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James Graham Brown Foundation gives $700,000

Kentucky Wesleyan College received a grant of $700,000 from the James Graham Brown Foundation in Louisville according to KWC President Dr. Wesley H. Poling.

“The $700,000 will be used to increase the endowment of the James Graham Brown Scholarship Endowment Fund at Kentucky Wesleyan College. With this grant, the total James Graham Brown Scholarship Endowment Fund at Kentucky Wesleyan stands at $7,450,000. “These students contribute immensely to the overall academic vigor of the college,” added Poling.

The James Graham Brown Scholars program is the most prestigious scholarship program at the college,” said Poling.

“For over a quarter of a century, this fund has enabled Kentucky Wesleyan College to recruit and retain many of its very best and brightest students.”

Federal funding to come for science center

Kentucky Wesleyan College and Owensboro-Daviess County received good news from Washington, D.C. on Valentine’s Day. As reported recently in the Messenger-Inquirer, an omnibus spending bill was approved by a House/Senate conference committee. In addition to federal monies received for a variety of projects in Owensboro and Daviess County, KWC received $500,000 for a new science center. The full House and full Senate approved the bill, which now goes to the President for approval.

“We are quite excited about this federal funding,” said Dr. Wesley H. Poling, president. The hope is this funding will reignite fund-raising for the science building, which is projected to cost $5.4 million. The Changing Lives capital campaign yielded $2.2 million of the construction cost. The federal money cannot be used for construction, but will be used to help furnish the building with the necessary equipment. Poling commented that the $500,000 will not cover the entire cost of furnishing the center.

“It will spur some more excitement in those involved in the college,” Poling said. “Hopefully they’ll say, ‘Maybe it’s time to make the gifts we were thinking about.’ It’s always easier to be on a bandwagon that’s moving forward.”

Funding for KWC was made possible through the assistance of Congressman Ron Lewis, Senator Jim Bunning and Senator Mitch McConnell.

Instrumental music program now offered

Kentucky Wesleyan College recently hired Mike Clark, band director at Daviess County High School, to direct its new instrumental music program. Clark has begun part-time duties at the college, recruiting students and preparing the band program for fall 2003. On July 1, following his retirement from Daviess County Public Schools, Clark will begin working full-time as director of the program.

The new instrumental music program is a co-curricular program, which will offer a marching band, a pep band and potentially, a jazz band. “We are eager to offer this new program to our current and future students,” said Dr. Wesley H. Poling, president.

“Mike Clark is an exceptional musician with a proven track record over his teaching career. We are fortunate to be able to benefit from his talent, experience, hard work and energy.”

Poling added, “Also, it will be exciting to have a marching band at our football games on our new field this fall.”

Clark earned both a bachelors and masters of music education degree from Austin Peay State University. He has been involved in instrumental music programs for 29 years. “This is a golden opportunity for me to continue teaching, be involved in music and work with students,” Clark commented. “Not only will I work hard to nurture a superb instrumental music program, I look forward to getting high school students interested in KWC and this new program.

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Jill Wyatt

Jill Wyatt has joined the KWC staff as an admissions counselor. Wyatt, a 2002 graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan, has a bachelor of arts degree in communication arts. She formerly served as a receptionist at Trover Clinic and a youth intern at Settle Memorial United Methodist Church.
Poling visits China and meets future KWC student

by Helen Toler '03
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Calling his recent trip to China “one more piece” in Kentucky Wesleyan College’s effort to emphasize a global perspective, President Dr. Wesley H. Poling said he is convinced that a relationship with Chinese universities will be mutually beneficial.

During a recent interview after his return from a two-week trip to China, Poling said Kentucky Wesleyan can offer a strong, cost-effective career-oriented liberal arts education to Chinese students. He believes that KWC students will benefit from the international presence.

“In school these days, students are graduating into a smaller and smaller world,” Poling said. “Because of this, a global perspective remains one of our top priorities.”

He said plans for the trip to China and Taiwan grew out of this past summer’s presidential retreat. Initially proposed by Ohio State University’s Assistant Director for International Student Admissions, Neng Chiang Yang, the trip provided an opportunity to work on formal and informal relationships with students and government and educational officials of the Republic of China.

“The Chinese people like to work on relationships,” Poling said.

As part of a five-member delegation from the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities, Poling visited universities in the Chinese provinces of Chengdu and Guilin, and in Taiwan. “Students want to come to the United States to study, but Chinese officials are very careful in screening applicants,” Poling said.

He said Chinese officials expect students who are admitted to U.S. colleges to have a good command of the English language and be financially able to manage on their own. He added that these students must also plan to return to China after graduation.

For example, he noted that Chinese student Wang Tianpian, accepted for entry to KWC for the 2003 spring term, was unable to begin the semester due to a paperwork error. “She is expected to reapply for the fall semester,” Poling said.

Asked about his impression of China, Poling said, “China is changing. I was never concerned for my safety, a free-market economy is evident in the streets and there is no longer a strong military presence in the country.”

Poling went on to say that a delegation from Taiwan is expected to visit our campus in the spring or summer. Poling, who is very much in favor of exchange relationships, said these are great opportunities for our students to experience other cultures and to study abroad.

Oetinger exhibits photography

The photography work of Kentucky Wesleyan College Professor of Biology David Oetinger, self-described as a “first and forever 35mm film photographer,” was on exhibit in the Ralph Center Art Gallery in January. His show, entitled “Some of My Photos...Straight and Not So Straight,” opened with a reception during which time he demonstrated his method of altering the photographed image by use of the computer.

Oetinger’s exhibit included all nature images - animals, insects and plant life. Each photo was shown in its original state in concert with its altered image. Some images were recreated three and four times. In addition, poetry that related to his work was incorporated into the display.

The stockings were hung . . .

Four years ago Kentucky Wesleyan College partnered with Daviess County Public Schools Graduation 2010 program and became a sponsor for the Class of 2012 (who are currently third graders). Each year, the college interacts with this class in various ways and will continue to do so through their graduation in 2012.

This year the Class of 2012 was the Panthers’ special guests at home basketball games, where students were recognized by their school during the game. This past Christmas, the Class of 2012 decorated the fireplace in the Smith Lounge in the Winchester Campus Community Center with handmade stockings. Each third grade class made stockings. Each school sent their winners’ stockings to be hung on the fireplace during the Christmas holiday season.

Other activities this semester included visits to the schools by students and staff on Valentine’s Day for “I Love to Read Day,” and Paw Prints – messages of encouragement prepared by KWC English students to send to students during their testing period.

KWC and the Class of 2012...it’s about success.
During the fall semester 2001, KWC Biology Professors David Oetinger and Steve Wilt ’92 learned that they were awarded a $99,989 Major Research Instrumentation Grant from the National Science Foundation. The grant provided funds to purchase a transmission electron microscope (used) and an ultramicrotome (for specimen preparation). A Leica UltraCut ultramicrotome ($45,000) was purchased during the 2002 spring semester. In November 2002, an approximately 10-year-old Hitachi H-7000 Scanning Transmission Electron Microscope was purchased and installed in a renovated area of the Cellular & Molecular Lab, which is a part of the basement of the Barnard-Jones Administration Building, which is a part of the department of biology.

In addition to their proposed research (Oetinger – the study of the pigment cells of freshwater crustaceans infected with worm parasites; Wilt – the study of the junctions between cells of the retinal pigment cell layer of the vertebrate eye), the electron microscope equipment will be used for biology class demonstrations and student undergraduate research projects.

Senior biology major James Fleming, who has spent three summers working on undergraduate research projects at the University of Louisville, Johns Hopkins University and Middle Schools.

When asked about this experience, he noted, “I worked well beyond what I had imagined. I was able to see today’s environment in public schools, both in an academic and nonacademic way.”

Chenna also worked in the accounting department of an automotive manufacturing entity with subsidiaries in multiple states. He was involved in cost accounting, variance analysis, monthly closing, payroll consolidation, and financial statements preparation.

To conclude his sabbatical, Chenna worked in a mortgage bank, where he was a financial analyst, gaining knowledge of various accounting issues related to mortgage banking. “It was an excellent opportunity to be able to put the theory into practice. I experienced first hand how technology has influenced accounting and finance...it involves a lot more critical thinking,” said Chenna.

Chenna received his bachelor’s degree and M.B.A. from Western New Mexico University. He is a CPA who joined the faculty at KWC in 1988.

Kentucky Wesleyan College and the Owensboro Human Relations Commission once again partnered to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day in January. The celebration began with a march down Frederica Street from Owensboro High School to the college. Eleanor Jordan, executive director of the Office of the Ombudsman, Cabinet for Families and Children, Commonwealth of Kentucky, delivered the keynote address. Jordan, a former Kentucky state representative from 1996-2000 who gained a reputation as an outspoken advocate for children, women, the poor and people with disabilities, encouraged the audience to follow the example of Dr. King by finding a cause to support.
Alumni Weekend 2003 is almost here!

