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Enclose a photograph if possible!
To the left: Entrance to the campus of Kentucky Wesleyan College in Winchester, Ky.
Ken R. Rasp arrived in March to begin his new position as dean of admissions and financial aid. Rasp comes to Kentucky Wesleyan from Immaculata College (Immacula, Pa., near Philadelphia) where he had served as dean of undergraduate enrollment services since 1995. He earned a B.A. degree in history and religious studies from Edgecliff College (Cincinnati, Oh.) in 1977 and received a master of education degree in guidance and counseling from Xavier University in 1981.

Rasp’s previous experience in developing and coordinating a successful recruitment program at Immaculata will be a springboard for recruitment at Kentucky Wesleyan. “I am looking forward to rolling up our sleeves and advancing our efforts to recruit students to this campus. Kentucky Wesleyan has much to offer and I am excited about being involved in this endeavor.”

Rasp is married to Kathy Rasp of Hamilton, Oh. They have three children, Benjamin, 15; Erin, 12; and Sam, 6.

Steven Wilt returned to campus this January. Wilt joined the faculty as assistant professor of biology. He graduated from Kentucky Wesleyan College in 1992 with a B.S. degree in biology. He earned a Ph.D. in anatomical sciences and neurobiology from the University of Louisville. Prior to joining the faculty at KWC, he held a post-doctoral research fellowship while teaching neurobiology at Yale University School of Medicine.

Wilt is married to Jennifer Boutell Wilt, a 1994 KWC graduate. They have a seven month old son, Evan.

KWC welcomes new dean, new professor

Earle performs in RiverPark series

As a part of RiverPark Center’s monthly “Free Sundays at RiverPark” series, Diane Earle played for an overflow audience in the Experimental Theatre in late February. This was the largest audience for a series performance.

Earle, professor of music and chair of the department of communication and fine arts, has studied at various prestigious schools of music. She has performed in 26 states and five countries – always excited to introduce people to the melody of the solo piano. “It’s a gorgeous solo instrument,” Earle said. “I always tell my students it’s God’s instrument.” She admits she always looks forward to practicing and adds, “This instrument has been my best friend since age 6. I love it so much.”

What means the most to Earle when she performs are not so much the places she plays (and she has performed in many magnificent halls around the world), but rather it is the people she meets – knowing she has moved them or excited them and in some way made a difference.

 “…No Ordinary Woman” visits KWC

The Lyceum Committee of Kentucky Wesleyan College sponsored the Kentucky Humanities Council production of a Kentucky Chautauqua (i.e. a living history performance). More than 45 people filled the Performance Hall of the Ralph Center to see “Miss Dinnie Thompson: No Ordinary Woman.”

Portrayed by Erma J. Bush, actress and playwright, Miss Dinnie Thompson was indeed no ordinary woman. As a workaday person who was never rich or famous, she was a representative of those black Kentucky women who made good lives in the late 19th and early 20th centuries despite slavery, prejudice, and hardship. Thompson was born a slave in the Speed household, one of Louisville’s renowned families. Her mother was a freedom-loving woman who took Thompson on several escape attempts across the Ohio River. They were caught every time.

After emancipation, Thompson worked for nearly 30 years as a laundress. Then, for 26 years, she was a maid at Louisville’s Neighborhood House, where she became friends with Elizabeth Wilson, a young social worker. Through their friendship, Thompson’s story has been preserved as a testimony to the memory of thousands of “ordinary” women like her.

“Bush brought Miss Dinnie Thompson to life in such a way that the audience connected – they were able to empathize with her struggles and triumphs,” said Jeff Fager, professor of religion and philosophy. “This is the third time we have used a Kentucky Chautauqua performance as a teaching tool and each time it has been quite successful,” he added.
City commissions sculpture by Kolok

Kentucky Wesleyan College Professor of Art, Bill Kolok, has been awarded a commission by the City of Owensboro to create a sculpture for the Owensboro Sculpture Park, located at the corner of Ninth and Frederica Streets during his spring 2001 semester sabbatical. The project was commissioned in order to renovate an empty lot adjacent to the Owensboro Museum of Fine Art for use as a “Sculptural Landscape Space.” The concept creates an urban green-space suited for the display of a variety of outdoor sculptures and hosting art-related events.

Kolok began carving the abstract seven-foot sculpture from a 5000-pound column of limestone on-site in February. “This will be a community-based interactive experience during the spring where students, clubs, organizations and individuals will be urged to come by and meet a working artist and to learn more about the creative process and the mechanics of stone carving,” said Kolok. “People will have an opportunity to watch the sculpture evolve. This experience will give the community the chance to watch the creative process in action,” he added.

School groups have been visiting the working artist weekly since the project began.

Kolok’s website, www.stonesculpture.org, chronicles the development of this public sculpture. The public is invited to participate by going online to view the sculpture’s evolution and engage in a dialogue with the artist via a guest book.

Bishop King honors Martin Luther King

Campus Ministries of Kentucky Wesleyan College and the Owensboro Human Relations Commission celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 15 with a day of festivities that began with a symbolic march down Frederica Street from Owensboro High School to the college.

Bishop James R. King, Jr., resident Bishop of the Louisville area of the United Methodist Church, delivered a keynote address inspiring a crowd of over 200 to love one another as brothers and see those around us through heaven’s eyes.

The theme of the day was “Celebrating the Legacy, Building the Dream.” In addition to the address by Bishop King, students Anwar Perry, C.C. Charity and Barbara Freeman paid special tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King by sharing his moving “I Have a Dream” speech.

In the afternoon, students and community visitors participated in a series of workshops. Aloma Dew, local historian and a former faculty member, discussed African-American history in the Owensboro Area and Matt Schoenbachler, assistant professor of history, addressed the life and times of King.

Dance fever

Members of the 2000-2001 Panther Dance Team provide energy, enthusiasm and entertainment during the Panther basketball season. Thanks ladies for a job well done.

Front row (l-r): Amber Hedges, Abby Miarecki, Heather Hargis, Catherine Bensberg and Elizabeth Holian. Back row (l-r): Ashley Contratto, Megan Earhart, Jessica Harrison, Erin Birch, Jamie Spoelstra, Brenda Teachman and Jackie Mattingly.
Stanley Reed lecture ponders the Electoral College

Was the role the Electoral College played necessary in the recent election? According to Dr. Judith A. Best it was. Best, distinguished teaching professor of political science at the State University of New York College at Cortland, was the guest speaker for the sixth annual Stanley Reed Lecture in February.

Best strongly believes in the Electoral College system. Although in the recent election this system contained a mess, she stands firm that it plays a necessary role, but maintains that it must be reformed to be effective.

Sharing her view with a standing-room only audience in Tapscott Chapel Best said, “Political authority is not just about having the most votes, but also the distribution of votes.” She likened the Electoral College to the game of baseball – the winner is the team that wins the most games, not the team that scores the most overall runs. “Baseball fans know that the win-game principle is the best test of the two teams’ abilities,” said Best. “In presidential elections, the win-states principle is the best test of the candidates’ abilities to govern.”

The lecture was sponsored by Margaret and Dick Smith, and the Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation.

Kappa Delta relives the 60s

Twenty-two Kappa Deltas from the 1966-69 era met in Shakertown, Ky. last summer for a great reunion! Those in attendance were: Sara Ann Ireland Wetzel, Mary Ann Tippin Foree, Norma Whitney Flynn, Martha Neal Nuckols Cooke, Susie Mayrose Barto, Judy Mathis Hughes, Meta Wolfe Parker, Sandy Williams Cavanah, Marilyn Holt Cunningham, Marabeth Porter Plowman, Pat Rose Schmied, Mollie Dinwiddie McGaw, Ellen Ewing, Joanna Brown Blaney, Janie Love Cobb, Carol Wiedmer Carnighan, Martha Henry Ludzwiczak, Del Marie France Vaccaro, Marcia Fowler Garland, LaDonna Coker Goodman, Nancy Ann Lennox McDaniel, and Connie Butler Coleman.

Connor conducts research in Slovenia

Henry Connor, professor of chemistry, is spending spring 2001 semester as a Fulbright Fellow in Slovenia. He taught an environmental science course at the Nova Gorica Polytechnic College in January and then moved to the capital, Ljubljana, where he is conducting research in DNA transfection and biological free radical formation at Jozef Stefan Institute.

For more than 16 years, Connor has been on the cutting edge of research on biological free radicals, coauthoring over 20 papers and several book chapters. Free radicals, which are fragments of molecules that can attack and damage surrounding tissues, may contribute to human organ transplant failure, organ damage from immunosuppressant drugs, and the aging process.

