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April 25-27

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Class of 1963

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Classes of 1967, 1968 and 1969

25th Reunion
Class of 1978

15th Cluster Reunion
Classes of 1987, 1988 and 1989

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Congratulations Class of 2002!
A photo essay

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by Joyce Ann Evans

Reconnecting with the Northeast
by Joyce Ann Evans

Thank you for Changing Lives
by Dr. Wesley H. Poling

Season a success for KWC
by Rich Suwanski, Messenger Inquirer sportswriter

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by Michelle Hartz Harris ’96

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Each year KWC recognizes the best of the best. Without excellent faculty and staff, this college would not be the success it is today. For the 2001-2002 academic year, KWC recently recognized a professor and a staff member for their outstanding contributions to the college.

Randy Chapman, database administrator, was named Outstanding Staff Member 2002. Chapman received an associate degree from Owensboro Community College. He joined the KWC staff in 1999.

Robert Flachskam, professor of chemistry, was presented with the President’s Award for Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership for 2002. Flachskam earned a B.A. from Lewis University and a Ph.D. from Ohio State University. He began teaching at KWC in 1975.

The student body of Kentucky Wesleyan College recognized two professors during Honors Convocation for their outstanding contributions to the student body for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Pam Gray, professor of communications, was presented the Academic Advising Award. After receiving a bachelor’s degree from the University of Kentucky, Gray earned a master’s degree from Western Kentucky University and a doctorate degree from the University of Kentucky. Gray joined the college in 1990.

Matt Schoenbachler, was presented the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award. Schoenbachler graduated with a B.S. from the University of North Alabama in 1989. He received a masters in 1992 and his Ph.D. in 1996, both from the University of Kentucky. Schoenbachler taught KWC from 1996-2002.

Why do Renaissance paintings of the Virgin Mary depict her reading a book and tilting her head? Why is she sometimes depicted springing forth like a tree from the chest of a sleeping man? Why does the painted Joseph, husband of Mary, toil away at the manufacture of mousetraps?

Rabbi Dr. Michael J. Cook addressed these questions and many others at the spring Jewish Studies lecture in April. Cook, an expert on the historical relationship between Jews and Christians, probed the visual symbols employed by Christian artists of the late Gothic and Renaissance eras (the 13th-15th centuries) in his lecture entitled “Symbols of Judaism in Christian Renaissance Art: Why They’re There and What They Mean.” Peppered with many Groucho Marx-style jokes, he informed and entertained a group of more than sixty students and community members.

The lecture was illustrated by dozens of color slides from some of Europe’s most beautiful works of Christian art. “One of many depictions noted, Cook explained that the portrayal of the Virgin Mary reading a book is not very accurate. In the first century BCE, when the mother of Jesus lived, women were not taught to read, and the men who could read used scrolls, not books,” said Dr. Kurt Noll, professor of religion and philosophy. He added that according to Cook, these images were not literal interpretations of the Christian message, but highly creative symbols, which drew on ancient Jewish symbolism and reconfigured those concepts to fit Christian theology.

The Jewish Studies Program is funded by a grant from Raymond Zimmerman, former chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Service Merchandise Company, Inc.
Around the Cupola

Spring semester 2002 concluded with the retirement announcements of two beloved employees of KWC – Dr. John Combs and Shirley Davenport.

At their May meeting, the board of trustees awarded faculty emeritus status to retiring Professor of English John Combs. Emeritus status is recognition as an honorary lifetime professor of the college for achievement as an academician. Combs began his career at KWC in 1969. During his 33 years at the college, Combs and colleague Bob Darrell, professor emeritus of English, developed the Freshman Writing Workshop program, bringing national recognition to Kentucky Wesleyan. This program continues to be used at KWC today.

Combs, an ordained Methodist minister, earned a B.A. from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, a B.D. from Southern Methodist University, a M.A. from Texas A&M University and a Ph.D. from the University of Texas.

After 31 years, Shirley Davenport, library secretary, announced her retirement in June. Davenport began working at Kentucky Wesleyan in 1971 as a part-time secretary in the teacher education department. In 1979, she moved into the full-time position of library secretary where she remained until her retirement.

Pat McFarling, director of the Library Learning Center, praised Davenport for her many years of dedicated service. “For 23 years, Shirley has been the glue that holds things together in the library. Her commitment to excellence, service orientation, positive attitude and concern for others are only a few of the many fine qualities that have made Shirley an invaluable asset to the Library Learning Center and KWC.”

In retirement, Davenport plans to enjoy time with her grandchildren and travel with her husband Associate Professor Emeritus of Biology Don Davenport.

Campus Ministries rock!

You know spring has arrived when campus begins to rock and roll with students, alumni, local youth groups and friends who gather on the front lawn to listen to popular contemporary Christian bands. That scene was no different this year when in April, KWC campus ministries sponsored a Christian music concert featuring the bands Salvador, The Elms and solo artist Joy Williams. This free event was funded by a grant to campus ministries by the Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. KWC students organized and provided leadership for the event, which included a canned goods collection for the Boulware Center, a local shelter in Owensboro.

A taste of the Big Apple

Numerous KWC students, faculty, staff and friends spent 10 days in March touring New York City. Business, theatre and urban studies students visited such well-known sites as Staten Island, the Empire State Building, Greenwich Village and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. In addition, they toured the United Nations, popular theatres, television studios, Hale House, J.P. Morgan Library, Central Park and Ground Zero.

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2002!

Best wishes for a successful future

*Note: This photograph does not include all graduating seniors.

Sarah Burden, Arianne Holt, Nicole Hoyle and Jessica DeJarnette work at the concert selling t-shirts and CDs.

Posing around the bull in Bowling Green Park on Wall Street are: (left to right) Jeanie Boshart, Jason Austin, Karen Miller, Melissa Sellers, Katie Vandiver, Jennifer Ramsey and Sarah Gregory. Pete Howard is riding the bull.
Oak and Ivy inducts new members

Six Kentucky Wesleyan students were inducted into the Order of Oak and Ivy, an honor conferred upon students who exhibit spiritual leadership and intellectual ability in seeking to promote the interest and welfare of the college. Congratulations to this year’s inductees.

“Light the Gate” in Paris

Thirteen students and six sponsors from KWC Campus Ministries participated in a mission project in Paris, France in May. Team Paris, a mission team that is part of the International Mission Board, hosted the “Light the Gate” project. The KWC Campus Ministries mission team worked with both career and student missionaries in the distribution of Bibles and the Jesus Video to the North and West African communities in the Paris area. They also organized and led kids’ clubs in two different Paris public parks. Activities included playing sports (soccer, football, basketball), hosting a carnival with games and prizes, making balloon animals, and presenting a puppet show and group singing. Some of the students took part in prayer walking different parts of Paris, forming a paint team that painted two missionary homes and organizing a vocal quartet to provide entertainment in the parks and streets of Paris. The team ended the trip by starting two different worship teams to provide leadership in two local churches.

Teacher center will aid education majors

Kentucky Wesleyan and the Daviess County Public Schools have partnered once again. In addition to being allies in the Graduation 2010 program, KWC and DCPS have joined together to offer resources to DCPS teachers and KWC education majors.

In July, the Daviess County Public School system moved their teaching resource center for teachers to the third floor of Massie Hall. The center provides teachers - pre-school, elementary and high school - with materials and equipment to make copies, posters, letters, assignments, buy art supplies, exchange lesson plans and other teaching tools for their classroom.

Scholars honored

The James Graham Brown Scholarship 6th annual recognition banquet was held in Louisville at the Brown Hotel this spring. Ten students were awarded the James Graham Brown Scholarship, the most prestigious scholarship award given by Kentucky Wesleyan to incoming freshmen. The scholarship is supported by substantial gifts from the James Graham Brown Foundation of Louisville. Honorees include (l-r): Jessica Osborne, Sarah Burden, Malinda Fugate, Ashley Dawson, Joshua Fugate, Brent Dennis, and Justin Whittinghill. Not pictured: Bryan Newman, Jessica Spurlock and Kalena Woosley.
Maymester – learning with a twist

This May, Kentucky Wesleyan College expanded the spring semester course schedule and offered “Maymester,” a special May term with a twist. A variety of creative courses were offered—from a history sailing class in the Virgin Islands, to carving driftwood, to touring a Navajo radio station in Arizona, to studying DNA and learning the techniques of electron microscopy, to discussing politics of the 60s, to mastering conversational Spanish.

“I incorporated some community-based experience in the Spanish course by assigning a class project,” said Danae Orlins, associate professor of modern language. “Students found someone in need of basic Spanish skills on the job and compiled a list of useful questions and phrases in Spanish to aid their need.”

