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Building plans moving ahead

Dear Herald and Talisman alums,

We have great news: Construction will start this spring on a new home for the College Heights Herald and Talisman!

Western officials set a construction timetable and also finalized the site for the new Student Media Center, which will be completed before the fall 2007 semester.

The \$1 million project will be built directly across Normal Street from the Mass Media & Technology Hall, home of Western's School of Journalism and Broadcasting. The new facility, built through alumni donations, will be on a site now occupied by the Guthrie House and a visiting scholar residence, adjacent to the Mimosa parking lot.

These developments mean that the Student Publications Alumni Association, which is spearheading the project, is now resuming its fundraising campaign. Since we announced the project in October, we've received about \$692,010 in cash and



Margo Grace/Steering Committee

The site of the new Student Publication Building will be across the street from Mass Media & Technology Hall on Normal. Mr. A and JoAnn are ready to start packing but work on the project isn't scheduled to begin until May. The Herald and Talisman should be in the building before the fall 2007 semester begins.

commitments from Talisman and Herald alumni. We need to reach \$800,000 this spring, and we'd love to celebrate the successful conclusion at Homecoming 2006.

It would be quite a tribute to you if that can be accomplished.

Every donor, not just the big contributors, will be recognized by name in the

new building.

And every donation is important. Several alumni have reached deep and given \$50,000 or more. But this is a campaign built largely on smaller contributors – those pledging from \$100 to \$1,000 a year for five years. Many alumni work for employers who match their donations – some as strongly as \$2 in matching money for every \$1 donated.

The faster we reach the goal, the faster the building goes up. If we fall short, the project will be delayed. So now is the time to make your donation; and if you already have pledged, we're grateful for your contribution to building this new home for the Herald and the Talisman.

The building, which will be 5,000 to 5,500 square feet, is being redesigned to fit the site. It will be designed to fit in with the campus buildings in the area, and the high-tech interior is being planned to accommodate print, broadcast and Internet components. It's also being planned with great flexibility, to adapt to new tech-
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Herald captures 27 awards in KPA contest

Goodrum trial coverage cited for best news story, extended coverage, photos

The College Heights Herald brought home 27 awards, including seven first place plaques, in the 2006 Excellence in Kentucky Newspapers contest.

The Herald placed second in the General Excellence competition in the Kentucky Press Association's college and university division. The awards were presented at the annual KPA convention in Lexington.

First place winners were Louisville senior Ashlee Clark and Keith Farner, a May graduate from Louisville, best general news story; Joanie Baker, a May graduate from Louisville, best feature story; Clark and Farner, best on-going/extended coverage; Brett Flashnik, a May graduate from Columbia, S.C., best spot news picture; Herald photo staff, best picture essay;

Yoko Furukawa, best sports picture; Elizabeth Dodd, a senior from Smyrna, Tenn., best sports picture essay; Matt Rountree, a May master's graduate from Elizabethtown, Louisville senior Nicole Koestel and Jim Winn, a December graduate from Bowling Green, special section.

Receiving second place honors were Natasha Allen, a May graduate from Bowling Green, best feature story; Michael Casagrande, a senior from Louisville, best sports story; Farner, best sports feature story; Allen, best business/agribusiness story; Josh Armstrong, a senior from Monument, Colo., best spot news picture; Chet White, a May graduate from Louisville, best general news picture; Carl Kilsgaard, a sophomore from Bowling

Green, best feature picture; Carla DePoyster, a senior from Big Clifty; Dinara Sagatova, a December graduate from Evansville, Ind., best graphic; Casagrande, best sports page/section.

Placing third were West Watt, Bowling Green senior, best sports feature story; Samantha Hupman, a sophomore from Shelbyville, best enterprise or analytical story; Joe Leslie, a sophomore from Robinson Creek, best business/agribusiness story; Casagrande, best headline; Herald staff, special section; and Jenica Miller, senior from Tampa, Fla., best lifestyle page and front page.

Honorable mentions were awarded to White, best feature picture; and Lisa Ross, a senior from Merrillville, Ind., best editorial page.

