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CE- 1

President Henry Hardin Cherry, ca. 1932

President Henry Hardin Cherry, standing here at the Colonnade, led Western from its creation in 1906 until his death on August 1, 1937.



CE-2

Student body poses for photograph, 1932

Cherry saw these inclusive photographs as a recruiting tool. The Kentucky Building is in the background.

(Eugene Franklin photo)



1930 Chevrolet four-door sedan

Gift of Dr. Michael T. Ridley

Grip

Gift of Alanson Trigg Snoddy

Utility Bag

Gift of Frances Stuart Holt

Mackinaw Jacket

Gift of Dr. James Calloway

Settling In



CE-3

Registration, 1957

Students register and pay their fees in fall 1956.









CE- 4

College Heights Bookstore, 1979

College Heights Bookstore, Downing University Center, fall 1978.

(David Frank photo)

 <p>CE-5</p>	<p>Moving day, August 1980</p> <p>Janice Persley, a Georgetown sophomore, struggles with her possessions as she moves into Bemis Lawrence Hall in August, 1980.</p> <p>(Jim Gensheimer photo)</p>
 <p>CE-6</p>	<p>This cartoon graced the cover of the Men's Residence Hall Regulations for 1967-68.</p>
 <p>CE-7</p>	<p>OAR, 1980s</p> <p>Sammy Abell (center) was one of the Spirit Masters providing assistance to new students during Orientation-Advisement-Registration (OAR), ca. 1984. Created in 1982, the Spirit Masters are a group of students who serve as official "hosts and hostesses" for the University.</p>
 <p>CE-8</p>	<p>Potter Hall cafeteria line, March 1948</p> <p>Potter Hall's basement cafeteria, newly remodeled, seated approximately 300 in 1948. The main student cafeteria moved to the Garrett Student Center (now Garrett Conference Center) after its opening in 1953.</p>
 <p>CE-9</p>	<p>Meal plan, 1975</p> <p>Students could purchase a semester's worth of daily lunches and dinners for \$239.00. Service at the Garrett Center Cafeteria was available to guests for \$1.65 (lunch) and \$1.85 (dinner).</p>
 <p>CE-10</p>	<p>Coupon book, 1950s</p> <p>5-cent and 1-cent coupons made up a \$10.00 book for Western Kentucky State College students in the early 1950s.</p>



CE-11

Vets Village, post-World War II

Veterans' Village, about 1948. Built to accommodate the tide of veterans returning to school under the GI Bill, the Village consisted mostly of prefabricated houses, trailers and barracks leased or purchased from government surplus stock.

(Ches Johnson photo)



CE- 12

Parking, 1940

In the 1930s, a lot between Van Meter Hall and Potter Hall was the principal parking area for faculty and staff. The Kentucky Building is in the background.

(Eugene Franklin photo)



CE -13

Parking, 1970s

When this photo was taken in 1977, administrators were pondering the problem of fitting 6,400 cars into 4,150 available parking spaces.

(David Banahan photo)



CE-14

Room decor, 1930s

Accommodations in West Hall (now Schneider Hall) consisted of two-person rooms with twin beds, a dresser, bedside table, study table, two straight chairs and a rocking chair.



CE-15

Room decor, 1980

Kerry Cox, a Louisville freshman, makes a phone call in the room he shared with Warren Gardis on the 8th floor of Barnes-Campbell Hall, ca. 1980.

(Todd Buchanan photo)



CE-16 (UA 5269)

ID photo, 1970s

Ray Browning, a Lebanon senior, takes an ID photo of Glenn Millam, a Franklin freshman, 1984.

Hitting the Books



CE-17

Band practice, 1940s

Research suggests that this flutist is Ida Weidemann, a junior in 1947 and a member of the concert band. The French horn player behind and to her right may be Lyndol (Lyn) Mitchell.



CE-18

Rocky Mountain study excursion, 1929

According to the caption on this postcard, the students were at the Garden of the Gods park near Colorado Springs.