According to Steven Wilt, professor of biology, in his Cellular and Molecular Biology Techniques class students learned techniques used for protein, RNA and DNA isolation and characterization. “This laboratory-intensive course investigated methods commonly used in a research lab and offered experience for individuals interested in pursuing careers in the biomedical fields.”

All of the classes taught were held on campus. Two of these classes supplemented their class study with travel. Communication professor Dr. Pam Gray took her Native American Media class to Southwest America, covering over 1300 miles and five states in 10 days. While on this trailblazing journey, Gray’s students toured six radio stations, two tribal newspapers and visited the Grand Canyon National Park, Canyon De Chelly National Monument, Monument Valley, Four-Corners Monument, and Mesa Verde National Park.

In his Sugar, Slaves and Rum: The History of the Caribbean class, former history professor Matt Schoenbachler introduced students to the origins and development of Caribbean culture. After having studied the Caribbean as a whole in class, students experienced the history for themselves on a seven-day sailing trip to the Virgin Islands, one small portion of the Caribbean. During that time they explored historical sites, retraced the footsteps of early discoverers, and experienced first-hand West Indian culture. In addition, students visited the ruins of the Annaberg sugar plantation, Governor’s Hill, Blackbeard’s Castle, historic St. Thomas, Emancipation Gardens, and the history center in San Cruz.

After a successful pilot year for this program, expect to see Maymester in spring 2003.

Phonathon
Sept. 22-Oct. 10

This year’s Phonathon event kicks off on September 22. Student callers are excited about sharing news of campus activities and growth, and offering you the opportunity to invest in KWC. You will no doubt sense the excitement of these students.

In preparation for Phonathon, it is important to us to share “no call list” information with you. Numerous states have laws regarding telephone solicitations. You may already know that KWC and other similar organizations are exempt from the law due to prior or existing relationships with alumni and friends. If you have signed up for your state’s “no call list,” KWC may still call you as we have done in the past. However, if you no longer wish to receive a call from the college during Phonathon, we want to give you the opportunity to tell us and we will remove your name from our Phonathon list. We hope, as alumni and friends, you will want to continue your relationship with KWC, but we will honor your request for no Phonathon calls. To make that request, please contact us by writing the development office at 3000 Frederica Street, Owensboro, KY 42301, calling 270-852-3141 or emailing jevans@kwc.edu by August 31.

Thank you for supporting our success as we go on to greatness.

Taking it “Easy”

This past spring, 28 James Graham Brown scholars and Professors Dan Bradshaw and Henry Connor, and Nancy Connor, traveled by Amtrak (train) to New Orleans. While in “the Big Easy,” scholars toured the recently opened D-Day Museum, cemeteries, and took a walking/carriage ride tour of the French Quarter. In addition, they visited an aquarium and toured the swamp. A combination of good weather, great food and a “first-time” train ride for every student made this trip one that scholars will always remember.

Dr. Pam Gray’s Native American Media class took time for a float trip down the Colorado River through Glen Canyon in Arizona. Front row, l-r: Alisha Tanner, Elizabeth Holian, and Amy Heywood. Second row, l-r: Julie Settle, Dr. Pam Gray, Naina Brammer and Stephanie Pfirman. Back row, l-r: Matt Brannon, Christie Martin, Nathan East, Kari Miller and Rachel Roberts.

Front row, l-r: Stacy Todd, Laura Sparks, Kalena Woosley, Andi Chaffin, Jennifer Adams, Alisha Tanner and Darren Watts. Second row, l-r: Elizabeth Lawrence, Jennifer England, Charity Flener, Jessica Osborne, Brooke Bangston, Emily Samples and Stephanie Troutman.

A view from the ruins of the Annaberg sugar plantation. Standing, l-r: Britney Howard, Katie Kavanaugh and Amanda Beasley. Seated, l-r: Wes Smoot, Matt Holston, Jeff Jackson, Michelle Filkins, Erin Guard and Kristen Hostedde.
Activities and Events

August
20 Classes begin
22 Opening Convocation
24 Winchester picnic
30 Football at So. Illinois, 7 pm
Volleyball at Spalding, TBA
31 Men’s soccer at Western Ky., 7 pm
Women’s soccer at Lambuth, TBA

September
2 Labor Day (no classes)
3 Volleyball vs. Oakland City, 6 pm
6 Tennis at St. Joseph’s, TBA
7 Women’s soccer vs. Hanover, Noon
Football at Southwest Baptist, 1:30 pm
Tennis at Lewis, TBA
7-8 Volleyball at Cumberland Tournament, TBA
10 Volleyball at Bellarmine, TBA
11 Women’s soccer at Berea, TBA
12 Football at Tenn. Martin, 6:30 pm
13 Tennis at SIU Edwardsville, TBA
14 Tennis at Missouri St. Louis, TBA
17 Volleyball vs. Spalding, 6 pm
Tennis at Southern Indiana, TBA
19 Volleyball at Campbellsville, TBA
20 Men’s soccer vs. Bellarmine, Noon
Women’s soccer vs. Bellarmine, 2:30 pm
Tennis at Bellarmine, TBA
Volleyball at St. Joseph’s, 7 pm
21 Football vs. Lincoln, Apollo Stadium, 1:30 pm
Tennis vs. No. Kentucky, TBA
Tennis vs. Bellarmine, TBA
Volleyball at Indianapolis, 1 pm
24 Volleyball at Cumberland, 5 pm
26 Volleyball vs. Indiana Southeast, 6 pm
27 Men’s soccer at Southern Indiana, Noon
Women’s soccer at Southern Indiana, 2:30 pm
28 Volleyball at Quincy, 1 pm
29 Men’s soccer at Missouri St. Louis, Noon
Women’s soccer at Missouri St. Louis, 2:30 pm

October
1 Volleyball at Oakland City, TBA
2 Women’s soccer at Midway, TBA
Volleyball at Brescia, TBA
4 Men’s soccer vs. Quincy, Noon
Women’s soccer vs. Quincy, 2:30 pm
Volleyball vs. Lewis, 7 pm
5 Football vs. St. Joseph’s, Apollo Stadium, 1:30 pm
Volleyball vs. Wisconsin Parkside, 1 pm
6 Men’s soccer vs. SIU Edwardsville, Noon
Women’s soccer vs. SIU Edwardsville, 2:30 pm
9 Volleyball at Cumberland, 6 pm
11 Fall Break (no classes)
11-12 Tennis at GLVC Tournament, TBA
12 Football at Union, 12:30 pm
Volleyball at Indiana Southeast, TBA
13 Men’s soccer at Lewis, Noon
Women’s soccer at Lewis, 2:30 pm
15 Volleyball vs. Southern Indiana, 7 pm
Mens’ soccer at Georgetown, TBA
Women’s soccer at Georgetown, TBA
Volleyball at Kentucky State, 6 pm
16 Volleyball vs. Quincy, 7 pm
Men’s soccer at Wisconsin Parkside, Noon
Women’s soccer at Wisconsin Parkside, 2:30 pm
19 Football vs. Austin Peay, Apollo Stadium, 6 pm
20 Men’s soccer at St. Joseph’s, Noon
Women’s soccer at St. Joseph’s, 2:30 pm
24 Volleyball vs. Campbellsville, 6 pm
Men’s soccer vs. Bellarmine, Noon
25 Women’s soccer vs. Indianapolis, 2:30 pm
Volleyball at SIU Edwardsville, 7 pm

November
1 Volleyball vs. No. Kentucky, 7 pm
2 Volleyball vs. Quincy, Reid Stadium, 1:30 pm
Volleyball vs. Bellarmine, 1 pm
3, 8-10 Women’s soccer at GLVC Tournament, TBA
5 Volleyball at Southern Indiana, 7 pm
6, 9-10 Men’s soccer at GLVC Tournament, TBA
8 Volleyball vs. Missouri St. Louis, 7 pm
Men’s basketball vs. St. Mary’s (exhibition in Canada), 6 pm
9 Football vs. Cumberland, Reid Stadium, 1:30 pm
Volleyball vs. SIU Edwardsville, 1 pm
10 Men’s basketball vs. St. Francis Xavier (exhibition in Canada), 6 pm
12 Leadership Day (no day classes)
14-15 Volleyball at GLVC Tournament, TBA
16 Football vs. Bethel, Reid Stadium, 1:30 pm
Women’s basketball at Toledo (exhibition), 3 pm
22-23 Women’s basketball at Missouri Rolla Tournament, TBA
25 Men’s basketball vs. Illinois Springfield, 7:30 pm
27-29 Thanksgiving holidays (no classes)
30 Women’s basketball vs. Southern Indiana, 5:15 pm
Men’s basketball vs. Southern Indiana, 7:30 pm

Home events in bold, all times Central.

Send or email us your news!