Plans return to first choice site

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nology that comes along, and to make an expansion of the building at a later date possible.

The Guthrie House site had always been the No. 1 choice for the new building by the Student Publications Alumni Association. However, it became available only in February after its former owner, Mrs. Vera Guthrie, approved razing the structure to make way for the Herald and Talisman building.

Two years ago, the Herald and Talisman had considered moving into the Guthrie House, which Western purchased several years ago with a clause to preserve it. However, the house was found to contain asbestos and be infested with mold, making it unusable.

Mrs. Guthrie had insisted that her former family home not be torn down because she didn't want to see it become an expansion of the Mimosa parking lot. However, when she learned of the plans for the Student Media Center, she rescinded that requirement.

"I hate to see it go, but I would rather the Herald use it than it become another parking lot," Mrs. Guthrie told the Herald. Architectural elements in the home will be preserved, either for use by the local Landmark Society or in the new building.

The house next door, formerly owned by the Sterling Willoughby family and now used to shelter visiting professors, also will be torn down to give the Student Publications Building adequate frontage on Normal Street. Sterling Willoughby's daughter, Carmen, was 1968 Talisman editor.

Dr. Barbara Burch, Western's provost, controls the scholar's residence and is allowing it to be razed for the media center.

— Chuck Clark, president
Student Publications Alumni Association

Thomas named editor-in-chief of Quad-City Times

Steve Thomas, managing editor of the Lincoln Journal Star, has been named editor of the Quad-City Times in Davenport, Iowa. He began his new job March 6.

Julie Bechtel, the Times' publisher, said Thomas, 44, has a passion for serving the community.

"He has great people skills that came shining through to everyone that interviewed with him," Bechtel said.

Thomas said he's committed to strong local news. "With papers this size, you live and die by your focus on local news. The Quad-City Times takes that very seriously, and that will continue to be its core." The paper is owned by Davenport-based Lee Enterprises Inc.

A member of the Student Publications Steering Committee, he worked at the Nashville Banner, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer, the Daily News, Savannah Morning News before his stint in Lincoln.

Thomas and his wife, Heidi, have a 4-year-old daughter, Sarah.

Herald wins 13 first-place awards at KIPA

The Herald returned from the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association convention in Lexington with a lucky 13 first-place awards.

First place winners were Ashlee Clark and Keith Farnor, continuing news; Bobby Harrell, commentary; Wes Nolen, editorial cartoon; Lindsey Sainlar, feature story; Wes Watt, sports game story; spring staff, special section; Jenica Miller, original illustration; Chet White, news photo; Carla DePoyster, photo essay; wkuherald.com, overall web site; wkuherald.com, web special section; wkuherald.com, inside page; Mandy Mullins, advertis-

ing design; Marcellus Neel, advertising campaign.

Placing second were Michael Casagrande, sports column; overall layout, spring staff; Miller, feature page layout; Dinara Sagatova, sports page layout; Justin Fowler, original illustration; Sagatova, informational graphic; Yoko Furukawa, sports photo; wkuherald.com, home page; Katie Hollenkamp, advertising copy; Neel, advertising campaign.

Finishing third were Lisa Rose, best opinion pages; David Harten, sports feature story; Casagrande, sports column; Fowler, feature page layout;

Casagrande, sports page layout; Clark, news headline; fall staff, special section; Hunter Wilson, sports photo; Carl Kilsgaard, feature photo; DePoyster, photo essay; Neel, advertising copy; Jamie Sullivan, advertising design;

Honorable mentions were won by Amber Coulter, investigative reports; Clark, best news story; Tavia Green, feature story; fall staff, overall layout; Miller, feature page layout; Kat Wilson, news headline; summer staff, special section; Josh Armstrong, news photo; photo staff, photo essay; Mullins, advertising copy; Kristin Bond, advertising design.

Casagrande heads spring Herald staff

The spring 2006 Herald staff is headed by Louisville senior Michael Casagrande.

A news editorial journalism major, Casagrande was sports editor the past two semesters.

