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Findings

Finding Answers

by Dawn Ralph ’04

A Kentucky Wesleyan alumnus is part of a team that has discovered a novel disease known as creatine transporter deficiency.

Yes, I can

When A. J. Smith ’71 arrived on the Kentucky Wesleyan campus in 1967, he thought his dream of a career in professional football was over due to a serious head and neck injury.

A Student’s Perspective

Sarah Burden ’05 reflects on KWC.
Dear Members of the KWC Community

2010: Leaping into the Future…that’s what we are doing these days at Kentucky Wesleyan College!

For the past six months we worked weekly on a strategic plan for Kentucky Wesleyan College. Normally, writing a plan takes more than 18 months from beginning to end, especially when a diverse group is involved. But we did it in six months!

Who were the miracle workers? They were members of the President’s Cabinet, faculty, staff, alumni, board and community members, each with a passion to see Kentucky Wesleyan College leap into the future We put daily activities aside to design and develop a better plan to educate our students. Why? Because it was time to do this, but more importantly, our students are our future.

We, at Kentucky Wesleyan College, are now accountable for our future with this strategic plan. For the first time, we are sharing this plan and our dreams with the community. For the first time in our history, we are asking you to judge our progress over the next five years.

Before we know it, 2010 will be here and we must be a different college. We must answer the needs of our students as they live, pray and work in a global society. Their adult lives will be unlike ours. We must prepare them for a world that we can only imagine. That is what a liberal arts college with a career focus must do.

So join us as we attempt more changes than ever before at Kentucky Wesleyan College. When you see our accomplishments, give us praise. When you see us stumble, give us a helping hand for we cannot do this alone. What we accomplish is not only good for our students, staff and faculty at Kentucky Wesleyan College, but for all of us in the community.

We are educating students differently at Kentucky Wesleyan College. Come join us!

Anne Cairns Federlein, Ph.D.
President
KENTUCKY WESLEYAN COLLEGE
Strategic Plan
“2010 – Leaping into the Future”

1. Academic Excellence
To establish and maintain high academic standards for superior faculty, leadership, and curricula that will attract strong students and faculty.

2. Student Life Enrichment
To enrich the student-life experience while attending KWC by making available opportunities beyond academic study that promote healthy relationships and values, social and community service, and life-long learning.

3. College Vitality
To stimulate and enrich College vitality through expanded academic offerings, upgraded facilities and new educational initiatives. This enhanced vitality will add a diverse group of students and faculty to the college and will spawn additional investment from private, corporate and public sources.

4. Partnership with United Methodist Church
To partner with the United Methodist Church, creating channels and opportunities for students to pursue a superior education in an environment that supports and promotes Christian values and embraces all religions in ecumenical fellowship.

5. Image
To increase awareness and understanding of Kentucky Wesleyan as an excellent liberal arts college that focuses on preparing and inspiring students for life-long learning, service and career.

Vision Statement
Kentucky Wesleyan College, in partnership with the United Methodist Church, will be the flagship liberal arts college of excellence in the South.

Mission Statement
Kentucky Wesleyan College, in partnership with the United Methodist Church, fosters a liberal arts education that nourishes, stimulates and prepares future leaders intellectually, spiritually and physically to achieve success in life.
New Trustees join the board

The KWC Board of Trustees has three new members. Roger Hayes ’72 is president of Huffman Corporation and Springfield Manufacturing in Clover, S.C. Joseph Kenny ’60 retired after 34 years as vice president of the Fine Paper Division of Herff Jones, Inc., in Indianapolis. Allen Morris is the owner of Burdorf’s Furnishings in Louisville. New ex-officio members include Dr. Roger Gardner, KWC professor of health and physical education and Brandon Ellis, a KWC senior who serves as president of the Student Government Association.

The new chairman of the Board of Trustees is Wayne Foster ’69. Owensboro small business owner and 2005 Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce Entrepreneur of the Year. Mitch Settle ’83, senior vice president of Hilliard Lyons of Owensboro, is the new vice chair, and Chuck Melander, partner in Gulfstream Development, LLC in Owensboro, is secretary.

Students experience Belize

During spring break 2005, 13 KWC students braved the warm tropical waters of Belize to experience the habitats and organisms they had been studying during the previous seven weeks. The Tropical Marine Biology class (Areka Collinsworth, Sarah Bell, Angela Fong, Josh Fuqua, Alex Harlan, D. Scott Harris, Krystal May, Casey Quisenberry, Emma Rylan, Erik Salisbury, Derrick Stratton, Michelle Wälkley, and Matt Yaeger) snorkeled in a variety of exotic-named reef communities—Mexico Rocks, Tres Cocos, Pillar Coral, Coral Gardens, the Mangroves, Hol Chan...and ultimately, Shark-Ray Alley.

Professor of Biology David Oetinger accompanied the students and said, “Students quickly realized the inadequacy of textbook descriptions and photos—there is no substitute for being in another organism’s habitat...even if it is that of a green moray eel or a nurse shark, especially during the night snorkle!”

The last full day in Belize was spent traveling inland to a Mayan site 3 miles from Guatemala–Xunanuntich (“stone lady,” built some time between 150 and 900 A.D.). Oetinger said, “The panoramic view from atop the 130 foot high temple, El Castillo, was breath-taking and perhaps rivaled some of the other “ultimate experiences” like snorkeling the reef. Learning about Mayan culture from a knowledgeable tour guide whetted our appetites for future similar experiences. Returning to an inch or two of snow in Louisville definitely made the trip seem to be an ‘other worldly’ adventure.”

KWC supports Tsunami relief

The Kentucky Wesleyan community (students, faculty and staff) raised almost $1,000 for Tsunami victims, just by dropping money into a jar during spring registration. The donations were passed on to the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Biology Professor David Oetinger and 13 Kentucky Wesleyan students sailed the warm tropical waters of Belize during spring break.
Technology Enhancements

All 15 buildings at KWC will be wireless this fall to enhance teaching and learning support, to capture the network, check e-mail, and browse the internet anywhere on campus. Each student will be given a USB Flash Drive to store and transport their electronic data anywhere and everywhere, on or off-campus. The student’s data will include class assignments, homework, papers, documents and presentations. It will enable students to store almost 10 times more data than they were previously allowed under the old system.

The college upgraded all campus e-mail clients to improve information management, communication and increased compatibility with other technology equipment. KWC is also partnering with DellTM to enable students to purchase computer notebooks and other equipment at educational discount prices.

Senior citizen free benefits

Senior citizens, 62 years and older, may now enroll in up to six hours in classes at Kentucky Wesleyan for credit or audit per semester. This is a free benefit. Academic Dean Mike Fagan said, “We want to give something back to the community and the generation that has been so kind to us.”

New academic programs

Kentucky Wesleyan announced another six new academic majors and minors this fall, including majors in corporate communications, public administration, theatre, and zoology, as well as minors in health and forensic science. These additional programs give a total of 10 new programs available to students for the 2005 – 2006 academic year.

History professor publishes book

Sean Busick, KWC assistant professor of history, recently published a book titled “A Sober Desire for History,” with the University of South Carolina Press. The book is an in-depth look at the significant role William Gilmore Simms played in the development of American historical studies. Simms (1806-1870) was widely regarded as the antebellum South’s foremost man of letters. Busick has his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina.

Faculty and staff honored

The following faculty and staff were honored this spring for their outstanding contributions to Kentucky Wesleyan College.

Bill Kolok, professor of art, was presented the President’s Award for Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership for 2005. He earned his MFA in sculpture at the University of Georgia. Kolok has taught at KWC for 26 years.

Kurt Noll, assistant professor in religion, received the outstanding Teacher Award as voted by the student body. He earned his master of theology and Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary. He taught at KWC for four years.