CE-19

Distance Learning Class, Glasgow, 1990s







History professor Jack Thacker is on the television screen at upper left.








CE-20

WKYU-FM studio, 1983

(L-R) Reporter Carole Jackson and News Director Mary Anne Jennings.

 <p>CE-21</p>	<p>Elementary Education project, 1979</p> <p>Dietra Sears, a Mooresville, Ind. senior, works on a project for her “Nutrition in Elementary Schools” class, ca. 1979.</p> <p>(Mark Tucker photo)</p>
 <p>CE-22</p>	<p>Biology fieldwork, 1973</p> <p>Biology students collect aquatic invertebrates in a stream near the Tech Aqua Biological Station, Smithville, Tennessee.</p>
 <p>CE-23</p>	<p>Home Economics “Foods I,” 1939</p> <p>This course covered food production, cost, selection, nutritive value and principles of cookery. Department head Charlotte (Lotta) Day (right rear) supervised the laboratory work.</p>
 <p>CE-24</p>	<p>Fashion Merchandising Internship, ca. 1980</p> <p>Merchandise display and promotion is part of the Textiles, Clothing and Interior Design specialty in the Department of Home Economics and Family Living (now Consumer and Family Sciences).</p> <p>(Brent Mershon photo)</p>
 <p>CE-25</p>	<p>Corn judging, 1930s</p> <p>As part of their work in the farm crops course, Agriculture students were introduced to corn and small grain judging contests.</p>
 <p>CE-26</p>	<p>Accounting, 1968</p> <p>A business student trains on a modern office machine. After Western’s merger with the Bowling Green College of Commerce, the Department of Accounting and Finance was formed in 1964.</p>

 <p>CE-27</p>	<p>Nurse in training, 1998</p> <p>Western's Nursing Department was established in 1964 to grant the associate's degree. The bachelor's degree program began in 1976.</p> <p>(Sheryl-Hagan Booth photo)</p>
 <p>CE-28</p>	<p>Reading unique documents, 1998</p> <p>Mary Ellen Lohr, a summer student employee of the Department of Library Special Collections, works in the manuscripts room of the Kentucky Library.</p> <p>(Sheryl-Hagan Booth photo)</p>
 <p>CE-29</p>	<p>Community College students, 2000</p> <p>Opened in 1986, the Bowling Green Community College serves non-traditional students, two-year degree students, and those preparing for four-year degree studies. The College moved to new facilities at the South Campus in 1997.</p> <p>(Sheryl Hagan-Booth photo)</p>
 <p>CE-30</p>	<p>Doing the math, 1998</p> <p>Mathematics courses began in 1907 when the Western Kentucky State Normal School required studies in arithmetic, algebra, trigonometry and plane geometry in order to qualify for a teaching certificate.</p> <p>(Sheryl Hagan-Booth photo)</p>
 <p>CE-31</p>	<p>Psychological testing, 1980</p> <p>Organized in 1931 with 11 courses, the Psychology Department began offering an undergraduate major in 1962 and a graduate major in 1968.</p> <p>(Gary M. Suiter photo)</p>



CE-32

Language lab, 1963

In 1963, the Foreign Language Department moved from Cherry Hall into the new Academic-Athletic Building (Diddle Arena). Students were required to spend at least an hour per week in the practice laboratory.



CE-33

Economics, 1972

Dr. Ronald Kramer in his Economics class.



CE-34

Laying Out the *College Heights Herald*, 1974

(L-R) Photography instructor David Sutherland, Advertising adviser Debbie Dickey, and *Herald* adviser Robert (Bob) Adams review the layout for an upcoming issue of the *College Heights Herald*, 1973-74.



CE-35

Chemistry experiment, 1980

Bruce Milliken, a Louisville senior, tries to filter a precipitate of barium sulfate in his Quantitative Chemistry lab, ca. 1980.

(Roger Sommer photo)



CE-36

Painting Ivan Wilson-style, n.d.

