firing a jump shot, posing with teammates and trophies, or circling the dance floor with Seretha Summers ’71 at a Sadie Hawkins Dance. “That dance,” recalls Tinsley with a smile, “was my first date with Seretha and my best memory of KWC.” Earlier in the day, Summers had enlisted her friends to capture Tinsley as “her man” for the dance. “I didn’t run very fast. I wanted to be caught,” he shares. Forty-one years later, George is still Seretha’s man.

George Tinsley arrived at KWC by way of Smoketown, one of Louisville’s roughest neighborhoods. Abandoned as a baby, Tinsley was adopted by a physically disabled elderly woman who walked with a crutch. He describes her as a God-fearing optimist who saw the positive side of just about everything, in spite of poor health and extremely challenging financial circumstances. She died when George was only 13 years old.

“God watched over me,” says Tinsley. “Pimps and prostitutes and drug pushers frequented the corner in my neighborhood. It’s hard to believe, but they protected me.” He remembers prostitutes saying, “Now, George, walk home on the other side of the street. You don’t belong over here. You have a future.” Sometimes he and his adoptive mother would be down to their last nickel, and he would spot a twenty-dollar bill on the sidewalk. “I never knew where the money came from, but I always wondered if the ladies working the streets left it for me.”

His eighth grade social studies teacher calls George “my prize.” Gaye Howell describes him as “extremely positive and always smiling; and he didn’t have much to smile about.” He came to class every day in the same white shirt and corduroy pants, and as the year progressed, the pants and shirt-sleeves seemed to get shorter as he grew.

“His smile lit up my classroom,” says Howell, who was a 20-year-old first-year teacher. She says every day at noon, he skipped lunch and went to the gym to shoot baskets. “We knew he loved basketball, but we were concerned that he probably didn’t have lunch money. So we came to the gym to watch and just happened to have food to share,” Howell remembers.

After playing basketball at Louisville Male High School, Tinsley was recruited by Kentucky Wesleyan Head Basketball Coach Guy Strong. He led the Panthers to their first NCAA Division II National Championship his freshman year in 1966. Two more titles followed in 1968 and 1969. He received All-American recognition as a junior and senior and was an alternate to the 1968 U.S. Olympic Team.

Seretha Summers arrived on campus George’s junior year. Her best friend on campus was Edna Nall Bates ’71 from Island, Kentucky. “I was the first African American she had ever known,” recalls Summers. “Edna nicknamed me Sam because she couldn’t remember my name. I was class chaplain one year, and Edna’s motto was ‘Before you cram, pray with Sam.’ I did a lot of praying that year.”

Check out the annuals from 1967 – 1971 and Seretha Summers, just like George, is everywhere. She was a cheerleader, Pacesetter, class officer, Judicial Council member and Homecoming attendant. “Sam was so loved,” says Bates, “because she was genuine and caring and fun-loving, a beautiful bundle of energy.”

George was the first African American male, and Seretha the first African American female, inducted into the prestigious Order of Oak and Ivy. They ended the 1969 academic year as May King and Queen.
George was also Sigma Alpha Mu National Athlete of the Year in 1969.

George played professionally in the old American Basketball Association, and after an eight-year management career with Kentucky Fried Chicken Corporation, he acquired his first franchise in 1984. Seretha, whose father owned Louisville radio station WLOU, followed his lead and managed several stations in the Southeast. She was vice president and general manager of a Jacksonville station prior to her involvement in the Tinsley family businesses.

Forty years and many accomplishments later, the Tinsleys now live in Winter Haven, Florida. They own PenGeo, Inc., Tinsley Group, Inc. and Tinsley Family Concessions with holdings that include 45 restaurants with various franchises. Committed civic leaders, they are both as visible on Google as they are in old KWC annuals.

George is chief executive officer of the family businesses. Panther fans voted Tinsley Most Outstanding KWC Player in 1977. He was inducted into the Kentucky Wesleyan College Hall of Fame in 2005. He serves on the National Basketball Association Retired Players Board and serves as treasurer of the Executive Board.

Seretha, chief financial officer of the family companies, is president of the Winter Haven Chamber of Commerce and the first African American to hold the office. She received an honorary doctorate from Webber’s International University in May.

Gaye Howell saw her “prize” for the first time in forty-four years when he delivered the 2009 commencement address in Hocker-Hall Grove. She called the trip to Owensboro a pilgrimage. “My family wanted to bring me, but I had to do it alone.” As Tinsley walked to the podium in a cap and gown, Howell says she saw the boy with short pants and no lunch money. “I could hear the ball bouncing on the gym floor during lunch hour, and it was a very emotional moment.”

George Tinsley saw Mrs. Howell on the front row and remembered the pretty teacher who believed in a shy teenager with no self-esteem. “As I began my speech, I thought of Nurse Fullerton and Dr. Bob Cockrum, who treated me like a son, and so many others on this campus who encouraged me.”

The Panther legend spoke with gratitude about “this wonderful institution” that brought “sorely needed structure and self-confidence into my life . . . I absolutely love this place.”

Find out more about George and Seretha Tinsley and their two grown children, Penni and George II, at www.georgetinsleyer.com and www.tfcfamily.net.

“Successful people understand that failure is just part of the learning process, nothing more. They don’t allow failure to define them . . . always give generously of yourselves . . . if you maintain an abiding faith, have confidence in yourself and remain positive, you can and you will meet all life’s challenges, and find success and fulfillment along the way.”

George Tinsley ’69
Commencement Speaker

“Your presence here has made Kentucky Wesleyan a better place, and Kentucky Wesleyan now belongs to you. I must confess – you will always have a special place in my heart as the first graduating class during my presidency. Stay in touch. We want to celebrate your successes, and remember – you can always come home to KWC.”

Dr. Cheryl King ’70
President
KET to Air Program with Dr. Diane Earle

Kentucky Educational Television will honor the 300th anniversary of the piano in late October with a 30-minute program featuring Dr. Diane Earle. A film crew spent two days with Earle in June and taped footage at KWC and at Earle’s home. They will return in September to film her with the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra. Earle has presented her program, “A Celebration of the 300th Birthday of the Piano,” to many groups, including concert audiences in China.

