A Sense of Place
Our college years are full of uncertainty. We begin to question who we are and where we are headed. We have about four years to decide what career we want to dedicate our lives to. For some, that decision is easy; others meander through a maze of majors. Some of us meet someone, fall in love and get married. All of these decisions are scary, and they cannot be made lightly. During these years we have to figure out our place in this complicated world.

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But Western is a comfortable place to face these identity questions. There is support everywhere we turn. Professors see us as more than just a name on a class roll. We are real people who professors truly care about, and most are willing to do anything in their power to help us. They want to see us succeed in life as well as in their classes. It’s not unusual to exchange greetings with friends and acquaintances on the way to class. Even strangers smile and speak as they pass. A friendly ear is always handy when we need to talk about a problem. 

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Western is a comfortable place for people who have never really found their place in the world because everyone has a personal niche in the Western society. Students have a chance to take chances and be encouraged along the way. One student moved her husband and son to Bowling Green so she could follow her dream of becoming a doctor; another took the initiative to write, direct and produce a play aimed at creating unity among Western students.
Western has a homey atmosphere and has become a home away from home to many students. The Hill will stand in our memories as a place shared with special friends we will remember forever.

We know we’re here; we know why we’re here. We’re at Western to find our sense of place in this world. And that’s about as good of a foothold as a student needs.
"The proximity is good — close enough to go home on the weekends but far away enough to be away from home."
Chris Roberts, freshman, Paducah

"At Western you're not just another number or another face on campus. Here everyone can find his place."
Staci Kitchens, junior, Franklin

"For me, the campus environment is what I like about Western — especially the Hill. You feel important."
Kristin Clayton, freshman, Cynthiana
Fright fest shows imagination
Halloween lures spirited students to ghoulish gala

Story by Carol Oserby

Last October, Elly was spotted on students the chance to show bizarre Western's campus. So were Freddy sides of their personalities, play silly Krueger, several witches and a pit- games and dance to the sounds of natal. They were among the frightful and live music.

Greenville juniors Christy Ozier, comical characters. Melissa Stewart and Sarah Cary spent the night dressed as a banana split. Their costume was made of scoops of chocolate, vanilla and strawberry ice cream held together by a giant yellow cardboard banana. Ozier even wore a cherry on her head.

"We came last year, but we didn't dress up," Ozier said. "We felt really left out." Ozier's mother made the costume from a pattern, and her sister helped her draw the banana. She said the evening was fun, even with the difficulty of having to stick together, inside their banana restraint.

"We may have to ditch it here in a minute," Ozier said as she laughed and pointed at the huge banana.

During a performance by Black Widow, dancer from the audience jumps onto the stage at Hallowe'en. About 300 people attended the annual event. Enjoying the music at Hallowe'en are Elkm. Bowere, a Washington, D.C., junior; Stephanie Alexander, a Muscici, Jud., senior; and Maureen Watson, an Owensboro senior.

Party guests participated in pumpkin-carving, pie-eating, and mummy-wrapping contests, while characters such as Frankenstein, Halloween and Snow White roamed through the university center.

Four human hotdog cars, the Grim Reaper and Dorothy, complete with her ruby slippers, wandered through the dimly lit lobby, which had orange streamers and black bats dangling from the ceiling.

Eric Holman, a Princeton junior, was dressed in his real-life UPS uniform as he made his rounds through the lobby, asking people to "sign" for his living "package." Princeton junior Gina Wurth.

"I already had the uniform for me to wear, and she got mad because I was just thinking of myself, so I said, 'why don't you be a package?'" Holman quipped.

At last report, he still had not delivered his brown-wrapped, postage-paid girlfriend.

Bardstown freshman Matthew Hall and Julie Tolliver spent most of the evening holding hands. Ball portrayed a priest while Tolliver was clad in a black French maid costume.

"He's trying to convert me," she said with a laugh.

Hickman freshman Andrea Simpson and Nashville, Tenn., junior Jennifer Givens, who came dressed as lipstick and a pair of lips, took third place in the costume contest. The banana split team of Oser, Stewart and Cary won second place, while David Sparks, a Bowling Green senior, came as an Arab sheik on a camel and took first place.

Sparks, who has participated in Hallowe'en for the past three years, had recently attended a costume party dressed as a sheik.

"My dad got the idea of putting a camel with it," he said. "So here I am."

His brown, unamed camel, complete with a cigarette dangling from its mouth, was held up by a pair of suspenders.

"It's fun coming up here and seeing the different costumes," he said. "I'm having a great time."

Other Hallowe'en events included bobbing for apples, passing a pumpkin under the chin and a midnight showing of "The Night of the Living Dead."

Todd Dykes, UCB special events co-chairman, estimated that about 300 people attended Hallowe'en.

"We think it went really well, even though everyone didn't dress up," he said. "People were there, and they were having fun."

Scott Coffman, a Glasgow senior who came dressed as a "roadkill," complete with a mutilated face, plastic bulging eye and staggering walk, said he lived the festivities.

"Hallowe'en is the greatest."
The morning fog had lifted, but the heavy November clouds hung low.
The golden, harmonious tones floating from a nearby harp contrasted with the fiery, determined eyes of the warriors as they prepared to clash.
"Please give honor to the one who you fight today!" shouted a marshal.
Soon, the soft grass of a usually peaceful Lampkin Park was converted into a battlefield for two heavily armored knights as they maneuvered about, jostling for position. Violent as it seemed, no one was killed and little or no blood was shed. The warriors weren't fighting for the honor of a damsel or a queen; they were fighting for fun. They even discussed the battle in a polite conversation afterward.
It was just another day for the Society for Creative Anachronism—a society designed to re-create aspects of life in the Middle Ages. About 40 members gathered on this Saturday for a demonstration meeting at Lampkin Park.
SCA members showed up in garb and persona and attempted to capture the flavor of medieval life—a culture where chivalry, knighthood, personal honor and courtesy mattered were upheld. Members even researched characters from this time period and created original names for themselves.
"It's an escape from the real world," said Karen Young, a Western graduate from Scottsville.
On this day, Young is known as Elizabeth Cachel of the Blue Lakes. "You get to be whoever you want to be, whatever time period you want to be in," she said with a grin, while adding that the men treat women with tremendous respect at the events.
Major attractions include archery and hand-to-hand combat, which is an actual competition but is closely regulated to prevent injuries. Warriors, who must be trained and certified, wear heavy armor and use light weapons to prevent serious injuries.
With a look of concentration, Andrew Vorder Bruggie of Louisville plays a medieval recorder. Dressed in medieval fighting costumes, Michael "The Quiet" Stundill battles Tim "Lord Sean O'Giler" Young of Bowling Green. The two were "fighting the ring" at a Society for Creative Anachronism meeting at Lampkin Park.

Tom Young, 31, known to the other members as Harold Lacklander (a name he derived from the late Viking era), dubbed SCA combat "fun fighting."
The burly redhead, who said if he ever won the lottery he would quit his job and build a castle, spoke with a note of eagerness as he prepared for combat.
"I've had bruises that you wouldn't believe, but bruises heal," he said, strapping on leg guards, known as greaves. "You want to be able to sit with the guy you fought at dinner and have a pleasant conversation."

"Here, we're just playing," said David Simmons, a senior music major from Bowling Green, who was in combat training at the time of the event. "You can't get that (combat aspect) anywhere else except the army, and then you have to worry about dying." Young is a former history major at Western. "One of these days I'm gonna go to England, visit castles and see where it actually happened," he said.
Simmons, who also has a special interest in archery, said the combat attracts many to the society, but other aspects of life in the Middle Ages are covered too. "SCA does a very good job of preserving medieval music and other art forms."
Shires, baronies and kingdoms of the society are scattered all over the world. The SCA, which is recognized by the U.S. government as a non-profit, educational organization, originated about 25 years ago by a group of college students in Berkeley, Calif.
Kimberley Smith (a.k.a. Erika the Shepherdess), a photojournalism and art major from Bowling Green, said SCA offered a nice diversion for Western students.
"We're trying to introduce this to Western students to show that there are things to do here," she said. "It's a nice form of escape."

MTV plays that funky music
Traveling club gives dancers a shot at fame, trip to New York City

Story by Rita Roberts
Photos by Tom Leintinger

Hip-hop dance tracks blared in the background as six funky dancers emerged from red fog. Dressed in black shear, sequined brass and leather, they prepared to bump and grind the night away at one of the hottest clubs in America. Club MTV that is, and Western students were ready for them at the college tour hit campus Nov. 13.

The two-hour program was an adaptation of the show on cable's Music Television. Club MTV features dancers, music videos and popular recording artists.

"I watch the show all the time, but this is real," said Rob Harvey, a junior from Franklin, Tenn. "One of the dancers danced with me, and I can't do that in my living room."

Garrett Ballroom was filled with shrieking women as the three male dancers slid across the floor to Prince's "Get Off" and tore off their shirts. The female members of the tour spent their time pumping up the male audience.

"I see why you fellows have such great legs. That's a serious hill out there," dancer Jared Scarborough joked.

The show included choreographed dances, videos, spontaneous interviews with audience members, a fashion show and a dance contest. "It's crazy, man. There's a lot of fun and energy," Harvey said.

"When I heard they were coming, I thought it was cool," said Jennifer Givens, a Nashville, Tenn., junior. "I'm going to the show in Daytona, so this is a preview."

Students had a chance to strut their stuff as the MTV dancers pulled people on stage and starred dance lines. Tour member Ronnie Davidson even picked up a few steps from the students.

"Let's show them how to do the gangster," Louisville sophomore Eric Beason told Alan Martin, a Middlesboro sophomore, as they showed the tour group their moves.

"Let me see what you've got," Davidson replied as he joined in the dance line.

The dance contest proved to be the highlight of the evening. Students tried out for prizes and a chance to appear on the New York show.

"I love to dance and thought I'd try," said Kim Flood, a Louisville junior. "I just went with the music."

"You only live once," said contestant Devin Delano, laughing. The Evansville, Ind., senior auditioned twice.

After examining more than 20 contestants, casting director Wendy McSwain narrowed her choice to four.

Finalists Eileen Aranas, Angela Ferguson, Kevin Holle and Martin Beason swept through four more auditions and anxiously awaited their numbers to be called.

"I'm looking for people who just capture my attention," McSwain said.

In the end, Holle, a Louisville junior, and Aranas, a Lexington senior, were the victors. Sporting matching plaid outfits and long, curly braids, the couple screamed in amazement when they heard they had won.

"I thought it was a dream," Aranas said, trying to catch her breath. "I go to New York all the time, and I'm never able to audition. It's like some

MTV dancers pulled people on stage and starred dance lines. Tour member Ronnie Davidson even picked up a few steps from the students.

Students attending the dance contest went for fashion as well as talent.

...one answered my prayers."

Aranas and Holle said they practiced dancing together for weeks and watched the television show to pick up different styles.

"Twas in shock when my number was called," Holle said.

Although only about 80 students attended the event, most agreed the night was filled with energy.

"You guys are a small crowd, but you sure are rowdy!" said dancer Cyndi Rostfelder.

Student Activities and Organizations Coordinator Ronnie Beason said audience participation programs seem to go over well at Western.

"The most successful programs become traditional," he said. "If it works out we'd be glad to do it again."

The dance contest provided Amanda Chan, an Athens freshman, an opportunity to dance with MTV dancer Brandon Oppenheim.

"Yes, yes, yes! I would like to see it become an annual thing," said Nashville, Tenn., sophomore Misty Lewis.

The event was sponsored by UCB, Interfraternity Council and Panhel. The Club MTV group travels to 35 cities a year. Marketing coordinator Mark Romanos said the show is especially designed for colleges and universities.

"This show is pretty exciting. We're in gyms, ballrooms, wherever the young people want us," he said. "I liked it. It was different, new and fun," said Beason. "It gives people who like to dance their one shot at fame, and I think the turnout will get bigger next year as the word gets out. I'll definitely tell people they should have been here."
President for a Day

Switching lives for a day

Student parks in president's spot while Meredith sits in front row

Story by Dwain Harris

On a dreary November morning, with a roomful of anxious eyes focused on him, President Thomas Meredith bravely made a confession. "I don't think I've ever sat in the front row in my life," Meredith joked while begging his 6-foot-5 frame into a chair near the front of Grise Hall's Room 237.

His classmates chuckled as the smiling Meredith shed his bright red jacket, dug out a notebook from his backpack, and prepared for class. Though some of them appeared confused at first, students in Professor Eugene Evans's 9:15 a.m. Legal Environment of Business class soon realized who had joined them.

On Nov. 20, Meredith became a student for a day, showing up for classes instead of administration meetings, sporting a backpack instead of a briefcase and taking notes instead of calls.

But the president's office wasn't left vacant. Junior Ryan James, a business economics major from Nashville, Tenn., assumed the role of the most powerful man on campus.

For the second year, the Associated Student Government raffled off a chance to become president for a day. James won the raffle, meaning Meredith would fulfill James's schedule while James presided over the campus. The raffle raised more than $500 for the family of a non-traditional student for the holidays.

After taking careful notes in Evans's class, Meredith met with James and several ASC officers at Downing University Center to ride to a luncheon at the president's house. At 1 p.m., it was back to class for Meredith, his last of the day.

"It really worked out well," Meredith said as he laughed. "He (James) only had two classes today. Last year, the guy had four.

Lee Richardson, a senior from Hazard, was surprised when he spotted Meredith in his Money and Banking class, but he thought Meredith's temporary role-change was a good idea.

"It gives the president some real feel for what's going on and gives students a chance to see that, yeah, he really does care what goes on in the classroom," Richardson said.

Money and Banking professor Brian Goff had mixed feelings when he discovered he would be lecturing to the president. "Debelieving was sort of my first reaction," he said. "I would certainly admit to a little nervousness.

James was a little nervous himself Wednesday morning. "I felt kind of awkward pulling into that parking space that said 'President,'" he said, laughing. "When I got to his office, I didn't know where to sit." But after borrowing some coffee and getting comfortable with his surroundings, "I really made myself feel at home," James said.

Jame's meeting with several university officials to discuss campus issues and learn about their jobs. Among others, he talked to Paul Cook, executive vice president for Administration and Technology; Faculty Senate Chairman Arvin Vos; and University Relations Coordinator Gene Creame.

For James, the day was a learning experience. "There was a lot of listening to," he said of the meetings. "James, Sigma Phi Epsilon president, said he had a particularly interesting talk with Vos. The two debated on Western's budget and where cuts should be made. Vos stressed the importance of funding for education, while James, who is highly involved in student activities, said extra-curricular programs should be protected from cuts. James failed to persuade Vos. "One of the last things he said was 'you haven't changed my mind,'" James said, smiling.

"It was really good to hear (information) from the people actually making the decisions."

James also got the chance to have fun with his newfound power. He entertained friends, proclaimed parking ticket amnesty day and "told my secretaries to take a two-hour lunch break," he joked.

He also jokingly called a fraternity brother's on-campus boss to try to get him off work for the day.

When the day was over, James had acquired a new respect for Meredith's job.

"Even though I didn't do exactly what he does, the stuff he goes through is incredible."

"It's bound to be very demanding," he said.

"If the whole experience did anything, it confirmed first hand that the people (in administration) are top-notch and personable and do a good job," he said. "They had a really deep concern and care for WKU and that was really special."

A lecture on money and banking brought an intent look to student Thomas Meredith's face as he listened to professor Brian Goff.

In the president's office, James selects a compact disc to bring some fun to his temporary role as president.

After James declared all parking tickets void, Meredith takes to James's Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers, Louisville senior Van Hodges and Franklin, Tenn., sophomore Bobby Wagener, who how he could get even with them.
Topped with tradition
Spirited fans rise to celebrate, but football team falls to defeat

Story by L.B. Kistler

Red and white balloons drifted into the night sky as cheers echoed through the fine arts center amphitheater.

Light splintered off the Topperettes’ red and silver pompons as the band played the Western fight song and Bi Red, Western’s mascot, frolicked about in a top hat and tie, eliciting cheers from the audience.

“This is one of the biggest crowds we’ve had,” Gene Crum, University Relations special events coordinator, said of Big Red’s Roar, which kicked off Western’s 1991 Homecoming, “Topped With Tradition.”

For the first time, two spirit sticks were awarded at Big Red’s Roar. Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity won the Organizational Spirit Stick, while Alpha Gamma Delta, Kappa Sigma and Phi Delta Theta won the Greek Spirit Stick.

“We wanted to prove that it was not just a Greek event,” said Todd Dykes, an Ashland sophomore and special events co-chairman for the University Center Board which sponsored Big Red’s Roar.

Homecoming activities also included the annual Step Show and tailgating party.

“I thought that (tailgating) was neat,” said Beverly Gosseln, a senior from Lamb. “It was a good way for people to associate and one of the few times the alumni can come back.”

The festivities concluded with Saturday’s Homecoming game. Queen candidates were escorted onto the stage set up on the track in Smith Stadium as the Big Red Band played a romantic score from the movie “Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves.”

Before a crowd of 10,980, Nancy Rascoe, a Bowling Green senior sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, was named the 1991 queen. Senior Lee Ann Walke of Morehead was first runner-up.

The announcement came as a surprise to Rascoe.

“I never thought I would be Homecoming Queen,” Rascoe said.

“When they called my name, I was thinking, ‘Wow!’”

“The best thing was having a few people who had supported me to celebrate with.”

Rascoe had reason to celebrate but the football team didn’t; the Hilltoppers fell 39-23 to Troy State.

With a halo of light behind her, Bowling Green senior Nancy Rascoe savors the moment after being named 1991 Homecoming Queen. Rascoe was sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Before a Homecoming crowd of 10,980, Daryl Pepper, an Eldonstown senior, escorted Lee Ann Walke, a Morehead senior. Walke was the first runner-up in the Homecoming Queen voting.

At Western’s annual Big Red’s Roar, comedian Alex Cole entertains hundreds of students. Big Red’s Roar, which kicked off Western’s 1991 Homecoming, was attended by “one of the biggest crowds we’ve had,” said Gene Crum, University Relations special events coordinator.
Beauty and the bucks
Pageant stresses scholarship and skills

Story by Mary Flanagan

As the lights dimmed and the rambunctious crowd settled, President Thomas Meredith welcomed family, friends and sponsors to the 1991 Miss Western Pageant.

A couple of hours later, the winner had been crowned. Jennifer Ann Peyton, a senior from Dawson Springs, became Miss Western for the 1991-92 school year.

"I was very surprised that I won because I felt I could have been better prepared," Peyton later said. Among her prizes was a $1,000 scholarship.

"The interviews were conducted during the day, so I tried to go on with my usual routine to get my mind off the pageant," she said.

"You have to remember that pageants are stepping stones to where you want to go in life - not for the crown," said Peyton, who had competed in pageants since she was four years old. "You have to keep yourself in perspective, and I feel I do that consistently."

Sponsored by the Western Kentucky William E. Biven Forensics Society, the Miss Western Scholarship Pageant was a preliminary contest for the Miss Kentucky and Miss America Pageants.

The 10 contestants competed in several categories with emphasis placed on presentation, interpretive ability, technical skill level, stage presence, as well as the contestants' communication skills, personal appearance, personality and style. Emphasis was also placed on grade-point average and the judges' interviews.

Discontinued after the 1985 pageant, the contest was resumed in 1990 under the sponsorship of the forensics team. It was "time that we reinstated it (the pageant) and had a representative from Western to participate in the Miss Kentucky, and possibly, the Miss America Pageants," said Hodgenville senior Katy Blair, forensics team captain.

Louisville sophomore Ericka Malone placed first runner-up and received $200, while Amy Swanson, a freshman from White House, Tenn., got $100 for second runner-up.

Instead of wearing bras, some of the contestants taped their breasts together. Christie Christian, a freshman from Louisville, helped Ericka Malone, a sophomore from Louisville, get ready.

After winning the Miss Western Kentucky Pageant in Van Meter Hall, Jennifer Ann Peyton, a senior from Dawson Springs, got a hug from her grandmother Modest Peyton.
Playing the night away
Three Quarters provides a 'plethora of sound'

Story by Cindy Stevenson
Photos by Christina Paolucci

The third of six bands on a frigid black night in October, Three Quarters finally took the stage. At 1 a.m., under a shelter in a calm Murfreesboro, Tenn., field with a raging bonfire and 10 to 15 kegs of beer, the band with two Western students began to play. The crowd of 40 to 50 girls clad in tight leather mini skirts and rugged men with flannel shirts and cowboy boots - stood mesmerized. Gradually, a few began swaying and clapping with the music, while the majority drifted back to the bonfire for warmth and alcohol.

The band members, clenching their teeth and blowing into their frozen hands between songs, mustered as much energy as they could until they stopped playing after 30 minutes, when their dazed, basically heavy-metal audience had dwindled to about 15.

"Man, we can go home now!" said an agitated George Street, a Louisville senior who plays guitar, rubbing his hands together.

Street, normally energetic and carefree, had reason to be depressed. Hooper's Heavy Farm Festival, for which Three Quarters had high hopes of gaining recognition, was a disaster.

The expected crowd of 200 that was supposed to have arrived by 3 p.m. didn't even start pulling up until after sundown - and at its peak, the party had fewer than 75 gatherers. Not only that - their scheduled playing time of 4 p.m. was changed to 8, then 11, then, finally, 1 a.m.

Being in a band is not all glamorous, admitted Street and Andy Rademaker, also a Louisville senior. In addition to the hassles associated with shows, the band's members (all students) have to worry about keeping the band together while its members are spread across two states, working on classes and jobs and balancing other aspects of their lives such as girlfriends.

It's not easy - but they love it. "We just want to play music," Rademaker said.

"With as much hassle as it is," Street said, "we must need to do it." The band - with two students from Western, one from the University of Louisville and one from Middle Tennessee State University - has been together since May of 1990, when keyboardist Elliott Truman returned from basic training for the National Guard. The other three band members had played together while it was gone, and were going to call themselves Three Quarters - and when Truman came back, they stuck with that name anyway.

In the summer of 1990, when they first started playing together, they were all in Louisville, which made life easy. Since they've lived in different cities - and especially when Elliott served in the Gulf War for several months - keeping together has proved frustrating. But they've managed for the most part to get together at least every few weeks to practice as a group, and they've written about a song a month.

When they started playing clubs, the group stuck with well-known cover songs by groups such as the Beatles, John Denver, Peter, Paul and Mary so they could make money - usually about $200 a night.

But that wasn't satisfying enough for the musicians, so they began to play mainly their own, intense music, which has been influenced by groups such as Pink Floyd, King Crimson and Frank Zappa. They make up their setlist from $50 to $175 a show and are having infinitely more fun.

So far Three Quarters has played only in Louisville, Bowling Green, Owensboro and Murfreesboro, Tenn., but they have made recordings of their music to send to clubs and radio stations to broaden their audience and get gigs in Nashville, Tenn., and other cities.

Rademaker says he feels the band is...
successful when audiences get into their music, which they exhibit by dancing, smiling and coming back to other shows.

"We don't gauge it (success) by money," he said. Rademaker said he is pleased when people talk with him after shows about the music, and "it's enjoyable to see people dance to our music because they don't do it that often."

"Yeah, I guess we're not a real good dance band," said Street, smiling.

Although audiences have been dancing more and more as the band has gotten livelier and gained stage presence, Rademaker's and Street's goal when they're writing songs is more often to challenge audiences than to just entertain.

For example, one song called "Aqua Marubi" is about a character who the band perceives as the equivalent of Oral Roberts, taking people's money and seducing them with the words, "Trust me; understand; believe me."

Rademaker and Street get together to practice their bass and guitar parts every couple of days in Bowling Green so they keep improving while away from the other members, who also practice on their own.

Street, a music major who occasionally fixes instruments for DB Music, and Rademaker, an English major who also works at B. Dalton Bookstore, both say they put most of their energy into the band rather than their schoolwork or jobs, because playing together is most important to them. Once in a while, when they're exhausted from performing and/or partying, they'll skip class the next morning. It's just part of the lifestyle.

And they're dedicated. Even if members have to take on steady jobs after graduation to survive, they plan to keep Three Quarters together. It would be nice to make music for a living, they agree, but they're not

(right) Before a disastrous night in Murfreesboro at the Hooper Heavy Rainfest, Sam Gray Andy Rademaker and George Street enjoy their last good ride before dark. Because it was cold their equipment started to malfunction, and Three Quarters didn't play until almost 1 a.m.
The crowd enjoys Three Quarters at Tastelogan's in Louisville. Middle Tennessee student Chris Jackson and former Western student Dave Baker jam to the band.

"What you're knowing when you get there is sure to be received," says Street while playing "Dream With Me." The song is an original of Three Quarters.

Three Quarters cont.

in Louisville. "They play psychedelic jazz and funk. They're musically inclined, it's sick," he said. "It's a plethora of sound."

Louisville senior Paul Baldwin said he likes watching Three Quarters because "they play really good originals. They're progressive."

The band began playing at about 2 a.m. in the dark, smoky bar filled with a mostly college-age crowd, many of them vacationing Western students.

"I'm really excited," Street said before the performance. "I've never seen this many people at a show for us before. I'm freaking out."

The band set up with Gray, the drummer, in front with his back to the audience and the other three members gathered around so that they faced each other, helping them react while playing.

"It makes way more sense," Wettig said of the arrangement.

The band members, including Rademaker wearing huge pants, a Panama hat and dark glasses, Truman clad in a plaid shirt and military cap, and drummer Gray with sunglasses on the back of his head and a tie on backwards, took their positions.

Street and Rademaker gathered cups of water to soothe their voices during the set, grabbed their guitars and threw any nervousness they may have had into their performance.
It's not a matter of color

Interracial dating creates questions and controversy

Story by Mary Flanagan
Photo illustration by Robin Cornetet

Leigh Melton’s hand slipped into Tyrone Douthit’s as they passed the dance floor.

The maneuver drew a few stares but little more.

They ignored the disapproving frowns and concentrated on the turning lights and dance music.

But the inevitable happened.

A black man leaned toward Douthit.

"Man, you're degrading your race," he told Douthit.

"You don't have to worry about what others think. I don't care. I love her and she loves me," Douthit replied.

"It bothers me," Lorette sophomore Todd Hughes said. "I'll look twice out of curiosity. I wouldn't do it, but that doesn't mean it's wrong."

Fort Knox junior Missy Davis married a black man the summer before her junior year. Davis was aware of the "whispers" and confusion about her marriage, so she decided to hold an open forum in the hope of reducing prejudices.

Situated in an Oprah Winfrey-style format, the forum was held in West Hall, and about 40 of the residents attended.

"It was basically to get the issue out in the open — to let people know more about it," said Shelly Weedman, West Hall director.

The forum received a positive response, so another one was held on a larger scale.

The second forum's panel was made up of six students who had dated interracilly and two staff members — Phyllis Gatewood, director of Black Student Recruitment, and Dave Parrott, director of Residence Life.

The 56 students who attended the forum asked questions ranging from society’s acceptance to parents’ reactions.

One’s parents had a hard time with their daughter’s relationships with black men. At first they ignored it, believing Davis would grow out of it.

"The only thing my grandparents said was, 'We thought you were smarter than that,'" Davis said.

But Davis didn’t grow out of it. She found black men more attractive.

"I don't know what exactly it was about them," she said, "but I felt more comfortable around them, and I just think they are better looking than white men."

Madisonville sophomore Leigh Melton dated out of her race for five years before her parents found out. "I grew up in a country-hick town, and my father is very racist," she said.

"When they (Melton’s parents) found out, they were really upset. They tried to talk me out of it."

"They get dirty looks and stares, and you quickly learn who your friends are," Melton said.

"You can tell when their attitude toward you is different. I've never had much conflict," Douthit said. "Old people in the mall stare, but that's about it."

Interracial dating has gained more acceptance since the early 1970s and is "basically, a change in trend," Gatewood said. "It may settle some of the racism that exists now."

But some students at the forum were concerned about society’s impact on children from interracial relationships.

"If my child gets teased, I will teach him that he’s special and to be proud of both races, although that won’t take away the hurt," Melton said.

"I have friends who are bicultural, and I’ve seen the problems they go through," Davis said. "I don’t know how to answer the question of how we’re going to raise our kids. I’ll have to wait till it happens. I’m going to bring my child up the best way I know how."

"Some mixed children have problems adjusting," Gatewood said. "They’re pulled by each race for acceptance."

"Some people date out of their race for the shock value and end up setting themselves up for a big fall, and the person getting shocked is the person in the relationship," Parrott said.

Gatewood said that students who date interracilly should give the relationships "serious thought."

"College provides them a smaller, safer community, but the world after graduation may be crueler and less accepting," she said. "They are facing so many issues — such as housing and certain neighborhoods may be very cruel to them."

However, many interracial couples move to neighborhoods where they are more accepted.

"Interracial couples, as with all couples, will gravitate toward and find supportive environments and they will do fine," Parrott said.

Some students, regardless of their acceptance, felt interracial dating wouldn’t be fair to their parents.

"I wouldn’t date out of my race for the simple fact that I can leave Lebanon, but my parents and family will be the ones to deal with the harassment and dirty looks," Lebanon sophomore Sherri Edelen said.

"I couldn’t put my family through the pain," Hughes said. "We have a lot of family functions and get-togethers, and I want to date a girl who would fit in and feel comfortable around them, and a girl of another race wouldn’t."

"You can talk about it and fight about it all you want," Davis said. "But interracial dating has been going on for a long time and will continue long after we’re gone."

Interracial dating 29
Hot winging it into business
Determined entrepreneur's spicy idea delivers

David Gwiazdowski was the first Western student to sell Nuclear Waste.

And he sold lots of it.

"When people order Nuclear Waste, they're on a dare," Gwiazdowski said.

But Gwiazdowski's products posed no threat to the environment. His brand of nuclear waste was a hot and spicy sauce he spread liberally on chicken wings. And his wings, served in categories of mild, hot, Homies and Nuclear Waste, helped spring Ski Daddy's into Western students' spotlight for fast-food delivery.

Gwiazdowski, 22, opened Ski Daddy's, 111 Old Morgantown Road to be the home of Ski Daddy's. Gwiazdowski spent December and January installing equipment and renovating the unit, which had been a pawn shop before.

There were some trying times.

One evening, after tearing out walls and preparing to build new ones, an exhausted Gwiazdowski put his back to the wall and slid to the floor. His hair was full of dust, his clothing smelled of sweat.

"When I breathed out a sigh, it didn't even smell like I had worked," Gwiazdowski said.

Determined entrepreneur's spicy idea delivers.

Story by Sam Black

Daddy's restaurant Feb. 12, serving up mainstay of chicken wings, pasta and steaming submarine sandwiches.

"The best thing going for the business is the concept," Gwiazdowski said. "You've got to get sick of pizza."

The idea didn't come to Gwiazdowski overnight. He said he worked at a local pizzeria, where he learned some of the secrets for his hot-wing sauce. But he believed he could make the sauce better and provide a faster delivery.

He tinkered with his own sauce until he blended what he thought was the right match for most tastes. But Gwiazdowski didn't run right into the fast food business after leaving the restaurant. He spent about six months selling cars at a local dealership, where he picked up his nickname, Ski Daddy.

"They couldn't pronounce my name so they just took the last part of it and added 'daddy' to it," he said.

He said he began analyzing the cost of opening his own restaurant while working toward a business degree at Western. His first bank loan requests were denied, but his father co-signed a loan for him.

"It really means a lot to know he believed in me enough to take this risk," Gwiazdowski said.

"We were scared at first, but he is real confident, and we think he's doing a good job," said Maryanne Gwiazdowski, David's mother.

"He had everything from building costs to food costs to how much he had to charge in black and white."

"The loan officer was impressed; his Dad (Ed) was impressed," Maryanne of Grand Blanc, Mich., added. "It (the restaurant) means everything to David."

David Gwiazdowski picked a small business complex at 111 Old Western Waste, they're Western.

"The best way to start is with a hot wing. I'll tell you, we made the best wings; we put them in a hot wing sauce and out it went," Gwiazdowski said.

"The first customer who walked in had tears in his eyes," Gwiazdowski said.

"Looking over the menu board, two-by-fours and saw dust covered the floor, and nails poked from paper sacks near a pile of tools. He breathed out a sigh and said to himself, "What in the hell have I done?"

"I really didn't know what the hell I got myself into," Gwiazdowski said. "I was pulling some mean hours - 16 to 20 a day."

The long hours continued when Ski Daddy's opened. Gwiazdowski had dropped 10 hours of classes to devote more time to the opening of Ski Daddy's.

"We had people calling and telling us how good we were," Gwiazdowski said. "That felt really good."

Gwiazdowski wasn't surprised when customers started bragging on Ski Daddy's hot wings because he had gone to special lengths to make them the best he could offer. Not only did he perfect his sauce, but he also chose a distributor that guaranteed him fresh wings that were never frozen.

"Our wings are big and fat," Tim Arnett, an Elizabethtown junior, said. "We cut our own wings by hand; we don't order wing pieces."

But people were also praising Ski Daddy's pasta, subs and appetizers.

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Mortar boards of milestones
Seniors gather for the first day of the rest of their lives

Story by Cheryl A. Edwards
Photos by John Simpson

As his daughter Christy waits to receive her diploma, Bob Coon of Nashville, Tenn., waves to her.

During the two-and-a-half hour ceremony, President Thomas Meredith spoke of graduation day as "the culmination of the time we have spent together." He asked each graduate to carry Western's spirit with them. He quoted the motto, "The spirit makes the master," and said three attitudes helped make this spirit alive in each person.

"Always seek farther than you can see."

"Always give more than is expected of you."

"Be humane and caring with your fellow man."

While Meredith spoke, some graduates were using the occasion to convey their own messages. The decorated the tops of their mortar boards with signs that read "Thanks Mom" or "Thanks Mom and Dad." While the day signified the end of an important part of the students' lives, it also represented a beginning.

"I'm starting a new life," said Nicole Francisco, a Nashville, Tenn., textile and clothing major. She lined up a job at a mall in Nashville as a management trainee.

Christopher Lightsey, an industrial technology major from Louisville, was already working for the East Corporation in Bowling Green. He has worked a long time for the company, he said, "I transferred, so I'm on the six-year program," he joked.

"I don't matter how long it takes as long as you get the degree," he added seriously.

But not all the students were lucky enough to already have a job planned. Dan Donnelly, a Burlington, N.C., graduate student who completed a master's in student personnel services, had interviews lined up for after graduation but was just having to wait and see.

He said he would miss his friends, but "we are all saying, 'See you at Homecoming.' I'm glad to see that there still is one."

While some students were sad about saying goodbye, others kept their sense of humor. During the closing moments of graduation, Leslie Miller from Franklin, Tenn., who had just received her B.A. in General Studies, sprayed her fellow graduates with Silly String.

"I figured I had to do something to remember graduation by," Miller and two of her friends had planned the Silly String incident the night before.

Perhaps the parents were the happiest people there. "It's been a long time coming. She's getting off my payroll, finally," said a laughing Tony Stottmann, Stephine Stottmann's father. "No, I'm very proud," Stephine Stottmann from Goshen had earned a degree in recreational therapy.

Stottmann said going to college was the "greatest thing she could have done."
do to gain her independence."
Jenome Smith, a 1965 Western graduate from Houston, Texas, had a double celebration — both of his daughters graduated. Cheryllyn earned her bachelor's in special education while Suzanne earned her master's in communications.
"I think it's great. It's a relief," said Smith, who is president of Western's Alumni Association in Houston. "We didn't lose any graduates, we just added alumni."
While it was a day to honor the 2,700 graduates, the faculty was not left out. Robert Haynes, vice president for Academic Affairs, presented three teachers with silver bowls for their outstanding contributions at Western. Roger Pankratz, from the college of education, won the public service award. Mathematics professor Linda Pulcinelli won the teaching award and Carlton Jackson, a history professor, won the research/creativity award.
But, as Meredith concluded, the focus of the day remained on the seniors.
"You are graduating today, but it is not an ending," Meredith said. "It is a commencement of the rest of your life. Thank you for choosing Western. We will be proud to call you graduates."

At Diddle Arena, assistant professor Steve Spencer of the physical education and recreation department shared some fatigue during the more than two-hour commencement ceremony.

In the middle of the procession, President Thomas Meredith smiles as graduate Steve Smart of Louisville takes a self portrait.

And rows of mortar boards, Louisville graduate Kolby Moore scans the crowd for her parents.
Reaching past boundaries
Special Olympics participants find winning spirit in games

With a smile on his face, Jacob Poppy, 10, of Bowling Green proudly strolls up to receive his first place ribbon for the standing long jump during the Special Olympics at Smith Stadium.

(Top) In anticipation of the sound of a starting gun, Special Olympics participant Emily Marcum covers her ears.

(Top left) Nashville senior Janie Sundermeier volunteered at the Special Olympics by being a "Buddy" to a participant, Stacy Sheets. Sundermeier is waiting for instructions before Sheets's run in the 50 meter dash.

(Left) Western professor JoAnn Verner, director of the Area Five Special Olympics, hears an interesting story from a Butler County athlete.
Olympics cont.

In Olympictown on the north lawn of the Downing University Center, Burlington graduate student Clifton Caddell waits for more shaving cream to come flying his way at the Vt Town booths.

During the Special Olympics held at Smith Stadium, Big Red got so hungry that he ate Lois "Stu" Gaffo's balloons. Gaffo, 13, of Scottsville, took home first place in the leg roll and the 50 meter assistance walk. Behind Gaffo's "buddy," Tim Kelby of Bowling Green.

Feeling that she'd lost her chance to compete at the State Special Olympics, Deborah Hall, 11, of Glasgow gets comforting words from her coach Julie Bunnell at the Area Five Special Olympics at Smith Stadium.
Fighting for the first down

Western's football escapes suspension in budget decision

Story by Cara Anna

Spring practice had a different feeling to it in 1992. Players lined up under the afternoon sun as usual, but overhead was the threat that the worst would be for nothing.

For the first time in Western's history, the football program was facing the possibility of being eliminated because of severe budget cuts. The football team's share of the budget had continued to grow when others were faced with cuts, and it became a target for those facing with cutting Western's total budget.

The Faculty Senate argued that cuts should not come from the classroom and issued a resolution to suspend football.

"I understand no one likes to lose a program," Faculty Senate Chairman Arvin Vos said. "For many years, the football program has been costing the university far more than it brings in. That money should have been used for class."

"The goal of the Senate was to get the budget in line," he said. "We decided we can't afford the millions, so it would be better to suspend the team."

White coaches and players waited for the April 30 decision by the Board of Regents, spring practice was completed and the annual Red and White game was played in the spotlight of criticism and curiosity. For the team, the motto was "Finish Everything."

It used to be a reminder of the four games that slipped away from the team in the previous season. It became a motivation to hang on to the 1992 season, which also seemed to be slipping away.

"You kind of wondered if it was for nothing the whole time," said sophomore flanker Mike Brumbelow.

"A significant number of people's lives will be changed in the decision made in a couple of days," Coach Jack Harbaugh said. He hoped the final decision would be made on the April 30 deadline and not later.

"We all need to get on with our lives," he said.

A few days later, the football team was given another chance. The team would play another year on a budget of $450,000, the amount needed to pay penalties and promised salaries and scholarships. The rest of the money would have to be raised privately. In addition, the coaching staff was trimmed to Harbaugh and three full-time assistants.

The decision pleased Athletics Director Louis Marciani, despite his doubts about the ability to keep the program going. "I think it would've taken a little piece of the university away," if football had been dropped, he said.

