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COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD

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University plans for second parking structure

Student fee will fund project

BY LINDSEY REED
Herald reporter

Diddle Arena might soon wind up in the middle of a concrete sandwich. Despite new plans to add a second parking structure, drivers will lose some of the much coveted spots that were discussed in the original plan

last spring.

Western administrators are planning to build the new parking structure between Smith Stadium and Diddle, a project that would convert a student fee created last semester into new parking.

But some Board of Regents members aren't yet satisfied with the plan.

The existing parking structure was originally going to be expanded with the fee, but structural problems prompted administrators to build a new one.

The new parking structure would be funded through a \$36 semester fee created last year.

The structure would be five stories, but will be built in a way to allow more levels to be added later, said Ed West, director of planning, design and construction.

West said the entire parking project would cost \$10 million with \$7.5 million going toward the new structure.

"I want to keep construction confined to one academic year."

— Gary Ransdell
president

Another \$3 to \$5 million would be spent on repairs to the current structure and other parking improvements.

President Gary Ransdell said that the plan is to break ground this summer and finish by fall 2005.

"I want to keep construction confined to one academic year," he said.

The new parking structure would take between one-half and two-thirds

of the space between Smith Stadium and Diddle, with the rest of the area designated as green space.

West said the current plan would give a net addition of 800 spaces, but that figure includes spaces added on Dogwood Drive and spaces gained from re-stripping the existing structure.

In the original parking deck plan, 900 spaces were to be added to the current parking structure as elevated and

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Regents discuss cuts

Board will call meeting in coming weeks

BY SHAWNTAYE HOPKINS
Herald reporter

Questions concerning the fate of policies, jobs and programs on the Hill will be answered in the next few weeks.

President Gary Ransdell will present Western's plan for cutting its budget by \$5.6 million to the Board of Regents at a called meeting in two to three weeks.

Western is very close to making decisions about how cuts will be made, Ransdell said during the Board of Regents meeting on Friday.

"I have now a much better feel of what won't be affected by it."

— Gary Ransdell
president

He also expressed more confidence in not only the future of higher education, but also in Western's ability to make the cuts. "I have now a much better feel of what won't be affected by it," he said.

Academic majors and minors will not be affected by cuts, Ransdell said. Tuition will also not be increased to meet the cuts.

There are a number of policy matters that affect personnel and the way Western manages the budget that could change in order to reduce spending, Ransdell said.

There may be some policy changes that require the board's approval, Ransdell said. But the entire plan will probably not require formal approval.

Ransdell said he has met with Gov. Ernie Fletcher and members of the Fletcher administration on several occasions.

"I feel good about where we're headed as a result of these interactions," he said.

Ransdell said Western will probably not see any increased funding in the 2004-05 fiscal year's budget, but he is hopeful that there will be no further cuts.

Fletcher will present his budget at 7 p.m. today to the General Assembly in Frankfort.

Faculty Regent Robert Dietle said his attitude toward the cuts has not changed. He said he is still very concerned

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the PRISM CONCERT



The Prism Concert included a scene from the opera Sweeney Todd, a vocal solo accompanied by piano.



Photos by Wigan Ang/Herald

Central City freshman Jed Chandler waits for the conductor to signal to the tuba section during the grand finale of the Prism concert in Van Meter Hall on Friday night.

About 900 people watch the music and colors come together

BY HEATHER COWHERD
Herald reporter

Color was sound and sound was color. That metaphor was heard in a voice-over just before more than a dozen solos and ensembles were played in front of about 900 people at the ninth annual Prism concert in Van Meter Hall last Friday.

"It represents the colors of the rainbow, which is what you get when you refract light in a prism," said John Carmichael, director of bands. "So in a way it is a metaphor for the variety of music we are trying to play."

And throughout those metaphors, a variety of music was played with a light representing each genre. That combination of light and sound brought the audience to its feet by the end of the night.

"In the eyes of the audience you would assume

that you did well," Carmichael said.

The concert included a scene from the spring opera Sweeney Todd, a vocal solo accompanied by piano and musical selections performed by various ensembles. These ensembles included the Western jazz combo, clarinet quartet, percussion ensemble and the Western basketball band.

"It's a tradition for the basketball band to play every year," said Bowling Green sophomore Jessica Crofts, who plays the piccolo in the basketball band. "It gives the audience a perspective of the different bands played."

High school students and Western band alumni were among the audience members.

"I was in it for five years and this is my first year seeing it from the other side — from the audience perspective," 2002 graduate Susie High said.

High played in the Symphonic band as a student

and plans to continue attending for years to come. "If you were ever in the band, the Prism concert is like a homecoming for us," she said.

The concert was performed in conjunction with the honors band workshop for high school students.

Lisa Cooper, a junior at Logan County High School, said the concert and the workshop have made her consider Western for college. Cooper said the concert was very exciting because it had a variety of colors, performance positions and styles of music.

"For the high school students here, I think they saw something they could possibly be a part of when they come to the Hill," said Danielle Wayda, a sophomore from Franklin, Tenn., who performed at the concert.

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Fletcher will propose budget tonight to state legislators

Governor won't increase taxes next fiscal year

BY SHAWNTAYE HOPKINS
Herald reporter

Kentuckians will know Gov. Ernie Fletcher's budget plans for the state's next fiscal year tonight, but some have already gained insight into those plans.

Fletcher spoke at the Kentucky Press Association convention in Lexington on Friday about the budget

that he will present to the General Assembly at 7 p.m.

Fletcher defended higher education budget cuts in his speech, saying the schools — like other state institutions — could work more efficiently.

"We're going to be a lot more efficient after we go through this budget cut," President Gary Ransdell said. "But I would prefer not to go through some of these efficiencies. But we're going to."

All universities are dealing with the cuts differently, Ransdell said. Some



Ernie Fletcher

universities are making across-the-board cuts.

"I don't see where across-the-board cutting makes any more efficiencies at all," Ransdell said.