KWC Students Set Fundraising Record

Student-driven fundraising efforts topped $20,000 last year, a campus record, and benefited local and national charities. Last year marked the addition of KWC’s first-ever St. Jude Up ‘Til Dawn campaign for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, which brought in $12,000 for the world-renowned Memphis facility. Other events that contributed to the record included the Kappa Delta Shamrock ‘n Run for Girls Inc. of Owensboro and Prevent Child Abuse America, and Sigma Alpha Mu’s Bounce for Beats for the American Heart Association and Alzheimer’s Awareness Week.

Dr. Cheryl King Receives Owensboro Board of Realtors Heritage Award

The Owensboro Board of Realtors honored Dr. Cheryl King with the 2009 Heritage Award at the May meeting. The Heritage Award is the highest award given to a non-realtor in the community by the Owensboro Board of Realtors. President of the Board Amelia Jones remarked, “Dr. King’s life and career reflect her commitment to ensuring a quality education for all ages at local, state and national levels.” The award honors an Owensboro citizen for unselfish personal contributions in the enhancement of civic pride and improved spirit of living in the city.
Psych Bowl Team Reaches Semifinals

The Kentucky Wesleyan College Psych Bowl Team defeated perennial powerhouse Northern Kentucky University in the first round of the Kentucky Psychological Conference before being edged out in a close contest against Thomas More College in the semifinals. The conference took place at the University of Kentucky. The event is the largest academic psychological conference in the nation.

2009 Faculty and Staff Awards

Dr. Randy Bergman
Outstanding Teacher of the Year
Bergman, an assistant professor of health and physical education, began teaching at KWC in 2005. He was selected by the students.

Megan Bradstreet
Outstanding Staff Person of the Year
Bradstreet is assistant dean of student life and has been a KWC employee since June 2008. She was selected by the students.

Dr. Diane Earle
President’s Award for Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership
Earle is a professor of music and chair of the Department of Communication and Fine Arts. She began teaching at KWC in 1984. She was selected by her peers.

Joyce Ann Evans
Outstanding Staff Member of the Year
Evans, director of development, joined the KWC staff in 1997. She was selected by her peers.

Dr. Leah Hoover
Advisor of the Year
Hoover is an assistant professor of education. She began teaching at KWC in 2007. She was selected by the students.

2009 Oak and Ivy Inductees
New members of the Order of Oak and Ivy were inducted at the annual banquet, a Wesleyan tradition since 1955.

Joe Moffett Publishes Book on Contemporary Poet
Joe Moffett, Ph. D., assistant professor of English at Kentucky Wesleyan College and director of the college’s writing workshop program, is the author of a newly published book on poet Charles Wright. Understanding Charles Wright, published by The University of South Carolina Press, offers readers an introduction to the books and themes that have defined the poet’s illustrious career. Wright, the Souder Family Professor of English at the University of Virginia, is one of America’s most accomplished and honored contemporary poets.
Basketball to celebrate one hundredth anniversary throughout 2009-10 season

Get ready to celebrate Kentucky Wesleyan men and women’s basketball! The 2009-10 season marks 100 years in the storied history of KWC basketball. The sport began on Jan. 7, 1907, when President H. K. Taylor purchased a basketball and two goals for $8. The first documented game occurred on Feb. 23, 1907, in Winchester versus Louisville Manual Training School.

The season will feature many initiatives and events surrounding the 100 seasons of basketball. Stay tuned for details and dates in the upcoming months. KWC fans will be involved in many areas of the celebrations, including voting for an All-Century Team.

KWC will host a one hundredth gala during the weekend of May 21-23, 2010, to honor Kentucky Wesleyan players, coaches, managers, cheerleaders, fans and friends from the Winchester and Owensboro campuses.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to reflect on the history and legacy of the great players, coaches, managers and cheerleaders from both the men’s and women's teams through 100 years of amazing KWC basketball," said Director of Athletics Gary Gallup. "We look forward to a celebration of our past, present and future."

All former men’s and women’s basketball players, coaches, managers and cheerleaders should contact Sports Information Director Roy Pickerill by phone at 270-852-3347 or by e-mail at pickerill@kwc.edu to ensure we have correct mailing information.

KWC launches new athletic website

Kentucky Wesleyan College launched a new official athletic website and address, www.kwcpanthers.com, on June 15 that serves as Panther fans’ number one stop for the best in KWC sports coverage.

"It is fan-friendly and easy to navigate with more enhanced features and information than the former website," said Roy Pickerill ’78.

"The new site will connect Kentucky Wesleyan alumni and fans to their favorite team and student-athletes like never before. It will grow each day and will always be a work-in-progress."

The website will also include an online store for the purchase of athletic apparel from the All-American/All-Sport Club, the official booster club of the KWC Panthers.

Those who have the current web address (http://www.kwc.edu/athletics/athindex.asp) bookmarked will be able to access the new site, but are encouraged to create a new bookmark.

Gabrielle Simmons named All-Midwest Region and All-GLVC

Softball centerfielder Gabrielle Simmons received second team All-Midwest Region recognition as selected by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) region softball coaches. The senior from Marion, Ill., led KWC at the plate in batting average (.383), slugging percentage (.506), hits (62), runs scored (35) and stolen bases (25), while finishing second in RBIs (19) and extra base hits (12). She also led the GLVC in hits, at bats and stolen bases. She was named first team All-Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Forty-five Panthers earn Academic All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honors

Forty-five Kentucky Wesleyan College student-athletes were named to the 2009 Great Lakes Valley Conference All-Academic Team.

The Panthers were led by the college’s four-time honorees - Haleigh Ashworth (softball), a senior from Owensboro, Ky.; Meredith Krodel (volleyball), a senior from Jasper, Ind.; Amanda Nichols (tennis), a senior from Lewisport, Ky.; and Justin Travis (golf), a senior from Marion, Ky.

Three-time selections include Kristen Chinn (soccer), a junior from Hartford, Ky.; Amanda Critchelow (softball), a senior from Hartford, Ky.; John Grieb (soccer), a junior from Louisville, Ky.; Nic Kuenneke (golf), a junior from Carbondale, Ill.; Alex Payne (baseball), a junior from Owensboro, Ky.; Brandon Pendergraft (baseball), a junior from Henderson, Ky.; Rachel Ross (golf), a junior from Elizabethtown, Ky.; Jennifer Settle (tennis), a junior from Owensboro, Ky.; Justin Shelman (golf), a junior from Brandenburg, Ky.; Cameron Switzer (soccer), a senior from Villa Hills, Ky.; Laura Jill Tatum (golf), a senior from Central City, Ky.; and Morgan Whitney (cross country), a junior from White Plains, Ky.

