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Hey, it's me again. Let's get everybody back for Homecoming this year. We had a great time last year.

The 50th annual College Heights Herald Breakfast will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, in the ballroom of the Garrett Center.

This year's Homecoming theme is "There's No Place Like Home."

The Alumni magazine should be in the mail soon with details for the week. Information may be available at www.wku.edu. It wasn't when checked recently, but at that time The Contact Sheet hadn't reported the news either.

Among the highlights this year will be presentation of the Herald Award for Outstanding Contributions to Journalism.

Jo Ann may have a report of her cruise, complete with pictures.

There are no plans to ask anybody for money for anything this year, although a few people may want to pay their $5 dues for the Student Publications Alumni Association.

The important request is for your presence.

Awards for Herald continue rolling in

While the Chinese celebrate 2001 as the year of the "Snake Sleeping in Winter," the Herald has celebrated this year as the "Awards Keep Piling Up."

A third straight National Pacemaker Award put the Herald in the company of none. The Herald is the only four-year college newspaper in the country to receive a national Pacemaker each of the last three years.

Next came the General Excellence Award at the Kentucky Press Association winter convention.

A pair of Gold Crown awards made the trip back from New York City more fun. The Herald was one of four papers to receive Gold Crowns for both the fall of 1999 and the spring of 2000. The two Gold Crowns bring to four won by the Herald in the past three years.

At the Society of Professional Journalists Region 5 meeting, the Herald won the Best Overall non-Daily Student Newspaper in the Mark of Excellence competition.

News Editor Caroline Lynch won the spot news category in the last Hearst writing competition of the year, helping Western to a seventh-place finish in writing.

Combined with broadcasting's first place and photojournalism's second, Western defended its national Overall Hearst Championship.

Trailing Western were North Carolina, Florida, Northwestern, Missouri, Montana, Syracuse, Indiana, Alabama and Nebraska. (see scorecard on page 4.)

These awards don't begin to reflect the Herald's success this year. The individual awards presented by Associated Collegiate Press, the Atlanta Photojournalism Seminar, the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, the Roy Howard Public Affairs Writing, the Kentucky Press Association, the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association, the SPJ Mark of Excellence, the Kentucky News Photographers Association, etc., etc., etc.

The exciting thing is that there still has never been a story written to enter in a contest. The focus of the Herald continues to be to serve the readers by providing them with all the information they need about Western.
Editor wins $10,000 Scripps Howard scholarship

Ryan Clark, Herald editor for the fall semester, has received a $10,000 scholarship from the Scripps Howard Foundation.

Clark, a senior journalism major from Louisville, was one of 10 college journalists selected for the foundation's Top Ten Scholarship. The $10,000 award is a one-time award covering a full academic year.

"The foundation's Top Ten Scholarship program was created to identify and reward the brightest college journalism students in the country," said Judith G. Clabes, foundation president and CEO. "This year's scholarship winners have outstanding academic, and professional credentials and represent a very bright future for journalism in America."

Clark was a sports and news reporting intern this summer at The Baltimore Sun and has had summer internships at The Virginian-Pilot in Norfolk, Va., and The Cadiz Record in Trigg County.

The winners were selected based on academic achievement and a demonstrated interest in a career in journalism. They were required to submit a personal essay emphasizing their long-term goals. Other recipients attend American University, Arizona State, Florida A&M, Kansas, Maryland, North Carolina, Northwestern Ohio and San Jose State.

He also is one of 12 student journalists across the country selected for the 2001 Working Press, a student-run publication at the Society of Professional Journalists' national convention in Seattle in October.

Herald finishes second, first in KPA General Excellence

The Herald finished second overall in the 2001 KPA Better Newspaper Contest.

The Herald received first place: for Lifestyle Page/Section, Local News Pictures, Local Feature Pictures, Local Sports Picture; second place in General Excellence, Front Page, Editorial Page; and honorable mention in Typography, Sports Page/Section; and a Certificate of Merit: Best Use of Photo Illustrations, Original Ad Idea, Freedom of Information.

The Herald won the General Excellence Award in the KPA's 2000 Fall Newspaper Contest.

Led by Jerry Brewer's three first-place finishes, staff members won 11 first place awards in the 22 categories in the competition. Brewer was Herald co-editor in the spring 2000 semester. Now a sports writer and columnist at The Orlando Sentinel, he won first for best sports column, best sports story and best enterprise or analytical story. He placed second for best headline.

Other first place winners were Jim Gaines, best editorial; Shannon Back, best feature story; H. Rick Mach, best use of graphics/photo illustration and best feature picture; Cara VanLeuven and Gaines, best news picture essay; Jonathan Kirshner, best feature picture essay; Andrew Otto, best sports picture; and Jeremy Lyverse, best sports picture essay.

Winning second-place awards were Gaines, best general news story; Travis Mayo, best sports column; Mattias Karen, best investigative story or series; Lyverse, best sport news picture; Otto, best news picture essay and best sports picture; VanLeuven, best feature picture; Krystal Kinnunen, best feature picture essay; and Wendi Thompson, best sports picture.

Placing third were Mayo, best enterprise or analytical story; Mach, best news picture essay; Kirshner, best spot news picture; and Lyverse, best sports picture.

Thompson received an honorable mention in best feature picture and the Herald received a certificate of merit for best spot news package.