Artist Dorothy Grider depicted Ivan Wilson at work as a train passes by. Born in Bowling Green in 1915, Dorothy Grider studied at Western before moving on to New York and Paris. She has illustrated over 100 children's books.



CE-37

Physical Education Class, 1932

Women's Physical Education Class in the Health and Physical Education Building (now Helm Library).



CE-38

Sophomore Play, 1929

From the 1929 *Talisman* yearbook, this is probably “Pirate’s Dream,” the second act of the play “Captain Applejack,” presented April 5.



CE-39

Here Comes the Band, 1930

Western Teachers College Band, Elliott Orr, conductor.

(Eugene Franklin photo)



CE-40

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Western Teachers College Band, Elliott Orr, conductor.

(Eugene Franklin photo)

Getting Connected



CE-41

Mammoth Cave trip, 1914

Students Carrie Pennebaker and Sadie Wade Parrish rode in style on their trip to Mammoth Cave.



CE-42

A Gathering Place, 1951

(L-R) Margie Berry, Don McGuire, William L. Cook, Unidentified, Claude Pickard (seated), Charles Rawlings, Unidentified, Bert Savely (foreground, seated), gather at the Cedar House.



CE-43

Studying on the bridge, 1989

(L-R) Pam Johnson, a Bowling Green senior; Julia Koella, a Knoxville junior, March 28, 1989.

(David Stephenson photo)



CE-44

Soccer, 1988

(L-R) Kurt Brown, Brian Burris, Steve Kellerman, Jose Puentes.

(Stephen Thornton photo)



CE-45

Swimming Pool, 1961

Students using the new swimming pool on its opening in 1932 were charged 20 cents per swim. The pool was removed in 1969 to make way for the Cravens Graduate Center.



CE-46

Statement of Good Health, 1944

In order to gain access to the swimming pool, students had to present this certificate, signed by a physician or the college's nurse, Louise Redd. Early regulations also required students to bathe before using the pool.



CE-47

“The Hang-out,” 1966

Students at the Goal Post Restaurant. Opened in 1933, the Goal Post served 10-cent sandwiches and 25-cent dinners. Long-time owners Sam Jr. and Bob Rabold made it a center of student social life until 1974.



CE-48

Fun in the sun, 1978

Carla Thurtell, an Adairville freshman, and Faye Mosier, a Hodgenville senior, behind Gilbert Hall.

(Stevie Benson photo)



CE-49

Garrett Snack Bar, 1957

Opened in 1953, the Garrett Student Center (now Garrett Conference Center) not only offered snack bar service but succeeded Potter Hall as the location of the main student cafeteria.

 <p>CE-50</p>	<p>Chestnut Hunt, 1909</p> <p>Every fall, students journeyed to the Cherry family homestead, about ten miles north of Bowling Green, to enjoy the outdoors, socialize and gather a chestnut or two.</p>
 <p>CE-51</p>	<p>Pool shark, 1978</p> <p>World trick-shot champion Paul Gerni in an exhibition at Downing University Center, October 24.</p> <p>(Bob Skipper photo)</p>
 <p>CE-52</p>	<p>A movie downtown, 1966</p> <p>Students line up at the Capitol Theatre.</p>
 <p>CE-53</p>	<p>November Nonsense, 1974</p> <p>Sigma Alpha Epsilon captured first prize with this performance at Chi Omega's "November Nonsense." (L-R) Carl Grimm, Steve Sharpton, Mark Porta.</p> <p>(George Wedding photo)</p>
 <p>CE-54</p>	<p>Sorority Tug-of-War pose, 1968</p> <p>Sorority members posed for this photo, which appeared in the <i>Talisman</i> yearbook.</p>
 <p>CE-55</p>	<p>SAE Christmas Shopping, 1975</p> <p>Members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon gave \$10 to fifty local children and took them for a Christmas shopping spree, followed by an ice cream sundae.</p>