Kentuckians were promised that taxes would not be increased, Fletcher said.

"My dad taught me to keep my word," Fletcher said.

The state's 3 cent per pack tobacco tax may be considered for increases, he said. A tobacco tax increase wouldn't cover the state's \$300 million

shortfall, he said.

Fletcher also said he wants to modernize Kentucky's tax systems, but doesn't want to make cuts and tax reforms during the same year.

Robbin Taylor, director of government relations for Western, said there are ways to modernize the tax system — by raising some taxes, lowering some taxes and creating new taxes — that are revenue neutral, but will help the economy grow.

Ransdell said it is human nature for people to say they don't want taxes

raised, but they probably didn't think it would affect higher education.

Taylor said she hopes Kentuckians don't believe the state will fix its revenue problems without the Fletcher administration making some tax reforms.

Western will also have to deal with changes.

"We'll do the best we can to minimize the pain, but there will be pain," she said.

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Chinese New Year

About 100 people celebrated the Chinese New Year at the Baptist Student Union. Page 6.

Tops Roll

Western's men's basketball team steamed passed New Mexico State 73-58. Page 8.

On Thursday

Coverage of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's budget address in Frankfort.



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Weather watch

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2 Day

By the numbers

- 111** Number of times the Democratic presidential candidates said the word "jobs" in the first four debates.
- 46** Percent rise between 2001 and 2002 in G.I. Joe sales.

source: harpers.org

To the other side



Students are silhouetted on the crosswalk as they rush between Garrett Center and Helm Library between classes.

Ryan Long/Herald

Crime Reports

Arrest

◆Rakan F. El Salem, Spring Hollow Avenue, was arrested Saturday for speeding, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released the next day from Warren County Regional Jail on a \$600 unsecured bond.

Reports

- ◆Sandi D. Rowe, Auburn, reported Friday her handicap parking permit worth \$65 stolen from her 1993 Mercury Topaz.
- ◆Michael R. Penticost, Springfield, reported Friday the tailgate worth \$500 stolen from his 1998 Chevrolet S-10.
- ◆Jacob W. Kozlow, Gilbert Hall, reported Wednesday his wallet and contents worth \$52 stolen from his dorm room.

News Brief

Professors pass national exam

Kenneth Kuehn and Michael May of the department of geography and geology recently passed the National Association of Boards of Geology exam entitling them to practice geology in 24 states.

A passing score on the ASBOG exam gives geologists the license to practice in the public interest and is a requirement in 29 states.

Both professors have an understanding of what students will face when they take the exam and are using the experience to adjust the geology curriculum accordingly.

-Lisa Ross

Exhibit

Frankenstein brings several monster events

By LYNN STELLER
Herald reporter

Frankenstein is not a monster. Frankenstein, commonly remembered as the slow-moving movie character, is actually not the monster's name. Frankenstein, in the original context, is the doctor who created and abandoned the monster. That's just one thing visitors can learn in a new exhibit on the Hill.

Molly Kerby, enrollment management instructor, helped bring the "Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets

of Nature" exhibit to Western. It opened Saturday.

Author Betty Bennett helped launch the exhibit with a lecture discussing Mary Shelley, the author of "Frankenstein." She wrote a biography about Shelley and is currently working on a second one.

Kerby said she has been working on events and learning more about the exhibit for almost two years.

With Action Agenda money from Kentucky, Kerby was able to bring the \$60,000 display to Western for free.

"It didn't cost us a dime," Kerby said.

She said the exhibit is intended to be seen from a medical point of view and tends to travel to schools with medical programs. Kerby said when she applied for the exhibit, she had to focus solely on a humanities perspective.

Aside from science, philosophical ideas and women's studies are also a focus, which is the reason the exhibit is at Western.

The schedule of events related to the exhibit includes notable speakers

Frankenstein, in the original context, is the doctor who created and abandoned the monster.

and several films. Bennett was the first of several. Others include Katherine Green, Deborah Logan, Ted Hovet and Michael Seidler. Kerby said she is also working on showing "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

Green will be speaking on Jan. 29. Her speech is entitled "Shelley's Family Inheritance: Revolution, Alienation, and Abandonment."

Logan, an English professor, will be speaking Feb. 5 about Frankenstein's creature as he appears in Shelley's novel.

Hovet will be speaking on Feb. 12 on "Monster Metaphors in Shadow and

Light." Seidler will conclude the lectures on Feb. 26 with a talk entitled "Monsters and Morals: Dr. Frankenstein in a Brave New World." Seidler has taught courses in Biomedical Ethics for more than 20 years.

"My focus will be the ethical issues raised by the story and its use," Seidler said.

Several places in the area are also presenting the exhibit. Both the Bowling Green Public Library and Barnes & Noble are hosting speakers tied to the exhibit.

"It may really be something for the library crowd," Kerby said.