Name ____________________________________________ Year graduated _______ Home phone ________
Address ____________________________________________ City __________ State ______ Zip ______

Spouse name ____________________________________________ Year spouse graduated if alumna/alumnus __________

Occupation ____________________________________________ Occupation of spouse ________________________

Your maiden name __________________________________________

Name of your business/location ____________________________

Your title ____________________________ Business phone ________ Email address __________________

Name/ages of children __________________________________________

Additional news such as honors, awards, promotions, etc. __________________________________________

If you know any prospective students who may be interested in Kentucky Wesleyan College and are high school juniors or seniors, please give us their name, address, graduation and high school name/location: __________________________________________

Please return this form to: Office of Alumni, Kentucky Wesleyan College, 3000 Frederica Street, Owensboro, KY  42301
Enclose a photograph if possible!
Dr. W. L. Magnuson is one of Kentucky Wesleyan’s most loyal and dedicated friends, not only through his teaching, but through his genuine concern for the students and his financial support of the college. He has set an example of giving back to Kentucky Wesleyan for 33 years.

A graduate of McMurry College in Abilene, Texas with majors in chemistry and math, Magnuson received his Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry from Kansas University. He was recruited to come to Kentucky Wesleyan by Howard Ramsey, a former McMurry academic dean, serving as the vice president of academic affairs for KWC.

Magnuson said he accepted the position of chairman of the chemistry department in 1969 because “there was a real challenge here – the department was lacking in equipment and needed some new blood.”

He continued, “We have a strong division with Drs. Henry Connor and Bob Flachskam. The success of the students is shared by the entire faculty in the science division.”

One of many strong suits in the chemistry department is the faculty’s effort to stay in touch with alumni. “Through an annual newsletter, we try to keep up with our alumni with news of the department and campus. We also recognize alumni as they achieve milestones in their careers,” Magnuson said. “The entire faculty is extremely proud of our alumni. One of the great satisfactions of teaching is to follow the success of our students.”

Attracting more serious science students has become easier at KWC due in part to the James Graham Brown scholarship program Magnuson said. “That has helped increase the number of students in the sciences and probably helps increase the quality of students.”

The combination of a scholarship and Magnuson persuaded Dr. Arba Kenner ’74 to attend KWC. “Dr. Magnuson was one of the first people I met when I registered at Kentucky Wesleyan. I have always thought the faculty is a big drawing card that keeps students coming and staying. He’s an excellent example of the best that the faculty can be.”

Promoting the need for a science building, Magnuson said, “Kentucky Wesleyan is probably the only four-year college in the country without a free-standing science building. We need this facility for identity purposes. This will lead to better recruitment and retention of students and will attract a high quality of science student. We sacrifice the integrity of the program due to the lack of facilities. And most important, the students deserve better.”

Magnuson financially supports both scholarships and the science building and emphasized that a number of department alumni are also giving back to the college. “Many have given sizeable donations to the new science building. In addition, Dr. Connie White ’76 and her parents, have established an endowed scholarship in recognition of the excellent education she received at Kentucky Wesleyan.”

Following Magnuson’s example, Fred Wright ’80 said, “I always noted that he was a significant donor to the college. That, and my Brown scholarship, created a will within me to also donate. He set a good example in that category… and still does.

“He is my mentor in the purest sense of the word,” Wright said. “I know Dr. Magnuson made an extra effort to help me obtain a National Science Foundation grant and I was probably the second in a long line of KWC students that he has helped obtain acceptance into the program.”

Although Magnuson considers Kentucky Wesleyan his hobby, he enjoys raising roses and likes to travel. He is also very proud of his family. His wife Kirsten Ahnell is a professional musician and principle clarinetist with the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra and a part-time physicians assistant in the Owensboro Mercy Health System emergency room.

His daughter, Dr. Barbara Magnuson Woodward ’88, is an associate professor in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Kentucky. She and her husband Mike have two sons, Weston and Blake, and will adopt a daughter from China this summer. Magnuson said his son Justin is “into Harry Potter and baseball and just completed first grade. He wants one day to occupy an office at KWC with his dad.”

Magnuson’s first wife, Ellie, was also very involved in Kentucky Wesleyan. “She hosted student activities in our home and was president of the Kentucky Wesleyan Woman’s Club that helped establish the Madrigal Dinner,” Magnuson said. Following Ellie’s death in 1989, friends and family endowed a scholarship in her memory and established the Ellie Magnuson Lectures in Literature and Science held each year on campus.

Attesting to the esteem in which students, faculty and alumni hold Magnuson, he has received a number of awards, including Outstanding Teacher, the President’s Award for Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership, the Gus Paris Distinguished Service Award, and the Honorary Alumnus Award.

Fred Wright expressed the feelings of many Kentucky Wesleyan alumni when he said, “Dr. Magnuson is a part of who I am, of what I became and I am better off for having crossed his path.”
Reconnecting with the Northeast

by Joyce Ann Evans

In the 1960s and 70s some 30% of the student population at Kentucky Wesleyan College came from the Northeast United States. Armed with that information and knowing that one of the goals of the college is to increase enrollment, Randy Raskin ’66 spearheaded several events in the Northeast during the week of April 29 – May 3.

KWC participated in a college fair in Poughkeepsie, New York with the help of Tim Brown ’78, Lou Clausen ’54 and Betty Lyons Roy ’70, and a second fair in Edison, New Jersey with the help of Mike Arons ’65, Richard Thompson ’63 and Raskin.

President Wesley Poling and Ron McCracken, vice president of advancement, also attended the week’s activities. After talking with alumni and staff at the college fair, 55 high school students showed an interest in KWC and asked for more information.

Raskin said, “It’s absolutely and positively possible to attract students to KWC from the Northeast again. The cost of attending schools in our area is nearly double that of Kentucky Wesleyan.” Seventeen alumni have also delivered admission packets to guidance counselors at 21 high schools in the New York/New Jersey/Connecticut area. “Getting admission packages out, coupled with college fairs, should bring Kentucky Wesleyan some success in recruiting students,” Raskin continued.

Agreeing with Raskin’s optimism about the ability to recruit students, Betty Roy said, “It’s a great idea for alumni in the Northeast to reconnect after so many years. Our nests have grown empty and we have the time, interest and energy to enjoy other activities. Since we have first hand knowledge of KWC, it makes sense to include us in the recruitment plan.”

Fourteen alumni also gathered for a reception in Edison and seven attended a luncheon in New York City. Both events offered the opportunity for creative and lively discussion on how to increase student enrollment from the Northeast.

The events were a renewal of life for KWC in the Northeast according to Raskin, who is also a trustee for Kentucky Wesleyan. “Northeast alumni are more than happy to hear from the college and want to help. Continued connection will get more alumni involved with the college.”

McCracken was also pleased with the response from the trip. “This is the beginning of an effort that will bring broader benefits to the college, not only with increased enrollment, but with the involvement of Northeast alumni with the college. The alumni I worked with were excited about the college and their experience here as students. It’s a great opportunity to reconnect.”

Roy also talked about the success of the trip. “The gathering at the alumni reception in Edison was the perfect setting to rekindle friendships and meet new alumni. I hope the college will organize other gatherings in the area and I’m happy to help in any way I can. I have a successful career thanks to the faculty at KWC!”

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Left to right: Randy Raskin ’66, Pete Libman ’85, Janet Dombrowski Ingram ’69, Ron McCracken, Tom MacGregor ’69, President Wesley Poling, and Howie “Zeke” Zeimer ’67 attended the alumni luncheon in New York City on May 3.
Alumni Weekend 2002 was filled with great fun and fellowship. In addition to alumni awards being presented during the weekend, reunion dinners and luncheons were held for the classes of 1956-60, 1962, 1971-73 and 1991-93. If you missed this year’s event, mark your calendars now for Alumni Weekend 2003 on April 25-27. We hope to see you!

In addition, both the Class of 1952, who celebrated their 50-year reunion, and Winchester era alumni gathered on campus during Commencement 2002 in May.

2002 Alumni Award Recipients: Christy Hocker Hall, Honorary Alumna Award; Richard Weiss, Honorary Alumnus Award; Arba Kenner ’74, Outstanding Alumna Award; Lairy Nofsinger ’58, Alumni Service Award; Bill McManus, Gus Paris Distinguished Service Award; and Gus Paris, Honorary Alumnus Award. Not pictured: Kathryn Pfister Darr ’74 and Ray Harper ’85, Alumni Achievement Award.

Former KWC Registrar Gus Paris describes the history of the college in Owensboro from “his point of view.”

Entertainment for the Alumni Banquet was provided by the KWSingers of the “Nifty 50s.”

A nostalgic display of memories were enjoyed by all at the reunion dinner of the Classes of 1956-60.

Members of the classes of 1956-60 reminisce at their dinner at Settle Memorial UMC.
During Commencement weekend, the Class of 1952 gathered for their 50 year reunion.