The other category winners were from the Williamson (W. Va.) Daily News, Kentucky Kernel, (two). Florence Recorder, Murray State News (four) and Erlanger Recorder (two). The Kentucky Kernel finished second in the General Excellence competition and the Murray State News was third. The General Excellence winner is based on point accumulated in the overall contest.

Rex Hall placed second in best enterprise story for a story he wrote as an intern at the Henry County Local. John Lok was first for best general news picture while he was a summer intern at the Messenger-Inquirer.

Al Cross to become national SPJ president

Al Cross, political reporter for The Courier-Journal, will be installed as the national president of the Society of Professional Journalists at the organization's national convention Oct. 4-6. Al is a past president of the Louisville professional chapter.
Clark, Thompson head fall Herald

Staff members bring experience in all positions

Ryan Clark, a senior from Louisville, is the editor for the fall semester.

Jason Thompson, a Bowling Green junior, is advertising manager.

Members of the editorial board in addition to Clark are Caroline Lynch, managing editor and news editor; Brian Moore, sports editor; Erica Walsh, features editor; Robyn Larsen, photo editor; Stephanie Gladney, design editor; and Justin Shepherd and Lyndsay Sutton, co-copy desk chiefs.

Mike Lamar is advertising production manager and Ann Green, is classified manager.

Rick Mach and Cassandra Shie are in charge of circulation.

Staffers win nine firsts in KIPA newspaper contest

Herald staff members won nine first-place awards in the annual Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association newspaper contest, with Jerry Brewer picking up three firsts and H. Rick Mach winning two categories.

Brewer, who was co-editor during the spring semester, placed first in personality profile, sports feature and sports column. Mach, a junior photojournalism major from Sterling, Va., won for best original illustration and sports photo.

Other first-place winners were Erica Walsh, a junior print journalism major from Louisville, feature story; Travis Mayo, a May 2000 graduate from Lexington, sports news story; Dave Albers, a senior photojournalism major from Montgomery City, Mo., feature photo; and Krystal Kinnunen, a December 2000 graduate from Louisville, photo essay.

Overall, 30 staff members received awards during the ceremony at Eastern.

Receiving seconds were Caroline Lynch, Louisville senior, and Rex Hall Jr., Louisville junior, news story; Mattias Karen, May 2001 graduate from Uppsula, Sweden, and Jim Gaines, December 2000 graduate from Bowling Green, investigative reporting; Charlie Lanter, December 2000 graduate from Lexington, editorial; Cara VanLeuven, May 2000 graduate from Ft. Wayne, Ind., news photo; Wendi Thompson, senior from Pensacola, Fla., feature photo and sports photo; and Mach, Cassandra Shie, a senior from Sterling, Va., and Justin Fowler, a Columbia junior, photo essay.

The third-place winners were Walsh; Brian Moore, Louisville junior; Lyndsay Sutton, Shelbyville senior, Mayo; Brewer and Shannon Back, a May 2000 graduate from Mount Sterling; Kinnunen; and Ryan Clark, Louisville senior.

Receiving at least one honorable mention were Lynch, Gaines, Jason Ragan, Rineville senior, Jacob Bennett, Brandenburg senior; Havard Haarstad, Norway; Taylor Loyal, senior from Roanoke, Va.; Brian Grady, Bowling Green sophomore; Lanter; Mayo; Sutton; Moore; Shie; Kinnunen; Jaclyn McCabe, senior from Berne, Ind.; Mach; Heather Hardesty, May 2001 graduate; Tina Ashford, May 2001 graduate from Nashville; Scarlett Blandford, May 2001 graduate from Utica; Kyle Hightower, Paducah sophomore; and Travis Williams, Louisville senior.

Brett Corbin, Prospect senior, placed second in the deadline writing competition at the convention and Karen was second in deadline editing.

The Reporter’s Prayer

The Lord is my editor,
I shall not panic.
He leads me beside still presses,
He makes me sit down at the computer,
He restores a modicum of order
And guides my stories
In logical progressions
For our job’s sake.
Yea, though I write past the valley of deadlines,
I shall fear no evil.
The importance of this exclusive story
And the fact that you couldn’t possibly make my salary
any lower, you jerk,
They comfort me.
Surely poverty and job satisfaction
Shall follow me
All the days of my career
And I will dwell in the house of the Godless Liberal Media (TM)
Forever (or at least until I can score a decent-paying job
that I don’t loathe too much.)

—By David Learn
Former staff members still winners

Former Herald staffers fared well in the 2000 Fall Newspaper Contest sponsored by the Kentucky Press Association.

Clay Scott, editor of the Edmonton Herald-News, received an honorable mention in best feature story and a certificate of merit in best spot news package. Shannon Leonard-Boone shared a second in best on-going coverage in the LaRue County Herald-News and Lee Ann Scanlin Seymour was first in best feature picture essay in the same paper.

Lisa Tolliver shared second for best headline at the Kentucky Standard and was third in best news picture essay and Jennifer Waldridge was second in best enterprise story at the Spencer Magnet.

Chuck Stinnett was third in best spot news story at the Henderson Gleaner, Ryan Clark was first for best column at the Kentucky New Era, Jason Riley was third for best sports feature he wrote at the Daily News. Neal Cardin of the Elizabethtown News Enterprise won first in best general news picture, best feature picture and best feature picture essay. Lee Ann Scanlin Seymour of the News Enterprise received an honorable mention in best general news picture.