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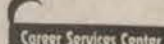
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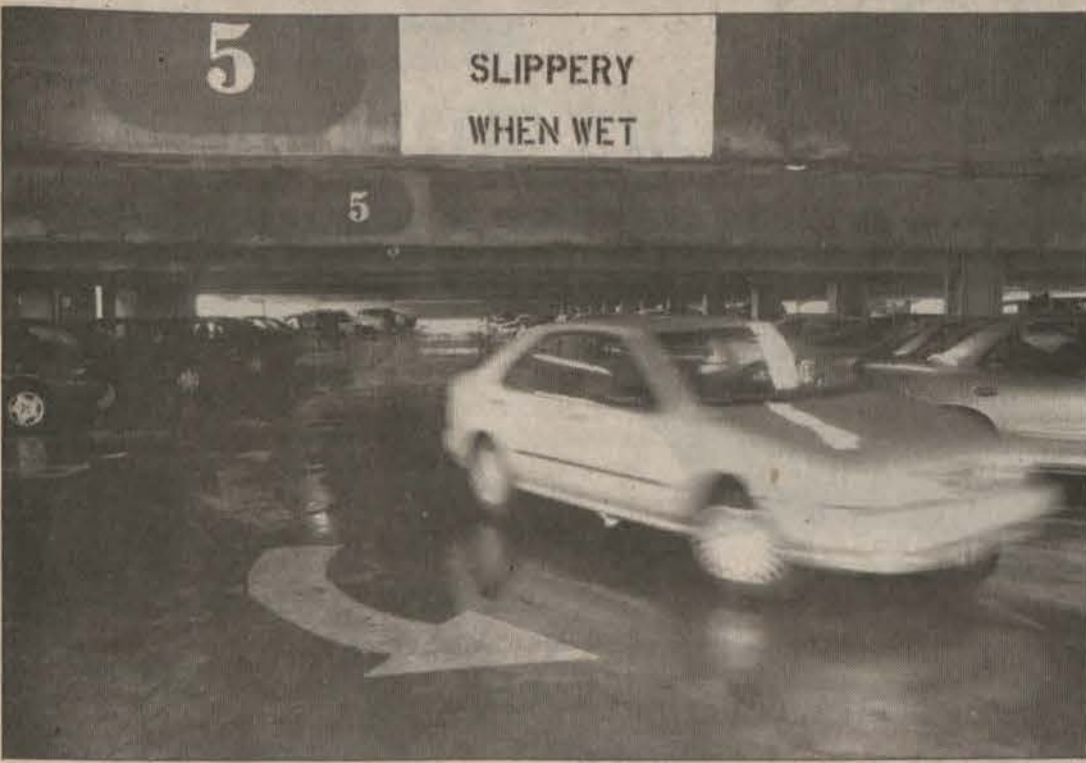
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The current parking structure was originally going to have about 900 spaces added, but will now undergo its own maintenance upgrades and restriping.

STRUCTURE: Spaces cut from plan

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ground spaces, West said.

All 400 parking spots in Diddle lot would be lost as the structure is built.

Gene Tice, vice president of Student Affairs and campus services, said the \$36 fee students are charged each semester goes to building the new parking structure, repairing the current structure and adding parking near the existing structure.

Tice said the 900 spaces that were originally planned were decreased by 200 because Facilities Management was unable to relocate from the existing parking structure.

Facilities cannot move because the budget wasn't large enough to put up a new building.

Ransdell said the new parking structure will be modeled to look similar to the Downing University Center.

John Bradley, president of the Student Government Association, said he thinks adding green space around the new parking garage and making aesthetic changes to the existing parking garage is not a good idea.

There will be 125 spaces lost for the reserved green space, Bradley said.

Bradley said he thinks changes to extend the life of the existing parking structure are acceptable, but staining the structure to make it look like surrounding buildings is a waste of money.

Ransdell said a large project requires dealing with the aesthetics of the campus.

West said five months of recent planning was devoted to studying the north and south sides of the parking structure for expansions.

"We went through a lot of different options, and the best option was to build a new parking

deck," he said.

John Osborne, vice president of campus services and facilities, said during the Board of Regents meeting last week that the existing parking structure was built in 1970.

West said parking structures generally do not last as long as other buildings, and 20-30 years is the average life-span for a parking structure.

Salt carried in from cars is a problem because it gets into the concrete and deteriorates the steel over the years, he said.

Maintenance work on the current parking structure will include repairing the steel post tension, which will help to support the concrete, and adding a coating to limit salt damage, he said.

Charles Barnhart, of Sherman-Carter-Barnhart architecture firm, said he was hired six months ago as an architect for the new parking structure and presented a plan for the construction at the regents meeting.

Despite the planned improvements, Western may have to consider demolishing the existing structure in 20 years, he said last week.

If the existing parking structure was torn down and replaced with a new one, 990 existing spaces would be gone, West said.

Facilities Management, Environmental Health and Safety, Construction Management and the campus police would all have to relocate if the parking structure was torn down, he said.

A special regents meeting is expected to be called within the next two weeks to discuss budget and parking issues further.

Herald reporter Shawntaye Hopkins contributed to this story.
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BUDGET: Cuts to be painful

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about the budget reductions and will continue to be until he sees detailed plans for meeting the cuts.

The cuts are going to be painful to Western and other state universities, Dietle said.

John Bradley, president of the Student Government Association, agreed.

But he said he is glad majors and minors won't be affected.

"I was expecting some major problematic cuts that would affect students," Bradley said. "But it looks like it's not going to hurt students as much as I thought it would."

