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Publications win ACP Pacemakers

The Herald and Talisman have again been honored as the best in the country.

The Herald won the Pacemaker from the Associated Collegiate Press for the second consecutive year, and the Talisman won the highest honors in yearbook journalism for the seventh time in nine years. The awards were announced Oct. 29 at the ACP convention in St. Louis.

Only four other newspapers and two other yearbooks in the country were awarded the Pacemaker, the highest award in collegiate journalism.

"There's something to this business of tradition," said David B. Whitaker, university publications director and journalism department head.

"Every university does some things better than it does others," Whitaker said. "I'd like to think that one of the things Western does well is journalism."

The other winning newspapers were from Pepperdine University, the University of Texas at Arlington, Miami-Dade Community College-North and Milwaukee Area Technical College. Among the finalists in the Herald's region were the newspapers at

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Family affair

Jacob Showalter and his family pose for a photograph. The Showalter's are Mennonites who live in Tompkinsville, Ky., the site of a recent photojournalism workshop. Related story and picture page 5.

Photo by Tony Kirves

Herald seeking independence

After 58 years of marriage to Western Kentucky University, the College Heights Herald is studying the ways an amicable separation would benefit both parties.

In a June 21, 1982 memo to President Donald Zacharias and Dr. James Davis, vice president for academic affairs, David Whitaker formally proposed that the Herald become independent from the university.

Under the proposal, a nonprofit corporation would be established to operate the newspaper, which received the Associated Collegiate Press Pacemaker in 1982 and won both newspaper and magazine categories at the spring SPJ,SDX regional convention.

"It is fortunate that these issues can be discussed passionately. In many situations like this, universities are trying to rid themselves of newspapers that have been
Patience, persistence urged

Persistence, patience and knowing how to ask the right questions are key elements of good investigative reporting, Joel Kaplan told a group of about 40 journalism students in an SPJ, SDX lecture.

He explained that investigative reporting is "finding out something somebody doesn't want you to know."

"Even the slickest people do dumb things. Your job is to catch them," Kaplan said.

An investigative reporter for the Tennessean, Kaplan covered the "cash for clemency" trial involving Tennessee Gov. Ray Blanton, uncovered a farm machinery bid rigging operation and has participated in several Gannett investigations.

"Everyone is an investigative reporter," the 26-year-old Chicago native said. "Every one is trying to find out information. That's what it's all about."

Because he said he couldn't play baseball, Kaplan first wanted to become a sports writer in Chicago. He was drawn southward when he visited his sister in Nashville, and toured the Vanderbilt campus. He later received his bachelor's degree in political science from Vanderbilt, and studied in journalism at the University of Illinois.

Joining the Tennessean in May 1979, Kaplan quickly progressed from a general assignment reporter to one of the top investigators at the Nashville paper.

Kaplan's most noted piece of work is his story on Blanton, which resulted in Blanton's indictment in April 1981.

The Blanton series, which ran from May 1980 to February 1981, uncovered kickback schemes in liquor licensing and housing projects in the Tennessean.

Blanton was involved in.

Later, Kaplan joined Susan Thomas, also a Tennessean reporter, in a 10-month investigation of drug smuggling in the South. The original tip, Kaplan said, was that a network of health spas were being used used to launder drug money.

Kaplan offered some advice to young reporters:

- Be persistent. Don't take "no" for an answer.
- Ask stupid, off-the-wall questions. "Ask question until you have no more questions to ask. Then ask some more," Kaplan said.

- Assume everything is on-the-record. Assume "off-the-record" material can be used, just not attributed.
- Use public records. Kaplan pointed out that deeds and lawsuits were often helpful. They can also be used to verify off-the-record information.

Kaplan also warned his audience that investigative reporters are usually hated by the people they see every day. Also burdening the investigative reporter, he said, is that they have to be better than the people investigated.

"You can't convict somebody of something you're just as guilty of," he said. "If you are writing about someone who takes bribes, you had better not be taking bribes yourself."

Kaplan said he first became interested in journalism because he liked the "nitty gritty" man-on-the-street Chicago journalism. And although he is professionally happy at the Tennessean, he finished his lecture by saying he would someday like to return to the journalism of his hometown.

Western vying for society honors

Western will play an active role in the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi national convention in Milwaukee, Nov. 10-13.

Two Western students publications are vying for national honors, and two members of the chapter will be running for national office.

