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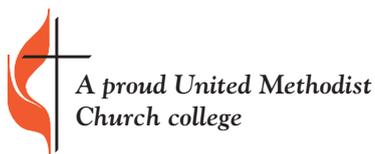
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Mission Statement

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.



Letter from the President



Dear Members of the KWC Community,

Kentucky Wesleyan College is an extraordinary place, and we are providing remarkable experiences to the largest number of students in several decades.

Kentucky Wesleyan is the state's fastest growing institution of higher learning with a 28% increase in enrollment in the fall 2006 semester. In fact, more students were enrolled for both the fall of 2006 and the spring of 2007 than any year since 1967. Our dramatic growth is also reflected in a 58% increase in enrollment over the last three years.

Great things are happening here. New academic programs were added in 2006, and the expansion and renovation of the campus continues. Our Athletic Department is revitalized and offers quality entertainment for our students and community. One third of our students volunteered over 9,000 hours in community service projects last year, and over 25% of our students take part in campus ministry activities.

And that is only the beginning. The Center for Business Studies will soon announce the establishment of the first endowed chair in the history of the college, the *Terry Woodward Endowed Chair for Entrepreneurial Studies*. Kentucky Wesleyan will offer convenient online learning in just a few months. And keep watching as we continue to transform our beautiful campus through renovations that provide exceptional experiences for our students.

Ron McCracken, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations, will retire in June after ten years of dedicated service. Under Ron's leadership, a capital campaign of almost \$24 million was completed in 2002. Those of us who know Ron are confident he will remain a friend to the college and an important member of the KWC community. We appreciate Ron's significant contributions to Kentucky Wesleyan.

It takes a large network of staff, faculty, alumni and friends of the college to ensure our success as we provide quality academic programs in an extraordinary environment. Thank you for joining us as we move forward together in faith. Our most exciting days are ahead.

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Kentucky Wesleyan is Kentucky's *fastest growing* college

By Kathy Rutherman



Kentucky Wesleyan College is the place to be, and the numbers prove it. The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education reports KWC leads all Kentucky public and private educational institutions with the largest enrollment increase in the fall of 2006. The record was set with an enrollment increase of 28% in the fall semester.

The enrollment for the fall of 2006 and for the spring semester of 2007 is the college's largest in 39 years. The total fall enrollment was 968 students with 859 registered in the spring of 2007.

Claude Bacon, dean of admissions and financial aid, says that admissions counselors share the strengths of Kentucky Wesleyan with a systematic, planned approach. Counselors receive ongoing training in effective communication skills to ensure they are knowledgeable and well-prepared to answer questions.

According to Bacon, a number of factors contribute to the success of the college. "We offer a tremendous college experience for our students that emphasizes academic excellence and a strong sense of community," says Bacon.

Academic choices were recently expanded to include eleven new programs, and ten new faculty were hired. A new scholarship program was started in 2006, and more scholarship money is being awarded than ever before.

Outside the classroom, over 25% of students take part in campus ministries and one third of KWC students volunteered over 8,000 hours in community service. An active Greek system includes 20% of all students.

The campus expansion and facilities upgrades continued in 2006 with the suite style renovation of Massie Hall, a residence hall. The reallocation of space in The Library Learning Center accommodates the needs of study groups. Glassed-in study rooms were added, and more are planned. According to Director Pat McFarling, the rooms are popular and more library renovations are planned. The football stadium renovation was also completed in 2006.

The campus transformation will continue with the addition of numerous amenities designed to enhance the college experience.

A combination of factors is contributing to the success of the college, according to Bacon. "Our admissions counselors are sharing the exciting news about Kentucky Wesleyan, and prospective students and their parents are responding," he says.

2006: A Year of Growth and Achievements

2006 was a record-setting year. Many achievements enhanced the academic and campus experience for Kentucky Wesleyan students as we became the fastest-growing college in Kentucky.

- Eleven new academic programs were added.
 - Christian Ministries
 - Corporate Communications
 - Forensic Science
 - Graphic Design
 - Health
 - Military Science
 - Music
 - Music Education
 - Music Industry
 - Public Administration
 - Zoology
- Ten new faculty were added.
- The General Scholarship Fund provided academic, athletic, talent and church scholarships to 98% of our students. The scholarships provided \$4.2 million in financial assistance over and above federal and state grants and endowed scholarships.
- Kentucky Wesleyan was rated Best Value by *U.S. News and World Report*, ranked eighth in Best Values in the Comprehensive Colleges category and was the 25th school overall in the Southern Comprehensive Colleges category.
- Kentucky Wesleyan was one of 146 schools recognized as Best in the Southeast by *The Princeton Review*.
- Campus Ministries served in over 60 churches and participated in mission trips to Mississippi, Eastern Kentucky, Poland, Jamaica, Costa Rica and the Northeast.
- The football stadium was enhanced through a partnership with the Owensboro Catholic School System.



**MICHAEL FAGAN,
PH.D.**

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College

“Kentucky Wesleyan has a long-standing reputation for quality education, and our students are well-prepared for the workplace and graduate school. We continue to focus on excellence and choices for our students with the recent addition of new faculty and academic programs.”



SCOTT KRAMER

Dean of Student Life

“Our students come first, and our commitment to a remarkable college experience for each student drives everything we do. We value their input as we make decisions that impact campus life.”



CLAUDE BACON

Dean of Admission & Financial Aid

“We are the fastest growing college in Kentucky because we offer a tremendous college experience for our students that includes a strong sense of community and academic excellence.”



GARY GALLUP

Director of Athletics

“The goal of the Athletic Department is to conduct a program of the highest integrity while ensuring that every student athlete enjoys a great college experience with the best possible opportunity for success in the classroom and on the playing field. We also seek to provide quality entertainment for our students, faculty, staff and community.”

AROUND THE Cupola



New faces

Pictured above are four new KWC staff members, l. to r.: Chris Wilson, Kathy Rutherfordman, Mary Jo Harper and **Allison Estes Ross '02**.

Wilson is the administrative assistant to the president. She attended USI and Henderson Community College and was previously employed with the McLean County Board of Education.

Rutherfordman is the director of public relations. She earned her degree from Mid-Century College and was previously the director of marketing and public relations with Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

Harper is director of financial aid. A graduate of the University of Evansville, she most recently was the senior financial aid administrator with ITT Technical Institute.

Ross is the new KWC controller. She was previously with Wells Health Systems, Inc. where she was the senior corporate accountant.

Faculty promotions

Four faculty were promoted at KWC for the 2006 – 2007 academic year. Dr. Bernie Bettinelli is associate professor of psychology. He has a doctorate in counseling psychology from the University of Massachusetts and joined the KWC faculty in 2002. Students elected him “Teacher of the Year” in both 2004 and 2006.

Dr. Leanne Faulkner is associate professor of mathematics. She earned her Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Kentucky and started at KWC in 2001. She is also the NCAA compliance officer for the college.

Joe Francom is assistant professor of computer information systems and joined KWC in 2003. He has a masters degree from Utah

State University and is completing his Ph.D. program at the University of Louisville.

Dr. Tony Lee is associate professor of English and joined the KWC faculty in 2002. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas and has several publications on the life and works of Samuel Johnson.

Master series is launched

Texas Ranger outfielder and Owensboro native Brad Wilkerson was the inaugural speaker for the Kentucky Wesleyan Master Series in November. The Master Series is designed to bring experts of national or international status to Owensboro experts of national or international status who have contributed significantly to Kentucky’s image and reputation.

Good Vibrations

WKWC 90.3 FM has a new sound and a new format, called Radio Triple A, which stands for Acoustic rock, Americana and Album rock. The college signed an agreement with the Owensboro Community Radio Group to manage the campus radio station.

The station plays artists from Boston to Jerry Lee Lewis, to collective soul to Dave Matthews and includes newer artists not heard on other local stations.

The station also features a morning show with James Gillespie, a KWC student. According to Derik Wayne Hancock, program director/manager of the radio station, “James is working hard for us. We have local news, local sports, and community news. The station is changing every day.”

He continued, “We are trying to get the students on board so the station can be run completely by students. We’ll have a news and sports department and the students will be on the air all day.”

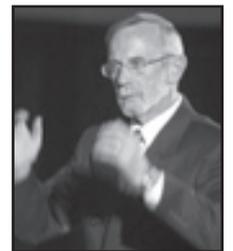
Currently KWC students air the women’s home basketball games, with Brandon Stein doing the color commentary and Ben Kees doing the play by play.

Sunday’s format is a Christian based program beginning with gospel music at 5:00 a.m., and continuing with church broadcasts and a contemporary syndicated Christian program in the afternoon. Hancock said he is proud of the Sunday schedule and hopes to get the KWC Campus Ministry involved with programming.

Feasting and festivity

Over 60 KWC alumni singers returned to campus in December to celebrate the 30th annual Madrigal Dinner. Dr. Robert McIver, conductor of the Madrigal Dinner from 1981 to 1997, returned to conduct the performances. He is now chair of the voice department at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. The current KWC Singers also performed under the direction of Dr. Eugene Thomas. Dr. Diane Earle is pianist and harpsichordist for the Madrigal Dinner.

Please turn to the inside back cover of this magazine for pictures of the feasting and festivity!



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good times,
and friendly faces.

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2006 Seniors continue tradition



Several members of the Class of 2006 gathered for the dedication of their Senior Gift in August. Pictured l. to r.: Sarah Hudson, Jayne Powell, Crystal McClain Tow, Adam Saalwaechter, Lauren Mayhew, Marissa Stewart, Lacy Vincent Cox, Hillary Nance, Brandi Edmiston, and Jason Simpson.

Members of the Class of 2006 were recognized for their senior class gift at the first Panther football game on August 26, 2006. The class raised \$3,236 toward their gift.

Three flag poles were purchased and placed at the Bullet Wilson Football Field, along with extensive landscaping. **J. Michael Weaver '72** donated the Kentucky state flag and Senator Jim Bunning donated the American flag which was flown over the U. S. Capital on May 13, 2006 – the date of commencement for the Class of 2006. The third flag is a Christian flag purchased by the senior class.

In addition to the flag poles, the class purchased two plaques, one in memory of their classmate, Austin Millay, who was also a member of the Panther football team. His plaque is displayed on the concession/locker room building at the football field. The second plaque honors the memory of Candy Stewart, a member of the Kentucky Wesleyan family. Her plaque is in the Boyd Cecil Ranch in the Winchester Center.

Co-chairs of the Senior Committee were Lacy Vincent Cox, Brandon Ellis, Jennifer Hendricks and Adam Saalwaechter.

Please attend a Panther football game in the fall and see the gifts donated by the Class of 2006.

Option to purchase church property

Kentucky Wesleyan College has signed an option to purchase the Walnut Baptist Church property, located across College Drive from campus. A group of Methodist leaders has been organized to raise the necessary funds to purchase the property.