CE-56

Physical Education Club, early 1930s

Club members when this photo was taken: Lucille Beasley, Martha Berry, Genevieve Blakey, Hazel Bowes, Katherine Caldwell, Dorothy Chaney, Alice Conley, Brownie Dotson, Terry Douglas, Clarice Ellis, Louise Ferguson, Mary Fitzpatrick, Athlene Hagan, Pauline Hancock, Elizabeth Henderson, Elizabeth Herrington, Dora Belle Hull, Vivian Jackson, Blanche Logan, Eleanor Ludwig, Ruth Martin, Jonell Mason, Linda Melton, Laura Howard Neal, Frances Redd, Christine Russell, Wilma Russell, Sarah Shafer, Margaret Sheegog, Katherine Terry, Mary Lee Travelstead, Mildred Washburn, Annette Wheeler, Sarah Whittinghill, Laffel Williams.



CE-57

Chess Club, 1973

The Boris Spassky-Bobby Fischer chess matches prompted 25 students to form the Chess Club in fall 1972. The sponsor was Don Brightup (second from right).

(Mark Gordon photo)



CE-58

Self-government, 1977

Seeking the presidency of Associated Student Government for the 1977-78 school year, senior Mark McChesney advocated more lenient dorm visitation policies, more progressive concerts, and an end to “student ripoffs.” A four-way primary vote eliminated him from the race.



CE-59

Sing out, 1995






Cortez Murray (left) rehearses a solo for a performance by the Amazing Tones of Joy. Formed in 1971 in conjunction with the Black Student Union, the Amazing Tones of Joy continues to delight audiences with its gospel sound.





CE-60


Role modeling, 1973


Darrell Smith, pianist for the Amazing Tones of Joy, plays at a Christmas party for High Street children given by the United Black Students.

 <p>CE-61</p>	<p>Physics Club, 1979-80</p> <p>(Front row, L-R) Brian Peters, Michael Davis, Kerry Casey, Allen Hudson, Samuel Shields, Maury Bennett. (Back row, L-R) Dan Higgins, Jim Green, Marcus Miller, Joe Renusch, Tony Rhea, James Brownfield, Wayne Kinzel, Mark Thompson.</p> <p>(Todd Buchanan photo)</p>
 <p>CE-62</p>	<p>Sigma Tau Delta (English Honor Society), 1982</p> <p>(L-R) Mike Harris, Staci Towle, Dr. Will Fridy, Diane Settle(?), Bob Rowe, Barbara Boles.</p> <p>(John Rott photo)</p>
 <p>CE-63</p>	<p>Russian Club, 1973</p> <p>(L-R) Dennis Buckner, Jill Phipps, Kirby Perkins, Jane Newberry, Debbie Fyock, Ira Kerns, Mania Ritter (advisor), John McIntosh, Robert Paris. Russian was added to Western's foreign languages curriculum in 1961.</p> <p>(Scott Applewhite photo)</p>
 <p>CE-64</p>	<p>Talisman Ball King and Queen, 1955</p> <p>Louisville senior Jerry Passafiume and Cumberland senior Deborah Walters. Western's annual spring formal crowned a queen from its beginnings in 1936 and added a king in 1946.</p>
 <p>CE-65</p>	<p>First Homecoming Court, 1949</p> <p>(L-R) Dorothy Agnew, Kelly Thompson, President Paul Garrett, Teddy Lou Johnson (Homecoming Queen), U. S. Representative John A. Whitaker, Judy Pruitt. Western had held official homecomings since 1927, but Homecoming Queens were not crowned until 1949.</p>


 <p>CE-66</p>	<p>Barons dance memento, 1954</p> <p>Junior Bill Hix of Shelbyville, Tenn. was one of 27 members of the Barons Club, established in 1934. In 1967, the club was absorbed into the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.</p>
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 <p>CE-67</p>	<p>Exile concert, 1978</p> <p>Jimmy Stokely and the band "Exile" performed at Diddle Arena on November 3.</p> <p>(Judy Watson photo)</p>
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 <p>CE-68</p>	<p>Stevie Wonder concert, 1973</p> <p>Stevie Wonder, Whole Oats and Billy Paul performed at Diddle Arena February 13.</p>
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 <p>CE-69</p>	<p>Associated Student Government-sponsored dance, 1976-77</p> <p>(L-R) Terry McGehee, Debbie Hale, Marcella Williams, Walter Taylor.</p> <p>(Lewis Gardner photo)</p>
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Moving On