Paul Conrad picked up two honorable mentions in best spot news picture and a third in best feature picture at the Daily News. Mike Lawrence of The Gleaner was first in best sports picture and got two honorable mentions in best feature picture essay.

Mary Meehan of the Lexington Herald-Leader was second in best investigative story, third in best spot news story and best general news story and honorable mention in best spot news package. Jim Hannah of The Kentucky Enquirer won honorable mention in best spot news story. Kristina Goetz of the Kentucky Enquirer was first in best general news story and shared third in best spot news package.

Mark Mathis of the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer was third in best sports column (wisely following his boss, Jim Pickens, who was second).

Bill Estep shared a second place for best spot news package in the Herald-Leader and David Stephenson of the Herald-Leader was first in best use of graphics, second in best feature picture essay and third in that category and best spot news picture and honorable mention in best spot news package.

Monica Dias of the Kentucky Post was second in best business/agribusiness story and John Stamper of the Herald-Leader was third. John Dunham of the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer was first in best news picture essay and best sports picture and second in best general news picture.

Lynch competes in Hearst writing championships

Caroline Lynch, managing editor and news editor for the fall, completed in the finals of the Hearst Foundation writing championship. She received a $1,000 scholarship.

HEARST OVERALL INTERCOLLEGIATE SCORES - TOP 10 in 2000-01

| 1. WESTERN | 610 |
| 2. University of North Carolina | 519 |
| 3. University of Florida | 443 |
| 4. Northwestern University | 416 |
| 5. University of Missouri | 410 |
| 6. University of Montana | 397 |
| 7. Syracuse University | 387 |
| 8. Indiana University | 330 |
| 9. University of Alabama | 303 |
| 10. University of Nebraska | 287 |

HEARST INTERCOLLEGIATE PHOTOJOURNALISM SCORES - TOP 10 in 2000-01

| 1. University of Florida | 234 |
| 2. WESTERN | 187 |
| 3. University of Montana | 167 |
| 4. University of Missouri | 161 |
| 5. San Jose State University | 160 |
| 6. Ohio University | 154 |
| 7. Ball State University | 151 |
| 8. University of North Carolina | 127 |
| 9. San Francisco State University | 101 |
| 10. Kansas State University | 92 |

HEARST INTERCOLLEGIATE BROADCASTING SCORES - TOP 10 in 2000-01

| 1. WESTERN | 268 |
| 2. Syracuse University | 252 |
| 3. University of Alabama | 239 |
| 4. University of Florida | 204 |
| 5. University of Utah | 173 |
| 6. Northwestern University | 117 |
| 7. University of North Carolina | 110 |
| 8. University of Montana | 109 |
| 9. Ohio University | 100 |
| 10. Arizona State University | 95 |

HEARST INTERCOLLEGIATE WRITING SCORES - TOP 10 in 2000-01

| 1. Northwestern University | 299 |
| 2. University of North Carolina | 282 |
| 3. University of Nebraska | 265 |
| 4. Indiana University | 245 |
| 5. University of Missouri | 184 |
| 6. Kent State University | 177 |
| 7. WESTERN | 155 |
| 8. Pennsylvania State University | 138 |
| 9. Florida A&M University | 115 |
| 10. University of Kansas | 104 |
Triv

(Collected for far too many months)

Joe Allen (joeckyrn@hotmail.com) has moved. His new address is 175 N. Locust Hill Drive, #2013, Lexington, KY 40509. Phone: (859) 335-9063. He started a new job with Ohio Casualty Group.

Scott Sisco (siscowku@yahoo.com) and Autumn Davis were married March 31 at Pennyrile Park in Dawson Springs. Scott is a sports writer/copy editor at The NewsEnterprise in Elizabethtown. They are living at 149 Maple Grove Lane, Apt. 4, Rowletts, Ky. 42765. Phone: (270) 524-5436.

Chris Hutchins (jchutchins@hotmail.com) has had a banner year. First, the Palm Beach Post sent him to France to document what it’s like to travel abroad for the first time. Then he hired a personal trainer who shamed him into becoming lighter and tighter than ever before. The updated version is still pretty good. Some of the weight has returned, but not the car somebody stole from in front of his apartment.

Cara VanWinkle (caramains@aol.com) and Brian Mains (bMains6034@aol.com) were married Nov. 11 in Oxford, Ohio. They are graduate students at Oklahoma State University. Their address is 1019 W. Scott St., Stillwater, OK 74074. Phone: (405) 624-1863. Cara was back for a wedding in July and visited campus.

Travis Mayo (travismayo@hotmail.com) has a new address. It’s 2605 Landor Ave., Louisville 40205. Phone: (502) 451-3605. He is working temporarily at the Seelbach Hotel where he spends his evenings listening to Billy Joel and others.

The Kentucky New Era has had several staff changes since October. Joining the reporting staff was Melony Jones Leazer, who previously worked as a news reporter for both radio station WHOP and the area weekly newspaper, Our City. Before that, she had worked at the Clarksville (Tenn.) Leaf-Chronicle and radio stations in both Clarksville and Cadiz. She is married to Michael Leazer, and they have a daughter, Myndi, 6.

Stephan Frazier, Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau, Mo., placed second in Feature Photo category in the News Picture Contest sponsored by Inland Press Association. David Pierini, The Herald, Jasper, Ind., was first in the picture story category.