Each week his wife, Nancy Connor ’76, provides pictures and accounts of some of their experiences on the KWC website.

Visit www.kwc.edu/academic/chem/index.html for an update.

Christmas in Shanghai

For twelve days during the Christmas 2000 holiday break, faculty and students from Kentucky Wesleyan College traveled to Shanghai, China to teach English to 53 Chinese students, ages 14 and 15.

Martha O’Bryan, assistant professor and chair of teacher education, led the group of four students which included two KWC students: Kamille Krahwinkel, a sophomore education major and her sister Karissa Krahwinkel, a senior history major, both from Owensboro.

The teaching team was assigned to lead an “after-school” program at Zenghau Foreign Trade School (a public school) each day of class.

“Chinese students begin learning how to read and write English in the primary grades, yet they desire Western instructors to teach and help them practice ‘conversational’ English,” said O’Bryan. “Out of 800 students, 53 of the best and brightest were chosen to participate in this program,” she added. “This additional instruction enhances their English skills in preparation for college and/or the job market.”
Reflections on the life of Dr. Thomas Rogers

by Rev. Jay F. Smith '85

Dr. Thomas Rogers came to Kentucky Wesleyan College in 1954 as professor of religion and philosophy. He retired in 1979 as a distinguished professor and continued to teach part-time as professor emeritus until 1995. Rogers touched the hearts of countless students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the college. We celebrate his life and his friendship. Rogers passed away at 87 on November 26, 2000.

The first word that comes to mind whenever I think of Dr. Rogers is the word “gracious.” The root word is “grace” or in the Greek “charis” meaning “gift.” The word is found in one of his favorite passages in the New Testament, a passage he would quote to me when visiting him. Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians, chapter 12, verse 8: “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

I realize that preachers like myself are often given a hyperbole to exaggeration, but not this preacher, not today. I have never, ever met a more gracious human being than Dr. Rogers. And with his beloved wife, Winnie, I can honestly say that I have never met any two more gracious human beings.

At every institution, there are “institutions.” Objects, events, persons who serve as signs and symbols of the institution. Dr. Thomas Rogers was an institution at this institution. He was predictable, dependable, a constant. I wanted to find a quote by Winston Churchill, because Dr. Rogers considered Churchill to be one of the greatest orators of all time. I found one that characterizes Dr. Rogers. In September, 1941, Winston Churchill addressed the House of Commons with these words: “Nothing is more dangerous in wartime than to live in the temperamental atmosphere of a Gallop Poll, always feeling one’s pulse and taking one’s temperature.” Not Dr. Rogers. Trends and fads came and went, and yet, he never seemed to change or age. Go back and look at the old yearbooks. There is Dr. Rogers in the same white shirt, same grey slacks, same navy blue jacket, same tie, with a pin of course, and his only concession to extravagance that I ever witnessed, a pinky ring. You can verify this with my wife, Marian. When I went off to theology school, one Christmas I had her get me a pinky ring just like Dr. Rogers, and I wore that ring for a long time! You just wanted be like the man.

When I was a student, Dr. Rogers had kind of a reputation of being, well, an “easy A.” Not that it mattered to me. But this mattered to “some” students back then who may have taken their first course with Dr. Rogers for that reason. Classes taken after that were simply because you just wanted to be around the man, to learn from him, to be in his presence.

I thank God for what he taught so many others and me. He taught me to have a profound respect for words and the use of language. Dr. Rogers did not subscribe to that ridiculous mentality that says, “sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.” Dr. Rogers taught others to have a profound respect for the power of words.

Dr. Rogers had a deep respect for what he taught. In his World Religions class, he did not present other religions as mere “straw figures” for Christianity to easily conquer. He respected the subject matter, and taught you to do the same.

Dr. Rogers not only respected what he taught, but he also respected whom he taught. As a student, he never made you feel ignorant or inferior. He had such an apparent love and respect for students. Dr. Rogers could make you feel better and more affirmed, regardless of whether you were in a right or a wrong answer than other professors could make you feel about a right one! Because of my almost idolatrous respect for the man, I would never challenge him, but some students would. To his credit, I never saw him ever humiliate a student.

Dr. Rogers had such a genuine love and passion for teaching, for being in the classroom. When you were in class with Dr. Rogers, you never felt like he would have rather been writing a book or preparing a lecture for the next jaunt to some other institution.

I am thankful for my last memory of Dr. Rogers. It was this past May at graduation. Like many of you, I have not been able to get the tune out of my mind since hearing of his passing. I have not been able to stop humming that song, that song that nobody else could do like Dr. Rogers. “Hail to thee our alma mater. Wesleyan all hail!” Today as I close I would simply add, Hail to thee Dr. Rogers and to the God to whom your life so graciously and generously witnessed! All hail to thee!

Amen.

Kentucky Wesleyan College has been and continues to receive gifts in memory of Dr. Rogers. Once received, an appropriate honor will be established. If you would like to participate, please direct your gift to Kentucky Wesleyan College, Development Office, 3000 Frederica Street, Owensboro, Ky. 42301. Include a note designating your gift to the Dr. Tom Rogers Fund. We hope you will join others in this salute to a KWC legend.
Il about *Changing Lives*

**Building for the future**

“Time flies when you’re having fun!” Remember that cliché? *Changing Lives: The Campaign for Kentucky Wesleyan College* kicked off in 1997 and wraps-up this December. In a “short” five-year period we are close to meeting and passing that goal – currently we have raised over $17.2 million.

This campaign has been, by far, the most ambitious fund-raising effort ever in our history. Our goal to raise $20 million will afford us the opportunity to keep pace with the challenges of tomorrow in education, in our society and in technology – a goal that will enable us to continue to be a leader among liberal arts colleges, not only in our region, but in the nation.

**What are the specifics?**

The $20 million raised in this campaign will support the operating budget of the college as well as meet endowment needs. In addition, and of importance, the dollars raised in this campaign will give us the ability to build new buildings and renovate existing facilities to remain competitive and attract new students.

**Has work begun?**

Yes, we are moving forward – focusing on our building and facility needs in particular.

- In the fall of 1999 the Ralph Center for Fine Arts and Communication Arts opened, providing space for our art, music and communication programs as well as gallery space, multi-purpose and performance space and a new home for WKWC-FM.
- Campus technology update is 95% complete and scheduled to be finished by year-end. We have installed a fiber optic backbone, new networking capabilities and added an electronic library system.
- Construction began in February on the Campus Community Center – a $3.3 million, 22,000 square foot facility housing a multipurpose room, offices, computer lab, conference room, snack bar, bookstore, exercise room, student lounge, reception area, game room, patio and a courtyard. The Campus Community Center is scheduled to open in spring 2002.

**What is left to complete?**

- Plans are being made to build a new $4.2 million Science Building which will include facilities for biology, chemistry and physics, as well as specialized laboratories, research facilities and a greenhouse.
- The future renovation of Massie Hall will restore the second and third floors to suite-style residence hall space. The first floor will be renovated to contain handicapped-accessible residence hall rooms.
- Renovation of the Administration Building is the final phase of this current plan. The second, third and fourth floors will be modernized to bring about new space for a multitude of academic programs. Current classrooms will be renovated into smaller seminar-style rooms and faculty office space. Commons areas will be constructed for informal gatherings.

**Can I be involved?**

By all means. Hundreds of alumni and friends have pledged their support to this campaign. We are grateful for their support and ask for yours. Our opportunity is also your opportunity. We invite you to join with us and help change lives. Through your support you can impact tomorrow’s leaders and entrepreneurs.

*To make a contribution to the Changing Lives campaign, please contact Ron McCracken, vice president for advancement, at 270-926-3111, x5120 or email ronmc@kwc.edu.*
Campus Community Center gifts continue

The college recently received two $100,000 anonymous gifts from Winchester alumni in support of the Changing Lives campaign – Winchester-era effort. Both gifts have been designated to the Campus Community Center, now under construction, and will provide naming opportunities for the Student Lounge and Reception Lounge.

“We have been good friends for many years, with each other and with the college,” said one of the donors. “It is our hope that many other Winchester-era friends will feel the desire and commitment to be a part of this forward movement as we have.”

“These two donors are great friends and supporters of the college,” said Dr. Wesley H. Poling, president. “They hold their alma mater near and dear to their heart and desire to give back to help change lives of students,” he added. “We are grateful for their investment in our future and will publicly thank and recognize them at a later date.”