Rosemary Wheeler ’49 and King Richeson ’48 are two of many Winchester era alumni who gathered on campus during Commencement in May.

Members of the Class of 1952 received their 50-year medallion and were honored during Commencement held in May. Front row, l-r: Sybil Sherman Kelly, Elizabeth Henderson Bunch, Sophia Goolman Osborne, Margaret Duley Smith, Jeannette Sharp Curtis and Eleanor Pfister Reynolds. Back row, l-r: Douglas Sasser, Samuel Clark Sr., Billy Joe Cox, Norman Christopher, George Daniel, Norman O’Neal, Lee Mershon, George Webb and Douglas Moseley.


Phil Hoy ’58 of Evansville performs magic for members of the 1956-60 cluster reunion luncheon.

Reunion Class of 1952.


Reunion Class of 1962.
Now accepting board of directors nominations

The Kentucky Wesleyan College Alumni Association board of directors is composed of three officers, 15 directors (officers are elected from these directors), and the past board president. Additionally, the president of each official alumni chapter is a member.

Each year the Alumni Association elects five new board members (directors) to replace those rotating off the board after their three-year term of service. Nominations are now being accepted for these five new directors. Please submit your nominations to the Alumni Office no later than January 24, 2003. To make a nomination, call the Alumni Office at 270-852-3139 or email bmajor@kwc.edu.

Changing lives around the world

In May, the alumni office received an email from Major Bryan Cole ’81, a Fort Boonesborough State Park ranger currently on active duty in Central Afghanistan with the U. S. Army. Cole is working with local leaders to help rebuild that country’s infrastructure. Cole noticed that the children had no school supplies, and he had an idea to ask friends in Kentucky to help provide the supplies for the men in his troop to deliver to local schools.

Highland Elementary Principal Anita Spurrer Newman ’71 and Sarah Major, a second grade teacher (pictured below), answered the call. Through the effort of students, parents and teachers at Highland, five boxes containing nearly 300 pounds of much needed school supplies were sorted, boxed, and shipped. KWC alumni are making a difference and changing lives – around the world.

Alumni award nominations now being taken

Nominations are being accepted for Alumni Awards 2003, which will be presented during Alumni Weekend, April 25-27. Awards to be given include:

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

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

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

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

The Alumni Office must receive nominations for 2003 awards no later than January 24, 2003. To make a nomination, contact the Alumni Office at 270-852-3139 or email bmajor@kwc.edu.

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A gift to restore lost income

by Berry Major ’60

During the past 10 to 15 months plummeting CD rates have caught the attention of every senior adult. CDs that once earned 5% or 6% are now earning 2 and 3%!

Seniors ask: “How can I maintain my income?” Many seniors are finding that taking a portion of their CDs and investing in a charitable gift annuity can restore most, if not all of their lost income.

Consider Helen Wilson. Widowed and 86, Helen receives just under $30,000 each year from her husband’s small pension and his social security. Additionally, when Helen’s husband died in 1988, she invested the net proceeds of his life insurance policy in CDs. Her investment of just under $100,000 at 6% had been producing $6,000 a year. Now, these CDs were generating less than $3,000. Helen would like to restore her CD income to the $6,000 level.

Recently, the planned giving director of Helen’s alma mater made a visit. Since he knew Helen had made a provision in her will to give her CDs to the college, the director suggested she consider giving part of that gift now in order to restore her lost income. At Helen’s current age she could earn 10.8% from an annuity, so he suggested she consider investing about $40,000 in an annuity that would earn $4,352 and leave the balance in CDs. By so doing Helen could continue to earn about $1,800 a year on her CDs, restore her investment income to the $6,000 level she needed with the higher yield annuity, and generate an income tax deduction of over $19,000.

If you have any questions or would like more information about gift annuities, please contact me at 270-852-3139 or email bmajor@kwc.edu.

Did you know...

…that in 1907 the college built a broom factory on the southwest corner of the campus? The sole purpose for the building was to give students a means to work in order to pay for college. The factory turned out quality brooms until it closed in 1910. In 1914 the building was converted into a temporary gymnasium and was used by the college until 1926 when the new and modern Spencer Gymnasium was officially opened.

…that when KWC moved to Owensboro in the fall of 1951 one of its special treasures was carefully crated for the move? It was the heavy stone bust of the goddess Minerva. In the dawn of Valentine’s Day 1905, the main building of the Winchester campus was completely destroyed by fire. The bust of Minerva, one of many gables atop that building, came crashing down, whole and uninjured.

…that Sonny Hall ’71 and his wife Christy arranged for the preservation of the three 30-foot columns from the Administration Building of the Winchester campus (1890-1950) by restoring and moving the columns to the Grove in May 1990. For their generosity, the Grove was renamed Hocker-Hall Grove.

2003 Alumni Weekend
April 25-27

Write it down now!

Make your plans to come home for the weekend.
Alumni Weekend 2003 will be April 25-27

Come celebrate

40th reunion of the Class of 1963

35th cluster reunion for the Classes of 1967, 1968 and 1969

25th reunion for the Class of 1978

15th cluster reunion for the Classes of 1987, 1988 and 1989

Plans are underway for a weekend full of activity and fun

The Class of 1953 will gather to celebrate their 50th reunion and receive their 50-year medallions during Commencement Weekend 2003, May 9-10
The 135th graduating class of Kentucky Wesleyan College received their diplomas on a beautiful spring day in May in Hocker-Hall Grove. Nick Clooney, widely known and respected for his career in the communications field and on-air spokesperson for the American Movie Classics cable channel (and yes, father to George), encouraged graduating seniors to look beyond what they “think” they know and allow the world in front of them to be their tutor.

Seniors gathered at the Owensboro Country Club for Senior Dinner.

Arba Kenner ’74 graciously accepts the Outstanding Alumna Award for 2002.

Dava Kelly and her family pose with family pride.

Flag bearers Megan Fentress and Erin Rastede Eskridge leading the Class of 2002 into the Grove.

Kentucky Governor Paul Patton is presented an honorary doctor of laws degree for his commitment to education.

Bryce Burger takes a moment to reflect.

Going On To Greatness...Going On
In keeping with Commencement tradition, Dr. Poling presents Jeannette Sharp Curtis ’52 with a 50-year medallion.

Instructor Julie Stallings “cords” Thomas Melton at the Senior Breakfast.

Dominique Crisp shares a moment of celebration with her family.

John Jones ’67 was presented an honorary doctor of laws degree in recognition of his many contributions of time and resources to the college.

Jessica Culver and Jill Wyatt pose to capture the moment.

Allison Estes, president of the Student Government Association and student trustee, rings the Millersburg Bell to conclude Commencement 2002.

Proud Panthers.

Panther Pride.

To Greatness... Going On To Greatness
The end of the Changing Lives campaign affords me the opportunity to share with you how your magnanimous support of Kentucky Wesleyan is working to change lives. Be proud of your contribution, and of the educational opportunity offered by your alma mater and the students who take advantage of that opportunity by studying at KWC.

Last January, we opened the exceptionally successful Winchester Campus Community Center to rave reviews by students, faculty and staff alike. This new facility provides space for our community to gather for fellowship, recreation, relaxation, programming, and fun. From the faculty member who sits in the Smith Lounge every morning to read his mail and converse with students, to the staff who pick up departmental mail from the mailroom, to the students who use the Skidmore Exercise Room late in the evening, the Center has been an unqualified success. Kentucky Wesleyan now has a building in which our community spirit can grow and thrive.

Our faculty members are the heart of what makes Kentucky Wesleyan the quality academic institution that it is, and they continue to challenge and inspire our students. Small classes (60 percent of our classes have 15 or fewer students in them) abound and personal attention to student needs and interests come first for our faculty. Dr. John Combs, professor of English, announced his retirement at the end of this year and other faculty will move on to other opportunities. We have responded by hiring talented new faculty to carry on in the tradition of the faculty who taught and mentored you. Throughout all of these changes, our curriculum remains challenging and relevant to today’s graduates. They continue to move on to programs in graduate and professional schools and responsible positions in exciting careers. Employers tell me that they can depend on KWC graduates to be able to think, analyze, and write at high levels.

This progress and achievement would not be possible without the sacrificial and loyal support of alumni and friends of Kentucky Wesleyan. In February, we achieved a significant milestone in our history by successfully concluding the most ambitious fund raising effort in our history. When we embarked on our Changing Lives capital campaign our trustees boldly challenged all who believe in KWC to invest as they never had before to accomplish the vision we held for our future. They set a goal, seemingly unreachable, of $20 million. By the end of the campaign, we had received $23,732,995. Not content to remain there and wanting to go on to greatness, the trustees, and indeed everyone at Kentucky Wesleyan, have set about to raise an additional $4,000,000 to $5,000,000 to finish the transformation of the campus (including a science building and other projects) and to build our endowment. All who have invested in KWC should feel a great sense of satisfaction in what has been achieved.