APRIL 25-27


Friday, April 25

8 p.m. Back to the 60s – a time to renew friendships and remember the good old days, at the home of Mike & Bev Servatius Fagan ’69

Saturday, April 26

8 a.m. Golf Scramble – sponsored by the Owensboro Alumni Chapter, cost - $50.00, cash awards and prizes given, Panther Creek Golf Course

9 a.m. Purple/White football game
The Panthers are coached by Brent Holsclaw ’93

11 a.m. Reunion Brunch – select a class reunion to attend, cost - $9.50, Winchester Center
Class of 1963 – Cox Conference Center
Cluster of 1967/68/69 – Pyles Student Lounge
Class of 1978 – Gold Room
Cluster of 1987/88/89 – Wells Courtyard

12 p.m. KWC baseball vs. Lewis University - Panther Park
The Panthers are coached by Todd Lillpop ’01

12-5 p.m. Sigma Alpha Mu Open House - Chapter Room, 3rd Floor, Deacon Hall

1-3 p.m. Sigma Kappa 45th Anniversary Celebration - Chapter Room, 3rd Floor, Massie Hall

1 p.m. Campus tours begin – Winchester Center Rotunda

1 p.m. Senior Art Show – Ralph Center Art Gallery

6 p.m. Celebration Dinner – Don’t miss this one! Cost - $15.00, Winchester Center, Rogers Hall
After dinner reunions continue – visit and reminisce – Winchester Center, Smith Lounge and Wells Courtyard

9 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon gathering – Beyond the Brim Coffee House, Wesleyan Park Plaza

Sunday, April 27

9 a.m. Memorial Service – a time to remember those from the reunion classes who are no longer with us, Tapscott Chapel

Special 50th Reunion
The Class of 1953 will celebrate their 50th reunion on Friday and Saturday, May 9-10. See page 7 for more information.

Reservation Form Alumni Weekend 2003 - April 25-27

Reservation deadline – April 21

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Office of Alumni Relations, Kentucky Wesleyan College
3000 Frederica Street, Owensboro, KY 42301

Mark your calendar now and make plans to come back “home” to KWC!
Three years ago many of us were attracted into investing in equity markets (stocks, mutual funds, etc.) that were yielding 10-20%. Even certificates of deposits (CDs) were paying 5-6%. Today, however, our equity investments are producing little income and CDs are paying 2-3% at best. After three years of corporate scandals, a weak economy and deterioration in our savings, most of us don’t know which way to turn. There is, however, a good investment alternative if you are seeking a generous fixed income in such an uncertain economy - a way to increase how much you receive for the rest of your life...by giving.

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A substantial portion of each payment is treated as a tax-free return of the principle you contributed for the annuity. The effective yield rate of these annuities is much better than the annuity rate itself.

Income for life

A gift annuity is an excellent way for you to generate a substantial annual fixed income, yet give to your favorite charity at the same time. Consider Joan P., age 80. Joan is the widow of Sergeant James P. who was killed in the Korean War. She has a provision in her will to give Kentucky Wesleyan College $100,000 from her estate when she dies in order to establish an endowed scholarship to memorialize her husband. She currently has five $25,000 CDs which will mature in February, and her bank has informed her she will be able to renew these CDs for only a 2.5% annual return. Joan has read about charitable gift annuities in Kentucky Wesleyan Today and wonders if now would be a good time to make her gift.

What do you think? Is now the right time for Joan to make her gift? And if so, what would be the advantages in Joan making such a gift?

Learn what Joan found out in the next issue of Kentucky Wesleyan Today. In the meantime, for more information call Berry Major at 270-852-3239 or e-mail bmajor@kwc.edu.
Harper honored

Just before tip-off of the first basketball game of the season, Men’s Basketball Coach Ray Harper ’85 took center court at the Sportscenter to receive the Alumni Achievement Award, presented by Catherine Eblen Sherrard ’95, president of the Alumni Association. Harper received the annual award in recognition of his outstanding personal and team accomplishments as head coach of the Panthers since 1996. During this time he has become the winningest active NCAA Division II coach (89.1% - 179/22); averaged 29.8 wins per season; been selected National Coach of the Year seven times in the last five seasons; won two NCAA Championships (1999 and 2001), bringing the total championships to eight, the most in Division II and second only to UCLA in Division I; earned the NCAA record in consecutive 30-win seasons for the past 5 seasons; and has taken his team to five consecutive NCAA championship games – a record second place (behind John Wooden, UCLA, with seven appearances).

Harper’s resume includes a home-court record of 103 and 2 (98%), a road record of 76 and 20 (79%), a Great Lakes Valley Conference record of 104 and 16 (87%), a GLVC Tournament record of 13 and 1 (93%), and an amazing NCAA Tournament record of 22 and 3 (88%). Harper is fast becoming one of the all-time great men’s basketball coaches with his legendary accomplishments rewriting the NCAA record book. Without question, Harper has brought great distinction to himself and national attention to the Kentucky Wesleyan men’s basketball program.

Congratulations Ray … and keep it up!

Did you know...

. . . that charitable gift annuities have been issued in the U.S. for nearly two centuries. Over that period of time, they have performed at a much better payout than comparable investments and insurance. With CD rates now running from 2-3% at best, it is a great time to invest in gift annuities. Depending on your age, you may be able to achieve a return for the rest of your life of 6-10%. There is substantial economic justification for seniors to move their investments into charitable gift annuities. Call Berry Major at 270-852-3139 and ask for information or e-mail bmajor@kwc.edu.

. . . the new IRA distribution rules for most retirement plans make it possible to include gifts to your favorite charities direct from your IRA. The old rules penalized individuals who chose to leave benefits to charity because it forced them to take larger distributions from the plan during their lifetime. The new rules allow you to designate part of your IRA as a gift to charity (for example, to establish a scholarship fund for future KWC students after your death) without any negative impact on distributions to yourself during your lifetime or to your beneficiaries as covered under your charitable gift plan. It’s a good way to give to your alma mater . . . and your legacy. For more information call Berry Major at 270-852-3139 or e-mail bmajor@kwc.edu.

Want to make a difference? Interested in helping recruit students for KWC? Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 270-852-3139. Your assistance is valuable.
Six years ago Kentucky Wesleyan College developed an energetic and aggressive long-range plan designed to enhance the continued growth of the college and meet the needs of our students in a changing world. We wanted to remain a liberal arts college and keep our small college atmosphere, while improving programs and facilities and increasing the financial stability of the college.

Focusing on those objectives, we identified needs and launched the Changing Lives capital campaign – the first-ever comprehensive capital campaign in the history of the college. As we neared the end of a successful campaign, we began to reshape our direction, clarify our vision and move forward as a college community with much to offer.

This is a time of exceptional progress at Kentucky Wesleyan and we want to share our vision with you, our alumni and friends, so together we can move forward with a clear mission and commitment.

We encourage your support as goodwill ambassadors for Kentucky Wesleyan. This is the first of several magazine articles that will enable you to do that with confidence and enthusiasm.

What makes KWC different?...

What separates this college from the others? What is our commitment to our students, faculty and staff – to our future? There are five distinctive areas important to the success of Kentucky Wesleyan College. They reflect the character of KWC and represent the history, beliefs, attitudes, goals, values and mission of the college. These distinctives set the stage for our future.

We are dedicated to career-oriented liberals arts....

The first of these core distinctives is our commitment to continue as a career-oriented liberal arts college. Kentucky Wesleyan values a career-oriented liberal arts education and believes it is the finest foundation for both professional and personal life. Employers report that the skills developed through a liberal arts education are the skills needed to rise in the business world: original thinking, writing, problem solving and the ability to work as a team. Our students are our future business executives, legislators, teachers, civic leaders and much, much more. We are committed to providing them with an education that not only prepares them to find a job, but also gives them a foundation for life.

We are committed to ethics and values....

Secondly, we are steadfast in our role as a United Methodist church-related college founded on Judeo-Christian ethics and values. According to President Dr. Wesley H. Poling, “We see what we’re doing as a shared mission with the United Methodist Church. Like the other one hundred plus United Methodist colleges we celebrate that relationship.” Kentucky Wesleyan provides the opportunity for the integration of faith and learning in an environment that affirms the values of caring, integrity, honesty, respect, responsibility and hard work.

Preparing for a career, and life.
We provide a global perspective....

A global perspective in education is another distinctive we affirm. We expect our students to become globally aware, thereby bringing a large challenging world into focus. As part of that initiative, Poling recently traveled to China and Taiwan with a delegation from the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities to begin developing partnerships that will provide opportunities for the exchange of students and faculty. During his trip, Poling met Wang Tianpian from China, who will be a freshman on campus for the fall 2003 semester. KWC will also continue mission trips through the campus ministry program and support other travel abroad opportunities for students.