The property includes the church building and four houses. Tentative plans are to use the property as a Christian Leadership Center for campus ministry programs and academic classrooms. The auditorium would be used for music, drama, lectures and convocations.

One of the houses would become the Welcome Center, housing the admissions office. A second house would become the Alumni House, for the alumni and development offices. The two remaining houses would be rental property and provide a source of income for the programs and services provided by the Christian Leadership Center.

Evening classes

Kentucky Wesleyan is trying to meet the needs of the working professionals and non-traditional students by offering more evening classes. In the fall 46 evening classes were offered and 35 are offered this spring.

“Many of these courses are practical, career-oriented classes designed for working adults,” said Mike Fagan, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. “Although the primary market for KWC is the 18 to 22-year old population, in the last several years the college has made a significant effort to reach out to non-traditional students.”

Second chamber season

The Dr. Paul W. Hagan Chamber Music Series, a partnership of KWC and the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra (OSO), continued its second season of four free concerts on Sunday afternoons in the Hager Performance Hall in the Ralph Center. The final performance on April 22 will feature the OSO Principal Brass Quintet. For additional information contact Diane Earle at dearle@kwc.edu.

Dr. Earle performs for KET

Dr. Diane Earle, professor of music and chair of the communication and fine arts department, recently performed music for Kentucky Educational Television. The three segments will air this spring (dates to be announced) and will also be used in Kentucky's Music Toolkit which goes to every school in Kentucky for a teaching model. Music Toolkit is a series of multimedia resources tied to Kentucky's core content and academic standards, containing eight hours of video segments.

Earle played from three musical periods and discussed the music history and style of each period. She is also education director for the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra where she regularly presents similar programs in Owensboro and surrounding areas.



Housemother Mary Lee Sherrit, second from right, talks with some of the female residents when Massie first opened in 1954.

Massie Hall has come full circle since it first opened its doors on December 16, 1954. It is named in memory of Robert and Loretta Massie, parents of Ellis Massie, a generous benefactor of Kentucky Wesleyan on whose estate the college is built. As the first women's residence hall, Massie was home to many young women from the mid 50s through the early 70s. The memories and friendships that were forged in Massie Hall remain strong.

Barbara Moseley Cockrum '56 was one of the first students to move into Massie Hall in 1954. "The women lived in a three-story house on Frederica," Cockrum explained, "so when we moved into Massie, we thought it was luxurious. We loved the big lounge on the first floor and popped popcorn in the kitchen area and had great fellowship."

Residence hall rules were a bit tighter in the 50s. "We had required study time and no boys were allowed in the rooms, only in the lobby," Cockrum said. "At night the doors were locked at a certain time and if you didn't get back to the dorm on time, you had to wake up the house mother and then you were in big trouble."

For many years, the house mother watched over the residents of Massie Hall. "We had a house mother and she kept up with us pretty well," said **Phyllis Stone Church '61**. "We had to sign in and out if we went off campus."

Unlike today's residence halls, there were no frills in Massie – no air conditioning, refrigerators, phones or computers. Church said she bought a coffee pot her senior year and it was "a great luxury."

Since she lived in Massie all four years, Church has some fond memories. "The friendships we developed were wonderful. I had the same roommate all four years – **Suzanne Smith Kenny '61**. We got along quite well and still do." Church especially remembers the year she was Wesleyan Rose. "I loved it when the guys came over after curfew and serenaded me."

Early residents of Massie Hall had a curfew. **Beth Robinson Ronk '73** said, "Only freshmen women lived in Massie when I started in 1969-70. Curfew was 8:00 p.m. on week nights and 10:00 p.m. on week ends until we radical 60s folks got a petition going - then it was 10:00 p.m. on week nights and midnight on week ends. By the time we graduated, we didn't really have hours."

Ronk's roommate her freshman year was **Pat Gabbert McFarling '83**, who is now director of the KWC Library Learning Center. "I remember we won the Christmas door decorating contest and fell on the bed laughing when we won," Ronk remembered.

By November 15, 1973, Massie changed hats and opened its

a home away from home

by Joyce Ann Evans



Lifelong memories and friendships were made in Massie Hall in the 50s.

doors as a student center, housing the bookstore, campus post office, and snack bar on the first floor, with a lounge and TV room on the second floor. In 1989, Massie received yet another face-lift when the recreation room and student lounge were all moved to the first floor.

Anticipating an increase in enrollment Kentucky Wesleyan renovated Massie back into a residence hall with suites, moving both male and female students into Massie in the fall of 2006. The first floor is men and women, the second floor is all male and the third floor is all female.

Ryan Mulvaney, a senior psychology major from Manorville, N.Y., is one of the lucky ones who lives in the second floor suite. "I love living in Massie. The rooms are quiet, plus the floors are carpeted so it's warmer and we can control the heat and air conditioning in our own room." Mulvaney also likes sharing a residence hall with women. "Now I don't have to walk across campus to visit my girlfriend."

Brad Higginson, a senior from Poseyville, Ind. majoring in computer information systems, lived in Kendall and Stadium before moving to Massie this fall. "I like having a private bathroom. It's just easier to get through the mornings. Massie is definitely the best place on campus to live. It's in the center of campus and I can be anywhere in less than five minutes."

Now, instead of the traditional house mother, there is a resident director (RD) and resident assistants. Higginson is a resident assistant in Massie. "My duties are to keep everyone in line

and be a voice for my building to the student life office. I make rounds with my RD to see if there are any issues that need to be addressed. We try to keep the students as safe as possible while they are here."

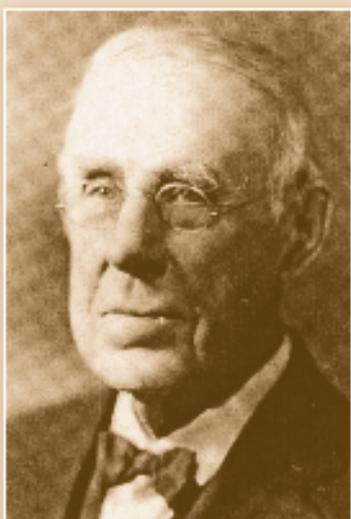
Elizabeth Mauzy, a junior biology and chemistry major from Owensboro, lives in the third floor suite. "My roommates and I were the first to get our application in to live here. Part of the selection process was your GPA, seniority and campus activities," she said.

"It's very homey with our own living room and bathroom. I like living on campus. It's convenient and you know about everything that's going on – it's just a better college experience," Mauzy said. "The guys come up from the second floor to hang out, so the living room adds to the social aspect."

Over the years Massie Hall has meant many things to many people, but perhaps being able to call Massie Hall "home" is what matters most.



Elizabeth Mauzy enjoys the homey atmosphere of Massie Hall.



John J. Dickey 1873

He served faithfully as God's messenger to the people of Eastern Kentucky



John W. Jones '67

Chairman & CEO of Modern Welding



G. Chad Perry '50

To eliminate the shortage of primary care physicians in rural Kentucky, he took the lead!

ALUMNI HALL *of* FAME INDUCTEES

2007

In 2004 the Kentucky Wesleyan Alumni Association established the Alumni Hall of Fame to recognize alumni whose lives and achievements have earned them distinction in numerous ways – alumni whose accomplishments have brought state, regional and even national recognition to their alma mater.

This year marks the fourth class for the Alumni Hall of Fame. The alumni inducted to date represent only a small percentage of the success stories to be honored. Many more will be chosen in the years to come. We invite you to visit the Hall of Fame display in the Winchester Center when you are on campus.

The Alumni Board has chosen the following persons for induction into the 2007 Alumni Hall of Fame: John J. Dickey 1873, John W. Jones '67, G. Chad Perry '50, Henry Milton Pyles '22, Albert W. Sweazy '40 and W. J. "Jack" Turbeville '36.



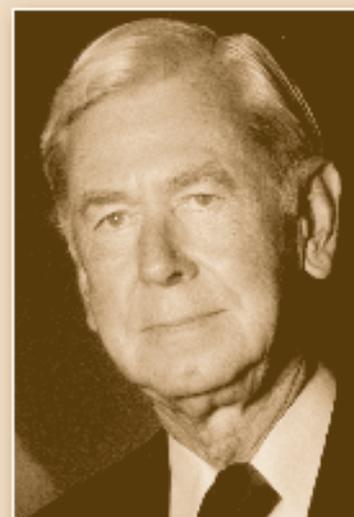
Henry Milton Pyles '22

"Prof" was a professor and friend, a counselor and encourager.



Albert W. Sweazy '40

He served on the Judicial Counsel, the highest "court" in U.S. Methodism.



W. J. "Jack" Turbeville '36

A major figure in the international phosphate industry

Alumni Weekend 2007 April 26-29

Remembering...
good friends,
great faculty &
rich traditions.

ALL ALUMNI ARE INVITED
Come join us!

Return the registration form on page 9
OR
Watch your mail for a reservation package

Thursday, April 26

- Honors Convocation – Tapscott Chapel, 12:10 p.m.
- Scholar's Day – featuring undergraduate presentations, Winchester Center (times to be announced)

Friday, April 27

- Alumni Golf Scramble – Ben Hawes State Park, 12:30 p.m.; \$35
- Oak & Ivy Dinner – Hocker Family Dining Center (formerly Presidents Hall), 6:30 p.m.; \$12

Saturday, April 28

- Registration – Winchester Center Rotunda, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sweetheart Breakfast – Ralph Center Foyer, 8:30 a.m.; for couples who are both KWC alumni; \$ 7. (Enjoy the music of the Halos!)
- Campus Tours, 9:30 a.m. Meet in the Winchester Center Rotunda
- Senior Art Exhibit by Amy Rager – Ralph Center, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Reunion Lunches – Winchester Center, 11:30 a.m.; \$10
 - 40th Cluster – '66, '67, '68
 - 25th Cluster – '82, '83, '84
 - 20th Cluster – '86, '87, '88
 - 5th Cluster – '01, '02, '03
(see Cluster locations at the Registration Counter)
- Campus Tours – 1:30 p.m. Meet in the Winchester Center Rotunda
- Greek Events – 1:30 p.m.
 - Fraternities – Deacon Hall (Sigma Nu, 1st floor; Sigma Phi Epsilon, 2nd floor; Sigma Alpha Mu, 3rd floor)
 - Sororities – Kappa Delta & Sigma Kappa, suites on 2nd floor of the Barnard-Jones Administration Building
- Memorial Service – Tapscott Chapel, 3 p.m.
- Retirement Reception for Ron McCracken, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations - Ralph Center, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- 2007 Alumni Celebration Dinner – Rogers Hall, Winchester Center, 6:30 p.m.; \$16 (By popular demand, the Halos are back!)

Sunday, April 29

- Attend the church services of your choice. Check with the Registration Counter on Saturday for locations and times.