"My first reaction was, 'We will have a football team,'" Harbaugh said. "My second reaction was, 'It will be very difficult for me to put a team on the field right now.'"

One hundred and fifteen players were expected to report on Aug. 12.

While talking with Bowling Green senior John Sexton, Frankfort freshman Catherine Pham signed a petition to keep Western football. Pattack organized the petition drive.

"It's about keeping Western football going," she said. "I'm not just doing this for the football team. It's for the university.""
In search of themselves

On personal journeys, individuals find isolation and identity

Story and photos by Kirk Wilson

Some perceive college as fun and parties, but there is another side — loneliness, isolation and experimentation.

People have their own ways of identifying themselves as who they are and why. Some students strive to be individuals. These people are truly soul-searching. They are trying to find themselves.

At Western, this group is often labeled as the "alternative" crowd, a term many of them find useless and judgmental.

"Personally, I think labels are pretty bogus in themselves," said Lisa Simpson, a Cincinnati junior. "I try not to consider myself anything labeled. I'm my own personal individual. I suppose people need labels, and so they come up with 'alternative' and 'freak' and 'weird.'"

Andy Frazer, a Louisville junior and photojournalism major, wasn't concerned with people who stereotyped him.

"Anybody who's really intimidated by me, I probably don't really want to spend a lot of time with anyway," he said. "If they are going to be so uptight about the way I look, or my wearing a leather jacket or whatever, then I probably don't need to be around them anyway because it's so superficial."
Kat reflects on a difficult week of school and long road trips to concerts. "People are going to label people regardless, but you always wanna hope people are gonna see you as an individual, but you know they don't," she said. "It bothers me, I guess, but in a way I'm used to it."

A hit of LSD blotter is bought for five dollars in a discreet hallway at a party. "It's almost an assumption in this kind of crowd that you have ('tripped'), because people know certain people, and you hang out with them, and it's like, 'Of course you trip and smoke pot,'" a student said.

Nigel Sears drinks a beer with Barbie, his lovely party date. Carolina Garcia lies on the floor after a long party. On drinking, smoking pot and "tripping," one student said, "I don't think it's bad. Of the three, I think drinking is the worst."
Looking for interesting subjects to photograph, Andy Frazier searches around Shoney Hollow Lake. I find myself more through experience like hiding in the woods or reading, he said. When I do this, it is a way to show what I am feeling, I want my things to mean something — to make people think. People don’t think enough anymore.

Joe Wernh clean up a monotype print for his printmaking class. Overall, I guess I do feel like an outcast in a sense, from the majority of Western people, he said. Sometimes it feels good. Cause I would rather just not talk to anybody. I’d rather just be by myself. Other times it makes me sad, I guess.

The disciplines of meditation and yoga are pathways to achieve various goals and are approached in personalized ways. Mikey Patterson combines meditation with yoga to get in touch with her inner self.

Shwan Rigby explores the tracks near 31-W. "Some of the classes you have to take, people look at you twice when you walk in the room. ... You sit by yourself," one student said.
Seeking a higher calling

As a student minister he's teaching that God's love conquers all

Story by Mary Flanagan
Photos by Robin Cornetet

Steven Acklin

The 20-year-old scanned the crowd anxiously. He looked straight ahead and walked steadily to the front of the church. He turned and faced his audience. He collected his thoughts and began to speak, his voice full of emotion.

Nashville junior Steven Acklin is like many students. He loves basketball, likes to talk and looks forward to Friday night.

For Acklin, however, Friday night doesn't compare to Sunday morning. "My family always said I'd be a preacher, even when I was really young," Acklin said. They were right.

An apprenticeship preacher, Acklin had preached for a year in his hometown at Hills Tabernacle Primitive Baptist Church and in Bowling Green at New Bethel Baptist Church.

But preaching didn't hold a monopoly on Acklin's life. He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha and was a Residence Hall Assistant. He walked on Western's basketball team his freshman year but quit the team because, "the grades weren't looking too good."

But preaching, Acklin said, didn't interfere with his schoolwork. "I grew up in the church, I've always enjoyed going— I guess you could say it was my calling."

The soft-spoken Acklin never had trouble getting up in front of people to speak. He didn't get nervous when he preached.

"God said that you shouldn't be ashamed to say my (God's) name in front of anybody," he said confidently. "But the first time I got up to speak, it was such a rush I nearly forgot what I was going to say!"

Acklin said he spoke most convincingly when the "Spirit moves me."

In his sermons, which vary from 10 minutes to more than an hour, Acklin tries to speak on topics that he and others his age could relate to.

"My favorite topic is love," he said. "I talk about when I was younger, and I compare today's youth to yesterday's youth."

Preaching came naturally to Acklin, but his family didn't believe it when he told them he was going to preach one Sunday. "They never thought I'd go through with it, in fact my parents weren't there the first time I preached," he said, smiling.

Finding a topic to speak on never gives Acklin any trouble.

"I get a thought in my head, or I may get an idea from something I heard in conversation," he said. "I try to find something in the scriptures to substantiate it, and I just go with it from there."

Acklin's unique style of preaching involves a lot of interaction with the audience. "I use 'call-response,' which allows the audience to participate in the sermon," he said.

Acklin's church is diversified. Unlike many churches today, his church has a youth group. "A lot of my friends come to hear me preach, and I'm a role model to many of the younger kids. I don't know why, but they look up to me," he said modestly, almost whispering.

When Acklin isn't planning a sermon or preaching, he spends his time praying. "I'll be walking from building to building (on campus), and I'll either be preaching or singing a hymn to myself," he said. "I'll be off in another world sometimes."

But Acklin's ministry isn't confined to the pulpit. Many times he visited the elderly who couldn't attend church. He especially enjoyed visiting his relatives who were too sick to attend.

"I get a good feeling when I do things for them," he said. "Like talking to them. We learn from each other."

Acklin, a business education and marketing major, plans to graduate from Western and attend a seminary. He plans to be ordained in three years.

Acklin said his drive to be a preacher has been reinforced by his parents.

"My parents always made sure I was involved in church," he said. "They gave me the perspective that church wasn't something you had to do; they never made it sound negative."

Acklin plans to become the preacher of Hills Tabernacle Church when his pastor retires. "It takes persistence, determination and the ability to understand and deal with everybody's expectations. I've dealt with a lot of criticism," he said.

"Some of my friends would say, 'A preacher wouldn't do that.'"

"I used to feel guilty when I had fun," he said. "You live and learn from your mistakes and learn not to let others get you down when you don't meet their expectations."

But "reaching" people is what Acklin does best. "It makes me feel so good to touch someone with what I said in my sermon. That's the best feeling; that's what it's all about."

At the Sunday morning Mother's Day service, Acklin leads the congregation in prayer.
Four-year-old George Thompson Jr. stood in the doorway and watched his father's car fade from sight. His usual carefree smile had vanished, and his father's reassuring hug didn't seem to explain why his father left him, his sister and his mother every Sunday. He knew he wouldn't see his father for another week.

"I think little George takes his father's absence harder than his sister because he's younger," said Sylvia, the boy's mother. "When Wednesday comes, he'll start counting down the days before his return."

George, 35, relocated to Bowling Green in 1984 after General Motors Corporation closed the Corvette plant in St. Louis. In 1991, his family moved back to St. Louis, but George stayed.

"They lived here for the last nine years, and I decided to go back to school," George said. "My wife felt like she couldn't move up on her job unless she was in a big city. We made the compromise."

Every Friday George carpooled to St. Louis to spend time with his wife and two children, but during the week he and his wife lived vastly different lives.

"It feels good to see a Corvette driving down the road and know that you put those tires on," George Thompson said. His job at the plant was to put the passenger-side tires on every Corvette that rolled off the line.
Thompson cont.

Sylvia not only worked as a pharmacy technician and cared for the children but also took care of the garbage, excursions in the yard, and household chores.

George spent 40 hours a week boltu-ing and repairing the Corvette Plant at the factory. He also attended classes provided by Western. He could also be found doing laundry, housework, and cooking.

"I couldn't cook at all when I first got married," he said. "I was raised to think that women should cook, but I've gotten more comfortable with it. But I still miss my wife's food."

The Thompsons had a two-room apartment that lacked some of the basic things some people usually take for granted. The apartment was small, with a room for the children and a small passageway for the adult bedrooms. The walls were adorned with pictures and paintings of Muham­mad Ali, Stevie Wonder, and Martin Luther King Jr. adorning the walls.

"I've really appreciated the importance of family life and the little things some people usually take for granted, like the sound of the kids around the house," he said.

Sylvia said she missed the things that she had taken for granted before. "I just miss him being around," she said. "I miss his presence at the dinner table and our family discussions."

Although the sacrifices seemed great, the Thompsons said they felt that they had made the right decisions in regard to George's going back to school. After he was told the St. Louis plant was closing, the Thompsons realized the value of an education.

"I had really encouraged his return to school because the car industry is so uncertain, as we've seen," Sylvia said.

George was considering pursuing his bachelor's degree but was undecided on a major. He hoped to go into the health field, but he said he still had a lot of work ahead of him since he returned to school so late.

"People always used to tell me to stay in school, and I didn't pay them any attention," he said. "I started working at GM making pretty good money, and it took precedence over education. But if I had to do it all over again, you couldn't beat my head out of a book with a sledgehammer."

George said he was fortunate to have a job but felt that there were greater opportunities in the work force for people with college degrees.

"From commuting back and forth, I see a lot of unemployed people and a lot are educated people, but they..."

Thompson's wife greeted him with a kiss late Friday night at their home in St. Louis. He usually got home around 10 p.m., after the two children had gone to bed, and stayed until 2 a.m. on Saturday mornings.

Sylvia said she planned to continue her education once George completed his. "As long as everybody is happy and there is no strain, we will continue to take this one day at a time," George said.
Four play for dollars
As women scream, musclemen grin and bare it

Story by Susan Weisling
Photos by Robin Cornetet

With costumes in hand, Bowling Green senior Stephen McCoy and Harrodsburg senior Todd Davis get last minute instructions before facing the crowd.

The man glides onto the dance floor, sweeps over to the small table for two and sits.

With slow, fluid movements, he pours himself a drink from the champagne bottle, takes it into his hand, then pours another.

He stands, and in the glow of the spotlight, raises both glasses out toward the crowd.

That’s when the screaming begins.

Dressed in a white shirt, tuxedo jacket and trousers, the man strolls to the rhythm of romantic music that can barely be heard above the women’s shouts. He moves around the inside edge of the group, makes a quick turn and offers one of the glasses to someone. The screaming intensifies.

Then comes another walk around the edge. A languid shimmy down to the floor and back up. A rose makes its way from between the man’s teeth into the waiting hands of a woman near the front.

After that, it’s time for the clothes.

The man’s clothing peels off one article at a time, beginning with the jacket. By this time, most of the women are standing, and they cheer the man – announced earlier as The Clubmaster – with each movement.

His torso sways as he slicks back the sides of his hair with his palms and flips up his collar. His hips undulate as he slides his shirt across his chest and off his body.

The music speeds up and The Clubmaster quickly steps out of his pants.

His briefs are white, in stark contrast to his uniform tan. But as he works the crowd – dancing with the women, allowing them to run their hands over his robust chest and arms – the briefs are just fine for taking the dollar bills the women are eager to tuck inside.

It’s Ladies’ Night at Yankee Doodles Night Club, and the main entertainment are the gentlemen of 4-Play, which bills itself as “A Deck of Cards,” using names such as The Wild Card and The Ace of Spades. For $8 at the door or $7 reserved, these male strippers, according to the chalkboard in the lobby, are “sexy & wild” and will provide “fantasy for your pleasure.”

Before the show begins, master of ceremonies and Western graduate James Hummel hypes the crowd with questions about whether they’ve seen 4-Play before, how many of these women – no men are allowed in until after the show – are married and how many are going to get divorced after this night.

And amid the laughter and shouted responses, Hummel – who says to call him Freestyle because “I do it in so many positions” – explains the rules for the evening: no cameras and no touching.

When the women, who looked to range in age from early 20s to mid-40s, groan in complaint about rule No. 2, Hummel amends it: no touching the vital parts.

If the women do touch where they’re not supposed to, said 4-Play member Jimmy Welch, he just walks away.

Welch, a former Western student, said 4-Play tries to be as professional as possible, which means the men don’t take advantage of the situation by doing such things as going out with audience members after the show.

“But that gets around, and that’s not good for the name of the group or business,” he said.

When Welch is dancing, he
4-Play doesn't really even think about the women, he said. "I think about putting on a good show. It's a show and we keep the show totally separate from our personal life."

Steve McCoy agrees. Instead of thinking about women's hands all over his body, the Bowling Green senior said, "you think about just getting the dollar and then going on."

But when the men are dancing, the women sure think about them.

Kim Brooks, a Horse Cave resident, said she came with her friends to see 4-Play for a good time and the gorgeous men."

And after one of the gorgeous men gyrates in front of Brooks's friend Laura Sanders, also from Horse-Cove, Sanders's analysis is clear: "Oh, God, it was wonderful."

Owensboro senior Kathleen Overton and Princeton senior Elizabeth Harrington have seen strip shows before. Most of 4-Play, however, was new to them. But the first dancer, The Wild Card, wasn't completely unfamiliar. "We've seen him in accounting class," Overton said, "but he didn't look like that."

4-Play got its start last summer, performing its first show in August. Besides Welch, McCoy and Hummel, 4-Play includes former student Todd Davis and Evansville senior Glenn Ubelhor.

The group's objective, Welch said, is "to have fun and make some money and to give everybody a good time." The money's good. Welch said, but he won't tell how much is involved in the given night. The group can get $500 to split just for showing up, he said, as well as money from tips, raffles of posters and wine and other items and having pictures taken with audience members.

This night, a chance to go back-stage to help the men "take it all off and put it back on" was auctioned to a table of four for $110.

This was McCoy's first time dancing with 4-Play, so he wasn't in on the split of the base fee from Yankee Doodles. But he did make about $100 in tips, he said, "good enough to where I'd consider doing it again."

McCoy isn't sure about dancing again, he said, for a couple of reasons. He doesn't think his parents would like it too much, for one thing. His father knew he danced on 4-Play, but his mother didn't. And even though McCoy's girlfriend was understanding, "she didn't like it a whole lot," he said.

The fact that he's a student and saw people in the audience that he sees in class doesn't bother McCoy. As a cheerleader, he's involved in dance contests often, he said, so the idea of performing in front of people he knows isn't a big deal. And the few comments he's gotten from classmates show that they had a good time, which is what's important, he said.

4-Play has danced three times at Yankee Doodles, and many more times for events such as birthday parties and bachelorette parties. Business has picked up considerably since January, Welch said. Recently, the men performed three bachelorette parties in one night.

It's tiring, Welch said, but they just "grin and bare it."

4-Play doesn't know what its future will be, but the group plans to go on as long as possible. "If we have a chance to keep dancing awhile," Welch said, "we'll keep dancing, because it's good money and a good time."
Taking their vows to class
Wedding bells chime for those couples who 'just know'

Story by Cheryl A. Edwards
Photos by Marc Piscotty

Some call it maturity. Some call it stupidity. What is it that leads perfectly normal college students down the aisle to marriage?

Whether it involved high school sweethearts or short college romances, some students found themselves trying to balance married life with college life.

"We were in love and everything," said Clark West, a 22-year-old junior from Hopkinsville. He and Christy, his wife of three years, couldn't wait until after college to get married. It just seemed too far away.

"We wanted it so bad," said Christy, a Hopkinsville senior.

Kirsten Finley, a 20-year-old junior from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., said she didn't really know why she and Curt Finley, a 23-year-old from London, decided to get married while they were in college.

One September night, she and Curt lapsed into a four-hour phone conversation about marriage.

While looking over some bills, Kirsten talks to Curt on the phone. He was away on a full trip for his penology class.

A poem on one of their shelves reminds Curt and Kirsten Finley what marriage is all about.

Curt and Kirsten spend some quality time together in their apartment.
Married students cont.

That conversation was followed by a more serious talk two weeks later. By December, they were married. They had been dating since April.

For college students who find it hard to even choose a major and stick with it, the idea of meeting the right person and knowing that it is the right person is hard to believe.

"I don't feel like I'm old enough to get married yet," said Nathalie Liebig, a 23-year-old senior from Heidelberg, Germany. "I would never get married in college."

But Kirsten had no doubts.

"I just have this feeling," Kirsten said. Her mom and grandmother had always told her that she would "just know." She told them they were crazy.

Sure enough, "I just know," Kirsten would later say of her relationship with Curt. "It's one of those things," they had been "compatible from the start," Kirsten said.

"It's somebody you really weren't expecting who is just there for you," Kirsten said.

How does a marriage succeed?

"Determination, Christy said. "We were willing to work for it."

Clark, that meant giving up things."

One of the problems with building a life-long relationship in college is finding time to spend together. For Clark, that meant giving up time with "the guys."

There are experiences and growth from living on campus that is sometimes lost when a person is married, said Dave Parrott, Residence Life director. But marriage provides security, he said, and an opportunity to grow in relationships.

Clark's friends had mixed emotions about his getting married. Some thought he was stupid, some were envious and some wondered if he knew what he was getting himself into. Clark said. But most just thought he should wait until he was older.

As a group, married students are more mature, serious and focused than other students, Parrott said. Their other responsibilities distract from school.

"We work our schedules around each other," Kirsten said. Before the wedding, both Kirsten and Curt were resident assistants, which meant they both had to go to classes, work hours at the front desk, prepare floor programs and work with their residents who were having problems.

They found time when they could, including the two-and-a-half hour drive to Curt's home in London on weekends.

After the wedding, Kirsten worked as a data processor and as a typist. Curt worked with Student Patrol, in addition, to having an internship with U.S. Customs in Bowling Green. And they carried full class loads.

Christy and Clark's quest for time together was helped by their common major, computer science. They even had classes together.

"It's nice to have a constant study partner," Clark said.

"(It (marriage) is a little different but better than I thought it would be," Clark said.

Clark and Christy, who live in married housing, share the housework. "It comes to who has time to do it," Clark said.

Time is an especially valuable commodity for married students, and they often have to make difficult choices about where to spend it.

"It would be easy to devote all my time to Clark and push my school work to the side, but I can't do that. We look at this (school) as an investment in our future," Christy said.
Somebody to lean on
Graduate discovers that friends stay with her – always

Story by Christi Cooper

As I neared my first May 30th, the day of my graduation, I found myself feeling rather lonely and isolated. I had made a lot of friends in the few years that I had been at Western, and the friends I had made were an integral part of my life.

The last moments of senior year, I was introduced to a group of girls, who soon became some of my best friends.

When I moved into the dorm, half of us were a lot of people. We started each day in the dorm, and the group grew.

The longer I was around the group, the more I found myself feeling like I was part of something special.

Among the six, there was a bond, a sense of belonging.

In December, we spent a lot of time together. We talked about our hopes and dreams. We shared our successes and failures. We celebrated each other's victories.

I realized how much I loved being a part of this group, and how much I needed them.

On our last night, I felt a sense of sadness. I knew it was time to part ways, but I also knew that our friendships would continue.

As I left the dorm, I felt a sense of anticipation. I knew that I would miss the group, but I also knew that I would always be a part of it.

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They had just returned from a food run to Kentucky Fried Chicken.

"Another bite of potatoes," Marque Moore said to his brother, Matt.

Matt scooped mashed potatoes out of the Styrofoam cup with a white plastic spoon and fed Marque. Both had their eyes fixed on the television in their North Hall room.

Wearing a white bib, Marque was sitting in his motorized wheelchair in the middle of the room. His energetic, almost hyperactive brother was standing beside him, behind a tray of fried chicken, cole slaw and mashed potatoes.

Matt took a bite for himself, then fed Marque a bite. Matt took a drink then gave Marque a drink.

A scene from the ABC sitcom they were watching reminded Matt of some of their childhood mornings.

"That's how it was for us every day," he said, laughing, "chasing the bus out of the front yard."

Marque nodded. The two continued their meal, pausing once in a while to laugh about the television show.

When they finished, Matt grabbed a paper towel to wipe his brother's face. "Wipe this side," Marque instructed, tilting his chin upward. "No. Other side. Wipe my eye out."

It's a typical night for the Moores, Marque, 19, is a freshman at Western. A bull-riding accident in September 1990 left him a quadriplegic, irreversibly paralyzed below his neck.

It's early. Later, Marque will need to study, and Matt will have to set him up in front of his book and notes. When he is finished studying, he will need to be put to bed. At least once during the night, he will awaken. Matt will wake up and adjust his brother to a more comfortable position so he can fall asleep. In the morning, Matt will spend two hours getting Marque ready for class.

Marque once led the independent life of a modern-day cowboy. It was nothing for him to sit astride a macing 2,000-pound bull as it violently twisted and turned and tried to throw him.

Now, Marque sits snugly in a $17,000, 300-pound electric wheelchair. He can turn his head and shrug his shoulders, but that's it. The "sip and puff" chair enables him to get around. A puff into a tube allows him to go forward; a hee looks to go backward.

Someone must be with him at all times. For about 18 hours a day, that someone is his brother, Matt, a 23-year-old senior recreation major.

"I know Marque would much rather be doing some things without me having to be there," Matt said. "I'd much rather be doing some things without having to always have Marque there. But, you know, we're in this together."

"From the day he was born, Marque had been a cowboy," said Diane Edwards, Matt and Marque's mother. Fighting a hearty laugh, she recalled how the young Marque, barely old enough to walk, always wore a pair of oversized cowboy boots and carried a rope. Like Matt, she is spirited and animated. Marque is talkative but is animated only as much as his body will allow him to be.

Diane said Marque had patterned himself after her brother, Bill Crowder, a Barren County farmer who has been involved in rodeo for years. To the 2-year-old Marque who couldn't talk plainly yet, Uncle Bill was "Uncle Bull," she said, chuckling.

As a senior at Warren Central High, Marque joined the National High School Rodeo Association and became one of the top high school bull riders in the state.

His love for rodeo was one of the reasons he chose to go to Murray State University, which has a rodeo program.

Three weeks into his freshman year, Marque and a couple of college friends decided to go to Edmonson County to compete in the Lazy W Rodeo, a small-time outfit that toured county fairs and community events.

It takes Matt two hours to get Marque ready for class.

Matt lifts Marque into his motorized "sip and puff" wheelchair.
Moore cont.

events.

Diane said she usually just went with Marque, but this time he insisted she stay home while he went with his friends. "I said, 'if you're going, do good," said Diane. "Don't go up there and fool around."

Marque wasn't feeling around that night when he mounted Mad Max, a 1,700-pound cream colored bull with a reputation for ejecting cowboys quickly. It would be Marque's last ride.

A small-town announcer hyped the crowd at the Edmonson County Fairgrounds. "All right, we're gon' bull-ridin'," he said as Mad Max stormed out of the gate with Marque clamped on tightly, one hand in the air, eyes focused downward.

Seconds later, Marque tumbled off the left side of the huge beast, striking the ground with the back of his neck.

"Get up, Marque!" the announcer called. Marque would not get up.

"I couldn't believe it," said Crowder, a judge at the rodeo. He was the first to rush to the scene to check his nephew.

Marque said he knew immediately that he was paralyzed, and as the bull turned and ripped his shirt with its horn, he feared for his life. "I thought death was not far away."

Marque was taken to The Medical Center, then transferred to Vanderbilt Hospital.

"There were a lot of people that came to the hospital at Vanderbilt that looked at Marque and said, 'Wouldn't he have been better off dead?'" Diane said, tears welling in her eyes. She paused. Her boisterous voice softened.

"And I sat there and said, 'No. It may be selfish of me, but I'd rather have him like he is than not have him at all.'"

"It may be cruel to Marque, but I think he'd rather you know this is a life...and he's grateful for what he's got. And he's very grateful that he's got his mind," she said with a shaky voice.

After a month-and-half in intensive care at Vanderbilt, Marque was flown to Craig Rehab Center in Denver.

It was there Marque regained the use of his diaphragm, a large muscle near the lungs that controls breathing. He described the milestone as "the largest victory I've had since my accident."

A working diaphragm meant he could breathe on his own, free of any machine. "It's like the difference between walking and being in a wheelchair," he said.

It was physically draining for Marque, as he fought to increase his breathing time each day. First he could breathe two minutes, then five, then back to three, then back up to seven. "It took everything I had."

"I'd carefully watch Marque while he slept. I'd be sittin' right beside his bed watching him," Matt said, "makin' sure he wasn't gonna stop breathing."

Marque has no trouble breathing now, but his vital capacity is only about one-fourth of the average person's.

In addition to helping Marque with his physical rehabilitation, the rehab center educated him on mental and social problems he could expect and how to deal with them.

Dealing with problems is something the Moores have become good at since the accident. "I look at it like this," Matt said. "It's an accident. It happened. Marque's quadriplegic right now. We deal with it. You know. Go on."

Going on is just what Marque has in mind. "I want to graduate in four years," he said. "It's the hardest challenge that I've got coming towards me, and I want to beat it."

Marque, who is majoring in business management and had 13 hours of classes in the fall, must be accompanied by someone to every class.

He photocopies notes from classmates, and he dictates or uses his voice-activated computer to write papers. For tests, he tells the answers to a classmate, who fills out an answer sheet for him.

"It's demanding on me, and I don't want people to treat me any different than any other student," Marque said. "but in a way they have to. They have to give me slack in a different way, and I hate it. I want to do it as hard or harder than the way you do it."

Marque accepted his life from the beginning. Using the same philosophy as his brother, he simply went on.

"He's got a good outlook on life," Crowder said, "a good head on his shoulders. He's takin' what life gives him."

Matt Moore chose his words carefully as he described how life has changed since his little brother's accident.

"Of anybody, family, friends...I think I've probably taken...not taken it the best. That's wrong. But I kind of understand a little better. "You love each other, but you just know...we're fightin' every day. (Matt laughs when he recalls the time that, during an argument, Marque jokingly told Matt, "Man, if I was a paraplegic, I'd beat the s— out of you") We have problems," he said. "We argue with our mom...we argue with each other constantly, and there are real reasons."

"But when it comes to an external factor, you know, we bond together for a single..."
Moores cont.
purpose,” Matt said. “I mean I have fun. We try to get out as much as we can and do things. It’s just difficult right now.

Matt said they have adjusted and improvised. “You make do with what you’ve got. And that’s just a matter of survival,” he said. “I mean if you don’t adapt, you die, and I ain’t about to die. I don’t think anybody can get rid of Marque and me right now.

One thing that helped the Moores adapt was their purchase of a customized van, complete with hydraulic lift for Marque’s wheelchair. Matt held a raffle in the spring of 1991 to raise money to help pay for the van. Before, Matt had the exhausting and time-consuming task of picking Marque up, setting him in the car, dismantling the wheelchair and placing it in the trunk every time they went out.

Marque said he never takes his brother’s dedication for granted.

“I think of that every day when it comes to him giving his time every day,” Marque said.

“He’s given so much time, so much thought, it’s unreal. The respect I have for him is hard to describe.”

Though Marque, determined to “move on,” says he wants no one’s pity, everyday life is often frustrating.

“I’ve had so many people go, ‘Marque, man, I know how it must be. I know how it must feel to be in your position,’ he said.

Marque shook his head and smiled angrily. “I’m just like, ‘Back up, back. You don’t know nothing!’” His voice grew firm. “You don’t even know to start. It’s just unbelievable.”

For Marque, little things in life become major obstacles.


“You’ve got to appreciate your life and what you have. People always want more. If you have your arms and legs, be grateful.”

But Marque understands that it’s hard for people without disabilities to keep from taking “the simple things for granted. It’s just human nature,” he said.

“Everybody has their problems. They’re gonna categorize them no matter what,” he said. “Granted, my problem is pretty severe, but everybody has their own problems.”

A major part of Marque’s social environment is determined by how others — old friends, new friends and strangers — react to him.

Old friends reacted differently. Some accepted him. Some shunned him. Marque said his best friend in high school took him in the hospital after the accident but doesn’t often associate with him now.

Matt and Marque said many well-meaning people often act inappropriately.

“People (strangers) come up and speak just because you’re handicapped,” Matt said. “Is it making them feel better?”

Still, some go to the other extreme.

“People look at you and just slit off away from you,” Marque said.

“The common person is afraid of the wheelchair.”

Marque hopes to someday find a way to educate people and break down some of the misconceptions and stereotypes they have about the handicapped.

“Before the accident, I used to talk about getting married, having kids — that hasn’t changed now.”

But he realizes that, if he does get married someday, he won’t be able to enjoy some of the simple pleasures of family life. And it hurts.

“I can’t stand the thought of, if I have a wife or girlfriend, and can’t hug them, can’t touch them, can’t careess them. That really pisses me off.”

Marque has some genuine fears about his future.

“W worrying what will happen when Matt graduates and moves on. He worries about the burdens being placed on his family.”

The environmental control unit (ECU) that was installed in the Moores’ room in March has helped some. The ECU is a voice-activated system that enables Marque to control some household appliances.

But the burdens are still there, and they will not go away. Medical, rehabilitation and equipment costs since the accident have totaled over half a million dollars, and they will continue to mount.

For now, Marque and his family will continue to press on. “It will work out,” Diane said. “Marque will get through. We know he will get his education. Marque’s one hell of a little kid, even if he is mine.”

“God be strong. I admire that kid. I just wonder, could I do that? Could I keep going like he is?”

Marque has no doubt he can keep going. “I learned a lot being closer to Matt the past five years,” Marque said. “If something confronts you, deal with it. Don’t by-pass it, deal with it.” He said being with Matt and just experiencing life has taught him that lesson.

“If something happens, go with it — I kind of made my own path. So I’m gonna make the best out of it.”

While Marque talks to a friend on the telephone, Matt talks to Diane Edwards. Matt and Marque’s mother, show Marque’s care.

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At Marque’s 20th birthday party, Matt gives Marque a birthday present. From left are Diane, Matt and Marque’s mom, Favour Pate, Matt and Marque’s sister, and Stellica Crewder, their aunt. Parties are a way Marque and his family mark milestones of achievement.
Becoming one with the earth
They gathered to eat, wear and dive in the oozeball mud

Story by M.G. Williams

Splat.  
“Seven to six,” someone said, picking up a mud-covered volleyball and passing it to the server.  
“This ball feels like it weighs 16 pounds,” said Travis Holtrye, a Louisville senior.  
Serving for The Graduates, Holtrye threw the ball up and hit it over the net.  
A member of the Kappa Alpha team dove for the ball.  
Splat.  “Eight to six,” the referee said.  
The Graduates were participating in the Student Alumni Association’s annual Oozeball tournament. “We are called The Graduates because everyone on the team is graduating except a couple,” said Jonathan Adams, a Winchester senior.  
Adams was shiny, wet and brown from falling in the mud. “I dove for the ball and hit it,” Adams said. “It (the mud) felt good.”  
“My only advice is, when you dive for a ball, close your mouth,” he said, laughing. “I tasted some mud. It is definitely mud from this region.” Twenty-six volleyball teams gathered on a cool, windy Saturday morning in April to test their abilities on three mud courts behind Egypt parking lot, The Physical Plant and the Bowling Green Fire Department watered down the pits early that morning.  
“The mud is freezing,” said Molly Tollett, a sophomore from Hendersonville, Tenn.  
She and a friend, Amy Mayes, an Owensboro freshman, were lying on the concrete parking lot to keep warm.  
“It’s ten times warmer,” Mayes said. She and Tollett, who played for the Kappa Alpha team, were waiting to play The Graduates.  
“My sister played last year,” Tollett said. “I’m carrying on the family tradition.”  
The match was close, but because they were behind when the time limit lapsed, the KAs lost. “It sucked,” Tollett said.  
“It did suck,” said Perry Summers, a sophomore from Hendersonville, Tenn., and co-captain of the KA team. “They called time on the last serve. We could have won it.”  
The KA team was runner-up in last year’s tournament.  
Teams paid $35 each to participate, said Gary Couch, a Scottsburg, Ind., senior and co-ordinator of the tournament.  
Each team’s seven players, two of which had to be women, received pictures and t-shirts, Couch said.  
Members of The Graduates, which won the tournament, used some interesting tactics.  
Using a water hose, Owensboro freshman Amy Mayes splashed Molly Tollett, a Hendersonville, Tenn., sophomore.  
“Our strategy is not to let the girls hit it,” said Jackie Dani, a Louisville junior, who added that the team had not practiced.  
“We’re just gifted,” said team member Ronnie Wilson, a senior from Nashville, Tenn.  
The crowd of about 150 had dwindled to just a few faithful fans of the last two teams.  
Club Natural III and Roly S. Poly volleyed for the tournament win in a well worn mud pit. The fans sat far enough away so they would not be splattered by stray mud. The match was close, but Club Natural III’s gifts and strategies pulled them through.  
“This gives a chance to become one with the earth,” The Graduates’ Adams said. “It would have been good on Earth Day.”  
After their Oozeball game, Becky Hand and Kelley Bashofe, both Louisville sophomores, play and laugh in the mud.  
After his team, Roly S. Poly, lost to Club Natural III in the finals of the Oozeball tournament, Evansville, Ind., senior Aaron Hale rests under the net.
“As a member, I am truly tormented, of course, the Body of Christ, the church, will go on. This is not the church that’s burning. But this was our visible sign of faith and worship.”

Dorothy Bailey, member of First Baptist Church

“The niggers are united and Jews are united, so the whites must be united.”

John Warren, director of the Nashville Area Confederate Skinheads

“Hey, hey, ho, ho, the KKK has got to go.”

Ku Klux Klan protesters
As church fire Rages,
COMMUNITY RALLIES AND MOURNS

Story by Cassandra Doyle

It looked like a bad thunderstorm as it rolled over the tree tops. The menacing black cloud boiled higher and higher, but the lightning never came, and the thunder never sounded. It wasn't a thunderstorm. It was smoke.

It was seen from miles away by hundreds and up close by Nita Roberts, who stood quite still and watched her church burn to the ground. Nita had been a member of First Baptist Church for longer than she could remember. She had been the secretary there for 20 years.

She stood in her little black-and-red knit suit with her thin white hair tucked under her small black crocheted hat and shook her head.

Her hands were clenched and one knuckle was pushed into her soft cheek. This was where she worked, and this was where she worshiped.

"I just feel numb," she said.

It had rained all afternoon, but it wasn't raining now. Nita took in a deep breath when the news came at...
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4:30 that the fire was heading for the Sunday School rooms.

Countless people came by to hug Nita and cry. Nita cried too, as she looked over their shoulders, but she never took her eyes off her church. She was thinking about too many things.

"It's hard to think how they sacrificed to build it and how fast it can go," she said.

"They" were a small group of people who attended a Main Street mission in 1913. The mission was started years earlier as a downtown ministry by Providence Knob Baptist, a small country church in Warren County, Nita said.

But in 1913 people sacrificed their sweat, prayers and money to build that church and to buy a glass dome for the top.

"It fell almost an hour ago," Nita said. The dome had acted like a funnel for the fire until it almost melted, then gave way with a giant crash into the center of the sanctuary, sending flames shooting high into the drizzly October sky.

Since 1913 the people of First Baptist had never stopped growing and building. The new educational wing housing the day-care center and the University Ministries had been finished for less than one year.

"Of course, they moved the babies out first thing," Nita said. "They're over there in an empty house we own." She waved her arm backward toward an old brick structure, but her eyes never left the church.

A steady stream of mothers had started to arrive, running frantically from their cars to get to their children, to know if they were safe.

Police gave up trying to keep people inside their homes and joined the throngs who lined the sidewalks watching the heavily outnumbered firefighters do battle.

One black, grizzled firefighter came out of the church and dropped to his knees by the pumper. He had a bandage on his head and was covered in sweat. He had been trying to control the fire under control, a Bowling Green firefighter gave the thumbs-up sign as he braced a fellow firefighter.

Members of the Bowling Green community stood and watch as the First Baptist Church burns. The church was built in 1913.

While trying to bring the fire under control, a Bowling Green firefighter gives the thumbsup sign as he braced a fellow firefighter.

Members of the Bowling Green community stand and watch as the First Baptist Church burns. The church was built in 1913.

Photographers swarmed around the fire trucks, tripping over hoses and each other as they looked for angles.

"You men, come here!" shouted another fireman into the crowd on the sidewalk. "Grab this hose. Go that way. Go! Go!" he shouted over and over like a slave driver at 70 students in sweats and business suits grabbing sections of heavy hose and ran up the street toward a fire hydrant.

A small huddle of church secretaries had formed around Nita.

"This is the biggest fire Bowling Green has seen in a long time," said one.

"Did they save the financial records?" asked another.

... all those Ivan Wilson prints and my pictures on the walls," said another.

"At least they saved my membership records," Nita said.

There was speculation about where the fire started. Some had heard it started in a second-floor storage room, but Nita knew where it started.

"It started behind the baptistry," she said. Rick Brock, the maintenance supervisor, had found it. Nita had called 911.

"I never saw so many people come to help," the secretary said. It was true. Members and non-members alike streamed in and out of the new wing. Men
Church fire cont.

hoisted file cabinets, desks and baby cribs from the day-care center. Ladies wheeled chalkboards and carried chairs and tables from Sunday School rooms into the afternoon drizzle.

A brigade of more than 100 people passed dishpans full of tinker toys and baskets full of crayons and blocks from the back door to a storage garage nearby.

Two girls carried pieces of playground equipment from the sand pit by the church, while more photographers climbed on swings and slides to shoot the action.

The pastor ran back and forth, answering questions from firefighters and police, consulting with maintenance men and always stopping to hug the shoulders of distressed members.

But Nita Roberts never moved.

Rows of stained-glass windows, each one a work of art, had completely melted, and she could look through the gaping holes at the sanctuary, the altar and the pulpit, now a twisted, smoldering mass of rubble that glowed and pulsed, glowed and pulsed again like an eerie caution light in the fog.

Firemen were on the roof, and word came that they thought the fire could be contained to two wings.

"The pastor had been away at a meeting," Nita said.

had called a little earlier and said, "you've got to come to the church. I have an emergency." But my emergency was a person who needed help," she said. "Nothing like this. He had just arrived when they found the fire. Isn't that ironic?" Nita trailed off. For the first time Nita looked away from the burning church at the milling sea of people around her.

Dorothy Bailey stood by with her son, Mark. She had been a member since 1962. A non-stop flow of tears had rolled down her cheeks for more than an hour. "As a member, I am truly crushed," she said. "Of course the Body of Christ, the church, will go on. This is not the church that's burning. But this was our visible sign of faith and worship."

More than 1,000 people attended First Baptist regularly. Nita could not say where they would gather until the church would be repaired. She guessed it would be a high school auditorium.

Nita doubted another dome like the old one could be found for any money, and the original stained glass windows and the old pipe organ were gone forever. But the people of First Baptist were not quitters, she said. "No doubt about it," she determined as she looked at the empty hull of her church. "We will rebuild."
Turn that music Down
INCREASED FINE FIRES UP STUDENTS

Story by Julie Grum

LOUD music and wild parties are common in college towns. And while there may be a few complaints now and then, the parties continue to roar. Last year, however, the roar was somewhat hushed by an amendment to the city noise ordinance.

The Bowling Green City Commission voted unanimously during the summer to increase the fine for a noise violation from $25 to $500 coupled with a one-year jail sentence. The increase came after what Commissioner Alan Palmer said were years of noise complaints from area residents.

Palmer said that residents who lived near O'Charley's restaurant on the 31-W Bypass were complaining of noise coming from the outdoor bar and dining area.

To enforce the ordinance, policemen were to take decibel readings for three minutes. If that reading averaged more than 70, the host of the party would be fined.