The road these past few years has not always been easy. Yet our future has never been brighter. Momentum is growing. As we move forward we must have the sustained support and confidence of all of our alumni and friends. Your role in our continued success is vital. I hope you will find an opportunity to come back to campus and re-connect. Share your pride in Kentucky Wesleyan with others, send us students, and invest your time and resources in our future. Because of you, our vision to change lives is a reality. Because of you, this reality will grow and flourish. Because of you, we can go on to greatness.

May we take this opportunity to express a grateful Thank you to each and every donor who generously supported the Changing Lives capital campaign. Your contributions totaled more than $23.7 million far greater than our $20 million goal. Every effort has been made to include and recognize each donor to this campaign. If an error has been made, please write it to our attention. You may contact us at 270-852-3140 or email ronne@kwc.edu.
**Season a success for KWC**

**by Rich Siwanski, Messenger-Inquirer sportswriter**

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Kentucky Wesleyan College became the winningest program in NCAA Division II men’s basketball this year with 1,347 victories. KWC ranked No. 1 in the polls most of the season and wound up with a 31-3 record, marking the fifth year in a row that the Panthers won 30-or-more games and played in the national championship game.

The defending national champs also ranked first in the nation in offense (92 points per game), average scoring margin (21 points), and 3-point shooting percentage (41%) while producing two All-Americans in Ronald Evans and Tyrus Boswell.

The only thing that eluded Wesleyan this season was a ninth national championship. Metro State defeated KWC 80-72 in the title game.

“They were a better basketball team,” Harper said of Metro State. “It came down to defensive stops. You can’t find that many times in the second half where we scored and stopped them in the very next possession.”

Wesleyan led by seven points in the first half and five in the second, but couldn’t find an answer for forward Patrick Mutombo, who curled around low-post picks and got free for midrange jumpers. He scored 23 of his 29 points after intermission.

“They were better defensively and we had turnovers,” Harper said. “But we still could’ve won if we played better defense. Maybe the guys we’ve got returning next year will see that and put an emphasis on it every day.”

“That’s how we won last year. We were a pretty good defensive team, but not as good as this team was offensively.”

Metro State’s pressure defense and matchup zone gave Wesleyan’s high-scoring offense problems. The Roadrunners attached with traps that cut off escape routes, passing lanes and vision lines. Many times, the Panthers struggled to make a pass. “You’ve got to take care of the ball and this team was not a great passing team,” Harper said.

Harper said when Beau Green turned his ankle in the first half, the point guard gutted it out the rest of the game, but was in pain. “It wasn’t meant to be,” Harper said. “The bottom line is, they were a better team.”

Wesleyan won the Great Lakes Valley Conference regular-season title with a 19-1 record. The Panthers lost the GLVC Tournament title to Lewis, but Harper said the come-from-behind win over Southern Indiana in the semifinal game probably assured KWC of hosting the NCAA regional tournament.

Then KWC beat Lewis to win the regional and reach the Elite Eight for a record-breaking 20th time.

Despite its overall dominance, Wesleyan was a team that found itself having to comeback from double-digit deficits. KWC trailed USI by 19 points and won. It trailed Wisconsin Parkside by 17 and won. The Panthers had comeback wins against Lewis and Quincy (13 points down), Findlay (12 points) and Parkside again (11 points).

Wesleyan beat Lewis at Lewis in overtime. KWC’s first GLVC road game at Quincy might’ve been a foreshadowing when the Panthers rallied to win overtime on a Bobby Zuerner rebound basket at the horn.

“This team had a lot of close games because they were sporadic,” Harper said. “They’d have 10-15 real good minutes and then some lulls. They weren’t consistent over 40 minutes, but they could turn it on and put a team away.”

Wesleyan loses six seniors in Evans (19 ppg, six rebounds per game), Boswell (17 ppg, nine rpg), Chris Landry (15 ppg, five rpg), Marshall Sanders (10 ppg, five rpg), DeWayne Floyd (five ppg, five rpg) and Travis Powell (1ppg). Evans, Boswell, Landry and Floyd were starters.

The frontline will need to be replaced, but Wesleyan is off to a good start with 6-foot-7 forward Thad Key and 6-8 center Dean Sullivan Jr. Chris Landry (15 ppg, five rpg), and Marshall Sanders (10 ppg, five rpg) are back.

**2002 Honors and Awards**

- NCAA National Finalist
- NCAA Great Lakes Region Champions
- Great Lakes Valley Conference Champions 19-1 (new record)
- Started and finished the season ranked No. 1 in the nation
- Fifth consecutive 30-win season (all-time NCAA record)
- Fifth consecutive NCAA Championship game appearance (Div. II record)
- All-time winningest Division II team - 1,347 wins
- Best regular season record (25-1) and winning percentage (96.2)
- Longest home court winning streak in the nation - 39
- Second longest winning streak in KWC history - 26
- 12th NCAA Championship game appearance
- 17th NCAA Final Four appearance
- 20th NCAA Regional Championship
- 31st NCAA Tournament Appearance
- 91 NCAA Tournament Wins in 116 games
- 14th Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship

Largest margin to win the GLVC regular season championship - 4 games
Best GLVC road record 9-1 (tied)
Best start in history with one loss 27-1
Broke four KWC records

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**Ronald Evans**

Consensus first-team All-American (*Basketball Times*, *Daktronics*, Div. II *Bulletin* and NABC)
NCAA Great Lakes Regional All-Tournament Team
All-Great Lakes Region first team (NABC and Daktronics)
Great Lakes Valley Conference co-Player of the Year
All-Great Lakes Valley Conference first team
Two-time Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Week
30th career scoring - 1,045 points

**Chris Landry**

CBS Sports/Chevrolet Player of the Game (NCAA Championship)
NCAA Championship All-Tournament Team
NCAA Great Lakes Regional All-Tournament Team
All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honorable mention
Two-time Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Week

**Travis Powell**

Four consecutive 30-win seasons
Four consecutive NCAA championship games
Best Four-Year Record in KWC history: 128-11, 92.1 winning percentage

**Marshall Sanders**

All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honorable mention
Fifth in career blocks - 84

**Bobby Zuerner**

Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Week
Kentucky Wesleyan

SPORTS

Crowder inducted into inaugural GLVC Hall of Fame

Corey Crowder, one of the most celebrated basketball players in KWC history, was one of four individuals inducted into the inaugural Great Lakes Valley Conference Hall of Fame on May 29.

Crowder, a 6 foot 5 inch guard/forward from Carrollton, Ga., became the league’s first Division II National Player of the Year in any sport in 1991, first three-time All-American (1989, 1990 and 1991), first two-time GLVC Player of the Year (1990 and 1991) and the first conference athlete to play in the National Basketball Association (Utah Jazz and San Antonio Spurs).

The all-time leading scorer in KWC history with 2,282 points, Crowder led the Panthers to the 1990 NCAA Championship, four NCAA tournament appearances and four consecutive GLVC championships. During his four years as a starter (1988-91), the Panthers had a 100-24 won-loss record for a winning percentage of 80.6 percent.

Schweitzer drafted by St. Louis Cardinals

The St. Louis Cardinals in the 18th round of the major league draft picked Kentucky Wesleyan College senior pitcher Scott Schweitzer on June 4. The Alexandria, Ky. native led the Panthers with a 2.66 ERA in 11 appearances and three shutouts and tied a team high five wins (5-4). The left-hander recorded a second-best 68 strikeouts in 61 innings pitched and had 10 starts, three complete games and one save. The Great Lakes Valley Conference twice chose Schweitzer as pitcher of the week this past season and the coaches voted him first-team all-conference.

Miller named all-Great Lakes Valley Conference

Megan Miller, a catcher, was named second team All-Great Lakes Valley Conference in softball as voted on by league coaches. The senior from Charlestown, Ind., led the Panthers in seven offensive categories: .403 batting average, .597 slugging percentage, .474 on-base percentage, 40 total bases, 27 hits, 10 doubles, and eight runs batted in. She also was second in runs scored with 10.

The Panthers finished the season with an 8-23 record under first-year head coach Dylan Hammons.

Dream Team Weekend

Kentucky Wesleyan hosted “Dream Team Weekend” — the return of the Panthers eight NCAA Championship teams on February 15 and 16. A total of 44 players, 22 cheerleaders, nine student managers, seven coaches (head and assistants) and 12 athletic staff members from the 1966, 1968, 1969, 1973, 1987, 1990, 1999 and 2001 national championship teams returned for this historic two-day event. This was the first-time in NCAA basketball history that an institution has had all their multi-NCAA basketball champions return at once, not even UCLA (11), Kentucky (7) or Duke (3) has held an event like this.