Bill Kolok

Kurt Noll

Campus Ministries

During spring break KWC organized a team of 23 students and staff to aid in hurricane cleanup in the Pensacola, Fl. area. The team helped replace a roof, construct a fence, repair water-damaged homes and clean up debris. Students worshiped together each day and joined in the life of the Gonzalez United Methodist Church.

Additional student mission activities included a trip to Lake Junaluska for the SEJ ministry exploration event and a retreat at Rough River and Camp Loucon.

This summer a two-week, five-week and ten-week team of students served in Wroclaw, Poland, and a team of students returned to Nice and St. Paul, France for mission work.

Business department shines

The Department of Business became one of nearly 200 colleges and universities in America, Europe and Asia to receive international accreditation from the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education. The accreditation recognizes the achievement of quality in the academic business programs, the effectiveness of student learning and the operation effectiveness of the business unit.

“This is the ultimate honor and recognition for our business degree programs, our students and faculty, and Kentucky Wesleyan College as a whole,” said Jim Welch, chair of the KWC business department. “Our students and their future employers demand that we provide an educational model that develops a useful business curriculum and requires students to be able to demonstrate they can apply what they have learned in the real world. The IACBE supports and promotes best practices in business education.”

Kentucky Wesleyan was one of only two institutions from Kentucky to receive international accreditation.
31st annual trip to New York

Kentucky Wesleyan College celebrated its 31st annual trip to New York City during spring break with a group of 33, including 11 KWC students, members of the Owensboro community and KWC alumni.

The group had a full agenda, attending seven Broadway shows, and touring St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Greenwich Village, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, the United Nations, ABC and Good Morning America, China Town, Wall Street, Ground Zero, Central Park, and the Federal Reserve Bank.

Several museums were also on the tour – Metropolitan Museum of Art, Lower East Tenement Museum and the American Museum of Financial History. Randy Raskin ’66 met with the group at the Empire State Building where his office is located. Bill Taylor, a native of Owensboro and a merger and acquisition attorney, also met with the group. In addition, the group was able to go backstage of the play “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels” to meet the actors and see how the stage is set up. Basketball fans enjoyed a Knicks game.

Accompanying the New York tour this year were Jim Welch, chair of the business department, Dr. Richard Weiss, Janie Coomes ’87, Wes Bartlett and Brandon Bartlett ’98.

Welch related an interesting sidebar to the trip. “Sarah Everly ’05 and Joey Mercer ’04 were on their honeymoon in New York while we were there and joined us for a play and dinner.”

Working together

Graduates of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, who have earned an associate of arts or associate of science degree, will be able to begin on their academic major immediately and graduate in two years without taking more general education courses, according to the new block transfer policy at Kentucky Wesleyan College. According to Ken Rasp, dean of admission and financial aid, “Another plus to the block transfer is it will allow students to build a second major or a minor.”

Greg Labyak, dean of academic affairs at Owensboro Community and Technical College added, “We are delighted to hear that our students can now satisfy all of Kentucky Wesleyan’s general education requirements by completing our Associate in Arts or Associate in Science program. This important development allows a seamless transition between institutions that should encourage more OCTC graduates to pursue a baccalaureate degree right here in Owensboro. I expect that many of them will take advantage of this special opportunity.”

Chamber music series

Through the generosity of Dr. Paul Hagan, a long time friend of the KWC music department, Kentucky Wesleyan and the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra are partnering to create a new chamber music series. The series will feature players from the Owensboro Symphony in a variety of instrumental combinations and musical styles. The free Sunday concerts begin at 2pm October 9 in the Hager Performance Hall in the Ralph Center. There will be additional performances on November 20, February 12, 2005, and March 5, 2005.

“Many people have been expressing interest in hearing chamber music, and we are so fortunate to have all the resources available through Kentucky Wesleyan College and the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra,” said Diane Earle, chair of the department of communication and fine arts and education co-coordinator of the Symphony. “This will enhance our musical life in Owensboro, and add another dimension to our music-making and listening.”
Speakers visit campus

Kentucky Wesleyan College and the Owensboro community enjoyed several speakers on campus during the Spring 2005 semester.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day featured Adrian M. Brooks Sr., pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, who spoke on “Martin Luther King Jr.: Heroes and Symbols.” Brooks has produced over 40 ministries to the Evansville community including a child-care center, substance abuse counseling, computer lab, youth education programs and family life components.

John Biggs, professional engineer with the United States Army Corp of Engineers, spoke to students and the community on “Reconstruction of Iraq.”

“Doing Business in China” was a seminar on campus that featured current student Tianpian Wang from China, and two KWC trustees, Allen Morris, owner of Burdorf’s Furnishings in Louisville, and Randy Raskin ’66, owner of Coach’s Choice Apparel in New York City.

Welcome to KWC

Kentucky Wesleyan welcomes the following new faculty members: Randall Bergman, assistant professor of health and physical education. He is completing his Ph.D. in public/community health at the University of Tennessee where he was a graduate assistant for two years.

The business department added Debra Hunter as associate professor of accounting and business. She has been an assistant professor at Louisiana College for the past six years.

Deborah Russell is assistant professor of library science. She has a master’s degree in library and information science from Indiana University.

New staff include: Claude Bacon, assistant to the president; Lauren Werner ’05, admission counselor; Jessica Stein, student life housing assistant and RD in Peeples; and Cheryl Schermerhorn, RD in Kendall.

KWC partners with Family YMCA

Kentucky Wesleyan and the Owensboro Family YMCA announced a partnership that will allow full-time KWC students to utilize their facility beginning September 1, according to KWC Dean of Student Life Scott Kramer and CEO Dean Ehrenheim of the Family Y.

“This is a win-win situation for Kentucky Wesleyan and the Family YMCA,” said Kramer. “This wellness initiative is a direct result of student input to provide better exercise opportunities to our campus. We are delighted to partner with the Family YMCA on this endeavor.”

As part of the agreement, the Family YMCA will extend their hours from 10 p.m. to midnight, Monday through Thursday, to accommodate KWC students along with their current members.

Ehrenheim said, “It works for the students, because they can make use of the facilities anytime of day. It also serves the college by creating more value for students choosing KWC. I also feel that this closer new relationship will create more opportunities for KWC students to do more internships and service volunteering at the YMCA.

“Building health spirit, mind, and body for all is part of our mission and fits very nicely with Kentucky Wesleyan’s new mission statement. I’m really excited for what this new partnership will do for the Family Y, the students and KWC,” Ehrenheim added.

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An author, a teacher, a financial analyst, an executive director, a scientist, banker, dentist, lawyer, marketing director, minister, environmental protection specialist, and CPA… just a small glimpse of some of our alumni success stories. And they’re all featured in the Class Notes section of this edition of Kentucky Wesleyan Today.

Kentucky Wesleyan College continues to provide the foundation for these and many other alumni success stories.

Providing scholarships through the General Scholarship Fund is only possible because of your support. Your gift insures the Kentucky Wesleyan experience is passed on to our students – from generation to generation. On behalf of our students, thank you.

I hope to see you at the dedication and open house for the Yu Hak Hahn Center for the Sciences on September 30, at 1:30 p.m.
The Alumni Association invites all alumni to submit nominations for directors to the Alumni Board and/or for alumni awards to be presented at the next Alumni Weekend, April 28-29, 2006. Awards include Outstanding Alumnus/a, Alumni Achievement, Alumni Service and the Gus Paris Distinguished Service Award. Nominations are due no later than January 15, 2006. Call 270-852-3139 or e-mail bmajor@kwc.edu.

During the 1910-1911 basketball season, KWC defeated the University of Kentucky 21 to 19. The star of that game was John Tigert, and the Courier-Journal reported that “some of the best playing seen on the floor this season was done by Tigert,” who played center for the Wesleyan team. “But for his excellent play,” the C-J went on to say, “the game would have ended differently.” Tigert was then the 14th president of Kentucky Wesleyan College.