We develop leaders....

Since our first graduate in 1868, Kentucky Wesleyan has provided a distinctive of developing leaders. We believe leadership development is crucial in shaping students who can maintain a value-centered perspective, accept challenge and make the world a better place. Leadership KWC originated in 1989 and features a combination of academic courses, distinguished lecturers, a leadership in sailing component, community service projects and participation in the EMERGE, LEAD, SERVE and SUCCEED workshop series. Other areas of leadership development include ethical and multi-cultural awareness and participation in the more concentrated program of Leadership XXI.

We offer a powerful sense of community....

The fifth distinctive is a powerful sense of community. A vibrant campus community contributes to the quality of a student’s undergraduate experience and adds to personal growth and maturity. Our identity, our spirit, our passionate commitment to our mission, our vitality as an educational institution and our vision all come together through our relationships with current students, faculty and staff, alumni, the Owensboro community and prospective students. A sense of community enhances the teaching-learning partnership. We are building traditions that bind students and faculty together and foster a lifetime attachment to Kentucky Wesleyan College.

“These distinctives capture that which is the core or heart of Kentucky Wesleyan College,” said Poling. “We embrace them. They characterize the strength of Kentucky Wesleyan. It feels right. These distinctives are Kentucky Wesleyan College.”

Career oriented liberal arts, a United Methodist church-related college founded on Judeo-Christian ethics and values, a global perspective, developing leaders, a powerful sense of community... these are the essence of Kentucky Wesleyan College.

With a valued heritage, strong leadership and a dedicated faculty and staff, Kentucky Wesleyan College continues to create a learning experience that is distinctive and valuable and exceeds the expectations of our students and their parents.
Since we recently celebrated the most romantic holiday of our calendar year – Valentine’s Day – we thought it would be fun to tell a few Kentucky Wesleyan sweetheart stories. According to our records, there are close to 600 living alumni couples who married either during or following their days on the KWC campuses of Winchester and Owensboro and remain “happily ever after.”

Although we know there are many wonderful tales of courting and love, handholding and spooning, dancing and proposing, we will share seven of those stories with you. We hope you enjoy these memories of alumni who married their Kentucky Wesleyan sweetheart.
“My church in Garrison, Ky. sent me to Kentucky Wesleyan with $50 and I thought that would last me the entire four years,” said Paul Osborne. “When I was down to my last 50 cents, I bought three hot dogs and decided to eat one a day until I had a job. After eating two hot dogs I got a job shoveling coal on the Winchester campus to keep the students warm.”

In 1934 Paul was a freshman ministerial student and a “pius kind of guy,” according to Paul. “I was attending North Main Street Methodist Church and dating the daughter of one of the church members, but she dumped me because I wouldn’t kiss her.”

However she had a friend, Gladys Jones, who was a senior at Clark County High School and Paul began dating Gladys. He said, “She was more of a religious mind than the first girl. And it was 18 months before I kissed Gladys.”

Gladys enrolled at KWC in 1935. She and Paul continued to date and married on May 31, 1936. “The Reverend Harmon Moore ’37, a fellow student, had our wedding and we borrowed $5.00 for our license,” Paul said. “I put Gladys to work and I graduated cum laude from Kentucky Wesleyan in 1938.”

The Osbornes have supported KWC for over 60 years. Father Paul said, “I inherited some money and started a scholarship for students at Kentucky Wesleyan.”

Married for 66 years, Gladys and Paul have three children, Ann, Tom, and John, who all live in the Wichita, Kansas area. They also have seven grand children and six great grand children. Gladys and Paul live in San Antonio during the winter months and in Garrison, Ky. from May through September.

Janet Laswell Suwanski ’72 and Rich Suwanski ’73

Janet and Rich met in the fall of 1970. Janet said, “Rich always says we met in the library because that makes us sound real smart.”

Technically Janet asked Rich out first because a sorority sister had told her that Rich was interested. “I invited him to a Kappa Delta party, but we had our first date the night before the party when we went to the movies, so Rich says he really asked me for the first date.”

Janet continued, “I graduated in May 1972, and we married December 17, 1972. Rich only had student teaching left and I had a job as a state social worker. Rich also worked at UPS.”

With Janet from Owensboro and Rich from Chicago, the decision was made to live in Owensboro. “We stayed here because Rich liked Owensboro. His parents saw the writing on the wall and knew he wouldn’t be coming back to Chicago to live.”

Rich has been a sports writer with the Messenger-Inquirer for 28 years. Janet is the principal’s secretary at Owensboro Middle School.

The Kentucky Wesleyan tradition continued when daughter Jill Suwanski ’99, a lawyer in Cincinnati, graduated from KWC. Their daughter Ellen is a senior at Western Kentucky University.

Heather Payton Boutell ’91 and Steve Boutell ’92

Steve made Heather’s “top three” list.

Heather explains, “I knew the Sigma Kappa Violet Ball was coming up, and I hadn’t a clue who I was taking. I went through the student directory picture by picture and came up with a list of three potential guys that might go with me. I didn’t know Steve well but he was number one on the list, so I asked a few people to see if he would be interested in going to the dance.”

She continued, “After word got out that I was interested, he was too. We ended up talking and eventually dating and of course, going to the Violet Ball.”

Heather said their relationship was very rocky. “Steve broke up with me several (count them, four) times at Kentucky Wesleyan.”

When she graduated in 1991, Heather moved to Louisville to pursue her master’s degree. “Steve had another year, and by October he realized he missed me. In October of 1992 he proposed (during the
This love story began three years before Nancy Svara arrived on Kentucky Wesleyan’s campus. “We actually met at a Methodist youth camp at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina when I was a high school sophomore,” Nancy said. Richard, from Lexington, N.C., was also attending the camp.

“I think we only spoke once that first summer,” said Richard, “and then the second summer at Junaluska we talked and held hands a couple of times. We exchanged letters the following year while I was a freshman at the University of North Carolina.”

He continued, “The third summer Nancy was again a delegate, but I wasn’t; however, I borrowed my uncle’s car and drove up to see her. I had decided by this time not to return to UNC and was in the process of being admitted to Kentucky Wesleyan. Russell Montfort ’50, from the Winchester campus, encouraged me to apply. After being accepted, I wrote Nancy and told her I was going to school in Kentucky.”

Nancy picks up the story here. “Honestly, I had already decided to attend Kentucky Wesleyan before I heard from Richard.”

School started late in the fall of 1954 because the campus wasn’t ready. Richard said, “When we arrived on campus we took the paper cover off the mattress and hung our clothes on a makeshift hanger. Nancy and the rest of the women were downtown at Frederica Hall, so seeing each other that first semester was limited to class time and some dancing protests.”

Nancy explained what she remembers of the dancing protest. “Dr. Lever didn’t approve of dancing and there was a cement patio behind the student union. Students would dance to music on the radio or record player. Finally a dance was sanctioned in the dining hall.”

Although Nancy and Richard had both been dating other people, once school started they only dated each other and were married in August 1957, after Richard graduated in May.

Following their wedding, Nancy and Richard moved to Akron, Ohio. He later went to Kent State and completed his teaching degree. Nancy also finished her teaching degree at Kent State.

Both are retired teachers and live in Columbus, Ohio. Nancy and Richard have two children. David lives in Orienda, Calif. and Susan lives in Shreve, Ohio. They also have six grandchildren.

“‘I was from Indianapolis and Paige was from Charleston, Mo. and we both came to Kentucky Wesleyan because we were looking for a small school and we both received Brown Scholarships.’”

Some say opposites attract, but Paige and Mark had a lot in common. Both were science majors, Paige in biology and Mark in chemistry, both were big basketball fans and both were very active in Greek life. “Paige served as pledge trainer and later president of KD and I served as SigEp president,” Mark explained. “We had a lot of mutual friends and often did things together in groups.”

They married on June 2, 1984, and have since lived in Indianapolis. Paige graduated in 1990 from Indiana University School of Medicine and completed her residency in internal medicine at IU Hospitals. She is currently the medical director of the IU Medical Group Primary Care Clinic at Eagle Highlands in Indianapolis.

Mark managed a lithographic coatings company until 1994, traveling frequently throughout North America and Southeast Asia. He said, “A second child necessitated a career change, so I started my own business
saying and applying industrial coatings and compounds.”

Just as active as they were in college, Mark coaches soccer and baseball, and is a Boy Scout volunteer. He also hosts race weekend gatherings annually for his fraternity brothers. Paige sings in the church choir and is a Girl Scout volunteer. They have three children: Corinne, 11, Spenser, 8, and 6-year-old Pierce.

Jean Sudduth Richeson ’46 and King Richeson ’48

“When I started to KWC in 1938, Jean was a freshman at Winchester City High School,” said King Richeson. “I’m sure I saw her at some time over the next two years since her sister Anna Laura Sudduth Codeel ’41 was a KWC student and the Sudduth family lived across from the campus. However in the summer of 1940, King left Kentucky Wesleyan and entered the U.S. Navy for a six-year term.