Two-time recipients are Mike Dardanes (soccer), a senior from Naperville, Ill.; Rebecca Grayson (volleyball), a sophomore from Auburn, Ky.; Nick Knight (baseball), a sophomore from Nicholasville, Ky.; Laura Nance (soccer), a sophomore from Hanson, Ky.; Harrison Price (golf), a sophomore from Owensboro, Ky.; Max Reil (golf), a junior from Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Katie Robertson (soccer), a sophomore from Paris, Ky.; Landon Shelton (golf), a junior from Henderson, Ky.; Aaron Taylor (soccer), a sophomore from Madisonville, Ky.; Scott Woodburn (baseball), a sophomore from Calhoun, Ky.; and Hannah York (volleyball), a sophomore from Harrisburg, Ill.

First-time selections are Kathryn Allen (soccer), a freshman from Bowling Green, Ky.; Katie Behrens (basketball), a freshman from Florence, Ky.; Maddie Bogle (tennis), a freshman from Terre Haute, Ind.; Haley Chrzastowski (volleyball), a freshman from Bloomington, Ind.; Chris Durbin (baseball), a senior from Louisville, Ky.; Will Earle (golf), a sophomore from Greenwood, Ky.; Emily Harpenau (volleyball), a sophomore from Tell City, Ind.; Jared Hatfield (golf), a junior from Owensboro, Ky.; Alycia Lynch (tennis), a sophomore from Lawrenceville, Ill.; Mason Pennington (soccer), a freshman from Henderson, Ky.; Scott Redding (baseball), a sophomore from Henderson, Ky.; Kristen Rowe (basketball), a sophomore from Burkesville, Ky.; Amy Staples (golf), a freshman from Bedford, Ky.; Matt Thimling (cross country), a freshman from Jasper, Ind.; Adam Wallace (baseball), a freshman from Owensboro, Ky.; Courtney Wallace (golf), a freshman from West Paducah, Ky.; Sam Waninger (soccer), a freshman from Rockport, Ind.; and Jordan White (baseball), a freshman from Leitchfield, Ky.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.4.
Student-athletes achieve higher academic success for fourth straight year

Kentucky Wesleyan College student-athletes continue to achieve higher academic success for the fourth consecutive year. Eleven of the 13 sports produced cumulative grade point averages of 2.9 or above, with nine teams above a 3.0 for the 2008-09 academic year.

"I am very proud of our student-athletes' success in the classroom this year," said Gary Gallup. "Our student-athletes have a true understanding of the importance of education. The coaches and staff have done a great job of reinforcing that message to them daily."

The women's golf team attained a cumulative GPA of 3.47, the highest earned for all Panther athletic teams. The men's golf team was second with a 3.42.

During the spring semester, the men's basketball team recorded the highest increase by posting a 2.93, up from 2.64 in the fall semester, followed by volleyball, women's golf and football.

Of the 280 student-athletes, 127 (45.4 percent) attained a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Sixty-two student-athletes were named to the Spring Dean's List (3.5+) with honors.

Sixty-three student-athletes collectively posted a cumulative GPA of 2.88. The College's overall student average was 2.95.

Haleigh Ashworth named GLVC Softball Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Haleigh Ashworth was named the Great Lakes Valley Conference Softball Scholar-Athlete of the Year for her athletic and academic achievements in 2009, as voted by the league's NCAA Faculty Athletic Representatives.

She is the first Scholar-Athlete of the Year winner for KWC softball.

Ashworth, a pitcher/shortstop from Owensboro (Owensboro Catholic High School), completed a record-setting four-year career for KWC on the mound and at the plate.

On the mound, she led the Panthers in ERA (2.12), wins (15), strikeouts (162), shutouts (7), innings pitched (197.2), appearances (30), games started (26) and complete games (25). Her strikeouts ranked fifth in the league.

At the plate, she finished first in RBIs (32), doubles (11) and extra base hits (13), and second in batting average (0.353) and hits (54). Ashworth also led the Great Lakes Valley Conference in doubles.

She was named to the All-GLVC first team and was an All-Midwest Region second team selection.

In four seasons, Ashworth set the career pitching record for strikeouts (458) and the career offensive records for hits (213), doubles (42) and at bats (638). She was second in extra base hits (54) and fielding assists (455).

The four-time GLVC All-Academic honoree maintained a 3.88 cumulative grade point average and graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration and economics.

Sixty-three student-athletes earn degrees

Sixty-three Kentucky Wesleyan College student-athletes in 13 sports received their bachelor's degrees on Saturday, May 16, during the school's 2009 commencement. These students represent 42 percent of the 150-member graduating class.

"I am so excited and proud of our 63 student-athlete graduates," said Gary Gallup. "It is very exciting and rewarding to know that over 40 percent of the 2009 Kentucky Wesleyan graduating class were student-athletes, including 11 who graduated with honors."

Gallup added, "This number represents the largest single-year number of student-athlete graduates in memory. Two of the five major goals we established when I arrived at KWC almost three years ago included the creation of an environment where our student-athletes had the best chance to achieve success in both the classroom and on the field of play and to graduate our student-athletes."

Women’s soccer receives GLVC Sportsmanship Award

The women's soccer team, led by head coach Larry Simpson, received the Great Lakes Valley Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Sportsmanship Award for "Good Sportsmanship" during the 2008 season. This marks the first KWC team in any sport to receive this recognition. The Sportsmanship Award is determined by votes of the 13 GLVC member institutions' SAACs.

Five Panthers receive All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honors

Haleigh Ashworth, Gabrielle Simmons, Mike Finigan, Emily Harpe and T. J. Smith were selected to the All-Great Lakes Valley Conference teams in their respective sports.

Ashworth and Simmons were named to the softball first team. Finigan, a junior from Springfield, Ill., led the Panthers in hitting (.313), hits (63), doubles (10), triples (3), stolen bases (9), at-bats (201), fielding assists (146), double-plays produced (32) and games played and started (55). He earned third team baseball recognition.

Harpe, a senior from Owensboro, posted a 8-4 record at the number one singles spot and a 4-3 record in the Great Lakes Valley Conference in tennis. She also compiled a 9-6 overall record at the number one doubles flight and 5-5 in conference play.

Smith received second team honors for the second straight season in basketball. The 6-foot-2 guard from Gardenia, Calif., led the Panthers in scoring (16.3), assists (5.5) and steals (28) in 17 games and 16 starts. He ranked third in rebounding (5.1), while shooting 44.3 percent from the field and 76.5 percent from the free throw line.