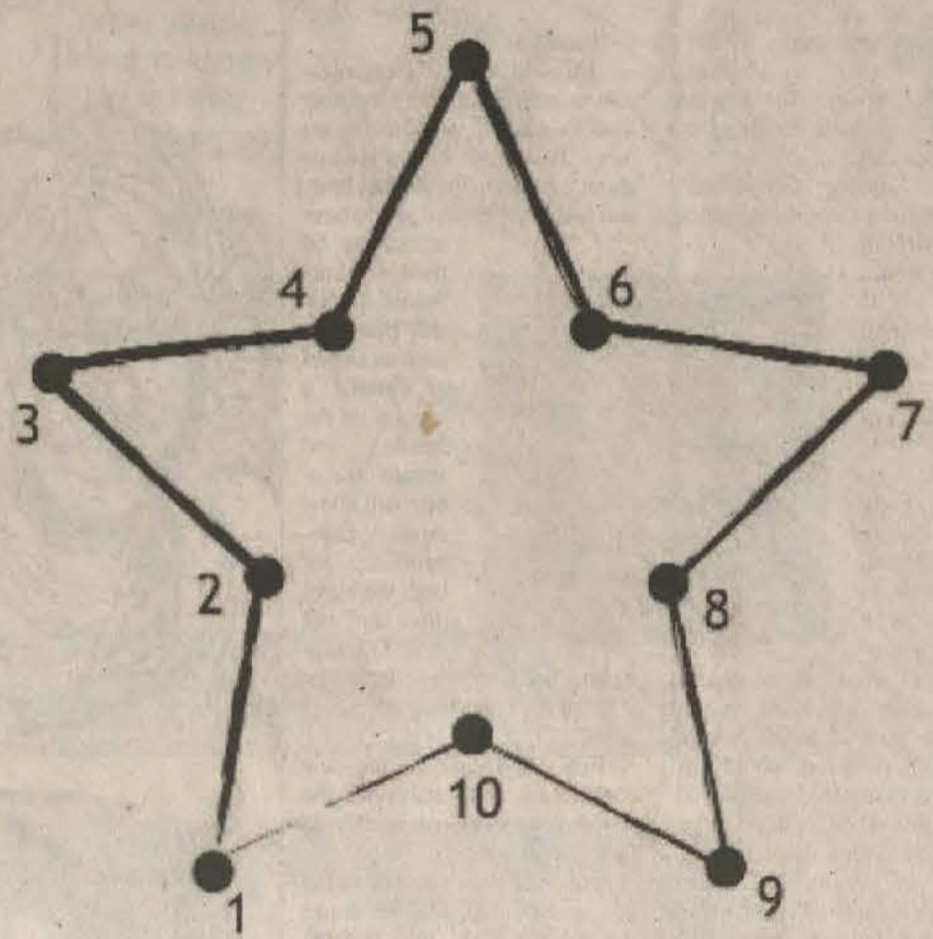
Fletcher called for a \$23 million cut in higher education last month, which meant \$3.2 million for Western.

State university presidents learned of another \$45 million cut on Jan. 7 in a meeting with staff of the Council on Post-Secondary Education.

Fletcher reduced the cut to \$41 million on Jan. 17. For Western, the cut will mean \$2.3 million.

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OPINION

Editorial

Constitution will help SGA become more effective

There seems to be a trend of slimming down. But it's not limited to those on the Atkins diet.

The Student Government Association is considering a new constitution that would change its governmental structure.

Under this proposed constitution, SGA's legislative body would change its name from congress to senate. The body's members, who would all be elected rather than appointed, would decrease from 75 to 35. Several leadership positions would also be added, eliminated or modified.

We support SGA in considering these changes, despite the difficulty of doing so. SGA President John Bradley said it's a "long and tedious process" to pass a new constitution. SGA could have settled for its current structure, but we're glad SGA was willing to research other student governmental structures and find ways to be more effective in governing itself and the student body.

These new reforms will allow SGA to better represent Western students. With four elected representatives from the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes, elected members can better meet the needs and interests of a smaller group, the people who elected them. The newly elected at-large members can focus on any student interests that may fall through the cracks. Under this new structure, SGA can represent a larger part of the student population. Students can also place more accountability since they will have a few people they can

go directly to. This will benefit the organization as well. Since every member must be elected, its members are more likely to be passionate about governing the student body and less likely to do it just to have something on their resume.

Added leadership positions, such as a chief of staff, a speaker of the senate and senate secretary will allow more independence for both the executive staff and the SGA legislative body, which will quicken a lot of its governmental procedures.

But if SGA passes the new constitution and establishes the new structure, students need to do their part as well.

Robert Watkins, author of the new constitution, said he thinks the student body will become more involved in the election process. We agree. It is more likely that students will come to the polls come springtime, if they know that their elected representative will have a direct impact on their interests, needs and demands.

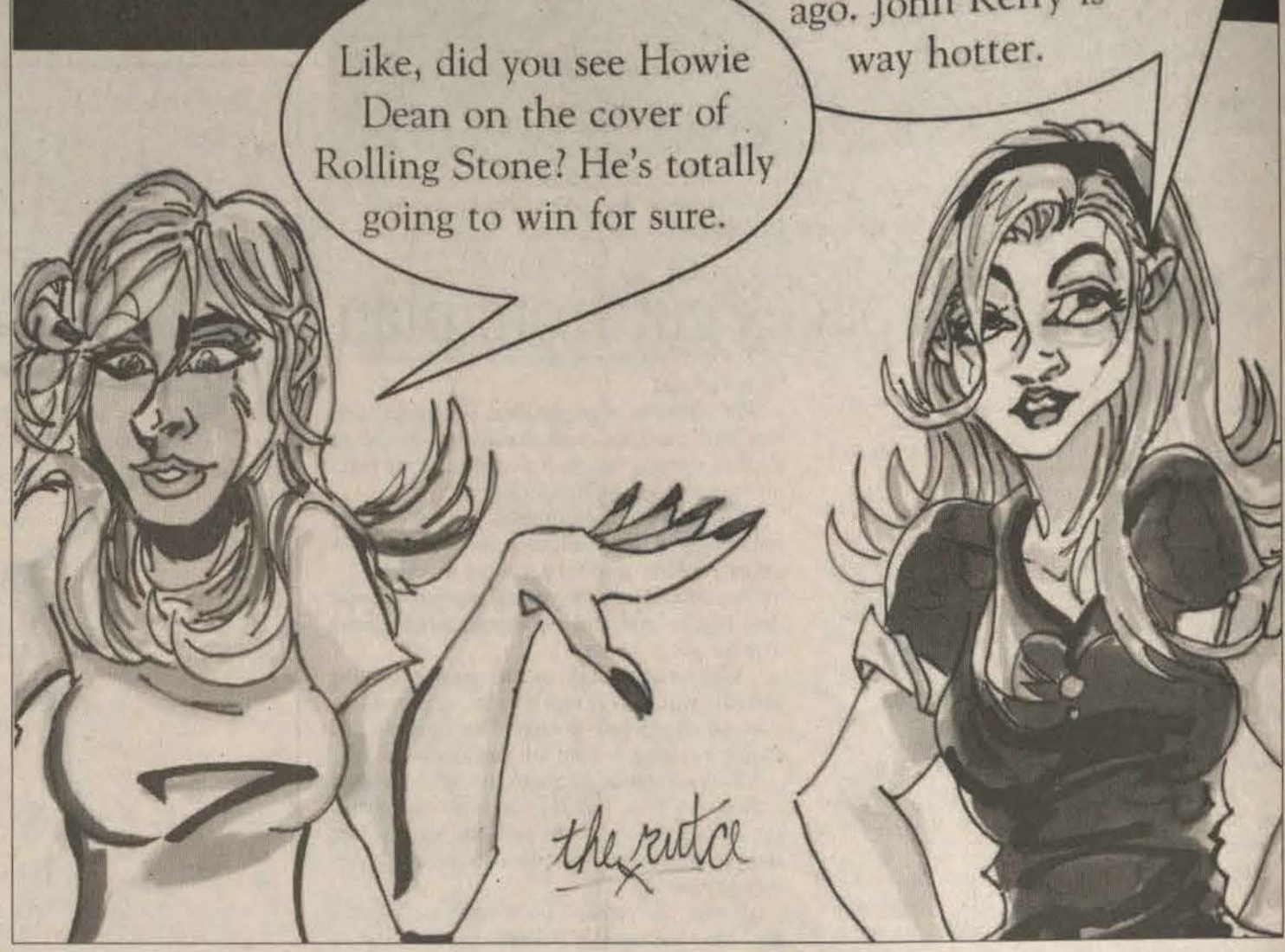
But student involvement should not be limited to placing votes on TopNet. Even if SGA creates a more effective governmental body, it will only be as effective as the students that run it. If this constitution is passed, it's not only a chance for students to go out and have a voice for themselves, but also for their fellow classmates.

This editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald's 9-member board of student editors.

The Issue: SGA is considering passing a new constitution that will change its governmental structure.

Our View: This is a good move for SGA that will enable them to govern better.

The night before the New Hampshire Democratic primary



Commentary

Primaries provide thrilling times for journalists

Every four years it rushes in like a train with no brakes. No, not leap year, but the presidential primaries.

For many journalists this is an adrenaline rush that is "Better Than Sex," stealing a book title from Hunter S. Thompson about the 1992 Clinton-Bush race.

Of course Thompson was 60 when he wrote the book, so maybe he forgot just how good sex is when penning the title. But these are exciting times to be in the news business. A week in the realm of politics can be as exciting as a good college basketball game.

And interestingly enough, Thompson, whose career peaked while covering the 1972 Nixon-McGovern race, is now writing about sports. The line between sports and politics is very thin. The only difference is most sports are more organized.

I believe it was Thompson who said Las Vegas could make a killing taking bets on presidential primaries. He was probably right. Thompson is a madman covering a mad world.

Such is the world of politics and presidential primaries.

Gracing the covers of Time, Newsweek and Rolling Stone, Howard Dean looked unbeatable going into the

Iowa caucus.

The underdog-turned-heavyweight Dean, who once built a commanding lead from nothing in the Hawkeye State, was beat. Upset late into the fourth quarter of the contest by former-heavyweight-now-underdog John Kerry. Dean finished third in the topsy-turvy race, behind Kerry and Sen. John Edwards from North Carolina.

Perhaps Iowans are rethinking their strategy, opting to vote not for the best candidate but for the candidate most likely to beat George Bush. After winning Iowa, the self-proclaimed "Comeback Kerry" told anyone that would listen that special interests were on their way out of Washington, and that he was on his way in.

Kerry, who has been a senator in Massachusetts for 20 years, sounded a lot like he was taking cues from another candidate's platform: Howard Dean, a guy who built a mountain of momentum by challenging Washington officials. Yeah, kind of topsy-turvy, huh?

Such is the world of presidential primaries.

Today things get a little stranger. Kerry walks into New Hampshire pri-

mary today with a lead. But expect Dean and Edwards to be close behind. And there's another formidable candidate, Wesley Clark, in this race. New Hampshire will be a street fight, an all-out brawl similar to a World Wrestling Entertainment match.

After New Hampshire comes South Carolina, and it could be Edwards gracing all those magazine covers three weeks from now. Such is the topsy-turvy world of late-night whistle stops, baby-kissing and mud-slinging. Politics is one part sport, another part soap opera and three parts insane asylum.

And this year could be better than any in recent history. Especially once the eventual winner faces off against Bush. That's when we press people get so caught up in the race that barely anything else makes the news.

The presidential race is a hair-pulling roller coaster that is fit to be held only once every four years. And it's only fitting that we're given an extra day in February to follow this madness.

Joshua Coffman is a junior news-editorial journalism major from Mount Washington.

This commentary does not reflect the views of the Herald, Western or its



Joshua Coffman

Letter to the Editor

Roosevelt deserves honor

I read with much amusement Josh Buckman's op-ed (Jan. 22 commentary, "President undeserving of being honored on dime") regarding the face of Franklin Roosevelt on the American dime. America has a great leader on its dime! Trying to equate Jayson Blair with a Pulitzer Prize and Joe Namath as head of NOW in the same breath with the minted image of FDR on the dime is conservative jabberwocky.

My grandfathers never knew much prosperity growing up and later trying to raise sizeable families in poverty-stricken southeastern Kentucky. What jobs and prosperity they did have were thanks to the work of Democrats like FDR and Harry Truman. Many of the New Deal programs did give jobs to many Americans who were out of work despite even if unemployment went up during his second term. I believe many of great projects such as Grand Coulee Dam and Tennessee Valley Authority resulted from U.S. Government policies brought about by FDR.

...Reagan was a B actor and he was a C minus president in my opinion. Reagan's tax cuts and policies brought about the largest government deficits in history at that time. Yes, Reagan did help to bring about the decline and fall of "the evil empire." However, this came about through consistent U.S. government policy by the administrations of Harry Truman (and probably back to FDR) to George Herbert Walker Bush. But sometimes it is necessary to team with evil to fight evil. If it hadn't been with the help of our major Allies, the Soviet Union and Great Britain, we might be having German promoted in our schools as a second language. If memory serves me, the U.S. government under Ronald Reagan helped arm Sadaam Hussein during the Iran-Iraq War in the 1980s. Look where that has gotten us today!