According to King, the first time he actually remembers seeing Jean was at graduation in 1946 when the seniors were putting on some kind of play in the Chapel. “I recall she was dressed in her tennis outfit – remember this was long before Gussie Moran shocked the tennis world by wearing something other than a long dress.

During summer school in 1946, Jean was teaching archery for Bullet Wilson and King said, “I used to give her a rough time in class.”

At some point he developed the pattern of having Sunday dinner at the Sudduth’s. “In fact I’ve often told people that I fell in love with Mrs. Sudduth’s cooking long before I fell in love with her daughter,” King said.

“One evening we were sitting in the yard swing and Jean asked me if I was kin to Mary King, a sorority sister who was also from my hometown of Hartford, Ky.,” King remembered. “I misunderstood the question, thinking she had asked, “Do you intend to marry, King?” We still recall the answer I gave and wonder how our relationship survived.”

But survive it did. “I don’t recall when Jean decided we were going to marry. But after 53 years, I’m still convinced she made the right decision,” King explained. “I’ve been asked how we have managed to stay together all this time. The answer is simple. I operate on the 50/50 plan. Fifty percent of the time I do what she wants me to do and the other fifty percent, I do what she tells me to do.”

Jean and King have two daughters. Margaret Macemon is a junior high school librarian in Mustang, Okla. and Sue Finley is an electrician with Ford Motor Company in Louisville. They also have three grandchildren.

Del Marie France Vaccaro ’68 and Angelo Vaccaro ’67

Del Marie remembers.

Angie was teaching children with learning and behavioral disorders and heard about a residential program for children in Louisville, one of only three in the country. He was from a rural community – Park City - an only child, and we were two cultures clashing. He was a Roman Catholic, a northerner, from a large family and 100% Italian. I was from a rural community - Park City - and had a cultural blending.

When Del Marie graduated in 1968 they moved to Buffalo. “I pined for the Kentucky hills,” Del Marie remembers. “The ground in Buffalo was covered with snow from October to April.”

Angie was working on her master’s degree at Western Kentucky University. They have two children and three grandchildren. Nick Anthony and his family live in Lookout Mountain, Tenn. Gina Marie and her family live in Louisville.

They keep in close contact with their KWC friends. Many of the Kappa Delta’s from the 1967–1969 era get together each year.

Del Marie and Angie retain the family farm in Park City and travel quite a bit. But the question remains - do they still dance on the sidewalks?
Kentucky Wesleyan College strives to continually expand and enhance academic programs and facilities to better serve its students. The college’s Planning Commission regularly investigates and recommends program changes to expand existing academic programs within the liberal arts mission.

“Communications is one of the largest majors in the college,” said Mike Fagan, academic dean. “Next to business administration, we have had more students in communication arts than any other major over the last five to seven years.”

Katie Brennan Herron graduated from Kentucky Wesleyan with a communication arts degree in 2001. “I chose the communications major because it was a broad enough area that I could choose from a lot of different careers after graduation. I liked the idea that I could use it to start my own business, work for a non-profit or become a teacher,” she said.

After graduation, Herron accepted the position of executive director for Quest for Kids, a local non-profit organization.

Nathan East ’05, a junior communication arts major from Paducah, plans to enter the sports information field at the college or professional level. He transferred to Kentucky Wesleyan College after attending a larger university.

“At first I didn’t know exactly what major I wanted,” said East. “It seems like at a small school you have a limited number of classes, but we get into so much detail and I’ve touched on so many different fields.

“The classes are so much smaller and the way the teachers interact with you is so personal,” said East. “The teachers make eye contact and know your name. I think you get more information by having such a personal relationship with the professor.”

It made sense when the Planning Commission recommended adding a journalism major to the popular communication arts program, said Fagan. The high level of student interest and the availability of space in the Ralph Center made that program a logical target for expansion.

Kentucky Wesleyan began a journalism degree program in the fall of 2002 and strives to produce intellectually diverse graduates ready for the rapidly-changing field of journalism in the 21st century.

In keeping with the rich liberal arts tradition of the college, the journalism program prepares students to fit into any chosen career in the field.

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Associate Professor of Journalism

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Shelley Denton ’03 is a senior communication arts and English major.

“I took writing for print last semester,” said Denton. “That has been one of the most beneficial classes I have had at KWC. I didn’t know how much I had learned until I was editing for an internship this semester. I definitely feel more confident in writing news stories.”

In addition to studying a broad range of academic subjects, Kentucky Wesleyan College communication arts and journalism students are encouraged to seek learning opportunities outside the classroom.

Some of these outside learning opportunities include internships in journalism or other areas of interest, positions with Kentucky Wesleyan’s student newspaper and campus radio station and field trips. This part of the program provides real-world experience for students before they enter the workforce.
The Panogram is the student voice of Kentucky Wesleyan College. This student-run, tabloid-size newspaper serves the Kentucky Wesleyan community with a circulation of 1,000.

“A student newspaper gives journalism students and others the opportunity not only to write, but to see their work published and collect clippings,” said Rogers.

As the faculty advisor for The Panogram, Rogers encourages students to be fair and unbiased in their reporting. They strive to provide a forum for open expression and discussion of issues to develop campus and community awareness.

While the student newspaper is not an integral part of the journalism major at Kentucky Wesleyan, The Panogram serves as a definite enhancement to the program.

Through staff positions with the newspaper, Kentucky Wesleyan journalism majors, and other students, obtain valuable experience and clippings of published writing to help build their resumes.

Denton has a practicum position as the features editor of The Panogram this semester. “Since we are a small staff, we get to see the layout, look over the advertising and look at all the different aspects of a newspaper,” said Denton. “You can see how your part fits into the bigger picture. It gives you a sense of how what you are doing really does matter and how it affects other people too.”

WKWC-FM 90.3

WKWC-FM offers communication arts majors and other students the opportunity to gain more real-world experience. The 5,000-watt stereo station serves a 40-mile radius of the Kentucky Wesleyan campus.

The station pays homage to the musical roots of the region by featuring a bluegrass music format every weekday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Programming includes both classic and contemporary bluegrass tunes and updates about local bluegrass music events.

“We can see that there is an audience,” said Pam Gray, associate professor of communication arts. “Since we operate on limited funds and use contract engineers, we have to work around their schedules for repairs. When we have to go off the air, our listeners call to check on us.”

After 6 p.m., the station sometimes airs student programming in a more diversified format including classic rock, jazz and alternative music. East spends nine hours each week at the radio station for a practicum. His Wednesday evening show is an eclectic mix of his personal favorites that cross musical genres.

One night each week, a local high school Spanish club presents a two-hour Latino music show. “We have had a positive response from the local Latino community,” said Gray. “They are listening.”

Investigative Reporting Project

The list of requirements for majors in the new journalism program is still being refined. A capstone course for the journalism program will be an investigative journalism project.

The students will take a three-hour course their senior year that is dedicated to investigating a complex topic. Students will spend the whole semester investigating a complex topic—they will do all the research and interviewing. The course will culminate in an in-depth report or article.

To add to the prestige of the course, said Fagan, these investigative reports will be published in some form. “Their work will be published whether as a series in The Panogram, in their hometown newspaper or bound in a book in the library,” he said.

Maymester

For the second year, Kentucky Wesleyan is offering communication arts and journalism majors the opportunity to study and visit Native American media outlets. The special topics in mass communications course is called “Maymester” because it culminates in a May trip to tour Native American-owned radio stations and newspapers throughout the Southwest.

According to Gray, who teaches the course and escorts students on their trip, the course is designed as an intensive travel-study course that exposes students to ethnic media. “It is like small-town radio and small-town newspaper, but they serve a whole Native American tribe,” said Gray.

East participated in the first Maymester course. “You would kind of expect it to be different, but it is really like everywhere else,” he said. “We went to a different tribe every day so we had mini lessons on protocol for each tribe.”

According to Gray, the course is far from being all fun and travel. Before the trip, each student must research a different tribe and give an oral presentation to the class. During the trip they are required to keep a journal and write a reaction paper on each media outlet they visit.

After the trip, students submit final reports about how the experience relates to their major and their personal career goals. Students are asked to include a statement explaining how their awareness of other cultures has been increased.

“Communication arts is an area that offers excellent career preparation for our students,” said Fagan. “Now, with the addition of journalism, we are able to offer them more – further prepare them for their future.”
Living in Darwin’s World
by Shelley Denton ’03

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— Bill Conroy, Professor of Political Science

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— Kent Lewis, Campus Minister

As part of a liberal arts education, Kentucky Wesleyan College offers courses to broaden the horizons of leaders of tomorrow. KWC is committed to exposing students to multiple aspects of a topic thus allowing each student to draw his or her own conclusions. An eye-opening opportunity was offered to students last semester through the multi-disciplinary course Living in Darwin’s World.