The College Heights Herald won the district newspaper competition at the spring SPJ, SDX convention in Chicago and will be in the running for best newspaper nationwide. The Herald Magazine also won the district magazine competition.

Perry Hines, current chapter president, will be nominated from the floor during the convention for the campus board representative election. James Highland, chapter adviser is seeking the position of campus chapter affairs vice-president.

Four by-laws are to be voted on during the convention. Western's chapter opposes a proposal to eliminate Sigma Delta Chi from the official name of the society, but will support moves to permit campus chapters to enroll students from schools that do not have a chapter, eliminate fines for missing a national convention and increase professional dues.

Western delegate to the convention will be Barry Rose. With an official membership total of 68, Western will have two votes at the convention.

Several prominent journalists will address the convention, including Andy Rooney, Joel Garreau of The Washington Post, an unannounced member of the Reagan cabinet (in a telephone news conference), UPI General Executive John C. DePerez, USA TODAY Editor John Curley, WGN News Director Paul Davis and Paul Willis, editor of the Milwaukee Sentinel.
New faculty members aren't new to Western

By STANLEY YARBERRY

The newest members of Western's journalism faculty aren't new.

Bob Baker and Dr. Art Kaul have returned to Western this fall with a harmonious mixture - substantial professional experience and extensive educational backgrounds.

Baker was 1980-81 Talisman adviser; Kaul, the second doctorate to join the department, helped teach Mass Communication in Society here in 1973-74. He also received his masters of arts in humanities at Western in 1977.

Baker left Western and went to Battle Creek, Mich, where he worked as a freelance public relations consultant and as a reporter for the Battle Creek Inquirer.

"When I left here in May I didn't know I would get back," he said, "but I knew I would get back into teaching somewhere."

Baker is teaching three basic reporting classes and a fundamentals of public relations class this fall. He said he would be teaching two basic reporting classes and two public relations classes in the spring.

David Whitaker, head of the journalism department, said Baker did a good job as adviser for the Talisman and that he was needed in another capacity now.

"We needed someone to help us out in our public relations program," Whitaker said, "He not only has substantial experience in public relations, but he's capable of swinging over to other fields as well.

"The department is planning for the future and is looking toward accreditation in public relations," he said. "It's hard to get accredited with only one instructor in the department."

Kaul was working for the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer in 1972 as a general assignment reporter and city hall reporter - he covered politics, police, the courts, municipal utilities, housing issues, human relations commissions and regional development agencies.

His investigation of police activities led to the establishment of mandatory retirement for the police chief, development of a police procedure manual and a citizens' advisory council for the police.

Kaul left the Messenger-Inquirer for a year at Western, and then returned to the paper and stayed there until August 1978, when he returned to Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in pursuit of his doctorate.

"Ever since I was 10, I can remember wanting three things out of life," Kaul said. "I wanted to be a journalist, a teacher and I wanted to go to law school."

Kaul's last position before joining Western's faculty was covering the four-campus Missouri university system for the Columbia Daily Tribune, a 20,000 circulation PM daily.

Kaul said he still had his eye on that 10-year-old's dream. "I wouldn't want my wife (Nancy Denekie Kaul) to hear this right now," Kaul said with a grin spreading under his beard, "but I would like to go back to law school someday."

Kaul and Baker have similar educational backgrounds. Political science was a vehicle into law school for both, and then they were excited by the power and responsibility that journalism generated, and their futures changed.

Baker said that while he was doing his undergraduate work at the University of South Carolina that he was turned off to law because of the Watergate scandal.

Then, impressed with the way Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein handled the story, he changed his major to journalism.

"While I was editor-in-chief of the Gamecock, my student paper," he said, "I felt the power and responsibility of being the voice for the student body. I didn't hesitate to write a story about student problems even if it meant attacking the administration. I enjoyed the challenge."

Baker went to work for Francis Marion College in Florence, S.C., as assistant director of information services after he graduated from the University of South Carolina.

After deciding to teach, he went back to South Carolina and completed his masters in journalism in the spring of 1979.

Part-timer a phantom except to class

By LINDA MILLER

Larry Wilkerson is a phantom journalism instructor - a teacher known by few outside his basic reporting class.

Wilkerson, a 1972 graduate, drives from his Nashville home to Bowling Green each Wednesday to teach an evening class.

But the 60-mile drive doesn't hamper his enthusiasm because the 36-year-old loves teaching.

"Teaching is as satisfying and fun as I thought it would be," he said.