Panthers finish thirteenth in basketball attendance

Kentucky Wesleyan returned to the Top 15 in Division II basketball attendance for the first time since 2003 to finish thirteenth in average men's attendance for the 2008-09 season with 2,164 fans per game as released by the NCAA. The Panthers total home attendance was seventh overall with 36,794 in 17 games. KWC compiled a 19-9 record and earned a record breaking thirty-fifth trip to the NCAA tournament in 2009.
A Message from the Alumni Association President

Dear Alumni:

This is an exciting time in the life of our alma mater. Dr. Cheryl King brings energy and a sense of vision to campus, also her alma mater, as she challenges us to dream big dreams for KWC and work together to achieve them.

Staying connected to all that is happening at Wesleyan is now easier and more convenient. Check out our new alumni website at www.alumni.kwc.edu, and use the site to send the college news about your family, your career and other significant events in your life. Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and other communication portals are also available to help you stay in touch with former classmates and friends.

Our alumni are our most effective messengers of all KWC has to offer. Please take the time to share our story with prospective students, so they can benefit from the Wesleyan experience, just as you did.

Thank you for all you do to support our alma mater through your gifts of time, talents, money and energy, and remember that the Wesleyan spirit will always be a part of you.

Regards,

Tom Major ’79
A group of alumni from the late 50s gathered recently at Lake Barkley for a reunion. The group also made a trip to Patti’s Restaurant, where many, including Lairy Nofsinger, enjoyed pie with mile-high meringue. Pictured left to right: Lairy Nofsinger ’58; Jean Nofsinger; Helen Bowers ’56; Anita Simmons Freer ’59; Pat Fiorella Burton ’58; Tom Burton ’58; Nancy Svara Zimmerman ’58; Richard Zimmerman ’57; and Sandra Schmidt Dickinson ’57.

KWC is just a click away. Visit our new alumni website at www.alumni.kwc.edu. Stay in touch on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

Share photos of your informal alumni gatherings for KW Today and the Alumni website. Send photos to Lwerner@kwc.edu. Thank you!

Cincinnati Picnic host and Alumni Board Director Jeremy Sleet ’98

2009 Cincinnati Picnic

Mystic 13 Fraternity members at the Winchester Picnic. From left to right: Beryl Franklin ’48, Norman Christopher ’52, Marcus Shearer ’47 and W.D. Bruce ’51.

2009 Winchester Picnic
Friends,

This is an exciting time for Kentucky Wesleyan College. The administration, faculty, staff and board of trustees are working on a three-year strategic plan, including several renovation projects. These plans will soon be shared with all of our alumni and friends.

A member of the Class of 2009, Matt Ruark, has joined the advancement team as assistant director of development. Matt is an outstanding young man who has been very involved in campus life for the last four years. You can read more about him on this page.

During these challenging economic times, it is important to continue to raise money for the Wesleyan General Scholarship Fund that provides $5 million in financial assistance to 98 percent of our students. We don’t want even one student to have to drop out or delay their education because they need more scholarship money to attend Kentucky Wesleyan.

Over the next several months, Matt and I will be visiting with many college alumni and friends to share all the good news from campus. As we travel, please join us on Twitter, one of the fastest-growing phenomena on the internet. Just go to www.twitter.com/kwcadvancement to follow our journey across the United States.

We hope to see you on the road!

Kirk Purdom  
Vice President for Advancement

Matthew Ruark ’09 Joins Development Office

The Advancement Office welcomes 2009 graduate Matthew G. Ruark as the assistant director of development at Kentucky Wesleyan. As a student, Matt served two years as the Student Government Association president, was inducted into the Order of Oak & Ivy as a junior and served two years on the Student Activities Programming Board. He was also one of the co-chairs of the Class of 2009 Senior Committee.

“I’m so thankful for the opportunity to serve my alma mater through my position in the advancement office,” Ruark said. “Kentucky Wesleyan College means so much to me, and I look forward to the opportunity to meet new friends and fellow alumni who share that same Wesleyan spirit. To me, this isn’t a job – it’s an opportunity to serve a community of people and an institution that has given me so much. Kentucky Wesleyan has a storied past, deep traditions, and a bright future, and I’m excited to be a part of that future.”

Vice President for Advancement Kirk Purdom said, “Matt’s love of the college and knowledge of its history and traditions will serve him well. We are glad Matt is a part of the Kentucky Wesleyan family in this new role.”

2008 – 2009 Honor Roll and Annual Report

The 2008 – 2009 Honor Roll & Annual Report will appear in the next KW Today magazine and will include gifts made from July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009. Beginning in 2010, the Honor Roll of giving will include gifts made between January 1 and December 31 of each calendar year. If you have questions, please call the advancement office at 270-852-3140 or email kpurdom@kwc.edu.
Following the tradition of other senior classes, the Class of 2009 raised the funds necessary to purchase their senior gift to the college – two large college seals that were placed on each of the two brick walls in Hocker-Hall Grove. The seals, which frame the commencement ceremony, will enhance the graduation of every future senior class, as well as the 50-year medallion ceremony. In honor of their fiftieth anniversary, several members of the Class of 1959 also made donations toward the purchase of the seals. Co-chairs of the Senior Committee were: Ashley Braun, Katie Cecil, Andy Endris and Matt Ruark.

College seals, prominently displayed in Hocker-Hall Grove, are the gift of the Class of 2009.

Kentucky Wesleyan is blessed with outstanding students, as evidenced by the students who train and participate as callers during Phonathon. Students make these calls after a full day of classes, athletic practices and club meetings. They are dedicated, enthusiastic and passionate about raising money for the Wesleyan General Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are always a priority for the college, but they are especially important in today’s economy. Phonathon callers understand that they, and students like them, are the ones who benefit from your gifts.

Please answer the phone when our students call. They are anxious to talk to you, to update your information, to answer questions and tell you about campus life. And yes, they will be asking for your consideration of a gift to the Wesleyan General Scholarship Fund. Our students are the very best reason to give!

It’s September...listen! Do you hear the phone ringing? It may be a student from Kentucky Wesleyan College calling for the Fall Phonathon. The 2009 Fall Phonathon is scheduled for September 13 through September 30.

Kentucky Wesleyan continues to extend the Senior Walk, a new tradition started by the Class of 2007. Each year the senior class begins their walk to Hocker-Hall Grove for commencement via the Senior Walk. The plan is to replace the entire sidewalk that runs around the Quad from the Woodward Health and Recreation Center and past Peoples and Massie Halls with bricks for the Senior Walk.