The Changing Lives campaign has raised over $17 million (see the Campaign Progress Report on page 6), quickly approaching the $20 million goal. The outcome?

More classrooms, labs and student areas, more scholarships, renovated facilities – more opportunity to continue to change students’ lives.

Project Construction underway

Construction of the new Campus Community Center is underway. After a long wait, the college received a building permit in late February from the City of Owensboro and immediately construction fencing was erected, and work to relocate underground fiber optic cable began.

The 22,000 square foot Campus Community Center will be an extension of Presidents Hall, which houses the library and dining facilities. The addition will extend east from Presidents Hall to the Snyder Office Building, which currently houses faculty offices. Darlington Drive has been permanently closed to through traffic.

Over the next six weeks fiber optic cable will be relocated, demolition of the road, lights and sidewalks will begin, fill dirt to elevate the site will be hauled in and utilities will be relocated and installed.

“This center will be the hub of all student activity on campus and we are eager to begin using this facility in the spring 2002 semester,” said Dr. Wesley H. Poling, president. “The beginning of the construction process has brought an air of excitement and great anticipation to campus. We are seeing tangible evidence of our Changing Lives campaign,” he added.

Facilities in the new $3.3 million Campus Community Center will include a multipurpose room, offices, computer lab, conference room, a snack bar, bookstore, exercise room, student lounge, reception area, game room and a patio. A courtyard will be situated between the Campus Community Center and the Snyder Office Building.

Groundbreaking was held in October 2000.

John Caldwell Calhoun Mayo was born on September 16, 1864, into a poor farm family in Pike County. Like thousands of Appalachian youth, he grew up in poverty. Mayo’s father moved the family to a more promising farm in Johnson County and he was able to attend school in a log schoolhouse.

Mayo was eager to learn. He enrolled in Kentucky Wesleyan College, in Millersburg, using mortgage money from his father’s hard-won farm. He proved his academic ability and earned a part-time instructor position, graduating in 1886 with a degree and a certificate to teach in public schools.

While studying at KWC, Mayo discovered mineralogy and geology books. He believed there was a vast store of mineral wealth in the hills of Appalachia. Ownership of eastern Kentucky land was uncertain. Mayo “read law” and determined a path to ownership of mineral rights. He championed the “Revenue Law of 1906” which resulted in title forfeiture of the land held by Virginia to the Commonwealth. This “Northern,” “broad-form” or “Mayo” deed, as it is called, became one of the most important legal documents in eastern Kentucky history.

By then Mayo was teaching and earning $40 a month. In his spare time he searched deed books to find titles he could option and purchase. Mayo sold his options to iron and coal businesses, keeping a portion of the rights for himself to buy more options. He acquired enough rights to attract owners of iron and coal companies to mine minerals and amassed a fortune, becoming eastern Kentucky’s first millionaire.

Not only did Mayo become rich, but he also gave back. His hometown of Paintsville was first in the region to get electricity, railroads, and paved streets. The Sandy Valley Seminary and the Mayo Memorial Methodist Church are a result of his philanthropy.

Mayo gave generously to his alma mater. In 1907 Mayo wrote his second $5,000 check and unrestricted his first check to ensure Kentucky Wesleyan survived after a fire destroyed the Winchester administration building in 1905. (The estimate to rebuild that building was $40,000.)

In 1914 he died at the age of 50 from Bright’s disease.

Mayo was a man of great wealth, and a man of great generosity. He supported endeavors he believed in, including Kentucky Wesleyan College. In doing so, he helped change the lives of many.
Meet your new directors

Thanks to all of you that volunteered to serve as Alumni Board members for 2000-2001. The following alumni will join the board for 2001-2002:

- **Dwight Armstrong '79** of Brentwood, Tenn. is a videoconferencing engineer/manager with Electronic Data Systems working at the Saturn Plant.
- **Paul Baber '50** of Madisonville, Ky. is retired from the insurance business and is a 50-year medallion recipient.
- **Charles Epperson '59** of Henderson, Ky. is retired from the Social Security office where he worked as a claims representative.
- **Bessie Luttrell '91** of Maceo, Ky. is a full-time homemaker having previously served as deputy jailer for the Daviess County Detention Center.
- **Gregory Seneff '89** from Nashville, Tenn. is a lawyer whose focus is entertainment law. He specializes in the music business.

These directors will be recognized during Alumni Weekend on April 28th at the Alumni Banquet. The 15-member board for 2001-2002 will represent six decades (1940s – 1990s) and is comprised of seven men and eight women.

If you and/or someone you know would like to serve on the board, contact Berry Major at 270-926-3111, x5123 or email bmajor@kwc.edu. Volunteers and nominations are accepted throughout the year.

A TIME TO REJOICE, REUNITE AND REFLECT ON THE KWC EXPERIENCE.

50th Reunion
CLASS OF 1951

MAY 11-12, 2001

Celebrate reunion with your classmates at the Reunion Luncheon and Winchester Dinner on May 11 and receive your 50-year Medallion during Commencement on May 12.

More details coming soon.

A gift that remembers

Mrs. C’s husband was a United Methodist minister and served congregations across the conference for nearly 40 years by the time of his death at the age of 58, Mrs. C wanted to pay tribute to her husband by giving to his alma mater. Several years earlier her parents had been killed in an accident and Mrs. C inherited considerable stock and life insurance proceeds. She immediately invested in more stock. Her stock portfolio was providing $24,000 a year in dividends, and these dividends, coupled with her social security, provided Mrs. C a comfortable living.

At age 67, having no immediate family, Mrs. C. knew she could manage with less income, if necessary, to make a memorial gift. She knew that if she sold any stock she would pay taxes on her gain as well as reduce her annual dividend income. After consultation with the planned giving officer of her husband’s alma mater, Mrs. C decided to establish a Charitable Remainder Unitrust in order to endow a professorship chair in religion in his husband’s memory. She gave her stock (worth $1.2 million) to the college at a cost basis of $360,000, which was paying her dividends equivalent to a 2% annual return.

By creating a Charitable Remainder Unitrust with herself as sole payment beneficiary for life, Mrs. C made a special gift to her husband’s memory and increased her annual income considerably – from $24,000 in dividends to a trust yield of $72,000 the first year and 6% of the annual trust revaluation thereafter. In addition, Mrs. C realized a charitable deduction of $548,280 (through which she can realize a $197,376 tax savings in her new 36% tax bracket) and avoided a capital gains tax of $168,000 (an $840,000 gain x 20%) that she or her estate would someday incur by selling her stock. Indeed, Mrs. C gave a gift that remembers.

If you would like more information on how to do the same, or learn more about other gift planning opportunities, contact the Planned Giving office at 270-926-3111, x5123 or email bmajor@kwc.edu.
The new Alumni Center is now open and ready for business. Try it … simply go to www.kwc.edu and click on the Alumni link. Tell us what you think. Your ideas for improvement are important.

Alumni directory update
Distribution of the new alumni directory is on-schedule. In August, Harris Publishing will send the directory to alumni who have placed an order.

The annual gathering of alumni and friends at the Forest Country Club in Ft. Myers, Fl. was held in February. Fifteen people gathered at a brunch hosted by Truman ’38 and Trudy ’40 Morris.

Alumni Weekend: April 27-28
Plan now to attend

Planning is near completion for Alumni Weekend 2001, April 27-28. Several events and activities are scheduled to provide good reason to return to campus and celebrate reunion.

- **All-Alumni Golf Scramble**
  The weekend will begin with an all-alumni golf scramble on Friday, April 27 at the Summit Country Club hosted by Sigma Phi Epsilon. The $50 per player cost includes carts and fees. Competition will begin at 1:10 p.m. Space is limited and alumni are encouraged to make early group or individual reservations.

- **Alumni Banquet**
  The Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday night, April 28 at 6 p.m. in Presidents Hall. Alumni awards will be presented, outgoing Alumni Board directors, new directors and reunion classes will be recognized and a keynote address will be given by Honorable Speaker of the Kentucky House, Walter (Jody) Richards ’60. The cost is $15 per person.

- **Alumni Dance**
  Following the banquet, from 8 p.m. to midnight, a DJ will be spinning tunes in the Kentucky B Room at the Executive Inn. The cost is $7.50 per person.

- **Class Reunions**

Check out the Alumni Weekend link at www.kwc.edu . . . and watch your mail for more details.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND

Reserve me a space now! I want to attend Alumni Weekend 2001.