New coaches

Adam Burgess has been named head men’s golf coach and Rob Wimsatt as the head softball coach. Burgess also serves as the head resident for Kendall Hall and assistant men’s basketball coach and Wimsatt is the director of postal and printing services in the Winchester Campus Community Center.

Joining Wimsatt as an assistant coach will be his wife Patricia. The Wimsatts are the first husband-wife coaching staff in Kentucky Wesleyan athletic history.

www.kwc.edu/athletics
Center jump circle from Winchester campus restored

The center jump circle from the original basketball floor from KWC’s former “Spencer Memorial Gymnasium,” built in January 1926 on the old Winchester campus, has been restored. It will be placed on the wall next to the Boyd Cecil Ranch in the Winchester Campus Community Center. The center jump circle has been preserved to its original look in 1951 when KWC left Winchester, including a purple “W” outlined in white. The Panthers defeated Transylvania, 34-23, in the first game at Spencer Gym on January 9, 1926 and went on to a career home record of 124 wins and 77 losses for a 63.5 winning percentage in 24 seasons (1926-51).

23 student-athletes named academic all-conference

Twenty-three Kentucky Wesleyan Wesleyan College student-athletes were named to the 2002 Great Lakes Valley Conference Winter and Spring Sports All-Academic team. This marks a record 43 student-athletes, including 20 in the fall, named to the GLVC All-Academic squad this year.

The Panthers were led by the college’s second four-time honoree Allison Estes (basketball), a senior from Lewisport, Ky. and three-time selection Kami Vaal (basketball), a junior from Celestine, Ind.

Two-time honorees include Adam Hancock (baseball), a sophomore from Owensboro; Katie Kavanaugh (softball), a junior from Louisville; Selena Morris (softball), a sophomore from Whitesville, Ky.; Travis Powell (basketball), a senior from LaCenter, Ky.; Lydia Purvis (basketball), a sophomore from LaGrange, Ky.; Brandy Reynolds (basketball), a sophomore from Mt. Vernon, Ky.; Carol Richardson (softball), a sophomore from Radcliff, Ky.; and Kelly Waters (basketball), a senior from Cold Spring, Ky.

First-time selections are Christie Alvey (basketball), a junior from Cannelton, Ind.; Andrea Clarke (basketball), a freshman from Guelph, Ontario, Canada; Trey Ferguson (basketball), a junior from Birmingham, Ala.; Adam Gautreau (baseball), a sophomore from London, Ontario Canada; Becky Nix (softball), a freshman from Owensboro; Jamie Neal (basketball), a junior from Franklin, Ky.; Amanda Peters (basketball), a sophomore from Elizabethtown, Ky.; Paul Richardson (baseball), a freshman from Indianapolis; Jeremy Sheetinger (basketball), a sophomore from Frankfort, Ky.; Melissa Solomon (softball), a freshman from Paducah, Ky.; Rick Wood (baseball), a sophomore from Cincinnati, Ohio; January Wilhoit (softball), a freshman from Frankfort, Ky.; and Heather Zoll (softball), a freshman from Lexington, Ky.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a starter or significant substitute and have 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 academic year.

Schweitzer and Gautreau selected All-GLVC

Scott Schweitzer was named to the All-Great Lakes Valley Conference baseball team at two positions and Adam Gautreau received second team honors, as voted on by league coaches.

Schweitzer, a senior from Alexandria, Ky., earned first team recognition as a designated hitter and second team as a pitcher. He batted .295 with 31 hits in 105 plate appearances and knocked in 15 runs with six doubles and three home runs in starting 39 of 41 games played. On the mound, Schweitzer led the Panthers with a 2.66 ERA in 11 appearances and shutouts (3) and tied a team high five wins (5-4). He recorded a second-best 68 strikeouts in 61 innings pitched and had 10 starts, three complete games and one save.

Gautreau, a sophomore pitcher from London, Ontario Canada, threw a second-best 2.89 ERA and tied Schweitzer for most victories (5-4). He led KWC in strikeouts (80), innings pitched (84), starts (12), complete games (4).

Kentucky Wesleyan finished the 2002 season with a 22-23 record under first-year head coach Todd Lillpop. The 22 wins were the most by a first-year head coach in KWC baseball history.

Women’s basketball awards

The KWC women’s basketball team presented three awards at their annual postseason banquet.

The honorees: Best Defensive Player - Kelly Waters, a senior from Cold Spring, Ky.; Most Improved Player - Brandy Reynolds, a sophomore from Mt. Vernon, Ky.; Virginia “Shorty” Harris Combs Most Outstanding Player Award - Kami Vaal, a sophomore from Celestine, Ind. and Amanda Peters, a sophomore from Elizabeth, Ky.

Head coach Tandy Bradford returns four starters and three letterwinners from last season’s young 6-21 squad.

Basketball guide wins award

The Kentucky Wesleyan College men’s and women’s basketball press guide was judged “Best in the Nation” by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) in NCAA Division II, III and NAIA. This marks the 25th CoSIDA publication award and 13th “Best in the Nation” honor for a KWC athletic publication. A panel of sportswriters, radio and television sports broadcasters, graphic artists and printers from across the country judged the publications.
Marian Eloise May Courtney is a retired teacher from Marion Senior High School in Marion, Vir.

Bishop Edward L. Tullis received the 2002 Distinguished Alumni/ae Award from the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in honor of his vision, accomplishments and leadership. Bishop Tullis has been active in several areas of the United Methodist Church, including 35 years as a Methodist minister in Kentucky.

Harry Robin is partially retired and working as a consultant in consumer product acceptance, advertising, sales and marketing and is a vice president of the NERDZ! Corporation. He lives in San Antonio, Tex. and has four children and three grandsons.

Eduardo Hernandez is a Cuban born Juan (Ed) in 1929 to pursue a college education. He earned his B.A. from Kentucky Wesleyan College in 1933 and then taught at KWC while he earned his Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky. He then taught at UK until 1973 when he retired at age 65 as the associate dean of arts and sciences.

I visited with Hernandez for only a few hours, but I too feel hours in the presence of such a man.

Throughout the conversation a fondness for his alma mater was ever present, as was his passion for freedom, patriotism, and charity. Hernandez mostly talked and I listened. The few questions I managed to ask were the result of my persistence as Hernandez had a lifetime to share with me - and he was bound to share it as each experience revealed who he had become. “I owe what I am to the Methodist Church,” he interjected early in our conversation, and then explained how as a young man he had served as translator for a Methodist missionary, an experience that led him both to Methodism and to America.

Hernandez became a U.S. citizen in 1936 and enlisted in the Army Reserve the same day. He later transferred to the Army Air Corps, forerunner of the U.S. Air Force, and retired form the Air Force Reserve at age 60. He enjoyed an illustrious military career, working in both intelligence and language instruction (he speaks eight languages and taught most of them). He was in both WWII and the Korean War and attained the rank of full colonel, “eagle colonel” as he calls it.

One of Hernandez’s great passions is for American patriotism. He treasures his freedom here in America and swells with emotion when he speaks of his liberty. “I could never do enough to repay the people of this great country for what they have done for me,” he stated with tears forming in his eyes. “Let me tell you something... this is the greatest country that ever was. But Americans don't know anything about freedom, because they have never lost it. To me, freedom is sacred. I fly the flag every day,” he continued. “Every day! I put it out the first thing in the morning and don’t take it down until just before I go to bed. I do it for the soldiers. I fly it for them.”

Hernandez’s other great passion is growing flowers, which he delivers to hospitals and other places to brighten people’s days. Every day during the growing season he delivers freshly cut bouquets to the VA Medical Center a few blocks from his home. Dahlias and roses are his favorites. One of the recipients of his bouquets was Pauline Johnson, a nurse at the VA Hospital in the 1980s who now volunteers there. “When I see a flag waving in the breeze, and when I smell the scent of roses,” she told a reporter a couple of years ago, “I think of Mr. Hernandez. He is a good, good man.”

I visited with Hernandez for only a few hours, but I too feel privileged to have spent those hours in the presence of such a “good, good man.”

Flowers and the flag
by Berry Major '60

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**69** 35TH REUNION Alumni Weekend
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Judy Higdon Dixon was named 2001-2002 Elementary School Teacher of the Year for the Owensboro Public School system. She is a kindergarten teacher at Fouст Elementary School.

Jack Head just earned his MBA from Lacrosse University in May and is teaching classes at Indiana and Purdue Universities in business and organizational leadership. He has also contributed his book, *Selective Memories of Vietnam 1969-1970*, to the KWC library. The book can also be found at www.1stBooks.com. He and his wife Nancy have four children, Pam, Eric, Jarvis, and Anna.