Special 50th Reunion

The Class of 1957 will celebrate its 50th reunion with a luncheon on Friday, May 11, at 11:30 a.m. in Rogers Hall in the Winchester Center. Watch for your special invitation.

All 50-year club members (the Winchester Society), including the Class of 1957, are invited to attend the annual Winchester Dinner Friday evening at 6 p.m. in Rogers Hall.

Additionally, the Class of 1957 members will receive their 50-year medallion during Commencement Saturday, May 12, at 10 a.m. in Hocker-Hall Grove.



ALUMNI News



Alumni Board members who attended the fall meeting include first row l. to r.: **Ruth Hutton Hume '62, Kim Fell Lewis '89, Anita Simmons Freer '59, Sally Allen Crenshaw '67, Amanda Ford Winburn '00 and Emogene Clark Stephenson '59.** Second row – **Dwight Armstrong '79, Jean Taylor Owen '63, Sarah Cox Rhea '01, Jennifer Hutchinson Corbin '92, and Janet Laswell Suwanski '72.** Third row – **Tom Major '79, Bob Rice '60, Tom Rogers Jr. '82, and Chuck Epperson '59.** Fourth row – **Corey NaLmpoon '04, Allen Kirtley '60, Berry Major '60, and Mark Carroll '88.**

ALUMNI GATHERINGS

On December 7, 2006, a group of 12 alumni and friends of the college met for dinner and then attended a Panther basketball game at Indianapolis. Alumni in attendance were: **J. Fred Eaton '67, Aaron Hoak '99, Joe Kenny '60, Suzanne Smith Kenny '61, W. T. Bennett '59, Nathan Novotny '98, Joe Jerman '68 and Marilyn Magruder Jerman '70.**

The annual gathering of the Ft. Myers, Fla. area alumni and friends was held February 2, 2007, with 11 in attendance, including the following alumni: **Trudy Ellis Morris '40, Len Harsh '48, Marjorie Harsh Wells '42, Ed Wright '45, Jim Prater '60 and Wanda Melhiser Prater '63,** and KWC Professor Emeritus of Education Billy Horrell.

Board & Alumni Award Nominations Nominate Directors Now!

The Alumni Association invites all alumni to submit nominations for alumni to become directors of the Alumni Board. Your nominations are always welcome. Call 270-852-3139 or email bmajor@kwc.edu.

Alumni Awards

There is never a better time to nominate someone for an Alumni Award than now! Nominations are being taken for the 2008 awards which include: Outstanding Alumni, Alumni Achievement award; Alumni Service award, Gus E. Paris Distinguished Service award, and Honorary Alumnus award. Call the Alumni Office at 270-852-3138 or 3139 or send your e-mail to bmajor@kwc.edu.



Go to the college website, www.kwc.edu

Alumni Weekend 2007 Reservation Form

Everyone is invited! ♦ Reservation deadline - April 16

	No. Persons	Cost Per Person	Total Cost
FRIDAY, APRIL 27			
Alumni Golf Scramble, 12:30pm	_____	\$35	_____
Oak & Ivy Dinner, 6:30pm	_____	\$12	_____

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Sweetheart Breakfast	_____	\$7	_____
Reunion Lunches	_____	\$10	_____
Alumni Celebration Dinner	_____	\$16	_____

Please return this form by April 16 to:

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Development

UPDATE



By Ron McCracken
Vice President
Development and
Alumni Relations



2006 – 2007 Class Ambassadors

A Class Ambassador workshop was held in early September. Pictured first row l. to r: **Clay Hall '88; Phyllis Stone Church '61 and Beth Robinson Ronk '73.** Second row l. to r: **Bessie Luttrell '91; Lauren Werner '05; and Christie Kell Stumpf '69;** Third row l. to r: **Dwight Armstrong '79; Jim Perkins '65 and Mark Luckett '95.** Fourth row l. to r: **Amanda Tyson Crick '99; Adam Flowers '05, and Bruce Barrett '53.**

In Giving You Receive

Here is a way to make a gift and increase income

It's a concept most of us have heard since childhood – *that it is in the act of giving that we ultimately receive more than we can imagine.* And while it is an undeniable truism, the Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) adds a tangible exclamation mark to this reality!

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The Charitable Gift Annuity is a legal contract that, based on your decision to transfer a specific asset to an organization, guarantees to pay you an attractive annual income. Annuity rates are based on your age, with annuity payments as high as 12% for more senior persons. So, if you fund a CGA with appreciated stock that currently produces, say 3%, you'll enjoy a nice increase in income.

For details on how the Charitable Gift Annuity can work for you, call 270/852-3139, or email bmajor@kwc.edu or write: Berry Major, Kentucky Wesleyan College, 3000 Frederica Street, Owensboro, KY 42301. All communication is confidential.

General Scholarship Fund

The General Scholarship Fund benefits 98% of our students. You read that in every *KW Today* and it is an important and exciting percentage to read, but ... let's phrase it another way. Of our total 968 student population this fall, 949 students received financial assistance from the General Scholarship Fund and *that is a powerful statement to make!*

At Kentucky Wesleyan College, the General Scholarship Fund supports academic, athletic, talent and church scholarships and provides \$4.2 million in financial assistance, over and above federal and state grants and endowed scholarships.

Kentucky Wesleyan is riding a tide of accomplishment. The college is making impressive strides in enrollment, academic programs, facilities and faculty, and continues to enhance a rich and distinctive history of providing a quality education to every student.

The General Scholarship Fund is one of the most critical needs of the college because it affects so many of our students. We encourage your continued support. You can click on www.kwc.edu to make your gift, call the development office at 270/852-3141 or drop your check in the mail today!

Another successful Phonathon

Thanks to your generous support the 2006 Phonathon successfully raised \$65,313 in pledges from 1,005 donors. That is the largest amount pledged during Phonathon since 1997. In October, 18 Kentucky Wesleyan students called alumni and friends of the college to tell them about all the exciting news from campus, to update their records and to ask for a gift to the General Scholarship Fund.

Here is a picture of our student callers – look for the one who called you! And if you missed their call, they will try again in the fall of 2007 so be ready with your pledge!



First row l to r: Katelyn, Sarah, Meredith and Nicole. Second row l. to r: Hope, Abbie, Ashley B., Lauren and Megan. Third row l. to r: Jackie, Mike, Ashley C., Morgan, Jarrod, Kelly, Krystal and Dominique. Amy was not available for this picture.

KWC receives \$3.5 million pledge from eight alumni

Eight Kentucky Wesleyan College alumni pledged a total of \$3,575,000 for the General Scholarship Fund, a fund that provides academic, athletic, talent and church scholarships to 98% of KWC students. The alumni include **Wayne Foster '69**; **Roger Hayes '72**; **David Hocker '59**; **James Jones '69**; **John Jones '67**; **Jack Wells '75**; and an alumni couple who wish to remain anonymous.

KWC President Anne Cairns Federlein said, "One of the great strengths of Kentucky Wesleyan College is our expansive network of dedicated alumni. We especially thank these eight alumni for their investment in our students. Their generosity will help the college continue to provide students with the quality educational experience for which Kentucky Wesleyan has long been known, and to build on that tradition for future generations. Our alumni are truly partners in our success."

All eight alumni are long-time supporters of the college, as well as community and business leaders. In recognition of the exceptional generosity of these alumni, Kentucky Wesleyan College has named the following facilities:

Foster Field (KWC softball field) and the **Simpson Seminar Room** in the Ralph Center, in memory of Anna Coleman Simpson, both named for Wayne and Cathy Foster

Hayes Advanced PhysicsLab in the Yu Hak Hahn Center for the Sciences, named for Roger and DeAndrea Hayes, in memory of Thomas A. Hayes

Hocker Family Dining Center (formerly Presidents Hall), named for the David Hocker Family and in memory of Talmage '27 and Margaret McClanahan Hocker '34

Jones Gymnasium in the Woodward Health and Recreation Center, named for John and Sylvia Jones and Jim and Sandy Jones. A photo of Jim Jones was not available for this article.

A facility named for the generosity and support by Jack Wells will be determined at a later date.

The General Scholarship Fund at Kentucky Wesleyan College provides \$4.2 million in student financial assistance, over and above federal and state grants and endowed scholarships. The ability to help more students through this fund played a part in the 58% increase in enrollment over the past three years, from 611 to 968 students.

"Our alumni are truly partners in our success."

Wayne Foster '69



Roger Hayes '72



David Hocker '59



John Jones '67



Jack Wells '75



Journalism professor *recreates her* KWC EXPERIENCE

By Kathy Rutherman



“In the three years I’ve served as Faculty Head, I have tried to recreate for our students what I experienced at Wesleyan,” says Landini.



Ann Lackey Landini '70 was editor of the *Panogram*. She is shown here with Professor James Elkins, seated, and back row: Michael Uebelhor '70 and Roy Walters '71, other members of the *Panogram* staff.

Give Dr. Ann Lackey Landini a computer keyboard and monitor or a needle and thread, and you can count on her to get creative. The end result may be a well-crafted article or a beautiful quilt. Landini says she discovered her talent for writing as a student at Kentucky Wesleyan. Quilting came years later.

After two years at the University of Kentucky in the late 1960s, the Owensboro Senior High School graduate transferred to Kentucky Wesleyan. According to Landini, she found the smaller campus setting inviting. “I wasn’t sure yet what I wanted to do with my life, so I settled in at KWC and got busy trying to find out,” she says.

Landini laughs as she remembers the registrar’s apology on her first day at KWC. The registrar was concerned that the required music appreciation class was too large. That class had a total of 30 people, the biggest class she ever attended at Kentucky Wesleyan. Many classes at UK had hundreds of students.

According to Landini, the small campus atmosphere and personal attention were just what she needed. She fondly remembers her English professor and advisor, **Joe Britton '56**, and her journalism professor, Jim Elkins. “With their direction and encouragement, I found my way and gained confidence as a writer,” she shares. Most classes had 8 – 15 students, and in one class taught by Elkins, she was the only student. “He was my mentor and guru,” she says with appreciation 30 years later. She later turned to him for advice when she became a high school teacher.

Landini says she quickly fell in love with “the wonderful world of Kentucky Wesleyan.” She was editor of the *Panogram* and business manager for the *Porphyrian*. She also worked at the Owensboro *Messenger-Inquirer* during her college years. “I knew the newspaper world was the place for me,” she recalls.

Landini earned her B.A. in English at KWC and worked as a writer for a Pittsburgh public relations firm and the *Lexington Herald-Leader*. She then started the journalism program at Henry County High School in Tennessee. After completing her M.S. in Journalism at Murray State, Landini became an instructor at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where she earned her Ph.D. in Mass Communications.

In 1985 Landini accepted a journalism professorship at Murray State. She served as advisor to *The Murray State News* for ten years and is now advisor to the yearbook, *The Shield*. In addition to her classroom responsibilities, Landini serves as Faculty Head of 1200-member Hart College. She explains that all Murray State faculty, staff and students are members of one of eight colleges on the MSU campus. According to Landini, the residential college system enhances social, educational and cultural life while fostering interaction among the three groups.