Reagan already has at least one airport, an aircraft carrier and possibly a federal building and a few elementary schools named after him, that's enough. I couldn't stomach to see him on the dime.

James Engle Jr.
Father of Western student
Brandenburg

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Joe Sullivan
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Tony Davis
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"Promoting different colors in (job) positions they deserve to have."
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Academics

January term will go to committee

Academic Affairs considering change

By ASHLEE CLARK
Herald reporter

The month-long winter break can sometimes be too long to stay at home for Courtney Mills.

Mills, a Carrollton freshman, said a three-week January term would be a good way to get ahead academically and to have something to do during the break.

Academic Affairs will set up a committee on Thursday to look at a January term.

The January term is not going to be considered for 2005, Provost Barbara Burch said during the University Senate meeting on Thursday. Some programs may be created for 2006.

Registrar Freida Eggleton, who will chair the committee, said the members will soon be appointed.

The committee will be composed of members who represent different areas that would be affected by a January term, Eggleton said.

She said the committee will be discussing creative ways to offer courses during a January term.

The committee will consider offering study abroad opportunities or online courses for students in January, Burch said.

"Certainly, one of the goals is to offer courses that students want or need," Eggleton said.

In the proposed schedule, five minutes would be added to classes for the January term and the summer term would be shortened to 12 weeks.

John Bradley, president of the Student Government Association, said the January term would be a good opportunity for students to study abroad, volunteer or participate

in a short internship.

Bradley said his only concerns about the additional term are the effects of schedule changing on non-traditional students and financial aid for students studying in January.

Some issues to be considered by the committee include housing and food services for students.

Eggleton said the committee will identify ways to minimize the impact on those services.

Some students would like the addition of a January term.

Nashville sophomore Katie Hart said she would take winter classes if she were financially able.

She said she would prefer the January term to a summer class because she would have more time for a summer job.

"I think it would be beneficial to people who would want a few extra hours or don't like the long break," she said.

In other business

Members of the ad hoc committee on academic quality were chosen following the senate meeting. The committee, which will make a recommendation on plus/minus grading by March, will include Paducah junior Hollan Holm; senate Vice Chair Jim Berger, assistant professor Michelle Hollis; Patricia Minter, general education committee chair; economics professor Brian Strow; Danita Kelley, professor of consumer and family sciences; Topnet Services Coordinator Nelda Sims; and math professor Sherrie Serros.

Representatives from the graduate school, the provost's office, Advising and Retention Office, Office of the Registrar and another student representative have not yet been selected.

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News Briefs

Rape film tonight

The women's studies department will present a documentary called "Rape Is ..." at 7 p.m. tonight in the Mass Media Technology Hall auditorium.

"Rape Is..." focuses on the global, cultural and domestic conditions that makes rape one of the most unreported crimes in America and the world, according to a press release.

Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the women's studies department at 745-6477.

Corn buyers to visit campus

Mexican corn buyers are visiting Western Thursday and Friday.

Agriculture department head Jenks Britt is hosting the buyers, and hopes that the

group can help establish a relationship between the corn growers and Kentucky corn farmers, according to a press release.

For more information, contact Britt at 745-3151.

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Professors return from research

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Chris and Deana Groves were in the province to help Chinese scientists do research on a karst water program.

The goal of the project is to raise water levels in caves to get water to poor communities.

The Groves will take some Western graduate students with them to China in March to work on the karst project.

For more information on the karst project, call the Hoffman Environmental Research Institute at 745-4169 or David Keeling at david.keeling@wku.edu.

Grant secured

Western's Department of Agriculture received a \$61,400 grant from the United States Department of Agriculture to do research on Mycobacterium Paratuberculosis, or Johne's disease, in cattle.

For more information, contact Britt 745-3151.

—Beth Wilberding

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Michael Lai Yun Chung, from Taiwan, introduces himself while standing in front of a wall full of wishes for the new year at the Baptist Student Union celebration of the Chinese New Year. Lai Yun Chung has been studying English as a second language at Western for one week.

Holiday

Students celebrate the Chinese New Year

Traditions honored at the BSU

BY LYNN STELLER
Herald reporter

Chinese good wishes were scribed on red paper hanging on the walls inside the Baptist Student Union.

Students from halfway across the globe gathered there last Friday to ring in the year of the monkey and honor their traditions.

The night was a combination of Chinese tradition and American culture. Nearly 100 people from both the Taiwanese Student Association and a religious Taiwanese group from Nashville gathered to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

"Our new year is just like your Thanksgiving," Joni Kuo,

a senior from Taiwan said.

Kuo said she is studying at Western for three months and couldn't be home to celebrate. During the new year, families typically get together to feast and celebrate for several days before and after the changing of the year. Though these students were thousands of miles from home, they were still able to celebrate for one night.

The Chinese New Year is celebrated later than Jan. 1 because they follow the lunar calendar. The new year represents a change from winter to spring. Each year is represented by a different character in a 12-year cycle. This is the year of the monkey, last celebrated in 1992.

The Chinese New Year is

filled with tradition. Each person writes a wish or blessing on a piece of red paper. This wish hangs vertically on the wall outside his or her door. The blessing is supposed to follow the wisher throughout the year. Then, at the end of the year, the wish is removed, and a new one replaces it for the upcoming year.

"It's a night you forget about your diet."

—David Walton
Bowling Green resident

Each student made one for Friday's event and hung them together on the back wall. "They are good words for everybody," Kuo said. "Some say, 'I want to lose weight,' or, 'I want my breasts to be bigger,' but they are usually more traditional."

She said that usually a professional writes them because they have nicer script. To her,

they are like a poem for the year.

"Everything is red because red in China is lucky," Kuo said.