This prompted many Western students to hold it down a little bit. Sigma Alpha Epsilon President Tom English, a Louisville senior, said that the fraternity didn't really have any problems with the ordinance, but they were still cautious.

“We tried to keep the music down and the parties inside,” English said. “Sometimes the police would come tell us to turn the music down even though there hadn't been a complaint. They would just come inside and ask us. We were never threatened with the ordinance.”

But some students did not respond so kindly to the ordinance. Drew Mann, a Franklin, Tenn., junior, said that the ordinance was unfair to students.

“Maybe it wasn’t meant to be used to break parties,” Mann said, “but that’s what’s happening. We’re not being given a fair treatment.”

Mann was one of several students who attended some very heated City Commission meetings in order to persuade the mayor and city commissioners to repeal the fine. Associated Student Government President Heather Falmen spoke up for the group, claiming that students were victims of the ordinance.

“It’s a communication problem,” Falmen, a Winchester senior, said. “A problem that’s been festering for years. I believe that by lobbying the new city commissioners, we can open up communication ties that would benefit everyone.”

Despite the controversy, Bowling Green Police Sgt. Dale Blair said that only six people have ever been fined under the ordinance before it was amended, and none had been cited up to March since the stiffer fine was approved.

Joe Raines, ASC treasurer who is now dealing with the issue, said that ASC was well on its way to a promising future between the students and community.

The Antioch, Tenn., junior said that the mayor seems very willing to open up communication lines. “I think that within the next four years we will see the student government mesh with the officials downtown as a work together instead of fighting each other.”

Concerned students and faculty meet with Bowling Green Police Maj. Bob Beckham and Mayor Patsy Beason to discuss the noise ordinance.

Determination and concern drive Eric Elliot, a Somerset senior, to make a point at a City Commission meeting.

In opposition to the new noise ordinance, Bowling Green freshmen Huma Ashan and Somerset senior Eric Elliot stand in front of Cherry Hall. They were about to join a march to Ol Hall to attend a meeting concerning the ordinance.
Clashing points of View
FIND A VOICE IN BOWLING GREEN

A PASSIONATE group gathered around the kerosene-soaked cross on a farm off Glen Lily Road outside of Bowling Green.

"White Power!" one of them chanted fiercely as flames blazed from his newly lit torch.

A passionate cluster assembled at the steps of Down- ing University Center on Western's campus.

"We shall overcome," one of them sang softly as she grabbed another's hand and gestured for others to follow her lead.

Saturday, Oct. 12, was a day of emotional extremes for Bowling Green. As do every year, the Ku Klux Klan, a white separatist group, held a rally in Warren County. But unlike past years, their arrival was met with a protest.

The result was an outpouring of contrasting ideals, an indirect clash between equally spirited reactionaries and progressives, as they strove to convey their messages:

None were at a loss for words:

"I love the white race and would fight and die for the white race."

"There is only one race — the human race."

But the primary target of the group was clear, as some waved red-lettered posters painted with crossed-out "KKK" symbols and belted out such chants as "KKK, go away!" and "Hey, hey, ho, ho, the KKK has got to go!" as they trudged up Normal Drive.

The protesters began their 45-minute march at the university center, encircled the campus and finished at the steps of Cherry Hall, where professors, activists and civic leaders spoke to an enthusiastic crowd.

They were delighted when Tom Pearce, a representa- tive of the American-Indian movement and an organ- izer with the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, made an impromptu appearance.

"Isn't it interesting that we have to stand up against this type of thing 499 years after Columbus invaded America?" he asked.

Pearce had been to the Klan rally earlier in the day to take pictures and observe, and he told the crowd, "There's a lot more of us here than there is down that country road."

Meanwhile, "down that country road," the Klan pre- pared for the highlight of their rally — the burning of the cross. Grand wizards and grand dragons, clad in their colorful satin robes and headdresses, paced with anti-
IndiaM Grand Dragon Mark Peach holds his 10-month-old daughter, Hakey, at the Ku Klux Klan rally held on a private farm off Glen Lilly Road.

(top right) A Klansman symbolically raises his arm during the cross-burning ceremony.

At the Ku Klux Klan rally in October, members of the Northwest Territory Ku Klux Klan listen as speakers address the crowd.

KKK/Anti-KKK cont.

"What time are you guys gonna burn that thing?" the dark-complexioned spectator asked from the passenger's side of a small blue car, pointing at the newly erected cross. The curious observer was Pearce, who apparently wanted one more look at the Klan setup before he returned to his home in Northern Kentucky.

A couple of Klansmen sporting shotguns moved toward Pearce, murmuring obscenities, creating a tension that only subsided when Pearce went on his way.

As the afternoon hours waned, the mild October sunshine gave way to a clear, crisp nightfall and a chilly breeze.

Klansmen and observers flocked around a colorful platform, and the rally began with the Lord's Prayer. (The KKK say they represent God's law and commandments.) Below, the master of ceremonies hung a sign that read "PRAISE GOD FOR AIDS."

What followed was a series of seemingly impromptu but zealous speeches by Klansmen and representatives of the "Skinheads," a group with beliefs similar to the Klan.

"The niggers are united, and Jews are united," John Warren, director of the Nashville Area Confederate Skinheads, told the enthusiastic crowd. "So the whites must be united." Warren and the other speakers were often interrupted by shouts of "White Power!" from within the crowd. Once, a faint and high-pitched child's voice screeched "White Power!"

Spokesmen for the Klan had said the rally was being held for the American farmer, but only one of the 10 speakers mentioned the American farmer.

After the speeches, it was time for the keynote ritual, the burning of the cross. About 25 Klansmen, directed by a master of ceremonies, formed a circle around a 25-foot cross, holding their torches above their heads.

After a series of ceremonial gestures, the Klansmen converged on the cross and torched it, lighting up the sky. The flames were "not to burn, but to signify that the cross is the light of the world."

As the roaring flames died down to a flicker and the crowd began to disassemble, a Klansman's wife sang "Amazing Grace." She was occasionally interrupted by vigorous chants of "nigger, nigger, nigger!"
At a birthday party held for him at the Capitol Arts Center in February, Muhammad Ali jokes with a fan. Ali was also in Bowling Green as part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration.

During a class held at the Downing University Center Theater in November, trumpeter Wynton Marsalis demonstrates blues and jazz music. Marsalis played at the Capitol Arts Center after the class.

Using a poster to convey his message, Breton Dene, 4, participates in the anti-abortion rally held in Bowling Green in January.
Classes

"I like the smallness of the university. The people talk to you and smile at you, and you know them."

Marcy DeVall, junior, Elizabethtown

"Many of my teachers have influenced my life. . . People are more friendly in Kentucky than in Indiana. It's that Southern hospitality, I guess."

Amy White, senior, Fountaintown, Ind.

"I think that Western is unorganized. It's the only place where you can come in as a freshman and know as much about the system as you do when you graduate."

Carrie Meredith, junior, Bee Spring
GRADUATES

Ashley Boka, Maths
Bowling Green
Jason Campbell, Biology, Glasgow
Mike Cunningham, History, Nashville
Chanda S. Dusan, Comp. Sci., Bowling Green
William B. Deary, Communications, Henderson
Deborah A. Fussell, Health Care Admin., Bowling Green
John Grant, Recreation, Bowling Green
Steven Grimes, Public Health & Comm., Bowling Green
Kurt McBean, History
Garembier, Iowa
Kimberly E. Miller, Speech & Comm. Disorders, Bowling Green
Lisa Murrell, Music Ed., Bowling Green
Barry T. Sanders, History, Bowling Green
Rhonda L. Smith, History
Leitchfield
Suzanne Smith, Communications, Houston, Texas
Marion L. Upchurch, Chemistry, Bowling Green

With encouragement and concentration, Bowling Green senior Laura Roosnek gives backstroke lessons to 7-year-old Jessica McCray at the Diddle Arena pool.

Chris McKenney
A silhouette of Dr. Andrew Donelson

'Doc' focuses on life and learning

Story by Cindy Stevenson
Photos by Chuck Wing

The 48-year-old student had just bustled into his photojournalism class when hiseper beckoned him to the phone.

"Dr. Donelson, call Dr. Jones," a voice crackled.

The class came to a halt.

"Somebody's having a baby," called out teacher Jack Corn, smiling, as Donelson slipped out of the room. The doctor was back minutes later, a colleague had just had a question. But later he had to leave again to call in a prescription.

Being on call when he's in class is one drawback to obstetrician Andrew Donelson's taking photojournalism courses at Western. That's why he audits them. But as long as he's improving his skills, he doesn't mind the inconvenience or the hectic schedule.

Donelson has been practicing gynecology and obstetrics in Bowling Green for 18 years. For most of that time, he has been taking college courses, including forestry, horticulture and construction "to keep in touch with some type of schooling."

So when his wife gave him a Nikon camera for Christmas one year, it seemed logical for him to sign up for Basic Photography. Since then he's taken Intermediate Photography and Photo Editing, and is now taking Photojournalism. A class in color is next on Donelson's agenda.

"Part of life is continuing to learn," Donelson said. And although he has enjoyed most of his classes at Western, "I like photography more. I enjoy this. I think it's a way of being creative. It helps me understand other people, and it requires some skill."

The doctor, dubbed "Doc" by his classmates, said another benefit of keeping in touch with the college scene has been getting to know the students.

"I really do enjoy being with college-age people," he said. "It helps me keep in touch with the world, to see these vibrant young people."

Although he can't get as involved in photography as some of the undergraduates, Donelson has had no trouble getting along with them.

"He's very joking, very easy-going, and he picks up on wise cracks," said Leah Hogshead, a Flatwoods High student.

Mark Osler, a sophomore from Syosset, N.Y., agrees that Donelson is "enamored of photography."

For Chr'is's sake, "come on, get the camera," Osler told him. "You're missing the action."

Donelson said, "I'm really anxious to do more photography, but he's learning the magic of photography as well."

"Tonight he was wonderful," said Corn, Donelson's photojournalism teacher, referring to Donelson's photos of a Mennonite family. "Actually wonderful - far better than anything he's done before. He's reached heights I never believed he would reach."

The Mennonite project that Donelson shot in Woodburn gave him a glimpse into the simple life of these religious families - which filled his pictures and touched him personally. In the pictures, a father stands watch as his sons try milking the cows for the first time, a mother plays with her little girl on the lawn, and the family of 10 gathers around the dining room table for their...
Donelson cont.

evening meal. "They are God's people," Donelson said. "They believe they're meant to live simply, and they have fun with the simple things. They only go to school through the eighth grade because they have learned what they really need to know by that time."

"My life is missing the simplicity of theirs, and I envy the attachment their children have for them. I guess I would strive to have the same family values they have."

Of course, it is impossible for most families to live the way the Mennonites do, and the Donelsons are no exception. Andrew's wife, Teresa, is a graduate assistant working on her master's in hotel/motel management at Western; his daughter, Mary, a seventh grader at Drakes Creek Middle School, plays the flute and piano, takes dance lessons and runs track; and his son, Andrew, is married and taking courses in occupational therapy at the University of Louisville in addition to working with underprivileged children at a social agency.

With their hectic schedules, the Donelsons have little time together. "We sometimes just wave to each other coming and going," said wife Teresa. "But that's just how our lifestyle has always been. The children and I have never known any different."

Her husband's photography class "keeps him very busy," she said. "But it's good for him. He loves it." When she and her husband have the time, they like to work in the yard, read and travel, she said. But that's not often.

Her husband agrees. For now the doctor's contract to run himself ragged fulfilling all his obligations—from his office, to the classroom, to the home. When he retires, in addition to spending more time with his family, he plans to take pictures, either for profit or as a hobby, "to express my feelings and make myself useful."
Coming to the rescue, Cyran Vatandoost (left) and Richard Perry (right), both sophomores from Hendersonville, Tenn., with大于itics from Charlie Jones (center), a Lexington sophomore, help sisters Peggy Brewer and Ann Byron by changing a flat tire in the Center Street Domino's parking lot.
Julian & Stace
McDonald
Steve Smart
Photocom
Louisville
Cheryl S. Smith
Ernst Ed.
Houston, Texas
Joshua B. Smith
Ernst Ed.
Philadelphia, Pa
Kellie M. Smith
Psychology
OHIO University, Athens
Daniel T. Strickland
Ernst Ed.
Horse Cave
Rachelle Smothers
Mauri Coen.
Glasgow
David T. Sparks
Manage
t Bowling Green
Kathy A. Willie Spurce
Social Studies
Central City
Jacqueline Spink
Marketing
Beverly Dern
Renee Spy
Math
Michelle Groves Ed.
Bowling Green
Laura Stringer
Comp. Info. Sys.
Bowling Green
Missy Stedler
Anzeigen
Evansville, Ind
Michael T. Steenbergen
Matric
Glanton
Donna R. Stephens
Ernst Ed.
Jamestown
John D. Stephens
Photography
Dennis
Sandra L. Stevenson
Social Work
Owensboro
Cindy Stevenson
Covington
M. Louise Stewart
Psychology
Lancaster
Karen M. Strader
Ernst Ed.
Covington

Struggling to keep her balance, Angela McCoy, a Springfield freshman, enjoys a rather unstable afternoon at a roller blade exhibition at Downing University Center. It was McCoy's first experience on roller blades.
A silhouette of Laura Lee Wilson

Mom trades housework for homework

Story by Carol Overby
Photos by Chuck Wing

At first glance, Laura Lee Wilson’s appointment book seems quite overwhelming.

The tiny squares for each appointment are color-coded: yellow for exams and presentations, black for core courses, red for her son's activities and pencil for the “need-to-be-done-but-can't-do” things.

Each minute of the day is filled; each moment is planned.

Wilson is a 33-year-old junior with a husband of 15 years and a 10-year-old son, Christopher. Maintaining a 4.0 grade-point average, Wilson, who plans to be a doctor, is the first non-traditional student to go through the University Honors Program.

Embarking on a medical career at 35 with a family may seem non-traditional. But Wilson is used to bucking tradition. Just ask her how she got to Bowling Green.

Wilson and her husband, Jeff, had lived in the San Francisco Bay area throughout their marriage. But by 1988, they were looking for a change.

“San Francisco just wasn't what we wanted,” she explained. “I couldn't even let Christopher play outside in the front yard.”

Since Jeff's job would not allow him to transfer, a move for the Wilsons meant starting over.

“So we figured, if we were going to have to start over, why don't we choose the place?” she explained.

The Wilsons researched specific areas of the country. “We looked at climate, population, and crime rates,” she said. “Plus, we wanted Christopher to experience rural life, and eventually, we all fell in love with Bowling Green.”

Laura Lee and Christopher spent the whole summer traveling around the country, visiting areas where they thought they would like to live.

“We put up curtains in our station wagon and stayed in the car,” she laughed. “It was really wonderful for us, because Christopher got to experience so many things that summer,” she explained. “We saw the Statue of Liberty and Mount Rushmore, and we hit every major amusement park in the country.”

When they reached Bowling Green, Jeff flew out from San Francisco to join them, and together they decided to make the move.

“He went back to California, quit his job and put the house up for sale, while I enrolled Christopher in school, found a job at a dental office and rented an apartment.”

“By the time he joined us, I had everything settled,” she said, laughing.

Fortunately, she said, Jeff was able to find a job with the Federal Express in Bowling Green.

“With the job he has now, he can transfer anywhere, and he's willing to do that when I go to medical school,” she said.

Entering the medical profession has been a quiet dream of Wilson's since she was a teenager.

“I had been in the medical and dental field since I was 17,” said Wilson, who earned her registration as a dental assistant while in high school. “And in the back of my mind, I think I always had the desire to be a physician.”

With the encouragement of her adviser and the support of her husband and son, she decided to “go for it.”

“When we were first married, I was very much the traditional wife, I kept the house and cooked the meals and did the laundry.”

“Now our roles have pretty much flip-flopped,” she said. “Jeff does the majority, if not all, of the housework.”

“I look at Laura Lee's college career as an investment in our future together,” Jeff said. “We have a partnership, and we work toward things together.”

Wilson said it was difficult for her at first to let Jeff adjust to his own schedule and way of doing things.

“He has always been the typical ‘Oscar’ while I’ve been the typical ‘Fella,’” she said. “Somehow, we just met in the middle.”

Wilson spends an average of 60 hours a week studying and attending classes.

Of course, there are sacrifices. Both Christopher and Jeff acknowledge the changes Wilson's decision made in their family life.

“Sometimes I get tired of Mom having to study all the time, but she still has time for me,” Christopher said.

Western's Honors Program has taken up much of Wilson's time.

As part of her honors program activities, she gave a presentation on euthanasia in November at the National College Honors Council in Chicago. Among the scholarships she received were one from Phi Kappa Phi, which is awarded each year to a top junior in the program.

“Her added life experiences enrich our class discussions far more than she realizes,” said Sam McFarland, director of Western's Honors Program. “I'm constantly amazed at how she balances a family and academics as well as she does. It's pretty awesome!”

Michelle Nye, a junior from Bowling Green, is also a pre-med student in the Honors Program.

“Laura Lee and I are pretty much best friends,” she said. “She is one of the most incredible people I’ve ever known, and she’s the kind of person that if you need her, she's there.”

Wilson is looking ahead to see what scholarships might be available for medical school and is checking out different locations to see which place will be best for her family.

For now, she is concentrating on her studies at Western.

“I treat school like a job, and I think I'm going to be able to carry it all the way,” she said. “No matter how long it takes me to reach my ultimate goal, pursuing it feels so good.”
With a look of determination, West's Tonya Walden, a London freshman, outdistances Espero's Carla Stephenson, an Elizabethan sophomore.
After waiting in line at Garrett Ballroom to finish the financial aid process, Owensboro freshman Karen Clark stares at the ceiling in disgust. Clark had been in line for more than three hours.
While cameras rolled, Kim Lansdell, a sophomore from Louisville; Karla Hamske, a freshman from Louisville; and Amy Roomke, a sophomore from Harrisville, filmed a music video in the lobby of the Downing University Center. Niteclass sponsored the event in which 35 videos were made and later shown.
David Menser knocked on the door. The loud thuds echoed in the midnight air, but there was no answer. He knocked again. Still no answer.

He turned around, preparing to look for another entrance but instead found the end of a shotgun barrel pointed directly at him.

"Who are you, and what do you want?" a gruff voice asked.

His heart raced to his throat.

"Just David Menser, from Home Incarceration, sir," he replied, trying to control his shaky voice and appear calm and assertive.

"Well, why didn't you say so?" the shotgun holder said, lowering his weapon. "Come on in!" The gun bearer was a home-bound prisoner of Menser's.

It was just another night on the job for the 28-year-old Menser, a Western student and owner of Home Incarceration Program, Inc.

Home Incarceration is a program which allows criminals to live at home while being monitored by authorities. The criminals have to pay for the program, which is an alternative to a jail sentence.

Prisoners wear bracelets, which are riveted around their ankle or wrist, that work like keys. They are required to plug them into answering machine-type boxes when they are leaving or returning from work or any other scheduled activities that a judge approves beforehand. The information is relayed to the main office where computers print VALID or IN VIOLATION messages.

Because of overcrowded jails and rising maintenance costs, home incarceration is becoming a more popular form of criminal punishment, and Menser is taking advantage of the trend.

He attended Western from August of 1981 until May of 1983 and, after four years in the Navy, started working as an employee of the Home Incarceration Program in 1987.

"It was new to me," but, "it sounded like it might work," he said. Menser started working on his government degree again that same year.

He said he chose his major mainly because he's always been interested in government, but "it helps to know how the justice system functions," he said.

Joerg Seitz, a government assistant professor who taught Menser in Government and Business, said that Menser gave a presentation on his business as a class project.

"I probably learned more from him than he did from me," Seitz said. "His presentation was very informative, and I enjoyed it very much. "David is one of those almost ideal students," he said. "He is very mature and very responsible."

Menser bought Home Incarceration Program, Inc. about a year and a half ago and now has two offices, one in Bowling Green. The program is the only one of its kind in the Bowling Green area.

"We aren't looking to get rich in Warren County," he said. "Our philosophy is if we do a real good job here then this is going to be a long-term thing. We have already bled over into other counties."

Menser and his nine employees are required to monitor the computers as well as verify prisoners' work hours with their employers. They also keep tabs on the prisoners by calling them six to eight times a day.

Along with the bracelet monitoring system, the prisoners are subject to random drug and alcohol testing.

Menser said, they randomly visit every prisoner at least once a week.

Warren District Judge Henry Potter said the system works, and Menser runs the program well.

"David does an excellent job," he added. "He is fair, and he checks on the individuals to make sure their conduct is good and they don't violate the rules."

"We try to be responsible," Menser said.

He said the business can often create emotional tensions.

Menser, who said he has been threatened 20 to 25 times, told about a man who violated one of the rules and was sent back to prison.

"He yelled right there in court, on the record, I'll get you, you so and so, if it's the last thing I do!"

"You're dealing with people's lives and liberty," Menser said. "So, we see a wide range of emotions," adding that he has become somewhat immune to the threats.

After the man who threatened him was released, he apologized to Menser, made full restitution for the bad checks he had written and got a job, Menser said.

"I like to think we are more rehabilitative," he added. "The program is simply allowing judges to be fairer and more accurate in their decision making."

The business leads to long hours for Menser, who is married and has three children.

He worked around 60 hours a week and took nine hours of classes during the fall semester. Menser, who holds a 3.3 grade-point average, planned to "keep my books at work, so then if I have a few extra minutes to study, I can."

"I have a pretty understanding wife, too."

His wife, Elizabeth, is a registered nurse at Rivendell. "We grab time together when we can," she said.

"It's not too bad really. Being self-employed, he can at least come home for lunch."
As a part of the Sigma Phi Epsilon’s “Anything for Money,” Eric Wright, a Louisville junior, surprised Michelle Armstrong, a Louisville junior, with “Happy Birthday.” Armstrong’s roommate, Christine Fox, a Louisville freshman who arranged the birthday greeting, watches the entertainment.
As he attempts to get an apple, Louisville sophomore James Bahm carries football equipment during a practice. Bahm was the equipment manager for the football team.
Notes suffer as Hendersonville, Tenn., freshman Batheon Bubela drifts off to sleep in her health class. Bubela said she was still trying to adjust to her college schedule.
The steps at Downing University Center were a place for Louisville junior Mark Scott and Elizabeth Brownson sophomore Theresa Shipps to meet after a study at the bookstore.
Fiddle makes money for music man

Story by Julie Grady
Photos by Chris McKenney

Eversville freshman Joel Whittinghill learned early on that practice makes perfect. Anymore, he said, practice has become the biggest part of his life.

"I don't even really think about it anymore," he said. "It's just something I get up and do every day after school."

So news that he had received a grant to Western was, literally, music to his ears.

"That's a big part in me coming here," Whittinghill said as he eyed his nearly constant companion, the fiddle.

Running his fingers over the black case, his eyes lit up, and he began to tell his story.

Whittinghill said it all started when he was about nine years old.

"My dad was laying on the bed playing the mandolin when I walked in and said, 'That's really neat. Can I learn to play that?'" His father thought it was a great idea.

With five kids in the family, Whittinghill said you "pretty much had to share everything. But Dad said that if I learned how to play, he would give me the mandolin."

That was the only incentive he needed. From then on, Whittinghill practiced and practiced, in search of perfection. Not only did he learn to play the mandolin, but he also learned to play the guitar and eventually, the violin. He now owns eight fiddles as well as a few guitars.

"When I first started out, Dad had cut the cord on the TV to keep us from fighting over it all the time. We played music for enjoyment. Now, two out of three of my older sisters play instruments as well as my younger brother. That (cutting the TV cord) was probably the best thing that ever happened to me."

"I have a fatherly pride that's hard to describe," Whittinghill's father, Tom, said. "I used to tell him that he had to learn to lose before he would learn to win."

"My father gave me the incentive to learn, and I took it from there," Whittinghill said. Besides taking two years of violin lessons, he said he improved by listening to tapes and learning from a friend.

"He would listen to me to see if I had any potential," Whittinghill said of his friend. "He let me play in his heart out, and then he would show me what he could. I learned a lot."

"I played all the time," he said. "The first thing I'd do when I woke up was get the fiddle or mandolin and play."

"The fiddle is the hardest to play, but you can get the prettiest sounds from it."

Now, at 18, Whittinghill is an accomplished musician, finding himself the recipient of numerous awards, including a music grant to Western. The grant, which Whittinghill had to audition for, pays $600 per semester plus a $500 music fee. However, to meet expenses not covered by the grant or his $100 violin scholarship, Whittinghill participates in fiddling contests where he says "the money varies."

Whittinghill said he has earned as much as $1,500 for winning a contest.

Whittinghill's last contest was the National Championship in Mountainview, Ark. The first two years he placed 12th and 11th, respectively. This year he came in 10th.

Smiling and looking down at his Python boots, he explained that sometimes becomes away with more than cash.

"I won these at a contest in Clarksville, Tenn., that was sponsored by the Acme Boot Co.," Whittinghill said. Boots were given away as the top three prizes. Whittinghill won the contest and came away with five pairs.

Whittinghill's passion for the fiddle did not allow him very much free time while growing up, which he said was hard for some of his friends to understand.

"Some of them were resentful when I actually started winning," he said, "but my best friends didn't treat me any different."

Whittinghill's family has been a constant force behind his success. All share a common interest in music, and he said that his contests were "family affairs."

His family also followed him to contests Most were in Kentucky, but occasionally, Whittinghill said, they were held in West Virginia, Alabama or Tennessee.

Dwight Pounds, one of Whittinghill's music professors, said that he is making progress at Western.

"He has a natural talent and feel for it," Pounds said. "He's very confident but not pushy except when it comes to competition with the fiddle. There he has to be."

Whittinghill hopes to get his music degree and someday teach at a university.

"I don't really know what the big goal is because there are so many options at this point," he said. "If my job allows me enough time to do it, I plan on entering contests. That's something I don't want to give up. It's fun and after all, that's what it is all about."
Organizations

“Organization at a sacrifice of time and family to be in an organization and do what I love.”

Dave Jacobs, senior, Bowling Green.

“If I weren’t on the (debate) team, I’d probably be bored and get drunk all the time. I think people who aren’t in organizations probably do sit around bored and get drunk all the time.”

Cory Hollow, freshman, Evansville, Ind.

“Before I joined the group, I had few friends, and I like to help people. I’ve developed more friendships, and I get more involved by helping people. I look forward to helping people.”

Anita Farmer, freshman, Cottontown, Tenn.
HOMELESS FOR A NIGHT

Story by M. G. Williams
Photo by Chuck Wing

The construction of the athletic complex sat quiet as students built houses on Downing University Center's south lawn. They set up big ones and small ones, A-frames and duplexes. The complex's students of cardboard, things in homeless counting approximately 400,000, according to the Census. However, all the houses had one thing in common: each had "This Side Up" written in bold letters on the side. The houses were made of cardboard, and the students were supporting the homeless. Residential Life Association invited students to "Bring Your Own Box" Nov. 13 to help raise money for the homeless and heighten awareness of the homeless problem.

There are about 300,000 homeless in the nation, according to the 1990 Census. But the Urban Institute counted approximately 400,000, and some estimate as many as 3 million homeless in the United States. The temperature dropped to about 45 degrees, and several huddled around a fire in a barrel as Kathy Canz, Residential Life area coordinator, threw on another stick of wood.

"The fire is to keep warm and for atmosphere," said Canz. "We tried to think of everything." A soup line and hot chocolate also helped warm the 20 to 25 participants. Houchens donated chicken noodle soup, and Residential Life provided the hot chocolate.

Students who became homeless for the night were asked to get pledges. Katie Tucker, a Bowling Green junior representing Women in Transition, collected over $100 from 47 people, despite learning of the event just two days beforehand. The $377 raised at the event was donated to the Salvation Army Red Shield Lodge of Bowling Green. LT. Stephen Justice of the Red Shield Lodge welcomed the participation but said, "Homeless folks don't have all these friends to keep them warm. It's going to be a light night compared to what some go through."

Justice helped run a food program five days a week at the Lodge in Bowling Green. The program, run by volunteers and funded through donations and government aid, feeds about 40 to 50 per day. The Red Shield Lodge also has an emergency shelter which is open from 5 p.m. to 7 a.m., seven days a week. The Lodge usually serves those in transit and needing a place to stay for the night. An average of two to three people per night use the shelter, Justice said.

Some students stopped by Western's temporary Shantytown to see what was going on. Marcus Freeman, a sophomore from Newburgh, Ind., said, "I'm all for the homeless, but I'm not going to freeze my butt off!"

Others were more serious, "I wasn't very comfortable," said Tucker, "but I am very glad my son was in a warm bed at home.

One Bowling Green freshman, who wished to remain nameless, supported the first-time event because she knew what it was like to be homeless.

I slept in my vehicle until I found a home a couple of weeks ago," she said. A recent divorce had left her homeless. "The homeless find protection where they can. They try to satisfy their physical and emotional needs for the day," she said.

"Now I have a home to go to, but I choose to come here," she said. "This is awesome."

Several sang "Margaritaville" as the freshman, clad in baseball hat, overcoat and corduroy pants told how the homeless find winter and where they can. A cold wind blew as she sipped hot chocolate and said, "Thank God I got a place before the snow fell."

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During their overnight stay, Rebecca Toge, an Evansville, Ind., senior, and Katie Tucker, a junior from Bowling Green, study by the light of a candle and flashlight.
Exhausted after weeks of harassment and intimidating phone calls, Todd Griffin came home to find his house vandalized again. A dead dog swung from a rope over his front porch. It was skinned and in pieces.

The intimidation began soon after Griffin founded the Lambda Society, a gay rights support group for Western students.

Griffin, a Western graduate and faculty adviser Mary Bricker-Jenkins, an associate professor in social work, founded the society last fall. Griffin said it was the first gay and lesbian group to be officially recognized by the university.

Griffin was concerned that there was no existing support group for gay and lesbian students but was at first daunted by the task of forming a group on campus.

The more he learned about similar Lambda organizations in Tennessee, however, the more motivated he became. He contacted these organizations as well as the editors of Tennessee's gay and lesbian weekly newspaper, The Query, and asked them to print a story about his quest.

"By the end of the summer I had two (Western) students to contact me and said they wanted to do this," Griffin contacted Bricker-Jenkins and began a publicity campaign.

The project was off the ground, but Griffin said Western's administration was a little apprehensive about the group at first.

"They were afraid this was going to turn out to be some sort of dating service," Griffin said. "There was a lot of concern. However, there was no immediate opposition, and we never really faced any opposition."

"Within two months we started with nothing and gained university status, we've gone from a membership of three to thirty members," he said.

Once every two weeks, the group met and discussed topics ranging from fund raising and how to fight prejudices aimed at homosexuals, to the "Nature vs. Nurture" argument, which involves whether a person is gay because of environment or because he or she was born that way. "I did not leave to be gay," one member said. "None would choose to go through this hell ... you can't learn desire. I hate the way people confuse sexual preference with sexual orientation. You choose a brown shirt over a blue one. You don't choose a man over a woman."

"There's a lot of things that come up in discussion that you may not have thought about before," Griffin said. "And you're suddenly realizing, Hey, that sounds a lot like me. I never realized anyone else felt this way."

But the group's initial success was short-lived as opposition and the threat of violence surrounded membership. Lambda members got their first taste of intimidation at a local pizzeria, where the group gathered for socials after their meetings. A group of fraternity members sat near the group one night and taunted them.

As Lambda's founder, Griffin's name had been publicized in local newspapers and on WBKO. At 2 a.m., he got a phone call.

"I can't even eat my chicken wings in peace because of you f-ing queers," the voice at the other end shouted.

The phone rang at all hours for the next two weeks. Always, the message was the same.

Griffin used an answering machine to screen his calls. There were threats to beat him up, drive him out of town and even to kill him. He contacted the phone company, which installed call-tracing on his phone line. At one point, there would be 20 to 30 of these calls on the machine a day.

The answering machine frustrated the harassers. They tried to trick Griffin into answering the phone by saying they wanted to join the Lambda Society. They even left a number to call.

Then the harassment escalated. Griffin came home one night to find dog feces rubbed all over the front door and windows of his house.

"When I saw that it scared me," he said, "because I realized they knew where I lived."

A few nights later he found the dead dog swinging over his porch.

Griffin contacted the police who, he said, were as helpful as they could be. They helped clean up the carcass and voiced their concerns, but they had no evidence to go any further.

Griffin spent a sleepless night, unsure if the responsible party would return.

The weeks of harassment finally took their toll. Griffin reported to his job as a server at a local restaurant only to be told he had an attitude which was not conductive to work.

He was fired.

Though he remained a member, Griffin stepped down as head of the Lambda Society. Nashville sopho-

more Larry Brown accepted the post in mid-February being the only candidate interested in the position. The group had dwindled from a high of more than 40 members to about 10 in late March.

Joan Koenzin, professor of sociology, said one of the primary causes of violence against gays is a fear of homosexuality.

These people (violent against homosexuals) generally have a fear or insecurity about their own sexual preferences," she said. "Therefore, they bash the individuals who represent the things they fear.

Sociology professor Lynn Newhart said people will have to learn to accept alternative lifestyles if violence against homosexuals is going to stop.

She said states must also change laws that apply only to homosexuals. Legal recognition of discrimination through such laws reinforce society's intolerance.

Louisville passed a city ordinance in 1992 that included a "sexual orientation" clause in a law imposing harsher penalties for "hate crimes."

"People are fearful of what they don't understand," she said.

Jerry Daniels, a Louisville junior, and Brown said the Lambda Society organized an April workshop on gay issues that included seminars on the church and homosexuality, growing up gay in the South and homophobia.

"We want gay and lesbian students to go about on campus comfortably and without fear of being harassed or intimidated," Daniels said.

Sam Sharbutt, a heterosexual member of the Lambda Society, said Americans should learn about hate crimes because education will bring about more understanding than silence.

"We have to stand up and do something about it, or people will break and be hurt and die inside."
Western’s journalism department made history last year. On Nov. 4, journalists, students and Administrators gathered at a press conference in Wetherby Administration Building.

Chris Poynter, vice president of the Society of Professional Journalists, introduced the guest of honor.

Professor Yassen Zassoursky, Dean of the Faculty of Journalism at Moscow State University, approached the microphone and slowly stated, “Together we can work for press ethics and freedom in the Soviet Union and in the United States.”

With that, Zassoursky and SPJ President Tanya Bricking signed a charter stating the intent to establish an SPJ chapter at Moscow State University.

It marked the first SPJ chapter to be organized outside the United States, and the first student club of its kind in the former Soviet Union.

“This SPJ chapter will help us establish better relations and establish information between both countries,” Zassoursky said. “This is important for the freedom of press in both areas.”

Jo-Ann Albers, journalism department head, agreed. “I think this new chapter will change the way journalism is viewed in Russia,” said Albers, who visited the former Soviet Union last March.

“The students there study journalism more from a propaganda standpoint with a lot more emphasis on social institutions. I believe the study of journalism will change to become more like our system,” she said.

Bricking, an editor from ColdSpring, said the idea of a foreign chapter actually started as a joke. In the fall of 1990, on the way home from an SPJ convention in Champaign, Ill., students discussed ideas for the Western chapter. They had just received the Outstanding Chapter Award at the convention and were aiming for the national award.

SPJ member Gary Houchens, a junior from Scottsville, jokingly mentioned that establishing a chapter in the rapidly changing Soviet Union would be a good way to qualify for the national award.

Chapter adviser and journalism professor Jim Highland later approached Houchens about the idea and the group began to make plans. Poynter, a junior from Paris, sent a proposal to Moscow State University which wasn’t answered until a year later. Zassoursky expressed interest in the project and notified the group that he would be visiting Vanderbilt University in November.

SPJ invited Zassoursky to Western where the new chapter finally became a reality.

“Timing was the key to getting this project going,” Highland said.

The Moscow chapter, which started with 10 members, soon grew to 70 and was expected to expand even more.

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Highland predicts the effects of the chapter will not be realized for several years, but said, “We have opened up Russia to a world-wide project. Now all of the things that we have available to us are available to them.

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The project gave the chapter national recognition from such journalism publications as Editor & Publisher and The Quill. Highland is proud that members of SPJ were concerned about press ethics on a global scale and took action to make some changes.

Bricking said SPJ hopes to establish chapters in other countries to encourage journalism excellence and aggressiveness across the world.

"This project is just the beginning," Poynter said.
**Getting Down to Earth**

During the Dairy Science Club's dairy sale, its biggest fund raiser, students had the responsibility of prepping and milking Holstein cattle for the sale of their milk.

"The students take care of everything during this sale. It's like a consignment sale for milk," said adviser David Stiles.

From the sale, the club made about $4,000, which was used for travel expenses when the club went to judging contests. Among the cities where the club participated in judging competition were Memphis, Tenn., and Madison, Wis.

The Agronomy Club was a small but enthusiastic group of students with a motto of "we go places," said Linda Brown, the club's adviser. "It's a fun group."

Last fall the club went to the annual agronomy convention in Denver, where members participated in a variety of activities including job interviews. While in Denver, they also visited a 100,000-cattle feeding lot.

The International Agriculture Club, whose aim was to gain an appreciation for agriculture institutions worldwide, was advised by Linda Brown and David Coffey. The group, which also studied agriculture products and food safety, raised money by selling concessions at the agricultural exposition center.

Each year the club travels to foreign countries and tours agriculture sites. This year the students planned a trip to the Caribbean.

The Horticulture Club, advised by Dr. James Martin, traveled to Louisville for a cookout sponsored by the Kentucky Nurseman Association. At the cookout, students met with prospective employers and had an opportunity to see how the horticulture industry works.

They also toured Lexington, where they observed floral greenhouses and their production methods.+
Giving recognition to scholastic and professional excellence in the field of accounting is what Beta Alpha Psi is all about, adviser C. Richard Aldridge said.

The almost 30 members are required to have a 3.0 GPA overall and in their accounting courses. They are also required to have completed at least one upper-level accounting course.

Besides hosting banquets and inviting professional guests to speak to the chapter, the co-ed fraternity also held a Bowl-A-Thon. The involvement of the members and their dedication, Aldridge said, led the chapter to be recognized by the national organization as a superior chapter for the last two years.

Beta Alpha Psi, Data Processing Management Association, Society for Human Resource Management, Delta Sigma Pi, Pre-law Club, Phi Beta Lambda, International Association of Business Communicators

Since 1985, the Society for Human Resource Management has aimed toward giving students more exposure to the professional aspect of the organization.

Adviser Bob Rebers said that the 14 members gained insight into the profession of human resource management through guest speakers and plant tours among other activities. The organization was sponsored by the local chapter of the Southern Kentucky Personnel Association.

Membership for the Data Processing Management Association drastically increased to about 30 members. The group hosted speakers who spoke about the computer industry and took tours of Bowling Green businesses, said Jessica Coles, a Gallatin, Tenn., junior and the vice president of DPM. The group is open to students of any major, and it hopes to continue increasing the membership.

In preparation for the LSAT exams, Campbellsville sophomore Laura Jo Hill attempted a sample question during a KNUN group seminar, sponsored by Western's Pre-law Club. The seminar instructed students on applying to law schools and preparing for the LSAT.