“In the three years I’ve served as Faculty Head, I have tried to recreate for our students what I experienced at Wesleyan,” says Landini. She adds that the sense of community and mentoring at KWC changed her life.

Landini says the interests of journalism students have changed since her early years in the field. “It was the Watergate era, and we were interested in the process of investigation to get all sides of a story and find the truth.” Today’s students, she says, have trouble separating entertainment from news.

Landini, a self-taught quilter, became intrigued with the craft after admiring a quilt in a Paducah store window during the annual quilt show in 1991. She is president-elect of the Kentucky Heritage Quilt Society which has 600 members nation-wide.

Long-time friend **Anne Hall Tomas**, a 1971 Kentucky Wesleyan graduate, remembers the day Ann Lackey convinced her to transfer from the University of Kentucky to KWC. She also responded to the mentoring relationships the professors offered and remains grateful for her friend’s advice. Tomas serves as Director of Missions and Evangelism at Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church, Virginia. Her husband, **Richard Tomas**, a 1972 KWC graduate, is retired from the Air Force.

Tomas laughs about the hours they spent in the *Panogram* office in the Quonset hut talking about life. She knew even then that the *Panogram* editor would become a woman of accomplishment. “She displayed the same disciplines of planning, preparation and precision that make her a popular professor and mentor as well as a talented writer and quilter,” remarks Tomas.

Daughter Leigh Landini-Wright and son-in-law John Wright are reporters for the *Paducah Sun* newspaper. And five-year-old grandson Jack, already comfortable at a computer keyboard, may have ink in his blood as well.

Living HIS childhood DREAMS

By Kathy Rotherman



Picture the perfect 70s scene. Olive green shag carpet covers the bedroom floor, music from an eight-track tape of the Doobie Brothers fills the air, and a leisure-suited Dad leans against the doorframe. Dad is talking St. Louis Cardinal baseball with his son, Ryan.

A closer look reveals baseball cards propped up on the carpet. After Dad leaves the room, Ryan begins his nightly ritual, an imaginary play-by-play from Busch Stadium that always includes Lou Brock stealing a base.

Thirty years later, the scene has changed. The shag carpet has been replaced by a television studio, and the baseball crazy boy is now Sports Anchor at NBC affiliate WLEX in Lexington. He is Ryan Lemond, former Kentucky Wesleyan baseball player and a 1989 graduate of the college.

Lemond, an Otwell, Indiana native, grew up in a sports-loving family in basketball-loving Southern Indiana. His dad, Gary, was the basketball coach at Pike Central High School. Some of his earliest steps as a toddler were taken on a gym floor. "One of the highlights of my life was playing ball for my Dad," says Lemond.

The population of Otwell was 400, including cats and dogs, according to Lemond. He was a small-town guy who looked for a small college campus close to home. Kentucky Wesleyan first got his attention when, as a high school student, he read a *Sports Illustrated* article about KWC basketball All-Americans **Rod Drake '84** and **Dwight Higgs '84** in November 1983. "Kentucky Wesleyan was the perfect fit for me," he shares. "I grew up in a sports world, and it was quite a thrill to play baseball there under coach Denny Potts."

Lemond, a mass communication major, was a starter on the Panthers baseball team all four years and was a member of the 1988 NCAA regional team. He still holds the Kentucky Wesleyan stolen base record. Friend and former teammate **Scott Kramer '87**, now dean of student life at Kentucky Wesleyan, remembers Ryan's determined approach to sports and study during their college years. "His career is a successful blend of what he came to love as a child and the communication skills he began to develop at KWC," said Kramer.

Lemond says he arrived at Kentucky Wesleyan a naïve country boy. "I left four years later with an education that gave me the confidence to begin my career in sports announcing." With an internship at WTVW Fox News 7 in Evansville and experience as a cameraman for KWC basketball at the old Cable 2 News (now Cable 8), Lemond started building his resume before he had his college diploma. One week after graduation, he landed a newsroom job at Cable 2 News.

Lemond moved to WLEX 11 years ago, following jobs as part of the pre- and post-game crew for University of Kentucky athletics on Sports Radio 1300 and as a Cincinnati Bengals reporter for Sporting News Radio.

As sports anchor, he does five sportscasts a day. Three broadcasts are live and two are taped. He usually works six days a week and attends and covers 90% of University of Kentucky games.

The interviews with Lou Brock were the products of a child's imagination. Lemond's real-life experience includes interviews with many University of Kentucky sports legends. "I'm living a little boy's dream and loving it," says Lemond.

Lemond was just named Sportscaster of the Year by the National Association of Sportscasters and Sports Writers in Kentucky. He has also received a number of Associated Press awards for Best Regularly Scheduled Sports Program. He says the highlight of his career was the opportunity to cover UK in the Final Four in 1996, 1997 and 1998.

Amanda Trosper-Lemond, Ryan's wife, is a producer at WLEX. He laughs when he says, "She is in charge at home and at the station."

The Lou Brock baseball card is now in a shoebox in the attic, and Dad's leisure suit is a memory in the family photo album. But Ryan and his Dad, now retired from coaching, still talk sports at every opportunity. And today Ryan coaches baseball teams during the summer months. Two of his players, Gavin, age 9, and Michael, age 4, call him Coach – and Dad.

"Kentucky Wesleyan
was the perfect
fit for me."



TIM RICKARD '84 CARTOON GUY

BY BENJAMIN HOAK '97

WHEN TIM RICKARD'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS REPRIMANDED HIM FOR DRAWING PICTURES DURING CLASS, THEY HAD NO IDEA THEY WERE ACTUALLY STUNTING HIS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. FAST FORWARD A FEW YEARS AND RICKARD NOW HAS THE LAST LAUGH: THE 47-YEAR OLD GRADUATE OF KENTUCKY WESLEYAN COLLEGE HAS TURNED HIS ARTISTIC ABILITY INTO A CAREER.

By day, he's a graphic artist for the *News and Record* in Greensboro, North Carolina. On nights and weekends, his alter ego emerges: Rickard is the creator of *Brewster Rockit: Space Guy!*, a national comic strip syndicated by Tribune Media Services. "Comic strips – that was always my first love," he said recently. "Being a cartoonist is something I wanted to do as far back as I could remember."

Although Rickard has created other strips, none of them caught on until *Brewster Rockit*, a serial science-fiction parody that keeps its tongue firmly planted in its cheek, came to life about four years ago. "I was trying to think of something different, something you don't see on a comics page," he said. "Years ago, there used to be serial type strips (like *Flash Gordon*.)"

The science fiction field offers him a multitude of possibilities for storylines. Rickard said he draws ideas from a combination of sci-fi movies, television shows and his own imagination. After developing the concept, he submitted the strip to Tribune Media Services, which decided to pick it up for syndication. *Brewster Rockit* launched in July 2004 and currently runs in about 50 papers across the country.

Rickard is an Owensboro native who attended Kentucky Wesleyan as an art major after graduating from Owensboro High School. His parents and two sisters still live in Owensboro and his wife Julie is also from Owensboro (they met when she was 9 years old), so he still visits town, taking the opportunity to watch KWC's campus grow.

"I had some good teachers," he said of his college years. Georgia Tangi, one of his art professors, had a big impact on his abilities. "I definitely learned a lot from her," he said.

After graduating from KWC in 1984, Rickard spent a couple of years working as a graphic artist in the newsroom at the *Messenger-Inquirer*. From there, he landed a similar job in Greensboro, where he has lived and worked for the last 21 years. He and his wife have two daughters; Emma is six and Sophie is three.

Rickard is also a talented illustrator whose work has been published in the *Washington Post* and *Better Homes and Gardens*. He has designed more than three dozen book covers and has done other freelance work as well. He said he works on a little bit of everything in the newsroom at the *News and Record*, from putting together small locator maps to writing, design-

ing and illustrating feature pages. There's a "nice variety of stuff to do at a paper," he said.

He's done his job well; his recognition includes 15 North Carolina Press Association awards, including first place awards for both illustration and graphics in 2004. He's also won four Society for News Design awards and a Print magazine regional design award.

With his comic strip going full-steam ahead, Rickard is working almost the equivalent of two full-time jobs. He'd love to see *Brewster Rockit* become his only full-time job, but for now, he's sticking with the *News and Record* also.

Each daily strip takes two to three hours to complete, Rickard said. A Sunday strip is larger and features color, so it "is a lot more involved," taking six to eight hours.

Rickard sends in a week's worth of *Brewster Rockit* strips at a time. Each week, he'll spend a couple of days coming up with concepts and storylines and writing the strips. He'll then use the rest of the week to actually draw the strips.

The hardest part of the job for Rickard is the writing, especially now that the strip has been running for a few years. "You start getting the feeling of 'You've done it all,'" he said. The artistic element comes more naturally to him. "The drawing is still time consuming, (but there is) not as much pressure," he said.

His original intent and basic theme was to make *Brewster Rockit* a serial strip, with continuing storylines. He still does so, although he limits the storylines. "I try to keep them pretty short," he said, "usually a week, sometimes two weeks."

An editor reviews all of Rickard's strips. "Mostly I get to do what I want to do," he said. "I'm pretty familiar with the limitations of news comic strips. You can get away with a lot less there than any other kind of media." He once had to draw a special version of a Sunday strip for the *Los Angeles Times* when editors there didn't like a strip that Tribune Media Services had already approved.

The strip includes references to famous movies and television shows, as well as current culture. Rickard said he bases the characters in *Brewster Rockit* on archetypal characters from older comic strips and movies.

Rickard is the creator of *Brewster Rockit: Space Guy!*, a national comic strip syndicated by Tribune Media Services.



Dialogue is clever and often sets up an inside joke or a sci-fi punch line.

The main character is, of course, Brewster Rockit, a square-jawed space captain with more courage and optimism than intelligence and ability. He leads a crew aboard the R.U. Sirius, a space station that travels among the stars, fighting aliens and gathering information. Rickard isn't sure how he came up with the name Brewster Rockit, but he actually had the name in mind before he created the character. "I thought it was a natural fit," he said.

Second in command to Brewster is Pamela Mae Snap, who holds things together in the face of Brewster's hapless – although well-intended – foul-ups. Engineer Cliff Clewless is also incompetent and tries to avoid work as much as possible. Doctor Mel Practice is a mad scientist who comes up with bizarre inventions to further his plans to take over the world, and Winky is a kid who somehow happened aboard. His favorite quote: "AAAHHH! MY SPLEEN!"

Brewster Rockit strips are available online, at www.comicspage.com/brewster or www.gocomics.com/brewsterrockit. Rickard's first Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! book is also coming out near the beginning of April. The book, which includes the first eight months of Brewster Rockit strips, is already available for pre-order on Amazon.com.