The Alumni Directory is on schedule to be distributed during the first quarter of 2006.
A record-breaking crowd of more than 1,200 alumni and guests attended 14 different events during Alumni Weekend 2005, highlighted by the Alumni Dinner on Saturday night. The following alumni awards were presented:

Dewey Sanders ’58 and Dr. Lori Griffin

Byron ’80, Alumni Achievement; KWC Professor of Music Dr. Diane Earl, Gus Paris Distinguished Service award: Joyce Ann Evans and Ron McCracken, Honorary Alumni; Berry Major ’60, Outstanding Alumnus award.
Honored Alumni

The 2005 Alumni Hall of Fame honorees included the following distinguished Alumni: Reverend U. V. W. Darlington, 1893, Bishop of the United Methodist Church (deceased); the Honorable Ellen Ewing ’67, the first woman judge to sit on the Louisville/Jefferson County bench (deceased); Pro Football Hall of Fame Director Richard (Dick) Gallagher ’31 (deceased); laser optics scientist and successful entrepreneur, Dr. Yu Hak Hahn ’58; George Tinsley ’69, professional basketball player and restaurant entrepreneur; and Terry Woodward ’62, Chairman and CEO of Wax Works.
The inauguration of Anne Cairns Federlein, Ph.D., as the thirtieth president of Kentucky Wesleyan College took place on April 29. On July 1, 2004, she was named the first woman to serve in this capacity in the 146-year history of the college and the first woman president in the history of the three Kentucky Methodist colleges – KWC, Lindsey Wilson and Union.

President Federlein said in her inaugural speech, “When I accepted the Presidency at this wonderful, faith based college, I left Ohio to come to Kentucky to lead the institution into a new era with a new vision and mission.

“...in a very short time we have a new mission statement that says: Kentucky Wesleyan College, in partnership with the United Methodist Church, fosters a liberal arts education that nourishes, stimulates and prepares future leaders intellectually, spiritually and physically to achieve success in life.

“I was called to lead Kentucky Wesleyan College out of a position of struggle and to reinforce a quality liberal arts education that addresses mind, body and spirit. As I walk this difficult path of change, I always strive to do the right thing for my colleagues, family, friends, but most of all for our students.

“We walk together in a new era...one where faculty, staff and students continue to study and work together each day to develop the mind; to compete in athletics to develop the body and to develop spiritually while practicing our faith.

“This is a new era we must have economic vitality and be strong in our convictions. Social responsibility, community service and Christian ministry are words of action on our campus.

“And, I will continue to stand firm on what must be accomplished; to balance academics with athletics, to be a partner with the United Methodist Church; to send out students into the world with a strong liberal arts education and a thirst for knowledge.”

President Federlein shares a laugh with her close friend Beverly Byers-Pevlits ’61, President of Park University, following the inauguration ceremony.

Recognized for her leadership and expertise, Dr. Federlein led and participated in a variety of select projects including: Harvard University Management Development Program, National Institute for Leadership Development for Women, President’s Summit on America’s Future and the establishment of the Center for Social Responsibility and Community at SUNY through the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. The Center was named as a “Point of Light” by President William Clinton.

Dr. Federlein was recognized on state and national levels with awards, including the State of Iowa Early Childhood Educator Award, CASE Mid-America District VI Award of Merit for the NPR radio program, “Education Exchange,” that she wrote and served as commentator. She was also selected to attend the signing of Goals 2000 by President William Clinton in the Rose Garden of the White House.

In each stop on her career path Dr. Federlein is a liaison between the institution and the community, serving on various boards and in community leadership positions. Today she presently serves on the Owensboro Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Dr. Federlein obtained her bachelor’s degree from the University of Detroit, a master’s degree from Oakland University and a doctorate from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She has three children, Kristen Federlein, Gretchen Thomas and David Federlein, and three grandsons, Nicky Campana, Charlie Thomas and Bennett Thomas.
The Class of 2005, along with family, friends, faculty and staff, celebrated the 137th Commencement of Kentucky Wesleyan on May 14. The class included 104 students, with 18 honor graduates. The college also awarded honorary degrees to George Greenwell and Dr. Ken Peters '57.

Greenwell received an honorary doctor of laws. He served on the Board of Trustees for nine years. Now retired, Greenwell was founder and chair of Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan Association/Lincoln Service Corporation.

Dr. Peters received an honorary doctor of humanities. After graduating from the University of Louisville Medical School, he practiced medicine for over 42 years. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees.

Ray Solley ’74, owner of the Solley Group, a nationwide development and marketing company based in Redondo Beach, Calif., addressed the graduates, telling them to have depth. “Depth gives you distinction in an often shallow world. Becoming deeply-rooted...standing sure when others bend in the passing breeze...makes you truly different,” Solley said.

And his opening as well as his parting message to the graduates, “No matter where you go from here, don’t underestimate the power of what you’ve learned - in class and out - at Kentucky Wesleyan. But be prepared to change, to grow, to be challenged.”
A Kentucky Wesleyan alumna is part of a team that has discovered a novel disease known as creatine transporter deficiency, a genetic disorder that results in X-linked mental retardation. Spectroscopist, Kim M. Cecil, Ph.D. (KWC BS’88) evaluated a 6-year-old male with developmental delay, no language skills and epilepsy, but no specific diagnosis.

Since his head was growing too rapidly, a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) examination was performed along with a magnetic resonance (MR) spectroscopy examination. The boy’s brain appeared normal on the MRI examination; however, Dr. Cecil found the MR spectroscopy revealed a missing essential chemical, creatine.

Kim M. Cecil, a James Graham Brown scholar and Owensboro native, received her bachelor’s of science in chemistry and mathematics from Kentucky Wesleyan College in 1988. She pursued her interests in chemistry further with a master’s of science (1991) and doctorate of philosophy (1993) from Vanderbilt University. In 1994, Cecil went to Philadelphia to complete a post-doctoral fellowship in MRI and MR spectroscopy at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP).

She remained at HUP until 1998 when Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC) recruited her as a clinical MR spectroscopist and imaging researcher. In 2000, she was appointed to an assistant professor of radiology and pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati and CCHMC with a promotion to an associate professor in 2003.

Most people are familiar with an MRI scanner producing a picture from the inside of the body. The MRI scanner can also demonstrate select chemicals using a technique known as MR spectroscopy. MR spectroscopy enhances the ability to distinguish disease processes by providing chemical information. At CCHMC, MR spectroscopy is routinely used for the evaluation of children with brain injury and disease.

The absence of creatine in this patient was an unexpected finding. The defect was believed to be associated with the manner creatine is transported to the brain. Fortunately, the primary creatine transporter gene was known to be located on the X-chromosome. Analysis of blood and fibroblast cells from the boy revealed a novel mutation. With the gene defect, the creatine transporter is not produced. Creatine accumulates in the blood and urine, unable to be taken to the brain.

After discovering this family in 1999, four other families were identified in Cincinnati over the next few years with creatine transporter deficiency using MR spectroscopy. The affected males at CCHMC ranged in age from 2 to 22 years.

“The father of one family with two affected sons and a daughter who was a carrier of the disorder was grateful the search was over in determining the source of his sons’ problems. It also helps in family planning for his daughter.”

A recent genetic screening study has found the incidence of creatine transporter deficiency is nearly that of Fragile X syndrome, the leading cause of X-linked mental retardation. Current estimates indicate there are at least 50 families of all ages internationally known to have this disorder.

The next step was and remains finding a therapy for the patients. Oral supplementation of creatine cannot restore creatine in the patients. Subsequently, the team has expanded and is attempting to develop a mouse model of the disease to evaluate possible therapies. Their work is challenging some conventional wisdom about what creatine does in the body, as well as how it is produced, stored and transported.

Patients with creatine deficiency syndromes have in common the absence of speech. Other symptoms are dependent upon the specific defect. “A physician has to be actively looking for a creatine deficiency syndrome, in order to find it” Dr. Cecil said.