Beta Alpha Psi
First Row: Monique A. White, Raymond P. Wright, Alan Poenske, Sam Johnson, Kathy Jo James, Patrick M. Petty
Second Row: Susan R. Bar, Delaunique Smith, Beth M. Russell, Heather A. Hughes, Torno D. Henderson
Third Row: Richard Aldridge, Sheryl Calledd, Kimberly J. Ferrigan, Jill D. Flowers, Marshall W. Kelley, Rick M. Smith

Delta Sigma Pi
First Row: Stephen J. Harper, Lisa D. Howard, Chris Kantesky, Guy Brookes, Shelia Cooper, Brian K. Padgett
Second Row: Trent M. Ferguson, Jane S. Clark, Glenda R. Cundiff, Angela M. Nipp, Mark E. Leshan

Data Processing Management Association
First Row: Jessica Coles, Danielle Sigler, Eva Clark, Maureen Kuster
Second Row: Donnie Miller, Barry Willis, Peter Morford

Society for Human Resource Management
First Row: M. Mitchell, Dana M. Merz, Lawrence J. Smith, Devon L. Peck, S. Michelle Wellington
Second Row: Trent M. Ferguson, Jane S. Clark, Glenda R. Cundiff, Angela M. Nipp, Mark E. Leshan
The 55 members of the International Association of Business Communicators "found ties between the academic body and the real world and worked to make them stronger," adviser Kay Payne said.

The organization provided the students, mostly corporate and organizational communications majors and minors, the chance to network and participate in internships in their area of interest.

The chapter was hoping to have a newsletter published more frequently, more fund-raisers and at least two mentor days in which students can learn more about their desired profession.

Phi Beta Lambda helped students to make the transition from school to work, said President David Sparks. "It's the college level of Future Business Leaders of America. The organization promotes good leadership skills and a better understanding of free enterprise."

The chapter, which had 37 members, met every two weeks and sponsored guest speakers and a Career Night. The club was for anyone with an interest in business, Sparks said.

Western's chapter had something to be proud of, Sparks said. "For the last two years at the national convention, we have won more awards than any other chapter in the nation." The chapter has also been named the most outstanding chapter in Kentucky for the past two years, according to Sparks.

The Pre-law Club is an organization which "almost everyone" could enjoy, according to Campbellsville senior Carla Kirkland. The group, open to all majors, usually meets once a month to have guest speakers or to plan a trip to one of the law schools, such as University of Kentucky or Vanderbilt University, Kirkland said.

"There's usually something of interest to everyone."
**Expressions in Culture**

**Western Players** worked to promote the campus theater department. The group’s 35 members organized events for the department such as picnics and student cabarets. They also served as ushers for plays and dramas.

In the fall, the group sponsored a Shakespeare workshop with speaker Dylan Baker. The group held another conference in the spring for area high school students interested in drama.

**Pi Delta Phi** was "a French club to honor those who have succeeded," said President Roxanna Crowe, a senior from Newburgh, Ind. French majors and minors who held a 3.0 GPA overall and had a minimum of 12 hours in French were eligible for the group.

**The Drama Workshop** consisted of nine students with good speaking and acting skills and a willingness to travel.

The students researched and analyzed a given topic to use in competition, as a team or as individuals.

Adviser Judy Woodring said debate "enables students to think on their feet and hopefully sharpen their communicative skills for later in life."

The nationally-ranked Western team became state champs for the fourth year.

The team also helped coach area high school teams and hosted a high school tournament.

**Western Band** aimed to promote music and foster fellowship between musicians.

Under Director Joe Stites, the marching band provided entertainment for the football fans. The chamber band, with its 65 members, played challenging works of art. The orchestra and jazz bands played their distinctive pieces at several concerts for the community and students.

**Delta Omicron** was a music fraternity for music majors or minors who excelled in musical performance.

Twenty members worked within the music department and area schools, trying to educate people about the musical world. President Patricia Schlcht, a Clarksville, Tenn., senior, said the purpose of their activities is to "promote music and foster fellowship between musicians."

Rap-o-grams, rapping to an unaware recipient of a friend’s request, was a favorite of the group. Delta Omicron also held concerts and sang for nursing homes. Money was raised for HOTEL INC., a Christian charity organization, and WKU Friendship, a classical music station. Promoting professional music on campus was the goal of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, a music fraternity.

Showing that music is serious, not just fun, was the philosophy behind their activities. Rectitals by the men’s choir and Western musicians, as well as stage management, was handled by the Sinfonians.

The highlight of the year was their sponsorship of professional trumpeter Wynton Marsalis’s performance in November to more than 600 people in Downing University Center.

**The Amazing Tones of Joy** was a choir striving to "promote love, peace and unity amongst all of mankind through Christian song."

President Susan Reid said.

Forty students came together to accomplish that goal. They started with participation in the Christian Nite-Club, sponsored by the

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**Delta Omicron**

*First Row*: Patricia L. Schlcht, Kristin M. Logsdon, Sharon Harris, Suzanne Lee, Anne Collins

*Second Row*: Tracy R. Babt, Laura M. Miller, Heather N. Hall, Jennifer L. Brown


**Art Guild**

*First Row*: Wendy G. Doyel, Margaret L. Blaylock, Kimberly S. Collins

*Second Row*: Kimberly M. Smith, Brenda Baddley, Tony Gager, Molly Bee

*Third Row*: Brian A. Kelley, Patrick N. Coombs, Martina V. Herlong, Chris Blantz

**Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia**


*Second Row*: Phillip D. Farris, Bryant L. McClellan, David T. Simmons, Marc Brown

*Third Row*: Edwin J. Ubel, Robert E. Pate, Damon L. Biddix, Kevin Ellis, Mark Johnson

**Debate Team**

*First Row*: Chris J. Foster, Samantha Whitaker

*Second Row*: Cory S. Hullos, Chris S. Roberts, Julie A. Davis
Between sets of "The Enchanted Pig," Versailles senior Kathleen Kronauer and Glasgow junior Neal Lee joke around. The play was featured by the Children's Theater.

Amazing Tones of Joy

First Row: Anya E. Lockert, Jennifer A. Mattox, Meredith C. Petry, Cara A. Quakley, Latinya W. Alexander
Second Row: Morris A. Goggins, Susan R. Reid, Mica C. Aline-Mapp, Cartha Buckner
Third Row: Damion C. Davis, Isaac H. Williams, Christopher D. Curry, J. Eric Bell

Culture cont.

Black Student Fellowship: The group worked with other Christian organizations, such as Fellowship of Christian Athletes, to promote their cause.

Bake sales and chili suppers provided their main sources of money. The contributions went to fund a Baptist Student Union choir camp in Nashville, Tenn., during the spring.

The Forensics Team was busy with intellectual and social activities last year. Under the advisement of Judy Woodring, the team enjoyed competitive success and put together campus activities.

Forensics competitions ranged from persuasive to impromptu speech. The competition pushed students not only to think quickly on their feet but also to do so in a creative and informative manner.

Western, finishing in the top 50 national collegiate forensic teams, placed in every tournament and was the overall state champs. The team also represented Kentucky at the 1991 Interstate Oratorical Contest in Florida. Individually, seven of the 11 state forensic champions were Western students.

The team hosted the Miss Western Scholarship Pageant and sponsored the Associated Student Government Forum during the spring elections.

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Forensics

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Second Row: Jason D. Kuykendall, Ericka N. Malone, Sandra M. Schneider, Rosemary L. Cundiff, Judy Merweber
Third Row: Trey G. Barber, Mary E. Flanagan, Melony A. Rees, Cory S. Holton, Chris S. Roberts, Julie A. Davis

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TIPPING THE GRADING SCALE

History lovers have an opportunity to explore the subject with their peers and Western faculty through Phi Alpha Theta.

Members met monthly to discuss the significance of history in their daily lives and trace the roots of civilizations around the world.

“We want to promote the enjoyment of the subject,” adviser Robert Antony said.

The 30 members who participated in the annual spring banquet must have completed 12 hours of history with a B average.

As they prepared for their 20th anniversary, members of the Beta Beta Beta National Biology Honor Society continued the organization’s commitment to the community by working to restore the Italian Gardens behind Snell Hall.

“A group of the students has been working on a grant proposal to submit to ASG,” adviser Joe Winstead said. “They are trying to get the organization to match some funds so that the area can be improved.”

In addition to this project, the 45-member group has helped with blood drives and Special Olympics.

Members are required to have a 3.0 GPA in biology and at least nine hours of biology courses.

“We want to promote undergraduate research in biology, and this is an excellent way for students to be recognized on a national level,” Winstead said.

Not only did the Golden Key Honor Society recognize outstanding academic achievement among juniors and seniors, but it also was involved in community service, said Grand Rivers senior Tracy Maxwell, the club’s president.

The group was involved in a program called “America’s Best,” through which they planned to...

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Disgusted at the turn of events during the History Honors Society’s college bowl in Cherry Hall, Phi Alpha Theta member Amanda Alexander, a Fulton senior, shows her emotions. Students took on the faculty in the bowl with questions ranging from “which president had the most children?” to “what is James T. Kirk’s middle name?”
Honors cont.
go to area elementary and junior high schools to talk to kids about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.
The relatively new group, which was chartered at Western in April 1990, concentrated on recruiting new members. With the help of a membersh ip drive in the spring, it grew to about 175 students, Maxwell said. Juniors and seniors whose grade-point averages ranked in the top 15 percent of their peers were eligible for the club.

The group's advisor was Agriculture Department Head Luther Hughes.

**Beta Gamma Sigma**, advised by Edgar Busch, was an honorary group recognizing outstanding business students.

Junior members were required to be in the top 5 percent of their class, and seniors had to be in the top 10 percent.

All 25 members had an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Honors students interested in the medical field spent the year learning about their future profession in *Alpha Epsilon Delta*.

Pre-med students visited local hospitals and attended lectures by medical professionals in an effort to better prepare themselves for careers in medicine.

The 38 active members, who were required to have a 3.0 GPA in sciences, participated in the Hilltopper Science Day and Western's annual Phon-A-thon.

They were also active with the Big brothers and Big Sisters of America organization.

Honor students in mathematics gained insight into how telephone line systems operate and the planning taken in manufacturing Corvettes. Northern Telecom and the Corvette plant were just two of the corporations members of *Pi Mu Epsilon* visited.

The 50-member group also toured the Space Center in Huntsville, Ala., and attended lectures by Eastern Kentucky University professors.

"We're on a limited budget, but it's important to provide the students with a variety of things," adviser Claus Ernst said.

He said the organization strove to promote and enhance knowledge of mathematics through interesting activities.

The honor society is open to juniors and seniors with a 3.5 GPA.

Western's *Honors Program* offered students more than an opportunity to be recognized scholastically. It also gave them a chance to broaden their cultural horizons, according to adviser Sam McFarland.

The group hosted the Kentucky Honors Roundtable, which was attended by students from eight colleges.

"This year's theme was 'A Variety of Kentucky Music,' and it was a full weekend program with sessions on Shakar music, Bluegrass and gospel," McFarland said. "It was a cultural enrichment event, which is what we gear most of our activities toward."

The Honors Program also held forums every three weeks and selected an honor student of the year.

To graduate through the honors program, students had to maintain at least a 3.2 GPA and complete 21 hours of honors courses.

**Phi Eta Sigma** holds the distinction of being the oldest and largest freshman honor society at Western, adviser Jodie Pennington said.

The group was mostly designed to promote and recognize scholarship among freshmen who have an overall grade-point average of 3.5.
Honors cont.

Initiation was held in November, when more than 100 new members were inducted.

Pi Sigma Alpha, advised by Joerg Seitz, honored outstanding government majors and minors. The group’s 25 members, who had to have a 3.0 overall GPA and a 3.0 GPA in government, have an annual spring banquet.

"During the semester we also honor an outstanding senior," Seitz said. "The recipient is given a plaque and a certificate, and the name is forever inscribed on a special wooden plaque with previous winners."

The award is presented at the honor society’s banquet and is open to any student with a 3.5 GPA. Seitz prepares a list of recommendations and a group of faculty members selects a winner.

The 1992 award was presented to Tracie Goldsmith, a senior from Cecilia.

Sigma Tau Delta offered members an opportunity to gain a greater appreciation for literature, according to adviser Walker Rutledge.

"The organization is broken down into three main purposes: first to allow honor students to get to know each other; secondly to introduce them to the English department and lastly to acquaint them with English in general," Rutledge said.

The group spent much of the year planning for its national convention in New Orleans. "Members from all over the country attend, and we select two of our members to go," Rutledge said. "It's really the highlight of the year."

Upsilon Phi Epsilon was an honors organization which promoted and recognized academic excellence at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

It also promoted original investigation in the field of computer science. To qualify for the organization, undergraduate students were required to be candidates for a degree in computer science with a 3.0 overall GPA and a 3.4 or above in computer science. They also must have completed 64 hours, with 18 of them in their major.

"The group continuously worked to promote scholarship and organized investigation of computer science," adviser Sylvia Pulliam said. "One way the organization achieved this goal was through coordinating a tutoring service to help computer science students.

With over 200 members, Sigma Tau concentrated on promoting leadership and scholarship among Western’s nursing students. Students were required to have a 2.5 GPA in nursing and demonstrate leadership skills to be eligible for the club, which was advised by Deborah Williams.

Alpha Psi Omega is Western’s only dramatic academic fraternity. The organization is made up of the majors who have a 2.5 GPA and have worked on several theater productions.

Although small in number, the group was quite active, adviser Meredith Britain said. They held Thanksgiving and Christmas banquets and a monologue workshop.

"We do a lot of different projects," Britain said. "We help do banquets, theater production and usher for some shows."

The group worked closely with Western Players, which is open to anyone in the theater department. They had a picnic together and were planning future projects.

Nontraditional students looking for support could turn to Alpha Sigma Lambda, which was specifically geared toward part-time students who were at least 25 years old.

"The basic purpose is to encourage continued studies among adults who can’t come full time," adviser Kyle Wallace said. "A lot of members have families and jobs, but we want to encourage them to continue their education and not give up."

The members were required to have 30 semester hours and a 3.4 overall GPA.

Movies such as "Silence of the Lambs" and "Sleeping with the Enemy" could be "reviewed in a psychological way" by members, according to Psi Chi Vice President Emily Morgan, a junior from Bowling Green.

With more than 60 members, the club held a faculty picnic, professor appreciation day and a Halloween party. Meetings featured speakers discussing career opportunities and other topics.

A 3.0 GPA and 12 hours in psychology were required for membership, but anyone interested in psychology could participate.

Pi Delta Phi was for "French enthusiasts," according to member Davis Stone, a Clay senior. Anyone with a 3.0 GPA and one upper-level French class is eligible for membership.

Pi Delta Phi held a concert with French singer Albert Von Amstell, who sang primarily folk songs.

Other major events included selling French ethnic food on International Day, participating in a foreign language festival for high school students and initiating members with a dinner at the Parasol Cafe and Bar.

Students majoring or minoring in German and holding a 3.0 GPA could join Delta Phi Alpha.

The major event is the induction ceremony. The program featured a speaker who discusses Germany, its history, and the history of its language, adviser Jim Miller said.
COMMUNICATION CONCERNS

Kappa Tau Alpha, which stands for "the truth will prevail," was an honorary society for journalism students.

Members pledge to recognize that "study and learning are a lifelong obligation upon us all. Industry and alertness are the marks of our calling."

"The pledge says what the club is all about," adviser Paula Quinn said. "Members are required to have a junior standing and a 3.5 GPA.

Services provided by the club included tutoring and helping freshmen and transfer students adjust to Western.

The Advertising Club was an organization with many active members who shared a common interest in the major or other majors that involved commercial art.

"I feel it (the club) is good to be in for anyone interested in advertising," said Amy Taylor, a senior from Murfreesboro, Tenn. "If we get more people in the club we could do a lot more."

During the year, the club invited several speakers and held other activities such as Cannes Commercial Fest, a Christmas banquet, a job fair and a senior send-off.

The Cannes Commercial Fest was an awards show for commercials. The commercials were submitted from all over the world for competition and judged annually in Cannes, France. The club watched the commercials and charged admission, as one of their fund-raising campaigns, for all students who wanted to see the awards show.

Following a public relations practitioner around for the day was just one way the Public Relations Student Society of America provided hands-on experience for its members.

Members paired up with employers.→

PRESA
First Row: Heather K. Cooper, Krista G. Shartner, Stephanie A. Alexander, Nina M. Kissinger
Second Row: Susan R. Reid, Denise M. Page

Advertising Club
Second Row: John G. Payne, Tom F. Peterson, Chris R. Charlewska, David Ogilvy

Kappa Tau Alpha, Advertising Club, Society of Professional Journalists, Public Relations Student Society of America, National Press Photographers Association, Herald, WKU Minority Communicators

At the Atlanta Seminar on Photojournalism, professor Dave LaBelle works the room during the annual print auction.

PPSA
First Row: Devah A. Harris, James E. Brooks, Allison L. Tutu
Second Row: Sandra S. Karr, Krista G. Shartner, Denise M. Page, Paula Quinn

NPPA
First Row: David Stephenson, Tracey Stockle, Julie M. Price
Second Row: Thomas D. Leininger, Brian D. Bohmman, Alex Chard, Mirah S. Lushford, Stephen J. Smart
Communications cont.

ees from a public relations firm in Louisville as a part of Pro-Am
day.
In addition, the club held meet-

ings with guest speakers every two
weeks. Public relation workers from
Doe Anderson of Louisville and
Greenview Hospital in Bowling
Green helped the members prepare
resumes and gave information on
internships.
Being a member could also provide
financial support, as three scholar-
ships were awarded to qualified
PRSSA members.
The club attended the district con-
ference in Detroit in the spring. There
they participated in seminars, lun-
cheons and socials, and they listened
to guest speakers. “This is a pre-
professional club and it provides us
opportunities for networking and
meeting guest speakers,” said Nina
Kissinger, a senior from Evansville,
Ind. “With that we hope to gain op-
portunities for internships. We all
gain valuable experience that helps
us build up our portfolios.”
To raise money, PRSSA sold T-
shirts for the journalism department.
The club was advised by John
Barham, and Kissinger served as
president.
Western’s Society of Profes-

sional Journalists enjoyed an ex-

citing and historical year as they set
up an SPJ chapter at Moscow State
University, the first chapter to be
organized outside the United States.
It was the first student organiza-
tion of its kind in the former Soviet
Union.
“We made a spark that will event-
tually lead too breakthrough in their
press,” said Paris junior Chris
Poynter, vice president of the club.
But President Tanya Bricking said
the club didn’t concentrate solely on
the overseas project.
“Even though we have long-dis-
tance goals, SPJ also serves the
students at WKU,” Bricking said.
“If a student is involved in a situation
involving his First Amendment
rights, SPJ will support that student’s
position.”
SPJ consisted of 20 to 30 journal-
ism major students working toward
the promotion of their field. The
Freedom Foundation offered a grant

to groups promoting freedom, and
SPJ was one of the final candidates.
If the group wins the money, se-
lected members will travel to Eu-
rope to start the chapter.
Bricking said the group wanted
to get people to realize the impor-
tance of having a free press. The
Soviet Union makes us think about
how important our mission is.”
On campus, the group helped stu-
dents by offering workshops and
cover letter/resume seminars.
The WKU Minority Com-

munications offered minorities the
chance to network and make con-
nections in the communications
world. Its adviser was Wilma King.
The club traveled to Atlanta in
November for a job fair in which
members met with professional
communicators and got a chance to
show their portfolios and interview
for internships.
One seminar held was “Stepping
out in Style,” a program on dressing
for job interviews, preparing good
resumes and making good porto-
folios. “We have all kinds of forums
and speakers. Some deal with prej-
dices and some with the communica-
tion opportunities. It (the club) is
really nice,” Louisville sophomore
Ericka Malone said.
The main goal of the student chap-
ter of the National Press Photog-
raphers Association was to help
promote photojournalism within the
university and to help freshmen get
acquainted with other members, said
Louisville senior John Simpson, the
group’s president.
NPPA held a print auction in early
December to sponsor the Mountain
Peoples Workshop. This workshop
is to help promote the awareness
among students. The group’s adviser
was Dave LaBelle.

Group picture taken by Braden, Va., junior Chris McKenney, Shelbyville senior Kristin Holsen, West Paducah senior Jim Keeney, Frankfort senior Christina Paulucci and Bowling Green senior Rick Loomis to relieve stress during the Mountain Peoples Workshop in LaFayette, Tenn.

Joe Cornelle
REPRESENTING INTERESTS

"A love of the university, a big smile and a firm handshake make a Spirit Master," said Crestwood senior Kristin Fryrear, chairwoman of the Spirit Masters, who served as student ambassadors for the university.

Besides aiding and recruiting students, the 23 Spirit Masters hosted campus functions such as Orientation, Advisement and Registration, the president’s concert held at the end of each school year and the Bowling Green 10K Classic.

One of the group’s biggest goals was to make the students and administration aware of the Spirit Masters’ existence. "We had articles printed in the Herald with information and specific dates of events we hosted to make us more visible on campus and in the community," Fryrear said.

Patience, perseverance and leadership skills are essential characteristics of an Associated Student Government member. "ASG is complex. Basically, it’s students’ voices on campus. It’s a means to get things done and to set policies," said Tampa, Fla., junior Juliane Carter. The main goal of ASG was "to be representative of the student body and to work with the administration," Carter said.

In addition to working with student body concerns, ASG established recycling bins and the Organization Aid Fund for campus organizations that received little or no finances.

Three congress members (with voting power) and three non-congress members (individuals who could voice concerns but had no voting power) chose which organizations received assistance. A banquet was held in April, where awards were presented to outstanding committee members, and new...
Leadership cont.

officers were sworn in.

Heather Falmien was ASG's president, John Seiber was vice president of administrative affairs and Mistianna Holcomb was vice president of public relations. As president, Falmien was also on Western's Board of Regents, having the same power as the other regents.

The members of Black Student Alliance hoped to encourage more black students to get involved on campus. They also wanted to unite with all organizations not just black organizations.

The group participated in several activities to promote this goal. They provided tutoring services to community churches and sponsored a talent show Nov. 21.

The group organized several activities during February, recognized as Black History Month. Events during the month included a film festival, a leadership forum and a Quiz Bowl. Members also participated in the NAACP Black Heritage Exhibits at Greenwood Mall Feb. 14-16.

The WKU Middle School Association, with the combined effort of 70 members and adviser Nancy Minix, worked to "develop a sense of network among participants with sharing ideas, having a support group and learning to teach," Minix said.

The MSA consisted of students with a middle school major or a K-4 secondary major endorsing middle school. Teachers from area schools were also involved.

One of the group’s activities during the year included setting up a face-painting booth supporting the MSA during Homecoming. In November, 36 members attended a national convention in Louisville, where they heard lectures and saw exhibits related to their field.

The Student Alumni Association works to strengthen the relationship between the Western's students and alumni, said Morgantown sophomore Sharon Lee, the club’s secretary.

"We really enjoy it," Lee said. "We get to work with both sides - the alumni and the students," she said. To maintain alumni support, Lee said the group encouraged students to stay involved with the university after graduation.

The WKU Middle School Association, UCB, Student Alumni Association, and Black Student Alliance are shown in the photographs.
Leadership cont.

The group worked with the office of Alumni Affairs and the National Alumni Association.

The group sponsored the annual SAA Oozeball Tournament and they participated in Phon-A-Thon, an annual campus fund-raising event. They also collaborated with University Center Board in sponsoring the Splash Bash Send-off, an event held for graduating seniors.

In November, they held a leadership reception, honoring campus leaders. SAA also found time for social activities such as ball games and tailgating.

During a meeting of the Residence Hall Council in September, Kevin Charles, Student Health Services director, discussed some of his ideas about the health care system at Western. At the meeting, the council voted not to contract out Western's health service.

Ron Beck advised the 50-member group. Angie Thompson served as president. Gary Couch was vice president for programming, and Craig Rough served as vice president for public relations.

The University Center Board acts as a liaison between the students and the entertainment that comes to Western, said President Pamela Wells.

Students interested in joining UCB picked up applications during the three-week recruiting period, said Wells, a Guthrie senior. Members joined different UCB committees, depending on their interests. Then they worked on the committee to attract entertainment to Western.

The committee choices include concert, lecture, Nite Class, special events and public relations.

The number of students in UCB is not limited, Wells said. “We want a diversity of students on the committees.”

UCB sponsored several events, including The Magic of Stuart and Lei at Nite Class, comedian Eion Gold, jazz singer Jane Powell, Roe v. Wade defense lawyer Sarah Weddington, Bela Fleck and the Flecktones and a beach party at Nite Class before Spring Break.

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“The programs are geared to getting people involved,” said President Brent Weedman, a junior from Caneyville. “We are trying to improve life in the dorms.”

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Annual events included a talent show, Parents’ Day and the Pig-out, held on the south end of campus. Their adviser was Mike Gillian.

From leadership seminars to membership drives, Inter-Orga-

zational Council was a club for clubs. IOC was composed of 15 representatives from various departmental, honor and special interest clubs.

“The club’s main purpose was to set up a communication network,” said President Maryann D’Aniello, a senior from Orlando, Fla. “It is an information base for organizations to exchange ideas.”

Once a semester, the club hosted a membership drive for all clubs. “We reserve and set up the tables at DUC, and all the organizations have to do is show up,” D’Aniello said.

IOC also held a leadership seminar which featured speakers discussing topics such as goal setting, problem solving and parliamentary procedures.

Meetings also featured speakers including faculty and professionals from Bowling Green.

The members started a newsletter which was circulated through campus and contained information and events from various organizations. The 2,000 copies were distributed in the residence halls.
Setting Strategic Goals

Air Force ROTC students contributed to the officer corps through a four-year study which allowed them to earn a commission.

Members of the Air Force ROTC received training for careers in the U.S. Air Force. Upon the program’s completion, members could graduate with the rank of second lieutenant.

The students in charge of ROTC were members of the Professional Officers Corps. To become a member of the corps, students must be third-year members of ROTC. Special ROTC projects included visits to Air Force bases.

Members of the WKU Rangers excelled within the three companies of the ROTC. The three companies were the freshman and sophomore Bravo Company, the junior Alpha Company and the senior Headquarters Company.

Ranger requirements included a semester candidate phase in which students learned basic skills. Other requirements included maintaining a 240 out of 300 on the physical training test.

The Rangers assisted in training the rest of the battalion and competed in the annual Ranger challenge contest between colleges within the brigade. Teams competed in activities such as grenade assault, weapon assembly and disassembly and military patrolling.

The few. The Proud. The Semper Fidelis Society.

Anyone who was, is or will be commissioned as a Marine can find fellowship in Semper Fi, according to member Jon Feitz, a junior from South Bend, Ind.

The military society, which had about 20 members, attended events such as air shows, rifle shows and a formal.

The air show consisted of several Semper Fidelis Society chapters including groups from the universities of Kentucky and Louisville. Attending in Owensboro, the members saw stunt shows and viewed military and civilian aircraft, Feitz said.

Western’s Rifle Team, Semper Fidelis, Air Force ROTC, WKU Rangers

Western’s Rifle Team

First Row: Jeffrey George, Jake Robinson, Ami L. Shreder, Brent Wassen, Steve Evans
Second Row: Eli Pint, Steven E. Brock, John C. Danleavy, Chuck S. Lackey

WKU Rangers

First Row: Heidi I. Hendricks, Donald T. Corder, Sean M. Smith, Katie
Second Row: Thomas D. Davensport, Kenneth J. Quodlan, Jon K. Saward, Barry C. Sugge
Third Row: William W. Jacobson, Dave R. Johnson, Jamison A. Smith, Keith D. Martin, Carlos R. Diaz

Air Force ROTC

First Row: Joseph H. Shirey, Kevin D. Miller, Timothy G. Hawkins
Second Row: Todd A. Siler, Danny V. Davis, Anthony Sweeney

The Rifleshow took place in February at the Fern Creek High School rifle range in Louisville. There members learned the proper techniques of shooting M-16 and M-14 rifles and 45 and 9mm handguns.

Every year they help host a formal social fellowship called Mess Night, which features a guest speaker and dinner. Marines come from all over the country to attend the event. A sophomore from Louisville, raising events such as raffles in order to pay for the Mess Night. ♦
**DEVOTION TO FELLOWSHIP**

According to President Mike Avella, the *Fellowship of Christian Athletes* was not just for athletes.

"We want to present to the athletes and coaches and all who influence the challenge and adventure of accepting Jesus Christ as their personal savior," Avella said.

The students sponsored such activities as their annual fund raiser, the Cross-A-Thon in September and a fall retreat at Camp Karm-By-Ya in Western Kentucky.

To raise money, members participated in a Servant Sale Jan. 29, where the students offered to be a "servant" to the high bidder.

Several students also attended college Advance, a retreat for FCA chapters across Kentucky.

Last year’s goal for the *Wesley Foundation*, a Methodist student organization, was “to become more of an outreach rather than just a self-ministry group,” according to campus minister Dean Meadows.

The group sponsored several weekly activities such as Sunday morning worship services and Wednesday night dinners.

Students also participated in projects to help underprivileged children and the elderly. They made weekly visits to the elderly and traveled to Morgantown every Tuesday where they entertained children living in housing projects with games, songs and skits.

The foundation also sponsored LOGOS (a Greek word meaning "The Word"), an outreach music ministry that visited several churches for singing and witnessing. About 15 students from the organization traveled to Siesta Key in Florida for Spring Break where they planned to hold several activities for witnessing.

Members of *Christian Student Fellowship* sponsored several campus-oriented events along with weekly meetings.

Events included Sunday morning worship service and "Focus," a Tuesday night Bible study. The group sponsored a Parent’s Day Banquet for Thanksgiving and held a special service in Garrett to accommodate the families who attended.

On Feb. 1, CSSF, in conjunction with other campus ministries, participated in International Olymics, an information session held at the Baptist Student Union to introduce international students to religious organizations on campus.

The group also sponsored Good News Week in March, when members provided witness and special events at Western. One event included setting up a polling booth to give students the opportunity to ask questions about religion. The answers were published in the College Heights Herald.

In February, the group traveled to White Mills Camp in Elizabethtown for a spring retreat.

The group also planned to relocate. Minister Steve Stovall said he hoped ground could be broken by the summer for their new house to be built across from South Hall.

According to campus director Thomas Weakley, *Campus Crusades for Christ’s* aim was to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ to as many students as possible.

The group sponsored such activities as Tuesday evening meetings with a guest speaker and weekly Bible studies.

Students attended the "All Christmas Conference" in Atlanta during Christmas Break, where more than 1,000 college students from campuses across the Southeast gathered for a weekend of speakers and workshops.

On Feb. 10, the group sponsored a guest speech by Dan Hayes on "Why Couples Break Up." Hayes spoke to several other groups on campus.

This year the *Baptist Student Union* sponsored several meetings and special events in their new building located on Normal Drive.

Students met weekly for "Mon-
Religion cont.

day Night with the Master.”

Several students from the BSU attended the State Student Convention Dec. 27-29. Other events included Mission Week Jan. 21-25, when students participated in 108 hours of continuous prayer for missionaries and mission programs.

According to the new campus minister, Rick Howerton, the group planned to send students to Spain and other parts of the world in the summer for mission work.

“This year we hoped to see the BSU reach out and discover the needs of the student body,” Howerton said, “and meet those needs rather than waiting for them to come to us.”

The main goal of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship was to establish a community of believers.

The group provided daily and weekly Bible studies on campus, and each morning Chi Alpha sponsored “Sonrise,” an early morning prayer meeting.

They held weekly meetings at Downing University Center, and several members from the group attended a conference in Indianapolis over Christmas break.

For Valentine’s Day, Janet McKay spoke to the group on dating relationships.

The Black Student Fellowship provided activities and games. “The purpose is mainly to provide a chance to praise the Lord,” said member Jill Coates, a sophomore from Munfordville.

The club had speakers, Bible studies and discussions on campus events, called rap sessions. BSF also sponsored the Christian Night Club which was a “showcase for talent on campus,” Coates said.

On a hot Monday in September, Glasgow junior Debbie Green spent several hours carrying a cross around the track at Smith Stadium. She was participating in the seventh annual Cross-A-Thon, sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Chi Alpha

First Row: April C. Brunner, Tammy M. Hayes, Julie R. Saunders, Belton Wall
Second Row: Brian W. Embroberty, Richard A. Rutherford, Sheryl D. Reed, Tom H. Springer, Janet L. McCay
Third Row: Hamilton L. Mitchell, Brian E. Whaley

Baptist Student Union

First Row: Valerie M. Neffinger, Stephanie M. Mastburn, Laura R. Harris, Adrienne R. Lockaby, Melissa L. Scott
Second Row: David C. Dillard, Deborah F. Thomas, Taylor A. Sweetman, Glenn Johnson, Jason D. Watson, Kristie L. Vashney
Third Row: Jason N. Steene, Charles W. Ridgeway, Brian L. Whittaker, Sleppy McCue, Glen R. Taylor, Chris E. Sawyers

Black Student Fellowship

First Row: Jill M. Coates, Clanger Pickstock, Janet Pickstock
Second Row: Jennifer A. Mattix, Natasha Y. Burley, Meredith C. Pelley, K. Dawn Buhles
Third Row: Anya E. Lockhart, Morris A. Goggins, Susan R. Keal, Chris D. Carry, J. Eric Bell
Circle K was a community service organization that promoted service and leadership development while experiencing fellowship among other students and community leaders. The organization, sponsored by Business World and the Kiwanis Club, participated in the Special Olympics, the March of Dimes and a haunted house for the Girls Club of Bowling Green, Inc.

“Circle K has provided me with the opportunity to help a lot of people,” said President Christi Royer, a Nashville, Tenn., freshman. “I like that.”

Alpha Phi Omega worked to improve the community through leadership, friendship and service.

Circle K, Alpha Phi Omega, Kentucky Public Health Association, American College of Health Care Executives Student Association, Association of Student Social Workers, Women in Transition, A Planned Program for Life Enrichment, Gamma Sigma Sigma, Kentucky Association of Nursing Students

Western’s chapter participated in various community projects, including walking animals at the humane society, working with the elderly, tutoring with the Girls Club and working with blood drives. The group also worked to make the community environmentally safe through recycling, highway litter clean-up and yard-cleaning for the elderly.

“We are always pleased to work with any organization that contacts us for help,” said President Mary Lyons, a Tompkinsville senior.

“To promote maintenance and improvement for protection of the health and welfare of all Kentuckians,” was what Western’s chapter of the Kentucky Public Health Association was all about, according to President Kerry Clark, a Louisville senior.

Members of the organization were taught a course in the spring by adviser Ray Biggerstaff, who made public health-related assignments.

A convention was also held in the spring where groups and guest speakers discussed career-oriented topics such as job interviews, job possibilities and internships.

The club was made up of 20 members majoring in or having an interest in the medical field.

Gene Meyers was adviser to Western’s chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives Student Association, which strove to promote continuing education and the attainment of effective leadership. The associate adviser was Thomas Syre.

The club, which met the fourth Wednesday of every month, held its annual forum in the spring, focusing on the requirement of health care facilities to post price lists.

At an Alpha Phi Omega meeting, Lexington freshman Leslie Hynen and Nashville, Tenn., junior Mary Beth Wells listen intently.
Service cont.

They held a food drive during Thanksgiving and had a Christmas gathering. The club also held a bake sale to raise money.

The officers for the organization were President Kira Prewitt, Vice President Cassie Davis, Secretary Nicole Gaddis and Treasurer Kevin Deter.

The Association of Student Social Workers is open to students pursuing a major or minor in the area of social work.

Although the main function of the association was to serve as a liaison between the student and the professional community, it also helped to meet the social interaction needs of students through periodical newsletters, business and program meetings and social activities.

The organization, along with the Friends of Wounded Knee, sponsored a trip ever Thanksgiving to a reservation in South Dakota, where members, while providing supplies such as blankets, learned about life on the reservation.

“Thes students are very proud of the trip’s accomplishments,” advisor Patricia Lockett said.

Women in Transition provided support services for adult women returning to school.

“The group encouraged the return of non-traditional women and attempted to make their return easier by helping them overcome obstacles,” said Catherine Ward, the group’s adviser.

To ease their transition into student life, the women were put into contact with other non-traditional female students who had successfully made the adjustment to student life.

A Planned Program for Life Enrichment (APPLE) was a health promotion program of Student Health Services.

Throughout the year APPLE developed college-related educational materials and planned educational events linked with other campus organizations.

APPLE regularly placed health news and tips in the College Heights Herald. The organization also provided a health resources center, which lent books, videos, magazines and other health-related materials to students.

APPLE’s peer-education program trained students through health workshops, which answered questions, addressed misconceptions and informed students of their options.

The members of Gamma Sigma Sigma were dedicated to providing service and friendship to the campus and the community.

Projects included working with nursing home residents and the Girls Club. They also sponsored a blood mobile, x-rayed candy on Halloween night and helped at Special Olympics.

“Our main purpose was to provide service, guided with friendship and equality,” President Pam Wells, a Guthrie Junior, said. The Association of Medical Technical Students helped prepare its members for medical technical school.

The club’s 20 members enjoyed social activities such as cookouts and pizza parties. They also listened to guest speakers at their regular meetings and attended educational events, including tours of hospitals.

The group encouraged members to help each other get into medical school by learning interviewing skills and striving to maintain good grades.

Mike Schott presided over the organization, Chris Foster was vice president, Shannon Cline was treasurer and Randall Clark served as historian. The group’s adviser was Larry Elliott and the co-advisers were Rita Otto and Frank Toman.

Members were required to be medical technical majors and had to have a 2.5 overall GPA.

To have a voice in government on all levels was just one of the purposes of the American Dental Hygienists’ Association.

The organization consisted of two groups, seniors and underclassmen. To be accepted into either club, members had to be accepted in clinical component, have a good standing reputation within the health department and have an overall GPA of 2.5.

Lynn Austin was the adviser to the club’s 39 members.

Members took part in LifeSkills, where they observed and did minor work with children. In the Teen Parents program, members conducted dental studies. They were also involved with community service.

A highlight for the organization was National Dental Hygiene Week, Oct. 13-19, during which representatives from local dental hygienists’ offices visited nursing homes and schools.

The group’s main goals were to teach patience and broaden the horizons and fulfill the goals of individual members.

Western’s chapter of the Kentucky Association of Nursing Students, District 7, was available to nursing students who wanted to be involved in a pre-professional organization.

The association, which performed public services, was a support group that encouraged camaraderie among its 20 members.

A major event for the group was career day, when employers from about 30 hospitals recruited students. Spring events included a state convention, which allowed them to work with members from similar organizations.
"We exist to educate and publicize social issues." United Student Activists, WWHR New Rock 92, Canterbury Club, Young Democrats, Criminology Club, WKU Lambda Society, Fashion, Inc., College Republicans, Phi Upsilon, Eta Sigma Delta, American Society of Interior Designers were almost constantly busy trying to meet that goal. Environmental concerns were the spark that prompted the group to place the first boxes for recycling in Cherry Hall. Members collected the items and took them to a recycling center. Houchens said the response has been great and collecting everything has been "keeping them busy!"

The group held a conference in the spring where activists and concerned students took part to address campus issues. National Earth Day in April was also celebrated with the help of USA.

Human relations was another concern. They held a sexism workshop, where students got a chance to talk about their feelings on sexism. USA, together with the Lambda Society, organized a gay and lesbian forum in December. These events were aimed at alleviating the prejudice and hostility toward minority groups on campus.

The activists also held "Give Peace a Dance" and passed out more than 200 fliers at the malls during Christmas concerning war toys.

"We live in a society where we tell our kids it's all right to shoot people," Houchens said on the war-toys issue. USA members also talked with parents about the dangers of play guns for their children.

Besides providing campus with alternative music, New Rock 92, Western's radio station, gave "students interested in radio actual experience," Christina Collins said.