The course focused on the life of Charles Darwin who became famous for his theories of evolution and natural selection. He lived during the nineteenth century and conducted extensive research on fossils of extinct animals that were similar to modern species. He recorded his theories, which created great controversy in religious thought, in his book The Origin of Species.

The idea for this course was formed by Steven Wilt ’92, assistant professor of biology, Kurt Noll, assistant professor of religion and Matt Schoenbachler, former assistant professor of history. The idea was presented to the Academic Policies committee and approved for the fall 2002 semester. When Schoenbachler left the college after the spring 2002 semester, Bill Conroy, professor of political science and history, took his place.

The thirteen students enrolled in this course received three upper level credit hours in either biology, history or religion.

Conroy, Wilt and Noll worked together and team-taught the course. All three attended every class session. They broke the semester into segments and took turns teaching. Segment topics included social darwinism, taught by Conroy; biblical creation taught by Noll; and Wilt taught a segment on contemporary science. Noll said, “The team teaching allowed students to see how the three disciplines are connected.”

Course work included in-class discussions, a “pro/con” paper and seven exams. The pro/con paper assignment was designed to get each student’s response to the book Lucy: The Beginnings of Humankind. Students had to present both pro and con evidence/discussion to the descent of man. Conroy said, “I think most students were intellectually challenged.”

The course also included a teleconference with an anthropologist from California and brought guest speaker John Haught, professor of theology at Georgetown University in Washington D.C., to campus. Haught presented a seminar entitled Religion in Darwin’s World: Is it Even Possible? that was free and open to the public.

Ryan Bushur ’03, an interdisciplinary major, said he enjoyed teaching the class. “I got to cover material that I wouldn’t get to cover in a general biology class. It was more in-depth.”

Conroy, Wilt and Noll all enjoyed teaching the class and plan to offer it again in the fall 2004 semester. If there is significant student interest, it may be offered more often. Other multi-disciplinary courses offered at KWC include Profiles in Leadership, Health Ethics and Society and Urban Studies: The New York City Tour to name a few.

“As a place of higher education, students need to be exposed to ideas they may never have thought of before,” said Kent Lewis ’98, campus minister.

“This allows them to strengthen and shape their own faith.” Conroy said, “a liberal arts education must have the courage to look at any topic.” Through offering multi-disciplinary courses such as Living in Darwin’s World, Kentucky Wesleyan has shown that courage as well as a commitment to students.
Kentucky Wesleyan College is a career-oriented liberal arts college.

As a student intern here at KWC I can attest that this institution of higher education is determined to prepare us for life after college. According to Mike Fagan, academic dean of the college, juniors and seniors are eligible for an internship or practicum. “Internship” generally refers to a more extensive commitment and “practicum” is less of a time commitment. However, “the two terms are used interchangeably here at KWC,” said Fagan.

For both areas students can receive up to three credit hours while working for an organization in their field of study. The basic process begins when a student approaches their advisor with this request. The student then contacts an agency and sets up a work schedule. Most internships are unpaid, however some are paid.

Last fall Kentucky Wesleyan had 29 students involved in an internship or practicum. Fagan said, “Right now about 25% of juniors and seniors have a practicum.” He hopes the number will increase in the future.

Jackie Stanley ’04 is currently working at the Wendell Foster Center for a psychology practicum. “I was told that I have a gift for working with the developmentally disabled,” Stanley said. “This practicum will help me decide if this is the kind of work I want to do after graduating.”

Internships vary by fields from accounting to psychology to communication arts, just to name a few. Fagan is open to other fields if there is student interest. For the first time this semester we have a student with a religion practicum. Adam Love ’03 is working as a youth minister at Central City United Methodist Church.

The communication arts field differentiates the terms practicum and internship. According to Pam Gray, associate professor of communication arts, an internship is completed off campus with a supervisor. Requirements of a communication arts internship include keeping a daily journal, working 100 hours over the course of a semester and composing a paper discussing various aspects of the internship upon completion. They are usually unpaid.

A practicum, according to Gray, is practical work experience completed on campus. For a communication arts practicum, a student can write for the school newspaper, The Panogram, or work in the radio station WKWC-FM 90.3. The student is allowed more freedom and given the opportunity to succeed on their own.

Tricia Julian ’99 had several internships related to her communication arts major. One of which was with MediaWorks Advertising Inc. in Owensboro. At that time MediaWorks was located in the basement of the Executive Inn. They were a small agency, consisting of three people, and she was able to do everything from creating radio commercials to designing billboards. “The only thing I didn’t get to do was meet with clients,” Julian said.

Julian feels it prepared her for her first job out of college, which was also with an advertising agency. “It helped me in being well rounded.” Currently Julian is a field representative for a sign production company in Indianapolis.

A requirement for a business or accounting internship is that the student must be paid. According to Jim Welch, professor of business administration and management, “a paid internship makes it more professional.” He added, “the student is treated like an employee.”

To have a business or accounting internship a student must be at least a junior, preferably a second semester junior, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0. An internship of three credit hours includes working 120 hours over the semester, composing a paper after finishing the internship and completing an evaluation. The paper written upon completion of the internship discusses “what I learned at KWC that was helpful to my internship” as well as “what I wish I had learned prior to the internship.”

John David Sandefur ’99 had two internships with Riney, Hancock & Co., PSC. He worked during tax season of his junior and senior years at Kentucky Wesleyan preparing tax returns. According to Sandefur, “it gave me a taste of what (work) would be like after I got out of school.” The fall after graduating he started working there. He is now a senior in the audit department.

Lisa Smith ’03, a psychology major, is currently an intern for the Department of Education in Frankfort. She is working for the Early Childhood branch on projects such as the state-funded preschool programs and other early childhood initiatives. This is her second internship as a KWC student. “I feel that my internship experiences have not only integrated and applied my college education but have increased my skill level,” said Smith. “I have built amazing connections with important and lovely individuals.”

I am an English and communication arts major. For my English practicum I chose to work for the public relations office at KWC. This is a good place to blend the interests of my majors. My internship requires working 160 hours over the course of a semester to receive three credit hours. My job duties include tasks like researching, writing and sending hometown press releases, writing this very article and appearing on television on “Around Owensboro with Jerry Birge” to speak about the upcoming college events. This internship has played a vital role in my education. It has provided me with real work experience, and I will graduate with a year of work experience in the field I desire to enter.
Harper eclipses fastest to 200-win mark

KWC head basketball coach Ray Harper won his 200th career collegiate win on Feb. 15 as the No. 4 Panthers defeated No. 10 Northern Kentucky, 71-68, to reach 200 wins faster than the NCAA Division I record holder and Hall of Fame coach Clair Bee.

Harper, the winningest active NCAA Division II coach with a 89.3 winning percentage, has 200 wins in 224 games all at KWC. Bee, who coached at Rider and Long Island, reached the 200-win milestone after 234 games in 1938.

In seven seasons Harper has won two NCAA championships (1999, 2001); taken the Panthers to five consecutive NCAA championship games (second only to John Wooden's seven at UCLA); posted a NCAA best five consecutive 30-win seasons (passing Adolph Rupp's three straight at Kentucky); and has received seven NCAA Division II National Coach of the Year awards in the last five seasons.

Panthers set for NCAA title run

The Kentucky Wesleyan Panthers will begin their quest for a record breaking ninth NCAA Division II National Championship on Friday, March 14 in the Great Lakes Regional at a site to be announced on Monday, March 10 at noon CT via the Internet. For more NCAA information go to KWC's website at www.kwc.edu/athletics and click on Sports News.

Great Lakes Regional
Friday, March 14 First round TBA
Saturday, March 15 Semifinals TBA
Monday, March 17 Regional Championship TBA

Elite Eight at Lakeland, Florida
Wednesday, March 26 First round vs West Region 2:30 ET
Thursday, March 27 Semifinals 6:00 ET
Saturday, March 29 National Championship 1:00 ET

Nine football Panthers receive All-American recognition

Football Gazette named nine Kentucky Wesleyan Panthers to their NCAA Division II Mid-Major All-American team. This marks the fourth straight season KWC has had five or more players named All-American.

Named to the first team was senior offensive guard Jake Colson from Columbus, Ga. where he started nine games in 2002.

Panthers named honorable mention were defensive end Tony Black, linebacker Vince Brodt, wide receiver Nathan East, quarterback Haven Mosley, defensive tackle Tommy Oglesby, offensive guard Brian Price and defensive back Quentin Womack.

Black, a senior from College Park, Ga., had 45 tackles, seven tackles for losses and two sacks.
Brodt, a junior from Kennesaw, Ga., finished second in tackles with 89 and tied for first in tackles for losses with 10.