And yes, Rickard does read the comics himself. His two current favorites include Dilbert and Pearls Before Swine, while his all-time favorites are Calvin and Hobbes and The Far Side.

Brewster Rockit induces some fan feedback and Rickard welcomes the input. After all, there's still a universe to be conquered with fearless space captain Brewster Rockit leading the way.

A Taste of China

By Joyce Ann Evans

Pandas, rice fields, chop sticks, Tiananmen Square...first impressions of China. Kentucky Wesleyan students are learning even more about China.

Two educators from China, Aiming Liu and Baiyi Lui, are teaching Chinese culture and Mandarin, the official language of China, at KWC and Owensboro Community & Technical College, as well as tutoring students at Brescia University. Brescia provides housing and KWC provides office space for the two men.

And the hope is to expand a partnership of higher education with China. Aiming Lui said Kentucky Wesleyan and his home university, Hunan Normal University, will soon have a partnership and international academic exchange. "Dr. Jim Welch recently visited China and had some constructive talks. Our university president will lead a delegation in the spring to KWC to further promote the progress of academic exchange."

Lui is a graduate of Hunan Normal University. He said the Cultural Revolution brought higher education to a virtual halt for 10 years in China. "I was in one of the first groups after the Revolution to have the opportunity to receive higher education. I was very lucky to get the chance to go to Hunan Normal University in 1977 and major in English."

For many years, Lui had a dream to teach in an English speaking country, but after graduating from college, he had to support his family. Last year the Lexington Community College visited Lui's campus, interviewed him and asked if he would teach in the United States. "I said, 'Certainly.' I finally realized my dream."

Aiming was asked to compare Chinese to American college students. "Chinese students follow tradition and listen to the teacher. No matter what the teacher says, there is no dispute with the instructor. The Chinese educational system is not so flexible, very rigid. As soon as a

student enters a Chinese university, they must choose a major and they cannot change that major."

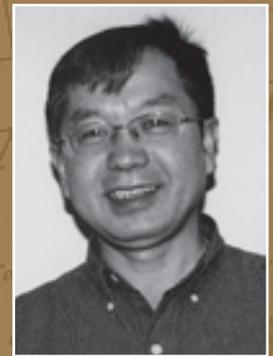
Lui continued. "Most Chinese students are hard working. They face the possibility of unemployment. Their fate is not decided by their academic performance but by their social connection. No matter how good or bad they are academically, they might not find a job." His only daughter, Wenjia Liu, is working on her master's degree in education at Hunan Normal University, but he says there is no guarantee of a job.

"Generally speaking," Lui says, "American students are confident, enthusiastic, candid and honest, but they don't study as hard. They have nothing to worry about because some already have a job and support themselves."

Lui is from Shaoyang in the Hunan Province, which is the birthplace of the late Chairman Mao. "It is a very big agricultural province with more than 70 million people."

Sharing his impressions of America, Lui said, "Americans are very civilized and very polite to other people. Everything is beautiful and clean. There is a sense of honesty – people trust each other. The Chinese could learn from that."

Although Lui went home in December, he misses his family. But he is quick to point out that his Kentucky Wesleyan family is taking good care of him. "I give special thanks to all the students, President Federlein, Dean Fagan, Jim Welch, Dan Bradshaw, Peggie Greer, Molly Gibson and many others for being so kind."



Aiming Lui

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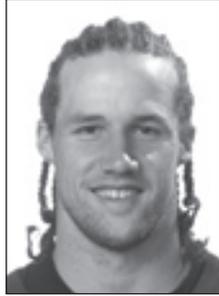
Eight football Panthers receive post season honors



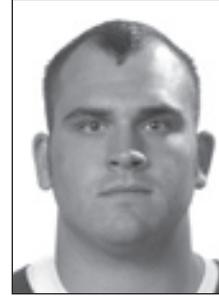
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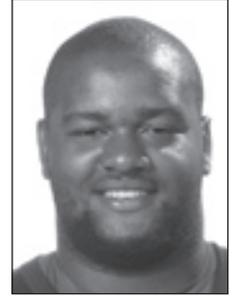
Noah Harris



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Todd Hollis



Kenneth Lewis

Five Football Panthers were named to the All-Great Lakes Football Conference team as voted on by league coaches, and five earned GLFC All-Academic honors. D2Football.com also announced five student-athletes received post-season awards.

Junior defensive end Alex Temple, a 6-foot-2, 232-pound junior from Crestwood, received second team honors. And 15 tackles for loss, along with third best 49.5 tackles in 11 starts. Temple also earned honorable mention All-Independent recognition by D2Football.com.

Receiving GLFC honorable mention recognition were strong safety Noah Harris, free safety Brad Higginson, center Todd Hollis and defensive tackle Kenneth Lewis. D2Football.com also selected Higginson, Hollis and Lewis to their honorable mention All-Independent team

Harris, a 6-foot-1, 190-pound senior from Indianapolis, Ind., led the Panthers with 66.5 tackles and three blocked kicks in 11 starts. He also finished third in tackles for loss with 11 and collected one interception. Harris earned second team D2Football.com All-Independent honors.

Hollis, a 6-foot-2, 270-pound senior from Louisville, started all seven games played at center.

Higginson, a 6-foot-1, 175-pound senior from Poseyville, Ind., posted a fourth-best 34.5 tackles in 11

starts. He also accumulated 2.5 tackles for loss, one interception and four pass breakups.

Lewis, a 6-foot, 315-pound junior from Louisville, had 14 tackles, three tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks and finished second in tackles for loss with 11.5.

Panthers named to the all-academic team were Harris and Hollis along with sophomore offensive guard Josh Abell from Louisville, junior defensive end Clay Durham from Owensboro and senior offensive tackle Cliff Jackson from Owensboro. They were recognized for their classroom achievement with a 3.2 grade point average or higher.



Josh Abell



Clay Durham



Cliff Jackson

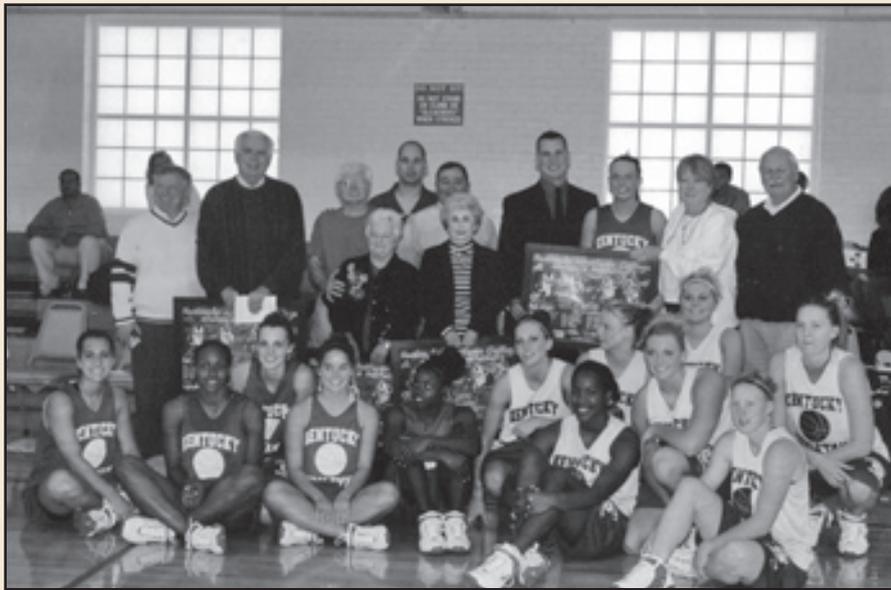
Student-athletes enjoy academic success

Kentucky Wesleyan College student-athletes continue to improve academically. After the 2006 fall semester, 10 of the 13 programs had grade point averages of 2.8 or above with seven programs above a 3.0. The women's cross country team attained a team semester average of 3.65 which is the highest grade point average earned for all Panther athletic teams. Sixty-one student-athletes were named to the Dean's List with a 3.5 or higher (up by 11 from 2006), while 123 student-athletes attained a grade point average of 3.0 or better including 11 with a perfect 4.0. Overall, 369 KWC student-athletes posted a cumulative grade point average of 2.93, besting last year's mark of 2.64. The GPA for all full-time students in the fall was 2.72.

Sports Schedules

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Panthers return to former Winchester campus to play basketball after a 55-year absence

Kentucky Wesleyan College, who called Winchester, Ky. home for 61 years, returned to their old eight-acre campus on Oct. 28, 2006, to play an exhibition women's basketball game. "The Virginia Harris 'Shorty' Combs Purple-White Game," was played in the former Spencer Memorial Gymnasium [now called College Park Gym].

"We were thrilled to be back to Winchester to play in this historic contest," said KWC head women's basketball coach Ron Williams. "The legacy of basketball at Kentucky Wesleyan College started in Spencer Gymnasium. Honoring a Kentucky pioneer of women's basketball and a 1922 graduate of KWC, Virginia 'Shorty' Harris Combs, was very fitting for the KWC women's basketball program."

"Former KWC legendary basketball coach Robert 'Bullet' Wilson's granddaughter, Jessica Wilson, is a member of our team. The opportunity to play in the building where her grandfather coached and built the championship tradition was monumental."

Combs pioneered girl's high school basketball in Kentucky by coaching one of the first teams in history at Whitesburg High School in 1923 and 1924. She was a starting forward on the state championship girl's basketball team at Kentucky Wesleyan when they defeated Louisville in 1921. In 1997, Combs was inducted into the Kentucky High School Athletics Hall of Fame as a pioneer in girls' sports.

"We appreciate the generosity of the City of Winchester and the Parks and Recreation Department in making this historical event possible," said Ron McCracken, KWC vice president for development and alumni relations. "We continue to celebrate and preserve our rich heritage from the years (1860 – 1951) Kentucky Wesleyan occupied the campus in Winchester."

The Winchester campus, located on College Drive, is now called College Park. The gym currently serves as offices for the Winchester Parks and Recreation Department, as well as home to multiple indoor activities. The building originally opened in January 1926.

Donohoe and Korvonen selected All-Great Lakes Valley Conference



Andy Donohoe



Nora Korvonen

Soccer standouts Andy Donohoe and Nora Korvonen were named honorable mention All-Great Lakes Valley Conference as selected by the league's men's and women's coaches. Donohoe, a senior defender from Dublin, Ireland, led the men's team with five goals and 12 points while adding two assists in 18 games played. Korvonen, a freshman forward from Owensboro, led the women's team with eight goals, four assists and 20 points in starting 16 games for the Panthers.

1962 and 1988 NCAA Baseball reunion planned

A reunion of Kentucky Wesleyan's 1962 and 1988 NCAA regional baseball tournament teams is being planned for next year. Feedback is needed from former players of the 1962 and 1988 teams to decide when would be the best time to have the reunion (fall, winter, spring or summer). Please contact **Roy Pickerill '75**, sports information director, at 270-852-3347 or pickerill@kwc.edu; or **Scott Kramer '87**, dean of students, at 270-852-3386 or scottkr@kwc.edu.