New Rock 92 also gave the campus two major concerts. Polar Bash jammed with the music of Rabbit.
Special interest cont.
Manor, Tall Paul and Government Cheese. Another concert was planned for the spring.

Anyone interested in fashion was more than welcome to join Fashion, Inc., according to adviser Martha Jenkins. “We strive to develop a network of people who are interested in the field of fashion,” Jenkins said.

“We do this by sponsoring career days. A trip to Atlanta in November also helps broaden the network.”

The chapter’s goal for the year was to increase membership and include more fashion majors and minors in the organization.

The Sociology Club reorganized last year and gave “students a better look at what sociology is all about,” said member Denise Brown, a Bedford sophomore.

“Our purpose is to inform students about different cultures and different aspects that go into each culture,” Brown said.

The 10-member group held meetings about once a month, where members watched slide shows and films and listened to sociology-related lectures. They studied current issues and how those issues affected them.

The group was advised by Charmaine Mosby.

Students must have taken at least one sociology class to be eligible for the group.

“The Episcopal student fellowship is a good definition of the Canterbury Club,” said Hermitage, Tenn., junior Melissa Maggard. Students met weekly and held group discussions headed by guest speakers or the Rev. Frank Huber, the group’s adviser.

“Some nights we have members of the faculty come in and discuss life and what not,” Maggard said.

Recognized nationwide, the Canterbury Club was part of Province Four, and “is probably the strongest in the nation,” Maggard said.

The organization attended the St. Mary’s Conference Center in Tennessee in April. At the conference, Canterbury clubs from Kentucky, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Florida, Louisiana and Alabama discussed issues presented in seminars and lectures.

The purpose of the Canterbury Club was to “further fellowship among students,” Maggard said.
Special interest cont.

“Anyone is welcome—basically to have a place to go and discuss matters important to students,” she said.

Maggard was on the executive committee of Province Four and represented the Diocese of Kentucky, including University of Louisville, Murray State University and Western. The committee met to discuss events and get people involved.

The organization did community service once a month for HOTEL, INC. (Helping Others Through Extending Love In the Name of Christ), by fixing up old toys to give to less fortunate children.

“Hopefully we’ll branch out more next semester. It’s nice to go, relax and be around others and have beneficial discussions,” Maggard said. “There’s not outside pressure and it’s not religious.”

The Criminology Club was for students interested in law enforcement, social work or juvenile delinquency, said Old Hickory, Tenn., senior Kelli Smith, vice president of the club.

The organization had three or four meetings a year and traveled to Nashville, Tenn., each semester to sit in on right court sessions, Smith said.

They observed cases dealing with DUI and domestic violence, but “one night a guy was brought in with a bag over his head,” Smith said. “He was suspected of robbery and his identity was hidden so the media wouldn’t pick him up on him.”

Guest speakers came to the meetings and discussed issues concerning the law. One speaker came from the U.S. Marshall’s office, while another spoke about juvenile courts.

“There are usually 30 people present at the meeting, but we know of about 300 criminology minors. We put up fliers and ask sociology and criminology teachers to tell the students about the organization,” Smith said.

From atoms to astronomy

Members of the Anthropology Club attended two meetings a month to watch anthropology-related films and did several projects.

Glens Ford senior Daniel Davis was president of the group; Bowling Green senior Shirley Ann Grace was vice president.

Sigma Pi Sigma Honor Society existed to recognize outstanding physics students. The society held a banquet in the spring for new members. Once accepted, students were lifetime members.

Matthew Raymer, a senior from Bowling Green, was president of the society.

Students had to maintain an overall GPA of 3.2 and a 3.5 in physics to qualify for the group.

Sociological Society

First Row: Charlotte E. Hahn, Denise J. Brown, Kathy A. Kahl, Teresa Edmundson
Second Row: Laura J. Murray, Jill B. Pikar

Gamma Theta Upsilon

First Row: Kyle Bozder, William D. Peyton, Leslie E. Shadley, Christine M. Dab, Michelle L. Stewart
Second Row: James Damron, Joe Timley, Tom Springer
took part in the annual geographic week, promoting geographic awareness.

Environmental awareness was emphasized this year, as members volunteered to help clean up the Shanty Hollow Lake area. The group also recycled aluminum cans and visited several wildlife reserves.

Among the club’s officers were President James Damron, an Owensboro junior, and Vice President Michelle Stewart, a Cottontown, Tenn., senior.

The American Chemical Society Student Affiliates tried to give science students experience they would not get in a classroom.

The organization toured the University of Kentucky, the University of Tennessee and the Procter and Gamble Company. It also had several guest speakers who talked to them about career-oriented topics. Scottsville senior Patty Waltz was president of the society. Vice president was Mayfield senior Valerie Grantham. To qualify for the society, members had to have full-time students majoring or minoring in chemistry.

Attending the Graduate School Fair in the spring for juniors and seniors was one of the activities of the Society of Physics Students, which hoped to foster more interest in physics and maintain camaraderie among its members.

The group’s only requirement was an interest in physics, and it was preferred that a member join the National Society of Physics Students before joining.

Officers included President Matthew Raymer, Vice President Barry McGuffin, Treasurer Steve Boddicker and Secretary Scott Cassidy.

The 50 members of the Association for Computer Machinery met three times a semester and "worked to promote the growth of and develop further the future of computing as a profession," adviser Gregory Baur said.

Anyone with an interest in computing could become a member of the Association for Computer Machinery. Officers included President Clark West, Vice President Philip Brown and Secretary/Treasurer Christy West.

The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers provided students with engineering lectures, trips and services to local industries.

They went on industrial plant tours and participated in a national competition, in which students could be rewarded with scholarships for their research projects.

The group also conducted tutoring for undergraduates and provided a network system of referrals by keeping track of graduates.

Alpha Epsilon Delta encouraged and recognized scholastic excellence among pre-medical students in the areas of medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine. Students with at least 45 hours and a GPA of 3.2 were admitted to the club, which familiarized them with their prospective fields through guest speakers, trips to medical schools and opportunities to "shadow" physicians, adviser Blaine Ferrell said.

The students really helped each other out and worked together, while becoming educated about their prospective professions," Ferrell said.

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers worked to provide the means and methods of applying scientific knowledge in practice and in education.

Members, who majored or minored in industrial technology, industrial education or engineering technology, went on field trips to area industries.

While they worked to promote an interest in the engineering and industrial fields," adviser Norman Tomasz said, "the students also participated in many fun activities and made new friendships."

The American Society of Civil Engineers Student Club gathered civil engineering students from upper and lower-level engineering classes to promote the field.

The group’s activities included field trips to job sites, where students observed general construction sequences, construction surveying and land surveying.

The group also learned to construct buildings from scratch and visited design offices to see how an idea becomes a reality.

Gregory Mills, the group’s adviser, said: "These trips allowed the students some of the necessary hands-on training." Other activities included movies, socials and a spring softball game.

The 10 members of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers participated in a number of projects, including computer disk sales, T-shirt sales, bake sales and field trips to local industries.

The group also participated in a national technical paper contest and met weekly to plan their mechanical activities. "We are a small peculiar group doing small things," adviser Kayeh Khatir said. ⊙
ATHLETIC ENDEAVORS

The Ski Club, advised by Frank Kersting, did more than watch informative and entertaining films about skiing. They went to Breckenridge, Colo. Eight participants enjoyed a week skiing the slopes that ranged from beginner to the expert.

"I had skied before at Paoli (Paoli Peaks in Indiana), but Colorado was ultimate," said Jeff Taylor, a freshman from Corbin.

What started out several years ago as a group for girls interested in soccer led to the formation of the Women's Soccer Club.

This year's team was made up of 15 women who practiced for a couple of hours almost daily. At practice the team scrimmaged and ran through drills to improve player's skills. The team this year was coached by Newburgh, Ind., freshman Jason Hunt.

The team played the University of Evansville at home and away. "We could play more games, but getting enough people to show up is the problem," said Cassie Holloran, a senior from Nashville, Tenn.

Newburgh, Ind., senior Barb Petri said, "The women's soccer team could be a really good program if we could get support from the school. There is a lot of interest in it, but it is hard for a student to run it and go to class."

The Kodakan Judo Club confronted opponents in three competitions during the year, earning respect and trophies for the small group, according to Fred Barnett, a second-degree black belt and adviser for the club.

"We're a small group, but we've done quite well," Barnett said of the eight-member club, which competed judo clubs throughout the region, including clubs from Eastern Kentucky University, Ohio State University and Morehead State University. The team's six men and two women faced fierce competition at the Winter Tournament at Bellarmine College in Louisville but returned to the Hill with four trophies.

"We teach and practice judo as a sport with self-defense applications," Barnett said.

The team trained on Monday and Wednesday nights in the Combative Gym in Smith Stadium and offered instruction to anyone interested in the sport without charging a fee for membership.

The club presented judo demonstrations at Japanfest during the International Festival in Bowling Green.

During the spring the group also gave demonstrations at Bowling Green high schools.

The Rugby Club tackled a rough and tumble 9-5 fall season, facing tough opponents like Middle Tennessee State University, University of Kentucky, and the University of Vanderbilt.

During the fall season, the Hilltoppers placed fifth at the Mardi Gras Tournament at Tulane University, where they faced 12 teams from the United States and Canada.

"We play every Saturday and travel all over the mid-South," Vice President Joel Taylor said. "MTSU is probably our hardest competition. They're real hard-nosed, and our games with them are always real close."

The 30 members of the team encouraged men to try out for the club throughout the year. Most members had never played rugby before coming to Western, Taylor said.

The team practiced and played its home games at Croason Field.

The highlight of the spring season for the past 11 years was the Banshee Classic, which took place at the end of April. Twelve teams vied for the Banshee title before hundreds of fans.

Students with a recreation major or minor interested in sharing with others in their field were involved with the Recreational Majors Club. Adviser Jo Vermer said the goal of the group was "to prepare students for later life in the recreational field."

The group emphasized volunteer work by taking part in Brownie Play Day and a Very Special Arts Festival and helping with a children's Classic Run the that coincided with the Bowling Green 10K Run.

In the spring, the Recreational Majors Club hosted a mini-conference sponsored by American Recreation Park Society at Mammoth Cave and sponsored a city-wide volleyball and basketball tournament.
"I joined A&G in its colony stage because it gave me an opportunity to get in on the ground floor of starting the organization."
Shannon Gray, junior, Gallatin, Tenn.

"An independent misses out on a special kind of family and leadership opportunities – the Greek system opens many doors to a future."
Laura Lincoln, junior, Louisville

"Membership in a sorority allows one to develop more fully as a person while interacting with different types of people."
Juanita Smith, junior, Lexington
There are five Greek organizations that help to unify the Greek system, both socially and academically. Panhellenic serves as the voice and governing body of the 13 sororities. Panhellenic was involved in a wide range of activities, sponsoring and co-sponsoring a number of lectures and events throughout the school year.

Panhellenic sponsored philanthropic projects, ranging from adopting a family at Christmas to raising funds for the Association of Retarded Citizens. More than $97,000 was raised for the university and philanthropies through the Panhellenic and the Interfraternity Council.

“Whether raising money for the university and community or holding a Panhellenic slumber party, Panhellenic members share a bond that spans throughout each sorority,” said Panhellenic Public Relations Director Rebecca Flynn, a Gallatin, Tenn., freshman.

Working with the Panhellenic Council was the Interfraternity Council. Both bodies worked together to better the relations between sororities and fraternities.

IFC was the governing body for Western’s 13 fraternities. They also assisted incoming freshmen by publishing a freshmen directory.

IFC sponsored several events with Panhellenic, including the Greek Symposium Leadership Workshop, a program that discussed major concerns facing Greeks in the 90’s.

The IFC earned the Most Outstanding Interfraternity Council Award at the annual Southeastern Fraternity Conference.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council coordinated and assisted the black Greek organizations.

According to Deanna Mills, NPHC vice president, an advisory board oversaw the committee.

“It (the advisory board) is somewhat of a standards committee in which regulations are set pertaining to black Greeks,” Mills, a Glasgow sophomore said.

The NPHC advisory committee was composed of the Panhellenic and IFC presidents, Greek advisers, the director of student activities, the NPHC adviser and president and others in Bowling Green who represent NPHC groups.

Members of the NPHC included Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

The United Black Greeks was made up of members of the historically black Greek fraternities and sororities. UBG strive to guide Western’s black Greek movement by helping coordinate the activities and development of the member groups.

“A lot of issues discussed in Panhellenic and IFC don’t apply to us because of the low number of the black Greek organizations,” said President Ann Grey, a Nicholasville senior.

But UBG meetings were open to everyone. “Everyone is invited to attend these meetings and discuss the Greek system,” Grey said.

The Gamma Beta chapter of Order of Omega, which disappeared from campus about seven years ago, was re-established during the fall.

“The reason why this chapter was unknown is because all of the officers graduated, said AZD member and President Karen Daniels, a Middleboro senior. “After that, it became harder to keep the chapter organized.”

Daniels said she discovered that Western had a charter at the Southeastern Panhellenic Conference in Lexington last year.

“I wondered why we didn’t have this organization on campus,” she said.

But when Panhellenic found out that we did have one, we worked to reactivate its status.”

To be considered for membership to Order of Omega, a student must have had good academic standing, leadership ability and outstanding performance as a Greek. Community service was also reviewed.

The 60-member Order of Omega held monthly meetings, engaged in campus and community service and selected philanthropic work.

“We formed this group again so that Greeks could participate in campus and community events,” Daniels said. ™
Chi Omega sorority and Sigma Nu fraternity sponsored sports events to raise money for philanthropies. For their community service, the Bowling Green Girls Club, Chi Omega, sponsored a golf tournament Oct. 6 at the Hartland Golf course, where parents of Greeks competed as well as the fraternity. The Chi-Os served as scorekeepers and caddied for the participants. The event raised $1,041 for the Girls Club.

Ten percent of the money was given to the Mitchell Berman Fund, established by a Chi Omega alumna whose son Mitchell had lapsed into a coma and has since recovered.

According to President Natalie Myer, the Chi-Os also had their own sisterhood activities, such as Pledge-Active Retreat and a Fall Picnic and Dance Party. In addition, the Chi-Os dotted the campus with balloons for their annual Happy Day, created to give the members of Chi Omega a chance to show sorority spirit. They participated in KD Shenanigans with a song and dance routine to the Broadway favorite, "Cats." They placed second in the Phon-A-Thon, raising $7,965. At the Greek Academic Banquet, the Chi-Os received awards for high GPAs in both the active and pledge classes.

For 17 years, Sigma Nu fraternity has hosted the annual Powder Puff Football Tournament to raise money for the Big Brothers program in Bowling Green. The tournament, which allows sororities to compete, raised over $700. In the spring, they held a three-on-three basketball tournament at their College Street house. They also held a Christmas party for their other philanthropy, the Boys Club.

The 77-member fraternity not only concentrated on their philanthropies, but it also focused on their rush functions. The Sigma Nus, with 24 pledges, were among the top in fall rush.

The 10th best chapter out of 240 national chapters, the Sigma Nu established the highest rating possible from their national headquarters. The fraternity planned to apply for the Rock Chapter Award, given to outstanding chapters every two years.

The Sigma Nus also enjoyed success in their community service, the Chi-Os do their best to distract an Arkansas State player shooting free-throws.
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A game escapes nearby Louisville sophomore and AGD member Jennie Elliott as she works on the Phi Delta Theta Homecoming display.

**New girls on the block**

**At a basketball game, Sigma Nu fraternity members do their best to distract an Arkansas State player shooting free-throws.**

Homecoming festivities, KD Shenanigans for homecoming. They have won two second places and a third place in the KD basketball in three years.

They won the house-decorating contest. They have not lost a game in intramural basketball for the past three years, and

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*Second Row:* Jenny Steyns, Alyxenn Hall, Jenny Amy, Jennifer L. Long, Lori N. Collins, Ginger George
*Third Row:* Jill M. Streib, Leisi C. Ethington, Laura J. Nunn, Kara A. Stimson

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**CHI OMEGA**

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**Sigma Kappa**

First Row: Jennifer L. Arthur, Melissa M. Forden, Shannon M. Hites, Trace L. Blanton, Melinda L. Graham


Third Row: Leigh M. Edwards, Kelley L. McGough, Jennifer L. Whits, Leslie L. Young, Missy Taylor

**Sigma Kappa**

First Row: Angela L. England, Lori D. Taylor, Sara L. Alvey, Stacey M. Blankford, Margaret R. Stevens

Second Row: April Combs, Leigh Johnson, LeeAnn Pard

Third Row: Michelle L. Roberts, Wendy Stanley
They received the Panhellenic Friendship Trophy for January, and they participated in Sigma Chi Derby Week.

During Greek Week, they captured first place for Spring Sing. They also placed first in the costume division. Their costumes, made by the mother of AGD member Jeanna Carney, were bright, over-sized solid-colored shirts and baggy black pants. To finish the look, they used Chinese-style hats and fans.

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**Best in the nation**

*Sigma Alpha Epsilon* fraternity, Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and Kappa Delta sorority were named best chapters at their annual conventions during the summer.

The Kentucky Beta chapter of *Sigma Alpha Epsilon* fraternity received the John O. Mosley Zeal Award, which named them the best SAE chapter of 216 chapters in the nation. According to Lee McMillan, Georgetown senior and president, the Zeal Award is "based on chapter achievement in areas such as community service, grade-point average, campus and community involvement, pledge programming and dealing with risk management."

At the SAE convention, held Aug. 11-14 in Evanston, Ill., the 67-member Western fraternity also received an award for the best pledge programming.

Academically, the SAEs captured top scholastic honors for their active and pledge classes at the Greek Academic Banquet. And they participated in other Greek events, such as KD Shenanigans.

*Alpha Omicron Pi* received the top national honor, the Jesse Wallace Hughes (JWH) Award, as well as the Rush Excellence Award. According to Amy Douglas, a senior from Barksdale and 1991 AOPi president, "the JWH is based on scholarship."
The Alpha Chi chapter of AOPI had 12 of its 110 members attend the bi-annual national conference in June in Dallas, Texas, Douglas said. They also received a certificate of achievement for meeting all national performance standards.

On campus, the AOPI’s excelled in many activities. They received top honors at the Academic Banquet, capturing awards for both the active and pledge classes. Jennifer Mize, a Cerulean senior and 1992 AOPI president, won the award for the senior sorority woman with the highest cumulative GPA. And Kelly Jo Elliott, a junior from Bowling Green, received the junior sorority woman with the highest cumulative GPA award.

The AOPI’s also participated in KD Shenanigans, Sigma Chi Derby Week, and Greek Week.

The Delta Gamma chapter of Kappa Delta sorority received the Council Award, which distinguishes them as the best national Kappa Delta chapter. According to Janie Price, a senior from Louisville and president of the sorority, the criteria included scholastic average, campus recognition, involvement in the Panhellenic system, contribution to philanthropy and pledge quotas.

Western’s KD chapter, one of 130 national chapters, had 20 of its 120 members attend the bi-annual conference in Tarpon Springs, Fl. They also received an honorable mention for philanthropy, which, according to Price, refers to “volunteer hours and money given to non-profit organizations,” and the mileage award for the best attendance.

The KDs participated in many activities, including Sigma Chi Derby Week and Greek Week. In addition, they found themselves receiving many academic awards, such as the Overall Sorority with the highest GPA for 1991 at the Academic Banquet.

For service projects, the KDs sponsored the Kappa Delta Shenanigans, with proceeds going to the Child Adoption Agency. They also hosted the KD Twister Tournament for all groups to participate. Proceeds went to Child Adoption Agency, as well.

Best cont.
Western students didn’t have to travel to New York City to see the glamour of Broadway. In October, Broadway came to Western.

Eight fraternities and five sororities took to the stage in Van Meter Auditorium to show Western “The Best of Broadway,” the theme for the 1991 Kappa Delta Shenanigans.

Sigma Phi Epsilon, with their rendition of “Bill and Ted’s Broadway Adventure,” won the fraternity division. Sigma Kappa captured first place in the sorority division with their version of “Annie.”

Although the crowd of about 1,000 was down from last year, S2.500 was raised for the Child Protection Agency of Bowling Green, said KD Shenanigans co-chairperson Angela Weiak, a Henderson senior.

The Sigma Kappas, who had received two first places and one second place in KD Shenanigans in the last four years, are known for their talents in dance and voice.

“It’s just something that happened,” said Sara Alvey, coordinator of Shenanigans for Sigma Kappa. “We don’t know how we got that name we just did.” The Sigma Kappas performed “Hard-Knock Life,” “Tomorrow” and other songs.

The idea for Sigma Phi Epsilon’s presentation came from one of their fraternity members, said Chris Gamblin, KD Shenanigan chairman for the Sig Eps. “Bill and Ted’s Broadway Adventure” was about a student who had to write a paper about the Broadway production “Little Shop of Horrors” for his theater appreciation class. The student traveled in a telephone booth to get to the show and back to class.

The Broadway shows didn’t provide the night’s only entertainment. During intermission, six members of Kappa Alpha Psi performed a step show. Though they weren’t competing, they were the only act to receive a standing ovation.

By getting other organizations involved, Weiak hoped to see KD Shenanigans grow.

“Next year, we hope to get more stage participation outside the Greek system,” Weiak said.

During the annual KD Shenanigans song-and-dance show, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity prepares to go on stage. SAE performed a version of “West Side Story.”

Kappa Delta
First Row: Melinda Chapman, Heather Meissch, Lori Sams, Carol Ann Young, Amy Kiburn
Second Row: Tammie Stenger, Tricia Logert, Jennifer Johnson, Nita Dush, Kathleen Young, Michelle Thompson
Third Row: Catharine Shaw, Becky Proctor, Julie Chisman, Jennifer Peterson, Sharron Weerley

Kappa Delta
First Row: Jamie Price, Kristen Haworth, Angela Aker, Martha Humphreys, Lisa Meyer
Second Row: Kristen Fryrear, Connie Hubbuch, Lee Ann Wills, Tricia Boyd, Susan Ault, Michelle Snodgrass
Third Row: Neely Shawcraft, Kim Flood, Lisa Shuckhart, Terri Bannister, Kelli Cundiff

Kappa Delta
First Row: Julie Wade, Lori Dieme, Heather Smith, Shelia Cate, Julie Hannah
Second Row: Patricia Skinner, Dinnah Fawver, Christina Byler, Stephanie A. Wright, Laura Davis, Jennifer Schwagman

Kappa Delta
First Row: Kellie Houchins, Kim Houchins, Nina Kissinger, Betsy Messer
Second Row: Alisha Kelley, Diane Oseofka, Sarah Peoples, Debra Wood, Pam Robinson
Playing host to others

The Lambda Chi also promoted themselves academically. In the fall, they ranked first in GPA for the active class, third for pledge class and first for highest combined GPA.

**Pi Kappa Alpha** conducted a Greek event each semester. In the fall, they held Pike’s Peak Week, where basketball games and cookouts were part of the fun. During the spring they hosted the Pike Fest, which included both softball and kickball tournaments.

Money raised from the event was given to the Boys Club.

They also helped the Boys Club through a toy drive during Christmas and a clothing drive in the spring. The Pikes also helped sponsor the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

They participated in the Adopt-A-Highway program, in which they helped keep two miles of Center Street litter-free. They also ran the hospitality room for the Phon-A-Phon Tournament.

**Phi Kappa Sigma** sponsored the Adopt-A-Child program, which they maintained over the last few years. According to Slagenhauf, support of the community, the Boys Club, played a significant role in the community.

The Lambda Chi also promoted Greek unity on this campus, Robertson said.

**Lambada Chi Alpha**

First Row: Phillip Y. Kim, Chad Dowling, Warren A. Cole, Charles D. Hudson, Joan Alba 

Second Row: Eric Taylor, Denny Acree, Travis L. Graves, Scott F. Hubert, Jack P. Nicholson, Mark A. Sallo 

Third Row: Heath Acock, Robert L. Sherry, Louis A. Walker, Jeff Tudor, Rodney Shipworth

Then, the Pikes held high standings with their national headquarters, especially with their pledge programming and campus involvement, according to President Ty Martin, a Madison, Tenn., senior.

“This past year, Sigma Chi called for more unity. We wanted to participate in everything, and that was our goal,” President Mike Scheetz said.

“This chapter has changed positively over the last few years.”

During the spring Sigma Chi held their annual Sigma Chi Derby Week, in which sororities participated in events such as the Derby Darling Pageant, Derby Day and the Derby Party and Dance.

The event raised $3,000 for the Trevor O’Neill Fund and the Cleo Wallace Center, said Scheetz, a Carmel, Ind., junior. The Trevor O’Neill fund was established to help medical expenses of the brother who was seriously injured in a traffic accident last fall. The Cleo Wallace Center was the Sigma Chi’s national philanthropy.

Scheetz was grateful to Western and Bowling Green. “We could not have raised this money without the support of the community and campus,” he said.

The Sigma Chi won the Sigma Phi Epsilon’s softball tournament, Sigma Nu’s three-on-three basketball tournament, Kappa Sigma’s softball tournament and Sigma Alpha Epsilon’s dodgeball tournament. The Sigma Chi also participated in Alpha Gamma Delta’s Cow Patty Bingo and Kappa Delta’s Twister Tournament.

Academically, Sigma Chi members received high GPA awards for both the active and pledge classes at the Academic Banquet.

“We encourage our members to maintain a 2.0 average and an average above the all-men’s average,” Scheetz said.

An important ingredient in the Greek system is good relations among sororities and fraternities.

**After diving for a ball at the Fanatics Greek Volleyball Tournament, Somerset junior and Pi Kappa Alpha member Toby Durban lies on the sand.**

Kappa Sigma Vice President Brad Slagenhauf believes that his fraternity relates particularly well with Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Kappa Sigma celebrated Homecoming with the Phi Delts and Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. They teamed up to decorate the Phi Delt house and won first place.

And at every home football game, the Kappa Sigs awarded the Spirit Cannon to the most spirited group. According to Slagenhauf, a Carmel, Ind., sophomore, all groups, including non-Greeks, could participate.

The Kappa Sigs sponsored the Greek Olympics to raise money for their philanthropy, the Boys Club. Also, Kappa Sigs pledged with Western’s escort service.

**Phi Delta Theta** members do have good relations with the Kappa Sigs, but they also promote unity within their own fraternity and with other Phi Dels in Kentucky.

They participated in the semi-annual Journey to Richmond Oct. 12. According to President Phil Barnhouse, a senior from Mt. Washington, the Phi Dels ran to Richmond, where they met Eastern Kentucky University’s Phi Delt chapter.

At the Academic Banquet, the Phi Dels took honors for high GPAs in their active and pledge classes.
The goals of Western's fraternities and sororities ranged from academic achievement to community service, as well as campus involvement.

The only professional and social fraternity on campus, Alpha Gamma Rho, performed three service activities. Once a semester, the AGRs cleaned two miles of highway on Russellville Road as part of the Adopt-A-Highway program.

Twice a week the AGRs tutored elementary school children at area grade schools. They tutored in the subjects that were the most difficult for the students, according to President Shelley Ennick, a Lewissport junior.

During the Christmas season, they participated in the Adopt-A-Child program sponsored by the Salvation Army of Bowling Green. In the project the AGRs helped to assign an underprivileged child in the Bowling Green community to a family willing to provide toys and clothes to him or her.

The 41 active brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho were also involved in campus activities. Their Homecoming candidate, Jonny Arthur, was second runner-up in the Homecoming queen pageant. The AGRs participated in the Sigma Phi Epsilon Softball Tournament and Pike's Peak Week. They also sponsored a Cow-Chip Bingo to raise money for their philanthropy, the American Heart Association.

For the seventh consecutive year, the AGRs won Spring Sing at Greek Week. They performed several country songs including "Brotherly Love." They also placed first in the props category.

Most of the activities that Alpha Kappa Alpha performed included service. The AKAs sponsored a Halloween party for the Child Protection Agency of Bowling Green. To provide Halloween spirit for the children, the sisters decorated pumpkins and served fruit to the children. The AKAs also helped with the Special Olympics.

They hosted a Freshmen Women Seminar, where newcomers to Western discussed problems regarding college, stress and independence. The AKAs donated proceeds from their Homecoming activities to the Society of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. And they sponsored the Miss Black Western Pageant in April, which was won by Deondra Wardelle, a junior from Louisville.

Members of AKA also extended themselves to needy families. During October they placed boxes in every dorm on campus so that students could contribute canned goods to help the Salvation Army feed the poor in Bowling Green.

The AKAs also participated in the Adopt-A-Family program, in which they provided food to their adopted family for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity sponsored a voter registration drive, which helped to draw more blacks into political participation, said President Marshall Gray.
Serving cont.
a Hopkinsville senior. They also encouraged people to join the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, setting up registration booths at Downing University Center.

The Alphas also provided information on hypertension and dental hygiene and AIDS by distributing flyers and pamphlets at Downing.

In the fall the Alphas conducted a pumpkin festival at Jackson’s Orchard in Bowling Green. The $500 raised at the event was donated to Alpha Phi Alpha’s National Education Council. The Alphas also raised money for underprivileged children.

In the spring the Alphas sponsored an oratorical contest. Contestants addressed their views on the significance of being called American or African-American. The contestants were judged on content and delivery. Louisville sophomore Ericka Malone won the competition with her speech, “Are We Losing the Battle?”

“It was very enlightening,” Louisville junior and Alpha member Darren Griggs said. “The contestants made some good points.”

The fraternity was small, but members found that to be an advantage.

“Small numbers benefit us because it allows us to be closer to one another,” Gray said. “We do have a close relationship. We notice each other’s beliefs and values. We know what each person is capable of doing.”

**Delta Sigma Theta**

Conducted food drives during Thanksgiving and gave out three turkeys and canned food to needy families.

“We try to do whatever there is a need for,” said President Ann Grey, a Nicholasville senior.

During the fall the Deltas participated in a racism forum with United Student Activists. And they set up tables in Downing to provide information about Alcohol Awareness Week. For area high schools, the sisters of Delta Sigma Theta sponsored financial aid workshops and seminars.

To promote sisterhood, the Deltas hosted a reception in December to honor their December graduates. And they encouraged each other to become involved in other activities, such as Order of Omega, Panhellenic and Residence Hall Association.

To promote service **Delta Tau Delta** participated in a road cleanup program by picking up trash on Campbell Lane. They also walked dogs for the Humane Society, helped local church organizations such as the Newman Center and helped with the Phon-A-Thon. In addition, they volunteered to assist in the Bowling Green UK Classic race.

The brothers of Delta Tau Delta were active in campus leadership, said Vice President Danny Roos. One member was a Spirit Master, and several Delts were active in Associated Student Government, International Association of Business Communications and University Center Board.

The Deltas also excelled academically. They received the highest GPA award for their chapter at the 1992 Greek Academic Banquet.

**Kappa Alpha Order** is also active within the community. The KA’s national philanthropy was the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and they spent their Labor Day weekend helping out Jerry’s Kids during the local telethon by answering phones and assisting the MDA staff.

During the fall KA held a pumpkin carving contest and a pumpkin smash to raise money for MDA.

The KAs helped keep the streets safe through Halloween Patrol, where they escorted trick-or-treaters across streets safely. They also participated in other philanthropic programs sponsored by Western fraternities and sororities.

Kappa Alpha Order, which was installed on campus in 1979, also tried to improve the fraternity’s reputation nationwide. “Although it is a young chapter, Epsilon Theta (chapter name of KA) has made a name for itself nationally by its example of leadership and strong brotherhood,” said Bowling Green senior and public relations chairperson Richard Bertelson.

In August, the chapter performed the initiation rites of the Order at the 67th Biennial Kappa Alpha Order Convention in San Francisco.

“Eight brothers spent two days perfecting their presentation before performing the ritual for the 450 conventioneers,” Bertelson said. The brothers also attended convention conferences, a professional basketball game and took a tour of San Francisco.

**Kappa Alpha Psi** participated in several activities to help the community. They were active in the Adopt-A-Highway program, in which they picked up garbage on more than two miles of Center Street.

KAPs held a Halloween party for kids in the Big Brothers program, said President Dion Jones. In the spring, KAPs conducted the annual Black Academic Quiz Bowl at Warren East High School for area high schools.

The men of KAPs showed their talent at KD Shenanigans. During intermission, six members of the fraternity brought the crowd to their feet when they performed a step show.
Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity created a sense of place for themselves by moving into new houses.

According to Alpha Delta Pi President Tracy Hunt, a Bowling Green senior, it was the first year for the ADPi's to have a house. To celebrate, they had an open house for active members and alumnai during Homecoming.

Their surroundings weren't the only changes the ADPi's made. They also revamped their pledge program. "Our national headquarters allowed us to reduce the pledge program from a semester to six weeks," Hunt said.

The ADPi's held their annual Tooter-Totter Sept. 27 to raise money for their philanthropy, the Ronald McDonald House. Participants donated money based on how long the members and other participants teeter-tottered.

During Greek Week, the ADPi's tried for third with the KDS in the Spring Sing competition.

Sigma Phi Epsilon, the newest fraternity on campus, moved into the former Baptist Student Union early in the fall semester.

The SigEps recolonized in September, and they received 24 pledges during the fall rush, President Ryan James said.

The SigEps hosted the All-Greek Softball Tournament Sept. 13 to raise money.
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for their philanthropy, the American Heart Association. Twelve Greek teams participated in the tournament, which was won by Sigma Nu.

By winning a raffle sponsored by the Associated Student Government, James was named "President for a Day." He switched places with Western President Thomas Meredith, who visited the Sig Ep house.

In the Spring Sing competition during Greek Week, Sigma Phi Epsilon placed first among fraternities in the costume division and tied with Sigma Alpha Epsilon for third overall. They came on stage as chimney sweeps and performed "Men on Roof Tops" from the musical "Mary Poppins."
Alpha Xi Delta and Phi Mu struggled to keep their sense of place on campus.

Alpha Xi Delta is currently under reorganization plans for the fall semester because of small numbers. In the spring their national headquarters proposed a resolution asking for support from the other fraternities and sororities in their efforts to increase membership. This resolution passed through the Panhellenic Council.

In the meantime, the AZDs captured the Panhellenic Friendship Trophy for September. During Pike's Peak Week, the AZDs took the first place for the Greek Olympics and brought home the Spirit Award. They also won the Spirit Award at Sigma Chi Derby Week. According to President Christy McGowan, their chapter adviser, Kyda West, captured the Alumnae Appreciation Award given by their national headquarters. And, the Nashville Alumnae chapter of AZD won the National Sisterhood Award. The AZDs also planned for reorganization. Beginning in the fall, the sisters of Alpha Xi Delta hope to have enough members to participate in more Greek events. Phi Mu, like AZD, is suffering from low numbers. Their plans included numerous visits from their national headquarters and other Phi Mu chapters to help them with rush and better chapter structure.

For the first time, Phi Mu members collected money at football games for their national philanthropy, Project HOPE (Health Opportunities for People Everywhere). Phi Mu, in conjunction with G-107 FM radio, sponsored Sheryl Brewer as their Homecoming Queen candidate. With a theme of "Shiny Happy Sisters Holding Hands," Phi Mu won the banner contest during Panhellenic Week.

Phi Mu strove to improve its academic rankings. At the 1991 Greek Academic Banquet, they received the highest GPA awards for its spring 1990 pledge class and fall 1990 active class. They took the highest GPA award for its fall 1991 pledge class at the Greek Academic Banquet.

Helping to shape the lives of nearly 1,500 students was a task quietly handled by the team of Katherine Anderson and Curtis Barman, Western's new Greek advisers. In return, there was low pay and not much recognition outside the Greek community. For them, however, the job is an exercise in experience for things to come. "I found that I was getting nowhere through waiting tables, so I decided to take this job offer as the IFC adviser," Barman said. "This position doesn't pay as much as waiting tables, but I was looking for a job that would give me more experience in leadership."

"I was primed for this position," Anderson said. "I like helping people and making things better. I saw many things that this Panhellenic system was not doing, and I wanted to make the sorority system stronger."

Both hit the ground running after their arrival in January, creating a delegate's roundtable and workshop, a pledge educator's forum and a simple system of getting their ideas into the community—a billboard near Old Morgantown Road.

Being Greek alumni, both understand the importance of recognition that drove them and Western's Greeks.

"Greeks here at Western are Greek full-time," Anderson said. "There is more unity between the organizations now," Barman said.

Alpha Xi Delta

First Row: Lisa Thompson, Donna Shirley, Lori L. Stull, Lorraine Cohen, Laura Pullin
Second Row: Catherine S. Smith, Allyson Whiteley, Amy Maggard, Stephanie Mikels, Catherine Bartling
Third Row: Christy McGowan, Julie Lowitt, Jennifer Kraft, Karen L. Daniels, Michele Northamer

Phi Mu

First Row: Barbara C. M. Barnes, Sheryl D. Brewer, Patti J.Jeanette, R. Janie Cutrell
Second Row: Tabitha H. Aldridge, Juanita K. Smith, Mara D. Crews, Rebecca A. Chambers
Third Row: Debra Y. Kolomba, Harriet C. Hines

Alpha Xi Delta

Shaping the system
A PLACE to call THEIR OWN
IN SPITE of SOME INDEPENDENTS’ ARGUMENTS,
Greeks find on-campus home at new dorm

Story by Julie Grundy
Photo by Tom Leininge

Ann Clingerman had lived on campus for three years, all the time wishing for improvements in university housing. And while she didn’t expect to see any changes, Clingerman said she certainly did not expect a new dorm built only for sororities.

"Housing is a big problem on campus," the Louisville junior said, "I just don’t understand the reasoning behind this decision."

President Thomas Meredith said that a proposal was made to designate one hall as a Greek residence hall which would be structured differently and have chapter rooms.

"In order to do this," Meredith said, "a new dorm had to be built because the old ones weren’t large enough to accommodate the chapter rooms. The sororities will be paying the bill of course."

Alpha Omicron Pi President Jennifer Mize said the sororities will definitely feel the added cost, but it will be worth it.

"I can’t speak for everybody," the Cerulean junior said, "but we’re paying for it, therefore, we shouldn’t feel guilty about it."

Bardstown junior Carrie Johns agreed with Clingerman. "I realize they need housing, but I don’t like the fact that they’re getting one of the new dorms."

Johns said other organizations have done just as much, if not more, than the Greeks but "seem to get no special favors."

Two new dorms were being built at the south end of campus, both expected to be finished by the fall of 1992. One of the dorms will be co-ed while the other will house only Greeks, said Assistant Director of Housing Katherine Tolbert.

"The Greeks guarantee 100 percent occupancy for the dorm," Tolbert said. "The contract between the university and the four sororities that will be sharing the dorm states that the Greeks are responsible for housing payment of each unoccupied room. In this way, Tolbert said, the university will not lose money as it has in the past with other dorms.

Clingerman, however, still failed to see the point. "They (sororities) will argue that they do great things for the community and are a big asset to the school, but I don’t see where they’re more special than anyone else on this campus."

The sororities that will share the dorm are Phi Mu, Chi Omega, Sigma Kappa and Alpha Omicron Pi. The second dorm would be open to all upperclassmen.

Both new dorms have what some consider "luxuries."

Tolbert said the dorm will be fully carpeted (this includes the lobbies, hallways and rooms), have a study lounge on each floor, laundry facilities, movable solid oak furniture, cable TV and separate heat and air conditioning controls in each room.

"It’s set up in much the same way as an apartment would be," Tolbert said. However, instead of having a lounge like the other dorms, the Greek dorm will have "chapter rooms" for each sorority, for which a monthly rent will be charged. The dorm will house 186 students and staff members and rooms will be arranged in suites with bathrooms between every two rooms.