"It sounds corny, but teaching is one of the few things that I always thought I might do someday but never thought I would."

"As the Wednesday night classes progressed, I have literally watched students go from being unable to write a lead and body of a news story to being able to do it because of what I have said and done."

"The corny part is that it really is gratifying."

Aside from his teaching duties, Wilkerson edits the Vanderbilt Register, the official weekly publication of the university.

Wilkerson's journalism experience includes working as a state editor for the Park City Daily News for about three years, and the state desk at the Courier-Journal.

He left the Courier-Journal after being transferred to Madisonville in 1973 to work with the Western Kentucky Bureau. With Bill Powell, he covered 42 counties for the paper.

He said he left because, "basically I wanted to work in another bureau, or ideally, the city desk."

"I was just bored in Madisonville. The girls were married and pregnant by the time they were in their mid-teens, and their husbands were working in the coalfields. I would have had a more active social life on the moon — and I had to drive 20 miles to Christian County for a drink."

"Of course, there were other reasons, some of them personal, for leaving journalism and Kentucky for awhile. Mostly, I just wanted to play my guitar and sing for awhile."

Wilkerson hasn't limited himself to a reporter and editor: he has been a disc jockey and songwriter. He has written liner notes for Jerry Lee Lewis, and wrote songs for Baron Music, which was co-owned by Waylon Jennings at the time.

"I did it for a while. I never really was that good," he said. "If I had been really good, I would be rich and famous."
Internship experience varied

By STANLEY YARBERRY

More than 56 Western journalism majors participated in internships this summer.

"The best thing about the internship is that it forces students to work under a certain amount of discipline that you can't get from the college experience," said James Ausenbaugh, Western's internship coordinator.

"I didn't worry about putting in only eight hours a day..."

Bobby Roe

Cyndi Mitchell, said The Courier-Journal held nothing back when she began her internship there May 17.

"I got there on Monday and I thought they would give me a tour or something," she said. "I didn't get that until Wednesday.

"I was there about a half and hour and they gave me a story," she said. "I was really nervous."

In addition to her duties as a general assignment reporter, Mitchell also assisted on a beat.

"The Bullitt County beat was good experience because it taught me how to deal with people you have to really milk for a story," she said.

Both assignments often kept her busy.

"I was covering Mother Teresa's visit in Covington on a Saturday morning and I had to be back in Bullitt County at 2 p.m. for coverage there."

Kim Kolarik worked for both The Courier-Journal and The Louisville Times as photo editor.

"The things that impressed me the most was the professional quality of the work and the way they let me do things on my own."

He said that by working as photo editor for both a morning and afternoon paper, he gained a much deeper understanding of newspaper competition.

"The first month I was there I did a survey on time zone changes," he said. "I had a lot of community participation."

He said working on a small paper really helped him a lot, and that he felt he did as much writing as anyone else there.

"...It doesn't feel as though I have been back for two months..."

Erica Smith

"The Louisville Times beat...taught me how to deal with people you have to milk for a story..."

Cyndi Mitchell

She said her mornings usually began at 7 a.m., with the first deadline at about 9:45 and the second about 11:30.

"When I started out they were really patient with me," she said. "But after I got into it they treated me like anyone else. The gave me just as much work.

"I wanted to do the best for them that I could because they had been patient with me and had given me so much of their time."

"Sometimes I think about it," she said. "And now after I have been back for two months it doesn't feel as though I was there. But something happened this summer, something I can't quite explain - it changed me. I feel more confident now."

She said she learned an enormous amount about the newspaper business this summer - news judgment, organization and responsibility.

"Now I'm trying to apply it to the Herald."

For a list of other internships, see page 6.
Workshop: Western photojournalists experience the field

By DENISE PETERSON

During a three-day workshop, 18 photojournalists were each given 52 hours and 10 rolls of film to document the town of Tompkinsville in Western's annual photojournalism workshop, under the scrutiny of five prominent professional photojournalists and two Western professors.

"The first mission of a photojournalist is to find out who the subjects are, why they are and what they're all about," said Jack Corn, photojournalist in residence.

The assignment: shoot a story board on an assigned subject, with a restricted amount of time and film.

The photographers arrived in Tompkinsville for the workshop on a Thursday afternoon. They found that an abandoned grocery with a cracked window, broken door lock and peeling paint would serve as their home base, darkroom, lecture hall and stomping ground for the next three days.