Former four-time all-conference honoree donates KWC athletic memorabilia

Norman Christopher '52, Kentucky Wesleyan's first four time all-conference honoree in Panther sports history, recently donated his basketball letter jacket and letter sweater to the KWC athletic archives. He was a four-year starter for the Panthers where he was named to the All-Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1952 and helped KWC to two KIAC championships in 1951 and 1952.

"We are very appreciative of the generous donation of his personal awards earned as a KWC student-athlete," said Sports Information Director Roy Pickerill. "We hope that many more former KWC athletes will follow his lead as we preserve the athletic heritage in all of our sports from the beginning in 1907."

The athletic department has received a few items of KWC memorabilia such as uniforms, medallions, newspaper clippings, programs, press books, yearbooks, photos, pennants, baseball cards, plaques, trophies, etc. Pickerill added, "We still have gaps in our athletic history and donations from ALL alumni will complete and preserve our tremendous history."

If you have any KWC memorabilia (athletic or not), please contact Roy Pickerill at 270-852-3347 or pickeril@kwc.edu.

Basketball student-athletes serve as reading coaches for elementary reading program

The Kentucky Wesleyan College men's basketball team began attending elementary school once again in October, but this time, as role models, mentors and reading coaches.

In a pilot project developed by Debbie Wathen, curriculum facilitator at Owensboro's Foust Elementary School, a reading tutor program was developed to determine and improve the reading capabilities of third-graders.

"Research defines the third grade as being the most critical level for absorbing reading instruction," said Wathen. "The best way to make certain our students are not left behind is to test them and provide additional teaching where needed."

The Third Grade Reading Program has adopted a "village approach" to working with students. Young adult mentors from the community will be volunteer coaches visiting the school each week to assist with fundamental reading instruction.

Program coordinator Beth Murphy, director of the Family Resource Center at Foust, has enlisted members of the men's basketball team from Kentucky Wesleyan College and social work students from Brescia University.

"It seemed like a natural fit," said Murphy. "Todd Lee, KWC men's basketball coach, has high standards of academic learning and community involvement for his players. And we have high standards of academic learning for our students."

Lee added, "It is a great opportunity for our team to help the students at Foust Elementary who are at a very impressionable age. There is nothing more important than education. If we can help with even just a few of their students' ability and enjoyment of reading, it will be well worth it. We feel privileged to be invited to assist in their reading program and our players are excited about the possibility of helping."

"In addition to helping third-graders become more proficient in reading, the one to one, face-to-face interaction between a male role model and a child is as critical as the reading skill itself," according to Murphy. "A number of students lack a healthy male influence in their home," she said.

Both Murphy and Lee believe this program will prepare kids for life in multiple ways; student's proficiency in reading will increase as will their level of self-esteem from being coached by a positive male role model. "Again, it just seems like a natural fit," said Murphy.



Tim Baker, 21, of Milwaukee, listens to Foust Elementary School third-grader TaShawn Hall, 9, read the book "Sir Tall and the Dragonfly" in the school's hall during the Third Grade Reading Project. The project involved members of the Kentucky Wesleyan College men's basketball team as mentors and reading coaches to help the students. "I'm going to come back and check on your reading," Baker said. "It's important you read every day." Photo by Owensboro *Messenger-Inquirer*.

CLASS Notes

1952

Robert M. Blake was a 2006 honoree of Heroes, Saints & Legends. He earned his medical degree from the University of Louisville. Following a two-year stint with the U.S. Public Health Service, Native American Indian Division, he began practicing in Maysville, Ky., retiring in 1997. He was president of the American Board of Family Practice and was runner-up for *Good Housekeeping* magazine's 1977 Doctor of the Year Award. He has served the Limestone YMCA, the Boy Scouts of America, the Lions Club and Trinity United Methodist Church where he has worshipped for 46 years. He is the father of four sons.

1958

Phil Hoy was re-elected representative from his Evansville district to the State of Indiana House with almost 56% of the vote.

JoAnn Penrod won re-election to the Owensboro Board of Education. Finishing her 14th year on the board, JoAnn opted to run for a two-year term.

1959

JoAnne Flowers Chenault and her husband, **Jimmie '62**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 22, 2006.

1962



Wayne Ecton was re-elected to another 4-year term to the Scottsdale City Council. He lives in Scottsdale, Ariz.

1967

Bonilla Laurence retired from teaching special education after 37 years in the Jackson Township Schools, Jackson, N. J. She lives in Red Bank, N. J. and has two daughters, Emily and Lauren.

1968

Michael Lutz was tenured and promoted to associate professor in the CSU Bakersfield mathematics department. He is currently the president-elect of the California Mathematics Council – Central Section, as well as the chair of the TODOS-TI California Task Force. He and his wife, Jane, live in Bakersfield, Calif. and have two children, Brantley and Justin.

1971

Jeff Martz is retired from the Marion Center School District where he was an educator and

high school principal. He earned a master of education degree and principal certification and is the father of two children, Douglas and Diana. He and his wife, Joyce, live in Punxsutawney, Penn., where Jeff now raises registered Black Angus cows.



John Whalen lives in Cynthiana, Ky., with his wife, Gerry, and their eight children. He is in the real estate and insurance business. John has fond memories of Owensboro, his friends and KWC and invites his friends to email him at jfwhalen@email.com and attach a photo.

1978

Suzanne Adelman Oost and her husband, Greg, have moved to Barrow, Alaska. She is a registered nurse with Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital and has two sons, Benjamin and Jacob. Suzanne lives in the Artic Circle, the northern most city of the United States, where polar bear alerts are issued in the city and whales play off the beach. She invites you to "come and see us!"

David Osborne was elected Daviess County clerk in November 2006. He spent 24 years with the Daviess County Sheriff's Department.

1983

LaDonna Troxell-Day earned the teaching profession's top credential by achieving National Board Certification in 2006. She teaches physical education for the Escambia County School District Title One program in Pensacola, Fla., and has been a teacher for 22 years. She earned her MA and is working on her specialist degree at the University of West Florida. She and her husband, Warren, live in Pensacola.

1985

Ricky Bourland is a pastor with the Westview/Locust Hill United Methodist Charge and lives in Westview, Ky.

Dan Douglas is president of Junior Achievement Owensboro, which recently received the Southern U.S. Region's Phoenix Award for the most-improved operation regionally. During Dan's tenure, JA has increased student growth by 363 percent.

Russell Hayden Jr. has joined Independence Bank as vice president and loan officer. He has more than 21 years of banking experience and is a graduate of ABA Graduate School of Banking in Madison, Wis.

1986

Connie Powell is a licensed clinical psychologist and clinical director at Children's Paraclete, Inc. She lives in Ebensburg, Penn.

1987

Robyn Minton is the first recipient of a scholarship to Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management under a program with the Center for Nonprofit Management. The scholarship will cover tuition to VU's 21-month executive master of business administration program. Robyn is director of the



The Clark brothers are pictured at the 75th celebration of their home church building on August 27, 2006. Left to right: the Rev. **Roy Earl Clark '46**; Rev. **Samuel R. Clark '52** and Rev. Dr. **William Joseph Clark '54**. Together they represent 172 years of service to the Methodist church.



A group of KWC classmates met on August 3, 2006, for their 52nd annual reunion luncheon. Originally there were 12 alumnae who all roomed together on the KWC Winchester campus in what was called Senior House. The majority were in the same sorority, Pi Sigma Chi. For years there was perfect attendance and everyone arranged their family vacations around the KWC get-together. Pictured at this year's reunion are sitting left to right: **Juanita Hart Snowden '51** and **Mickey Cox Hodson '50**. Standing left to right: **Jane Blakemore Foster '53**; **Leatha Nell Blair Nickell '50**; **Mary Lillian Cain Taylor '48**; **Ginny Gilvin Thompson '51**; and **Anna Jean Price Allen '50**. **Edith Bowles Myles '49** attended the reunion but was not present for the picture.



Pictured above, twenty-nine Nashville area alumni and friends gathered with President Anne Cairns Federlein on September 25 for dinner.

Domestic Violence Services program of the YWCA of Nashville and Middle Tennessee. It is the largest program of its type in the state of Tennessee. Last year the program served more than 5,000 women, men and children with 50 staff members and a budget in excess of \$1.6 million. Robyn earned a masters degree in counseling from Trevecca Nazarene University.

1988

John Bowling is the senior pastor of Franklin First United Methodist Church in Franklin, Ky. He and his wife, Lisa, welcomed their second child, Sydney Alexis, in June 2006, who joins big brother, Wesley. John is the son of Dorothy and **William Bowling '56**.

Jeff Sampson is senior sales executive with Novartis Pharmaceuticals. He and his wife, Cara, live in Fishers, Ind. and have three children, Taylor, Griffin and Haleigh.

1989

Kim Ringer Harley is a registered nurse/forensic nurse and lives in Lewisport, Ky. with her husband, Richard. They have four sons, Allen Collins, **Kris Collins** who is a current student at KWC and on the Panther football team, Nicholas Harley, and **Brandon Harley '00**.

1990

Ricki Allen is commander of the Kentucky State Police Henderson Post which oversees six counties including Daviess, Hancock, McLean and Ohio. He has nine years of experience as a supervisor with a background in criminal identification. He and his wife, Amy, have a son, Jacob, and live in Bremen, Ky.

Thomas Burgess is lead administrative systems engineer with KCTCS – office of policy and research analysis. He and his wife, Sarah, have four children, Samuel Thomas, Andrew Houston, Benjamin Michael and baby

Theodore Robert, and live in Georgetown, Ky.

Adam Wojtelwicz is the chief financial officer for Foundations, Inc., a non-profit corporation which specializes in after school educational programs for inner city youths. He lives in Aston, Penn. with his wife, Gina, and their two children, Nick and Alexis.

1991

Shannon Barton Bellessa and her husband, Darin, welcomed their first child, Drake Barton Bellessa, on September 1, 2006. They live in Vincennes, Ind. Shannon is associate professor in the department of criminology at Indiana State University where she has been teaching for four years.

1992

Heather Vanderford Matics and her husband, Mark, welcomed a baby boy, Franklin Xavier Matics, on October 11, 2006, who joins big sister Ellie. They live in Lexington.

1993

Mark Glover is news director at WEHT-TV, Owensboro cable channel 11, the area's ABC affiliate. He and his wife, **Amy Jewell Glover '92**, have a daughter, Sydney Grace, and live in Newburgh, Ind.

Brent Holsclaw married Lexie Blue on December 30, 2006. Brent is head football coach at Kentucky Wesleyan.