Name(s) _____________________________________________ Class year(s) ___________________

Phone Number _____________________________ Email address______________________________

No. in Party___________ $ amount enclosed __________________________

- **Friday, April 27 - Golf Scramble**
  ________@ $50 each = __________________

- **Saturday, April 28**
  Alumni Banquet ________@ $15 each = __________________
  Alumni Dance ________@ $7.50 each = __________________

Reservations are necessary. Please return this form to the Alumni Office, Kentucky Wesleyan College, 3000 Frederica Street, Owensboro, KY 42301 or call 270-926-3111, x5121 to make reservations.
When the Class of 2001 crosses the stage in Hocker-Hall Grove on May 12 to receive their diplomas, most of them will have taken the traditional path to graduation. Not so for 37-year-old Tom Wilson who made a late-life decision to finish college and pursue a career in the ministry.

Married and the father of a 14-year-old son and a stepdaughter who is a student at the University of Louisville, Tom said many feelings played a part in his decision to enroll at Kentucky Wesleyan in January 1999.

“I felt a real need in my heart to be a full-time minister. I tried to fill that void with other things like missionary work and work in prisons, but it didn’t satisfy me. I investigated colleges, looked on the internet - everywhere but Kentucky Wesleyan. I didn’t want to come here. I don’t know why I felt that way,” he said.

“Sitting home alone one day, I felt a very real presence enter the room and later, driving to a prayer meeting, I had the same sensation of a presence in the car saying, ‘Are you going to Wesleyan or not?’ I thought ‘Okay, I’ll go, but when those old UK transcripts and GPA are mailed to Kentucky Wesleyan, I’ll be denied and that’ll show you,’” Tom remembered.

It may have been divine inspiration that convinced Tom to apply to KWC, but it was divine intervention that helped him enroll after his files were lost.

Four weeks after applying, Tom thought he should check on the process and called the college. He was told he’d been accepted and he’d better get to Owensboro quickly because classes started that day.

Walking into the office of his boss, Tom told him, “I’m not coming back after dinner.” And so began his journey as a Kentucky Wesleyan student.

Tom’s advisor at Kentucky Wesleyan is Dr. Jeff Fager who has also taught Tom in numerous classes. “It was a risky decision he made, but he certainly met the challenge. He brings to the classroom a motivation that has made him stand out as a student. Knowing exactly what he wants to do, Tom has a great deal of enthusiasm and makes the extra effort in class and gets every bit out of his education that he can.”

While at Kentucky Wesleyan Tom also took advantage of the Jewish Studies Program and attended the Hebrew University of Jerusalem last July. He and Dawn Ralph ’03 applied and were selected for the program which covered their tuition, room and board, air fare and the cost of tours.

The tours included visits to the Judean Desert, Jericho, Bethlehem, Golan Heights, Masada, the Dead Sea and the border of Lebanon. His class “Jerusalem Throughout the Ages” was a combination history and geography class.

“We had class three days a week from 8 to noon, but many days the lecture continued another hour or more. The class then boarded a bus to see and discuss the ancient city of David and the modern city,” Tom explained.

“I highly recommend the Jewish Studies Program. It is a tremendous opportunity for any Kentucky Wesleyan student,” he said.

In addition to praising the Jewish Studies Program, Tom also speaks highly of Kentucky Wesleyan. “I would recommend KWC to anyone.”

While his college experience has been great, these two years at KWC are the bridge to Tom’s ultimate goal of the ministry. As fate would have it, a Wesleyan graduate helped influence Tom in that direction as well.

Becoming friends with Gale Wetzel ’62, an ordained United Methodist minister and conference-approved evangelist, influenced Tom to accompany Gale on a fact-finding mission trip to Russia in 1993.

“We were never able to make any contacts while we were there, but we passed out over 1500 Bibles on the subway,” Tom said. “There was a language barrier so we couldn’t communicate, but the Russian people were
excited to receive the material and we spent two weeks in Moscow and St. Petersburg.”

In 1995 Tom traveled to Ghana and Zimbabwe in Africa and helped establish two congregations in Ghana in areas where there were no churches. “It was primitive with no electricity and no running water and they hadn’t heard the Gospel,” Tom said.

In Zimbabwe he worked with Fanuel Kadenge ’91 who is highly revered by his countrymen according to Tom. “My work in Zimbabwe was all evangelistic. We went to United Methodist mission schools that are high schools where the students actually live. Of the eight schools in Zimbabwe, we covered seven.”

On Tom’s last trip to Africa in 1999 he visited a school in Kenya that trains bivocational ministers. According to Tom, “These are schools for Kenyan natives who work a day job and pastor at night. Bivocational ministers serve the five surrounding nations in areas too poor for denominational churches.” On that trip Tom also helped establish three congregations in Ghana and his team had 600 first-time conversions.

“I cite those numbers only so people will understand the missions, which are designed after Billy Graham’s evangelism program,” Tom said. “In addition to adults, hundreds of children respond to the alter call - too many to count,” he added.

Describing the services Tom said, “We might have 40 people involved, singing and playing instruments, setting up and building the stage, and during the service people are scattered throughout the crowd to counsel with those who respond. We work through interpreters.”

Tom is quick to thank his church, Hilldale United Methodist Church in Lewisport, Ky., whose congregation has helped raise money for his trips, as well as his wife and children for their continuing support of his dream. He will make another trip to Africa this summer and his son will be going with him.

Following graduation in May Tom plans to attend seminary and has narrowed his choices to Asbury in Kentucky and Perkins at Southern Methodist University in Texas. “I’m not certain what the Lord will do with me, but I plan to pursue ordination as a United Methodist minister; however, I can see myself just as easily being an evangelist,” Tom said.

“We’ll see what God says to do next. I’ll just have to listen.”
Reynolds Village at Winchester was home for ex-G.I.’s and their families in the years after World War II.

A Sunday afternoon in front of the dining hall, located behind Spencer Gymnasium.

Wesleyan’s Carnegie Library, the culmination of years of effort at fund-raising, was the heart of the Winchester campus.

Strolling around the Winchester campus today, now called College Park, an alum will find the foundation of the administration building with a few stones, columns from the east and west entrances of this building, the dining hall, the Carnegie Library, Spencer Memorial Gymnasium and Senior House.

by Roy Pickerill ‘75

For 61 years Kentucky Wesleyan College called Winchester, Ky. home, and after 50 years the 13-acre campus remains as the home of Kentucky Wesleyan landmarks and memories.
These landmarks are nestled among the same beautiful trees, plus grass and homes that surrounded the Winchester campus over 80 years ago.

Walking around campus evokes memories not only for Winchester alums but also for anyone with a historic interest in the college.

In August 2000, the Winchester alumni erected a new landmark in front of Spencer Gym to commemorate our Winchester home and heritage.
Here is a pictorial review of your Kentucky Wesleyan... of important places, more important people and memorable occasions... pointing with pride at our accomplishments, our friends, our past... remembering with mixed emotions the things we’ve done... with an accent always on good sports and good sportsmanship... yet never forgetting that every moment of our lives must count always looking to an even greater, more wonderful Kentucky Wesleyan.

**TIMELINE**

1900 - Clark Hall (men’s dorm), KWC’s first completed dormitory.
1902 - Supreme Court Chief Justice Stanley Reed graduates.
1904 - First football team noted.
Feb. 14, 1905 - Fire destroys recently constructed “Main Building” - Minerva saved.
1905-06 - Construction of second “Main Building.”
1908 - First KWC yearbook, *The Kentucky Wesleyan* appears.
Mrs. Pauline Peeples graduates
1909-11 - President Tigert establishes baseball, basketball and football on campus.
Miss Belle Bennett, Methodist education and social worker, first woman to receive honorary degree.
1914 - KWC football ties host University of Cincinnati, 6-6, in the first night game.
1921 - First issue of *Porphyrian* (yearbook) appears.
1922 - Women’s basketball team wins state championship.
1922 - Batson Hall constructed.
1923 - Garnett Hall constructed.
1923 - KWC ceases awarding masters degree.
1923 - Southern Association of Colleges and Schools fully accredits Kentucky Wesleyan.
May 25, 1951 - Last Winchester graduation.
August 26, 2000 - Dedication of Winchester campus monument.