A closet-sized bathroom became a darkroom and a hand-painted white square on the wall served as a screen on which to view slides from the day.

Undaunted by their less-than-ideal surroundings, photographers set out with gusto to meet their subjects for the first time.

"You really had to get to know your subject well before you could find out his story," Maureen O'Connor, a senior photojournalism major from Davenport, Iowa, said. "If you didn't get him talking enough, it was easy to get an inaccurate impression of him, which leads to a picture story that's not his."

After each day of shooting, photographers discussed their progress individually with an adviser. Professional advisers for the workshop were some of the ranking photojournalists in the region: Mike Hayman of the Flint Journal in Flint, Mich; Nancy Warnecke of The Tennessean in Nashville, Tenn; Tom Hardin, of The Courier-Journal in Louisville and Don Rutledge of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

"See all people with dignity," Rutledge told the group. "Communicate their lives, but don't judge their lives."

Warnecke, a winner of a Pulitzer Prize, the Photographer of the Year for documentaries and the Neiman Fellowship award, told the participants, "The most important aspect of photojournalism is getting to know people. Keep your mind open for new insights into your subject and for changes in the story line."

A verbal critique session with the professionals was held Friday night, and the students were given last-minute advice.

Tony Kirves, a junior photojournalism major from Evansville, Ind, summed up the weekend: "This workshop has been the highlight on my photojournalism education. It's given me a boost in my career motivation."

"This weekend, and the photojournalism class as a whole, have been great training for me. It's like you're working on a newspaper with you as the photographer and the teacher as the editor."

An eastbound car on Ky. 216 in Monroe County at dusk sets the mood of this feature picture.
ABC’s Steve Bell keynotes fair

By KATHLEEN BAKER and WANDA BALLARD

Journalism is tough, stressful, and low paying, but it’s made Steve Bell a pioneer of the morning news industry.

Bell, who anchored the news segment of “Good Morning America” for seven years and now co-anchors “ABC News This Morning,” was keynote speaker at the Free Enterprise Fair banquet in September and spoke to a capacity crowd in Garrett Ballroom. He also spoke to about 200 students attending an afternoon lecture in Grise Hall auditorium.

With his experience, Bell gave his first-hand account of major national and international stories he has covered, and some of the professional questions they gave birth to.

When John Hinckley attempted to assassinate President Reagan in March 1981, ABC incorrectly broadcast that James Brady, presidential press secretary, had died in the attack.

“The information, Bell said, was “not something whispered. It was a statement by the deputy press secretary in the White House that press secretary James Brady was dead.”

That taught newscasters to use news judgement before broadcasting with questionable information, Bell said.

Bell said that because of that, ABC News waited for confirmation before they announced that Anwar Sadat had been assassinated.

He said ABC knew at 10 a.m. that Sadat was dead, but editors waited until it was confirmed by the White House at 3 p.m.

Network news editors have to make decisions every day, which Bell said is a stressful job.

“How do you do in 10 seconds what the New York Times does in two and a half columns?” Bell asked.

He said the split-second decisions are “a never-ending process,” and sometimes aren’t very professional.

“A dozen times, we made decisions totally the product of the Brady event,” Bell said.

On more current issues, Bell, who is accustomed to political journalism, said President Ronald Reagan is a “perfectly delightful human being” who is the beneficiary to a lot of problems.

“This country has been through a national crisis in spirit, a lack of faith of confidence,” he said. “Reagan has had to come out of that phenomenal situation and rebuild trust in the government and the presidency.”

And Bell believes Reagan has done a good job as president. “He is in control of the office,” he said. “He makes bankers’ hours look like slave labor.

“If any president prior to Ronald Reagan had been as ill informed, they’d have been crucified. But he’s gotten done what he wanted to do.”

Steve Bell, ABC morning news anchor, speaks at the Free Enterprise Fair.

60 Western journalists receive summer internships

A list of interns follows:

Erica Smith, the Norfolk, Va., Ledger-Star; Wilma Norton, The Washington Post; Jim Gensheimer, National Geographic; Perry Hines and Pat Hampton, The Tennessean.
Armando Arrastia, legislative research commission; Cyndi Mitchell, Todd Buchanan and Kim Kolarik, The Courier-Journal and The Louisville Times; Mary Ann Lyons, Glasgow Daily Times; Alan Judd, Dallas Times Herald.


