

The third era of Washburn:
1966 ~ 1990

Celebrating Washburn University's Sesquicentennial



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150th anniversary
in 2015!

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August

2013: Aug. 19: All University Convocation; classes begin

1966: Total fall enrollment: 4,067; resident tuition: \$10/credit hour; room and board \$720/year. A pass/fail program is made available to students, on a three-year trial basis.
Aug. 18, 1976: President Gerald Ford names alumnus Sen. Robert Dole as his running mate at the Republican national convention in Kansas City, Mo.
1982: The School of Business introduces a master of business administration degree program.
Aug. 14, 1986: Ground is broken for the Bennett Computer Center. The new facility will house the main academic computer, a Prime 9750, and hard disks, with a combined storage capacity of 900 million characters.
1989: Concessions staff introduces a new game day treat – a quarter-pound grilled hot dog christened The Ichabod.

September

2013: Sept. 2: Labor Day holiday (university closed); Sept. 28: Family Day and Ichabod's 215th Birthday Bash (150th event)

Sept. 27, 1969: The law building is formally dedicated, complete with a processional of more than 100 persons in academic regalia. Prior to the 1966 tornado, the School of Law was housed in Carnegie Hall.
Sept. 11, 1971: As Miss Kansas, Washburn student Sandy Rings wins the talent portion of the Miss America Pageant with her ventriloquist rendition of "Toyland."
1974: "Kansas," the self-titled debut album released earlier in the year by the progressive rock band Kansas, is a hit with students. Two members of the group attended Washburn and the band performed at Homecoming festivities in 1971.
Sept. 14, 1979: A ground breaking event marks the start of construction of Kuehne Hall.
1980: Child development and parenting classes complement the food preparation and sewing curriculum offered by the home economics department.

October

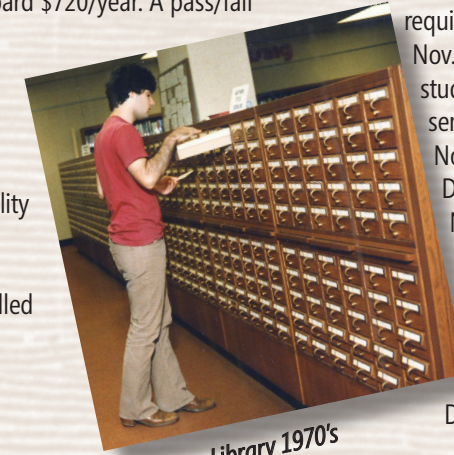
2013: Oct. 7-8: Fall break; Oct. 21-26: Homecoming week

Oct. 18, 1966: Members of the Wulf Pack, a men's pep club, use white fireproof bricks to install the letters WU in the slope at the north end of Moore Bowl.
Oct. 20, 1969: A new fine arts building is formally dedicated and "Fountain of Learning," a water feature donated by Sagamore and Nonoso, is activated. The building, will be renamed Garvey Fine Arts Center in 1975.
Oct. 14, 1971: Alumnus Earl Sutherland receives the Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine for his discoveries concerning the mechanisms of the action of hormones. A bronze bust of him is installed in Stoffer Science Hall in 1995.
Oct. 22, 1980: Betty Friedan, founder of the National Organization of Women, visits campus.
Oct. 5, 1987: Homecoming events sport the theme "This Bod is American Made" and include a street dance in College Hill and crowning of a hobo king and queen.

November

2013: Nov. 27 – Dec. 1: Thanksgiving recess (students)

Nov. 1, 1969: The Washburn Belles, a female vocal ensemble sponsored by the Alumni Association, entertain cadets at the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Nov. 30, 1974: The Ichabod football team defeats Milliken University 21-7 to win the Boot Hill Bowl title in



Mabee Library 1970's

Dodge City, Kan. This was the first time in Washburn history the Ichabods play in a post-season bowl game.
1977: Kansas Archeology is one of the for-credit classes telecast by KTWU. Students view the 19 sessions on TV and completed a set of requirements to receive three hours of credit.
Nov. 15, 1983: Long lines are an annoyance of the past as Washburn students are provided the opportunity to pre-enroll for spring semester.
Nov. 11, 1988: A new Vietnam Memorial is dedicated at Veteran's Day ceremonies.
Nov. 6, 1990: Alumna Joan Finney becomes the first woman and the first Washburn graduate to be elected governor of Kansas.

December

2013: Dec. 2: Success Week begins; Dec. 6: Last day of classes; Dec. 7: Final exams begin; Dec. 13: Commencement; Dec. 25 – Jan. 1: Winter holiday break (university closed)

1965: Work continues on the \$1 million addition to Memorial Union, which will triple the size of the facility.
1967: Members of the Arnold Air Society and Angel Flight present the university with a metal statue of the Phoenix, symbolizing the rebirth of Washburn after the 1966 tornado. The statue is on display in the lobby of White Concert Hall.
1979: Three-hundred ninety-eight copies of the limited first edition of the Washburn College Bible are published. Designer of the innovative typographic format is alumnus Bradbury Thompson.
1981: The men's and women's track teams are disbanded, due to a decline in participation.

January

2014: Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Jr. holiday (university closed); Jan. 21: Classes begin

1969: Construction continues on an addition to the Alpha Delta chapter house on MacVicar Avenue.
Jan. 16, 1978: Mabee Library opens after 13 years of planning, providing space for the 155,000 volume collection of books, with room for 350,000 volumes.
When asked about the increase in the use of computers, one librarian voiced her lack of concern: "The computer won't replace traditional library research, but it will eliminate many hours of tedious work."
1982: A new major this academic year is computer science/information systems.
Jan. 30, 1988: The first episode of "Sunflower Journeys" airs on KTWU. Program subjects are Kansas City jazz and the movie "Kansas."