“I was fortunate to have attended KWC and still enjoy the annual reunions held on the campus, now College Park. I miss the college and at times while visiting College Park it seems I can hear the voices of former students echoing through the years. Those were truly good days.”
Betty Ratliff Smith ’52

“Even today the Winchester campus still stands... in our hearts, in memory of by-gone years. It was here that we became who we are. It was here that generations of loyal sons and daughters were birthed... and given right to call this place ‘Alma Mater’.”
Dr. Wesley H. Poling, President, KWC

“We came to this place... to experience Kentucky Wesleyan. We came to this place... for learning and for fun, for friendships and for lifelong relationships. We came in pursuit of our own dreams... in our search for intellectual, social and spiritual growth. We chose this place... and it did all those things. And it changed our lives. It made us different... better... forever.”
Dr. Luellen Pyles ’44

“Kentucky Wesleyan College began with a dream... a dream for a Methodist institution for higher learning in Kentucky. And as the dream unfolded, first in Millersburg and then in Winchester, there were good times... and bad times. But through it all, lives were changed... here... on this very ground. It is a special place.”
Dr. Beryl Franklin ’48
The road to fame

by Berry Major ’60

The life of Josiah (Joe) Ashurst Jackson is one of many alumni success stories. Born June 8, 1894 in Winchester, Ky., Jackson grew up and remained there until he graduated from Kentucky Wesleyan College in 1913. During college he worked as a reporter for The Winchester Sun, rising to the position of city editor by his nineteenth birthday. Shortly after graduation Jackson moved to New York and completed a degree at Columbia University’s School of Journalism. He took a position on the staff of the New York World where he worked until his enlistment in the U.S. Navy during World War I.

Jackson worked briefly with the World following the war and then moved to Hollywood where his name soon began appearing in review columns as a fresh new playwright. He became secretary to the great Rudolph Valentino and collaborated in writing songs such as “Mammy” and “Sonny Boy,” made famous by Al Jolson. Other credits include plays, The Batter Graft and a one-act thriller, The Retake; a motion picture, Twisted Faces by Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer; and the operetta, The Girl From Vienna (in collaboration with Oscar Hammerstein), which was later produced by Warner Brothers.

On his road to fame, Jackson rose from reporter at The Winchester Sun, to songwriter, playwright, and motion picture writer - to president of the Western Motion Picture Advertisers’ Association and manager of Studio Publicity for the Goldwyn Corporation. But his fame was to be short lived. At the age of 38, while swimming off Laguna Beach, he was caught in an undertow and drowned. He is buried at Forest Lawn.

Share your memories

In upcoming issues of Kentucky Wesleyan Today we will be celebrating 50 years in Owensboro. As a part of this celebration we are asking you to share your favorite memories of KWC in Owensboro - whether it be a professor, a friend, an alum, an event, and so on.

You may email your favorite memory to Kathryn Farmer, editor, at kfarmer@kwc.edu. Or, send a letter to KW Today, Kentucky Wesleyan College, 3000 Frederica Street, Owensboro, KY, 42301.

Although we cannot print every response we receive, we look forward to sharing your memories with our readers over the next several issues.

“I had some of the best teachers I have ever had. You had respect for your faculty members, but we still had a personal contact - you could stop in and talk with them on any subject.”

Nancy Franklin ’47

“I love this school. That’s all I can say. I love it. I thank God many times that Kentucky Wesleyan came into my life.”

Leonard Harsh ’48

“One of the best jobs a student could have at Kentucky Wesleyan College was working in the dining hall because you received free room and board.”

Colonel Boyd A. Cecil ’38

“Thank you for those who worked so hard . . . and sacrificed so much . . . to change our lives.”

Dr. Harold Dorsey ’38
Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts ’61 will become the 14th president of Park University on June 1 and the first woman in Park’s 126-year history to be selected as president.

In 1999 Byers-Pevitts served as interim president/chief executive officer of Texas Woman’s University (TWU) which has campuses in Denton, Dallas and Houston. She also served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at TWU from July 1995 until June 2000 and is a tenured professor of performing arts.

“I’m very pleased and honored to be named president of Park University,” Byers-Pevitts said. “It has a rich heritage as a liberal arts college, much like Kentucky Wesleyan. Park has a traditional and contemporary approach to the changing world of higher education, with a traditional main campus and a contemporary commitment to distance learning.”

She continued, “One reason I was interested in Park is their dedication to distance learning, with four sites in the Kansas City area and 32 sites across the country, serving 17,000 students. The University also has an excellent academic record in liberal arts education with a focus on the student’s professional preparation.”

Byers-Pevitts graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from KWC in 1961 and earned her Ph.D. and M.A. degrees from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. She completed postdoctoral study at the Institute for Educational Management, Harvard University.

Originally from Beaver Dam, Ky., Byers-Pevitts said she chose to attend Kentucky Wesleyan because of faculty member Douglas Sasser and she continues to point out the impact of faculty on students.

She credits Kentucky Wesleyan with her development as an educator. “My years at Kentucky Wesleyan shaped my soul. My dedication to education and wanting a liberal arts education for every student began at Kentucky Wesleyan and I strongly believe the faculty influenced me in that way. Joe Britton, Jane Forgy, Dr. Tom Rogers, Ed Beavin, Emile Ahnell, Corine Cowgill - those people shaped my thought development and my thirst for knowledge,” she said. “I think students always remember the quality of the faculty and that has followed me through the rest of my academic career.”

Between 1974 and 1986 Byers-Pevitts had the opportunity to be a member of KWC’s faculty and was director of speech and drama. Returning to Kentucky Wesleyan as a professor was a rich experience she said. “My former professors embraced me as a colleague and I learned from them. My husband Bob (Dr. Robert R. Pevitts) and I both taught at the college during that period.

During her tenure at Kentucky Wesleyan, Byers-Pevitts received the Outstanding Alumni Award. She has received numerous other honors, including being named by then Texas Governor George W. Bush to the Governor’s Commission for Women. “I enjoyed serving on the committee. It was a good network of strong women and we worked with Laura Bush on women’s and children’s health issues.”

In 1998 Byers-Pevitts returned once again to KWC’s campus as a featured speaker for Leadership Day and said, “It’s fun to come back to the college and see my former professors and colleagues.”

In addition to her interest in education, Byers-Pevitts is an accomplished playwright whose works have been nationally premiered. Taking a sabbatical in the fall of 2000, she worked on plays and took a master class on play writing in New York. She is teaching this semester at TWU, but will soon move to her new home and her new position as Park University President.

In making the announcement of her new position, Park’s Board of Trustee Chair Dr. F. Marian Bishop described Beverley Byers-Pevitts as “an outgoing and charismatic leader in higher education who will bring remarkable abilities to her position.”

We at Kentucky Wesleyan know firsthand about Byers-Pevitts extraordinary abilities as an educator and we wish her well in her new position.
The class manager program has been revived at Kentucky Wesleyan College, resulting in a big response from alumni with 63 class managers for 34 classes between the years of 1955 and 2000!

Since the Winchester-era alumni are currently participating in a major drive to raise $1.5 million dollars for the new Campus Community Center, those alumni for the years prior to 1955 will be asked to join the ranks of class managers next year.

The primary objectives of the class manager program are to:
1) increase communication between the college and its alumni,
2) increase the percentage of alumni participation, and
3) increase the level of giving to the Wesleyan Fund (unrestricted operating).

In order to achieve these goals the class managers will be keeping in touch with their classmates through letters that stress the importance of alumni participation at any level of giving, and deliver news from the campus and information on alumni gatherings, particularly those years celebrating a reunion.

In mid-February 29 class managers visited campus to participate in a variety of activities, including workshops, lunch, basketball games and an alumni reception hosted by the Owensboro Area alums.

Please see the column on this page listing our class managers, as well as the class years that are open. If you are interested in becoming a part of this enthusiastic and energetic group of alumni, you can call 270-926-3111, ext. 5122 or e-mail jevans@kwc.edu. We look forward to hearing from you!
A record nine Kentucky Wesleyan Panthers were named NCAA Division II Mid-Major All-American by Football Gazette. Of the nine honorees, six earned first-team recognition and three honorable mention. This is the most All-Americans chosen in one season at KWC.

The six first-team members are led by National Receiver of the Year Corey Jordan (wr) followed by Tony Black (de), Brian Hoffman (qb), Shaun Logsdon (te), Mark Howell (c) and Frank Wintrich (lb). Honorable mention members are Drew Hall (rb), Joe Nelson (ot) and Anthony Melvin (wr).

Jordan, a junior from Barnesville, Ga., caught a team-best 63 passes for 890 yards and 13 touchdowns, averaged 14.1 yards per catch and 89.0 yards per game this season. Jordan also had 23 kickoff returns of 498 yards for an average of 21.7 yards per return. He recorded a team-best 1,592 in all-purpose yards.