1995



Paige Moore-Heavin received a Gold Quill award for "How Can I Possibly Eat Nine Fruits and Vegetables a Day?" – an article she wrote for the Humana member newsletter. The International Association of Business Communicators

selected two winners out of 1,175 entries. Paige sends her thanks to **Joe Britton '56**, her English teacher at KWC, and apologizes for not flying him to Vancouver for the awards ceremony.

But, she points out, writers don't make a lot of money. Paige and her husband, Scott, live in New Castle, Ind. and she is a copywriter for Humana.

Catherine Eblen Sherrard and her husband, Eric, welcomed a new baby boy, Benjamin George, on November 2, 2006. He joins big brother, Robbie. Catherine is KWC assistant dean of students and lives in Owensboro.

1996

Jennifer Jones Wynne is the area office manager for Chicago Title Insurance Company in Birmingham, Ala. She and her husband, William, live in Chelsea, Ala.

1997

Amy Cappiccio finished her doctorate degree and is teaching at Western Kentucky University.

Byron Hall and his wife, Alicia Marie, welcomed a baby daughter, Grace Kaylee Hall, on December 8, 2006, who joins big sister, Kendall Leigh. Byron is the lead IT systems analyst for Principal Financial Group and they live in Winterset, Iowa.

Jason Rudd is a corporate bankruptcy attorney with Diamond McCarthy LLP. He and his wife, Summer, live in Austin, Tex.

Sam Taylor is Western Kentucky region affinity relationship manager with Old National Bank and serves Daviess, Hopkins and Muhlenberg counties. He volunteers with United Way and Boy Scouts.

Kenneth Scott Wilson is product development segment manager with Humana. He and his wife, Sandra, live in Prospect, Ky.

1998

Jammia Smith Joska and her husband, **Robin Joska '01**, welcomed a baby girl, Maya Isabelle, on November 1, 2006. Jammia teaches in the Owensboro City School System and Robin is capacity allocation analyst II with Southern Star. They live in Owensboro.

Emily Lee has written an historical fiction book, *Continuing on Alone*, which will be published by Publish America in 2007. She is librarian at Latonia Elementary School and lives in Covington, Ky.

1999

Diana Roberts Cole earned National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, the highest credential in the teaching profession. She has

a master of education degree from Western Kentucky University with an endorsement in gifted and talented education, and teaches kindergarten at Country Heights Elementary School. She and her husband, Jeremy, live in Philpot, Ky.

2000

James Jason Harris teaches 8th grade math and algebra in Henry County Schools and lives in Shelbyville, Ky.

Sarah Hibner Shawhan and her husband, **Mike Shawhan '98**, live in Louisville and have two children, Ethan and Mary. Sarah is an account executive with Ketchum Directory Advertising and Mike is a financial advisor.

Natalie Spradling married Chris Corso on July 7, 2006. She is children's creative arts director for Crossroads Christian Church and lives in Lexington.

2001

Miranda Christy married David Head on December 30, 2006. She earned her masters degree in theological studies from Vanderbilt University and received her doctor of jurisprudence from the University of Tennessee College of Law in May 2006. She is practicing law with Stites & Harbison, PLLC in Nashville. They live in Nashville.

Wesley Cole married Heather Lowitz on July 21, 2006, and they live in Hamilton, Ohio, where he is a teacher with the Talawanda School District.

Todd Lillpop married Audrey Cannon on November 25, 2006. He is head baseball coach at Kentucky Wesleyan.

2002

Luke Alexander is a physicians relations coordinator with Owensboro Medical Health System and works at Outpatient Imaging Services.



Kappa Deltas from the 90s and 2000s had a reunion in October at KWC, attending a Panther football game and having a picnic at Legion Park. Pictured on the first row left to right: Koby Cox, **Carrie Foster Long '96** and daughter, Natalie; **Tiffany Gordon Wells '97** and daughter, Addie; **Suzanne Crick Duncan '99**; **Stacy Baxter Bischoff '97**; **Angie Mann Cox '97** and daughter, Payton; and **Julie Johnson Wilbur '95**. Back row left to right: **Michelle Davenport Hickerson '95**; **Cynde Rowell Clausen '96**; **Amanda Tyson Crick '99**; **Laura Jo Kuyper '95**; **Wendy Bancroft Hensley '98**; **Autumn Greer Wilkins '01** and daughter, Sophia; **Mandy Melvin '01**; and **Catherine Eblen Sherrard '95**.

Katherine Murdock Evans and her husband, Adam, welcomed their new son, Jackson Thomas Evans, on May 9, 2006. He joins big brother, James Elliot Evans.

Jamie Foulks married **Micah Pearson '06** on December 16, 2006, in the KWC Tapscott Chapel. Jamie is a therapist/case manager with Ed Necco and Associate. Jamie and Micah live in Owensboro.

Matthew Hughes married Shanda Hall on December 9, 2006. They live in Madisonville, Ky.

Jennifer Wells Olssen received her masters degree in education from Indiana Wesleyan University and is the math intervention teacher at Sutton Elementary School. She and her husband, Patrick, live in Owensboro.

Travis Powell graduated from law school with an MBA and JD and passed the Kentucky

bar exam. He is general counsel for the State Finance Cabinet in Frankfort.

Sarah Roach Macy and her husband, L. Z. Macy III, welcomed a baby girl, Ava Elizabeth, on October 24, 2006. She joins big sister Anna Lynne. Sarah is a special education teacher at Breckinridge County High School.

Abby Miarecki Shelton is community coordinator for Owensboro City Hall.

2003

Kristy Nelson married Kenneth Burnett on October 14, 2006, and they live in Pineville, Ky. Kristy is a bank teller at First State Financial.

Amy Revlett graduated in 2006 from the Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University and passed the Kentucky bar exam. She is practicing law in Central City, Ky. with the Al Miller Law Offices. She lives in Central City.

Scott Stanley is a deputy United States Marshal and lives in South Pasadena, Calif.

Nic Vasilchek is a U.S. history teacher and varsity football defensive line coach/JV football defensive coordinator and freshman baseball coach at Luella High School in McDonough, Ga.

2004

Rozalynn Farris Martin and her husband, Chris, welcomed a baby girl, Aubrey Jane Martin, on August 30, 2006. Rozalynn works at Five Brothers as a foreclosure specialist and lives in Owensboro.

Travis Wethington is a field engineer for General Dynamics in the Washington, D. C. area. He lives in Arlington, Vir.

2005

Michelle Filkins married **Zach Heil '06** on August 26, 2006.

Adam Flowers has joined Greenwell-Chisholm Printing Company in Owensboro as a sales account executive.

Malena Gardner married Zach DeJarnette on September 30, 2006. She is a reporter for *The Hancock Clarion*.

Jeremy Mulligan married Regina K. Gardner on April 15, 2006.

2006

Katie Bryant is a horse recording representative for the United States Equestrian Federation and lives in Georgetown, Ky.

Bethany Fugate is in the School of Mental Counseling graduate program at Lindsey Wilson College and lives in Jamestown, Ky.



The annual get together of the KWC 50s alumni was held at the lake home of **Mary Jo '56** and **Charlie Harrison '56** in June 2006. Pictured left to right: **Charlotte Morrow Sowards '56**; **Jeanette Walker Tinsley '55**; **Dot Rhodes Holbrook '56**; **Gertrude Stone '58**; **Mary Jo Stanley Harrison '56**; **Barbara Moseley Cockrum '56**; **Helen Bowers '56**; **Rose Hamilton Hill '56**; **Merrylen Wesley Sparks '57**; and **Jo Ann Goodwin Penrod '58**. They don't know what happened to the men!

Michael Marsh recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

Betzi Mendez lives in Moore Haven, Fl. and teaches at Clewiston High School in the art department.

Erin Skaggs married Anthony Lee Embry on June 17, 2006. She is the dance coach at Kentucky Wesleyan and College View Middle School.

In Memoriam

1928

Mary Dickey Brooks on September 22, 2006, at the age of 100 in Madison, Ga. Survivors include her daughter, Joyce Brooks Few.

1931



Holly F. Skidmore on September 9, 2006, in Elizabethtown, Ky. He graduated from the YMCA Graduate School in Nashville in 1933 and joined his father in the Skidmore Hardware retail

business. He served in the Army and was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Holley was a long time member of Memorial United Methodist Church in Elizabethtown and enjoyed Rotary for 61 years, serving as president of the Elizabethtown club. He was also president of the Kentucky Retail Hardware Association. Holley received the KWC Alumni Service Award in April 2006. He faithfully attended Kentucky Wesleyan alumni events, both on and off campus, including commencement each year. Survivors include his wife, Anna Dixon-Skidmore; a stepson, Kevin Dixon, Elizabethtown; and three step grandchildren.

1942

Rufus Leslie Simons on August 15, 2006, in Indianapolis. He received his divinity degree from Garrett Seminary on Northwestern University Campus and was ordained a Methodist minister, serving six Methodist churches. He was then ordained in the Priesthood of Episcopal Churches and served five Episcopal parishes. He finished his career as a juvenile court probation officer for Marion County. He had a passion for chess and won the title of Chess Champion for the city of Indianapolis. Survivors include three sons, Gerald Simons, Gordon Simons and Alan Simons; one daughter, Diane Chiasson; and three grandchildren, all of Indianapolis.



Fourteen Kappa Deltas from the 70s met in Brown County, Ind. for a long weekend September 29, 2006. They visited, shopped, ate and had great fun. Pictured on the front row left to right: **Peggie Pratt Stewart '73; Debbie Bellamy Scheip '74; Linda Bartley Branstetter '72; Laura Blankenbaker '76; and Beth Robinson Ronk '73.** Back row left to right: **Robin Robbins McCutchan '71; Carolyn Turner Lee '73; Cindy Wacker Rakow '71; Margaret Williamson Cavitt '73; Kathy Sherman '73; Janet Laswell Suwanski '72; Becky McClain Paulson '75; Pat Dibble Parsons '76; and Lydie Schmitt Boone '73.**

1943

Alvin J. Gilliam on November 20, 2006, in Henderson, Ky. He spent more than 50 years as a pastor of the United Methodist Church, 23 of which were as a chaplain in the Air Force. He retired from the Air Force in 1976 with the rank of lieutenant colonel and then served as pastor of United Methodist churches in Corydon, Cairo and Niagara. In 1976 he was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of theology by KWC. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, **Mary-Catherine Hacker Gilliam '53;** two daughters, **Gayle Rutledge '77,** Madisonville and **Amy Pike '79,** Owensboro; and three grandsons.

James Swope Jr. on September 15, 2006, in Campton, Ky. He was a salesman for the former Roth Equipment Company in Louisville and a WWII Navy Veteran. Survivors include a daughter, Mary Hall; two sons, John Swope and J. R. Swope; and three grandchildren.