Katie Hollenkamp, a senior advertising major from Louisville, will continue as advertising manager.

Shawntaye Hopkins, the spring and fall 2005 editor, will take over duties as managing editor. She is a senior new editorial journalism major from Louisville.

Other members of the editorial board are Ashlee Clark, Louisville junior news

editorial journalism major, news editor; Lisa Ross, a senior news editorial journalism and advertising major from Highland, Ind., features editor; Wes Watt, Bowling Green senior news editorial journalism major, opinion editor; Wes Nolen, a junior news editorial journalism major from Erin, Tenn., editorial cartoonist; Beth Wilberding, senior news editorial journalism major from Louisville, sports editor; Jesse Osbourne, senior photojournalism major from Lebanon, photo editor; Kat Wilson, a junior news editorial journalism major from Midland, Mich., copy desk/design

chief; and Hunter Wilson, senior photojournalism major from Roanoke, Va., director of online visuals.

Malcolm Byrd II, a junior advertising major from Elizabethtown, will be online editor and Tavia Green, a Hopkinsville junior news editorial journalism major, will be assistant features editor.

Marcellus Neel, a senior advertising major from Louisville, will continue as advertising creative services manager and Jamie Sullivan, a junior advertising major from Scarborough, Maine, will be advertising sales and promotions director.

Talisman photo editor wins \$10,000 grant from the Alexia Foundation

Talisman photo editor Melanie Blanding, a senior photojournalism major, has won the 2006 Alexia Foundation scholarship.

She won a \$9,000 scholarship to study photojournalism at the Syracuse University London Centre and a \$1,000 grant to produce her picture story.

In her proposal, she wrote that thousands of women are raped in war zones every year and that she plans to docu-

ment the lives of victims in Bukavu, Congo.

Melanie spent one week at a rape seminar in Bukavu last August. She interviewed women and established a relationship at the rape clinic. She plans to return to Bukavu for summer 2006 to continue documenting these women.

She has been a Herald photographer and is president of the NPPA student chapter.

Alexia Foundation honors Sutherland

David Sutherland has been named the first occupant of a chair at Syracuse University endowed by the Alexia Foundation.

The Alexia Foundation for World Peace and Cultural Understanding established the chair for documentary photography. He will be responsible for teaching three classes a year and administering the annual competition and other foundation enterprises.

The appointment is effective in the fall.

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If you've lost touch with **Steve Deckel**, try sdeckel@deckemoneypenny.com, snail mail to 2364 Carlton Terrace, Louisville 40205 or call 502-458-0726.

Rachel Nance Woehler humbly reports that husband **Eric** is now an official "published poet." One of his poems will be published in the magazine "Alive Now" in the March/April 2006 edition.

On Jan. 9, **Todd and Marcy Pack** got a surprise from Owen William, who wasn't due until Jan. 20. Not one to miss a deadline, Owen William was 19.5 inches, 6 pounds, 8 ounces. Todd, Marcy, 6-year-old Alison and baby are living at 2212 Falcon Creek Drive, Franklin, Tenn. 37067.

Ryan Clark (reclark@enquirer.com) is working on the next in the series of the *Where Are They Now?* books. He was asked to write the book after the company saw a proposal for another book he wants to write. That book has been approved by the acquisitions editors and has now moved on to the sales/marketing people. If they decide they can sell it, they will do it. Clark is the Campbell County reporter for *The Kentucky Enquirer*/*The Cincinnati Enquirer*. His work number is (859) 578-5585.

Craig Dezern (Craig.Dezern@disney.com) has been promoted to vice president of global public relations for Walt Disney Parks and Resorts, the division of The Walt Disney Company that operates 11 theme parks at five sites around the world (California, Florida, Tokyo, Paris and Hong Kong). Craig also serves as interim director of Media Relations at Walt Disney World Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Janet Pinkston, advertising copywriter at Hilliard Lyons, is reclaiming her life after a whirlwind 18 months at the center of the firm's sesquicentennial. During the year-long celebration, Janet produced ads, movies, a museum and expensive events across a 13-state footprint. The exercise was a deep study of 1850s America. The work was recog-

nized with a Landmarks of Excellence honor from the Louisville chapters of PRSA/IABC. She has now returned to her regular duties of writing ads and other collateral for financial consultants in 75 markets. Her phone number at work is (502) 588-1207.