Black, a sophomore from College Park, Ga., led the Panthers with a season record 11 sacks for minus 75 yards and finished fourth in the nation in sacks per game with 1.1. Black also led in tackles for loss yards with 17 for minus 98 yards. He recorded 43 total tackles including 25 solos; broke-up two passes and forced one fumble.

Hoffmann, a senior from Orlando, Fla., broke a total of eight-school passing and total offensive records this season. He threw for 2,565 yards and 22 touchdowns by completing 197 of 364 passes for a 54.1 completion percentage. Hoffmann accumulated 2,675 yards in total offense on 458 plays. He was the only player in Division II to be named offensive player of the week twice this season by Football Gazette.

Howell, a senior from Hardinsburg, Ky., started six of seven games played this season and has started 37 career games that included 30 in a row in four years. He was voted by his teammates the last two seasons as team co-captain.

Logsdon, a senior from Leitchfield, Ky., caught a sec-ond-best 40 passes for 477 yards and three touchdowns, averaging 11.9 yards per catch and 47.7 yards per game this season. Logsdon in four seasons broke the career receiving record with 104 receptions for 1,238 yards and five touchdowns for 30 points.

Wintrich, a junior 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 this season.

Hall, a junior from Owensboro, led KWC with 810 yards rushing on 115 attempts and 12 touchdowns, averaging 7.0 yards per carry and 101.2 yards per game this season. Hall also caught nine passes for 88 yards and one touchdown.

Melvin, a senior from Radcliff, Ky., caught a fourth-best 36 passes for 578 yards and four touchdowns, averaging 16.1 yards per catch and 57.8 yards per game this season. He led the Panthers with 30 kickoff returns of 567 yards for an average of 18.9 yards per return. Melvin recorded a second-best 1,154 in all-purpose yards.

Nelson, a senior from Cincinnati, Ohio, started all ten games played this season and has started 34 of 37 career games in four years. He was voted by his teammates the last two seasons as team co-captain.

Kentucky Wesleyan finished with a 4-6 record with the Panthers breaking 28 records and tying one under the leadership of seventh-year head coach John Johnson.

Harper sets NCAA coaching record

Kentucky Wesleyan College men’s basketball head coach Ray Harper broke the NCAA coaching record for best career start (by wins) in five seasons with 138 wins when the No. 5 Panthers defeated Indianapolis 88-66 on Feb. 17 at the Owensboro Sportscenter. Everett Case of North Carolina State (1947-51) held the old record with 137.
17 student-athletes named Academic All-Conference
Seventeen Kentucky Wesleyan College student-athletes were named to the 2000 Great Lakes Valley Conference Fall Sports All-Academic team.

Three-time honorees include Dominique Crisp (soccer) a junior from Freemont, Calif.; Robin Joska (soccer) a senior Churdum, Czech Republic.

Two-time honorees include Maureen Fagan (soccer) a sophomore from Owensboro; Scott Lyons (golf) a sophomore from Hardinsburg, Ky.; Kari Miller (soccer) a sophomore from Owensboro; and Laura Murphy (soccer) a sophomore from Owensboro.

First-time honorees include Brooke Bangtson (soccer), a freshman from Leitchfield, Ky.; Megan Brier (volleyball), a freshman from Covington, Ky.; Jessica Culver (volleyball), a junior from Bardstown, Ky.; Megan Guess (soccer), a freshman from Bremen, Ky.; Amy Rafferty (soccer), a sophomore from Whitesville, Ky.; Donna Powell (tennis), a freshman from Covington, Ky.; Megan Brier (volleyball), a sophomore from Owensboro; and Laura Murphy (soccer) a freshman from Owensboro.

Aukje Reeves (soccer), a freshman from Madisonville, Ky.; Heidi Shephard (tennis), a sophomore from Hopkinsville, Ky. and Terra Ward (tennis), a junior from Whitesville, Ky.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a starter or significant substitute with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25 or have attained a GPA of at least 3.4 in each of the preceding two semesters. Freshmen or first-year transfers must achieve a GPA of 3.4 or higher during the fall semester.

Battle for the bridge

The 26-year rivalry between Kentucky Wesleyan College and University of Southern Indiana basketball teams began a new chapter on Jan. 27 when they played for the “Battle for the Bridge” trophy.

The “Bridge” trophy, designed and constructed by USI Professor of Art John McNaughton, is a traveling trophy up for grabs at each regular season contest. The Panthers claimed first possession of the trophy with a 97-86 win over the Screaming Eagles at the Owensboro Sportscenter on Jan. 27 and retained the trophy with a 91-89 victory over USI in Evansville on Feb. 22.

“The idea for the trophy came out of the geography,” said McNaughton. “We have a very unique situation here with both schools 50 miles apart and sitting on the old Mason-Dixon line.

“Much of athletics is similar to two armies trying to tactically outwit one another. The object of many battles is to take the bridge and if you do, you win the battle.” The design is of Owensboro’s Carey Bridge over the Ohio River, which links the two states and cities.

In the 26 years of the rivalry, the Panthers have won 35 of 60 games, including the last four NCAA Great Lakes Regional Championship games in Owensboro. The Screaming Eagles have had their share of successes in Evansville, earning 17 of 24 wins on their side of the river.

“This is probably the premier rivalry in all of Division II basketball,” said USI President H. Ray Hoops.

“There had been a tradition of exchanging a spirit can, but we thought that an extraordinary rivalry ought to have an extraordinary trophy.”

KWC President Dr. Wesley H. Poling echoed these thoughts. “We are enthusiastic about the creation of this new and handsome trophy to mark the storied rivalry between USI and Kentucky Wesleyan. Competing for the trophy during the regular season will emphasize the sportsmanship shared by our athletes and fans,” said Poling.
Margaret Blanton Reeves ’24 of Paris, Tenn., is the oldest known living alumni of Kentucky Wesleyan College. This past year she celebrated her 97th birthday. Being widowed in the 1960s, this energetic and independent lady lives on her own by choice. Her daughter Marjorie lives close - three houses down the street.

As Reeves neared completion of high school, she began talking with her parents about attending college. Being Methodist and preferring a small college for their daughter, Kentucky Wesleyan was their school of choice.

Studying to become a teacher, Reeves enjoyed Kentucky Wesleyan. Asked how she liked living so far away from home, she responded that her life in a house/dormitory was a “great experience.” (Being the sibling of two older brothers, she delighted in the opportunity to interact with other women her own age.)

Reeves recalls that everyone – her classmates and professors – were simply wonderful. Particularly dear to her are memories of Pauline Peeples ’08 and William Campbell ’08 (KWC president from 1919-1924), both of whom stayed in touch with Reeves decades after they had met on the campus in Winchester.

The “commute” to Winchester from Paris in the 1920s was dramatically different than today. The drive took two days - leaving at 8 a.m. and driving until 4 p.m. each day. Reeves recounts that she and her parents usually spent the second night in Lexington, as it was only a 2 to 3 hour drive to Winchester from there.

Upon graduating, Reeves returned to Paris, not to teach as planned, but to live at home and care for her ill mother. Shortly after her mother’s death, she married John Reeves, and except for a brief period during the war when she taught school in the absence of male teachers, she has been a housewife.

Kentucky Wesleyan College salutes Margaret Blanton Reeves … our oldest alumni!
Ernie Simpson is a basketball coach, teacher and farmer in Bowling Green, Ky. He and his wife Susan Estes Simpson '68, have three children, Cannon, Matthew, and Casey. Susan is an elementary teacher.

Curtis Weedman, Jr. was appointed principle maintenance inspector with the Little Rock, Ark. Flight Standards District Office, with oversight responsibility for a large FAR 121 supplemental air carrier. He and his wife Sara have a son, Louis.

Virginia Tyrin Kleine is a retired teacher living in Melbourne, Australia. She is taking classes and doing volunteer work.

Ron Day is a retired elementary teacher. He and his wife Sandy opened “Yesterdays Clothing” in Milford, Ohio. They have one son, Curt.

Richard Kelly was presented the Kiwanis International Hixon Award for his work with the Kiwanis Club of Spartanburg, S.C. as chairman of the Terrific Kids program in 38 elementary schools. He is senior vice president and financial consultant with First South Financial Services.

Mark Palmer has joined the firm of Sommer & Barnard, PC as Of Counsel, in Indianapolis, Ind. He earned his J.D. from Mercer University and was a three-term member of the Indiana House of Representatives.

