

MISCELLANEOUS EKU ACCOMPLISHMENTS
JANUARY-MARCH 2006

- Ferrell Wellman, assistant professor of communication, will be inducted in April into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame. His background in broadcasting and journalism includes time as the Frankfort reporter for WAVE-TV and stints with various radio stations. He is a past recipient of the Scripps Howard National Journalism Award for Radio News, as well as the National Headliner Best of Show Award.
- English professor Dr. Christine Delea has published her first full-length book of poetry, "The Skeleton Holding Up the Sky," which placed first runner-up for the 2005 Main Street Rag Poetry Book Award. The book features 49 poems, including "To My Unknown Ancestor," "God Is an Irishman Living on the South Shore of Long Island," and "In the White House Bar in Fishkill, New York." Author Alice Friman called Dr. Delea "Whitman's kid cousin with an attitude."
- David Afsah-Mohallatee, associate professor of art and design, has received a Kentucky Arts Council Al Smith Individual Artists Fellowship, valued at \$7,500. His works have been exhibited in 22 states, including Alaska and Hawaii, as well as several foreign countries.
- Tom Thurman, an associate professor in the Department of Loss Prevention and Safety, was interviewed on campus recently for a pilot program for a Discovery Channel series on the "Forensics of Terrorism." Professor Thurman, a 1969 graduate and son of former Alumni Relations Director "Spider" Thurman, played a key role in the investigation into the Pan Am Flight 103 explosion over Lockerbie, Scotland, which killed 270 people in 1988. Professor Thurman was serving at the time as a special agent in the FBI's explosives unit. The program will air later this year. Also, Professor Thurman's book, "Practical Bomb Scene Investigation," was published recently. It is considered the first comprehensive reference that not only provides essential information on locating and safeguarding evidence at the scene of an explosion, but takes the investigator through all phases of the inquiry.
- Retired head athletic trainer Dr. Bobby Barton was among five individuals inducted into the first Hall of Fame class of the Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society. Dr. Barton started the first accredited educational program in Kentucky devoted to trainers and served a term as president of the National Athletic Trainers Association. He was named in 1996 to the National Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame.
- Dr. Tim Ross of our Technology faculty is one of the only 12 professors selected nationally to participate in the National Leadership Academy sponsored by the Center for Research in Career and Technical Education at The Ohio State University. Also, Dr. Ross will participate in a one-year mentorship program

designed to develop a cadre of leaders who have the necessary knowledge and skills to improve the quality of workforce education programs.

- Dr. Carole Garrison, chair of the Department of Criminal Justice and Police Studies, was among the honorees at the first Ohio Women of History Dinner, held recently in Canton. Dr. Garrison, who earned her doctorate in public administration with a concentration in criminal justice from The Ohio State University, chaired the Ohio Council of Criminal Justice Educators and served on the National Council for Research on Women.
- Dr. Janna Vice, associate dean of the College of Business & Technology, received the Outstanding Researcher Award at the Association for Business Communication-Southwestern United States Conference. Dr. Vice and colleague Dr. Lana Carnes received the 2006 Distinguished Paper Award at the conference.
- Dr. David Gale, dean of the College of Health Sciences, has been selected to serve on the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education of the American Dietetic Association.
- “Plant Life of Kentucky” a book by biology professor Dr. Ron Jones, was nominated by the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries as a Significant Work in Botanical or Horticultural Literature. The book is now in its second printing by the University Press of Kentucky.
- Staff members of The Eastern Progress won both on-site deadline competitions and took home 14 other awards at the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association annual convention Feb. 24-25 in Lexington.
- ECU teams finished second and tied for eighth place in the recent Mock Trial Regional Competition at Bellarmine University. Sheena Moran, a psychology and criminal justice and police studies major from Horse Cave, was the top-ranking attorney, and Rob Morris, a psychology major from Richmond, and paralegal studies major Dale Petty from Stamping Ground were honored as Outstanding Witnesses. ECU will compete against 63 other teams in Des Moines, Iowa, April 7-9. Only the top 10 to 15 percent of teams nationwide qualify to compete at this level. Other qualifying programs include the University of Virginia, Harvard and Columbia.