At many imaging and academic centers, MR spectroscopy is not routinely performed for children with developmental delay. The guidelines for physicians do not indicate performing an imaging study for children with the clinical features of creatine deficiency. The yield from a brain MRI exam generally does not exceed the risk for sedating children. Despite obstacles, screening studies are underway in Cincinnati and in other laboratories to identify additional persons with the syndromes.

“A molecule, creatine, I learned about in the 1980’s from Kentucky Wesleyan professors, Dr. W. L. Magnuson, Dr. Henry Connor and Dr. Bob Flachskam, has become the most important one of my career.”

- Dr. Kim Cecil
When A. J. Smith ’71 arrived on the Kentucky Wesleyan campus in 1967, he thought his dream of a career in professional football was over due to a serious head and neck injury.

More than 35 years later, Smith was voted the National Football League Executive of the Year by the Pro Football Writers of America. He is the executive vice president and general manager of the San Diego Chargers, a position he assumed in 2003 following the death of his good friend John Butler.

Smith had a difficult job ahead of him when the Chargers posted a 4-12 record in 2003—his first season as general manager. “It was a tough time, having someone say we’re the worst team,” Smith recalled. “Here I am a second-year GM and the rumor was I would only be on the job two years. It was very motivating. It got the juices flowing.”

After Eli Manning, expected to be the No. 1 draft pick in 2004, said he did not want San Diego using its top pick on him, Smith drafted Manning and then traded him to the New York Giants for quarterback Phillip Rivers and several draft picks. Smith added 10 more players through the draft and added several free agents that turned the Chargers around with a 12-4 record and a playoff appearance.

Because of his immediate success, Smith received a lot of postseason recognition. “My belief and philosophy is making the playoffs,” Smith said. “That’s what you have to do to be champions.”

And Smith thinks the KWC Panther football team has also made a big turnaround. Speaking during the A.J. Smith Fund-raising dinner and auction at Kentucky Wesleyan in June, he praised the direction that Coach Brent Holsclaw ’93 and his staff are taking with the Panther football program.

“I see young people here who have a passion to do positive things to turn this program around,” Smith said. “There is no question in my mind when someone has a commitment and passion, and the support you have, it’s going to be successful.”

After graduating from Kentucky Wesleyan in 1971, Smith returned to Rhode Island to be a high school assistant and in 1972 he joined the semi-pro Attleboro (Mass.) Kings of the Eastern Football League as a wide receiver.

Smith’s career with the NFL began in 1977 when he was an unpaid part-time scout for the New York Giants. Over the next few years, he also scouted for the New England Patriots, Houston Oilers, and the now defunct United States Football League Chicago Blitz and Pittsburgh Maulers. While only working as a part-time scout, Smith continued to teach and coach high school in Rhode Island.

“The hope is that somebody somewhere might recognize that you have talent,” Smith said.

In 1985 that talent was recognized when he became the San Diego pro personnel director. He moved to Buffalo as an area scout. In 1989 Smith became the Bills’ assistant director of collegiate scouting and in 1993, he was promoted to director of pro personnel. “Those were the glory days, with Buffalo appearing in four Super Bowls,” Smith recalled. He returned to San Diego in 2001 as assistant general manager and director of pro personnel—and the rest is history.

Although Smith has only visited the KWC campus once in the last 30 years, he said, “I loved going to school there. It was a wonderful time.”

He spoke fondly of Professor Barbara Johnson who gave him some much needed advice. “She said, ‘If you spent as much time in the library as you do at Southside Bar-B-Q…” and I took her advice and went to the library a little bit from time to time,” Smith said.

During his June visit, Smith was surprised when Kentucky Wesleyan unveiled a plaque naming the new training facility in the Woodward Health and Recreation Center the A.J. Smith Weight Room. “It means a lot to me and it was a total shock,” he said.

His return to campus sparked renewed interest and enthusiasm for the college, as well as the football program. Smith says he will be keeping up with the Panther football program. “I plan on supporting these young guys. I’m going to jump behind this program and this school to see it move forward.”

And Coach Holsclaw and the Panthers will certainly have a great role model in A.J. Smith—a leader and a champion in professional football.

*The quotes used in this article are courtesy of the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer.
Kentucky Wesleyan will be featured in September on ESPN in a documentary on the "Top 10 College Basketball Powerhouses." The Panthers are the only non-Division I member in the special presentation. The other nine institutions are Duke, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan State, North Carolina and UCLA, plus the women’s programs at Connecticut and Tennessee. For more information, go to www.kwc.edu/athletic.

The KWC Board of Trustees named the new weight room in the Woodward Health and Recreation Center in honor of A. J. Smith, a 1971 alumnus and the current executive vice president and general manager of the San Diego Chargers. Smith recently completed his sixth season with the Chargers and his 20th in the NFL and was the 2004 NFL Executive of the Year.

Jack Robinson, a successful California high school and junior college coach, has been named head softball coach. Robinson was head coach at Saddleback (Jr.) College in Mission Viejo where he led the Gauchos to four straight trips to the California State JC tournament. He was head coach at Concordia University in Irvine where the Eagles made the NAIA tournament his first season. A native of Las Vegas, Nev., Robinson received his bachelor’s and master's degrees from Arizona State and his doctorate in education from George Washington University.

Del Youngblood, a long-time coaching veteran in Nevada and California, has been named assistant softball coach at Kentucky Wesleyan. Youngblood started the softball program at Feather River (Jr.) College in Quincy, Calif., and compiled a three-year record of 87-46. He organized and coached an Amateur Softball Association Junior Olympic Fast-Pitch program that won six state Nevada championships.

Two pitchers were named All-Great Lakes Valley Conference as voted on by league coaches. Brandon Brooks received first team honors by leading the Panthers with six wins, 74 strikeouts, 82.1 innings pitched and 12 starts. He posted a 3.72 ERA in 13 appearances and received second-team All-North Central Region honors by the American Baseball Coaches Association and Rawlings. Erik Ping earned second-team recognition. He threw a team best 2.05 ERA with a 4-2 record in 52.2 innings pitched including 37 strikeouts.

Outfielder Cassie Harris and designated hitter Katy Lee were named second-team All-Great Lakes Valley Conference as voted on by league coaches. Harris led KWC in batting (.351), doubles (12) slugging percentage (.482), games played (44) and games started (44). Lee batted .287 with 33 hits in 115 at bats with 13 RBIs and a second best two home runs in 38 games played and 37 starts.

Women’s basketball earns top academic team honors

The Kentucky Wesleyan women’s basketball squad posted the sixth-highest overall grade point average among NCAA Division II institutions, according to the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association in their WBCA Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll. The Panthers, led by head coach Ron Williams, compiled a combined 3.493 team GPA for the 2004-05 academic year.

Kentucky Wesleyan announced the appointment of Tom Tallman as director of athletics after three months as the interim director of athletics.

Tallman came to KWC following a long career in higher education, including athletics and fund raising.

He served as assistant track coach at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, coaching decathlon and throwing events.

For 20 years, Tallman has been an annual volunteer leader in fund raising for the Mike Gary Athletic Fund in Michigan, Southern California and Arizona. The Fund is used to provide scholarships, facilities, travel support and sports equipment to 20 intercollegiate programs.

Tallman received his bachelor’s of science degree in geography and physical education, his master’s of arts degree in blind rehabilitation, and a specialist in education degree from Western Michigan University.
Lee named head basketball coach

Todd Lee, associate head coach at UC Irvine for eight seasons, became the 21st head men’s basketball coach at Kentucky Wesleyan.

Lee served three years on the staff at Div. II powerhouse Cal State Bakersfield, compiling a 75-16 record and capturing the 1997 NCAA Division II championship. During Lee’s tenure at UC Irvine, the Anteaters won 122 games including 93 in the past five seasons. They posted three consecutive 20-win seasons and secured a spot in the National Invitation Tournament.

Lee earned his master’s degree in education from Azusa Pacific University and his bachelor’s degree from the University of South Dakota.