Traditional Chinese food was also provided. A dish known as hot pot was served. Hot pot is a spicy broth with vegetables and either seafood or chicken. It is dipped in Shacha sauce to add spice.

"It's a night you forget about your diet," Bowling Green resident David Walton said.

Other traditions were also mentioned throughout the evening. Each year, Chinese elders put money in a red envelope to give to the youth, who then take the money and often gamble with it. It is considered good luck money to bring them into the new year.

Staying up all night is another tradition celebrated. It is thought that the longer a person stays up, the longer his or her parents will live, so Kuo said they try not to sleep.

The night continued with speaking and games, and Walton served as a translator. After spending 11 years in Taiwan, teaching English for several of them, he said he is fluent in the language.

Walton said he felt at home during the celebration.

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Sports Brief

Toppers beat Evansville, St. Louis

After dropping two straight meets, Western's men's swimming and diving team rebounded after getting two wins at Evansville.

The Toppers pulled in a 67-45 win over St. Louis and

squeaked by an Evansville team 62-50 that it had slaughtered in a 45-point massacre earlier this season.

After losing to Wright State and conference rival Southern Illinois, the Tops were hoping to go into Evansville and get a confidence-boosting blowout.

But Evansville had its own confidence.

The slim, 12-point victory

may have had a lot to do with the absence of freshman sensation Nic Hurt. Hurt, still academically ineligible due to an incomplete from last semester, was a key loss for the Toppers.

Western's depth was put on life support due to the small size of Evansville's pool. The number of swimmers each team could enter was limited, which took Western's bread

and butter out of the contest.

Western controlled the freestyle events with first place performances from sophomore Karl Swanson, freshman Evan Mulliken and freshman David Morse.

The freestyle allowed Western to fill the gaping holes in its depth.

-Wes Watt



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SPORTS

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Column

Tops fans get Haynes their way



PLAYGROUND NOTES
Danny Schoenbaechler

He is but a wee little man. Like a constantly energized younger brother, he is both pesky and excitable.

But this little guy has tricks. And he likes to show them off.

He can make shots without looking, while flipping upside down.

He can also hit shots from far away, while almost falling out of bounds. He showed off both of these tricks in about 22 seconds during Saturday's 73-58 Hilltopper victory over New Mexico State.

Antonio Haynes has done the unthinkable this season. This tick tack of a man has turned his stay at Western into that of legend thus far.

He symbolizes a second coming of the lovable little Topper point guard. Almost every Western victory could use the headline: *Haynes sparks Toppers to victory*. Over the past two seasons, those headlines read *Patrick Sparks Toppers to victory*.

The latter may be a better play on words, but Haynes has been just as spectacular.

Patrick Sparks was arguably Western's top player in his two years here, and he was the undisputed fan favorite.

When Sparks left Western for Kentucky last spring, many Hilltopper faithful, felt personally hurt by their favorite Topper.

Sparks became a Judas or Benedict Arnold, which helps make the hardwood shine even brighter against Haynes' Grand Canyon-sized smile. Haynes has become the great healer of Hilltopper pain. Rescuing an 0-5 team is one thing, but ridding a city of its inferiority complex is another.

Western will never be UK. But Haynes already is what Sparks once was.

As a junior college transfer he has but one more year of eligibility left after this season, which would actually finish what would have been Spark' four year career.

Patrick basically received a promotion and I wish him luck next year on one of college basketball's grandest stages (But Rupp Arena is still no Freedom Hall).

But I do believe that Haynes has no reason to feel inadequate when compared to anyone.

At 5-foot-9, he wouldn't intimidate many girl scouts. But his game and ability to draw people with him, would intimidate anyone the Sun Belt Conference can throw at him.

He is averaging 12.4 points, 4.4 assists and 1.14 steals per game. Last year Sparks averaged 13.3 points, 5.9 assists and 2.21 steals. Sparks gets the edge in each, but the margin is smaller than Kate Moss' waistline.

Basically, these ramblings mean one thing. Hating Sparks is useless, because this year's No. 3 has taken over where last year's No. 22 left off.

Danny Schoenbaechler is a Herald sports columnist and sports editor. You can reach him at sports@wkuherald.com.



Freshman forward Ryan Lambert struggles for a loose ball against the Aggie defense. Western beat New Mexico State 73-58.

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Men's basketball

Tops shine as nation watches

Western pulls to .500 record in Sun Belt Conference play

BY JAY LIVELY
Herald reporter

It was experience vs. youth on the sideline Saturday as New Mexico State coach Lou Henson — who had 769 victories in 40 seasons coming into the game — went up against rookie Western coach Darrin Horn.

Youth won on the sideline.

Defense won on the court.

Henson is second behind Bobby Knight among active coaches for career wins and eighth all time. He already had 197 wins under his belt by Dec. 24, 1972 — the day Horn was born.

While he had the edge in experience, his team had no answer for Western's defensive intensity.

The Hilltoppers (8-9, 3-3 Sun Belt) set the tone early holding the Aggies (7-9, 1-4) to three points in the first seven minutes of action and were ahead 35-19 at the break.

Horn said it was the best 40 minutes of defense Western has played all season. They forced 21 turnovers.

"We really created a lot for ourselves because of our defense in the first half," he said. "I think it got our kids going and the crowd into it."

"We had 20-plus deflections in the first half, which tells you you're really being active defensively."

The Toppers held senior forward James Moore, the Sun Belt Pre-season Player of the Year, to a quiet 14 points and 6-foot-6 guard John

Duane to 11, both below their season average. No other Aggie reached double figures.

"We wanted to limit (Moore's) touches and when he did get it, make him make tough shots," Horn said. "We did a pretty good job defending him, but he showed why he was conference player of the year last year."

On the offensive end, Western dominated a much smaller and understaffed New Mexico State by outscoring the Aggies 46-10 in the paint.

In front of a national audience on ESPN2, Western got another big performance from senior center Nigel Dixon, who scored 23 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

Dixon, who is shooting .698 from the field but only .426 from the charity stripe, said he anticipates a foul every time he gets the ball in the paint.