"As long as other dorms have the same luxuries as they will, I don’t have a problem with it," DuQuoin Ill., sophomore Paul Woosley said. "Unfortunately, that doesn’t seem to be the case."

Cable TV and laundry facilities were planned for all residence halls. But students living in the new dorms would pay a higher price for the luxuries not planned for all residence halls. The costs were to range from $555 for non-air conditioned halls to $680 for the two new dorms.

In 1992, students paid between $495 and $535 a semester.

Chi Omega President Marcie Willett didn’t see any problem with the situation. Because her chapter had 105 members and only six could live in their sorority house, the Chi Os will occupy at least 22 rooms in the new dorm.

"I think it will bring more unity to our chapter if we have a central location such as this," the Murray junior said. "Everyone is looking forward to it."

Willett said all of Chi Omega’s officers and committee heads are required to live on campus and those who were interested in the dorm were allowed to place their names on a list. Their grades, number of hours they were taking and pledge class were considered when deciding who would be moving into the dorm, she said.

"What about the rest of the university?" Clingerman said. "There are a lot of unfair things that happen, but this is just ridiculous."

Mize, however, said she regrets that some of the independents feel that way. "We don’t feel guilty," she said, "but at the same time, we don’t want anyone else to feel they’re being treated unfairly. We’re paying for everything we get."

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THE spirit of LOYALTY

GREEK WEEK BROUGHT THE USUAL COMPETITION, BUT FELLOWSHIP WAS THE NAME OF THE GAMES

Story by Melony Jones

Spectators gathered in Greek-lettered clusters around a pit of mud. For Greek Week’s dirtiest game, players entered the field clad in work boots and old clothes. And they weren’t smiling. They had attained the look of Tug.

Even the games chairman, who wore rain boots, had The Look as she yelled into her megaphone above the battle cries of spectators.

When she said go and a bandana was tied to the middle of the tug rope, team members dug holes to support their feet and prepared for a grueling struggle.

Some teams had practiced for two weeks before the event. Sigma Kappa dug their heels in to win the sorority division, and the Delta pulled in the fraternity title.

Preparation was also involved in Blood Drive.

Some Greeks persuaded their parents and professors to give blood for their organizations. The donations benefited more than Greeks.

“We tried to stress more philanthropic events this year,” Alpha Xi Delta member Karen Daniels said.

“Over 1,000 pints of blood collected from the Greek Week Blood Drive were donated to the American Red Cross, and at least $500 was given to Habitat for Humanity.”

At the week’s end, more than 600 Greeks waited anxiously in Van Meter Auditorium to hear the results.

The overall sorority champion for the week went to the ladies of Alpha Gamma Delta. And the overall fraternity Greek Week winners were the Brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho, their eighth consecutive title.

“We were happy and surprised,” Goshen junior and Alpha Gamma Delta member Jenny Almy said. “We didn’t think we would come in first.”

The Alpha Gam’s placed first over runner-up Kappa Delta, who had been Greek Week champs for six consecutive years.

“Winning this title is a very positive tool for us,” Almy said.

Practice seemed to be the key to Spring Sing. Sororities and fraternities could be spotted in places such as Grise Hall lobby and West Hall Cellar as they prepared their song and dance routines.

When it was over, Alpha Gamma Delta had won with a musical portrayal of life in Chinatown. They danced and sang tunes including “A Hundred Million Miracles” and “Chop Suey.” The AGDs also took home first place for costume design and tied with Kappa Delta for best props.

The AGDs once again won the fraternity/sorority competition, their eighth consecutive win. Dressed in blue jeans, yellow and green vests and cowboy hats, the AGDs, who also won for best props, opened their act with the theme from “The Dukes of Hazzard,” the first of several country songs. They ended their act with “Brotherly Love.”

The banner contest allowed sororities and fraternities to express their artistic talents. Chi Omega won the sorority title, with Kappa Delta and Sigma Kappa winning second and third. The Most Original Banner award went to the AGDs.

In the fraternity contest, the AGRs placed first. They also received recognition for the best use of theme, which was “Let the Games Begin.”

Events day concluded Greek Week. Sigma Kappa won the sorority division, while the Deltas took the fraternity division.

Some positive changes were part of Greek Week, Daniels said.

“There were two new, less competitive events this year—Greek Feud and the Crest Drawing Contest,” Daniels said. The Greek Feud, similar to the television game show Family Feud, was won by the poised Pan-Hellenic Association.

The Greek Hall of Fame was established to name the top Greeks of the year. Fifteen winners were chosen from the more than 60 applicants, who were selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership and service to both Western and the Greek community.

Those honored were Dawn Blasingim, Karen Daniels, Debbie Gregory, Mistianna Holcomb, Michelle Hooper, Melony Jones, Staci Kitchens, Natalie Mayes, Tracy Maxwell, Susan Mitchell, Jennifer Mizos, Emily Morgan, Janie Price, Dow Rsdall and John Seiber.

Karen Daniels and Janie Price were selected as Greek Women of the Year. John Seiber, a Hendersonville, Tenn., senior, was chosen as Greek Man of the Year.

“No one was surprised when they began to announce the winners,” Seiber said.

“But I feel really important in receiving this award.”

As they try to pass a Lifesaver on a toothpick, Chi Omega’s Wendy Smith, a Bowling Green junior lines her lips up with Morschad sophomore Jonathon Rose, a member of Sigma Nu.
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"In the big classrooms with 100 or so students, the professors don't really care. They do what they have to do to get paid."
William Robertson, freshman, Paducah

"Dr. Phillips makes history interesting. As a matter of fact, he is better than the book."
Debra Akell, junior, Bardstown

"When I attended a community college, it wasn't a college. Everyone communed, and it was difficult to get much of a teacher. But at Western, it's personal. I can go down after a class to talk with my professor. I have actually been able to build relationships with them."
Kevia Cooper, senior, Russellville
Using a rope and a poncho, Elizabethtown freshman Jon Shepard creates a shelter. Two classmates stake the tent to the ground.

Before the Survival Skills class arrives at Barren River State Park, Cadet Jamie Smith, a Versailles junior, prepares wild plants and insects for the eatable foods station. Smith had yet to hide some taffy and a soda that he brought for himself.
Ah, the great OUTDOORS

Students take to the woods to hunt for the secrets of survival

Story by Kim Hadley
Photos by David Stephenson

Drop-kicking beavers.
Catching fish with paper clips.
Gathering grubs for dinner.

All were topics of the annual outing of Survival Skills 102 at Barren River State Park on April 11. Offered every spring by the Military Science department, the class emphasized first aid and survival tactics, and the outing gave hands-on training.

The group met at nine that Saturday morning in Diddle Arena and waited to board four university vans. To some, the class was a stepping stone toward a military career. To others, it just “sounds fun to them,” said Capt. Barry Suggs.

Suggs said the class continued to grow in popularity because its prerequisite class, Mountaineering/Marksmanship 101, was so positive.

The group at Diddle grew quiet as Capt. Stephen Ackman gave the roll call and some last minute instructions about looking out for Eastern Diamondback rattlesnakes. They then left, arriving at Barren River at 10:10.

Ackman spoke to a group of about 42 students sitting on picnic tables and dressed in everything from a tye-dyed jumpsuit to a Bart Simpson T-shirt that read ‘Eat my shorts.’

“You’re from Bowling Green. You’re hungry; you order Domino’s.

You’re dirty; you take a shower. You’re thirsty; you go to the water fountain,” Ackman said.

“What happens when you get into a situation when all that support system is gone? What if the plane you’re in goes down? How do you get shelter? How do you get food? How do you get water?”

The students had read in their textbook about such situations, but they would soon get the opportunity to apply that knowledge by going through a number of skill-testing stations set up around the edge of the woods. The group was divided into groups of about 10, which rotated from station to station.

Sharon Smith’s group first went to the traps and snares station. A hunter herself, the Burkesville freshman said she thought she needed the instruction.

“It’s (the class) good for anybody — not just somebody who likes the woods,” she said. “You never know. You could be in a plane crash.”

Cadet Heidi Hendricks, an Anchorage, Ala., junior, showed the group how to set a trigger mechanism trap which catches the head or feet of a small animal, such as a squirrel.

She told them how to cover their scent and catch beavers. Animal feces and blood served to cover human scent and even attract

Cadet Jamie Smith’s station contained eatable plants and insects, including grubs, dandelions, centipedes and more. Smith, an ROTC Ranger, served as a station instructor for the Survival Skills class.
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some animals. And a drop kick was the best method to get a beaver.

Then the group went to the shelter station where Cadet Aaron Magan, a Shelbyville junior, instructed Judson Campbell, a Somerset freshman, to set up a poncho lean-to with Bowling Green sophomores Chris Day and Todd Alcott.

Magan explained how to put together the half-tent shelter, telling the group to look for a flat area. If it is on a hill, a trench must be built above it to avoid rain washing it away. Then wooden stakes were used to suspend one side of the poncho to the ground while ropes were tied to the top side and then tied to a tree. The last step, Magan said, was to put leaves inside it.

"You can lose 80 percent of your body heat by conduction by lying on the ground," Magan said.

The three then began to construct a lean-to, soon yelling "Done!"

Magan looked up from another group's work and rose to inspect the lean-to. But as Magan neared them, Alcott realized they had forgotten the leaves. So he quickly kicked some inside.

"That's good. Perfect. Awesome," Magan said, telling them they would then get the opportunity to take it down.

"That's the beauty of it," he said. "We don't want to let one group have more of an advantage over the other," he said, referring to the next group.

About 11:15 lunch was served — military style. Each got a Meal Ready to Eat in a small brown bag.

"It's called MRE's," Magan said. "Meals Rejected by Everyone."

Sarah Scott sat at a picnic table and examined the contents of her bag. The Burkesville freshman then removed a package labeled peaches, cut the top off of it and removed an orange, rectangular, wood-like item.

"They're hard!" she said.

Scott's main course was spaghetti and meatballs.

"Is this real meat?" she asked, squeezing the bag.

"To some people," said Smith, who sat across from her.

Several other members of the group sat at another table and ate cheese and crackers, which Cadet Melissa Lanshu said was "the best part in the whole thing."

Alcott ate beef and barbecue.

After a short hike through the woods from the Barren River Reservoir, Nashville, Tenn., sophomore Charles Vance and a classmate check their legs for ticks. They had just completed a fishing lesson for Survival Skills 102.

but shook his head and said, "I don't know. It looks like a rock."

"Why aren't you guys eating?" he then asked, looking at Lanshu and other cadets.

"We know better," said the Allentown, Pa., freshman. The boxes said 1973. "These MRE's almost got sent over to 'Nam," he added.

Lunch ended about noon with the groups going to their next station. Students got instruction in fishing, signals, fire building, water resources and edible foods.

"You'd be amazed what you'd eat when you're hungry," said Cadet John, at the fishing station by the river. "Last year I ate a grub."

Cadet Jamie Smith, who instructed the eatable foods station, likewise acknowledged having eaten a grub before but admitted that he would probably do without food a few days before making that a practice.

"Nothing tastes good unless you luck out and fall in a strawberry patch," the Versailles junior said.

The group soon returned to the picnic table shelter where they met that morning and waited for hamburgers being grilled. The sessions ended about 3:15 p.m.

Sharon Smith sat by Scott and rested. That morning at Diddle Arena before the group left for the outing, Smith said she "prayed it would rain." But she was glad she had come because "I'm more of a visual learner anyway, so the hands-on experience helped me.

"All day. Saturday. Hiking," she sighed. "That's the hardest 25 points I've ever gotten."

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Taking a **PHILOSOPHICAL**

**approach to bringing priorities back to the classroom**

**Story by Carol Overby**

**Photo by Andy Lyons**

It was a matter of priorities.

In 1989, Arvin Vos probably wasn’t the most popular man with many athletic boosters at Western. As a member of the Faculty Senate, he said Western spent too much on varsity athletics, and he authored a report that called for Western’s teams to restructuring and become financially self-sufficient by 1994.

In effect, he said Western over emphasized athletics.

This coming from a philosophy professor. Typical, many thought. He even quoted Plato on the cover of the report.

Vos’s third-floor office in Cherry Hall is comfortably cluttered with books, papers and memorabilia. With his graying hair and wire-rimmed glasses, the father of five appeared friendly and thoughtful.

“I’m not opposed to athletics,” he stressed, “but I do not like to see students’ money, designated for education, being used to support intercollegiate athletic teams. I feel they should be self-supporting.”

James Ausenbaugh, a former Western journalism professor who helped condense the 1989 athletic spending report into a special for The Courier-Journal, said Vos “is a wonderfully efficient thinker. He probably knows more about Western and athletics than anyone else here.

“He’s an interesting man,” Ausenbaugh added, “and I’m just in awe of his ability to think straight and straight ahead.” He has just popped off his mouth and flies off the handle.

“I have tremendous admiration for him,” Ausenbaugh said.

Vos, who became Faculty Senate chairman last year, does not buy the theory that a big athletic program attracts outstanding students, and said “the students who do look at that are not the ones we want.”

As he told the College Heights Herald when his report came out, Vos would prefer sports to be intramural and include students more than a spectator role.

Vos himself isn’t resigned to a spectator role. His own athletic endeavors prove that he believes a healthy mind deserves a healthy body.

He runs, walks and during the summer, he enjoys participating in the Des Moines Register’s Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across America, pedaling 500 miles in a week.

Charles Bussey, also on the senate, stressed that although Vos is not against athletics, he is interested in trying to move the university’s priorities in the direction of the classroom.

“I’ve known Arvin for years,” Bussey said. “We both came here in 1972, we live on the same street and we both been very involved in Habitat for Humanity.

“He believes that students should come out of the university well-grounded and able to think and speak.”

In fact, Bussey enrolled in Vos’s Philosophy of Love and Friendship class.

“He was a very demanding teacher, but he’s very good with students. He is able to ask the right questions and get them to be able to take a stand.”

According to Vos, “the love and friendship class focuses on the nature of love, its place in human life and how we relate as persons.

If we relate correctly, it is a form of love,” he said, “but if we react incorrectly, it is a form of violence.”

In addition, Vos teaches introductory philosophy courses, a theory of knowledge class and various classes focusing on particular thinkers.

For the second time, he planned to direct an institute for teachers in the summer, focusing on Dante’s Divine Comedy. The institute, funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, would allow 42 participants to conduct an intense study of this masterpiece and the medieval world.

“Generally, I think we’re doing a good job here at Western,” Vos said. “A student who comes here and chooses courses wisely can get an excellent education at a reasonable price.”

However, he said he is concerned about the future of Western.

“I’m afraid the economic problems could result in cuts in faculty positions and will not allow for appropriate salary increases.”

And, he added, this could lead to a loss of faculty morale.

“If the faculty become discouraged,” Vos said, “they will not be good at encouraging students.”

Crocus junior Bryan Miller, a former student in both Vos’s introductory philosophy course and his love and friendship course, said he found Vos to be very helpful and considerate. And, “he’s a thoughtful person,” Miller said. “He’s the type to leap before he looks.”

“He seems to be a very deep person, I think there’s a lot that lies beneath the surface.”

Vos and his wife, Corrie, a clinical psychologist with her own practice, once served as foster parents, opening their home to more than 40 children in more than 10 years.

Vos, a Presbyterian, said many of his beliefs have been influenced and directed by Christian tradition.

“A lot of people go off after material things when they’re looking for something else,” he said. “What life is all about is learning to love those closest to you and others the best way you can.”
Hard times are TROUBLING as Western braces for budget cuts

Story by Sam Black
Photos by David Stephenson

Kentucky's universities swallowed a bitter pill. In the face of a stark recession and soaring state budget cuts, Gov. Brereton Jones and the legislature axed a little more than 5 percent of the funding for Kentucky's eight state universities for the 1992-93 year.

At Western, all departments were preparing to feel the sting of a state-mandated $6.1 million budget reduction. Administrators scrambled to streamline operations individually cutting bits, pieces and sometimes entire offices.

"We're going to be cuttled in a lot of ways," Cecil Garmon, director of budget and planning, said. "We're taking our biggest hit in public service, because instruction is our biggest priority and support services to instruction is our next priority."

Seven offices or services were to be eliminated, including the Graduate Dean's office, the University Attorney's office and Sponsored Programs office. And 51 staff positions were eliminated mostly through attrition - 26 were vacant and 25 positions would be eliminated or belonged to people who would retire.

Also, money budgeted for student wages was reduced by $35,000. And all full-time faculty were to be required to teach full course loads.

With the cuts came increases in fees to offset lost state revenue. Student fees were to increase from $70 to $102, dorm fees were hiked, ranging from $60 to $120 a semester, and students with incentive grants were to pay a $200 fee per semester. Also, off-campus course fees were to increase from $15 to $25 and parking increased from $25 to $30.

"It worries me because every year fees are going up," Morganfield senior Delavugs Jackson said. "It's going to hurt me, but Western's prices are still lower than any other university in Kentucky."

But controversy over whether to keep football or suspend the program became one of the hottest issues on the Hill. President Thomas Meredith, who chaired the budget committee, recommended that the football program be dropped as a means of meeting the budget crunch.

However, Meredith offered a compromise to keep football if no more than $450,000 was spent on the program. The rest of the team's budget would come from private sources.

"The alternate plan says don't cut football yet," Meredith told the Board of Regents in presenting the committee's budget. "It buys us some time to figure out what we're going to do in the long run."

The regents chose the alternate plan, and football Coach Jack Harbaugh was ecstatic.

"Make no mistake about it. I'm a happy guy right now," he said. "We're just happy to be playing."

After the board voted to increase student fees to make Student Health Services self-sufficient, SHS Director Kevin Charles listened to the board as they discuss the fate of the football program.

The Hilltopper Athletic Foundation and the athletic department kicked off a drive April 22 to sell season tickets and increase athletics foundation membership. They were hoping to sell 5,000 season football tickets for the coming season. About 1,400 tickets were sold for last season.

If Western had not fielded a team in 1992, the university would still have had to spend about $450,000 on football-related items. Football normally had a budget of $900,000 to $1 million a year.

"I'm glad it didn't get cut, because now I still have an option to go to a football game," Jackson said. "I think it would have hurt Western to have lost the football team."

In the budget battles, Regent Chairman Joe Iracane left the meetings disappointed. He came to the final budget meetings with four proposals. None of the four gained support from other board members.

Iracane wanted to eliminate the Athletics Director's office, merge Student Publications with the journalism department, reorganize Alumni Affairs and take money from Western's reserve to offset the budget cut.

The budget committee spent two hours addressing Iracane's proposals and concluded none were feasible.

In particular, Robert Haynes, vice president for Academic Affairs and a budget committee member, said merging Student Publications - which included the Talisman and the College Heights Herald - with the journalism department would ignite past controversies over the student press. He said four separate task forces had studied merging the two departments, and all four concluded it shouldn't be done.

Meredith compared Iracane's proposal of spending the university's reserve to using a savings account to make payments on a car. It was unwise, he said, to spend reserve money during an unstable economy. He also defended the money being spent for the Athletics Director's office and told the board he was working toward reorganizing Alumni Affairs.

And though Western had solved its immediate budget problems, administrators were cautious about the future.

"I'm not real excited that we're going to see a pot of money in the next few years, certainly not before 1996," Garmon said. "But that forces us to decide what we're going to be in the future and to meet those needs."
In 1969, Neil Armstrong left the first human footprint on the moon. In 1982, the space shuttle Columbia returned to Earth with its first reusable space craft. And in 1992, Western professor Thomas Coohill helped catapult 10 million worms into space.

"We couldn’t send 10 million elephants into space," Coohill explained. "This worm is the most understood animal in the world."

The space shuttle Discovery launched a "breadbox" of tiny worms into space to provide a better understanding of how living systems are affected by zero gravity, cosmic rays and radiation.

Coohill, head of the physics and astronomy department and a professor here for 20 years, has spent his lifetime studying stratospheric depletion and ultraviolet and radiation effects on living systems. In 1985, he was recruited as an analyst and consultant by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., to work on the worm project, but it was delayed by the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger.

But the experiment finally got off the ground last year, and scientists were on their way answering hundreds of questions.

"What will happen when worms are conceived, born, reach adulthood and have children in space?" Coohill asked. "Would you be the same shape? Would your organs be in the same position? What are the increased chances of cancer in space? How long can a human live in space?"

Considering these questions, Coohill leaned forward in his chair and placed his arms on his desk, covered with files, books and a plastic replica of the cosmic man-eating plant, Audrey II, depicted in the musical "Little Shop of Horrors."

The nearly microscopic worms, Coohill said, were separated in two groups. Half of the worms hibernated during their January voyage, he explained, while the rest ate bacteria and bred several generations before returning to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Scientists would study the worms searching for chemical alterations and physical mutations, he said, that were the products of zero gravity and cosmic rays. For six months, graduate students would count the worms to average their birth rate in space and count the types of mutations found.

"What goes up must be analyzed," proclaimed a flyer stuck to Coohill’s bulletin board, but he admitted he wanted nothing to do with the drudgery of counting worms through a microscope.

"That’s gut work," Coohill said. "Even being around it is depressing."

Graduate students would separate and count "twitchers" that showed uncontrollably and other worms that became sensitive to certain chemicals during their voyage. Some of the worms become fat and bloating instead of long and skinny.

"They look like a shmo," he said. "We call it dumpy."

Coohill brought his research to the classroom, and the new-found discoveries and developments excited his students, according to a former student, Dr. Sharon Moore.

"It was exciting to us because what we learned in class was absolutely current," Moore said. "He’s been all over the world lecturing, but he’s just a regular guy."

Coohill said he would be presented with the worm census in July and act as a consultant analyzing the findings and offering assumptions. Because of the worms’ simple biology, they create few variables, he said. The worms will be sent into space for 10 more years in an effort to study the effects of space travel on living systems and reveal how long astronauts could safely stay in space.

"Astronauts are crazy," Coohill said. "You can tell them there’s a 10-fold increase in chance of cancer in space, and they’ll do it anyway."

But Coohill admitted he too would risk the dangers of space travel for its experience.

"The only person I’d give my seat up to is my wife, Patricia (a Western art professor)," Coohill said. "She thinks if Leonardo (DeVinci) were alive today, he’d work for NASA."
Some Sophistication and a little rhythm make dancing a ball

Story by Kim Hadley
Photos by Leah Hogsten

Thirty minutes after an aerobics class left Room 228 in Smith Staduim, a thunder of movement glided across the scarred hardwood floor.

Couples stepped back and smiled. "Rock Around the Clock," blared from an old record player atop a shelf on the beige block wall. And Burch Oglesby danced.

"If you can hear a beat, you can learn to dance," Oglesby said. "It's like any other physical skill. If you're going to be good, you've got to practice. The ones that are showing off are the ones that have practiced."

Oglesby took his first ballroom dancing class in fifth grade. His wife, Phyllis, started a few years ago. "I had to twist her arm to be my dance partner," he said. But two years ago she began joining him in his ballroom dancing classes.

Wearing a long, flowing black dress and a strand of pearls, Phyllis sat on a bench just off the dance floor and smiled as her husband waltzed with a student to the "Blue Danube."

"This is fun, fun, fun," said Linda Griffin, short of breath, as she left Burch to sit a moment by Phyllis. Griffin of Bowling Green then removed her low-heeled navy shoes before going to dance with her husband, John.

"Step. Step. Slide," Oglesby said as he drifted between couples moving counterclockwise across the floor. Then the music stopped for further instruction for the tango.

"You've done very well for having done this just 20 minutes," Oglesby said. Again he emphasized his points, this time showing the steps. And then the music resumed.


Couples watched their feet as people leaving the nearby racquetball court and weight room looked in, smiled and lingered by the door to watch them.

Oglesby changed the record, and the couples began to waltz. The Platters' song "If I Didn't Care" hummed from the two five-foot tall speakers mounted on the wall. And the dating couples held each other closer. Oglesby dimmed the lights as "Fools Rush In" began.

"Most of the couples are seniors. They may be engaged, or they're serious," Oglesby said.

"You have to have a partner. It's a requirement in the class," Oglesby said. Some matches were made through his department. "We'll have some call in and leave a name with the secretary," he said. Then that person might be contacted by another person looking for a partner.

"Most of the students, all they've ever learned to do is stand in one place and shake a little bit to contemporary music. And if they've slow danced, they've just leaned on each other. Most of the students we get are true beginners."

"Right now, ballroom is coming back in all around the country," he said. "This class fills up by noon the first day of registration." But he added that "to actually ballroom dance, you're going to have to go to Nashville, Louisville, Indianapolis."

Oglesby said the class, which was in its second year, was the most inexpensive dance experience students would ever have.

"It's something if they wait and go to Arthur Murray's they pay a fortune for it."

King Buh, a sophomore from Bagam Sarai, Malaya, took the class because ballroom dancing was "a more sophisticated dance." His partner, Wal Wong, a freshman also from Malaya, nodded. She said it's "more international."

Griffin, returning to the bench to retrieve her shoes, said, "It (ballroom dancing) lowers your cholesterol, it lowers your blood pressure and it elevates your mood. Just ask anybody who knew me before I took it." *

A partner was required for the ballroom dancing class. Anchorage junior Melissa Stites, Altavista junior Richard Moore, Stuelsen Alexander from Oakland and Louisville senior Paul Sagan practice.
Theatrical characters opposite of true personalities

By day she is an associate professor of dance. At night she becomes an upright, Bible-toting town savior. He teaches philosophy and religion, but given an apron and a can of chili, he is transformed into a cursing Texas bartender.

They are the Veenkers, professors at Western and part-time amateur actors. Beverly and Ronald have been acting for about 10 years, but their roles in "The Night Hank Williams Died" was only the second time the husband and wife have played opposite each other.

"Working together is not a problem for me," Beverly said. "I know how to relate to him. I know his idiosyncrasies."

"It's a little difficult," Ronald said. "When I'm with a different actress I have no other role. It's just character. But with my wife, we bring our relationship to the stage."

In "The Night Hank Williams Died," which opened Jan. 23 at the Public Theatre of Kentucky in Bowling Green, Beverly played Vida Powers, a religious fanatic who insisted on saving her daughter from sin. Ronald's character, Gus Gilbert, was the town bartender who shared an intimate and secret past with Vida.

Their lives were intertwined again as they tried to stop Vida's daughter from running off with her old high school lover, a down-and-out gas station attendant who longed to be a country music star like Hank Williams.

The Veenkers said their characters were quite opposite from their true personalities, making the play even more interesting for them.

"He (Ronald) plays an old raw crusty character," Beverly said. "It's kind of funny seeing this Mr. SQ religion professor in this role." She added that identifying with her character was even more challenging because she can't relate to people like Vida in real life.

Ronald said he enjoys playing comical characters that break most of his students' stereotypes about religion professors.

"The best thing about acting is the challenge of trying to be somebody that I'm not and trying to convince others that I am that character," he said.

Students in his Old Testament class said he was the right person for comedy.

"He's real humorous and witty," said Jon Feitz, a junior from South Bend, Ind. "He makes a lot of cracks and jokes to keep the class interested."

"He might come in here spouting off Hebrew or any kind of funny thing," added Somerset junior David Northcut.

Beverly and Ronald have been in such productions as "You Can't Take It With You," "Our Town" and "Anything Goes." Much of their work has been with the Public Theatre of Kentucky and the Fountain Square Players.

The couple began acting as a favor to some friends who were directors. If the directors needed someone to play a part and they didn't have much money for the production, they called the Veenkers. Acting has since grown into a rewarding hobby for the professors.

"I was probably meant to act since the day I was born," Ronald said.

"It's different. It's a nice release from what I do everyday," Beverly said.

"We are not giving up their day jobs."

"I'm not looking to change."

During a scene from "The Night Hank Williams Died," Gus Gilbert and Vida Powers, played by Ronald and Beverly Veenker, discuss Vida's daughter.
On a cold December day, students filtered into the dim room and absorbed the dreary atmosphere. Silence prevailed as they eyed the empty caskets.

Not a typical classroom setting. But this was not a typical class.

For two and a half hours every Tuesday, this group of almost 20 seniors met to discuss a topic that many people would rather avoid – death.

The Death Education course usually met in a classroom, but on this day class was held at the Johnson-Vaughn Funeral Home on Fairview Avenue. The field trip was designed to give students an idea of the planning and costs involved in funerals.

Making her way through the room filled with caskets, Louisville junior Anne Mayfield said the class had prepared her well for the trip. Checking the price of one of the caskets, Mayfield smiled and said, “This is not a shock to us. There is nothing gruesome or gory about a funeral. It’s a shame most people don’t get to learn about death until it’s too late.”

An understanding of death was what most students wanted to learn from.

After expressing feelings about how her family would cope if she were to die soon, Leitchfield senior Penny Logsdon wiped tears.

Students in the Death Education classes hear fears and concerns regarding their own death and that of their loved ones.

“Many people ask me ‘Why are you teaching them how to die?’” Price said. “It’s not like that at all. We deal with the fears and anxieties of death in order to lead happier lives.”

Price said that students are welcome to share their thoughts with the class, but it was perfectly all right if they don’t. To encourage discussion, Price prefers only seniors take the class because they are “more articulate and open.”

Students said they have experienced some very emotional moments in the classroom. Lucinda Itron, a senior from Callatin, Tenn., recalled one such time.

“We had to bring candles in a color that represented our views on death,” Itron said. “It was different I guess you could say, but it told a lot about each of us.”

Lights were turned off in the classroom, and the candles were lit. One by one, the students shared their reasons for the color they chose. Some students brought white candles because they thought death should be looked upon as a peaceful event. Others brought black to represent their fears and feelings of depression toward death.

“Your opinion can’t be right, and it can’t be wrong,” Price said. “It all depends on your understanding and definition of death.”

“There is no condemning here,” Price said. “We deal with topics that everyone is interested in and respect each other’s privacy.”

Class discussions ranged from why people must age and die to the issues of euthanasia and living wills. Price said every aspect of death was covered.

“I strongly encourage everyone to take such a course,” Price said. “I think it’s very helpful. Death doesn’t discriminate, it affects everyone in all ways.”

“I think we’ve all grown a lot from this course,” Mayfield said. “Not only do we understand death now, but we also understand and respect life a little bit more. That’s the way it should be.”
Caveman finds Harmony and a ‘wonderful outlet’ in barbershop chorus

Story by Crystal Redden

To most people, the words “barbershop” mean a haircut, shave and good conversation.

To Lowell Shank, the words mean harmony, good sound and good rhythm.

Twenty-two years ago, Shank’s barber invited him to watch a barbershop quartet perform. Shank attended the performance and liked what he heard.

In fact, he liked it so well that he decided to take up barbershop singing as a hobby.

Soon Shank, a Western chemistry professor for 26 years, was singing bass with the Mammoth Cave Cavemen, a 20-year-old barbershop chorus out of Cave City.

“There is a tremendous therapy that comes from singing. It provides me with a wonderful outlet,” Shank said. “You cannot sing and worry or be upset.”

The 50-member chorus has won district competitions three times and placed 13th out of 17 at the International Barbershop Chorus Competition last year in Louisville.

The chorus made a Christmas tape that sold out. The group also released a record titled “The Cavemen,” and they were working on a second tape. Some of his favorite songs performed by the Cavemen included “Let There be Peace,” “My Old Kentucky Home” and “Somewhere Over the Rainbow.”

“These songs have a good rhythm, beat, baseline and message,” Shank said.

Shank had also been an active member of the chorus’s administration, serving as both district president and as an international board member.

And for 12 years, Shank published the Gazebo Gazette, the Cavemen’s monthly bulletin, which won the 1985 international bulletin contest.

Though Shank had no trouble with the bulletin, he said he wasn’t always sure of himself as a singer.

“I have always enjoyed listening to music, but the chorus has given me the confidence necessary to do such things as join the church choir,” Shank said, “something I would have never done before because I did not think I sang well.”

Shank occasionally invited students to shows for extra credit.

“Most students have enjoyed the performances,” Shank said, “and I have even had a few who have joined the chorus.”

George Coker, a non-traditional student who performed with a chorus before he came to Western, began attending chorus meetings with Shank.

“He’s a good fellow, a dedicated member, and administrator,” Coker said.

Shank and the Cavemen perform annually during Christmas in the Cave at Mammoth Cave National Park and a July Fourth performance at Barron River State Park.

And this year the chorus was invited to perform at Evansville’s annual Fall Cardinal District Competition.

The Cavemen, who attend annual workshops geared toward improving their performance skills and becoming better administrators, hold weekly meetings at a drug store they purchased in Cave City.

Barbershop choruses, like quartets, sing in four-part harmony. They also participate in “wooshing” where they warm up their voices by singing old material. Then there is a chance for quarteting and learning new material.

“The toughest part is spending two hours on the risers preparing for a contest,” Shank said. “But the fellowShip with the men — men of all ages and from all walks of life — is so rewarding that you soon forget about that.”

Lowell Shank practices tag quarteting with Mammoth Cave Cavemen for an upcoming performance.

His office door decorations show Shank’s two interests — chemistry and barbershop singing.
Whether it was **OSMOSIS**, Vivarin or seclusion, students found ways to cope with tests

*Story by Rita Roberts*

Four girls sat around a table in the library, chewing on yellow highlighters, gulping down Jolly Rancher candy and frantically flipping through their textbooks. Nearby, another student sat in front of the window with a book resting on his chest as he napped.

Whether it's mid-terms, finals or unit tests, Western students have some unique ways and places to study.

"One time I really believe osmosis worked," senior Susan Reid said. "I didn't want to study, and I just carried my books and notes around with me everywhere, and I got a good grade. I guess the information was just absorbed through my brain."

The Atlanta native said she tried this method as a child and even slept with her books.

"My mom tried to convince me that I did well because I listened in class, but I think it had to be osmosis," she said, smiling.

Glasgow senior Amy Hoover would have appreciated osmosis two years ago when her Halloween study session turned into hell night.

"My boyfriend and I had separated temporarily and he was supposed to call me that night to discuss the relationship. I spent all night on the phone with him," Hoover said. "He finally called, and we got back together, but I had wasted so much time. Then the fire alarm went off, and I was sitting on the sidewalk desperately trying to read what should have been read hours ago."

"The horror stories didn't end there."

"My worst test experience happened when I stayed up really late and studied so hard that I was too tired to concentrate," Rockfish junior Maya Petties said. "I ended up failing the test."

Senior Brunessa Beckles of Panama also fell victim to exhaustion.

"I actually missed a final," she said. "I hadn't had any sleep, and I slept right through the final."

"Some will go to any lengths to avoid exhaustion."

Juniors Dawn Rutledge of Gallatin, Tenn., and Hannah Mills of Glasgow had interesting experiences with Vivarin, a popular over-the-counter stimulant. But the results weren't always positive.

"I popped some Vivarin one time, fell asleep and woke up sick as a dog," Mills said. "My head hurt, and I was sick to my stomach during the exam. It was terrible."

Rutledge also used the drug once. She was up all night. Problem was, she was up all night.

"I was a serious high," she said. "I bounced around all night. The fire alarm went off in my hall at five in the morning and I was the only person happy and awake."

"As he settled in for a full day of studying, Leitchfield senior Eric LaRue kicked back on the fifth floor of Helm-Cravenos Library."

While waiting for her clothes to dry at the campus laundromat, Dawson Springs freshman Andrea Johnson studies for her computer class.

"I read my chapters, unlike a lot of people who have two weeks of reading to do in a few days," said Vincent Hicks, a Hopkinsville junior. "They are just cramming information into their heads and aren't learning anything."

Hicks is an admirer of Dr. Claude Obern, a professor at Arizona State and producer of the videotape "Where There's a Will, There's an A."

"My uncle gave me the tape when I came to college, and it has some good tips like study under bright lights, eat candy bars and take deep breaths once in a while to get oxygen to the brain," he said. "I've tried a lot of the things, and they work for me."

Barbara Kacer, a teacher education professor, said actually learning the information given in class is more important than memorization.

"A lot of people, not just students, associate learning with the ability to list things from memory," Kacer said. "We don't focus on the significance of an event, and we often don't tap into our full depth of knowledge."

Kacer added that students should look over their notes immediately after class and begin studying at least a week before a test.

"Technically, one should always be prepared for a test at any time, but that's unrealistic," Kacer said.

Reid admitted that she rarely studies, but when she does, the kitchen in her residence hall is her favorite place to go.

"It's quiet and few people come there late at night," she said.

Jonathan Harrell, a Nashville, Tenn., senior, said he retreats to isolated classrooms in Grise Hall or the fine arts center.

"It's like my secret place because not a lot of people know about those places," Harrell said. "I like the classrooms because there aren't a lot of people there like in the library, and no one is talking around me."

"I like the Spirit Master office because I can sit at the desk by myself and feel confined to study," Mills said. "The disadvantage is that there's a telephone in there and couch for me to take a nap. Once I take a nap, studying is all over."

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A silent LANGUAGE
sometimes speaks louder than words

Story by Rita Roberts
Photos by Marc Piscotty

Prepare to enter a new dimension. A dimension where words are seen but not heard. A world where communication is complete dependent on facial expressions and hand motions. No one speaks, and there is no sound.

This is the world of the deaf. By attending Western's new sign language class, students get a taste of what it's like to live in that world.

During the two-hour class, students communicated entirely in sign language. They spent their time watching sign language tapes, translating and spelling words. For many, the class was a frustrating game of charades as they tried to understand the professor's signs.

"We've already learned the sign for repeat again," a smiling Joyce Meredith said early in the semester.

Meredith, an administrative secretary at Western, took the course as part of the American Disabilities Act, which requires all agencies to make services available for disabled people.

"We had one man who was deaf come into the office, and he didn't speak at all," Meredith said. "We communicated by passing notes to each other, and it was quite embarrassing. If I knew a language and there was no one to talk to, I would be frustrated."

Professor Joyce Wilder said her students have taken the first step toward a better understanding of the obstacles deaf people face, such as being ignored or misunderstood and speaking a language that few others do.

"These students will have a greater sensitivity," she said. "They will also gain a greater appreciation for nonverbal communication in learning the importance of body movement and facial expression."

Wilder, whose parents are deaf, said she has been signing all of her life. She once invited her mother and a friend to the class to speak in sign language and give the students practical experience in signing.

"I wanted the students to experience a conversation with a deaf person because people who have been signing for a long time fall into sign and aren't as precise with their finger motions," Wilder said.

"Interpreting things back is the most difficult thing for me," Wilder added.

While practicing sign language, Dana Sanchez, a Belvidere, N.J., junior, keeps her dictionary close at hand.

Enjoying a moment, Joyce Wilder teaches her sign language class. Wilder, whose parents are deaf, said she has been signing all her life.

Like many of the students, he has a special reason for taking the class—his deaf brother-in-law.

"I really want to be able to communicate better with him," he said. Melissa said sign language will be second nature to the students by the end of the semester.

"There is really a basic format, but like any language, it takes hard work and practice," Wilder said.

Wilder said there are growing career opportunities for those who know sign language, such as education, law, health services and freelance interpreting.

Wilder added that although the sign language class has not been added to Western's curriculum, she hopes more students will take advantage of the course, which was scheduled to be offered on demand during fall semesters.

Students who took the class received three hours of transfer credits from Eastern Kentucky University.

Students agreed that sign language is probably one of the most rewarding classes offered at Western.

"We really take things for granted, and I'm going to show being able to help the hearing impaired," Meredith said. "Deaf people are so appreciative to find someone who can talk to, and now I'll have the pure pleasure of being that someone."