The following assistant coaches will join Lee: University of Oklahoma Director of Basketball Operation Joshua Prock is top assistant and Northern Arizona assistant basketball coach at Kentucky Wesleyan.

Prock graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor of arts degree in graphic design. White graduated magna cum laude in mechanical engineering from Auburn and earned his master’s degree in education from La Verne.

Korey White

Kentucky Wesleyan plays Brescia in basketball

Kentucky Wesleyan will play an exhibition men’s basketball game against local rival and NAIA powerhouse Brescia on Monday, Nov. 14, at the Sportscenter. The Panthers will play two other exhibition contests at home, opening with Indiana Wesleyan on Saturday, Oct. 29, followed by Illinois Tech on Thursday, Nov. 10. Game times are 7:30 p.m. CT. For sports schedules go to www.kwc.edu/athletic.

White selected as volleyball coach

Dale White, head volleyball coach at South Spencer Ind. High School, has been named to the same position at Kentucky Wesleyan. He coached in Evansville’s United States Junior Olympic Volleyball Association. White earned a bachelor’s, masters and a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from Purdue University.

Vieth selected assistant women’s coach

Katie Vieth, assistant basketball coach at William & Mary and former University of Kentucky standout, has been named the top assistant coach at Kentucky Wesleyan. Vieth led the Wildcats to an NCAA Tournament appearance in 1999. Following her collegiate career, Vieth played professionally in Switzerland. She graduated from Kentucky with a bachelor of arts degree in graphic design.

Student-athletes named Academic All-Conference

Thirty-seven student-athletes were named to the 2005 Great Lakes Valley Conference All-Academic Team.

The Panthers were led by three-time honorees Elizabeth Bullock, tennis; Christina Machuca, soccer and softball; and Mackenzi Payne, basketball.

Two-time selections include Erin Bradley, softball; Kerri Hess, softball; Derik Hultquist, soccer; Margo Milligan, tennis; and Michael Ruess, soccer.

First-time selections are Scott Buchanan, baseball; Marko Culic, basketball; Mary Czarnecki, basketball; Andrea Dick, volleyball; Andrew Donohoe, soccer; Bridget Gillim, softball; Julia Hacklaender, soccer; Trish Harrison, soccer; LaTasha Henry, basketball; Brenda Howard, basketball; Andy Jones, golf; Jamie Key, tennis; Jonathan Kinghorn, soccer; Abby Kirk, soccer; Katy Lee, softball; Abby Leistner, volleyball; Elizabeth Mauzy, basketball; Holly Mills, basketball; Ashley Murphy, volleyball; Rehanon Nehus, soccer; Tiffany Orth, volleyball; Angela Petronio, soccer; Donna Powell, tennis; Emily Seymour, soccer; Kim Stapleton, basketball; Lauren Stewart, basketball; Christin Stiles, tennis; Tristan Thompson, baseball; and Waide Williams, baseball.

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.

“King Kelly” to be honored

Kentucky Wesleyan basketball legend and All-American “King Kelly” Coleman ’60 will be honored the weekend of Nov. 18 and 19. “King Kelly” played for the Panthers from 1958 to 1960. More details can be found at www.kwc.edu/athletic.
1941
Betty Foster Strode and her husband, J. R., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 11 in Owensboro. Betty is a retired school teacher. She and her husband have three children, Richard Strode, Bill Strode and Sarah Elliott.

1948
Beryl Franklin recently received his World War II medals, after waiting 60 years. Among many other medals, Beryl received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. He is married to Nancy Coons Franklin and they live in Monroe, La.

1949
Carlos Higgins and his wife, Earlie, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on March 25. They live in Marengo, Oh.

1951
Mary Clyde Wilson Bettge is retired and living in Lorton, Vir. She has five children, Art, Bret, Melissa, Paul and Janelle. She writes, “I was on a treadmill at a fitness center when a young lady walked by wearing a Kentucky Wesleyan t-shirt. It turns out she is Sara Cox Burger ’99. We were both delighted to have bumped into each other and our friendship has grown.”

1952
Bruce Kenney and his wife, Celine, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 23. They live in Owensboro.

1955
Joy Cabbage Carden had her multimedia production, “Henry and Lillie: Fabric of a Family,” presented at the University of Kentucky. She is a freelance writer and clinician for Yamaha Corporation and lives in Bowling Green.

1957
Charlotte Milby Stumph is a retired teacher. She and her husband, James, live in Greensburg, Ky. and have three children, Judy Alison Cole, James Timothy Stumph and William Robert Stumph. They also have six grandchildren.

1958
Dewey Sanders ran and finished the 109th Annual Boston Marathon in April.

1963
Bill Kurtz was inducted into the National Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame. He has been in the auction business for 40 years. His wife is Sharon Ling Kurtz.

1966
Doris Moreland Jones has a new book, “God’s Gift of Anger.” She is director of the Counseling Center in Louisville and has two children, Margaret Hostetter and James Michael Jones.

1967
Marcia Fowler Garland was the recipient of the McConnell Foundation Extra Mile Award, given annually to an outstanding teacher in Franklin County, Ky. Marcia is the gifted/talented teacher at Bondurant Middle School. She and her husband, Danny Garland, live in Frankfort and their blended family has six children and six grandchildren. Danny is president of First Federal Savings Bank.

1968
DelMarie France Vaccaro and three friends handmade 56 fleece blankets for each child at The Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children & Youth. Her husband is Angelo Vaccaro ’67 and they live in Louisville.

1972
Sheila Taylor Daniel was prominently featured in a USA article about physical education in Owensboro. She and her husband, Mike Daniel ’70, live in Owensboro.

1977
Robin Blazure is manager of Aramark Food Service in Basking Ridge, N.J.

1978
Tim Brown is systems specialist with Central Hudson Gas & Electric. He and his wife, Donna, live in Newburgh, N.Y. and have two children, Erin and Donny.

Stephanie Warren is senior director of facilities management for Kindred Healthcare and lives in Floyds Knobs, Ind.
William Wallace has been an editorial cartoonist for the past five years and will soon be self-syndicating a cartoon panel called “Slagpile.” He lives in Casper, WY.

1983

Rene King Thompson has been appointed to the board for gifted and talented for the Covington, Ky. Independent School District and continues in her role as a state coordinator for the Million Mom March. She and her husband, Steven, live in Covington.

LaDonna Troxell Day, a physical education teacher in Milton, Fla., received the Honor Award from the Florida Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance during an annual conference in October 2004, in recognition of her outstanding professional accomplishments.

Steve Winkler was named by Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher as the new chair of the nominating commission of the Owensboro Community and Technical College. He is executive director of the Cliff Hagan Boys and Girls Club.

1984

Tim Keininger has co-authored a book entitled Loyalty Myths. He and his wife, Michiko Fujita Keininger ’86, live in Wayne, N. J.

1986

Dan Douglas is the new executive director of Junior Achievement of Owensboro.

Karen Roby has been promoted to manager in the tax division of Riney, Hancock & Co., PSC. She is a member of the Kentucky Society of CPAs and its board of directors.

1988

Mark Carroll attained his “Certified Financial Planner” designation and is a financial planner with Prudential Financial and lives in Louisville. He has one son, Cameron.

Joseph Ng is co-owner of the House of Canton in Owensboro and vice president of the U.S.-China Friendship Association.

Joann Pyland Strickland is CEO of MOMS. She and her husband, Gary, live in Nashville and have one daughter, Sarah.

1989

Belinda Abell was named Member of the Year by the Owensboro Chamber of Commerce.

Brittney Goodman has just been named the director of instructional resources at Minnesota State University Moorhead. She also co-presented a paper at the International College Teaching & Learning Conference in Jacksonville, Fla. Brittney lives in Fargo, N.D.

1990

Deanna Payne is the director of the Owensboro Medical Health System Wound Healing Center.