You can purchase your own brick for the Senior Walk for $50, with your name and class year, or perhaps a quote or a memory. Many alumni and friends of the college have purchased a brick in honor of or in memory of a friend or loved one. Please return your check and the form below to: Development Office, Kentucky Wesleyan College, 3000 Frederica Street, Owensboro, KY 42301.

The installation of new bricks will take place each fall, so the deadline for ordering bricks this year is September 21, 2009. If you have questions, please email jevans@kwc.edu or call 270-852-3141.

Buy your brick for the Senior Walk

YES! I WANT TO HELP EXTEND THE SENIOR WALK!

The cost of a brick is $50.

Brick Text

Each brick has room for three lines of text with 13 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation). The college reserves the right to refuse any messages deemed unsuitable and return payment to the purchaser.
WHY I GIVE

Megan Evans Schulte ’03

FAMILY:
My husband, David, and my daughter, Taylor.

WHAT I’M UP TO:
• Taking care of my daughter full-time
• Co-chairing the KWC Louisville alumni chapter
• Serving on two community committees
• Volunteering at the child welfare agency where I once worked
• Hosting BBQs with David at our home for friends and family

HOW I KEEP IN TOUCH:
• Facebook – what a great invention!
• I see my best friend, Katy, and her husband, Jason, once a month.
• I love staying connected to my classmates through alumni events.

MEMORABLE PROFESSORS:
Dr. Alexander
Dr. Bettinelli
Mrs. Coy
Dr. Schoenbachler

MEMORABLE MOMENT:
The night I was inducted into the Order of Oak and Ivy.

WHY I GIVE:
I firmly believe that giving back to those who gave to you is the right thing to do, and I know that whatever I give helps current students with financial aid. I want KWC to always be the outstanding institution I attended, so when my daughter and her friends consider colleges, KWC will be at the top of their lists.
**WHY I GIVE**

**Lance James ’93**

**FAMILY:**
My lovely wife of two years, Jessica, and I are expecting our first child in January. Our yellow lab, Sully, thinks he is our first child.

**WHAT I DO FOR FUN:**
- Travel, at home and abroad, with Jessica.
- Golf
- Hiking and skiing in the beautiful Colorado mountains
- I referee NCAA Division I and II men’s and women’s soccer, including the 2008 NCAA Division II National Final and Semi-finals.

**WHAT I DID AT KWC:**
- Received an excellent education that prepared me well for the challenges of the “real world.”
- Made fantastic, long-lasting friendships

**CURRENT POSITION:**
Vice President of Development – Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association for the last 12 years

**HOW I KEEP IN TOUCH:**
- KW Today
- “Through the grapevine”

**MEMORABLE MOMENTS:**
- Graduation Day
- Long hours in Drs. Oetinger, Kingsolver and Professor Davenport’s biology labs
- Creating the mud pit in the quad for the first Sigma Nu Mud Volleyball Tournament
- Winning the GLVC regular season championship in soccer my senior year
- Great times with friends from the baseball and soccer teams and Sigma Nu

**WHY I GIVE:**
I give to Kentucky Wesleyan because KWC provided me with such rich experiences, and I want to help ensure the same for future students. It is the least I can do.
Around the World

Dr. James Welch Teaches in China

Dr. James Welch was a visiting professor at China’s Shaoyang University during the spring semester, where he taught international business and comparative cultures. He also delivered a lecture, “The Reasons Countries Trade.” Welch explains that there are no admissions departments in China. Each student is assigned to a college or university and the institution may or may not offer the major a student wants. Once declared, students cannot change majors, and there are no general education courses. University populations are mostly female because males usually get jobs immediately after they complete high school. Dr. Welch is a professor of business and chair of the business department at KWC.

KWC Group Attends University of Nova Gorica in Europe

Dr. Justin Rosemier taught Fundamentals of Environmental Science at the University of Nova Gorica on the Slovenia/Italy border in May and June. KWC students Heather Allgood, Lauren Seber, Callie Hayden, Deandra Buskill and Jessica Goodin accompanied Dr. Rosemier. Dr. Henry Connor lectured to the class from Owensboro via Elluminate technology. The group made the most of their time outside the classroom to tour caves, cathedrals, and castles in the two countries, along with the canals and narrow streets of Venice.

Dr. Diane Earle tours China

Dr. Diane Earle travelled to China in May and June 2009, for her second piano performance tour. She played ten concerts, taught master classes at Shanghai Conservatory, Jiangnan University, Shaoyang University and public schools. Diane received 21 positive reviews in China newspapers. One review from a concert in Wuxi, China, stated, “When the beautiful music notes cascaded from her fingertips, all the people in the audience were mesmerized.”

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Cold Alaska waters, cool Kentucky heads

Chris Lewis ’06 and co-worker help save a stranger’s life

Chris Lewis and co-worker Patricia Smith helped save the life of a man struggling to stay alive in the frigid waters of Alaska’s Prince William Sound, and they didn’t even get wet. Co-workers at Owensboro’s AT & T office, they were preparing to call it a “day” in the early morning hours of Sunday, May 24, when Smith answered a 411 call from a frantic caller near Whittier, Alaska.

The caller’s boyfriend was clinging to a capsized kayak, desperately kicking his legs in an attempt to stay warm. Standing on the nearby shore and unable to reach a 911 operator, she dialed 411, the directory assistance number, and got Smith in Owensboro. Smith quickly assessed the severity of the situation and alerted Supervisor Chris Lewis. He talked calmly to the distraught girlfriend while Smith tried to reach rescue crews in Alaska. “The man was turning blue, and we were concerned about hypothermia,” remembers Lewis.

After numerous failed attempts to reach authorities in the isolated region, Lewis says they were becoming increasingly frustrated and worried. “And then it hit me,” he recalls, “we’ve got to find the Coast Guard.” They were successful and connected the caller to the Coast Guard’s Rescue Coordination Center. She guided the rescuers to her boyfriend, who EMT’s say was minutes from succumbing to hypothermia and drowning.

The long distance lifeguards in Kentucky say it was a miracle that the girlfriend could use her iPhone in the remote wilderness. The Alaska explorers say there was another miracle that night. Lewis and Smith were a persistent, determined, cool-headed team – and they got the call.

Lewis is a manager in Customer Information Services with the Owensboro Wireless Center of AT & T Customer Information Services.