1947

Violet Muncy Roberts on January 15, 2007, in Pikeville, Ky. She was a social worker for the

Commonwealth of Kentucky, and taught the Head Start pilot program in Pike County. She was an active member of the First Christian Church. She is survived by four sons, Oliver of Fla. and Robert, Howard and Randall Roberts, all of Pikeville; and five grandchildren.

1953

Herbert L. Kittinger Jr. on September 1, 2006, in Bowling Green, Ky. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War and a graduate of Vanderbilt University School of Divinity. He served many churches, including Horse Branch, Hartford, Lewisport, Cairo, Henderson, Niagara, Pembroke, and Russellville. Upon his retirement in 1992, he became extremely active with the Loucon Training and Retreat Center. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Maggie Manley Kittinger '53.**

1954

Lois Madaline Bellamy on January 18, 2007, in Stanton, Ky. She was a retired teacher in the Estil County School System.

Jackie Dean Ward on December 19, 2006, in Toccoa, Ga. Formerly of Hartford, Ky., he retired from Suburban Propane as southeastern regional manager and was a member of Hebron Baptist Church in Dacula, Ga. He received his masters degree from Memphis State College and was an Army veteran, retiring from the Army Reserve as a major. Survivors include his wife, Betty Jean Ward; a son, Karroll Ward; a daughter, Karen Ward; and a grandson, all of Toccoa.

1957

Harry Tibbs on August 29, 2006, in Louisville. He graduated from Manual High School and played in the 1952 Sweet Sixteen Championship game. At KWC he played in the first Division II basketball championship game. He received a masters degree and Rank I from Western Kentucky University and coached Sullivan Business College to two N.L.C.A.A. National titles. He was an educator and principal in the Jefferson County School System for over 30 years and retired as



A reception was held at the First United Methodist Church in Madisonville on November 16 with 23 alumni and friends from Madisonville and Hopkinsville attending the event.



The 2nd Floor Ministerial Association held a retreat in Nazareth, Ky. in October 2006. First row left to right: Diane Baggett; **James Jones '56**; **Alan Krauss '59**; **Janice Perkins Krauss '59**; and **Mickey Miller '59**. Second row left to right: **John Baggett '58**; **Joe Roop '56**; **John Conn '58**; **David Hilton '58**; **Charles Sensel '58**; and **Rodney Dempsey '59**.

principal from Iroquois High School. He attended South Jefferson Christian Church. Survivors include his wife, Janet Tibbs; children, Scott Tibbs, Mary Kay O'Connell and Marianne; sister, Delores Zazanis; and four grandchildren.

1958

Julian "Wes" Westbrook on January 21, 2007, in Prospect, Ky. He was a contractor in Dallas, Tx. and a charter member of the National Roofdeck Contractors Association and past board member of National Roofing Contractors Association. Survivors include his wife, Janice Westbrook; his son, Julian Westbrook Jr.; two daughters, Jenny Johnson and Julie Tinder; and five grandchildren.

1960

Imogene Carter on October 10, 2006, in Franklin, Tenn. She was a member of Owensboro Christian Church and was a registered nurse and business owner. She earned her BSN degree and MSN degree from the University of Evansville and was the founder/owner of Community Health Services. Survivors include a daughter, Carol Carter Ezell; and a brother, Marvin Armstrong, Owensboro.

1963

Darryl L. Cummings on January 12, 2007, in Hawesville, Ky. He taught for over 27 years in the Hancock County School System. He also taught adult education classes, was a certified instructor in first aid and CPR, a certified EMT and drove a school bus. He was one of the founding members of the Hancock County Rescue Squad. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Alice Morris Cummings; a daughter, Tambra Patton, Hawesville and two grandchildren.

1968

Roy T. Hutchison on August 29, 2006, in Middletown, Ky. He was a member of Southeast Christian Church and retired as a sales manager from General Electric. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Betty Clark Hutchison; a son, Mark Hutchison, Gary, Ind.; a daughter; Robin Lancaster, Middletown; and two grandchildren.

1970

Mary Gail Yarbrough Beck on August 25, 2006, in Owensboro. She received her masters degrees from Western Kentucky University and Southern Indiana University. In 1990, she was one of 35 people nationally, and the only Kentuckian, to receive the Victory Award by the National Rehabilitation Hospital in Washington D.C., for having triumphed over mental illness. She worked with mental health facilities and was a member of the Green River Alliance for the Mentally Ill. She is survived by her father, Dr. Frank Yarbrough; her husband, Robert Beck, Vienna, Va.; and a brother, Frank L. Yarbrough Jr., Seattle.

2005

Betsy Morton-Thomas on December 20, 2006, in Owensboro. She was head of the Owensboro Justice Resource Center and worked to advance civil and human rights issues in Owensboro. Survivors include her husband, Gary Thomas; two sons, Earl McEuen Swift and John Garrett Thomas; two brothers, John Morton and Teddy Morton, both of Owensboro; three sisters, Kathy Morton-Lowry, Warner Robins, Ga., Kathryn Morton-Johnson, Owensboro, and Amy Morton, Hopkinsville; and her father, John Morton III.

Staff

Margaret Shannon Alsip on November 10, 2006, in Owensboro. She was a member of Owensboro Christian Church and worked in real estate and at General Electric. Shannon worked at KWC from 1979 through 1987, first at the Campus Information Center and then as secretary for the Dean of Students and Operations and Maintenance. Survivors include her husband of 48 years, Robert Alsip; three sons, **Larry S. Alsip '84**, California, **Steven Alsip '91** and Christopher Alsip, both of Owensboro; a daughter, **Sandra Lee Stringer '84**, Ashland; a brother, William Laverne Kincaid, Louisiana; a sister Clydene Fischer, Tell City, Ind.; and nine grandchildren.

Kentucky Wesleyan College *By the Numbers*

// student-athletes made a perfect 4.0 for the fall semester. The women's cross country team attained a team semester average of 3.65 which is the highest grade point average earned for all Panther athletic teams. Overall, 369 KWC student-athletes posted a cumulative grade point average of 2.93.

125 students attend campus ministry group meetings each week. 26 students participated in the fall break trip to Mississippi for hurricane relief.

572 students attended the Tuesday night new release movies shown in Rogers Hall in the Winchester Center during the fall semester. Another 451 students attended Midnight Movies at the Malco during the fall.

625 pounds of French fries are consumed by the students per week in the cafeteria, according to Sodexo food services. Students also consume 375 gallons of fountain beverages per week.

968 students enrolled at KWC in the fall of 2006, with the largest freshman class since 1967. KWC led all Kentucky private and public higher educational institutions with a 28% increase in fall enrollment.

Happiness was born a twin

It has been said there is a very unique bond between twins.

Berna Bibbs Snipes '81 and Dorothy Jean Bibbs Kendrick

'81 are a prime example of that. Since childhood, they have dressed alike, finished each other's sentences and known what the other is thinking. They roomed together in college, they teach next door to each other and they sing together.

So...when they each found "Mr. Right," it was only natural to have a double wedding ceremony. When Berna married John Snipes and Jean married Robert Kendrick on June 17, 2006, they picked identical wedding gowns, jewelry, shoes, and flowers. After all – they're twins!

But here's the rest of the story. "I was playing the piano in church one Sunday and John Snipes was a guest," explained Berna. "He turned to look at me and told the pastor he would like to meet me. He asked if he could call, so I gave him our business card and he's been calling ever since."

As twins will do, Berna wanted her twin to meet an equally nice man. Jean said, "John told me about Rev. Robert Kendrick and we had a blind date to church and we've been together ever since."

Berna was busy making wedding plans and Jean accompanied her sister to pick out the wedding gown. Finding the perfect gown but not in her size, Berna asked Jean to try it on. The twins both looked at each other and "just knew." Jean said, "I called Robert and asked, 'Can I go on and get my wedding dress, too?' and he said 'Just go right on.'" With that phone call, the deal was sealed!

"The Lord blessed us and we found the right men for us," Jean said.

Berna and Jean enjoy two successful careers. They each teach a P3 transitional class at Longest Elementary School and they are co-owners of Bibbs Funeral Home in Greenville, Ky., a family business started by their parents.

Jean said, "Our time is at a premium, but we feel like we do a service at the funeral home. A lot more women are going into the funeral business and it needs a female touch."

The sisters began their teaching career at Graham where their mother was the first African American teacher at the school. Berna was the second, followed by Jean.



by Joyce Ann Evans

Majoring in elementary education at Kentucky Wesleyan, Berna and Jean earned their masters degree at Western

Kentucky University.

Berna said, "We chose Kentucky Wesleyan because it was close to home and a religious college. We roomed together all four years in room 202 in Peoples Hall."

"We were well prepared at Kentucky Wesleyan and did our student teaching at Immaculate," Jean said. "We enjoyed our stay and had a great time. Purple is still our favorite color."

Both were very involved while KWC students, singing with the Wesleyan Singers and playing basketball for two years. "We had a close Christian basketball team and we still see one of our teammates, **Lana Sweeney '81**," said Berna. Apparently they also knew how to win. During the 1978-79 season, the team was 17-1, still the best winning percentage for KWC women's basketball.

"We remember intramural sports in the Quonset hut," said Jean. "The boys would dunk and show off for the girls."

Education Professor Walter Beumel was one of their favorite professors. "He liked to fish, so we bought him a fishing pole," said Jean. They also

have fond memories of Connie Ford and her music appreciation class and English Professor Bob Darrell.

Berna and Jean have been singing together since they were little girls and have a CD and cassette called "God's Singing Angels," featuring an original song "The Tomb of Jesus."

Very active in their churches, Berna is pianist for three choirs at Zion Baptist Church in Owensboro and Jean sings with the Voices of Zion choir. Jean also plays the piano at Sweeney Street Missionary Baptist Church where her husband, Robert, is pastor. Berna is especially proud of her writing ministry. She sends sermon excerpts from her pastor to the sick and shut in.

Marriage has not taken away from their close twin relationship. Berna and her husband live with Berna and Jean's mother, Dorothy Bibbs, but Jean and her husband only live three minutes away. They have it timed!

And, after all these years, they continue to dress alike and teach together and sing together. Yes indeed, twins Berna Bibbs Snipes and Jean Bibbs Kendrick have a very special and unique bond.

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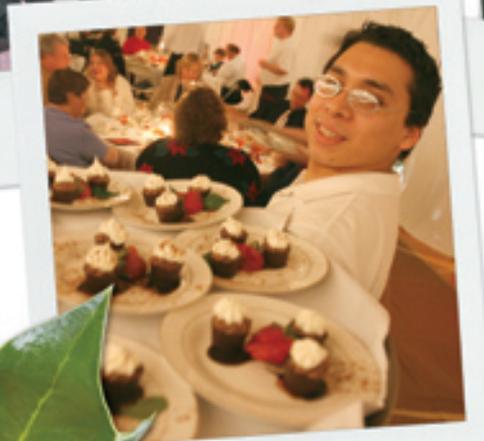
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