Donna Quinn Sanders is mortgage operations manager for Fifth Third Bank. She has two children, Evan and Ryan, and they live in Newburgh, Ind.

1991

Candice Jenkins has been promoted to senior vice president, corporate controller at Evansville’s Old National Bancorp. She is a certified public accountant.

1992

Kevin Gibson just graduated from the American Bankers Association Stonier Graduate School of Banking in Washington, D.C. He is senior vice president and chief operations officer for South Central Bank in Owensboro.

Lisa Lamb Hunt is a probation officer assistant for the U. S. Probation Office in Evansville. She lives in Dale, Ind. with her husband, Wade, and step-daughter, Kimber.

Cathy Lamar has been named to the Manchester Who’s Who Registry of Executives and Professionals. She is director of counseling services for Audubon Area Community Services Inc. She has her master’s degree in mental health counseling from Western Kentucky University and is a candidate for a doctorate from the University of Louisville.

Kelly McCoy Wathen is assistant vice president, private client relationship manager at Fifth Third Bank. She and her husband live in Philpot and have two children.

Robin Haas Winnecke is the assistant principal at Audubon Elementary School in Daviess County. She earned her master’s, Rank I and administrative degrees from Indiana Wesleyan University. She and her husband, Chris Winnecke ’90, have two children, Karlyn and Brooklyn and live in Owensboro.

Charles Wooden is IT director for WMW Enterprises LLC in Louisville. He has one child, Skylar.

1993

Sandra Alford joined the staff of the Daviess County Family Home Health Care office. She is a registered nurse.

Kenny Alward is the assistant golf professional at The Summit in Owensboro. He has played and toured professionally for several years.

1994

Chris Cary is the Hillcrest Golf Course manager in Owensboro and golf coach at KWC. He and his wife, Laura, have two sons, Zachary and Christian.

Beck Schofield Glenn is the display advertising manager for the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer. She and her husband, Richard, have two children, Jordan and Rachael.

Lori Coghill Thurman was named the secondary level OEA Teacher of the Year for the Owensboro Public Schools. She teaches at Owensboro High School.

1995

Rebecca Hope Lanham and her husband, Shawn, announce the birth of their first child, Hope Caroline, on June 1. Rebecca is an optometrist in Harrodsburg, Ky.

Ali Miremami is with the 379th Expeditionary Medical Group stationed in southwest Asia. His dental clinic is responsible for the care of more than 10,000 people. He sees military patients from Iraq and Afghanistan who need emergency dental care. Ali has been a dentist with the U.S. Air Force for five years.

1996

Cynde Rowell Clausen and her husband, John Clausen, welcomed their first baby, Ella Grace, on November 4, 2004. John teaches special education for the Boone County School System and Cynde is an attorney with Weltman, Weinberg, & Reis Co., LPA. They live in Burlington, Ky.

Becky VanMeter Evans and her husband, Gordon Nichols Evans ’96, live in Westerville, Oh. where Becky is a provider relations manager for Progressive Medical. Gordon is a medical malpractice attorney for Twyford & Donahy in Columbus.

Denean Hedges Hendren and her husband, Seth, have a new baby, Mackenzie Page, born
A small KWC reunion was held in Ohio by alumni who became good friends in those early years in Owensboro and have remained in touch. Left to right: Mary Barr Humphrey ’59, Doug Humphrey ’59, Nancy Svara Zimmerman ’58, Marion Cox Thoms ’58, Paul Thoms ’58 and Richard Zimmerman ’57.

April 2. Denean is a family nurse practitioner at the Jackson Clinic in Jackson, Tenn.

Carrie Foster Long and her husband, Marc, welcomed a new baby girl, Natalie Susanne, on January 12. Natalie has a big brother, Zachary. Carrie is an investment representative and they live in Nashville.

Jill Eubank Pagel and her husband, Andrew Pagel ’94, welcomed their second child, Janie Kate, on January 17. Janie joins big sister, Hadley. Jill is a math teacher at Marshall County High School, where Andy teaches US history and coaches soccer.

1997

Amy Cappiccie is continuing education director at the Kent School of Social Work and lives in Louisville.

Chris Houk is dean of enrollment at Brescia University. He is married to Jeanette Coomes-Houk ’98.

Scott Littleton is technical assistant with Meyer Tool, Inc., a Cincinnati Aerospace company and he has also launched an internet Top 40 radio station. He lives in Dayton, Ky.

Sam Taylor is campaign and marketing director for United Way of the Ohio Valley. He and his wife, Leigha, live in Owensboro.

Anne Trobaugh is a corporate relations/lobbyist with Indiana Assn. of Cities & Towns. She lives in Indianapolis.

1998

Elizabeth Downey is an attorney with the Commonwealth Attorney's Office. She lives in Louisville.

Scott Dykes married Angela Brook Hargis on February 26. He is the physical education teacher at Burnside Elementary School in Somerset, Ky.

Joanne Seibel Fowler and her husband, John Fowler ’96, have a new son, Jeremiah John, born May 20, 2004. John is pastor of Southside Wesleyan Church and they live in Owensboro.

Bradley Goodall married Jenifer Ann Worthington on July 24, 2004. He is a teacher/coach at Hancock County High School in Ky.

Amanda Gray Hawkins and her husband, Toby Hawkins, welcomed their first child, Donovan, on November 25, 2004. Amanda is case manager with Transformations and Toby is a senior financial analyst.

Jerry Howard began a new position in February as camp pastor for M-Fuge Camp.

Kerri Nunley is an attorney with Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss LPA, Cincinnati. She received her juris doctor degree from Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

Holly Owen is a 7th grade history teacher and volleyball coach at the Christian Academy of Louisville.

Deanna Payne is director of the Owensboro Medical Health System Wound Healing Center.

Jon Warren married Melinda Anne Sweeney on July 31, 2004. He is employed at West Kentucky Two Way Radio Inc.

Sara Lunsford Weiskittel is art director for Angie’s List. She lives in Indianapolis.

1999

Jennifer Estes has joined Alexander & Co., FSC in Owensboro as a senior accountant.

Keeley Roberts Hargis is a member of the faculty at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. She and her husband, Scott, live in Kingston Springs, Tenn.

Stephen Julian earned his masters in education. His wife, Kristy Hall Julian ’02, was inducted into the KHSAA Softball Hall of Fame. They have two children, Madison Michelle and Morgan Adair, and live in Owensboro where Stephen is a physical education teacher at Audubon Elementary. Kristy teaches at Newton Parrish Elementary.

Julie Roemele works for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as an environmental protection specialist. She and her son, Joshua, live in Arlington, Vir.

Jason Thatcher is a scientist with Bechtel Bettis Inc. He and his wife, Kendra, live in Greensburg, Penn. and have two children, Isaac and Nicholas.

Jeremy Tincher, CFP, along with other Owensboro financial professionals, has formed Financial Freedom Partners LLC.

Carrie Bridgeman Wedding is executive director of Daviess County CASA. She and her husband, Scott, live in Owensboro.

2000

Emily Bellamy Baur has joined The Foundation for Health at Owensboro Medical Health System as a grant and research coordinator. She has a master of public administration degree from Western Kentucky University.

Kelly Brewer married Benjamin John Danhauer on July 1. She is a teacher at Buckner Elementary School in Oldham County and lives in Louisville.

Wendy Nguyen Buergler graduated with distinction from the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry in 2004.

Jessica Allen Collins and her husband, Chaz, welcomed a new baby, Ryann Alexandria, on May 9. She joins sister, Deryn Elizabeth. They live in Clarksville, Tenn. and Jessica is a tax advisor with H&R Block.
James Jason Harris graduated in May from the University of Louisville with a degree in educational administration. He lives in Shelbyville, Ky. and teaches 8th grade math and algebra at Henry County Middle School.

2001

Nicole Cissell and Thomas Melton married on July 16 and live in Owensboro. Thomas is an accountant at Southern Star Central Pipeline. Nicole is pursuing a master of business administration degree from Murray State University and is a scheduling and allocations representative at Texas Gas Transmission.