1957 Randall Capps was a visiting international professor at the University of Lyon in France during the January term. He taught a course in the College of Business and Law to graduate students pursuing degrees in international business. His wife is Joan Gray Capps ’60.

1967 John Head is assistant director of statewide locations – Columbus and Greensburg - with the Purdue University College of Technology. He is also on the Indiana Space Port advisory board.


1974 Ray Solley is the executive director of the Tower Theatre and the Tower Theatre Foundation (www.TowerTheatre.org) and lives in Bend, Oregon.

1989 Angie Steinbeck Hayden teaches high school chemistry and earth, space & physical science at Fulton County High School. She is working on her master’s in secondary education at Murray State University. Angie and her husband, David, have two sons, Austin and Drew, and live in Hickory, Ky.

1990 Tammy Edwards Stebelton is executive director of Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Warren and Clinton Counties, Inc. in Lebanon, Ohio. She and her husband, Rodney, have three children, Tyler, Dale and Hannah, and live in Miamisburg, Ohio.

1991 Susan Hilliard Adair and her husband, Andy, welcomed identical twin boys, Alexander and Charles, on August 15, 2008. Susan is an elementary school teacher/librarian, and they live in West Des Moines, Iowa.

1993 Lawson Glasergreen is artist/project manager of A Art House and lives in Glen Gardner, N. J. He has two children, Eve and Indra. He is featured in Writing as Part of the Peace Corps Experience through the Mid-Manhattan Library. Check out the website: http://aarthouse.spaces.live.com.

1995 Rebecca Christie is manager of Integral Solutions, Inc. and has three children, Zachary, Cynthia and Kailyn. They live in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

19969 Katie Richardson Ballert has completed her residency at the University of Florida in urology and her fellowship at New York University in Manhattan in female urology. She lives in Lexington, Ky.

1997 Brandon Cobb is a special education teacher with Churchill Park School in Louisville. He and his wife, Lori, welcomed Marley Jane Cobb on September 22, 2008. Brandon recently completed his master’s degree and teaching certification from the University of Louisville. They live in New Castle, Ky.

1998 Benjamin Hoak and his wife, Kelsey, welcomed a son, Gabriel Hudson, on June 5. He joins big brothers, Carter and Taylor. Ben is the KWC director of grant writing and special projects.

2001 Karen Allen Wray is a student at Vanderbilt University Medical Center School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography. She and her husband, Troy, live in Brentwood, Tenn.

2003 Scott Dykes is the middle school special education teacher for the Science Hill Independent School System and lives in Somerset, Ky.

Kent Lewis and his wife, Kathy Wells Lewis ’99, welcomed Grant Thomas Lewis on October 30, 2008. He joins siblings Jackson and Hannah. Kent is the KWC campus minister.
2000

Shannon Linton Grant and her husband, Brian, welcomed twin boys, Porter Justice and Mason James, on September 5, 2008. They join big brother, Nolan. Shannon is a social worker with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

2001

Matt Brannon and several members of his family have opened a travel business, Brannon Tours, in Central City, Ky. He is married to Megan Earhart Brannon ’03.

Stacey Gilliam Hardison and her husband, Brandon, welcomed Creed Hardison on September 30, 2008. She is a sales manager for Double L. Group, and they live in Cookeville, Tenn.

2002

Andra Goetz married Adam Montgomery on October 20, 2007. She is a teacher with the Owensboro Catholic K-3 campus.

Kara Meyer Conner is accounts payable/receivable manager with Breck Logistics, Inc. in Evansville, Ind.

Lindsey Adcock Crowe is registrar with Indiana Business College. She and her husband, Jarrett, have two children, Emma and Evan. They live in Newburgh, Ind.

Erin Dunaway completed a general practice residency and is a dentist with Immediadent in Louisville. She lives in Prospect, Ky.

Ben Murphy is head boys’ basketball coach at Owensboro Catholic High School.

2003

Ivy Carter married Nicholas Howell on April 25. She recently completed licensure with the Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and is a clinical therapist with New Beginnings in Owensboro.

Charity Flener is in Germany studying on a Fulbright Fellowship from the U.S. Government. She is also working on her Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Illinois.

Jordan Mudd and his wife, Jackie Nett Mudd, welcomed Xavier Quinn Mudd on January 31.

Ryan Tucker received his doctor of medicine from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in 2007 and received the Dr. Morris Newberg Scholarship for Internal Medicine. He began his residency in emergency medicine at the University of Louisville Affiliated Hospitals and when he completes his residency, Ryan will begin his Navy career as a lieutenant for at least four years.

2004

Ryan and Mackenzie Tulane Denton, both ’04 graduates.

Mackenzie Tomlinson Denton and her husband Ryan Denton welcomed Hadley Tulane Denton on December 2, 2008. They live in Olney, Ill.

Patrick McKinney is the senior lead chemist at Clean Harbors Environmental Services in Rockfield, Ky.

Jeremy Sheetinger is director of baseball operations/camp coordinator for the University of Kentucky baseball program and lives in Lexington.

2005

BC Childress graduated in May with his doctorate in pharmacy and is the drug information resident for the new College of Pharmacy at Sullivan University in Louisville. He and his wife, Hope, welcomed Samuel Eli on December 18, 2008, who joins big sister, Anabelle.

Erin Gary Lewis is a special services teacher with the Daviess County Public Schools. She is married to Kenneth “K.O.” Lewis ’08.


Phillip Roberts is manager of new financial consultant development with Hilliard Lyons in Louisville.

Megan Stinnell is the assistant vice president of inspection operations with MCS and lives in The Colony, Tex.

2006

Steve Boling has been nominated as a member of the Southern Illinois University School of Law moot court board. The team travels to national competitions arguing moot court issues in front of judges and attorneys. He is a student at SIU School of Law and senior law clerk with Capps Law Firm. He lives in Murphysboro, Ill.

Eric Dewig married Lindsey Mayberry on October 18, 2008.

Jayne Powell finished her master’s in social work and is a full-time social worker in charge of the Medicare and Managed Care residents at Golden Living Center St. Matthews. She lives in Louisville.
1948
Kenneth Snowden on October 15, 2008, in Danville, Ky. He was a WWII veteran, serving as a Marine in the Pacific Theatre. A teacher, coach and assistant superintendent of the Danville School System, he earned his master of arts degree in school administration and guidance from the University of Kentucky. He received recognition for his work in school finance, including the KASA Leadership Award. Survivors include his wife, Jane Houghton Snowden; children Cindy Johnson, Cape Coral, Fla.; Randy Snowden, Warner Robbins, Ga.; and Steve Snowden, Douglasville, Ga.; seven grandchildren; and brother, Jess Snowden of Winchester.