East, a junior from Paducah, Ky., led the Panthers with 49 receptions for 659 yards and two touchdowns.
Mosley, a junior from Chicago, completed 122 of 283 passes for 1,694 yards and 11 touchdowns.
Nelson, a sophomore from Arjay, Ky., caught a third-best 42 passes for 551 yards and a season best six touchdowns.
Oglesby, a senior from Gallatin, Tenn., accumulated a fourth-best 61 tackles including 31 solos.
Price, a senior from Franklin, Tenn., started all 11 games on the offensive line.
Womack, a junior from St. Louis, topped the Panther defense with 92 tackles.

Sports Schedules
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Former KWC quarterback returns as head coach

Brent Holsclaw, a former Panther quarterback (1991-93), has been named the fourth head football coach at Kentucky Wesleyan College.

“I could not be more proud that one of our own Kentucky Wesleyan family is at the helm,” said KWC Director of Athletics Larry Moore. “He knows our program, our college, the Owensboro community and college football. During the last nine years, he has prepared himself to become a head coach and we are very pleased that he’s coming back home.”

Holsclaw, 31, becomes the first KWC football player since the sport was reestablished 20 years ago to be named head coach at the college and the third alumnus since football first started in 1907. He also becomes the fourth KWC graduate to lead a current Panther team joining Ray Harper ’85 (basketball), Karie Jarrett ’02 (volleyball) and Todd Lillpop ’01 (baseball).

“I have been waiting for an opportunity to become a head coach but not in my wildest dreams did I believe that my first head coaching job would be at my alma mater,” said Holsclaw. “I am very honored that Kentucky Wesleyan College has confidence and believes in my ability to lead the Panthers into a new era of football.

“It truly is an exciting time for the football program with KWC joining the Mid-South Conference in 2004 and playing on campus for the first time next season.”

Holsclaw returns to KWC after serving the past two seasons as offensive coordinator at Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Ill. He helped lead the Foresters to their first-ever appearance in the 2002 NCAA Division III playoffs with a 9-2 record, the most wins in school history, and their first Midwest Conference Championship since 1983. Under his two-year tutelage, the offensive unit broke all passing records for a single game and season.

Before Lake Forest, Holsclaw spent five seasons at Mercyhurst College, an NCAA Division II school in Erie, Pa. He took over the offensive coordinator role at Mercyhurst prior to the 1998 season. Holsclaw’s offenses were among the finest in the nation during his tenure as coordinator. His teams were ranked third (1999), fourth (1998), and 26th (2000) in NCAA Division II for total offense.

Also in 2000, Mercyhurst ranked eighth in passing and the team’s starting quarterback finished fifth in the nation for total offense. In both 1998 and 1999, his offenses ranked among the nation’s top four in passing.

Prior to taking over the play-calling duties at Mercyhurst, Holsclaw was the team’s quarterback (1996) and offensive line coach (1997). The Pittsburgh Steelers, in the ninth round of the 1998 NFL draft, picked one of his offensive tackles. He also served as head junior varsity coach (1996-97) and NCAA Clearinghouse officer at Mercyhurst.

Before his stint at Mercyhurst, Holsclaw spent two seasons at Fairdale High School in Louisville as the school’s offensive coordinator and quarterback coach.

The Louisville native was a three-year starter for the Panthers from 1989 to 1992 where he broke 18 of 20 total offense and passing records for a game, season and career. For his career, he threw for 5,149 yards completing 422 of 810 passes for 52.1 percent and 27 touchdowns, and led KWC to their first winning season (6-4) as a senior in 1993.

Rzyczycki named defensive coordinator

New Kentucky Wesleyan head football coach Brent Holsclaw ’93 began assembling his coaching staff with the announcement of Brad Rzyczycki (rye-ZICK-ee) as the Panthers defensive coordinator.

“Brad will be a terrific addition, not only to our football program, but to the entire Kentucky Wesleyan College community,” said Holsclaw, who worked with Rzyczycki as a fellow assistant coach at Mercyhurst for five seasons. “He is an extremely knowledgeable coach on the defensive side of the ball and a proven recruiter.

“Brad’s passion and energy to work with young people will only benefit our student-athletes. Growing up in the football mecca of northeast Ohio, he brings a tremendous amount of energy, excitement and knowledge to our program.”

Rzyczycki comes to KWC after serving the past season as an assistant coach to former Panther head coach Randy Awrey at Saginaw Valley State University (Mich.) where he helped lead the No. 10 Cardinals to a 9-3 record and the first round of the 2002 NCAA Division II play-offs.

Before Saginaw Valley, Rzyczycki spent seven seasons at his alma mater Mercyhurst College, an NCAA Division II member, in Erie, Pa., where he was an assistant with Holsclaw. He took over the defensive coordinator role prior to the 2001 season after serving as secondary and strength coach for the Lakers for six seasons.

His defenses were among the leaders in the nation during his tenure at Mercyhurst. His teams were ranked second in interceptions (2000) and third in turnover ratio (1997) in NCAA Division II statistics. Under his tutelage, the defense unit set two school records for interceptions.

Rzyczycki played cornerback for Mercyhurst and was a three-year starter from 1992-94. He registered 127 tackles and intercepted seven passes during his career. He also has the distinction of returning two blocked punts for touchdowns in a 1993 game against Pace.

He graduated from Mercyhurst in 1995 with a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice. He also earned a master of science degree in special education from Mercyhurst in 1998.
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tors and staff of Wesley Village in Wilmore, Ky. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Asbury College and received a master of divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary. During World War II he served as a U.S. Army chaplain and was stationed in Europe, serving with Patton’s Third Army, 71st Infantry Division in Austria, Germany and France. He served churches in central and northern Kentucky and Harlan County before accepting the position as chap-
lain for Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington for 35 years. Currently he serves as minister of visitation for the Lexington First United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Dorothy, live in Lexington.
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Penrod
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Jo Ann Goodwin Penrod was re-
elected to the Owensboro Board of Education and will serve a four-year term.
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Jody Richards was recently pre-
sented the Legislative Leadership Award by the Kentucky League of Cities. He is Speaker of the Kentucky House of Representatives.
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Ron Gaddie, pastor of Highland United Methodist Church in Louisville, was elected president of the Kentucky Council of Churches in October 2002. He is the first United Methodist president of the council in 22 years.
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James H. Hancock spoke in South Africa at the annual meeting of the International Bar Association.
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John Worth, a member of John L. Worth Insurance, Inc., has attained executive committee status at American Skandia, a financial services company that offers professionals investment programs to better serve their clients.
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Rodney Kirtley was re-elected Muhlenberg County, Ky. Judge-Executive.
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Doris C. Turner, a teacher at McLean County, Ky. Middle School, was honored by the Kentucky Council of Teachers of Mathematics with a Mathematics Education Service and Achievement Award.
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Sheila Taylor Daniel is a physical education teacher at Newton Parrish Elementary School in Owensboro where she established a school walking club, now in its fourth year. The Parrish Pacers are students who voluntarily walk each day around the school’s new paved walking track. She and her husband, Mike, have two daughter-
ters, Neisha and Alese.
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Jim McGarrah was the fea-
tured writer at the Third Tuesday Coffeehouse in Owensboro. He teaches writing at the University of Southern Indiana.
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Robert Duggan is plant manager of Malden Mills Inc. and lives in Lawrence, Mass. He has three children, Alicia, Robert III and Christopher.
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Delbert Lee has been appointed youth program coordinator with the Green River Area Development District. He has a master’s degree from Murray State University.
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Anne Bivins Roberts is a retired teacher from the Daviess County Public School System. She and her husband, James, live in Maceo, Ky.
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Eddie Price recently had a book signing in Evansville, Ind. for his novel No Other Recourse: When You Make Peaceful Protest Impossible. The book can be found online at Amazon.com.
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Denise Kerwick Shelton and her husband, John, have started “Fix Your Picture” in Owensboro, specializing in restoring aged photos and repairing damaged photos.
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Rick L. Miller is the senior pastor of Lawrence United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana.
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Robert E. Hamburg Jr. left his civilian position as an intelligence analyst with the National Drug Intelligence Center in Pennsylvania in January 2002 when he was mobilized for the war on terror. Lieutenant Colonel Hamburg is serving as the operations officer in the office of the deputy chief of staff for intelligence with the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command in Arlington, Va. He and his wife, Merilyn, have two children, Sara and Josh.
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Neil K. Leach was selected Social Worker of the Year for 2002 by the Southern Illinois District of Illinois Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He is a clinical social worker for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center and a part-time faculty member at the School of Social Work at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He and his wife, Mona, have two children, Scott and Chris.
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Joy Wood Horton was recently named Probation and Parole District Supervisor of the Year by the Kentucky Department of Corrections. A 12-year veteran of probation and parole, she is supervisor of the District 13 probation and parole office in Owensboro and has her master’s degree from Western Kentucky University.
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Keith Cain was re-elected sheriff of Daviess County, Kentucky.