**74** John Dew recently facilitated the strategic planning process for the University of Wisconsin – Stout for their largest academic program, Art & Design (850 majors). He also helped the University of Central Oklahoma start a quality initiative. John is director for continuous quality improvement at the University of Alabama.

**75** Roy Pickerill was honored by the College Sports Information Directors of America in NCAA Division II, III and NAIA when the KWC men’s and women’s basketball press guide was judged “Best in the Nation.” This marks the 25th CoSIDA publication award and the 13th “Best in the Nation” honor for Roy who is assistant public relations director and sports information director at KWC. He received his award at the CoSIDA convention on July 3 in Rochester, N. Y. Roy’s wife, Margaret Stinetten Pickerill ’75, is a teacher at Audubon Elementary School.

**76** David Oaks is a minister at Lewisport, Ky. United Methodist Church and is the founder of the Hancock County food pantry.

**78** 25TH REUNION Alumni Weekend
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Dr. Joel Johnston has joined The Hancock Medical Practice, and provides family medical care from infants to elderly, including ambulatory and urgent care.

**80** Gary Bielefeld has been named director of the learning resource center at Daymar College in Owensboro.

Ben Foster and his wife Sheila have a son, Dylan Keith Foster, born on February 27, who joins big brother Derek. Ben is an associate professor of accountancy at the University of Louisville.

**81** Major Bryan Cole is serving the United States Army in Afghanistan as a civil affairs officer assigned to the 489th CA Bn. He is a coalition humanitarian liaison cell team leader working in central Afghanistan and helping local leaders rebuild the country’s schools, roads, bridges and water wells.

**82** Russell Coomes is coordinator of student services with the Harrison School District in Colorado Springs, Col. He and his wife Laura have three children, Rusty and twins Katie and Kelly.

**86** Bob Durham is a minister/adjunct professor of religion/writer. He and his wife, Mary, live in Woodstock, Ga.

Penny Mills Kramer recently passed the Human Resource Certification Institute’s Senior Professional in Human Resource exam. She works at Williams Gas Pipeline – SouthCentral as a human resource business partner.

Frankie E. Kuntz has been promoted to product development research specialist with Swedish Match.

**91** Candice Jenkins has been promoted to vice president, corporate controller at Old National Bancorp.

Ty Stauffer has recently joined Benefit Resource Inc. in Owensboro as an account manager. He is married to Jennifer Frakes Stauffer ’90.

**92** Brad Bates and Gina Benson Bates ’92 are the proud parents of Hollan Elyse Bates, born in November 2001, who joins big brother Jacob. Brad was promoted to lieutenant with the Kentucky State Police and is the commander of the records branch in Frankfort. Gina is loss control specialist with Enterprise Rent-A-Car of Kentucky. They live in LaGrange, Ky.

Sue Chappell Martin and her husband Glenn Thomas Martin ’93 have a second daughter, Abigail Kathleen, born November 27, 2001, who joins big sister Carissa. Glenn is director of development for The King’s Academy. They live in Royal Palm Beach, Fla.

Bryanna Russelburg married Ty Polivick on November 16, 2001. She is employed at Brenntag Mid-South.

Charles Wooden lives in Louisville, Ky. and works in web development. He has a son, Skylar.

**93** Veronica (Julie Eaton) Parker and her husband Michael welcomed their first child, Rachel Chloe, into the world on April 9.

Becky Stinnett has been appointed assistant motherhouse administrator for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph in Owensboro. She has a master’s degree in management from Brescia University.

**94** Lori Coghill married Todd Thurman on November 21, 2001. A social studies teacher at Owensboro
High School, she has her master of arts degree in history from Western Ky. University.

Chris Lord has opened a restaurant in Owensboro called Beyond The Brim Coffeehouse Café.

Karen Diane Smith is an attorney with the Legislative Research Commission in Frankfort, Ky.

John Sublett has joined Owensboro Heart and Vascular, overseeing the cholesterol clinic and anticoagulation clinic. He specializes in preventative cardiology and anticoagulation therapy. He has his bachelors and masters degrees in nursing from Western Kentucky University and is a decorated Gulf War veteran.

Catherine Ebben married Eric Sherrard on June 1. She received a master of science degree in justice administration from the University of Louisville in May 2001 and is the assistant dean of students at Kentucky Wesleyan.

Michael Brent Hardin married Mary Jeanette Rowe on December 29, 2001. He is employed with Commonwealth Community Bank as a loan officer and lives in Central City, Ky.

Denean Hedges Hendren is a family nurse practitioner at the Jackson Clinic. She and her husband Seth live in Jackson, Tenn.

Becky VanMeter is a financial analyst with NCS HealthCare in Columbus, Ohio. She is working on her MBA at Ashland University.

Chad Gish has been promoted to detective in the armed robbery unit of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department’s Criminal Investigation Division. He has been with the department for four years.

Ben Hoak married Kelsey Marie Mahl on March 23. He is a middle school teacher at Heritage Christian School in Owensboro.

Kristopher Kemp has passed the Uniform Certified Public Accountants Exam.

Michelle Kirkendoll Morris is a registered nurse with Archbold Northside Behavioral Healthcare Center. She and her husband Michael live in Thomasville, Ga.

Tanya Roberts and Jeremy Scott Lancaster were married April 20. She is an office administrator for United Parcel Service.

Dr. Angelo Stergiou is a medical doctor in Hagen, Germany and has been accepted for residency at the University of Essen in Essen, Germany, in cardiothoracic surgery and will also be involved in research in that medical field.

Anne Trobaugh is development director with the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns Foundation. She lives in Kokomo, Ind.

Brian Benjamin married Elizabeth Linder ‘00 on July 13. They are both teachers with the Owensboro Public Schools.

Gordon Evans (Nichols) is an attorney with Reminger & Reminger in Columbus, Ohio. He graduated from Capital Law School in May 2001 and passed the Ohio bar in July 2001.

Heather Mercer married Richard Scott Rogers on October 13, 2001. She is a language arts teacher at Drakes Creek Middle School in Bowling Green, Ky.

David Merlo and his wife Anna Goodman Merlo ’97 have bought a new home in Covington, Ky.

Kimberly Shaver married Bart Shain on May 18. She graduated from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry in May.

Senica Taylor finished his student teaching at Madison Central High School in Richmond, Ky. He received his masters in music/vocal performance in May 2001 and will receive a masters in teaching from Eastern Kentucky University in August. His wife Veronica Power Taylor ’99 works for Kentucky River Foothills, a community action agency. She received a masters in public administration from Eastern in May 2001.


Carrie Bridgeman married Scott Wedding on July 20. She is employed at Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport.

Leigh Ann Brown married Ronald G. Sweat Jr. on February 2. She is manager of the Owensboro AREA Bank.

Amy Howard married Kevin Dean Lowe on June 15. She is an elementary teacher at Highland Elementary School in Owensboro and is working toward a masters degree in education from Western Kentucky University.

Jill Suwanski has joined the law firm of Tart, Stettinus, and Hollister as an associate in the Cincinnati, Ohio office. She earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law in May.

Jason Thatcher is currently in the MBA program at the University of Louisville. He is divisional manager of Safety-Kleen Corporation/Office. He and his wife Kendra, have two children, Isaac and Nicholas.

Jude Edward Blair graduated from the prosthetic certification program at Northwestern University Medical School. He is a registered technician in prosthetics.

Bernie Eskridge married Erin Rastede ‘01 on June 8. Bernie is a student at the University of Louisville School of Medicine and Erin is a teacher.

Holly Dianne Estes married Eric Ray Simpson on April 21, 2001. She works as a youth services coordinator at the Hancock County Middle School and High School and teaches at Oakland City University.

Terri Helm is employed by Owensboro Mercy Health System. She has been a certified diabetes educator since 1996 and is past president of the Tri-State Association of Diabetes Educators.

Lauren “Nicole” Henry is an accountant with Miles Seed and lives in Owensboro with her daughter, Kaela Michelle.

Jeremy Kemplin is business manager with Enterprise. He and his wife, April, live in Hartford, Ky. with their daughter Gracie Rae.

Shannon Linton received her masters degree in social work in May from the College of Social Work at the University of South Carolina. She is employed as a program coordinator for Family Connection of South Carolina, Inc., a support and advocacy network for families who have children with special needs, chronic illness and developmental delays.

Mary Pfiefer is regional placement coordinator for the Children’s Review Program in Louisville.

Rachel Pharris will marry Thomas Rigby on August 24. She is a chemistry graduate student at Vanderbilt University and lives in Nashville.

Brandon Quisenberry has joined Swedish Match as a chemical analyst 1.

James Sizemore recently received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fl.