Bernard Kennetz, Jr. graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and is with Emergency Physicians of Springfield in Springfield, Mo.

Linda Dutton Lynch recently earned the designation of accredited buyers representative. She has a Kentucky real estate license and is a licensed auctioneer apprentice with Century 21 Partners and Deane Brokers and Auctioneers in Owensboro.

Roy Pickerill and Margaret Stinnette Pickerill celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on October 17, 2000. They were married in KWC’s Taspcott Chapel. Roy is the sports information director and assistant public relations director at KWC. Margaret is a kindergarten teacher at Audubon Elementary.

Jack Wells has been named chairman of the board of USAOneStar.Net, Inc., an educational internet service and eCommerce solutions provider based in Owensboro. He is founder of Wells Health Systems, Inc., and owner/operator of 24 nursing homes located throughout Kentucky and surrounding states.

Marilyn Bates received the “Outstanding Legal Assistant of 2000” Award from the City of Houston’s Legal Department. She has been with the department for over four years in the business litigation division.

Nancy Bradshaw, a history teacher at Owensboro High School, took a group of 40 students to the inauguration of President George W. Bush. She has taken students on a field trip to Washington every year since 1993. Lori Coghill ’94, another teacher at OHS, also accompanied the students. Nancy and her husband Dan, chair of the KWC history department, have two children, Susan and David.

Colleen Humphress Bouser and her husband, J. Robert Bouser ’77, have a new son, Brian James, born on September 15, 2000 who joins brother Blake. Colleen is an elementary school teacher in Eddyville, Ky. and Bob is pastor of the Eddyville/Fairview United Methodist Church.

Rick Harrison is a senior director of management information systems and chief information officer for River Valley Consulting Services in Owensboro. He was recently awarded certifications from Certified Novell Engineers for NetWare 5 and Certified Novell Administrator for GroupWise.

Brenda Bartley Ault completed her masters degree at Northern Arizona in education and is presently attending NAU for her ESL endorsement. She is a 2nd grade/gifted teacher in Yuma, Ariz. She and her husband Ken have two children, Christina and Kaley.

Joy Calhoun Hobson is a registered nurse in the operating room at St. Joseph Hospital in Tucson, Ariz. She and her husband Mark have three children, Jake, Jenny and Camille.

Tom Rogers is manager of five radio stations in western Kentucky for Commonwealth Broadcasting, a Glasgow based corporation. He is married to Stacey Stinnett Rogers ’84, and they have two daughters, Amanda and Andrea.

James Embree is a salesman with Casual Living and Patio Center in Louisville. He and his wife, Paula Darnell Embree ’84 have four children.

Lesa Ferguson is controller/accountant with Hawera, Inc. in Louisville.

Chris Armstrong is a member of the board of directors of Theatre Workshop of Owensboro. He has worked as a research scientist with Biomet & Eli Lilly Pharmaceuticals in Indianapolis, Ind., and most recently Merck & Co.

Karen Roby, CPA, has joined the financial advisory firm of Riney, Hancock & Co., PSC as a supervisor in the tax division.

Suzanne Johnson has relocated to the Washington, D.C. area and works as a human resources consultant for a large global consulting firm. She says hello to her Sigma Kappa sisters.

Stephanie Vargason O’Neal has been promoted to vice president, credit department manager for AREA Bancshares Corp. She has been with the company since 1983.

Tracy Schneider Dunnavant and her husband Jim are the proud parents of Brittany Nicole, born March 21, 2000.

LaDonna Koebel has been named a partner in the Lexington, Ky. law firm of Walther, Roark, Gay & Todd, PLC where her practice primarily focuses on labor and employment law.

Kristy Dame Knight and her husband Steve live in Madisonville, Ky.

Susan Hilliard is a library media specialist at North Hardin High School in Elizabethtown, Ky. She will marry Andrew Adair on June 23.

Beth Ann McCain married Lionel Keith Bridges on September 23, 2000. She is a business unit team leader at Firstar Home Mortgage in Owensboro.
Vincent Mitchell is general manager of Sports Authority in Fort Myers, Fla. and was recently featured in several Best Buy commercials, as well as a national shoot for Bayliner Boats. He and his wife Ashley Woodward Mitchell ’93 have three children, Kailyn, Kelsey and Kolton.

Tim Hornsby is information systems manager with Solo Cup Company in Saint Joseph, Ill. He and his wife Kristi have three children, Emily, Lucas, and 4-month-old Hannah.

Robert Bryan is purchasing manager with Antioch Sbarro of Greater Cincinnati Airfood at Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky Airport. He and his wife Julia have a son, 4-month-old Jack.

Momoko Sato Kobayashi is married to Hideki Kobayashi and lives in Urayasu-shi Chiba, Japan. She was in the USA in February and visited the KWC campus.

Amy McIntyre is senior compliance officer with Fidelity Investments in Independence, Ky.

Cory Parr and his wife Amanda have a new son, Jacob Jordan, born August 22, 2000 who joins brother Preston MacKenzie. They live in New Albany, Ind. Cory is account manager of Ecolab, Inc.

William Perdue is a youth worker II for the department of juvenile justice at the Bowling Green Group Home. He and his wife Frances have two children, Katie and 11-month-old Sam. William is also a first lieutenant in the Kentucky National Guard and helped provide support to the Owensboro community during the tornado last year.

Marjie Rightmyer Pippin and her husband William Andrew Pippin have a new son, William Hunter, born January 6. Marjie teaches kindergarten at Highland Elementary School in Owensboro.

Herbert Arnarson has been playing basketball in Holland and Belgium and is now playing in Iceland, with plans to go into coaching. Trinka Peer-Pape graduated from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, with a master of arts in the administration of justice. She is a part time instructor at Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg. She and her husband David have two children, Joshua and 6-month-old Rebecca.

Chris Tracy is an 8th grade special education teacher at Elkhorn Middle School in Frankfort, Ky. and defensive coordinator at Franklin County High School, as well as the head wrestling coach.

Todd Aud married Bonnie Johnson on December 16, 2000. He is a August 2001 candidate for graduation from the Murray State University/Trover Foundation program of anesthesia and is a registered nurse at Owensboro Mercy Health System.

Catherine Eblin is a grant project director for the Louisville-Jefferson County Crime Commission where she works closely with Metro Narcotics. She is also working toward her masters in justice administration at the University of Louisville.

Lori Beth Richards married David Clayton Lynn on November 25, 2000. She is a family advocate at Foust Elementary School in Owensboro.

Kelly Frank is a television producer for NBC (National Broadcasting Corporation) in the Columbus, Ohio bureau where she produces the morning news cast along with the Today show cut-ins. Carrie Foster Long and her husband Marc have a new son, Zachary Dayton, born November 15, 2000. She is owner/technical recruiter with Tech Force USA in Orlando, Fla.

Wayne Swift and his wife Julie Howard Swift ’99 have a new son, Evan Wayne Swift, born September 1, 2000.

Todd Carpenter married Dorothy Butler on November 11, 2000.

Dylan Crouch is an environmental scientist with URS Corporation in Franklin, Tenn.

Jason Rudd graduated from Baylor Law School in April 2000 and is a corporate attorney with Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand, Chartered. He and his wife Summer live in Houston, Texas. Derrick Wells is an investment broker with Edward Jones Investments in South Fulton, Tenn.

Annessa Ann Babic is a Ph.D. student and teaching assistant at State University of New York in Stony Brook.

Michele Grossman Blackwell graduated with a masters of business administration in August 2000 from Tennessee Tech University. Her husband Brian Blackwell ’98 graduated from Tennessee Tech with a masters of English in August. They married on December 16 and now live in Nashville, Tenn.

Adam Potter is a member of the Fox Brothers who were repeat winners of the Entertainer of the Year award at the Christian Country Music Association Awards program held at Nashville’s Ryman Auditorium.

Carrie Bridgeman received a masters of public administration from Western Kentucky University in December 2000. She is community affairs manager for the Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport.


Aaron Hoak married Erin Belke on June 10, 2000. He is a student at Westminster Theological Seminary and they live in Escondido, Calif.

John Sandefur is a staff II accountant at Riney Hancock & Co. in Owensboro.

Jeffrey Arnold and his wife Rhonda have a new baby, Jameson Benjamin, born October 10, 2000 who joins sister, Katelyn Julia. Jeffrey is with the department of juvenile justice.

Ryan Edge and Jennifer Miller ’00 were married March 31. He is a reliability consultant for Logan Aluminum and Jennifer is a registered nurse in the neuro-science unit at Owensboro Mercy Health System.