Greg Jones married Lisa Ann Payne on October 19, 2002. He has a master’s degree in business from the University of Kentucky and is vice president of Bill Jones Masterbuilder in Owensboro.

Theresa Gaesser-Carroll is a registered nurse and has two children, Anna and Holly. They live in Corydon, Ind.

Richard Seddon is a territory manager salesman for U.S. Foodservice. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Frankfort, Ill.

Robbie Owen Clements and his wife, Matthew Clements ’93, have a new baby, Owen Matthew Clements, born on October 9, 2002. He joins older sisters, Catherine and Madeline.

Jacqueline Haywood Holman is an admissions assistant with the Moody Bible Institute. She and her husband, Gerald, live in Chicago.

Corey Crowder and his wife, Sandra, have a new baby, Chania, born September 17, 2002. They live in France.

Bette Jo Friend Jones has been appointed chief deputy prosecutor for the Fayette County Prosecutor’s Office. She lives in Connersville, Ind. and has two children, Spencer and Cole.

Linda Michelle Davis married Lucien Michael Foranonce on September 21, 2002. She is a technical specialist for Permacel in Lakewood, N.J. They live in Old Bridge, N.J.

Lisa Lamb Hunt is a case work manager for Dubois County, Ind. Community Corrections.

Andrew Keith married Teralyn Schwab on August 31, 2002. Andrew completed his master’s degree in criminal justice and is currently employed as a United States pre-trial services officer for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago. He and his wife live in Gurnee, Ill.

Kelli F. Shelton married Byron L. Kelly on November 30, 2002. She is a clinical assessor at RiverValley Behavioral Health.

Tamara Rayburn Von George is the assistant dean of students/director of campus programs at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. She and her husband, Gary, have two children, Michael and Alyson. Tamara has her master’s degree from Ball State University.

Christopher Ryan White married Cathy Ann Curtis on December 7, 2002. He is employed with Progressive Cos. in Owensboro.

Jerry Crabtree married Erica LaMar on November 23, 2002. He received his graduate degree from Northern Kentucky University and is a teacher at Apollo High School in Owensboro.

Stan Paulic married Christina Caswell on July 27, 2002 and lives in South Euclid, Ohio. He is finishing his masters in mechanical engineering from Cleveland State University this year. Since graduation Stan has been building power plants, Anheuser Bush breweries and automotive expansions. In 2000, Stan and DoriJan Udovic ’94 started their own engineering consulting firm called STADOR Corp.

Henry Wilbur and his wife, Julie Johnson Wilbur ’95, live in Louisville. Julie is a service coordinator.

Sibbie Tegethoven Atkins and her husband, Aaron Atkins ’98, live in Macon, Ga. Sibbie is a counselor for the Georgia Department of Corrections at the Griffin Diversion Center in Griffin, Ga. and Aaron is the coordinator of residential education at Mercer University.

Patrick Boggs married Kristy Klebeck on December 31, 2002. He is a deputy sheriff with the Mason County Sheriff’s Office.

Chris Houlk married Jeanette Coomes ’98 on October 12, 2002. Jeanette is a case manager at Seven Counties Services and Chris is director of enrollment management at Spalding University in Louisville.

Tanya Roberts is the head fast pitch softball coach and assistant athletic director at Eastern High School in Louisville. She is also working toward a master’s degree in teaching religious education.

Bob Robey, a bereavement coordinator at the Hospice Association of Owensboro, was named the January recipient of the R.C. Neblett M.D. Service Award.

Andrea Garst Busch passed the Florida Behavior Analysis Certification Examination and is now a certified associate behavior analyst. She works at Building Blocks, Inc. in Naples, Fla. as a behavioral therapist working primarily with autistic children. She also conducts behavioral assessments and functional analysis of behaviors.

Wendy Bancroft Hensley is a member of Stites & Harbison’s Tax Services Group. She is admitted to practice law in Kentucky and received her juris doctor, cum laude, from the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville.

Jerry Howard is associate pastor of middle school ministries at Glenview Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

Carrie Bridgeman married Scott Thomas Wedding on July 20, 2002. She is the community representative with the American Cancer Society in Owensboro.
Becky Barr Lattus and her husband, Ben, have a new son, Augustine “Gus” David Lattus, who was born on August 16, 2002. He joins big brother Sebastian (Seb). They live in Owensboro.

Sarah Murdach Skaggs married Jeff Skaggs on December 7, 2002. Sarah is an IT technician with Resources Connection. They have one child, Brandon, and live in Washington, Ind.

Jill Suwanski passed the Ohio State Bar Exam in November 2002.

Jared Bullington married Melissa Hill on December 21, 2002. He is employed at Evergreen Lawn Care.

Joseph Dowell is youth minister for Trinity United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro, Tenn. He and his wife, Anna Beth, have a daughter, Hannah Kaly.

Ryan Edge is a LAN desktop administrator with Kimberly Clark Corp. His wife, Jennifer Miller Edge is a registered nurse at the Dialysis Center of Owensboro.

Christie Tabor Fogle was one of 15 Kentucky teachers selected to attend the first Emerging Leader in Teaching Economics Conference in December. She is a social studies teacher at Owensboro High School and is working on a master’s degree in counseling from Western Kentucky University.

Martha Sparks married Joseph Johnson on October 5, 2002. She is a third grade teacher in Louisville.

Ashley Roberts-Webb has joined the staff at RiverValley Behavioral Health Hospital as marketing representative.

Jessica Collins Allen and her husband, Chaz, have a new daughter, Deryn Elizabeth, born on September 20, 2002. They live in Clarksville, Tenn.

Jessica Meredith is a senior family counselor with Youth Villages and lives in Clarksville, Tenn.

Aron Contratto graduated from officers’ candidate school at Quantico, Va. in December 2002 and is now undergoing advanced training at Quantico. He is a Marine Corps Reserve 2nd Lieutenant.

Brittney Howard is community development planner with the Green River Area Development District in Owensboro.

Elizabeth Jones Fitch married Kevin Fitch on May 26, 2002, and they live in Winchester, Tenn. Elizabeth is attending graduate school at Middle Tennessee State University. She is a master’s candidate in the biology department and is also working as a graduate teaching assistant where she teaches biology lab courses.

Travis Powell is working on a MBA at the University of Kentucky and lives in Lexington. Jill Thompson has been named employment specialist with Green River Area Development District in Owensboro.

Bishop G. Lindsey Davis was the keynote speaker for the annual Heroes, Saints & Legends dinner given by the board of directors and staff of Wesley Village in Wilmore, Ky. He was appointed bishop in 1996 for the North Georgia Area of the United Methodist Church. Prior to that, Bishop Davis held pastorates at three churches in the Kentucky Conference. He is a former trustee and holds an honorary degree from KWC.

Wade Mountz, a KWC trustee emeritus, was honored by the Arthritis Foundation Kentucky Chapter’s 2002 Tribute to Excellence. Mountz, Norton Healthcare president emeritus, was recognized for his commitment to quality patient care, to mutually beneficial relationships with employees and physicians and for his great integrity.

William E. Savage, former vice president of business at KWC, was honored in October 2002 by the board of directors and staff of Wesley Village at their annual Heroes, Saints & Legends celebration. He has served as business manager of Asbury Seminary and served on the boards of the Kentucky Methodist Foundation and the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries. He and his wife, Dorothy, live in Lexington.

Mabel America Tallent Mattox on October 2, 2002 at the Masonic Home in Louisville. A retired schoolteacher, she taught in Perry County, Fayette County, Anderson County and Jenkins, Ky. She earned her master’s degree from Eastern Kentucky University and was a member of Park United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ezra Arnold Mattox, and her cousin, Hazel Callahan Haddix who introduced Mabel to her future husband. Her father Robert Wickliffe Tallent and her brother, William Eugene Tallent, were both 1937 graduates of KWC. Another brother, Chester Tallent ‘41, also attended KWC, as well as her mother, Nannie Lou Griffith Tallent ’38. Survivors include a daughter, Brenda Mattox-Rapp of Calif. and one sister, BobbyLou Tallent Stocker of Fla. Her daughter, Brenda, said, “The association with Wesleyan has deep roots in our family.”

Truman Morris on January 14 in Ft. Myers, Fla. He received a master’s degree from the University of Kentucky. He taught and coached at Pleasureville, Utica, and Owensboro, Ky., high schools and was also an instructor at the University of Kentucky, Ohio University and the University of South Florida. During his broadcast career he was one of few reporters allowed to witness the atomic bomb testing and the NASA launches of Alan Shepard and John Glenn. Involved in many public service areas, Truman served as president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Huntington, W. Va.; president of the Rotary Club in Gallipolis, Ohio; mayor of Chillicothe, Ohio and president and Lt. Governor of the Kiwanis Club. His greatest love was sailing, especially ocean racing, and he sailed more than 100,000 miles and won hundreds of trophies. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the Leadership through Sailing Program at KWC. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Trudy Ellis Morris ’40 and a daughter, Cacia Orser of Fort Myers.