1950
Odell Gross on April 29 in Lexington. He worked for the Clark County School System for more than 40 years. He served as principal at Victory Heights Elementary School, which was renamed Odell Gross Elementary in his honor following his retirement. He was a charter member of First Christian Church. Survivors include his wife, Dolores Puckett Gross '53.

1951
William “Bill” Black on October 3, 2008, in Nicholasville. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he was a member of Nicholasville United Methodist Church and the Masonic Lodge. He was co-owner of American Engineering Company. Survivors include a niece and nephew.

1953
Robert Kelly Vittitow on January 24 in Owensboro. He received a bachelor of science in engineering from the University of Evansville and retired after 35 years at Texas Gas as an engineer. He served in the Navy for 12 years and was a member of Yellow Creek Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Marian Daniel Vittitow; children, David Michael Vittitow, Las Vegas; Kay Phillips, Yellow Springs, Ohio; Christine O’Bryan and Jean Allen, both of Owensboro; brother, Tom Vittitow '68, Owensboro; and eight grandchildren.

1956
Geneva Cottrell on May 7 in Owensboro. She retired as the general manager of advertising for the Messenger-Inquirer after 43 years. She graduated from Western Kentucky University and was a member of First Baptist Church. Survivors include her brother, William Cottrell, Owensboro.

1957
Robert Lyons on April 10 in Tennessee. He received an M.B.A. from Purdue University and served in the military as a Russian translator in the 1950s. He retired from General Electric after 25 years as an information systems manager. Survivors include his wife, Judy Stinson Lyons, Louisville; son Mitchell, Shepshardsville; stepdaughters Jen and Monique; and five grandchildren.

1938
Morton Combs, January 8, in Carr Creek, Ky. He was one of the only basketball coaches in Kentucky history to play for a state championship team (Hazard in 1932) and coach a state championship team (Carr Creek in 1956). A dedicated educator, he spent 36 years in the Knott County School System, serving as teacher, coach, principal and superintendent. The sports complex at Knott County Central High School is named in his honor. Combs was a charter member inducted into the KHSAA Hall of Fame. A WWII veteran, he served in the European Theater and Japan. Survivors include his wife, Dale Smith Combs; two children, Glen Combs, Roanoke, Va., and Susan Hammack, Atlanta; and four grandchildren.

1943
Saramae Mason Harper in October 2008, in Mt. Sterling, Ky. She was a member of the Mt. Sterling First Baptist Church. Survivors include her son, Archie Harper, Mt. Sterling.

1945
Barbara Gregg Shirley on November 8, 2008, in Marshfield, Mass. Formerly of Louisville, she was a retired English teacher. Survivors include her husband, Riley Shirley ’51; two sons, Stephen Shirley, Acton; and Frank Shirley, Norwell; and six grandchildren.
1959
Mary Barr Foster Humphrey on December 10, 2008, in Bowling Green. She was a mathematic instructor for 20 years at Western Kentucky University and a graduate of Western. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church where she regularly sang in the choir and was very active in her community through civic activities. Survivors include her husband, Douglas Humphrey, Bowling Green; three sons, Glenn Humphrey, Huntsville, Ala; Ray Humphrey, Lumberville, Penn.; and Stephen Humphrey, Bowling Green; sister, Betty Sue Roberts, Owensboro; and five granddaughters.

1960
Truman Cavender on November 9, 2008, in Ft. Meade, S.D. He was a retired chemical engineer from Newcastle, Wy. He served with the U.S. Army Special Forces during the Korean Conflict.

1962
Roy Owen on January 19 in Greenville, Ky. A veteran of the Korean War, he was an accomplished writer and poet, as well as a frequent soloist in his church choir. He worked for Wright Machine Co. in Owensboro. Survivors include his stepchildren: Terri Ribbons, Hartford; Debbie Moman, Indianapolis; and Dan Baker, Houston; and sisters, Jean Masden, Hartford, and Sue Holland, Sacramento.

1964
Shirley Needs Robards on April 27 in Tulsa. She was a University of Tulsa professor and administrator. She received her master’s degree from Western Kentucky University and her doctorate from Indiana University. She was past international vice president and national president of Phi Delta Kappa and past president of the Oklahoma Association of Teacher Educators. Survivors include her husband, Frank Robards; daughter, Linda Bull of Tulsa; two sisters, Janet Brunsen, Louisville; and Beverly Omer, Nashville; two brothers, Wayne Needs, Owensboro; and Ken Needs, Kansas City; and two grandchildren.

1965
Stewart Elliott on May 21 in Owensboro. He attended the University of Louisville Law School. He served 12 years as a federal magistrate, was the attorney for planning and zoning for 30 years, wrote the bylaws for the Diabetes Coalition in Daviess County and was a member of the Daviess County and Kentucky Bar Associations. He was also a member of Settle Memorial United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Nell Moore Elliott, daughters, Carol Young; Ann Elliott, Mary Currie and Patsy Duke; six grandchildren; brothers, Barney Elliott and Jerry Elliott, Owensboro, and Robert Elliott, Louisville; and sister, Jodie Hanson of Elizabeth, Tenn.

1966
Doris Moreland Jones on December 27, 2008, in Louisville. She served 34 years as a United Methodist minister and was one of the pioneers for women in ministry. She earned a master’s in divinity from the Christian Theological Seminary and received an honorary doctor in ministry degree from KWC. Among many other positions, she served at the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Survivors include her children: James Michael Jones, Indianapolis and Margaret Hostetter, Louisville; three grandchildren; and sister, Margaret Turner of Shively, Ky.

1968
Don Wetzel on March 6 in Owensboro. He was a member of Settle Memorial United Methodist Church; served 12 years on the Daviess County School Board; 10 years as a Kentucky Wesleyan trustee; was a lifetime member and advisor for Sigma Nu Fraternity; and was active in his community. Don was former president and CEO of Wetzel’s Supermarkets, Inc. where he spent more than 40 years in the grocery business. Survivors include his wife Sara Ann Ireland Wetzel; children, Shannon Wetzel and Ross Wetzel, both of Nashville; and Melanie Wetzel Campo, Owensboro; three grandchildren; and sister, Judy Hatfield, Owensboro.