Wendy Nguyen Buergler is a dental student at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry. She and her husband, Benjamin, live in Lexington.
In Memoriam

30 Elizabeth Keffler Palmeter on December 17, 2000 in Flatwoods. She served as president of the KWC Alumni Association in 1968-69. She was a retired teacher from the Ashland, Ky. school system and a member of the board of directors of the Ashland Area YWCA, an officer for the local and state PTA and a member of the Poage Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Survivors include her husband, David Batson Palmeter ’29; two sons, David of Fort Wayne, Ind. and Charles of Ashland; and three daughters, Anne Threlkeld of Russell, Ky., Margaret Ritter of Durham, N.C. and Mary Randolph of Newport News, Va.

32 Rose Bush Rash Sparks on January 8 in Lexington. A member of Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, she was a life member and past president of the Women of the Church and taught first grade in Clark and Fayette County school systems. Survivors include a daughter, Katherine Bush Sparks Hester of Lexington, and a son, Robert Sparks, III of Decatur, Ala.

32 The Alumni Office has learned of the death of Sarah Dott Dixon Tapp in Corydon, Ky.

41 Mary Lyddan Martin on January 5 in Greensboro, N.C. She received her masters degree from George Peabody School at Vanderbilt University. She was a member of the Weatherspoon Art Guild and the West Market Street United Methodist Church. During World War II she served as librarian at the hospital in Ft. Knox, Ky. Survivors include her husband Charles Martin; four children, Martha Greene of Rumford, RI, Lyddan Pawlowski and Edmund Martin of Greensboro, and Charles Martin, Charlotte, N.C.

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Martha Peyton Metcalf on December 29, 2000 in Naperville, Ky. She was a retired secretary and a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Louisville. She was also a member of the St. Matthew’s Women’s Club and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

44 The Alumni Office has learned that Paul S. Powell, Jr. died in July 1999. Survivors include his wife.

50 The Alumni Office has learned that Roger Applegate died in July 2000.

52 Thomas C. “Tommy” Boys died in November 2000 in Stanville, Ky. He was a former basketball coach and teacher at Betsy Layne High School and a businessman.

58 Sue Statten Ward on February 2 in Shelbyville, Ky. She retired from teaching music after 29 years. Survivors include her mother, Sara B. Staten of Eminence, Ky.

60 Von Norris, Jr. on October 13, 2000 in Owensboro. He retired from General Electric as a tool and die maker, was pastor of many area Baptist churches and was a member of Seven Hills Baptist Church. He was a World War II Air Force veteran. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Grace; and two daughters, Rebecca Boone and Kathy Westmoreland, both of Owensboro.

William Reese Price on February 6 in Greenville, Ky. He was a minister in the Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church and an Air Force veteran. Survivors include his wife, Nancy Mays Price ’60; a son, Chris Price of Tulsa, Okla., and a daughter, Amy Price of Greenville.

61 James O. Leach, on November 4, 2000 in Louisville. He was a retired teacher from Jefferson County Public Schools and a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. Survivors include his wife, Nancy English Leach ’65; three sons, Patrick, Matthew, and Mark; three daughters, Melissa, Shelly, and April Leach; and his mother, Ruth Leach of Owensboro.

62 Clarence “Sonny” Clark, Jr. on December 11, 2000 in Owensboro. He was a Korean War Navy veteran and a member and staff member of Owensboro Christian Church. He served as pastor in churches in Kentucky and Indiana and retired from Central City’s First Christian Church. Survivors include his wife Shirley Clark; two sons, Dale of Owensboro and Alan of Hilliard, Ohio; and two daughters, Cheryl Clark of Owensboro and Kim Shartzer of Charlotte, N.C.

71 Peter Musso on December 22, 2000 in Singer Island, Fla. He received his masters degree in teaching at Central Connecticut State College and taught physical education in Bloomfield for 18 years. He was a member of St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church and worked in their community outreach program Love Works, feeding the hungry and homeless. Survivors include his wife, Rose Ann, and his sister, Carol Doud of Singer Island.

Faculty, Staff and Trustees

J. Crawford Crowe on February 3 in Bowling Green, Ky. He attended Kentucky Wesleyan in 1937-1938 and taught at the college from 1954 to 1964. He also taught at Middle Tennessee State College and Western Kentucky University where he retired as chairman of the history department and university archivist. He was a member of State Street United Methodist Church and an Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife, Sara; and a daughter, Rebecca Sears of Bowling Green.

Donald Harris Love on November 3, 2000 in Owensboro. He was a part-time accounting instructor at the college from 1979-1982. He was a certified public accountant and a veteran of the U.S. Army and was a former Internal Revenue Service agent. Survivors include two sons, Christopher Love of Owensboro and Timothy Love of Georgia.

Katherine Blanc Mitchell on January 26 in Owensboro. She retired from Kentucky Wesleyan as professor emeritus, teaching at the college from 1957-1979. She taught French and Spanish for 27 years. She was a member of Wesleyan Heights United Methodist Church and the Owensboro Woman’s Club. Survivors include a son, Joseph of Bakersfield, Calif.; and a daughter, Mary Ann Mitchell of Fort Worth, Texas.

Ahmeda Duke Puckett on October 30, 2000 in Owensboro. She was a recorder for Kentucky Wesleyan in the late 70’s and early 80’s. Survivors include her husband, Paul L. Puckett; a son, Paul E. Puckett of Owensboro; two daughters, Debra Puckett of Beechmont, Ky. and Jacki Wanner of Owensboro; and three grandchildren.

Norman J. Wiedmer on February 17 in Hopkinsville, Ky. He was a Kentucky Wesleyan College trustee from 1980-1983 and the owner of Hopkinsville Stone Company. Survivors include his wife Alma, and a daughter, Carol Wiedmer Carnighan ’69 of Goshen, Ky.
A tie that binds

by Joyce Ann Evans

Outlined against the Owensboro sky, three columns stand in Hocker-Hall Grove - a constant and steadfast reminder of the heritage of Kentucky Wesleyan College.

When the college moved 200 miles from Winchester to Owensboro in 1951, the love and loyalty that had always been a part of Kentucky Wesleyan also made that transition. However, friends and alumni of the college recognized the importance of visible signs to link the two campuses. When the decision was made to raze the Winchester campus administration building in 1983, the columns were carefully transported to Owensboro and placed in The Grove, which is the site of commencement ceremonies for the college.

Also uniting the Winchester and Owensboro campuses are two other enduring landmarks. Minerva, a stone architectural ornament from a gable of the first Winchester building (1891), was the only piece of that structure saved from a fire in 1905. It was moved to Owensboro in 1951 and continues to serve as a symbol that Kentucky Wesleyan will endure. Special homage is paid to Minerva yearly by students who show, in their own way, what she means to them.

The Wesleyan bench located near Presidents Hall is another legacy, having once been a section of the sidewalk on Winchester’s campus. Once moved to Owensboro the section was used as a focal point for a four-sided bench that students continue to use.

Today these historic Winchester landmarks keep Kentucky Wesleyan College ever mindful of its rich tradition, while serving as unwavering symbols of the spirit and dedication of the college as it continues to change lives.
## Activities and Events

### April
- **15** Baseball at Missouri St. Louis, Noon
- **17** Baseball at Bellarmine, Noon
- **18** Softball at Bellarmine, 3pm
- **19** Baseball vs. Wisconsin Parkside, Noon
- **21** Softball vs. Brescia, 1pm
- **22** Baseball vs. Lewis, Noon
- **25** Softball at Georgetown, 4pm
- **26** Baseball vs. Oakland City, 6:30pm
- **27** Softball vs. SIU Edwardsville, 1pm
- **27-28** Alumni Weekend
- **28** Admissions Fall Preview #1
- **29** Softball vs. Southern Indiana, 1pm
- **30** Softball vs. Brescia, 1pm

### May
- **1** Baseball at Mid-Continent, 1pm
- **2-8** Final Exams
- **2** Baseball vs. SIU Edwardsville, 3pm
- **4** Softball, GLVC Championship, TBA
- **5** Baseball vs. SIU Edwardsville, Noon
- **6** Softball, GLVC Championship, TBA
- **10** Baseball vs. SIU Edwardsville, Noon
- **11** Baseball, GLVC Championship, TBA
- **12** Commencement, Hocker-Hall Grove, 10am
- **13** Baseball, GLVC Championship, TBA

### June
- **2** Admissions Fall Preview #2
- **14** Admissions Fall Preview #3

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