John R. Sewell on December 6, 2002 in Ottawa, Ohio. He spent 35 years in the picture tube business, first with Philips Labs, then Sylvania Electric and he retired in 1982 from Philips Display Components as a senior engineer. A member of the Ottawa Presbyterian Church, he taught Sunday School and also served on the boards of the Putnam County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Center and the Putnam County Mental Health Clinic. He joined the Navy during World War II, serving on a destroyer in the Atlantic Ocean. He received a master’s degree in physics from the University of Kentucky. Survivors include his wife, Jean Addison Ruthven Sewell, and a brother, Robert C. Sewell of Winchester.
Andrew J. Gibbs on January 11 in Lexington. He served in World War II in the South Pacific and was a retired contract carrier for the Courier Journal newspaper for 45 years. He was also an active member of Epworth United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Sara Pearl Jamison Gibbs.

James D. Wells on June 14, 2002. Serving in the U.S. Army for over 21 years, he was on active duty during World War II, the Korean conflict and Vietnam and was decorated with the Army Commendation Medal and was decorated with the Medal of Valor. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, Margaret Stone "Marnie" Jones ’49; and three daughters, Judith McLaughlin of North Canton, Ohio, Deborah Wade of Charlotte, N.C., and Catherine Simkins of Louisville.

Robert E. “Bob” Pardue on September 1, 2002 in Hopkinsville, Ky. He retired in 1983 after teaching in Barren and Christian County schools. He was the first girl’s basketball coach at Christian County High School and in 1961 coached Temple High School in Barren County when they won the state championship in eight-man football. Bob played football at Kentucky Wesleyan and Lindsey Wilson Colleges. He was also an Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of the First Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Jean Harlow Pardue; a son, Steve Pardue of LaGrange, Ga.; two daughters, Debbie Bushong of Paducah, Ky. and Shelia Gates of Princeton, Ky. and one brother, Ralph Pardue of Lexington.

Marjorie Ann Flynn Lisle on August 18, 2002. She was a high school librarian from 1942 until 1983, first at Clark County and later at George Rogers Clark High Schools in Winchester, Kentucky. She attended the Providence Baptist Church and the Forest Grove Christian Church. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Howard Lisle, and a daughter, Linda from Clark County, Ky.

John A. Kelley on December 16, 2002 in Everett, Wash. A native of Whitesville, Ky., he retired from Panalps as chief operating officer and executive vice president, was owner-operator of Everett Auto Parts and a longtime member of Gideon’s International. He also served in the Kentucky National Guard. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, June Myers Kelley ’61; two sons, John Kelley Jr. of Mich., and Timothy Kelley of Chicago; two daughters, Karen Rathbun of Independence, Ill. and Angela Kelley of Chicago; his mother, Louise Mitchell Kelley of Whitesville; and three brothers, Joseph of Louisville, George of Calif., and Donald of Lexington.

Sandra Yount Hedge on November 22, 2002 She was a teacher for Elizabethtown Schools and Warren County Schools and a member of State Street United Methodist Church in Bowling Green, Ky. Survivors include her husband, Glen Hedge; three sons, Paul Greenwell of Elizabethtown, Bill Greenwell of Bowling Green and Derrick Hedge of New York; two daughters, Susan Greenwell of New York and Tracy Hedge of Boston; and a sister, Shirley Beck of Louisville.

Richard James “Jim” Taylor on December 2, 2002 in Ohio County, Ky. He had worked at Peabody Coal Company as a coal miner and attended Beaver Dam Church of Christ. Survivors include a daughter, Leeann Taylor of Fla.; his mother, Lexie Stevens Taylor of Beaver Dam, Ky.; and two sisters, Shelia Daniel of Owensboro and Nancy Reid Brown of Georgetown.

Larry Thomas “Tommy” Hunt on September 25, 2002 in Nashville. He was an instrument supervisor at Green River Power Plant in Moorman, Ky. and worked with Boy Scouts of America. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Greenville. Ky. Survivors include his wife of 31 years, Deborah Pendley Hunt; three sons, John Walter Hunt of Bowling Green, Jason Thomas Hunt of Greenville and Nathan Van Hunt ’03 of Owensboro; his mother, Boonie Duncan Hunt ’44 of Greenville; and a brother, David Duncan Hunt ’67 of Louisville.

Wilfred L. Gorrell on September 26, 2002 in Owensboro. He retired as dean of students at Kentucky Wesleyan and from General Electric after 27 years. A graduate of Western Kentucky University and Vanderbilt University, he was a former resident host at Field House, former Outstanding Young Man of Alabama and a member of Thruston United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by a son, David Bruce Gorrell ’76. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Jessie Gorrell; three sons, Alan Louis Gorrell of Tenn., Jeffery Gorrell of Va., and Brian Gorrell of Lexington; and a brother, John Warren Gorrell of Paris, Ky.

Basil Hayden on January 10 in Paris, Ky. At 103 years old, he was Kentucky Wesleyan’s oldest living basketball coach. He coached the Panthers to an 8-1 record in 1923 in his only season at KWC. The 88.9 winning percentage was a single season record until 1984. A University of Kentucky basketball star from 1920-1922, he was the first basketball All-American at UK and led them to the 1921 Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship. He also coached at UK for one year in 1926. His jersey was retired in 1984. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Margaret Stone "Marnie" Jones ’49; and three daughters, Judith McLaughlin of North Canton, Ohio, Deborah Wade of Charlotte, N.C., and Catherine Simkins of Louisville.

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Wayne Ecton ’62 is new to the political arena. He retired in 1996 as CFO and deputy general manager of an Alcoa subsidiary. In 2002 he was elected to a four-year term on the Scottsdale, Ariz. City Council.

He first served on the homeowner’s board of directors and volunteered on the citizens budget committee. “Some of the city councilmen encouraged me to run, so I ran against them and beat them, receiving the most votes,” Ecton explained. “I campaigned on my business experience and financial background, so it just worked out.”

The position has turned out to be a full-time job, according to Ecton. “I work 60-70 hours a week. Scottsdale has a population of 220,000 and I am invited to everything.”

Daviess County Sheriff Keith Cain ’84 had been with the department 25 years when he was elected sheriff for the first time in 1999. In November 2002, he won re-election.

“Being sheriff was obviously a goal for my entire career,” Cain said. “I first got into law enforcement for the excitement and the sense of doing what was good and worthy. What I have now is a strong commitment to serve my community. I know you hear that often from elected officials, but in fact, it’s the truth.”

In the 1970s a U.S. Justice Department grant helped Cain begin work on his degree. “It took me about seven years to complete a four-year degree since I had to take night courses,” Cain said. “I enjoyed going to Kentucky Wesleyan and interacting with the teachers and other students. The grant money dried up after two years, but I continued and it has served me well.”

Like Cain’s natural progression to run for sheriff, Jo Ann Goodwin Penrod ’58 thought serving on the Owensboro Board of Education was a perfect fit. She had been with the Owensboro City School System for 31 years.

“When I retired I wanted to give back to the community and someone suggested running for the board of education. I had taught elementary grades, Title I reading, coordinated the first elementary gifted program in the city, substituted in middle school and also supervised student teachers, so I knew about schools,” she said.

She has just completed 10 years on the board and was re-elected in November 2002 for a four-year term. “When I first ran, I had competition and my husband, the late Joe Penrod ’58, said ‘We have to walk the streets and go door to door.’”

This past election she again had opposition. “I was fortunate to have some young professionals get behind me, but I still like to go ‘door to door.’ This will be my last term on the board. I want to leave when they hate to see me go,” Penrod explained.

Losing an election might deter some from seeking public office again, but not Tom Owen ’60. From 1990–1998, Owen served on the City of Louisville Board of Aldermen. “In 1998 I did not seek reelection but ran for Louisville mayor instead and lost that race by a mere four percent,” he said. “Last year, following the decision to merge our city and county governments, I asked again to serve, and in January began a two-year term as a Metro Council member,” Owen explained.

In addition to being an associate archivist/Louisville historian at the University of Louisville, Owen spends 20-25 hours a week in public service. “I have a long-standing civic consciousness that has turned me to public office over the past 15 years.”

Rodney Kirtley ’70 first won election as Muhlenberg County judge executive in 1993 and was recently re-elected to another four-year term. “I ran for the office out of concern for our county. This is my home and I want to serve where I can help,” Kirtley said. “My job is interesting and fun and I meet a lot of good people. As long as I can make a positive impact, I will continue.”

Kirtley credited Kentucky Wesleyan with helping prepare him for public office. “I wasn’t just a number. I had the opportunity to become a leader – in the small classrooms with personal attention, and in my fraternity and while I was participating in sports. Kentucky Wesleyan prepared me.”

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