Linda Lyly, Park City Daily News; Ray Thomas, Nick Shutt and Chris Sharp, TVA-Land Between The Lakes.

Tommy Newton, Greensburg Record-Herald; Barry Rose, Grayson County News-Gazette.

Linda Dono, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer; Kevin Francke, Middlesboro Daily News; Chuck Clark, The Henderson Gleaner.
Wanda Ballard, Landmark Community Newspapers; Lee Grace, Carol Smith and Margo Spaghulo, Opryland U.S.A.; Cheryl Connor, Scripps-Howard Newspapers.


Bobby Roe, The Allentown (Pa.) Morning Call.

Mike Douglas, The Nashville Banner; Naomi Oliver, JC Penney.

Terri Donahue, American National Bank; Wendy Lose, WHAS-TV; Kim Lynn, Paducah Chamber of Commerce; Elizabeth Buckner, Universal Cheerleaders Association.


Steve Blann, Jack Guthrie and Associates; Therese Koop and Laura Simms, WKU Sports Information; Vicki Berling, Brown Foreman Distillers.

Kimberly Niva, Franklin Simpson Memorial Hospital; Marion Kirtley, Brown-Williamson Tobacco Corporation; Patty Heard, Public Affairs Office, Fort Knox.

Laura Niemann, Junior Achievement of Kentuckiana; Tom Allen, Linn Photo Supplies; Matthew Friday, Louisville Graphique; Sondra Epley, WBKO-TV.

Laura Johnson, AMCA International; Amy Kitchens, Capitol Theater; Robert Dubois, Jackson (Mich.) Citizen Patriot and Michael Collins, Whitesburg Mountain Eagle.
Practicing what they preach
Adams, Ausenbaugh purchase Edmonton paper

By RAY ROTH

Bob Adams and James Ausenbaugh believe they won't be the only ones who will benefit from co-publishing the Edmonton-Herald News, in Metcalfe County.

They also have Western journalism students in mind.

"The students need a perspective on advertising, editing, the business side as well as the writing side of a paper," Adams said.

And Ausenbaugh believes students will benefit from his experience as a publisher of a newspaper. By running a paper, he said he has learned enough to "advise the students more" about community journalism.

Both recently teamed up with former Burkesville Mayor Patsy Judd and purchased the weekly newspaper Aug. 1.

Mother Judd, who is also on Western's Board of Regents, also purchased a majority of stock in the Cumberland County News from the two journalism professors in the deal.

Adams and Ausenbaugh sold all but 10 percent of their Cumberland County News stock to Mrs. Judd while other co-owners - Jack Corn, Finley Willis and Don and Fina Bruce - sold all their shares, making Mrs. Judd the majority shareholder.

"It was very interesting because it (the Edmonton purchase) moved very quickly," Adams said.

Adams and Ausenbaugh said they had thought about selling the Cumberland County News for about a year, but the deal moved quickly when they were offered the chance to buy the Edmonton newspaper.

Adams and Ausenbaugh were in Burkesville on a Sunday afternoon when they received a call from former Edmonton publisher Ed Waggener, who asked them if they were interested in purchasing the paper.

They went to Columbia and discussed the deal with Waggener later that evening and then met with the Edmonton editor the next day. Waggener accepted their offer two days later.

Adams, who has been Herald adviser for most of the 16 years he has been at Western, said he thinks the Burkesville and Edmonton papers are more of a hobby than a job.

But he still realizes the seriousness of being publisher and said he has learned a lot about community newspapers by working with the Cumberland County News.

Ausenbaugh said his goals are to produce "a good community newspaper" and to make it a commercial success.

Mrs. Judd said purchasing the Cumberland County News has been her long-time dream. Her first journalism experience was at Somerset where she worked on the Commonwealth-Journal while attending the University of Kentucky.

She said she wants "to continue to be involved in the community" and is "interested about the opportunity to be associated with a newspaper in a progressive community like Edmonton."

Litzinger leaves WKU for AP post

By STEVE PAUL

Sam Litzinger has worked at many types of radio stations.

And although he is fascinated by the equipment and the WKU-FM setup, the 25-year-old news director left Western Oct. 29.

He is now on what he calls "alwight time" - a highly computerized Associated Press bureau in New York where he will write radio, television and print news and occasionally anchor radio broadcasts.

But Litzinger, who organized the WKU-FM news program when it began in November 1981, said he really hasn't yet chosen a profession.