Pam and Scott Cassady have bought a house in Auburn. Pam recently started as a reporter at the *News Democrat and Leader*. In addition to being pastor of New Life Baptist Church in Auburn, he is chaplain for the Logan County High School girls basketball team. Their address is 235 S. Lincoln, Auburn, KY 42206.

Joanie Baker is a general assignment reporter at *The Index Journal* in Greenwood, S.C. Her address is 213 Hampton Ave., Apt. 20, Greenwood, SC 29646. Her cell phone number is (864) 344-0305 and work number is (864) 223-1811 ext. 3306.

James and Nancy Kenney added to the Kenney clan on Jan. 12 when 5-pound 10-ounce Ian Patrick Kenney was born. Unfortunately James was still in California with his sick mother, who died a few weeks later. In James' absence, Jeanie Adams-Smith photographed the birth for them.

Brittany Ford Flener (Britt6424@aol.com) and her husband have a new daughter, Tatem Nealy-McKenzie. She was born March 3 and came into the world at 8 pounds 7.5 ounces and 20.75 inches. Brittany has been teaching English at Edmonson High for two years. She's also the head cheerleading coach and has three squads to oversee. She and her husband of two years moved into a new home near Rockfield in October.

Stephanie Stivers Bischoff and Tim welcomed Isaac on Sept. 19. After four months, the early arriver is a robust 14 pounds. Their address is 622 Wichita Drive, Lexington, KY 40503.

Mike and Leslie Scott have a new son, Owen Michael Scott. He was born Feb. 10, weighed 8 pounds and was 19.5

inches long.

Alexis Nicole Behnken, daughter of **Shannon and Jason Behnken**, decided to come early. She was born Feb. 25, 10 weeks early and weighed 2 pounds, 12 ounces. Shannon had been to the doctor for her regular checkup the day before and was told she was having a "text-book" pregnancy. About 3 a.m. Saturday she awoke bleeding and Jason rushed her to the hospital. By 5 p.m., the situation turned downhill and Shannon started hemorrhaging. Alexis was out within 15 minutes. Alexis is expected to stay in the hospital until close to her original due date of May 9.

Mai Hoang has taken a job as the business and agriculture reporter at the *Yakima (Wash.) Herald-Republic*. Following graduation, she interned at the *Orlando Sentinel* then spent a year as a volunteer with Mission Year, a Christian nonprofit in inner-city Chicago. Most recently she has freelanced for *The Courier-Journal* and *Business First* in Louisville.

Mike Collins (the tall one) was back on campus for a Tim Brockema workshop recently and stopped by the Student Publications office. Mike is editor of *AOPA Flight Training* magazine. His work email is mike.collins@aopa.org.

This may be old news among photogs, but for the record, here are winners in the 2005 NPPA national competition. Magazine Feature Picture Story: Tamara Voninski, oculi/vu, honorable mention, Shanghai: Capitalist Roads Shanghai is one of the Domestic News Picture Story: Greg Lovett, *The Palm Beach Post*, honorable mention, "Mean Season" Four Hurricanes in six weeks. Team Sports Action: Sam Riche (Epha's husband), *The Indianapolis Star*, first, Indiana Pacers forward Austin Croshere gets hammered by International News: Rick Loomis, *Los Angeles Times*, first, Under Fire--Lance Cpl. Robert Christmon, 20, helps carry Domestic News: Lovett, third, Florida

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Conceptual Illustration: Eric Parsons, The Tennessean. second, Perfect for hot, humid summer days, this seersucker ...