Tom Yunt, publisher of the Dubuque Telegraph Herald and vp/news papers for Woodward Communications, has been Marketing Committee chairman for Inland Press Association. He is a frequent speaker at Inland workshops.

Mike Finch has returned to the family newspaper in Elkton, the Todd County Standard. He had been sports editor of the New Era in Hopkinsville. He previously worked at the Leader-News in Greenville and the WKU Sports Information Office.

Matt Batcheldor (batcheldor@lycos.com) is a cops reporter at The Courier-Journal. He started after graduating in December. His address is 1015 Milton St., Louisville 40217.

Mark Kroeger (MKroeger@scripps.com) is in Cincinnati at Scripps corporate where he is manager of communications and investor relations. He’s been there about three years after spending 23 years at The Evansville (Ind.) Courier after leaving Western. He left Evansville as metro editor.

Elaine Ayers is the program director of a legal research and writing program here at her second alma mater (J.D., 1989), the University of North Dakota. “I love UND hockey and that’s what consumes my life from October until April.”

Since fleeing the Sacramento Bee in 1990, George Wedding has avoided newspapering, although his significant other, writer Loretta Kalb, still works as a Bee business reporter covering personal finance. George works from home doing photography, electronic imaging consulting and technical writing (about digital imaging) for print and web clients (editorial, advertising and commercial). His address is George Wedding Publishing, 6216 Thicket Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Phone and FAX: 916.684.4233. Email: gmwedding@earthlink.net

Verenda Smith says she’s still reporting on what’s happening in Washington for the state tax folks and also organizes projects and makes things happen and tries to keep the IRS in line.

Dan Lynch (danlynch@g.net), political cartoonist at the Journal Gazette in Ft. Wayne, can be reached at P.O. Box 94, Spencerville, IN 46788.

Elise Frederick Shelton (elise.shelton@cmcss.net) and at home it’s EShelton10@aol.com is director of communications for Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools. As president of the Nashville International Association of Business Communicators chapter, she went to an IABC Chapter Leaders Institute last fall. While at the leadership institute she got together with Sandy Kinsner Townsend, president of the Tampa chapter. They first met at the High School Publications Workshop in the summer of 1977.

Jason Hall and Robin Omerzu were married June 23 at the South Biscayne Baptist Church in North Port, Fla. "I'm very excited; she's a gift only God
could give.” He is a business writer at the Herald-Tribune in Sarasota.

Karri Emly is working in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where she has been a news and feature page designer at the Times Leader since Dec. 18. She returned this summer to help with the Minority Journalism Workshop.

Tom Batters and his wife Lisa have moved from sunny Florida to the cornfields of Illinois. Tom is a reporter at Times Newspapers, Inc., in Peoria. He will be writing for papers in Chillicothe, East Peoria and Washington. Their address is 1240 S. Main, #31, Morton, IL 61550. Phone: (309) 263-0853. Email: tom.lisa@verizon.net.

Kevin Kinniard is the Web editor at the Council on State Governments in Lexington. He’s already involved in the Association of Capital Reporters and Editors. His address is 1176 Accord Drive, Lexington 40517. Phone: (859) 971-6496.

Charlie Lanter (clanter@macontel.com) is the business and growth reporter in The Macon Telegraph’s Warner Robins bureau. It’s an eight-person bureau. Charlie and Cathy Lanter are at home at 800 Leisure Lake Drive, Apt. 10K, Warner Robins, GA 31088. Their phone number is (478) 922-4035. Cathy is working at Petsmart now and after just a month on the job she was promoted to assistant manager. By the way, Charlie and Cathy Cull were married Jan. 6 at Tates Creek Christian Church in Lexington. His phone number at the office: (478) 953-6636.

Andrew Otto finished his photojournalism degree in December and interned at the Columbus Dispatch in Ohio.

Jill Snyder is a designer at the Kalamazoo Gazette.

Matt Tungate has returned to Louisville after winding up a stint as editor of the Richmond Register. He had been editor of the Elkin (N.C.) Tribune.

Susan Taylor (sktaylorinky@home.com) is back in Kentucky if you couldn’t tell from the email address. Her address is 2509 Blvd. Napoleon, Louisville 40205. Her phone number is (502) 451-9815.

Steve Thomas and Heidi are the parents of a daughter, Sarah Carlene Thomas, who was born April 18 at 11:30 a.m. She was 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 inches long. Steve, economy editor at the Savannah Morning News, was quoted in the December 2000 issue of prestime magazine. He was explaining about the newspaper’s profiles of people under the age of 40 who make an impact in the community. This year the paper will highlight 20 over 60. Steve is finishing his MBA at Georgia Southern. Contact Steve at sthomas@savannahnow.com.

Joey Carwile has returned to Kentucky and is working at the Herald-Leader. His address is 3928 Wyndham Ridge, Lexington 40514.

Kim Parson has been named night assistant managing editor at the Herald-Leader. She had been working at The Courier-Journal. According to reporter Mary Meehan, she’s already learned an important part of Herald-Leader newsroom etiquette — keeping chocolate in her office.

Jon Grant (jdgrant@newsource.com) has returned to Bowling Green with Camping World’s parent company with the responsibility of helping them put some of their publications online.