"I'm a pretty big guy," the 320-pound center said. "I can pretty much get my way down (low). I just try to either get the foul or the bucket."

Dixon made 10 of 13 from the floor and 3 of 7 from the free-throw line during the game.

After trailing by 16 at the half, the Aggies whittled the Topper lead down to 45-38 after a three-pointer by freshman guard Byron Davis midway through the second half.

But that's as close as they would get.

In a two-minute span Western smothered New Mexico State's momentum with its trapping defense to break the game wide open.

The crowd pleasing flurry went like this: three steals, two forced turnovers, a Dixon dunk, a Dixon layup, an Anthony Haynes 3-pointer, and a spinning back-to-the-basket over-his-head-ESPN-highlight layup by Haynes to cap it off.

And when the dust settled, Western held a commanding 17-point lead.

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— Darrin Horn
Western basketball coach

Not a bad two-minute drill.

Another offensive spurt minutes later, highlighted by back-to-back three-pointers from Haynes and sophomore guard Anthony Winchester, put Western up 69-46 with 4:10 left to put the game out of reach for the Aggies.

Winchester had 10 points, six assists and five rebounds on the afternoon and Haynes finished with 14 points and one turnover.

Horn praised the junior point guard for the energy he exudes on the floor.

"His ability to get in the paint and create scoring opportunities for himself and others is a big bonus for us," Horn said. "And the fact that he plays with a lot of emotion, especially at home in front of the Diddle fans. We just have to find a way to bottle that emotion and take it on the road."

Western plays at 7 p.m. Thursday in Diddle against Louisiana-Lafayette and then heads to Miami to face Florida International at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

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Toppers (73)

Dixon 10-13 3-7 23, Haynes 5-13 0-0 14, Winchester 3-7 2-2 10, Rumph 3-5 1-3 7, Wells 3-10 0-0 6, Pandov 2-5 0-2 4, Higgins 2-2 0-0 4, Lambert 1-3 1-2 3, Hill 1-1 0-0 2, Holland 0-0 0-0 0, Dickerson 0-0 0-0 0.

Aggies (58)

Moore 6-13 2-4 14, John 4-10 2-3 11, Crooks 3-6 0-0 8, Felder 0-4 0-0 0, Davis 2-6 3-5 9, Haynes 2-4 0-0 6, Jackson 1-4 0-0 3, Frazier 3-5 0-1 7.

Three-point goals — Haynes 4, Winchester 2, Crooks 2, Duane, Davis 2, Al. Haynes 2, Jackson, Frazier.

Assists — Haynes 2, Winchester 6, Rumph 1, Wells 5, Pandov 1, Moore 2, Felder 1, Crooks 2, Davis 7, Frazier 2.

Total fouls — Western 15, Aggies 13.

Rebound leaders — Dixon 8, John 8.

Women's basketball

Win gives Lady Tops momentum

BY MICHAEL CASAGRANDE
Herald reporter

With 7 minutes, 57 seconds remaining in the first half against New Orleans last Thursday, Western found itself in a hole. Trailing 30-17, nothing seemed to be clicking until coach Mary Taylor Cowles called a timeout.

The second-year coach spoke and her team listened, then responded. The Lady Toppers took to the floor following the timeout with a new attitude that resulted in an 84-60 win over the Privateers. It carried over when the Lady Toppers downed South Alabama 66-52.

After facing the 13-point deficit against New Orleans, Western outscored New Orleans and South Alabama 133-82 to move into second place in the Sun Belt Conference East Division.

The pair of wins has moved Cowles' team in the right direction as it prepares for two games away from friendly Diddle Arena, Cowles said.

"It was huge," she said. "It gives us a ton of momentum. If nothing else, it gives us confidence. Let's hope we can take this momentum, package it up, and take it on the road with us."

WKU 84, UNO 60

Following the game, Athletic Director

Wood Selig congratulated Western on the impressive come-from-behind win.

A grin entered the coach's tired face as she offered a response.

"I'm definitely earning my pay with this year's team," Cowles said.

Freshman forward Carla Barteo was the game's high scorer with 20 points on 9-for-12 shooting from the field.

After several disappointing performances, junior guard Camryn Whitaker showed flashes of her old self as she had nine assists and eight points in the win.

Being able to create for her teammates is priority number one, Whitaker said.

"I realize I have to penetrate and dish the ball to my teammates," Whitaker said. "That's my job."

WKU 66, USA 52

While the victory over New Orleans was encouraging, Saturday's rout of South Alabama was momentous.

The Lady Jags were on top of the Sun Belt West Division and winners of 14 of their last 15. But like the last 11 times a Sun Belt team entered Diddle Arena, the Lady Toppers prevailed.

Unlike the New Orleans win, Western jumped on South Alabama early. With only

14:21 reading on the first half clock, Western held a 17-2 lead on the previously dominant Lady Jags.

South Alabama coach Rick Pietri said he was disgusted with the way his team took the floor.

"Western basically kicked us today," he said. "We came out playing like we were going to a picnic. Western came out like they were playing basketball."

Rebounding has hurt Western in the past few games, but it was work on the boards that led to the early advantage. The early run came as a relief after the slow start Thursday night, Cowles said.

"Tonight was the first time we were ready," Cowles said. "Our girls did a great job getting ready to play."

Only seven minutes into the game, Barteo had seven rebounds and by halftime, Western held a 31-15 rebounding advantage.

The Lady Jags gave Western plenty of rebounding opportunities as they connected on only 6 of 31 field goal attempts for a 19.4 field goal percentage.

Western will travel to 9-7 Louisiana-Lafayette Thursday and then to 8-8 New Mexico State Saturday for conference play.

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Senior guard Leslie Logsdon drives against South Alabama junior forward Katrina Martello. The Lady Toppers defeated South Alabama 66-52 on Saturday night in Diddle Arena.