 <p>CE-70</p>	<p>Western Kentucky State Normal School Life Certificate Class, 1908</p> <p>(L-R, top) Frank E. Cooper, Nellie J. Stuart, Roy B. Tuck, Nancy H. McNeal, William E. Bohannon.</p> <p>(L-R, middle) Betsy E. Madison, President Henry Hardin Cherry, Dean Andrew J. Kinnaman, Herman E. West.</p> <p>(L-R, bottom) Buford W. Sherrill, Wylle B. McNeal, Verbal M. McMullin, Annie L. Proctor, Herman L. Donovan.</p>
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CE-71

Graduating class, ca. 1948

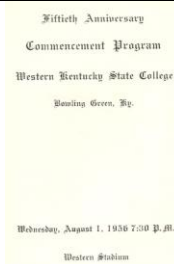
Commencement at the old Stadium. After World War II ended, Western's graduating class swelled from 180 in 1947 to 313 in 1948.



CE-72

Field at Smith Stadium, 1970

The summer graduating class, July 31, 1970. In ceremonies at L. T. Smith Stadium, 295 bachelor's degrees and 333 master's degrees were conferred.



CE-73

Fiftieth Anniversary Commencement program, August 1, 1956

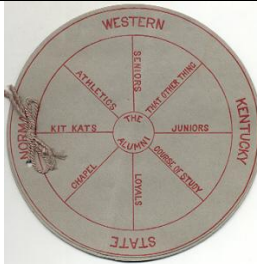
Herman L. Donovan, retiring president of the University of Kentucky and a 1908 Western Kentucky State Normal School graduate, gave the address at Western's 50th anniversary commencement. Rain caused the ceremonies to be moved to Van Meter Auditorium.



CE-74

Alumni luncheon program, 1921

An alumni luncheon or banquet was held annually during commencement week until the mid-1960s.



CE-75

Alumni Luncheon program, June 13, 1917

**The program included a menu and toasts given on the topics:
"The Wheel of Progress – Modern Education"
"The Hub – The Alumni"
"The Spokes – What Are They?"
"The Encircling Rim – The Western Kentucky State Normal"
"The Compelling Force – That Other Thing"
"The Unknown Quantity"**

 <p>CE-76</p>	<p>Advanced teaching certificate, July 23, 1914 with endorsement as a Life certificate on June 9, 1917, awarded to Finley C. Grise. Dr. Grise became head of the Latin Department in 1918, head of the Foreign Languages Department in 1924, and served as dean of Western from 1927 to 1959.</p>
 <p>CE-77</p>	<p>Celebrating success, 1988</p> <p>Commencement, May 8, 1988.</p> <p>(Bob Skipper photo)</p>
 <p>CE-78</p>	<p>Singing the <i>alma mater</i>, 1984</p> <p>Commencement, May 6. (L-R) Bruce Cobb, Derek Tracy, Tom Allen, Chris Wenzler.</p> <p>(Bobby Roe photo)</p>
 <p>CE-79</p>	<p>Enjoying instant photos, 1977</p> <p>Master's degree recipient Lorraine Corkran and her husband Patrick watch as Lorraine's parents, Maidene and Eugene McMahan, share an instant photo, May 14.</p> <p>(Jim Burton photo)</p>
 <p>CE-80</p>	<p>Seeing their names in print, 1996</p> <p>Commencement, May 5.</p>
 <p>CE-81</p>	<p>Crying tears of joy, 1974</p> <p>President Kelly Thompson presents 81-year-old retired teacher Verde Lela White of White Mills, Ky. with her bachelor's degree in elementary education, August 2.</p> <p>(Robert Stuart photo)</p>