1969
Frank Jarrell on October 1, 2008, in Harrisburg, Ill. He studied at Dubuque Theological Seminary in Iowa. Survivors include his mother, Betty Jarrell; sister, Janie Brittain, Charlotte, N.C.; and brother, James Jarrell, Boulder, Colo.

Kentucky Wesleyan has just learned of the death of Laura Scarsdale on February 27, 2006. She was retired from the Cabinet for Human Resources, Department for Social Services in the area of adult and child protection.

1973
Daniel Bartley on October 25, 2008, in Owensboro. He served in the Army’s First Air Cavalry. He was a member of Christian Fellowship Church. Survivors include his wife, Donna Bartley of Powell, Ohio; children, Kimberly Carter, Tom Bartley, Kelie Medley and Denys Bartley; five grandchildren; brothers, Al Foster of Muncie, Ind., and Kevin Foster, Owensboro; and stepfather, Jim Foster, Owensboro.

Mary Ina DeLacey on November 5, 2008, in Owensboro. She attended Western Kentucky University and finished her degree at KWC. She belonged to the Gold Star Wives, participating in the Berlin Airlift reunions. Survivors include her children, William Howard DeLacey Jr. of Portland, Ore.; Charles Delacey, Houston; Donna Jo Hornovich, Rochester, Mich; Mary Ann Lee and Susie Kunze, both of Owensboro; and Betty Coleman, Pikeville; and 15 grandchildren.

1988
Robin “Clay” Hall on November 8, 2008, in Tennessee. A United Methodist minister, Clay was a graduate of the Candler School of Theology and served churches in Ky., Ga., Tex. and Tenn. He served his country as a military intelligence analyst in the U.S. Army. Survivors include his wife, Sheryl Rennie Hall, Mt. Juliet, Tenn; daughters, Ariel Hall and Julia Hall, of the home; parents, Robin McColgan and Shirley Moore Hall of Unionville; and brother, Brian Hall, Hendersonville.

2006
Andrew Young on March 19. He was a student at the University of Louisville Law School and a member of Ogden Memorial United Methodist Church. Survivors include his mother, Vicki Hudson Simms ’77, and stepfather, Alex Simms, Princeton, Ky.; father, Edward Young of Caldwell County; brother, Lee Young, Bowling Green; and grandparents, Victor and Mary Hudson, Owensboro. Family and friends have established the Andrew Young Memorial History Award to be presented annually at Honors Convocation.

Friends, Faculty, Staff, Trustees

Leslie Chapman on March 13 in Owensboro. He was a retired United Methodist minister. During his career, he served 12 pastorates in the Kentucky Conference. A graduate of Asbury College and Vanderbilt School of Divinity, he held an honorary doctorate degree from KWC. Survivors include his children, Marilyn White of Falmouth and Scott Chapman of Henderson; brother, Ron Chapman, Henderson; and five grandchildren.

Billy Horrell on February 2 in Leitchfield, Ky. Dr. Horrell was an education professor at KWC from 1969 to 1991 and served as chair of the Education Department. A lifelong scholar, Dr. Horrell earned his bachelor’s degree at Western Kentucky University, master’s degree at the University of Kentucky, an additional master’s in school administration at the University of Louisville and his doctorate at Indiana University. He served as a teacher, principal and assistant superintendent in Bullitt County. For more than 30 years, he served on the board of the Cliff Hagan Boys and Girls Club. Following his retirement, he received professor emeritus status at KWC. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Edna; daughter, Pamela; and one granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his son, Bruce Horrell ’78.

William Savage on October 15, 2007, in Wilmore. He was a graduate of Asbury College and served as vice president in charge of business at the Winchester campus of KWC. Survivors include children, Sue Ann Truitt, Carolyn Jane Thekel, William Earl Savage II; and four grandchildren.

Wallace Thomas on February 27. He graduated from Western Kentucky University and earned the master of divinity degree from Candler School of Theology. He received an honorary doctor of divinity degree in 1979 from KWC, where he served on the Board of Trustees. He was the lead pastor in bringing the Walk to Emmaus movement to Kentucky. He and his wife of 53 years, Kay, helped found a camp for children with autism. Survivors include his wife; children, Debbie Caswell, Upton, Ky. and David Thomas, Lexington; four grandchildren; and sister, Helen Whitlow, Glasgow.
Alumni Homecoming Weekend
October 9 and 10, 2009

Friday, October 9, 2009
Hall of Fame and Alumni Awards Dinner • 6:30 p.m. • Owensboro Country Club • Join us for a special evening as we honor some of Kentucky Wesleyan’s top alumni and enjoy music by Dr. Diane Earle and new music professor Gary Laughrey

Saturday, October 10, 2009
Memorial Service • 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. • Tapscott Chapel • Remembering and honoring those we lost in the last year.

Sweetheart Breakfast • 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. • Rogers Hall • Over 1,000 alumni share a special distinction in the heritage of Kentucky Wesleyan College – they married another KWC alumnus/a! We look forward to hearing your courting stories and have special awards to present.

Alumni Tailgating • 10:00 a.m. • Grassy lawn in front of Foster Softball Field • Class of ’99 is celebrating their 10 year reunion. A special area will be designated for their class. All other alumni are encouraged to bring your tailgating necessities.

Greek Open Houses • 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. • Existing Greek Chapter Rooms

Fall Family Festival • 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. • Grassy area adjacent to Bullitt Wilson Field • Sponsored by the Student Activities Programming Board • Children of all ages, young and young at heart, will enjoy face painting, carnival games and inflatables. This event is free and open to all alumni.

Wesleyan Singers Concert • 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. • Tapscott Chapel • Enjoy a concert by the Kentucky Wesleyan Singers directed by alumna Beth R. Stovall ’84.

Winchester Alumni Luncheon • 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. • Rogers Hall C • Honoring alumni from the Winchester Campus and specifically the classes of ’43, ’44 and ’45 as they celebrate a special reunion.

Football Homecoming Game • KWC vs. Urbana • 1:00 p.m. • Steele Stadium/Wilson Field • Cheer on the Panthers and Head Coach Brent Holsclaw ’93 as they tackle the Urbana Blue Knights.

Reunion Social for ’68, ’69 & ’70 • 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. • President Cheryl King and Fred King’s Home • Light hors d’oeuvres and great memories for the classes of ’68, ’69 & ’70

Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2009 Reservation Form
Everyone is Invited! • Reservation deadline: October 2 • Register online at www.alumni.kwc.edu/ahw2009

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