Jason Loehr (jason@loehr.com), Web manager for the Affinity Group, Inc., has moved into a new home. His new address is 1679 Stone Pointe Drive, Auburn, AL 36830. The phone is the same, (334) 502-7230. The web cam is turned on most of the time at http://jason.loehr.com/contact. Other ways to reach him: (707) 897.1561 [eFAX] or jloehr@affinitygroup.com.

For those of you who haven’t heard, Leslie and Mike Scott are the proud parents of Victoria Layne Scott. Tori was born Sunday, Dec. 3. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. To reach the Scotts by email at home, use lfscott@mindspring.com. Mike’s work email address is mscott@travelago.com.

Maria Burnham Nelson has a new email address. It’s mariabnelson@hotmail.com.

Jayne Cravens was just named one of the Top 25 Women on the Web for 2001 (http://www.top25.org/winner.html#). In February, she moved to Bonn, Germany to work with United Nations Volunteers. Her official title is Online Volunteering Specialist. Her contract with the UN is for one year, but she’s hoping they will renew it for a second year. You can read more about the UN at http://www.unv.org. Her personal e-mail address remains the same (jayne@coyotecom.com). If you want to mail anything to her in Germany, please send it to: United Nations Volunteers, Postfach 260 111, Bonn, Germany.

Aaron Sanderford is adjusting well to his first full-time job as a crime and courts reporter at the Lincoln Journal Star. Aaron said he had a great experience last summer at the LA Times. He’s working full-time and taking grad school classes at night. His address is 6145 NW 2nd Circle, Apt. 180, Lincoln, NE 68521. Phone: (402) 742-7511.

Joy Collier’s e-mail address is joydorie@webtv.net.

Fran Salyers is still editor of the Kentucky Teacher. Her vital statistics are Kentucky Department of Education, 500 Mer St., Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3421; Fax: (502) 564-6470; email: fsalyers@kde.state.ky.us.

Mary Meehan (mmeehan1@her-
newcomer.com) says coming to Kentucky was a good move. She won six awards at the Kentucky Press Association winter convention. She’s moved from the Georgetown bureau to the main office in Lexington.

Jim Gaines (axismundi@indiatimes.com) is settled into his new job at New Times in Ft. Lauderdale. He has been working at Vero Beach.

Michael Collins has moved to Washington to cover Kentucky and Ohio issues for The Kentucky Post and The Cincinnati Post. He had been Frankfort bureau chief since 1995. His new address is 2727 29th St NW, Washington, D.C. 20008. Home email is mykecol@aol.com and at work collinsm@shn.com. His phone number at home is (202) 387-4117. Work: (202) 408-2711.

Heather Stone was a speaker at the Kentucky News Photographers Association seminar. She has been a staff photographer at The Chicago Tribune since 1998. She previously held staff positions at The Detroit News and The Knoxville News-Sentinel. She was one of three Tribune photographers to cover the summer Olympics in Sydney. Heather is a Chicago Bar Association Herman Kogan Meritorious Achievement Award winner for photos in the Tribune’s series, Death Row: Justice Derailed, and an Edward Scott Beck Award winner, an annual in-house award given to the top photographer of the year.

Jason Frakes has returned from Florida to become a sports copy editor at The Courier-Journal. His address is 1516 Cherokee Road, Apt. 13, Louisville 40205. His phone numbers: Home: (502) 451-0692, Work: (800) 765-4011 (ext. 4046) or (502) 582-4046.

Jill and Lynn Hoppes have moved into a house in the suburbs. Their new address is 1525 Stonehaven Court, Heathrow, FL 32746. Home phone: 407-804-1320. They were in Bowling Green for Thanksgiving, and Lynn attended the Western-Florida A & M football playoff game.

For those who don’t know, Dan Hieb is a news page designer at The Courier-Journal. To find him, it’s 1861 Douglass Blvd., Apt. 1, Louisville 40205. Phone: (502) 458-5748.

To reach Finley Willis Jr., try FWJR Communications, Inc./FW Communications, LLC, 1324 Drydock Road Lawrenceburg 40342. Phones: (502) 839-6796 (Home & Office); Mobile: (502) 472-7367, FAX: (502) 859-0945.

David Frank, director of photo desk technology, The New York Times, is a regular speaker at the CSPCA/CMA spring convention in New York.

Fred Lucas has moved from the city hall beat at the Iowa City Press-Citizen to be news editor at the Richmond Register.

After completing a stint at the major Birmingham paper, Laura Howard Tutor is back at the Anniston Star as special projects editor. She and her husband, Phillip, have adopted a baby, Nicholas, from Russia.

Ephra Good Riche and Sam have settled into their new jobs in Bloomington, Ind. Ephra is design and production director for SMG, helping clients increase their online potential. Sam is the project manager. Their address is 2333 Winding Brook Circle, Bloomington, Ind. 47401.

Kevin Stone, son of Tom and Leslie Stone, tried on his first pair of shades recently. To see for yourself, check at http://4-tom.com/kevin. Dad and mom are getting along fine, too.

Mark and Laura Mathis have a new address. It’s 1111 Hickory Lane, Owensboro, KY 42303.

Tanya Bricking has a new address and phone number. It’s 28 A Wilikoki Place, Kailua, HI 96734. Her phone number is 808-263-4476. Her new email address is braking@hotmail.com.

Misty Wilson is the copy desk chief at the Flint Journal. The job is going wonderfully and her personal life is great, too. Misty has lost 75 pounds in the past year plus and she’s taken control of several health issues, too. Isn’t life great?