Holding up a picture of her boy- friend, Dana Sanchez, a Belvidere, N.J., junior, uses sign language to describe him to the class.

Signing the number seven, Margaret Noble participates in Western's sign language class. Saber, a senior speech pathology major from Nashville, Tenn., said she was taking the class because she had wanted to learn sign language for a long time.
Board's legacy: CONFUSION,
lawsuits, audits keep Western in the headlines

Story by Sam Black and Julie Grundy

In a year plagued with controversy, Western's Board of Regents generated newspaper headlines on a regular basis. By year's end, most people had grown weary of the conflict and hoped the uproar would end. But when it hadn't, everybody awaited the governor's appointment of a new board.

Attention began to focus on the board near the end of October. The College Heights Herald reported that the Associated Student Government was investigating rumors that ASG President and student Regent Heather Falmlen received a diamond bracelet from Board Chairman Joe Iracane as a bribe.

The Board was to vote for a new chairman and vice chairman a few days later at its Oct. 31 meeting. Some student government officers feared that if Falmlen had accepted the bracelet, it would sway her vote.

Falmlen, a Winchester senior, denied receiving a bracelet. And Iracane retained the chairmanship when nobody else was nominated.

Meanwhile, President Thomas Meredith was being recruited by the University of Central Florida in its search for a new president. Despite attempts from businessmen and students to persuade Meredith to remove his name from the list of candidates, he looked hard at the position because of the university's "excellent reputation."

Iracane was again brought into the spotlight when many cited conflicts between Meredith and the board as a possible reason for Meredith's consideration of leaving. Meredith made it to the top five of Central Florida's list before finally withdrawing his name.

Meanwhile, the board ordered an audit of Meredith's expenses. The report, done by Internal Auditor Warren Irons, found no wrongdoing on the president's part.

Things seemed to die down for a few weeks until Vice Chairwoman Patsy Judd said a second audit was needed to "evaluate the finding" of the internal audit done the previous...
ment. As a result, a Bowling Green accounting firm was hired to dig even deeper into the president's expense accounts.

But some regents raised concerns about a conflict of interest, and the board decided to turn the job over to the Louisville office of Arthur Andersen Co.

The firm was to examine, among other areas: Food Services and the Physical Plant to see if these areas lost money to other areas of the university; accounts related to Meredith's travel expenses; and all entertainment expenses at the president's home as well as expenses related to repairs and maintenance work for the home.

Meanwhile, Gov. Brereton Jones proposed a bill which would erase the board of regents at each state university, replacing them in a new, less political way. Higher education should be "free of the taint of petty politics," Jones said.

Jones's bill passed with the support of the General Assembly after former Gov. Wallace Wilkinson's self-appointment to the University of Kentucky board and the controversy swirling at Western. Jones said he would erase the states of university boards by June 30 and start over even though the law stipulates that half of the previous members must be reappointed.

Also in January, the board voted 7-2-1 to hire former Gov. Louie Nunn as special counsel to the board. University Attorney Franklin Berry normally filled that position but asked the board to seek outside help because of conflicts of interest.

Regent Steve Catron, however, claimed the hiring was illegal because the board failed to follow certain university and state requirements before hiring Nunn.

Nunn had been surrounded by controversy before coming to Western. He had been at the center of a dispute at Kentucky State University with then-president John Wolfe Jr. Students there called Nunn a racist and claimed he was out to get Wolfe, an African-American.

Nunn had previously been involved in the chaos at Morehead State University in 1986 when regents blamed their president for budget problems and decreasing enrollment.

With such a background, many at Western felt as though the board was trying to oust Meredith by bringing in Nunn. The debate intensified.

Catron and fellow Regent Bobby Bartley filed a lawsuit against the board. They claimed the board violated its own by-laws and the Kentucky Open Meetings Law because it did not include hiring Nunn on its agenda, and the board secretary, Liz Esters, was not present at the two closed sessions during the meeting.

The board then hired the Lexington law firm of Stoll, Keenon and Park to represent them in the suit. The firm was hired during another special meeting held in Frankfort, at which time the board voted again 7-2-1 to hire Nunn for the same position and the same salary.

Nunn was to receive $150 an hour plus expenses for his advice but because of an injunction filed along with the lawsuit, he was restricted from receiving pay until Warren Circuit Judge Thomas Lewis ruled on the suit. Nunn was hired again by the board to escape legal problems.

But Lewis ruled in late February that the board acted improperly each of the three times it hired Nunn.

In March, a Warren County grand jury investigated the Board of Regents. Nine people — most of whom were regents — testified as jurors looked into the controversy among board members and the hiring of Nunn.

No indictments were returned because the grand jury said it was not in the best interest of Western. But the grand jury report stated that not a single certified public accountant, nota lawyer, could conduct an audit. The argument that Nunn was hired to act as a mediator among those involved in the controversy was "absurd," according to the report.

But Nunn refused to be stripped from the picture. In early April, Nunn revealed he was conducting his own investigation.

"Based on information coming to me," Nunn said, "the auditors need to look deeper. There may even be a possibility for another grand jury investigation."

He said that to date his investigation was complete, he would issue a report to the "proper authorities."

"I'm looking into several things around Western," he said. "I won't stop until it's solved or death overtakes me — whichever comes first."

At the school year's end, the regents remained embattled, the audit unsolved and Louie Nunn was still alive.

While the Grand Jury convenes, Regents Steve Catron and Bobby Bartley walk down the hall of the Warren County Justice Center. The two filed suit against the Board of Regents claiming they broke laws when they hired former Gov. Louie Nunn.
“The greatest thing, no matter what your classification is, you can be involved in anything. You don’t have to be a senior to try out for things.”

Donnie Mather, junior, Hodgenville

“We had excellent plays which star students — which professors direct but students do all the work including the studio shows.”

Melissa Scott, sophomore, Cold Spring

“There are too many cultural events when working on a day-to-day basis, but there is plenty to see.”

April McClure, junior, Louisville
Back from Broadway and on Western’s stage, ‘real star’ sheds light on ‘Whorehouse’

Story by Elaine Pierce
Photos by Kristen Holsen

"The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas." Since Baker attended Western and was in the Broadway version of "Whorehouse," theater department head William Leonard asked her to perform at Western again. Baker was "flattered and pleased." And the cast was pleased to get the chance to work with a "real star." With her arrival two weeks before opening night, the cast said a certain aura arrived as well. Although they felt a little intimidated, they realized how much she could offer. She gave them "a lift." She was the most excellent person to work with. "It’s like a new dimension," said L. Curtis Butler, a senior from Brentwood, Tenn. "Usually, you’re just around peers, and the director is the voice of authority. Now, Becky is both a peer as an actor and a voice of authority on our level. It’s really nice." During rehearsals, Baker gave advice and guidance when needed. Discussion ranged from costume selection to questions about diction. Freshman Pam Conder from Owensboro leaned on Baker for professional help with a tough solo. "I couldn’t have done it without her. She makes you strive to do something you thought you could never do." Lexington junior John Perry agreed. "It’s interesting to see her work. Usually on this level, we do big actions to get our points across." Perry said. "She has the ability to get across the same message with a subtle way." Baker studied theater and dance before attending Western. After graduation, she followed Leonard’s advice and began working in small-time theater in Augusta, Mich., gaining experience and a knowledge of the acting profession. She eventually moved to New York City and started auditioning with professional acting companies. "It was a lot of dumb luck. I was stupid enough to keep persisting," Baker said. Her perseverance paid off, as she landed parts in "Jacob’s Ladder," "BlueSteel" and most recently, "That Night." Her role in the production of "Merrily We Roll Along" in Washington, D.C., earned her a nomination for a Helen Hayes Award. Perhaps her best-known part is in the American Express "Twins" commercial. In it, she plays a wife pregnant with twins who travels around a mall with her husband charging two of everything. Students were anxious to hear her suggestions on their acting careers. She told them to stick with their acting and drama classes and suggested ways to make the transition into the "real world" a little easier. She gave them ideas of where to go and who to contact after graduation. She also stressed to them the importance of handling disappointment. "It takes a lot of patience," Baker said. "These guys are so excited, thinking Oh yeah, it’ll be great! They need to know it can be real unsatisfying." "It’s real romantic starting out," she said. "It takes a lot of patience. You must be persistent and stick to your guns."
With two of her "girls" watching, Mrs. Moon, played by Becky Ann Baker, sings "No-No Nixles." Baker, a Western graduate, has appeared in films, on Broadway and on television.
Re-enacting a 1964 speech by Malcolm X titled "The Ballot or the Bullet," former Westerns student Darryl Van Leer speaks to an audience of more than 200 people in DUC Theater.

Speaking to a full house at DUC Theater, rapper Kris Parker, known as KRS-One, discusses stereotypes found throughout American society.

After her speech in Van Meter Auditorium in April, senior White House correspondent Helen Thomas fields questions ranging from her opinion of Dan Quayle to whether she had any inside knowledge about the Kennedy assassination.

Bob Buchanon, an evangelist at the East Side Church of Christ, holds up the inside of Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven" album cover and compares it to "the hermit" character on the tarot card.

From his two collections of poetry, "Country of Air" and "Atlas We Enter Paradise," Poetry East editor Richard Jones of Chicago, delivers a reading in Cherry Hall in January.
THEATER
ON THE HILL

Before the start of "A Piece of the Dream," Chris Whitney from Bowling Green High gets his face made up. He was part of a singing quartet called YMENT, Young Men Expressing Natural Talent.

In "The Boys Next Door," Kimby Taylor, a senior from Madison, is transformed into the character Clara before the opening of the play.

Practicing his scene as the Governor, Hodgenville junior Donnie Mulher sings during a rehearsal for "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas."

During the final showing of "The Enchanted Pig" for The Children's Theater at Van Meter, Jeffersonville sophomore Mia Sala, who played Princess Gonda, takes a break backstage with the other actors.
Creating a musical language

Music director Weston Noble leads the Luther College Choir during a performance at Van Meter Auditorium. The veldge, in Decorah, Iowa, has had musical tours across the country since 1876.

Fabulous Thunderbirds lead singer Kim Wilson performs with the band at Garrett Conference Center in October.

Charlie Daniels and his band perform at the agricultural exposition center in February. Before a crowd of 200 at DUC Theater, gospel and rhythm and blues singer Jane Powell entertains during a February concert.

At Van Meter Auditorium, George Winston, who is most famous for writing the "Peanuts" theme song, waves goodnight.
Director, playwright uses blacks and whites to cast her dreams of diversity

Story by Cheryl A. Edwards
Photos by Chuck Wing

Ericka Malone saw a problem. “Right now, we are in a war, that in my opinion, is not being acknowledged — a racial war,” said Malone, a sophomore from Louisville. Whites discriminate against blacks unknowingly, Malone said. And she believes the only way to make people more aware of discrimination is to have events that bring the two groups together. Ericka Malone attacked the problem. She wasn’t satisfied with merely talking about discrimination. She wanted to do something to bring black and white students together at Western. She wanted to create diversity.

In February, Black History Month, Malone fulfilled her dream. She approached Benny Beach, program coordinator for University Centers, with a plan. Malone, who is black, told him she wanted to do a musical with about 60 students — 30 black and 30 white — for Black History Month. Beach liked the idea. “I think it was a great idea,” Beach said. “I love to see students get involved and do their own type of program.”

When Malone went to see Beach, the play hadn’t been written, she said. He accepted the play on the premise only. Then she went home to Louisville one weekend and wrote the play.

So the dream began to take shape. But instead of 30 white cast members, only 10 to 15 showed up for auditions. Everyone who auditioned got a part, Malone said.

“I think it’s good for white people to be in this play because they get a chance to be a minority,” Malone said.

After a cast meeting during the fall, a student told Malone, “I don’t know if I want to do this. I don’t see that many people like me here. It was hard for her to stay in the room without any other white people, Malone said. But she stayed with the play when she realized that this was what blacks go through every day.

The title of the play was based on Martin Luther King Jr.’s speech, “I Have a Dream.” Part of his dream was to bring black and whites together, and the play, “A Piece of the Dream,” did that, Malone said.

She also wanted to use the play to showcase the black community’s talent. Once, as she was talking with a white student about her idea of possibly doing a play for Black History Month, the student told her that he didn’t “know that many blacks on campus who have talent.”

Malone set out to prove him wrong. She wrote, directed and produced the musical. The 65 actors, actresses and stage hands were students from Western. The songs were all written by black American songwriters.

Malone, a devout Christian, hoped to use the play to educate the audience about black culture “by giving them a gospel musical extravaganza which showed religion in the black person’s perspective.”

Malone said she drew on her own life experiences for the plot of the musical. She fought with insecurity caused by how she perceived herself. She believed that she wasn’t pretty because of her dark complexion.

In the musical, Isabella, a 20-year-old black woman, became disenchanted with church and religion after her mother, who Isabella thought was the only person who respected her, died. After Isabella ran away to the city believing she had nothing left to cling to, her bother and sister set out to find her. When they found her, a man was trying to rape Isabella, and her brother was shot and killed trying to save her.

Isabella and her sister soon realized that they only have each other and God. Isabella returned to the church realizing that she needs Jesus in order to survive.

Malone said God was central to the musical. God gave her the inspiration for the play, and the gospel brings all people together, she said.

About 650 people attended the February musical. Malone estimated that 40 percent of the audience was white.
Dream cont.

"I wish more whites had attended because the purpose was to show that diversity is needed at Western," said Cherry Stewart, a senior from Radcliff. "It was too bad that the majority of the audience is black. They already know they have talent."

"It's very enlightening for students to attend a play that touches every young adult's life, black or white," said Simone Taylor, a Louisville senior. "Music is a language everyone understands. I wouldn't have missed it for anything."

While Malone isn't a theater major, she has been involved with theater since she was 13 when she entered the Youth Performing Arts School in Louisville. She graduated from the school which focuses on the performing arts.

"Acting is a talent. You either have it or you don't," Malone said. She felt like a major in drama was unnecessary for her. People like Julia Roberts and Whoopi Goldberg don't need degrees in acting to succeed, she said.

She is majoring in corporate and organizational communications with a minor in African-American studies. She hopes to work in public relations for an organization such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People or the National Negro Council for Women. She also plans to continue acting on the side.

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"I think fans here at Western support fanfare not necessarily the sport. Groups are out in the stands for the party rather than the game on the field."
Sami Hollis, sophomore, Lebanon

"Fans support football here, but I think more people support Hilltopper Basketball. It's a shame about the football team though. Fans should support their team—win or lose."
Grant Miller, sophomore, Harrodsburg

"I think support for teams at Western is a vicious cycle. Teams do good one season and the next, the fans turn against them; teams feel demoralized. The Athletics Department needs to promote sports more to bring in more fans and seats. If they want to make it a sufficient they need to put money in it."
Paul Smith, junior, Frankfort
Making a mark in history

Story by Danny English
Photos by Andy Lyons

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Perfection. It's something every athlete strives for, but few achieve.

If Sean Dollman's 1991 season wasn't perfect, it was as close as it could get. Western's cross-country star went undefeated, breaking the tape in all seven of his races. Along the way, he broke several records and won the NCAA championship.

Dollman's time of 30:17.1 at the NCAA championships in Tucson, Ariz., shattered the course record and allowed him to gain All-American honors for the third straight year. In a meet Coach Curtiss Long described as "a race that I'll never forget," Dollman outpaced the second-place finisher by 18 seconds.

"I feel very good right now; this is the best feeling I've ever had," Dollman, a senior from Johannesburg, South Africa, said after winning the NCAAs. "Besides coming to America, this is the best thing that has ever happened to me."

"Being an All-American is an achievement," Dollman said, "but being a national champion puts you in the class of Nick Rose and Tony Staynings and all the other world-class athletes who have run here."

Rose, a former Western runner, won the NCAA championship in 1974. Staynings was a two-time All-American in cross country for Western and raced with Rose when the Toppers finished second in the NCAA championships.

Staynings was impressed with Dollman's NCAA victory.

"It is certainly a mark of excellence that no new can aspire to or even hope to," Staynings said.

Eddie O'Carroll, a junior from Silver Spring, Ireland, said Dollman's victory helped the team's pride.

"He really deserves it; it couldn't have happened to a nicer guy," O'Carroll said. "The team certainly benefit from this."

Of course Dollman's performance helped Western, but the cross country squad was not a one-man team. Long stressed the importance of Howard Shoaf, a junior from Louisville, James Scott, a Fort Campbell sophomore, and Jeremiah Twaymey, a sophomore from Charleston, Ireland, in bringing up the team score for the Toppers throughout the season.

Long noted the effort at the Vanderbilt Open where the men's team finished first of 20 teams without their top two runners, Dollman and Steve Gibbons, a Cork, Ireland, senior.

"It was a victory for which different people had to play the leader," Long said. "The Vanderbilt's of this world have to be the proving grounds."

Scott said that the Toppers worked efficiently as a team to support Dollman's running.

"We really pull for each other and get the pack closer to Sean," Scott said. "We are like a pack moving through the race."

Long said Twaymey was instrumental to the success of the Toppers. Long said "to be able to see his personality develop and see him take charge in big meets was gratifying."

Long said that he sympathized with Gibbons, whose running was hampered by bronchitis and who, Long said, wasn't able to control the destiny of his final season.

In many ways, the women's season mirrored the men's, as a solid team was paced by an exceptional front-runner.

Brenda Denney, a senior from Cork, Ireland, also made her mark in Western history, as her time of 17:18 at the national championships was good enough for a fourth-place finish.

Getting ready for armell, Kelli Hart, a senior from Bowling Green, and Kimberly Hancock, a freshman from Franklin, Ind., are the speedsters of the Toppers.

To prepare for the WKU Hall of Fame meet, Christy Tackett, a junior from Louisville; Catherine Houston, a Frankfort freshman; Michelle Murphy, a junior from Cork, Ireland; and Mary Dwyer, a senior from Burlington, ran at Quivington Woods Park.

Dwyer, who lost a shoe early in the Sun Belt race and had to run without it on a course covered with sand, showed remarkable determination.

"She was really hard-core and tough-minded," he said. "It was a dramatic display of courage."
Setting a winning standard

Western volleyball coach Jeff Hulsmeyer was confident before the season began—and with good reason.

Last year, his team won over 30 games and finished second in the Sun Belt Tournament, and most of the players from that team were returning.

So Hulsmeyer felt 1991 would be the year that the Toppers finally took home a conference crown.

"I thought going into the season, with the upgrade in the schedule, that it would be a difficult season," he said.

But this is an older group, and they'd just come off a great season. I expected a lot from them.

The season didn't begin in spectacular fashion for the Toppers. Through September, they were just 9-10.

"We beat the teams we were supposed to beat, but we didn't pull off any upsets, either," Hulsmeyer said.

Anne Donovan, a junior from Erlanger, said that it took some time for the Toppers to mesh. "The teamwork just wasn't there in the beginning," she said.

But a newly installed offensive scheme was about to pay dividends. In the Mid-Season Sun Belt Tournament in Mobile, Ala., the Toppers put it together and crushed all comers, losing only one game in four matches and winning the tournament.

The Mid-Season was the turning point for us," Hulsmeyer said. "We went into that tournament with confidence, because we had finished second last season.

The victory seemed to bolster the Toppers' confidence, as they won 17 of their last 18 matches before the Sun Belt Tournament.

Their streak carried over into the Sun Belt Tournament in Jonesboro, Ark., as they won their first four matches, including a 3-2 upset over the Western division top seed Arkansas State.

But Western fell to Arkansas State in the fifth match, forcing a sixth and final contest, with the winner taking the conference crown and a probable postseason bid.

"I think Western Kentucky is probably one of the top teams we played this year," Arkansas State coach Chris Poole said. "Jeff has done an outstanding job with that team.

"We pushed them to play their best, and if they (Arkansas State) had made any errors, we'd have won," Hulsmeyer said.

"We couldn't have gotten any closer," Donovan said. "I was really happy with the way we played. Of course, I wish we would have won, but at least we played as well as we could.

Three Toppers, Donovan; Cindy Bradley, a junior from Evansville, Ind.; and Michelle Mingus, a Louisville senior, were named to the Sun Belt All-Tournament team.

Mingus left with pleasant memories of her senior year. "I'm very satisfied, very satisfied. Even though we didn't win the conference, we played our hearts out," she said. "It was a great season.

Hulsmeyer was also happy with the season, his second as Western's volleyball coach. "I can't say enough about the players," he said. "They've set a standard of volleyball that we will continue."
Veteran tradition lifts season

Story by Brian Daugherty

Western soccer celebrated its 10th anniversary in 1991, and many players and Coach David Holmes expected the season to be the Toppers' best ever.

Holmes and his players set some high goals for themselves in the preseason. All were within reach, but none were attained.

The experienced Toppers set out to finish as one of the top five teams in the Great Lakes Region, win the Sun Belt Conference Tournament, beat arch rival Evansville and make it to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history.

Finishing the season at 11-8-1, the Toppers finished seventh out of 34 in the Great Lakes, were the runners-up in the Sun Belt tournament, tied Evansville 1-1 in overtime and did not make the NCAA field.

"The facts were we had a very good team that adjusted to the schedule, to the injuries and to numerous other misfortunes during the course of the season," Holmes said.

The season was marked by near wins over four nationally-ranked teams and a stretch where the Tops won six of eight games. The two losses, to Xavier and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, were unexpected by the players.

"A good team is marked by playing good all season and not losing to lower competitive teams like we did," said Mike Dickerson, a senior defender from Hendersonville, Tenn.

Despite the disappointing record, players thought Western soccer was on its way up.

"Western will keep going forward in soccer," said midfielder Brian Hall, a senior from Henderson, Kentucky. "Sometimes, it takes a bad year or a halfway bad year to make it to the next level. I don't think we're going backwards."

"We're a top 50 program," said Mark Freer, an Owensboro senior. "We're one step away from being in the national tournament on a regular basis.

A major highlight of the season was Chris Hutchinson's quest to break the school record in career goals. The senior forward from Nashville, Tenn., began the season with 29 goals, only 11 behind record-holder Mert Koydemir, who played in 1985 and 1986.

Despite being heavily marked by the opposition throughout the season, Hutchinson easily broke the record and ended his career on the Hill with 45 goals. His career-point total of 99 also set a school record.

"Chris is a terrific representative of the Western soccer program," Holmes said. "Coming from an area of the country that hasn't produced many Division I soccer players, he not only contributed, but excelled. He made a statement for soccer in this area of the country."

Western opened the season in the Rocky's Soccer Classic in Madison, Wis., beating Marquette and losing to sixth-ranked Wisconsin. After wins against Drake and Vanderbilt, the Tops headed to Fullerton, Calif., to.
Unity cont.

play in the Cal-Fullerton tournament without two key starters, junior sweeper Rory Lithgow and junior forward Brian Lewis. Lithgow had arthroscopic knee surgery and Lewis had leg surgery in September. Lithgow, from Aminzimbika, South Africa, did not return until early October. Lewis, from Spring, Texas, was forced to redshirt.

Holmes said the injuries undoubtedly hurt the team. "Rory was a very good team leader for us. He provided a lot of leadership and stability for us. Brian Lewis gave us some speed up front," Holmes said, noting that Lewis’s aggressiveness would have opened more scoring opportunities for Hutchinson.

In California, the Toppers lost to Cal-Irvine in the final 15 minutes and lost in overtime to Cal-Fullerton. Western then beat Morehead State and Louisville at home.

But the Toppers’ NCAA hopes vanished after losses to Xavier in the second round of Western’s own Corvette Classic and at Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

"Xavier was probably the most disappointing game I’ve been associated with in soccer," Freer said. "But the Toppers rebounded for the playoff time, however, and made a good showing in the conference tournament. Wins over Central Florida and Jacksonville in the Sun Belt Tournament in Mobile, Ala., put Western in the final against host South Alabama. But, as they had all season, the Toppers came close to victory but fell in defeat, 3-0.

In terms of overall team wins, Holmes said this year’s senior class was not the best ever. But in terms of accomplishments,” he said, “this group has really made the mark. “These guys have meant an awful lot to me. I am keenly aware of how talented this team was. This group really grabbed WKU soccer and put us among the elite in the country.”

In a battle for the ball, Mike Devaney, a junior from Fairfax, Va., struggles against Drake's Joel Hancock.

Trying to overcome his opponent, Brian Hall, a senior team leader at Heidelberg, Germany, battles Xavier's Mike Derhake for the steal. Xavier won the game 2-1, knocking Western out of the Corvette Classic in the second round.

A loss to Xavier causes Mike Devaney, a junior from Fairfax, Va., to reflect on the game.
The temperature had dipped over the weekend, and Monday, Nov. 25, was a day for staying indoors.

In the football offices under Smith Stadium, it was quiet. There was a team meeting later in the afternoon. It would be one of the last for the members of the 1991 team.

Two days before, the Toppers finished their season with a 31-8 loss at Illinois State. The defeat left the team with a 5-5 final record.

It was the first real day to look back at the season, to let the meaning of 5-5 sink in.

In the head coach's office, Jack Harbaugh was quieter than usual. He was asked how he felt, and he passed before answering.

"I feel like someone just hit me in the mouth," he said. "I'd like to hit them back, but I don't know what to hit."

It was a year of frustration. Not the kind of frustration that came with huge, numbing losses. It was a frustration of working for hours in temperatures ranging from the 80s to the 20s, then watching four of 11 games lost in the final minutes of play. It was a frustration of knowing that one of those games was lost in front of 10,980 Homecoming fans.

Months ago, in August, the team came together and set its goals. One was winning every home game. Another was winning Homecoming. Another was beating Eastern, the team's arch rival. A fourth was winning all games against Gateway Conference schools since Western was planning to enter the conference in the 1992 season.

By Nov. 25, Western had gone 3-3 at home and 1-3 against Gateway schools. The team had lost Homecoming, and it had lost to Eastern.

Goals? "We didn't meet any of them," Harbaugh said. "It was not a successful season by any stretch."

Senior tight end Milton Higgins agreed. "I think we built a lot of character, but I don't think we accomplished anything we set out to do at the beginning."

In the first game of the season, Austin Peay broke a 23-game losing streak, the nation's longest at the time, against Western with a late touchdown. Three games later, Middle Tennessee kicked a last-second field goal to win 23-21.

At Homecoming, Troy State scored late and intercepted two final scoring attempts by the Toppers. Two weeks later, Tennessee-Chattanooga ended the team's chances at a winning season with a late touchdown.

"It's just that we played so hard," Higgins said of Western's close losses, "and then lost at the end."

Every time Western would get close to success, success would be snatched away. Then, in their last home game, Western finally came out on the winning side of a close game.

With three seconds left, visiting Eastern Illinois threatened to win the game with a field goal from the one-yard line. However, Western's defense blocked the kick, and the game was saved.

For the first time all season, the close game had gone Western's way, and Harbaugh dropped to his knees as players and fans rushed onto the field to celebrate.

"I was just thanking the Lord," a smiling Harbaugh said.

The team quietly finished the rest of the season on the road with two losses.

"We just did the best we could," senior offensive guard Harvey Slinker said. "On the win-loss side of it, it wasn't the greatest. It could have been turned around in a few moments.
Defeat cont.

It was pretty frustrating, but we were still fighting it out in the last game.

Western would lose All-American Milton Bippins along with 12 other players to graduation, but junior Eddie Thompson, one of the top rushing quarterbacks in the school's history, would return. Also coming back was junior tailback Roscoe Etchols, who rushed for nearly 1,000 yards, and Danny Davis, who led the defensive line in tackles.

The cycle of the football season would continue for the returning players through the winter and into spring practice, when preparation for 1992 would begin. "It goes by so fast," Harbaugh said.

He could not explain the 1991 record, and he said he felt bad for the players the most. "I wish we could have experienced winning more - a lot more."

Watching from the sideline, Hilltopper strong safety Larry Harris, a junior from Paris, takes a breather during Western's victory over Morehead State. Feeling a bit out of place, Murray State's Timmy Bland tries to squeeze through Western's defense. Western won the game 24-0.

After a disappointing loss to Austin Peay, Thomas Quisenberry, a Frankfort sophomore, kneels on the sidelines. Western coach Jack Harbaugh consoles quarterback Eddie Thompson, a Louisville sophomore, in the hallway of Smith Stadium. Middle Tennessee blocked a last-minute field goal attempt and won the game 23-21.
**PEAKING**

**Tops save best for last**

*Story by Chris Irvine*

“If it wasn’t for close losses, Western’s men’s tennis team would have had no losses at all,” Coach Jody Bingham said. “But I was very proud of the team overall.”

Bingham said the season was “a very positive sign, considering the experience we have,” he said.

Much of the team consisted of newcomers. Sophomore Quincy Brown, senior Eric LaRue, freshman Adam Scif and junior Ernest Smith were all playing their first season of Division 1 tennis.

The tops finally pulled out a close win in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament. They defeated Lamar 5-4 in the first round before being eliminated.

Bingham was encouraged by the strong finish. “To see their intensity, to see them come together at the tournament, was the most gratifying moment in my college coaching career,” Bingham said.

Team captain Jay Graf said teamwork was the key to the win against Lamar.

**After Murray senior Ellen Hogancamp lost a tough three-set match, Wendy Gunter consoles her. Hogancamp had become dizzy and was too ill to play doubles.**

“If we had the best team-effort we’ve had all season,” he said. “We finally won a 5-4 match.”

Bingham described Graf, a Brentwood, Tenn., senior, as the “best all-around player on the team. He can do anything — string crickets, run practice, run junior clinics,” Bingham said.

Graf finished his career at Western a four-time Sun Belt Conference All-Academic. “He epitomizes the term ‘student-athlete,’ ” Bingham said.

Graf lost a close, three-set match against Jacksonville in Western’s final game of the tournament.

“Jay Graf played the best match of his college career against Jacksonville,” Bingham said. “The player who beat him was one of the top players in the nation.”

The women’s team finished the season 5-15 and ranked last in the Sun Belt. But their record wasn’t a reflection of the team’s performance, Coach Laura Hudspeth said. “They played competitively in almost every match,” she said.

The team was led by Murray senior Ellen Hogancamp. “Ellen plays a steady baseline game,” Hudspeth said.

Paducah sophomore Amy Haskins was also an impact player. Her main asset was her power, Hudspeth said. “If you hit her a short ball, she’ll hit back a winner.”

Others making key contributions were seniors Wendy Gunter, from Mandeville, La., and Anne Crafton, from Elberfeld, Ind.

The team’s performance during the season did not stop them from almost pulling two major upsets in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament. They lost 5-4 matches to high seeds Texas Pan-American and Central Florida. Both came down to the third set of the final doubles match.

The Tops defeated Louisiana Tech 5-4 in the tournament. The Lady Techrers had handed Western an 8-1 thumping earlier in the season.

Hudspeth said her team peaked at the right time, and that only those narrow defeats prevented a happier ending.

Gunter said some Sun Belt teams may have overestimated the Tops, resulting in the near upsets.

“We surprised a lot of people,” Gunter said.

In a match against a University of Louisville player, Wendy Gunter, a senior from Mandeville, La., stretches for a forehand. Gunter lost the match 6-4, 6-3. While playing a doubles match with partner Bob Brandenburg, an Elizabethtown sophomore, Louisville sophomore Kurt Kumke reacts after hitting the ball long.
Lady Tops chase title to L.A.

Story by Cara Ann

High above the floor of the Los Angeles Sports Arena, the seconds slipped off the clock in the championship game of the women's NCAA Tournament.

Below, the dreams of the Lady Tops went with them.

The team had advanced to the finals for the first time in Western's history, turning a breathless rally in the finals of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament into a string of upsets that earned national attention.

Now, however, the momentum was falling apart, and so were the Lady Tops' dreams of winning the biggest game of their lives.

In front of a national television audience, the Lady Tops finished second in the country with a 78-62 loss to Stanford.

Days after returning home to Diddle Arena, the second-place trophy was perched on the basketball table outside Coach Paul Sanderford's office, surrounded by newspaper clippings about the Lady Tops.

In his office, Sanderford was quiet. He had returned a day later than his team from Los Angeles. He had not been present when hundreds of fans welcomed home the sleepy Lady Tops the morning before.

"It's frustrating to get so close and not get the job done," he said. "We were one game, 40 minutes away, from a national championship. Not many people get that opportunity."

At the beginning of the season, the Lady Tops had been ranked as high as third in various national polls. A slow start, however, gave the team a 4-4 record as it slid to 24th.

Only in the last few weeks of the season did the team reach its preseason predictions. In the end, it went beyond them.

"We reached our potential and maybe even surpassed it," Sanderford said. "The fact that we played our best basketball at the end is personally rewarding for me. This was not an easy team to coach. We had a lot of problems, just like any team sport. But the fact that we continued to keep a winning attitude as a team was amazing."

The team finished the season 27-8. Hall of 

The Lady Toppers had to overcome a 16-point deficit against Arkansas State to earn the 1992 Sun Belt Conference trophy.

Paulette Monroe, a Kansas City, Mo., junior, snags a rebound from a New Orleans player. The Lady Toppers won the game 78-62.

Lisa Lang, a Farmville, N.C., senior, hustles for a loose ball.

The Lady Toppers had to over...
Women's basketball cont.

Those losses were at the beginning of the season, but at the end of Christmas break the team started a 10-game winning streak that ended in February.

Three conference losses that month dropped the team back into a four-way race for the conference title, but at the end of Christmas break the term started.

A coin toss between Western and Lamar dropped the Lady Top into the number two seed in the conference tournament in Diddle Arena, but by the end Western was on top.

It was a five-minute, 16-point comeback at the end of the title game that the players would later credit for their postseason play. It was the time, they said, that they finally came together. They “believed,” Sanderford said.

It could not have come at a better time.

The Lady Tops entered the NCAA Tournament as the fourth seed in their region, ranked 16th in the nation. The team received a first-round bye, then dismantled visiting Alabama 98-68 to advance to the Sweet Sixteen.

It was never easy again. Western had to come back against both second-ranked Tennessee and eighth-ranked Maryland to advance to the Final Four, then withstood a late rally by Southwest Missouri State in Los Angeles before losing the final game.

“It was really fun, getting on a roll like that,” Sanderford said. “In the final game we regressed back to not playing with a lot of poise. I don’t think we showed the country or Stanford what kind of team we were to get to that point.”

“Except for the outcome, I liked it,” junior Debbie Scott said. “We were kind of wishing a miracle would happen.”

The final game ended the careers of seniors Kim Pehlke, Lisia Lang and Jennifer Berryman. It also ended the career of Scott, who as a senior had eligibility left but chose to graduate. The rest would be back on the court in the fall.

Days after the season ended, Sanderford was ready to look ahead for those who were returning. “I hope what they get out of it is the idea that this is great and they want to come back,” he said. “We were pretty prepared. Next time we’ll be well-prepared.”

Before the semifinal game against Southwest Missouri State, Sanderford laughs while being interviewed by CBS.

(top right) As the last minutes of the NCAA title game wound down, Jennifer Berryman covers her face as Lee Robinson locks on.

(Left) Playing against Southwest Missouri State, Renee Westmoreland battles for the ball against Tina Robbin.

(bottom right) After defeating Maryland in the regional finals, Sanderford interrupts the celebration with a prayer.
After the Lady Toppers lost to Stanford 78-62 in the NCAA finals, Trina Wilson and Debbie Scott share their emotions.

At the Nashville International Airport, Ida Bowen shows signs of fatigue and disappointment. The Lady Toppers were on their way back from Los Angeles after losing to Stanford in the finals of the NCAA tournament.

(far right) Lady Topper senior Jennifer Berryman cries at the welcome-home rally.

During the welcome-home rally at Diddle Arena, Paulette Monroe shares a laugh with the crowd. About 800 people greeted the Lady Toppers when they arrived home from Los Angeles.
Regaining ground on the court

Story by John Martin

It was a season of busted heaters, exceeded expectations and a return to post-season play for the men's basketball team.

Before Ralph Willard began his second season as men's basketball coach, he hoped his team would win at least 18 games and be competitive by tournament time.

But when the season started, Willard and even the most loyal Hilltopper fans had to be concerned.

Because of sharing Diddle Arena with the women's basketball team and intramural programs, and a new NCAA rule requiring that teams take one day a week off from practice, the Toppers' workout time in Diddle was restricted.

And, senior forward Jack Jennings broke his foot in an October pickup game and had to sit out Western's first five games. Jennings was the leading returning scorer from the 1990-91 team, which went 14-14.

Heading into the season opener against Southern Illinois at Diddle Nov. 27, Willard said the Toppers were behind in most phases of the game.

"We've made progress in some areas," he said. "I was hoping we'd be further along at this point than we are now."

Willard's fears proved legitimate in the opening game. In the 74-63 loss to Southern Illinois, Western shot just 32 percent and committed 21 turnovers, but improvement came quickly.

The Tops posted home wins against Tennessee-Martin and Illinois-Chicago, and a last-second shot by junior guard Mark Bell lifted Western to a 64-62 win against Eastern Kentucky in the year's first road game.

After a lackluster performance in a loss at Bowling Green State, the Tops returned home - and welcomed back a familiar face.

Jennings returned to the starting lineup Dec. 14 against Austin Peay and didn't leave it the rest of the season. He scored 18, 16 and 18 points in wins over the Governors, eventual NCAA Tournament participant Murray State and Bethune-Cookman. Western then headed to Hawaii with a 6-2 record.

In one of the highlights of the season, Western captured the Chaminade Classic in Honolulu by beating Presbyterian (S.C.) and Atlantic Coast Conference member North Carolina State.

Junior guard Darnell Mee posted a career-high 29 points against the Wolfpack to take tournament Most Valuable Player honors.

Though a crowd of fans welcomed the team home from Hawaii, Willard terms of beating an ACC school, it's a pretty good win."

After escaping little-known Radford with an 81-78 win, Western got a rude welcome to the new Sun Belt Conference. Because several Sun Belt members defected to join other leagues after the 1990-91 season, the Sun Belt merged with the American South Conference.

In their league opener against Southwestern Louisiana, Western fell 79-76 on a last-second 26-footer by Southwestern's Michael Allen, a Lexington Bryan Station High product. Western led the Ragin' Cajuns by 17 points in the first half, only to see the hosts come back.

Another tough road loss followed against Jacksonville in overtime, 88-85. Three technical fouls down the stretch hurt Western in the loss, which featured a career-high 39 points by Jennings.

Before the pre-season "Thrill on the Hill," the team gathers for a display of unity.
Men's basketball cont.

Western came home for three games, hoping to crawl back into the league race. They beat Arkansas State and Arkansas-Little Rock while losing to South Alabama. Jennings continued his hot streak, leading the Tops in scoring in all three games.

In the loss to South Alabama, Western again raced to a big lead — as it had in the losses at Southwestern Louisiana and Jacksonvile but couldn't hold it.

"When we got the lead, we were so accustomed to fighting back to get the lead," as they did for much of 1980-81, senior forward Harold Thompson said. "We started second-guessing our shots."

On Feb. 8, Western began the run that put the team in contention for the Sun Belt lead. The Tops thumped lowly Texas-Pan American at home, edged Central Florida on the road two nights later, then returned to Diddle to face league-leading Louisiana Tech.

In perhaps the most exciting contest of the season, Western surprised the Bulldogs in overtime, 79-78. The game featured two buzzer-beaters by the Tops—Mecenna and a shot to send the game to overtime, and a top-of-the-key shot by Thompson won it in the extra period.

Willard, who was disappointed with home attendance all year, said the 4,772 fans at the game helped spur Western to victory.