Mendy Douglas married Ryan Rue on June 11. She is employed by Daviess County Public Schools.

Stacey Gilliam Hardison received her MBA from Belmont University in August 2004, and accepted a new position in the merchandising department of Tractor Supply Company. She and her husband, Brandon, live in Antioch, Tenn.

Davea Adams Horton graduated in May from Indiana University with a doctorate degree in optometry. She is currently practicing at Owensboro Family Eye Care Center. She and her husband, Clay, live in Owensboro.

Mandy Melvin is office manager for National City Bank and lives in Owensboro.

Abby Miarecki joined GRADD as a community development planner. She has a master's degree in public administration from Eastern Kentucky University.

Kelly Nelson Rowe and her husband, Evan Rowe, welcomed their first baby, Kacy Elizabeth, on June 20. They recently moved to Lexington and Kelly is teaching 5th grade at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic School. Evan will graduate in January from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary with a duel-master's degree in divinity and marriage and family therapy. Kelly recently received her master's degree in education.

Andrea Hardison Tackett is in the internal medicine residency program at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Her husband, Brandon Tackett, received his Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky. He had his most recent paper, on the FT Microwave Spectroscopy, accepted for publication.

Shannon Tanner, an attorney with Wagoner, Ayer and Hargis Law Firm in Rockport, Ind., was admitted to the Indiana State Bar. She is a graduate of Indiana University School of Law.

2002

Landon Barrowclough was awarded the “2004 Rising Star” award at the southeast regional sales banquet for First American Title Insurance.

Erin Birch married Jake Wendling on June 18. Erin is a first grade teacher in Effingham, Ill. and also coaches junior varsity volleyball and 8th grade volleyball.

Lori Brown married Kip Walters on September 25, 2004. She is support coordinator for RiverValley Behavioral Health. Kip is a teacher at Owensboro Middle School and an assistant baseball coach for KWC.

Joshua Bishop married Brandy Jennings ’04 on June 26, 2004. She works at Burns Elementary School and Rite Aid Pharmacy. He works at McLean County High School.

Brandon Taylor and his wife, Kimberly, welcomed Luke Jacob Taylor into their family on January 19. Brandon attends the University of Louisville School of Dentistry and lives in Louisville.

2003

Angel Ballard married Kyle Freeds on January 22. She works for the Owensboro Parks and Recreation Department.

Triffon Callos is administrative assistant for the Hamilton County Courthouse in Cincinnati. He is also the head reserve baseball coach at Summit Country Day High School and is working on his master's degree in sports administration at Xavier University.

Megan Earhart is gymnastics/dance program director for The Sports Club of West Bloomfield. She lives in Waterford, Mich.

Megan Evans is Cage Coordinator at Brooklawn Child and Family Services and lives in Louisville.

Jamie Foulks has been promoted to the therapeutic child support staff with RiverValley. She is pursuing a master's degree in arts and education from Western Kentucky University.

Charisse Anderson Gough has joined Don Moore Chevrolet-Cadillac as marketing consultant.

Hallie Hedgespeth married Travis Siewert ’02 on June 18. Hallie teaches math at Henderson County High School and Travis is an accountant for Big Rivers Electric.

Katie Kavanaugh married Erik Salisbury ’05 on July 9.

Jordan Mudd graduated in May from Western Kentucky University with a master’s degree in industrial and organizational psychology. He is with human resources for Louisville Civil Service Board.

Kristy Nelson is program coordinator for the Bell County Drug Court in Kentucky.
2004
Adam Hancock joined the staff at Riney, Hancock & Co. PSC as a staff accountant in the tax, audit and assurance divisions.

Jackie Stanley is the director of youth and children’s ministry at Wesleyan Heights United Methodist Church in Owensboro and support staff secretary for OMS.

2005
Valerie Anderson has joined the sales department of Tri-State Mailing.

Amy Hegwood married Eric Crabtree ’04 on July 2. She is an English teacher and Eric is an elementary art teacher. They live in Madisonville.

In Memoriam

1931
 Alberta Lotspeich Gibson on March 7 in Deland, Fla.

1933
 Emily Huston “Housie” Dawson on November 27, 2004, in Bloomfield, Ky. She was a former librarian at KWC and a retired librarian for the University of Kentucky and the Library of Congress, Frankfort.

Rose Bailey Slack on April 21 in Owensboro. She taught elementary school and retired from the Owensboro Independent School System in 1972 after 34 years of service.

1934
 James Pyles on May 22 in May’s Lick, Ky. He graduated from the University of Kentucky and was a farmer. He also served as a director of the Bank of May’s Lick for 25 years. James enjoyed remodeling and renovating houses. Survivors include three daughters, Jane Collins of May’s Lick, Grace Yunker of Maysville, and Elizabeth Turner of LaGrange and 10 grandchildren.

1936

William J. Turbeville Jr. on February 7 in Austin, Tx. He had a distinguished career in the field of international trade and the fertilizer industry and was chairman of Amalgamated Chemicals, an Australian conglomerate of 42 separate companies owned by Conoco. He was honored as the Florida International Business Person of the Year and the Tampa Maritime Man of the Year. During WWII he served in the European Theatre and rose to the rank of major in the U.S. Army. Survivors include his wife, Laverne Stone Sauteben of Hopkinsville.

Carter VanArsdall on May 8 in Harrodsburg, Ky. He earned his BS degree from the University of Michigan and his MD from Duke University. He was a medical corps Army captain in WWII and Korea. He began his medical practice in Harrodsburg and in 1975 joined the VA medical staff for nine years. Survivors include his wife, Marcille Bailey VanArsdall, Harrodsburg; two daughters, Jeanne VanArsdall, Lexington and Ann Asbury of Lawrenceburg; and a son, Tom VanArsdall of Stamping Ground, Ky.

1939
 Nellie Fox Adams on February 28 in Winchester. She was a retired teacher.

1940
 Ilene Blake Wills on August 4 in Metropolis, Ill. She was a teacher and she and her husband owned the McLean County News for 26 years. She also served as church organist at the Calhoun United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Landon Wills ’38. Survivors include six sons, Alvin Wills ’66 of Merced, Calif., Clyde Wills ’68 of Metropolis, Robert Wills ’72 of Shawville, Quebec, Richard Wills of Montreal, Quebec, Lawrence Wills of Cambridge, Mass., and Thomas Wills of Chapel Hill, N.C.; a brother, Robert Blake ’52 of Maysville, and nine grandchildren.

1955
 Malcom Moseley in February. Malcom was 100 years old and a World War II Army veteran. He also earned his master’s degree from Western Kentucky University. Survivors include a son, Dillas Moseley.

Alumni gathered in July at the home of Mildred Poe ’46 and Bill Kincaid ’47 for the 30th annual Cincinnati picnic.
1957

Logan Gipe on June 19 in Owensboro. He played freshman basketball at UK and then played three years at KWC. Survivors include his wife, Kris of Rohnert Park, Calif; a son, David Gipe of Richmond, Tex. and two grandchildren.

1958

The college has learned of the death of W. James Brawley in Maryland. He retired from teaching chemistry after 37 years. He received his master's degree from the University of Virginia and wrote a book, “Demonstrations and Activities for High School Chemistry.”

1959

Raymond “Butch” Watkins on December 20, 2004, in Tallahassee, Fl. He received his master's degree at Western Kentucky University and taught high school in Louisville and was an insurance salesman. Butch was an Air Force veteran. Survivors include his wife, Katherine of Tallahassee; two daughters, Emily Collins of Tallahassee and Sonya Lockhart of Owensboro; and four sons, Neville Watkins of Fort Campbell, Todd Watkins of Tallahassee, Michael Watkins of Orlando, and Barend Watkins of Jacksonville.

1961

The college has learned of the death of Becki Byington Scobee in Savannah, Ga. Survivors include her husband, Charles Scobee ’60.