Tom Caudill, assistant managing editor/news at the Lexington Herald-Leader, received the Most Valuable Member Award at the winter convention of the Kentucky Press Association. He is a past president of KPA.

Mort Schmitt (tank2140@aol.com), 2140 Deauville Drive, Lexington 40504 is working in the accounting department at Joseph Beth Booksellers in Lexington, And he’s getting to use his woodworking hobby there, too. He’s also still involved in photography. Mort was a videographer and assignment editor at Channel 36 in Lexington for several years. Maribeth heads the halfway house programs for the state Department of Corrections. Their daughter Sarah has been editor of the paper at Lexington Dunbar High School.

Audrey Post (aepost@taldem.com) is metro editor at the Tallahassee Democrat. She’s been there since May 2000. She had been at the Tampa Tribune.

Joe Medley (jmedley@annistonstar.com) was married May 12 to Rhonda Joyce Johnson. She’s an RN, “Our second date was scheduled on the same day that Terry Bowden suddenly and quite unexpectedly announced his midseason resignation at Auburn. Rhonda showed up at my house, and I opened the door with a phone in my ear. I motioned her in, and she sat next to me on the couch while I worked the phone. Obviously, that date didn’t happen. When she agreed to another, I took a long, hard look at her. Glad I did.” Joe, a sports writer at the
Anniston Star, recently won his second Associated Press Sports Editors writing award in the past two years. This year it was for a sports game story.

Christine and Scott Weyer's new son, Brandon Michael, was born Feb. 18 at 3:19 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Carla Harris Carlton is the news arts and entertainment editor at The Courier-Journal. She oversees the Arts & Leisure section, including Travel, as well as SCENE and Weekend Extra. She has been at the C-J 12 years. Chad, senior account manager at Doe-Anderson Inc., has a new number at work It's (502) 815-3202. The fax number remains the same – (502) 587-8349.

Marc Piscotty, Rocky Mountain News in Denver, has been named recipient of the Scripps Howard Foundation National Journalism Award in photojournalism. Awards were presented in Washington, D.C.

Andrew Oppman, a regular recruiter from Gannett, has moved from managing editor of the Montgomery Advertiser to executive editor of The Post-Crescent in Appleton, Wisc.

Chris Poynter has returned after spending January in New Zealand. He's the new growth and development reporter at The Courier-Journal. Chris is president of the Louisville chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

The Orlando Sentinel has a new city editor, Chuck Clark. He was assistant managing editor for metro news at the Indianapolis Star and News and The Courier-Journal before that. He was recruited by the paper's new editor-in-chief Tim Franklin, who is former editor-in-chief of the Indianapolis paper.

Don White has been at The Washington Post for 15 years, but not a practicing journalist since '94. When The Post became enamored with business process reengineering in the mid-'90s, Don was asked to lead a reengineering team – an endeavor that led to managing the 51-month project that brought pagination to the newspaper. He then became Deputy AME/Operations & Planning and later worked with IBM consultants to reorganize our technical support staffs (about 275 people). Last fall he became Director of Operations in the Information Technology department. The prepress, postpress and Help Desk staffs, plus a few project managers, report to him. His home address is 10377 Sorrell Drive, Manassas, VA 20110-2750.

Jerry Brewer has relocated from The Philadelphia Inquirer to the Orlando Sentinel. Instead of covering the Eagles he will be writing a couple of columns a week and focusing on people stories. The Sentinel can thank Executive Sports Editor Lynn Hoppes for stealing Jerry from Philly. Jerry's new address is 3813 Calibre Bend Lane, Apt. 1704, Winter Park, FL 32792. His home phone is 407-657-7131. The new cell phone number is 407-252-3590. Jerry was here for a week to help with the Minority Journalism Workshop.

Steve Russell's life continues to run at top speed. His oldest daughter Stef brought home six college friends from Birmingham for Thunder Over Louisville. She's a junior with a double major in religion and Spanish. Younger daughter Maggie is heading to Georgetown College this fall, probably to major in music. By the way, he's still at The Courier-Journal.

Kevin Eans got kudos in house at USA Today for his work in setting up a photo shoot that ran with a story on baby boomers taking care of aging mothers (pegged to Mother's Day). The reporter sent along praise to Kevin's boss, in part saying that Kevin really went the extra mile in guiding the photographer.

Shannon Back and Jason Behnken are engaged. "Jason asked me to marry him. And I said YES." He popped the question and gave her a ring on Sunday, May 6. The wedding will be Nov. 10 in Mt. Sterling. They were through Bowling Green in mid-July.

Craig Allen (allenec5150@earthlink.net) is back in New York after a visit home. He is a picture editor at the Liaison Agency in New York City. His address is 11 Stanton St., #3A, New York, NY 10002. His home phone: (646) 729-6338.

Nikita Stewart came home for a few days to help with the Minority Journalism Workshop. She is covering the mayor and city council for The Star-Ledger in Newark, N.J. Daughter Ella is 2. To reach Nikita at work, try (973) 565-0155.

Susan H. Sneed (suehof@neumedia.net) is a stay-home mom for the most part. After having their son 7 years ago, she began free-lance copywriting for McRae's Department Store. She worked full-time in the advertising department before Andy was born. She has done some free-lance work since moving to Elkins and Davis College where her husband is vice president for student affairs. Susan said she hopes to have steady work once they get settled in their own home at 128 Boundary Ave., Elkins, WV 26241. Since October, she has been assisting in the advancement office, as they are about to go public with a new campaign. She has been writing proposals and helping to gather information on prospects. Their phone number is (304) 636-9393.