The faces of Darnell Mee and Bryan Brown told the story as time ticked off the clock against Louisiana Tech in the semifinals of the TCBY Sun Belt Conference tournament at Western Kentucky. Western won 74-60.

Western guard Mark Ball reacts while applying full court pressure to a Defe City Demons play in the exhibition game. Western won 102-72.

"It's the first time you could feel electricity in the building all year," he said. "If we had another 2,000 to 3,000, it would have been unbelievable."

The Tops had little time to celebrate. Two days later, they faced 18th-ranked Kentucky at Rupp Arena in Lexington.

Western played respectably in a 93-83 loss to Kentucky. Thompson's career-high 26 led Western in the game, which saw Jennings draw a technical foul for flipping the ball in the direction of Wildcat Gimi Martinez. Jennings was benched for the rest of the game.

"Nobody on our team will ever do anything like that and play," said Willard.

Western then charged down the stretch, winning four of its last five games. The last home game against Central Florida was a season-high 8,123, as Western cruised 83-47 behind Jennings' 29 points. Western concluded Sun Belt play in fourth place with a 10-6 record. It had been picked to finish sixth in the pre-season.

A last-second layup by junior center Bryan Brown beat Virginia Commonwealth 77-75 in the finale and gave Western its first 20-win season since 1986-87.

The TCBY Sun Belt Conference Tournament in Biloxi, Miss., paired the Tops with South Alabama, the only league foe to beat Western in Diddle. In the fourth overtime game of the year, Western won, 95-94. A desperation last-second three-pointer by Jennings sent the game into overtime.

With evidence of hand work running down his face, Western's Harold Thompson drags a break during practice in November. Taking advantage of a quick first step, Darnell Mee drives to the basket while Francisco Siller of UTPA American guards him. Western won the game, 83-81.

"We're still looking for a bid to the National Invitational Tournament. Eight days after the Louisiana Tech loss, Western found out it was headed to Manhattan, Kan., to face Big Eight Conference member Kansas State.

But post-season was short-lived as Western fell 85-74. Jennings starred in his last college game, pouring in 28 points and grabbing 18 rebounds.

Despite the disappointing conclusion, the season saw Western win seven more games than the previous year and return to post-season play in only Willard's second year on the Hill. Jennings averaged 20.7 points and 6.5 rebounds a game to lead Western in both departments. Thompkins, the only other senior, averaged 14 points and four rebounds.

Western would return three starters—Brown, Mee and Willard— for the 1982-83 season. And despite some published stories linking his name to other jobs, Willard said he would return to Western to try to keep the Tops on the upswing.

"I definitely plan on being at Western next year," he said. "But you can't rule out anything."
Overachievers swim past goals

Story by Tom Batters

Western swimming Coach Bill Powell entered the 1991-92 season not knowing what to expect. He had only three seniors, three top divers and one of the toughest schedules he's had in his 23 years here.

What he had was a team of overachievers. "Overall, it was a tremendous year," he said. "The team worked extremely hard and has a great deal to be proud of."

The Toppers finished the year with a 12-3 record, went undefeated in Diddle Pool and finished eighth out of 11 teams in the Eastern Regional Championships.

The Eastern regionals in East Brunswick, N.J. on Feb. 19 were what the team had prepared for all year. "All of our dual meets were just stepping stones toward the big event at the end of the year," Powell said.

The Toppers, while breaking two school records, finished with 244 points in the regionals, up from 147 points in an 11th place finish the previous year.

"All the hard work during practice all year really paid off," said co-captain Jay Hansen, a senior from Ludington, Mich. "We were all prepared and saw our best times of the year at Easterns."

The team of Lexington sophomore Ben Graves; Indianapolis, Ind., senior B.D. Diercks; New Albany, Ind.; junior Chris Healy; and Seymour, Ind.; freshman Todd Bolinger broke the Western record in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:23.88.

"The relay record stands out in my mind as the highlight of the season," co-captain Diercks said. "But this team as a whole is what really matters. It was the most dedicated and hardest-working of any that I've been on."

Ashland sophomore Chan Ferguson, who broke two school records as a sophomore, broke the record in the 200 individual medley in 1:55.0.

"Last year (at Easterns) teams just blew us off," Ferguson said. "This year the competition took notice of us."

A highlight of the regular season came on Jan. 18 when Western hosted Georgia Tech for Parents' Weekend.

Backed by an enthusiastic full house at Diddle Pool, Western cruised to a 154-87 victory, avenging a one-point loss to the Yellow Jackets the year before. "It was just one of those days when everything went right," Powell said.

Richland, Ind., junior Rich Rutherford said the first race of that meet, the 400-medley relay, was one of the most exciting of the season. "It was awesome to see us win the first race and get the crowd going early," he said. "Once we did that, everyone started swimming great."

Western also defeated the televised high school team of the week, Indiana University and used that momentum to score well during the regular season and at Easterns.

"This team was very close," Nash said. "Everyone worked together and helped each other out."

Senior Dave Clark said this team was the best he had seen in his four years at Western and possibly the best Western team ever. "Everyone's proud of each other," he said.

Freshman Joel Wirebrink said there was much more team unity and enthusiasm than he had ever seen in high school. "I never thought I could become best friends with 25 other guys."
Shooting for par

Story by John Martin

After finishing in the basement in the spring season's first two tournaments, the women's golf team was hoping for an upswing.

They got it. The Lady Toppers improved their scores dramatically in the next two tournaments.

But stiff competition in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament put the Toppers back where they were at the start of the season — in last place.

Spring play began at the Sports Unlimited/Central Florida Intercollegiate Golf Classic in Orlando. After finding themselves in the middle of the 15-team field after one round, Western endured a disastrous second day, shooting a 353.

Despite improving that score 14 strokes in the final round, Western was unable to escape last place. Russellville senior Allyson Hartley led Western with a 262.

"This tournament didn't show our potential," Coach Kathy Teichert said.

A month later, Western hosted its own tournament at the new Hartland Golf Course. It was the first women's collegiate golf tournament in Bowling Green since 1983. Michigan State won the tournament, which again saw one bad round kill Western's hopes for a high finish.

The Toppers were led by LaGrange sophomore Jennifer McGohon, who shot an 82 and 76 to finish 10th individually.

At the year's third tournament, in Wilmington, N.C., Western began to find itself.

The Toppers shot a 345 on the first day of the Asales/SeaHawk Invitational, then improved to 332 in the second round. Western's final round score of 331 put it seventh in the nine-team tournament, won by Kansas.

"Our last day was the best we've played all year," said Alma, Mich., sophomore Jennifer Moore, who averaged 255 for the Toppers.

The upswing continued the following weekend at the Boilermaker Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind. Sophomores Moore and Liesl Diekert of Pietersburg, South Africa led Western to 11th place finish among 17 teams.

Diekert shot a 157, while Moore compiled a 159. "We had to play great golf," Teichert said.

The Sun Belt Tournament in Gulf Shores, Ala., didn't provide the kind of conclusion to the season that Teichert and her players would have liked. Western struggled behind champion Central Florida, Lamar and South Alabama, all considered quality teams, to finish fourth.

Moore finished 11th individually with a 241, while McGohon tied for 12th with a 242.

In the fall season, Western's best finishes were 13th in the 18-team Spartan Invitational, sixth among 11 teams in the Tennessee Tech-Vanderbilt Invitational and fifth in the nine-team Charleston Invitational.

Teichert will welcome back many of the same players next season in her bid to keep the Lady Toppers competitive.

The men's golf team made strong outings in the spring season and barely missed winning their first tournament of the year. At the Oak Meadow Intercollegiate in Evansville, Ind., Western fell to Ball State by one shot.

"We did well but I guess you're never completely satisfied," Coach Lee Robertson said.

"To lose by one shot was kind of hard," Torre Haule, Ind., junior Ron Poore said.

Poore and freshman Kelvin Burgin of Somerset finished in a four-way tie for third place, each shooting 152.

Moving on to the Johnny Owens Invitational in Lexington, Western finished 11th in 19 teams. Michigan State ran away with the field.

Burgin led Western finishing 24th in the tournament.

The Toppers tied for 14th the next weekend in the Marshall Invitational in Huntington, W.Va., won by Ohio State. Glasgow junior Bryan Baysinger's 226 paced Western.

From Huntington, Western traveled to Birmingham for the Bent Brook/Blazer Invitational where it finished in the middle of 10 teams. Baysinger and Poore tied for top honors with a 222.

In the Sun Belt Conference Tournament in St. Francisville, La., Western again found itself in the middle of the pack, this time in fifth place.

The Toppers struggled in the first round, shooting a 305, but moved up to 298 on the second day and 277 in the last round. South Alabama came out on top, as they did just days earlier in Birmingham.

Western's five players were all close together in the final standings. Burgin shot a 227 to finish 18th, with Poone's 229 not far behind. Manassa, Va., sophomore Joe Daly's 231 and Tell City, Ind., sophomore John Stiler's 240 rounded out Western's scoring.

The fall season started strong with second-place finishes in the first two tournaments and a third at the Illinois State by 11 strokes. But the Toppers stumbled badly in their final two fall outings.

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- Men's Golf Inv. 401 of 11
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**Cincinnati**

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**Golf 365**

Rich LaPone

White practicing at the Bowling Green Country Club, Toronto, Canada. Senior Susan McCarthy greets a missed putt.

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**Mark T. Child**

With a bit of concentration, Somersett freshman Kelvin Burgin lines up a putt during a practice round.
Students involved in intramural sports depended on their teammates for support more than cheering fans, but to many the competition was as intense as if they were playing before crowds of thousands.

Women's Flag Football
Strong teams turned out at the women's flag football campus championship, and they were led by Obsession. The team, the defending flag football champions, was undefeated in the regular season.

Obsession's lucky number was seven using it touchdown after touchdown. The fiery team pounded Alpha Delta Pi sorority 48-17 with the help of seven interceptions.

"I tried to get between her (the quarterback) and the receiver," said Obsession's Rhonda Ellis, who had two interceptions.

In winning the game, Obsession earned the right for the second consecutive year to play in the national flag football tournament in New Orleans Dec. 28-31. Express also earned a trip to New Orleans by capturing second place. "It's about the best feeling in the world," said Obsession quarterback Shelly Duncan. "Last year, we went down there and got our butts kicked. We hope to do better this year."

Obsession made a better stab than the year before by finishing in the final 16, but it was Express that pulled off the biggest surprise by finishing in the final eight, losing to defending national champion Georgia Southern. Host New Orleans won the tournament.

Men's Flag Football
The men's flag football season was a replay of the year before. Money brought enough clout to the season to win the campus championship and Sigma Nu was runners-up.

The year before, Money made it to the final four in New Orleans, and Money's Jeff Jackson, a junior quarterback/receiver, relished the chance to go back. "It's fun," he said. "You gain a lot of experience."

Sigma Nu was also looking forward to the trip to New Orleans. "Our goal is to get a lot of experience that we can bring back here and make us better," Coach Robert Foster said. And that is what Foster's team did. Sigma Nu beat East Tennessee and lost to Stephen F. Austin and Central Michigan.

Money did not compete in the games because of eligibility problems.

Tennis
Delta Tau Delta cheered on Tony Straefler, who claimed the tennis tournament campus championship, beating out independent winner Richard Jodlowski.

"I really didn't know what to expect from any of the other players," Straefler said. "My toughest match came in the second round against Greg West of Sigma Chi, and from there on out I didn't have any problems with anyone else."

Leslie Osborne, an Elizabethtown junior, beat Jodlowski 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, and the Po'sser was hot on the trail in women's intramural basketball, and was ranked No. 1 in the Intramural-Recreational Poll for the entire season.

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Sports for people who like to play

Story by Sam Black

Claus Wino, 310 Sports

Betsy Hyde 8-3 in the semifinals and Lesa Lindsay 8-6 in the finals to come out on top in the women's competition.

In the men's independent doubles bracket, Jodlowski and Trent Lee won over Paul Moore and Mark Overstreet, 8-3, 6-1, for the championship. In the fraternity doubles division, Brian Shawler and Scott Meckas, playing for Sigma Nu, won the finals 6-2, 6-2, over Kappa Alpha partners Stan Davis and Lane Fowler.

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Jeff Jackson cheers for a fellow teammate during flag football practice at Creason Field. Jackson was a member of Money.
Coach Joel Murrie knew coming into this year’s baseball season that he had a few question marks on his pitching staff. Only three hurlers — seniors Lance Ellingson and Steve Marr and junior John Markham — returned with any experience. And that experience was limited — a combined total of 10 wins. The rest of the team was a collection of freshmen, junior college transfers and returning players with limited playing time.

But even with his team’s limited experience, Murrie wasn’t panicking. “This team has the capability of being much better than last year’s team, but you never really know how committed a team is to win. It usually comes down to how much the players want to work and dedicate themselves.”

Murrie was counting on the Toppers’ offense to shoulder the load. It did. The Topper bats were hot enough throughout the season to compile a composite batting average of .329, the fourth highest ever for a Western team and tops in the Sun Belt Conference. The Toppers also led the conference in runs scored per game.

The season began with a 6-3 record against non-conference foes heading into a three-game showdown against nationally ranked and defending Sun Belt champ South Alabama. The Jaguars swept the series in Mobile. The next conference foe, Jacksonville, visited Denes Field five days later and left with two victories. Western was 1-5 in the conference, and Murrie was searching for answers.

The Toppers rebounded with nine straight victories, including the first two of a three-game series with conference foe Central Florida at Orlando. Now 5-6 in the conference, the Tops were right back in the hunt for a spot in the Eastern Division playoffs.

LaGrange junior Paul Jackson said a postgame team meeting after the Little Rock series was the turning point of the season. “Usually you think of a good time, but it was probably when we were swept at Arkansas-Little Rock,” Jackson said. “We sat down and really had a heart to heart talk, and it seemed like we played with more intensity the rest of the year.”

The Toppers won nine of their next 10 games, including a three-game sweep of Arkansas-Little Rock and two wins in three tries against Central Florida.

A key home series against Eastern Division leader South Alabama remained. The Toppers had to win at least two of the three games to lock up a spot in the conference tournament.

Western won the first game 6-2, but lost the second 6-5. In the third game, Eubank freshman Kevin Wallace sealed the Toppers’ bid to the tournament with a clutch seventh-inning performance, giving up only one run as the Tops won, 8-1.

Because their last four games were rained out, the Toppers had a long layoff until the tournament began. As a result, the Toppers lost their first game of the double elimination tournament. But they won the second game in the ninth inning against Louisiana Tech. Lamar eliminated the Toppers the next day, 8-5.

The Toppers finished the season.

(Far left) Third baseman Mike Rona, a junior from Seminole, Fla., drops a line drive against Southeast Louisiana. Western won the game, 7-6.

During a pre-season workout in Diddie Arena, Winlow, Ark., junior Dean Carpenter (center) stretches with the rest of the pitching staff.
With a record of 30-23 overall, their ninth 30-win season, Ellingson wanted more in his final season.

"It was a season of streaks," Ellingson said. "We'd win nine, then we'd lose five, things like that. It wasn't really a disappointment, but I had expected a little more."

The season was loaded with individual accomplishments.

Jackson set a school record with a 23-game hitting streak. McDonald said his time at Western was rewarding, "I think I've matured a lot through college," McDonald said. "I definitely don't regret coming to Western.

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*In a victory over the University of Louisville, Western shortstop Brad Worley, a junior from Heasden, stretches for a pick-off throw as a Louisville player dives back into second.

Baseball cont.

As a Franklin senior, Steve Marr, a Franklin junior, gets hit by a pitch.

Against Arkansas-Little Rock, Steve Marr, a Franklin junior, gets hit by a pitch.

"This is a tremendous honor for Paul and for our program," Murrie said. "Paul had a great year and was instrumental in our strong offensive attack."

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Runners set pace in the long run

Story by Jeff Nations

Coach Curtiss Long knew his team was in for a demanding year.

For the first time since 1981 his Toppers would run in a conference championship meet. The new Sun Belt Conference, which included track powers Louisiana Tech, New Orleans and Arkansas State, elevated track to championship status.

"The challenge before us is to compete fully in all of the events of track and field," Long said.

But the challenge was an uphill struggle. The Toppers were masters of the distance running events. But Long was consistently shortchanged in field events and sprint races, particularly on the women's side.

"Our strength is in the distance events," Long said, "but by no means does that mean that we won't compete in the other aspects of the sport."

Long entered the season with a pair of cross country All-Americans to anchor his team. For the men, Johannesburg, South Africa junior Sean Dollman, who won the national championship in cross country, promised plenty of victories. County Cork, Ireland junior Breeda Demneh, Demneh did the same for the women's squad. And both were spectacular as expected.

Dollman won the respect of the national distance-running community by winning the NCAA 10,000 meter outdoor championship by about 75 yards or 14 seconds. His winning time was 29:40.5.

That victory was added to a list of wins in both the indoor and outdoor season that is unparalleled at Western. He won both the 3000- and 5000-meter events in the indoor Sun Belt meet at Jonesboro, Ark. These victories helped propel Western to a fourth-place finish.

The outdoor conference championship at Lafayette, La., was almost a carbon copy for Dollman. He won the 3000 and 5000 again for the Toppers, who finished fifth.

"We absolutely dominated the distance events at the Sun Belt," Dollman said.

His list of victories also includes the 5000 meters at the U.S. Air/East Tennessee State Invitational in Johnson City, Tenn., finishing in 14:08.23, 12 seconds ahead of the competition. He also had a second-place finish in the 1500 meters in the SEMOton Relays and a sixth-place finish at the Mt. Sac Invitational.

Demneh, who didn't compete in the outdoor season, was equally impressive indoors. She was named Female Athlete of the Meet at Jonesboro, Arkansas.

During the 13-hour trip to the Sun Belt Track and Field Championships in Lafayette, La., freshmen Jennifer Harris from Bowling Green and Katherine Hancock from Frankfort sleep on the bus.

"I was kind of running relaxed as I could," Demneh said. "The track was kind of small, so it was kind of distracting running that many laps."

Other highlights for Demneh included a fourth-place finish in the 1000 meters at the U.S. Air/East Tennessee against a team that included three former NCAA champions. At the Iowa State Invitational, Demneh misread a distance marker but still finished second in the 5000 meters. That finish set a Western record with her time of 16:31.

But Dollman and Demneh weren't the only contributors to Western's success in the 1992 season.

County Cork, Ireland, senior Steven Gibbons, who had battled injuries, won the 10,000 meters in the conference outdoor championship. And he took third in both the 3000 and 5000 meters at the indoor meet to take All-Sun Belt honors.

"It was very pleasing to see Steven go out the champion," Long said. "He has experienced winning and injuries, so he's run the full aspects of track."

Michelle Murphy, a senior from County Cork, Ireland, finished second in both the mile run and 3000 meters to earn indoor all conference accolades.

Long said that Murphy was a team leader when Demneh didn't compete in the outdoor season because of injury and fatigue.

"Michelle developed strong leadership qualities," Long said. "And she's knocking on the door for 3000 meter NCAA provisional qualification."

Long said that he was pleased with his team's performances in the conference championships.

"On the women's side, we got every point we anticipated and a few more," Long said. "For the men, some of our younger athletes competed and were very close to placing. None of that shows up but is very gratifying to the coach."
Working the sidelines
Basketball managers balance schedule to keep team running

Story by M.G. Williams
Photos by David Stephenson

Be like Ralph.

Run the basketball team through shooting drills and new strategies. Record and watch the games - both Western's and upcoming opponents. Sit on the sidelines and give the players support, attention and respect.

Students with a love of basketball and fascination for coaching can be like Ralph. But knocking Western Coach Ralph Willard out of his job is unlikely, and the university doesn't offer bachelor's degrees in coaching.

However, managing the basketball team is one way to learn the ropes. Managers Eric Cunningham, Clif Caldwell, Doug Keil, Neil Smith and Chris Sawyer kept Western's men's team running smoothly, and they picked up a few coaching pointers along the way.

Sawyer, a junior from Pensacola, Fla., majored in history and hoped to coach a college basketball team someday.

"This is the best route to becoming a coach," he said. "I observe Coach Willard and how he handles situations."

But Sawyer and the other managers have little time to take notes. They're too busy running the clock during practices or keeping the players supplied with water and towels during the games. Or they're video taping practices and games so the team and coaches can later analyze their performances.

"Taping the game is the worst job, but it is the most important," said Smith, a senior sports management major from Red Boiling Springs, Tenn. "They (the team and coaches) watch those tapes religiously."

Managers also work in the basketball office, prepare scouting sheets and make various other arrangements for the team.

"It's not a small job," Willard said. "It's a big job. All the guys respect them."

The job can take more than 30 hours a week. Managers are at practice an hour beforehand and one to two hours afterward, taking care of equipment such as basketballs and jerseys. "They do so much," Willard said.

Caldwell, a graduate student from Earlington, has worked with the team since the fall of 1986. "I was a manager for three years in high school. I came here, wanted to continue and lucked up," Caldwell said.

"At first I wanted to coach, but now I do it just because I like to work with people," But Caldwell said he would still accept a coaching job if the offer were right.

He said working with the coaches and players is easy. "It is more of a family atmosphere. I sometimes help the coaches with problems."

A little less experienced than Caldwell is Keil, a junior sociology major from Franklin, Tenn. It was Keil's first year as a manager. "I just came in one day, talked to one of the coaches and got the job," he said.

The job comes with a scholarship for room and board and the benefit of knowing the coaches. "The coaches help me in various things like getting in (basketball) camps. We have boss-friend relationship," Keil said.

Smith said the job is "more time-consuming than I thought before I came a manager. You think it's only a couple of hours of practice a day and games. But we have to be here early for both, plus run errands."

The amount of time spent can also cut into classes. "I was once gone for seven straight classes of zoology," Sawyer said.

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A world of runners
Dollman, Dennehy take on international competition
in Boston

Story and photos by Andy Lyons

The world watched as John Ngugi of Kenya crossed the finish line and was crowned the World Cross Country Champion, but little attention was given to the runner who finished 64th of the more than 300 runners.

Few noticed that it was 1991 NCAA Cross Country Champion Sean Dollman. He was 91 seconds behind Ngugi, a five-time winner of the race.

In what some call the Super Bowl of international running, Dollman was blitted by some of the best in the world. But he was happy to be there.

"It's great that I've made it to the top, even though now I am at the bottom of the top, and I am gettin' mud thrown in my face by the best."

Dollman, a senior from Johannesburg, South Africa, and Breeda Dennehy, a senior from Cork, Ireland, spent the last part of their Spring Break representing Ireland in the 20th International Amateur Athletic Federation Championships in Boston's snowy Franklin Park.

Dollman was the third to finish for the nine-man Irish team that placed 11th out of 22 teams in the race. The new team member, a rookie in world class races, impressed his more experienced teammates.

"He ran a phenomenal race," team veteran Gerry Curtiss said. "To have the third man home was excellent."

For a young guy to break the top 100 is really exceptional. He kept it together and that showed a lot of maturity."

Dollman might have been spurred on by the presence of his mother, Sheil Dollman. She traveled more than 6,000 miles from her home in South Africa to see her son compete.

"It made the world championships more special for me, knowing that my mom was here," Sean said. "It was important that she could see how much I have improved since I've come to the States."

"I get a bit of a surge when I watch him run," Sheil said. "A bit of you is out there with him."

Dennehy finished 92nd, 1:56 behind the three-time winner Lynn Jennings of the United States. Although Dollman thought he could have performed better, he was grateful for the experience.

"Each time I line up against an international field I will get that much better because they are the best, and I'm a good learner."
Taking charge

Senior Kim Pehlke steps up to lead Lady Toppers into Final Four

Story by Cara Anna

The crowd in the Los Angeles Sports Arena knew a rally was in the process.

The margin Stanford held over Western had been 24 points. It was now 10 points. The Lady Tops were not giving up - not in the finals of the NCAA Tournament.

There was 2:27 left, and Western was in a time out. Directing the huddle was not a coach, however. As the coaching staff met, senior guard Kim Pehlke talked to the players.

Regardless of the outcome the final minutes would bring, it would be the last game of Pehlke's career. Her final season had lasted as long as possible.

In the remaining time she had, she was also trying to make it the best.

Pehlke had been a starting player all four years at Western, but in that time the team had never come so close to winning it all. Seven straight wins in the postseason had put the team in the position for a national championship.

Weeks earlier, before the beginning of the Sun Belt Conference tournament, Pehlke sat in Diddle Arena and talked about what it was like to be a senior. From that week on, every game the team would play could be her last. She wanted to keep going - for herself and for her teammates.

"I've liked basketball..."
ever since I was old enough to see,” she said. “Right now it's taking priority over everything.”

When Pehlke was five, she discovered the sport on a trip to Kentucky Lake. Her uncle held her up and let her shoot, and afterward she told her parents she wanted to play basketball. She began playing for a team in fourth grade.

“In front of a home crowd, Pehlke keeps New Orleans player Shanna Cook at bay.”

In a Sun Belt Conference game against Louisiana Tech, Pehlke signals a play to teammates.
Pehlke cont.

when we got Kim started in basketball,” Pehlke’s mother Dianna said. “I told them flat out – we didn’t. She chose to do it.”

There have been other interests for Pehlke – tennis, softball, sketching, playing with her young nephew and tutoring Coach Paul Sanderford’s son Aaron in math. But “she loved basketball,” her mother said. “It was something she wanted to do. It was an emotional experience to see her play and get this far.”

Pehlke’s role as a motivator and a leader emerged in her final year with the Lady Tops. “It was my responsibility to not let her down,” Pehlke said. She was no longer the player that, as a freshman at Western, had wanted to be a star immediately. There were others to think of.

“You’re supposed to be the leader, the one who keeps everyone under control,” she said before tournament play began.

“The pressure you put on yourself is extreme. As soon as conditioning kicked in, right then and there I had to be the leader and get people motivated.”

She said she liked to lead by example. She later illustrated that by setting the pace in the postseason, leading the team in scoring in five of the seven games that led to the title game.

With only minutes left in the title game, however, she had to speak instead of act.

“I was just saying not to give up,” she said after the game. “We just couldn’t sit there.”

Despite the effort, her career was ended minutes later as Stanford defeated the Lady Tops78-62. It had been nearly 20 years since Stanford was holding the trophy.

“Even my grandpa was happy to see her do it,” said her aunt Paula Conner of Gallatin, Tenn.

The only thing missing was the trophy that Stanford was holding.
Driving through the tour

Golfer 'worked, played, practiced' and won his way into the pros

Story by Cara Anna
Photos by Chuck Wing

Golf, for many people, is for free time. There are good days and bad days, poor shooting and the rare hole in one, but all is in relaxation. Business comes later.

That isn't true for Kenny Perry, a former Western student and a top 30 member of the Professional Golfers Association.

Golf began as a game for Perry, but it is something he now calls "a hard profession." He looks at the game as a job. "I've made it a business," he said.

Perry, 31, spent four years on the golf team at Western and five others at levels just below the PGA, gradually achieving a goal he set over a decade ago. "It was always a dream, but there was no guarantee I'd make it. It was a year-to-year process.

For the past five years, Perry has competed in the PGA and has been ranked as high as the top 10 on the tour. He has earned over a million dollars in those five years of play. "That's not too bad," he said. He has earned $100,000 a year for the past five years.

He lives in nearby Franklin with his wife, Sandy, and their children, Leslie, Justin and Lindsey. It is where he fell in love with the sport as a boy, and it is less than a half-hour away from where he took his first swings at Western.

"I can only say good things about Western," he said. "It's not a big school, but it's still a good one. I survived," he said, laughing.

Perry came to Western in 1979. He saw little competition his freshman year but was always ranked in the team's top three players after that. Despite his success in college, he never won a tournament. He came close, however. "I had a couple of second places and a lot of top-ten finishes. I wasn't bad," said Perry, who was team captain his senior year.

Jimmie Richard, now Western's alumni affairs director, was Perry's coach at Western. "That's so odd," said Perry's winless performance in college. "He was never lower than third in any big tournament. He's just unlucky, but whether he won or not he was a fierce competitor. Kenny really deserved a lot better credit in college than he got."

Former teammate Scott Ray always thought Perry would do well at golf. "He had a good work ethic. He was the best on the team by far." Perry, who was at Western until 1982, turned pro after completing his eligibility to compete for the team. With the financial help of friends in Franklin, he went to Florida to play weekly with the Orlando Space Coast Mini-Tours.

He now compares it to baseball's minor leagues. "I worked, played, practiced and even got to winning," Perry said.

The next step three years later was qualifying school, a tournament which whittled down a list of more than 5,000 players to 50 that were eligible for the PGA Tour. On his third try, in 1987, he made it, placing 40th.

"I couldn't believe it," Perry said. "I had been so close the other two times. It was a relief." Perry said. He was placed 165th in the PGA field. Only those 144 could play in each tournament, so he had to wait until a large number of regular players skipped a certain tournament.

Sandy Perry, who has been married to Perry for 10 years, calls the atmosphere in the PGA "a family away from home."

"He's the best guy I've ever been around. He has a fantastic attitude about life and playing the game." Richards watches Perry play when he gets the chance. "It's hard to recognize how hard you have to work to be on the tour," he said. "You're talking about the top 50 (players) in the world. It takes a lot to be there."
Playing it straight
Jack Jennings changed his attitude
and set higher goals
to score success

Story by Christine Taylor

For most people, it takes slightly more than three hours to drive to Bowling Green from Covington.

But for basketball player Jack Jennings, it took more than two years to get to Western, and he learned some lessons on the way. Because Jennings, a senior forward, didn't make the required score on his ACT, he had to make a detour to a junior college.

"It wasn't an easy trip," Jennings said. "A lot of people didn't think I would make it through junior college."

Not only did he make it through Sullivan Junior College in Louisville, but Jennings also made his way into Western's starting lineup as a junior and senior. He led the Hilltoppers in scoring and rebounding both seasons.

But Jennings was probably known as much for his on-court behavior as he was his play.

"He'll moan and squint and sometimes bump into players on purpose," said Reynolds Flynn, coach of Jennings for four years at Covington Holmes High School, where as a senior Jennings led the state with a scoring average of about 35 points a game.

Jennings, who was a candidate for Kentucky's Mr. Basketball, was also Northern Kentucky's Player of the Year, leading Covington Holmes to the state tournament in 1988.

In high school Jennings received a lot of taunting from opponents and their fans because of his attitude, Flynn said. But the coach said he handled the situation well.

"The fans got on Jack because he grips a lot. He wanted attention," Flynn said. "He liked to cry," Jennings said. He later realized that his behavior was a result of immaturity. "You get the big head," Jennings said. "In high school there's no one to challenge you. In college, the players are better than you."

But his antics weren't something he left behind completely. Coach Ralph Willard was aware of his on-court personality when Jennings arrived at the Hill. "Jack plays with a great deal of exuberance," he said. "Sometimes he's over-exuberant. That's the only negative."

The key to Jennings's...
success was channeling emotion into his play, Willard said.

Harold Thompkins, a senior forward from Milledgeville, Ga., said the team could relate to Jennings. "The fellas understand how he is," Thompkins said. "He's a competitor, and he wants to win."

Tommokins said Jennings added a lot to the team because he was not easy for other teams to guard. He opened things up for the outside shooters.

One reason Jennings was difficult to guard, Flynn said, was because he could go to his right or left. Flynn said Jennings was the best shooter he coached in his 18 years at Holmes.

The 6-foot-5, 250-pound Jennings led Western his senior year with about 20 points a game. "He gives us scoring every night," Willard said.

And Jennings, using his wide body to box out taller opponents, paced the team his senior year with six rebounds a game, despite playing with a sore foot that he broke before the season.

"He's got a Charles Barkley-like body," Willard said.

Jennings matured a lot at Western as a player and as a student, Willard and Flynn said.

He realized at Sullivan and Western that studying is not an option; it's a requirement.

Willard said Jennings changed his outlook. "He understands that the degree is the most important thing in his life."

That's one lesson that Jennings may have learned the hard way after breaking his foot.

"He matured a lot because he realized basketball could end tomorrow," Willard said.

Jennings said he would like to make a living playing basketball. But if that doesn't happen, he's prepared.

He has an associate's degree in business from Sullivan, and he is working toward his recreation degree.

Although he didn't earn enough hours to graduate in May when his eligibility ran out, Jennings planned to comeback in the fall and finish his degree in December.

Flynn feels sure that the discipline Jennings learned at Holmes, Sullivan and Western has paid off. Flynn said that Jennings is a good person, and whatever he decides to do, he will succeed.

And as for Jennings, he said his experiences at Sullivan and Western changed him. "In high school, I wasn't as mature," he said. "I grew up."
Story by Cara Anna
Photos by Andy Lyons

The cheering started an hour before the event.

Steve Crocker's fans got the attention of the 3,000-plus crowd inside the natatorium at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis. They got the attention of the NBC camera crew, and they got wilder still as the minutes ticked away.

Downstairs, Crocker was waiting his chance at history.

Crocker was a member of the Western swim team for four years in the early 1980s and became the school's only All-American swimmer. Since then, he had prepared for the Olympics in his only event, the 50-meter freestyle.

He had been the third-fastest swimmer in the history of the event since 1985 but had never reached the Olympics. He was turned away in 1988 by fifteen hundredths of a second because he placed third in the trials, and the United States is allowed only two Olympic entries in each event. His time that year was better than the time that won Olympic bronze.

On the evening of March 5, Crocker was preparing to try again, this time for the chance to compete in the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain. At 28, it would be his last effort to reach the Olympics.

Crocker's fans were in two large groups that faced each other across the pool. One group was friends from Western and current members of the school's swim team, led by Coach Bill Powell.

The other contained Crocker's family and three chartered busloads of friends from his home near St. Louis. All, nearly 300 of them, were settled into place as the finals began.

Then the cheering started. Crocker easily had the most vocal support for any swimmer that day. "Gimme a Cl!"

"Cl" they thundered, as signs waved and streamers shook wildly.

"C-R-O-C-K-E-R!
CROCKER! CROCKER!
GO CROCKER!
CROCKER! CROCKER!
GO CROCKER!"

Crocker himself had no idea how many people would be there for him, but he said he was glad they were there. "I knew they'd be pretty rowdy," he said.

Minutes before the race Crocker appeared briefly beside the pool in his warmups, a blue bandana tied around his shaved head. As he passed by the stands he looked up and smiled, and then disappeared again.

The next time he came out the bandana was gone, and he walked slowly with the seven other swimmers to the end of the pool. He would swim in lane 3, and as he was introduced the cheers drowned out the announcer.

Beside Crocker were the two swimmers who had kept him from the 1988 Olympics, gold medalist Matt Biondi and world record holder Tom Jager. With their reputation of dominating the event in recent years, they were the focus of the attention as the night of the finals approached.

Biondi, who had the fastest preliminary heat of the morning, was in lane 4. Jager, in lane 5, had the second fastest time and Crocker had been third.

The race was on straight shot across the pool.
There was silence as the finalists mounted the blocks, but when the gun went off, the crowd reacted as quickly as the swimmers. 

The difference in the race would not be a matter of seconds, but of parts of seconds. As the men fought their way through the water, Helen Crocker, Crocker's mother and a history professor at Western, brought her hand to her mouth as others screamed behind her. In 23 seconds it was over. As the swimmers touched the wall, everyone turned quickly to look at the clock. And for the first time, Crocker's fans were quiet, stunned by the 32 hundredths of a second which would keep Crocker at home again.

Biondi, the winner in 22.12, and Jager, second in 22.17, congratulated each other.

One lane over, Crocker looked at the clock and then looked back toward the starting blocks. It was over. He later said the start, usually his strong point, had been the problem. "I was counting on having the lead," he said. "I never really saw the guys were ahead until the very end."

"I'm very disappointed for his sake," Helen Crocker said. "It's been a nine-year dream he's had, to go to the Olympics."

"He's been third in the world so long," Powell said. "Those are just two great swimmers ahead of him."

Later, Crocker would again walk by the crowd and smile, and shake his fist in the air. He would be swarmed by young swimmers seeking autographs as he emerged from downstairs. He would spend minute after minute signing shirts and programs, and would look up and smile as a young boy came up, touched Crocker's bandana and ran off.

"I'm beginning to find out how Michael Jordan feels," one man said, watching.

"He was absolutely besieged by kids," Powell said. "Everybody that comes in contact with him likes him."

While Biondi and Jager disappeared downstairs, Crocker would become the center of attention after years of being the relatively unknown third man. It would come from the fans who loved him and from the ones who were introduced to him through the cheers of the crowd.

"I got the feeling everybody was ready for the duo (Biondi and Jager) to be broken," Crocker said afterwards. "People I didn't even know were rooting for someone to break it."

For a few seconds after the race, however, the crowd was quiet.

But they recovered quickly. As Crocker emerged from the pool and walked away, they began one last time.

"Gimme a Cl" 
"Cl"
Strength, naturally

Body builder breaks stereotype to convey a positive message to health students

Story by Lauric Leslie
Photos by Joe Carriile

He is a sculpted mass of flesh and muscle.

He stands out from the other men in the gym. Wearing Spandex pants and a muscle T-shirt, every ridge of his body is detectable, and it looks as if he has been carved to near perfection.

"I've always been competitive," said Glenn Ubelhor, a senior from Evansville, Ind. "Weightlifting is a way of life."

That way of life began for Ubelhor when he started pumping iron while playing football and running track at Harrison High School. But when the owner of House of Fitness, where he works out, suggested he enter a bodybuilding competition, Ubelhor was reluctant.

"I didn't think I would win," Ubelhor said. "I was only 18." But he took the advice, and despite his doubts, he won.

Ubelhor, 24, continued lifting weights and soon became a serious body builder. Serious enough to enter the 1993 Mr. America contest in Chicago. In which he placed sixth among 87 contestants from around the United States. He also placed second in the teenage Mr. America contest and won three other competitions.

Ubelhor, who planned to turn pro in the summer of 1992, must win or place in the top three of a national contest such as Mr. America to gain professional status.

But Ubelhor said lifting weights has done more than just make him bigger and stronger. "It helps my self-confidence and all aspects of my life," he said. "It takes time more efficiently, I eat right and I have more energy."

His cousin, sophomore Jill Ubelhor, grew up with Glenn.

"I knew him when he was little and scrappy," she said. "He taught me how to fish, play football and baseball. He was like a best buddy, a big brother. I used to watch him do his routines and tell him what I liked and what I didn't."

Now Scott Alcorn of Bowling Green watches Ubelhor do his "routines," as Ubelhor and Alcorn work out together. "When I first started working out with Glenn, I was overweight," Alcorn said.

"Glenn put me on a diet and a workout program. I lost 35 pounds; he knows what he's doing."

Majoring in health education, Ubelhor looks forward to conveying a positive message to his students. "If students see a sloth who doesn't take care of himself teaching a health class, they aren't going to get anything out of it. I feel workload for school. But he generally works out about six days a week. A day at the gym lasts two to three hours, depending on the workout for that day. Different days are designated for different parts of the body. Ubelhor also does a cardiovascular workout by either running or using a StairMaster.

As he and Alcorn progressed around the gym from one set of weights to another, they encouraged each other not to give up when the weight became a challenge. Ubelhor's dedication and commitment to his sport was apparent, as precision and skill seemed to follow him to every machine. His determination showed as he blew the pain out with each repetition.

Body building is a personal sport, Ubelhor said. "There is no one there to blame when you mess up."
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But with each struggle we come a little closer to answering those important questions about who we are and where we are going. And a little closer to finding our Sense of Place.
Night passes above the tower of Cherry Hall while the statue of Henry Hardin Cherry looks on the city of Bowling Green.