Chris Hutchins aka J.C. Hutchins (wordherder1@hotmail.com) has finished his first novel, "7th Son, Book One: Descent." It's the first in a trilogy of techno-thrillers about human cloning. There's plenty of mystery, some action, and a few heady subjects humming in the background (bioethics, human consciousness, memories, the existence/ownership of a "soul", etc.). Folks can find more information about the novel at his Web site (sporting his nom de

plume, "J.C. Hutchins): www.jchutchins.net. There, one can find the "feed" for the podcast, ways to subscribe (for free) to the 'cast, contact information and a blog with up-to-the-picosecond info about 7th Son. You can hear the novel read by the author.

Justin Fowler has started his new job as a photographer at the State Journal-Register in Springfield, Ill. He joins photographers **Shannon Guthrie Kirshner** and **Jonathan** and general assignments reporter **Daniel Pike** at the SJ-R. Managing editor is **Robert Pope**. **Abbey Brown** is the new cops reporter

at the Dothan (Ala.) Eagle. She is starting about the time you are reading this.

Tanya Bricking Leach and **Eric** are back on the mainland after six years in Hawaii. And they have a new son Aidan Daniel Leach. He arrived at 9:07 p.m. on Feb. 4. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces. Their address is 16 Johnson St., Fort Rucker, AL 36362.

J. Michael Moore (michael.moore@broncos.nfl.net) and Kelli Mayville were married March 11 in Westerville, Ohio. They will be living in Denver where J. Mike is publications coordinator for the Denver Broncos.

KPA honors Stinnetts with community service award

(from the KPA News)

Two veteran journalists of The Gleaner were honored with the Lexington Herald-Leader's Lewis Owens Community Service Award.

Gleaner Business Editor Chuck Stinnett and Features Editor Donna Stinnett were announced as this year's recipients at the annual KPA banquet in Lexington.

The statewide award goes annually to the newspaper person or persons performing the most outstanding community service. It is named for the former publisher of the Lexington Herald-Leader.

The Stinnetts, who joined The Gleaner in 1980, have been active for

several years in a range of community services, including many through their church, First United Methodist.

Both have been involved in leadership roles with the annual W.C. Handy Blues & Barbecue Festival. His community service includes, among others, volunteer roles in Leadership Henderson, WNIN public radio and television fund-raising, the Volunteer and Information Center board, United Way, the American Heart Association HeartWalk, and Habitat for Humanity.

She is a charter member of the Henderson Music Preservation Society that organizes the Handy Festival and has served as event chairwoman.

She also has been in a volunteer in

the Bluegrass in the Park/Folklife festival, is a member of the Henderson Fine Arts Guild and the Henderson County Board of Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy, among others.

The two also are trained, certified weather spotters and certified judges for Memphis-in-May sanctioned barbecue events.

They returned recently from their second week-long, church-sponsored trip to New Orleans to help in restoring homes of Hurricane Katrina victims.

Last year, the Stinnetts were honored by the E.W. Scripps Co., which owns The Gleaner, with the William R. Burleigh Award for Distinguished Community Service.

Craig named Standard editor

(from the Standard)

A Todd County native has been named editor/general manager of the Todd County Standard.

Ryan Craig, an award-winning journalist who has worked for such regional newspapers as the Kentucky New Era, The (Clarksville) Leaf-Chronicle and The (Russellville) News Democrat-Leader, has joined the staff of the Standard on Nov. 15.

Craig has held such positions as

assistant sports editor, weekend reporter, crime reporter columnist and copy editor/page designer

He has received awards from the Kentucky Press Association in page design, column writing, reporting, graphic design and headline writing.

Craig, 31, lives in Elkton with his wife Sarah and 14-month-old son, Owen. Sarah will be an occasional contributor to the Standard.

Deaths

Ray Meece, 46, of Hermitage, Tenn., wife of **Ann Meece**, died Oct. 8, 2005. He was employed by UPS. He is also survived by a daughter Leah, his parent and a brother and two sisters.

Willson E. Wood, 98, retired head of the English department and chairman of the University Publications Committee, died Feb. 18 in Franklin. All journalism classes were in the English department until the mass communications department was formed in 1970.