Dennis Varney (dvarney@post-net.com) has returned to St. Louis after spending a week in California on vacation. A page designer at The Post-Dispatch, Dennis lives are 627 Clara #301, St. Louis MO 63112. His phone number is (314) 367-1265.
Stephanie Siria has a new address. It's 1815 William Howard Taft Road, Apt. 308, Cincinnati, OH 45206. Her phone number is (513) 221-2023. She is associate marketing manager of the Books Division at F&W Publications in Cincinnati. At work, it's (513) 531-2690, ext. 314, (513) 531-7107 or stephaniesiria@fwpubs.com.

Todd Turner escaped serious injury in early May when his car hydroplaned on I-40 south of Knoxville, spun into the median and slammed into a bunch of trees, luckily on the passenger's side. There was no passenger.

Chris Poore is the new publications adviser at the University of Kentucky. Among other things, he will oversee The Kernel and The Kentuckian yearbook. The Poors are living at 404 Marblerock Way, Lexington 40503. Phone: (859) 223-1793.

Jill Nevels-Haun replaced Chris as regional editor/intern coordinator at the Lexington Herald-Leader. She had been assistant city editor.

Connie Holman has changed her address. The new one is 108 Pleasant Ridge Way, Lexington, KY 40509. Her home phone number is 606-263-7201 and at work it's 800-285-3451.

Sean Compton was born on Tuesday, May 8, at 12:58 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

Effective June 1, Neil Budde became chief product officer for Dow Jones Consumer Electronic Publishing, while continuing as publisher of The Wall Street Journal Online. In his role as chief product officer, a new post, he will help shape the vision for all of the unit's products and services, which includes websites, wireless and other emerging distribution channels and content licensing. In his role as publisher, Neil will continue to be the spokesperson and product ambassador for the Online Journal. He was the founding editor of the Online Journal and has directed its design, development and evolution. He was named publisher last year.

Shawn and Jill Justice are expecting this fall. They are living at 744 Greenlawn Ave., Bowling Green 42301. Shawn is working at Print Media.

According to a student at UAB who is planning to transfer to Western this fall in photojournalism, Mark Weber is shooting at the Birmingham Post-Herald. According to their Web site, there's a photographer by that name. Try mweber@postherald.com. The work number is (205) 325-2369.

Word on the street is that Rick Scibelli and Cara Van Leuven are engaged and are thinking about a September 2002 wedding.

Scarlet Blandford and Nilanh Namvong were married June 2 in Fountain Square Park. A May graduate, Scarlet was classified advertising manager in the spring.

Doug Tatum, deputy sports editor at the Times-Picayune, is engaged to Donna Holehan, a former advertising staffer at The Courier-Journal. The date is set for Dec. 8. For the past 2 1/2 months Doug has been interim sports editor at the paper, often working 80 hours a week. With the arrival of a new sports editor, Doug is looking forward to a two-week vacation. His address is 448 Julia St., Apt. 205, New Orleans 70130. His email at work is dtatum@timespicayune.com.

Phoecinia Miracle Puckett is director of development at America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia. Her address at work is 5 Carolan St., Savannah, GA 31415. Work phone: (912) 236-6750 x 19 and her fax number is (912) 238-1391.

Monica Dias took the buyout The Kentucky Post offered to everyone who'd worked there 10 years or more. She graduated in May, from Chase Law School, quit her job June 15, and now she's studying for the Ohio bar exam, which is the last week of July. On Sept. 4, she starts a one-year legal fellowship at the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press in Arlington, Va. She'll spend half her time doing legal writing and the other half writing for their publications. When the fellowship is over, she plans to return to Cincinnati and get some kind of law job.

Michele Wood Day also took the Kentucky Post buyout. She has been reporting/editing/editorial writing for about 17 years. If you know anybody looking for a freelance feature writer, call her at (859) 341-6286.

KK Cheah is working with Dentsu Young & Rubicam in Malaysia as art director. His address is 10, Jalan Tampoi, Kg. Kasipillai, 52100 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Cheryl and John Martin are expecting their first child. The doctor says the due date is Jan. 22. Cheryl is having some occasional bouts with nausea but is otherwise fine.

Jennifer Underwood's companion for the past 14 years, Gidget, an American Eskimo dog, died in July.

Tim Fish has a new address. It's 1776 Stillwater Place, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. If you're planning to visit, call ahead at (707) 546-3444.

Kurt Fattic can be reached at 6701 Rapid Water Way #303. Glen Burnie, MD 21060/Phone (410) 590-2628.

Megan and Chad McCombs and Henry have bought a house. Their address is 327 Cypress St., Newburgh, IN 47630. Phone: (812) 490-3704. Megan has been promoted to advertising director for The Realty Group. Chad still loves his job with the school corporation. He installed 400 computers over the summer.

Karin Lowe is the news design
Ginger Williams

From a story by RACHEL PLEASANT of The Lakeland Ledger

Virginia "Ginger" Williams of Lakeland, 41, a vice president for United Way of Central Florida, used her creative talent to build a successful career in marketing. She died Nov. 3, 2000 at Lakeland Regional Medical Center after suffering heart failure.