1964

William Elliott Jr. on July 17 in San Antonio. During World War II, he served in the Pacific in the 6th Night Fighter Squadron of the Army Air Corps. He worked as a quality control engineer at General Electric and also taught at Kentucky Wesleyan. Survivors include his wife, Mamie; his children, Ellen Elliott of Ellicott City, Md., William Elliott III of San Antonio, Amy Riddle of Maceo, Ky., and Ida Elliott of Bowling Green; and a stepson, John Harvey of Fair Oaks Ranch, Tex.

Robert Pritts in January 2005, in Evans, Ga. Survivors include his wife, Grace Carloino Pritts of Evans, Ga.

1966

Joe Martin Jr. on June 11 in Louisville. He was a retired attorney and a former member of the Louisville Bar Association and Kosair Shrine. Survivors include his daughter, Jole Burghy.

1967

James Alford on March 5 in Ripley, Tenn. He was the minister at First United Methodist Church in Ripley. He was also an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. Survivors include his wife, Pat; and two sons, Scott Alford of Colliverille and Mark Alford of Mount Juliet, Tenn.

Richard Anderson on May 23. He played for the former Milwaukee Braves minor league and coached baseball for many years for Western Little League and the Babe Ruth League. He was an accountant, and for 44 years owned and operated Christmas tree sales in the Owensboro area. Survivors include his wife, Jane Hocker Anderson ’61 of Owensboro; three sons, Keith Anderson and Kurt Anderson of Owensboro and Kevin Anderson of Lexington; and five grandchildren.

Frank King on March 3 in Clearwater, Fla. He was the director of the Morton Plant Pain Unit. A graduate of the Methodist Theological Seminar and Duke University, he received his doctorate from the University of Oklahoma. Survivors include his wife, Anita; two daughters, Heather Higlon of Atlanta and Kristi King of Houston; his mother, Tommie King of Louisville; and two brothers, Greg King of Louisville and Fred King of Owensboro.

Gary Guisewhite on March 18 in Reo, Ind. He was the owner of Carquest Auto Parts Store in Tell City, Ind. Survivors include his wife, Carol; a son, Colt Guisewhite of Rockport, Ind.; a daughter, Arlene Erich of Maceo, Ky.; and four grandchildren.

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1987

Billy Earl Smith on February 27. He lived in Tompkinsville, Ky.

1989

Linda Ludlam Pass on October 29, 2004, in Newburgh, Ind. She was marketing director for Action Pest Control. Survivors include her husband of 11 years, Kevin Pass of Newburgh; a son, Samuel and a daughter, Sheridan, of Newburgh; a stepdaughter, Rachael of Louisville; and her parents, Tom and Ella Ludlam of Newburgh.

1992

Donna Penrod Elder on May 18 in Rochester, Minn. She was a registered nurse. Survivors include her husband, Mike Elder; a son, Brian Jeffery Dever of Chicago; two stepdaughters, Harmony Lehecka of Owensboro and Holly Lehecka of Spring Grove, Ill.; and her parents, Claude Donald and Lorraine Penrod of Calhoun, Ky.

Trustees

Jack Connor on April 1 in Yuma, Ariz. He served on the KWC Board of Trustees from 1972-1978, was chairman from 1973-1976 and was awarded an honorary LLD by Kentucky Wesleyan. A graduate of Westminster College, he received a doctorate of jurisprudence from the University of Missouri School of Law. He was a WWII Army veteran and an active reservist during the Korean War. Survivors include his wife, Betty Connor; a daughter, Christine Carrico of Bowling Green, and a granddaughter.
I am pleased to have the opportunity to speak to you this morning. First of all, you always ask... "What's going on with the students?" Two hot topics recently have ignited much discussion and debate - the implementation of the new general education program, as well as the alternative schedule for fall semester. Students are definitely excited and looking forward to the upcoming year.

Second, SGA made a commitment to strengthen the intramural program and now offer close to a dozen different sports and activities. We currently have 85 students in a bowling league and another 85 playing basketball. The student body has also had a voice in the activities.

For my last point, I must share that student email has been spiced up this semester by three of our students who are studying at Harlaxton College in England. They send updates and pictures of their adventures, and planted an idea in students' minds about the opportunities to study abroad.

Before I close, I want to share a little about myself. When I arrived as a freshman at Kentucky Wesleyan, my older brother and parents encouraged me to get involved with the Student Government Association. I gave in to their pressure, ran for a freshman senator position, and did not even make it through the preliminary election. To make a long story short, it was three elections later that I was finally able to secure a senator position on SGA.

One afternoon in the fall of 2003, the SGA president called to explain a very important up-coming Summit board meeting. One thing led to another and before I realized it, I had agreed to take the president’s place at this Summit…

I did the best I could to prepare, thinking of issues that might arise and drilling myself to take a stand… I showed up that morning absolutely shaking in my boots. Much to my surprise, I was instantly attracted to each of you and your true heart and desire to make this college the best it can be.

I worked hard the next year on SGA and decided to run for president. More than anything, I wanted the opportunity to serve as the student trustee on this board with each of you in this room. And here I stand before you today.

Earlier this week, I went home to visit my parents (and of course to get my oil changed, my car filled with gas and a hot meal). My dad asked me to pick up something at their accountant’s office. When I arrived, four women in the office began to tell me they had heard all about my experiences at Kentucky Wesleyan.

I assumed they had read blips in the paper about making the dean’s list or being a cheerleader. As they continued to talk, I realized they knew more than was ever printed in the paper – that my dad brags about Kentucky Wesleyan and the numerous opportunities I have had during my time here – they could practically recite my class schedule.

They were overjoyed with my successes and I must give the credit to this incredible institution. Without recruitment by the college, I would not be here. Without the personal attention, I would not have blossomed. Without student activities, I would not be involved. Without quality academics, I would not have been accepted into graduate school. And most of all, without you, this school would not have even existed.

I was proud that every person in that office had incredible words to say about Kentucky Wesleyan just because of my dad. I know you dream that every student will have fond memories of their experience here at KWC and even more that our parents are proud enough to recruit for you!

I may not completely understand everything about the financial statements of Kentucky Wesleyan or the construction details for the new science building, but I do know the bottom line - you care about each student who steps their foot on one of our sidewalks. You aspire for each of us to thrive on this campus to achieve our dreams in this great big world.

We will be forever indebted to you. Thank you.
As our campus and reputation continue to grow, the future of our legacy depends on quality students. We encourage you as alumni to share your experiences at Kentucky Wesleyan College with friends, siblings and children who you believe would benefit from a KWC quality education.

KWC offers a comprehensive scholarship and grant program which includes the Legacy Grant that is awarded to children and grandchildren of KWC graduates.

If you have a new student referral, please contact the Office of Admission toll-free at 1-800-999-0592.

Send or email us your news!

Contact Information

Name __________________________________________________
Graduation Year __________ Home Phone ____________________
Address__________________________________________________
City __________________________ State______ Zip ____________
Occupation ______________________________________________
Name/location of your business ______________________________
Your title ________________________________________________
Business phone______________ Email address __________________

Additional Information

Your maiden name ________________________________________
Spouse name _____________________________________________
Year spouse graduated if alumna/alumnus ______________________
Occupation of spouse ______________________________________
Name/ages of children ______________________________________
Additional news such as honors, awards, promotions, etc. _____________
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Recruit a student

If you know any prospective students who may be interested in Kentucky Wesleyan College and are high school juniors or seniors, provide us their name, address, graduation date and high school name/location: ________
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Please return this form to: Office of Alumni Relations, Kentucky Wesleyan College, 3000 Frederica Street, Owensboro, KY 42301 or email your news to bmajor@kwc.edu. Enclose a photograph if possible!
International Flair

These flags represent the countries of the 11 international students who attend Kentucky Wesleyan College. As we enroll more international students, their country’s flag will be added to the display.