February

2014: Feb. 6: Washburn Founders Day and Lincoln Lecture (150th event); Feb. 7: Technology Fair: Classroom of the Past and Future, Mulvane Art Museum (150th event); Feb. 15: Priority deadline for Washburn academic scholarships and federal campus-based financial aid

Feb. 6, 1967: Founder's Day activities include installation of a time capsule in the cornerstone of the three-story addition to Morgan Hall. Items in the capsule include a tornado insurance claim report and a 1966 Christmas card sent by President John Henderson.
1980: The first group of students from Fukuoka University, Japan, begin a



The Washburn Belles

three-week visit to campus, inaugurating an annual exchange program.
1983: Students in television production classes enjoy recent renovations to the studio facility in Henderson, making it possible for them to function at a broadcast level.
Feb. 1, 1985: Several hundred students gather at White Concert Hall to witness a debate between Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin, leaders of the radical Yippie movement of the 1960s and co-defendants in the Chicago Seven conspiracy trial.

March

2014: March 17-24: Spring recess (no classes)

1968: Washburn boasts two computers, a 1620 and a 1630, which are used by business majors in classes, by administrators for necessary paperwork, by faculty for projects and by several community engineering firms.
1974: Washburn students join their counterparts at many other universities in the nation in embracing a new fad: streaking.
March 2, 1983: Watergate co-conspirator G. Gordon Liddy speaks to approximately 900 during a presentation in White Concert Hall.
March 17, 1987: The Washburn men's basketball team defeats West Virginia State 79-77 to win the NAIA national championship at Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Mo.
1990: Several greek organizations on campus enter teams in the Kats at Bat softball tournament, a fundraiser for Court Appointed Special Advocates sponsored by Kappa Alpha Theta.



National Champs 1987

1967: Twenty-four Washburn sophomores and juniors become acquainted with European cultures as participants in the fifth annual Semester in Copenhagen study abroad program.
April 6-7, 1974: KTWU airs a telethon organized by students to raise funds for construction of a new library. The program features Washburn and community talent performing everything from bluegrass to ragtime.
April 12, 1975: Washburn Appreciation Week concludes with a campus-wide open house attended by an estimated 3,000 persons. The event is co-sponsored with the local chamber of commerce to increase community awareness of Washburn.
1976: Educational enrichment opportunities for older adults are an objective of the new Washburn Gerontology Institute.
1990: The season continues for the Ichabod baseball team, who enjoy the convenience of playing at Falley Field, a new facility on campus.

April

2014: April 14: Apeiron: A Forum of Student Research, Scholarship and Creativity

2014: May 5: Success Week begins; May 9: Last day of classes; May 10-16: Final exams; May 17: Commencement.
May 27: Early and full session summer classes begin
May 13, 1968: Members of the 69th Infantry Brigade of the Kansas National Guard report for active duty and embark for Vietnam, interrupting the academic plans of many students.
May 7, 1970: The Washburn flag on campus is lowered to half-staff by students as a tribute to those killed at Kent State University while protesting the Vietnam war.



Brick WU 1967



Ichabod 1980s

May 16, 1971: Commencement activities include the dedication of the Learning Resources Center. The building is renamed in 1976 to honor President John Henderson.
May 16, 1976: The first graduating class of the baccalaureate nursing program consists of 20 students.
May 17, 1984: Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr. speaks in White Concert Hall to mark the 30th anniversary of the *Brown v. Topeka Board of Education* Supreme Court ruling.

June

2014: June 26: Early summer session classes end; June 30: Late session summer classes begin

June 8, 1966: An F5 tornado strikes Topeka, demolishing eight buildings and destroying more than 600 trees on campus. Ichabods rally and summer classes proceed on schedule in alternate locations and villages of portable classrooms are installed for the fall semester, prompting the nicknames Tornado Tech, Trailer University and Instant U.
June 23, 1972: President Richard Nixon signs Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The regulations, which include provisions prohibiting discrimination in athletics on the basis of gender, go into effect in 1975. Washburn was one of the first Kansas universities to officially sanction athletic programs for women.
June 16, 1984: Members of the community attend an open house at the new Petro Allied Health Center facilities.
June 9, 1986: Tuition increases to \$59 per credit hour from \$53 for Kansas residents.
June 1, 1987: Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 in F Major by Bach opens the inaugural concert of the Sunflower Music Festival in White Concert Hall.

July

2014: July 4: Independence Day holiday (university closed); July 17: Full session summer classes end; July 31: Late session summer classes end

1969: To enhance residential living opportunities on campus, Benton Hall becomes an all-male facility and Carruth Hall is renovated for occupancy by female students.
July 1, 1973: The economics and business administration department is reorganized to establish the School of Business.
July 1982: Previously a part of the College of Arts and Sciences, the nursing program becomes the School of Nursing is established.
July 4, 1982: Fireworks illuminate the night sky at the first Go 4th Independence Day celebration, which attracts thousands of spectators to campus.
1983: The School of Applied and Continuing Education, the precursor of the School of Applied Studies, is established.
1984: Construction begins on West Hall, a residential living facility designed to accommodate 44 students.



Computer lab 1968



Tornado: Carnegie Hall



The Phoenix



Mascot 1980s