Born in Lakeland on July 31, 1959, she returned to the area from Bowling Green four years ago. She graduated with a degree in advertising and earned a master's degree in marketing from Western.

While at Western she was an assistant to the White House advance team when President Ronald Reagan visited the area. She was named the Outstanding Advertising Senior in 1981. She was advertising managing of the Herald in 1981. In 1982, she was recognized by Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges.

Williams worked for the United Way of Central Florida as the vice president of marketing and resource development, organizing campaigns and presentations, for more than three years.

Her mother, Lavonne Williams of Lakeland, said working for United Way was more than just a career move for her daughter.

"Everything was a special cause for Ginger. United Way helped others and that was a big part of her being happy to work there. Good things came out of the efforts she put into her work," she said.

Before working for the United Way, Williams was awarded the Double Addy Award from the American Advertising Federation in 1995.

"She said her strengths at work were problem solving and the ability to take care of every small detail. She would make every event come out just as it was supposed to. She was very detail-oriented," her mother said.

She was a member of Edgewood Church of Christ. She taught children Bible study courses.

"She was always a people oriented person," her mother said. "She could draw people out and make them feel important."

In addition to her mother, Ms. Williams is survived by her brother, James Williams; sister-in-law, Kathy Williams; nephew, Andrew Williams; and niece, Rachel Williams, all of Lakeland.

Robert Hall

Robert Hall, a retired physics teacher at Western and father of David Hall, died of a heart attack on July 31. He had retired from teaching in June 1999. He had taught at Western since 1962.

Cyndi is working on a master's degree at Georgia State University.

On July 15, Steve and Jo Ann Thompson visited Ray and Ann Allgood Meese and their new daughter Leah Elizabeth, who was born June 30. The Meeses are living in Nashville.

Deaths

Beverly Brown

Beverly Ann Crabtree Brown, 51, of Bowling Green died Aug. 20, 2001, in Nashville, Tenn. She was the mother of Karen Brown Fleming.

The Warren County native was a social studies teacher at Bowling Green City Schools and a member of State Street Baptist Church, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Lincoln Foundation Advisory Board.

The funeral was Aug. 24 at First Baptist Church with burial in Fairview Cemetery.

Shie wins national SPJ award for illustration

Cassandra Shie is one of two Western students who have won national honors in the Society of Professional Journalists' 2000 Mark of Excellence competition.

Shie, a senior from Sterling, Va., won first in photo illustration of "To Hill and Back" in the Herald.

Lisa Hughes, a Scottsville junior, took first place in the best radio daily newscast category for work as reporter/anchor for WWHR, the WKU student radio station.

They will receive their awards Oct. 4-6 at the 2001 SPJ National Convention in Seattle and will be honored in the July/August issue of Quill, the Society's magazine.
Ryan and Sarah Craig are living at 105-B Glenn Court in Elkton 42220.

Gary Rice is advertising director for Raben Tire Co., Inc. He oversees all media buying, print and electronic production and is involved in marketing planning for the company's 34 locations in Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas. He lives at 2030 Clay St., Henderson 42420. Phone: (270) 831-2758.

Bill Estep apparently will be returning to his old haunts in Pulaski County when he takes over the Herald-Leader's Somerset Bureau.

Mr. A and Sandy visited with Chris Hutchins, Tory Malmer, Greg Lovett and Scott Wiseman during a brief visit at the Palm Beach Post in late July
On the same trip, they stayed with Amy and Mark Dunn and their family in Apex, N.C.
Earlier in July, they enjoyed their annual summer lunch with Don and Cheryl Collins in Glendale.

Darla Carter from The Courier-Journal was here for the Minority Journalism Workshop in June.

Amy Taylor Carter, Dave and Rachel (1 on May 16) have moved from Virginia to Maryland. While they're waiting for their house to be build, their address is P.O. Box 365, New Market, MD 21775. They hope to move in late September or early October. Phone: 301-695-5199. Email: dave4amy@earthlink.net.

Changes galore in photo staff

James Kenney is the new coordinator of the photojournalism major. He replaces Mike Morse who is working with the Mountain Workshop as part of the optional retirement plan

Tim Broekema, who spent a year here on a Freedom Forum Fellowship, comes from the Kalamazoo Gazette to fill the Dave LaBelle position. He is teaching PJ classes and is the Herald photo adviser. Tim is a Western grad and is finishing his master's degree in Grand Valley State University in Michigan.

In January, Jeanie Adams-Smith will join the photo faculty from The Chicago Tribune. She is the replacement for Mike and will teach PJ classes and direct all the photo labs. She is a Western PJ graduate and has master's degrees from Western and Ohio University.

St. Pete honors two with scholarships

Two Western students were among the scholarship winners announced recently by the St. Petersburg Times.

The internships receiving awards of $3,500 are Brian Moore and Amber Woolfolk.

Special plea from President Tom Stone . . .

I'd like to make a special invitation to all of those Herald alumni who have moved onto careers outside of the newspaper business (hey, that's probably half of us, eh?

I think some of us who have deserted our first passion of news reporting (or the newspaper business) feel a bit guilty about it ... and don't feel as comfortable coming back to The Hill ... and hanging out with mostly those who are still "in the biz."

Thought this might be a way for someone who isn't writing Pulitzer-prize-contender stories to reach out to some of those we haven't seen for a while at Homecoming.

Let's get everybody back this year!