"I really don't have any idea what I want to do when I grow up. I think I want to be on 'Laverne and Shirley,'" he said, laughing.

Litzinger said he got interested in radio when he was young, because he was curious about how a station worked.

He got his first radio job when he was 16 years old in his hometown, Tiptonville, Pa., and worked in New York and Florida before coming to Western.

Though he studied philosophy at Syracuse College in New York and believed he would be a teacher, he said he likes radio - even if some broadcasters have to "live on the edge of poverty," have little social life and work odd hours.

Litzinger will be writing news for the AP and anchoring news programs, broadcast to stations all over the country.

In addition to radio and television reporting, he will write newspaper stories. And he said he isn't worried about the differing styles of broadcasting and print journalism.

But he said he will miss the listeners he has developed over his tenure here. He said he feels good when people call and say Thank God you're here."

Although he went to school in New York, Litzinger has a few regrets about going back. He said the Big Apple will get "buried" in snow, and he'll have to get used to subways and their graffiti.

He will also go back with a touch of a Southern accent.

"They (New Yorkers) think you're from another planet, then they'll start getting interested in you."

He said he looks forward to working for the AP, but isn't sure how long he will stay there or what jobs he will have. "I'm going to go as far as I can until somebody says stop."
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Indiana University, Ball State University and Central Michigan University.

The other winning yearbooks were from Ball State and Pittsburg (Kan. State University.

"There were some decent people we beat," said Bob Adams, Herald adviser.

Whitaker and Adams said it is unusual for a university's newspaper and yearbook to win the award the same year. The Talisman staff had learned before the convention that the 1981 yearbook had won a Pacemaker, Adams said. But, he said, the results of the newspaper competition — which covered the 1981-82 school year — came as a surprise.

"We were more excited that last year because we didn't know ahead of time," Adams said. "Of course, the first one's pretty special, too.

"It certainly made a lot of people happy.

Whitaker praised the student staff members and the journalism faculty members who advise them. "It's obvious that we have quality students," he said. "We sure can't do this without quality students.

Herald seeks independence from university

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a constant embarrassment," Whitaker, head of the journalism department, writes in the memo.

"That certainly is not the case here. I assure you that the Herald will continue to be a source of pride to Western and to the department of journalism, in particular."

Robert Adams, Herald adviser, sees several ways independence would help both the College Heights Herald and the university, but money is the key.

If independent, the paper would be able to receive beer and liquor advertising, Adams said the Herald now loses as much as $40,000 annually because it cannot legally accept advertising for alcoholic beverages.

On top of that loss, a strapped university budget has not allowed the Herald to grow at the same pace finanically as it has journalistically.

Because of a tight university budget, one secretarial position in the university publications office was eliminated. Independence might allow the university to hire another secretary in cooperation with the newspaper, aiding both the department and the paper.

While university support for the Herald — amounting to only 10 to 15 percent of the Herald's total operating budget — is being reduced, the cost of printing and photographic supplies is increasing, Adams said. Advertising revenue from alcoholic beverages should more than offset any loss of university funds, Adams said.

Some equipment in the Herald office is also at a point where it needs to be replaced, Adams said, and the university does not have the money. Independence would allow the Herald to get the equipment it needs.

Independence would also free the paper from bureaucratic fiscal policies that require extensive paperwork. A university does not operate like a business and a newspaper must, Adams said.

Under the proposal, the Talisman would remain under the control of the university.

Adams also recommends that Whitaker, who has said he plans to retire within the next five years, be named Chairman of the Board in the proposed corporation. "It would seem that this would afford the Herald an opportunity to stabilize." About the editorial direction of the Herald, Adams said in the memo, "The Herald has been independent in many ways for a long time. The university has been patient with its mistakes and has been appreciative of its successes. The Herald, as an independent, non-profit corporation, would not change its direction.

"What independence means to the Herald is the chance to grow — to become bigger and better, serve its readers, and offer greater opportunities for training journalism students, so they will be the real benefactors.

The Western Kentucky University
Department of Journalism has established the
Kathryn Whitaker Scholarship Fund
in memory of the wife of
Department Head David Whitaker.
She will be dearly missed by all of us.

"Our kids don't have to look up to anybody. They have it in their power to put out as good a newspaper as anybody in the country." The 1981-82 Herald was edited the fall semester by Michele Wood; Cyndi Mitchell edited the Herald during the spring semester. Linda Dono and Robert Caudill co-edited the 1981 Talisman.