Michelle Thompson married Aaron Sumner on July 20. She is an employee benefits specialist at AREA Trust Company.

Melissa Smith received her masters of fine arts degree from the Owensboro Academy.
Jennifer Burks married Jay Keener on June 1. She holds the position of aging case manager at Green River Area Development District.

Kyle Craighead married Samantha Adkins on June 1. He is attending the University of Louisville School of Dentistry.

Katy Evans is a 5th grade teacher at the 5-6 Center in the Owensboro Public School system.

Amy Hawkins recently graduated from the Kentucky Police Corps Academy in Richmond, Ky. She is currently working as a patrol officer for the Lexington Police Department.

Tina Burger Kippenbrock married Brad Kippenbrock on November 10, 2001. She is in the accounting department at Crane Naval Base. She and Brad live in Jasper, Ind.

Karissa Krahwinkel is an international student ministry intern at the University of Kentucky. She and Jeremy Porter are engaged to be married December 28.

Evon Rowe and Kelly Nelson ’01 were married on June 8.

April Taylor married Richard Allen Johnson Jr. on June 8. She is a bridical consultant at Abbingdon’s Bridal House in Owensboro.

Bo Alexander is serving as a missionary in Nice, France through the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Kimberly Baugh and Brandon Taylor married on June 1. Brandon attends the University of Louisville School of Dentistry.

Amanda Bender is working on a masters degree in mental health counseling at the University of Cincinnati.

Leland Civils is attending the University of Louisville graduate school of chemistry.

Aron Contratto is attending the United States Marines Corps Officers Candidate School in Quantico, Va.

Michael Cox and Anna Chalkley ’02 were married in June. Michael has signed with the army as a nurse and plans to work in medical administration. Ana will be working on her master of fine arts at Baylor University.

Dominique Crisp was accepted into Transworld Schools where she will earn certification to teach English abroad.

Karen Ellis is membership development specialist with the Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana and lives in Lewisport, Ky.

Brook Howard is a branch management associate in Louisville with National City Corporation.

Gene Reaney is working on a masters degree in clinical psychology at Murray State University.

Travis Siewert was awarded the Reager Harris scholarship from the Kentucky Society of CPAs Educational Foundation. He has been accepted into the University of Southern Indiana’s masters of accounting program.

Jill Thompson is working as a youth counselor at the Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children and Youth in Owensboro.

Emili Williams is a Spanish teacher in the Hancock County, Ky. school system.

Frank Wintrich is strength and conditioning coach at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. He will be working on his masters degree in sports and fitness management.

Matthew Hughes works at Tri-State Broadcasting in Owensboro.

Crystal Martin is employed in a clinical laboratory performing cancer research for the Department of Pathology at the St. Louis University School of Medicine.

Charlie McCaslin has been accepted to the University of Louisville Medical School.

Barry Phelps works in the IT department with KCRTCS at the Hopkinsville, Ky. Community College.

Ft. Myers, Fla. alumni gathered in February for their annual get-together hosted by Truman ’38 and Trudy Ellis ’40 Morris.
Everyone has heard that the family that prays together stays together. The Phelps family decided to take that theory a bit further and attended college together. Barry and Michaelene Phelps and their son Brad are the first family to attend Kentucky Wesleyan College at the same time. In fact, the family made history by graduating on the same day, they are all alumni from the class of 2002.

Barry and Michaelene earned a bachelor of science degree in computer science with a minor in business. Brad earned bachelor of science degrees in computer science and business.

When Barry Phelps began preparing for his college future, Michaelene and Barry were eager to help him. After searching many colleges and universities, Brad decided that Kentucky Wesleyan College was the place for him to be. “Not only did the staff, faculty and campus persuade my decision for KWC, but they also offered me a wonderful scholarship. Joe Wilk, director of information services, offered me a job working for computer services which allowed me to work, earn money and gain experience around my class schedule.”

Michaelene never thought about college because of the cost. “I didn’t think that college would be something that I could afford. But once we discovered the affordability of a college education, I told Barry that I wanted to go to school. Then Barry decided that if Brad and I are going to earn a degree, then he would too.” Now, the entire family has earned college degrees.

Before enrolling at KWC, Michaelene and Barry needed to take some classes to qualify for scholarships at KWC. They attended Owensboro Community College for a year. While there, Scott Kramer, the registrar at KWC at the time, kept in touch with Michaelene and Barry to ensure that they took only classes that would transfer to KWC and that would apply toward their degrees.

“We didn’t waste any time. Every class we took at OCC transferred, which allowed us to graduate in four years,” Barry said. “Because of our grades in the first year of classes, KWC offered Michaelene and I scholarships and assistance.” Also, Dean Mike Fagan worked with them to enter into the internship program, which allowed them to receive on the job experience to go along with their degrees.

They also became involved in campus life. Michaelene and Barry were members of Alpha Chi, the Honor Society of KWC. Brad was president of his fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and he was a member of the computer resource committee, the Greek council and senior gift committee.

“Going to school as a family has been an enjoyable and fulfilling experience,” Michaelene said. “By helping each other with homework and attending classes together, we remained close. We are lucky that we were all able to go through this experience together.”
Activities and Events

August
20 Classes begin
22 Opening Convocation
24 Winchester picnic
30 Football at So. Illinois, 7 pm
Volleyball at Spalding, TBA
31 Men’s soccer at Western Ky., 7 pm
Women’s soccer at Lambuth, TBA

September
2 Labor Day (no classes)
3 Volleyball vs. Oakland City, 6 pm
6 Tennis at St. Joseph’s, TBA
7 Women’s soccer vs. Hanover, Noon
Football at Southwest Baptist, 1:30 pm
Tennis at Lewis, TBA
7-8 Volleyball at Cumberland Tournament, TBA
10 Volleyball at Bellarmine, TBA
11 Women’s soccer at Berea, TBA
12 Football at Tenn. Martin, 6:30 pm
13 Tennis at SIU Edwardsville, TBA
14 Tennis at Missouri St. Louis, TBA
17 Volleyball vs. Spalding, 6 pm
Tennis at Southern Indiana, TBA
19 Volleyball at Campbellsville, TBA
20 Men’s soccer vs. Bellarmine, Noon
Women’s soccer vs. Bellarmine, 2:30 pm
Tennis vs. Indianapolis, TBA
Volleyball at St. Joseph’s, 7 pm
21 Football vs. Lincoln, Apollo Stadium, 1:30 pm
Tennis vs. No. Kentucky, TBA
Tennis vs. Bellarmine, TBA
Volleyball at Indianapolis, 1 pm
24 Volleyball at Cumberland, 5 pm
26 Volleyball vs. Indiana Southeast, 6 pm
27 Men’s soccer at Southern Indiana, Noon
Women’s soccer at Southern Indiana, 2:30 pm
28 Volleyball at Quincy, 1 pm

October
29 Men’s soccer at Missouri St. Louis, Noon
Women’s soccer at Missouri St. Louis, 2:30 pm

November
1 Volleyball vs. No. Kentucky, 7 pm
2 Football vs. Quincy, Reid Stadium, 1:30 pm
Volleyball vs. Bellarmine, 1 pm
3, 8-10 Women’s soccer at GLVC Tournament, TBA
5 Volleyball at Southern Indiana, 7 pm
6, 9-10 Men’s soccer at GLVC Tournament, TBA
8 Volleyball vs. Missouri St. Louis, 7 pm
Men’s basketball vs. St. Mary’s (exhibition in Canada), 6 pm
9 Volleyball vs. Cumberland, Reid Stadium, 1:30 pm
Volleyball vs. SIU Edwardsville, 1 pm
10 Men’s basketball vs. St. Francis Xavier (exhibition in Canada), 6 pm
11 Leadership Day (no day classes)
14-15 Volleyball at GLVC Tournament, TBA
16 Football vs. Bethel, Reid Stadium, 1:30 pm
Women’s basketball at Toledo (exhibition), 3 pm
22-23 Women’s basketball at Missouri Rolla Tournament, TBA
25 Men’s basketball vs. Illinois Springfield, 7:30 pm
27-29 Thanksgiving holidays (no classes)
30 Men’s basketball vs. Southern Indiana, 5:15 pm
Men’s basketball vs. Southern Indiana, 7:30 pm

Home events in bold, all times Central.

Send or email us your news!

Name __________________________________________ Year graduated ______ Home phone _______________________

Address ______________________________________ City _____________________ State ________ Zip ___________

Spouse name ____________________________________ Year spouse graduated if alumna/alumnus ________

Occupation _____________________________________ Occupation of spouse ___________________________

Your maiden name ________________________________

Name of your business/location ______________________

Your title ________________________________________ Business phone __________________ Email address ______________________

Name/ages of children ______________________________

Additional news such as honors, awards, promotions, etc. _________________________________________________________

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