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During a men's basketball game against South Alabama, the Hillbrowgers, a student spirit club, cheer from their courtside bleachers in Oldfield Arena. John Simpson

“We’re starting to get proud again. It’s starting to spread across to athletics and other things.”

Jim Nelson, Princeton junior
“Probably one of the biggest changes is the Preston Center. I think it’s helpful. It’s something else to do.”

Karen Bell, senior, Goodlettsville, Tenn.

Mayfield senior Kelly Maron exercises by walking two miles around the track at the Preston Center.

Chuck Wing
"It's something like a new shade of red ink. Western's trying to do more, educate more students with increasingly less resources."

Alan Anderson, philosophy and religion department head

During a student protest in Frankfort against proposed budget cuts in higher education, Louisville senior Steve Miller donned stilts and an Uncle Sam outfit. Miller was one of hundreds who protested at the state capital.  Mark T. Osler
“I’ve been trying to tell everyone in the state we’ve got a pretty good basketball team.”

Ralph Willard, men’s basketball coach

Celebrating Western’s upset of 22nd-ranked University of Louisville in Freedom Hall are Derek Flowers, a sophomore from Dothan, Ala.; Bryan Brown, a senior from Austell, Ga.; and Elerton sophomore Greg Glass. The Toppers won 78-77. Marc Piscotty
"Since one of our professors took students to the inauguration, that made it a part of campus life."

Edward Kearny, government professor
Before fall classes began, customers were already visiting the new food court at Downing University Center. The food court offered Strutters Chicken, Firehouse Grill, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut. John McLemore

“Dr. Meredith is painting the campus - it’s getting a new shade of red.”

Dr. Louis Marciani, athletics director
A fan basks in the sunshine at a football game. John Simpson
Graduates

Lester Rain, Recreation, Miami, Fla.
Jason Campbell, Chemistry & Biology, Glasgow
Jeryl Edwards, Experimental Psychology, Cincinnati, Ohio
Trisha Leigh Embry, Geography, Morgantown

Gloria Redmond-Paugh, Art, Austin
Xiaoming Guo, Computer Science, Bowling Green
William Ronald Genet, English, Bowling Green
Dana Harbin, Communication Disorders, Temperance

Shannon Dale Hurley, Agriculture, Park City
Janet L. Johnston, Public Administration, Owensboro
Yvette Mack, Public Health Education, Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Cathy Renee Morris, Public Health, Olaton

Nancy Schiess, Education, Russellville
Michael Byron Settles, Education, Lombard, Ill.
Dana Sharp, Health Care Administration, Hendersonville, Tenn.
Thomas Smith, Biology, Elizabethtown

Daniel T. Smithson, Organizational Communication, Madisonville
Patricia Villahermosa, Civil Engineering Technology, Bowling Green
Felicia Winger, English Literature, Columbus
Aiping Wu, Chemistry, Bowling Green

Zhuming Zhang, Biology, Bowling Green

During a practice of Western's marching band, Auburn senior Denise Moy and Paducah junior Jennifer Thompson war their cymbals. After three hours of practice, the two had decided they needed a break. Darren Silva
Outside Garrett Conference Center, Henderson junior Marci Givens and Louisville senior Ellen Neely enjoy the warm fall weather. Toni L. Sandys

Late summer flowers mingle with early fall leaves. Chad Ress
Seniors

Christopher T. Alexander, Advertising
La Grange
Mamdouh Al-Hasawi, Computer Information Systems
Bowling Green
Jeannette Allen, Psychology
Bowling Green
Jennifer Almy, Vocal Performance & Music Ed.
Goshen

Abdulla K. Al-shatti, Computer Science
Bowling Green
Edward Ryan Alvey, Government
Avenues, Md
Allieen Amul, Social Work
Glasgow
Peggy D. Aune, General Studies
Bowling Green

Amanda J. Ayer, Chemistry
Culhoun

Christine K. Ayres, Elementary Education
Bowling Green
Denise Y. Baker, Mathematics
Omaha

Mark Ballard, Computer Information Systems
Paducah

Valerie Barnes, Nursing
Nashville, Tenn.

R. Christopher Barnett, Music
Glasgow

Bryan Bayne, Hotel & Restaurant Admin.
Glasgow

Kyle Bearden, Geography
Bowling Green

Karen Boll, Chemistry & Biology
Goodlettsville, Tenn.

Leslie Bentley, Biology
Gallatin, Tenn.

Wes Berry, English Literature
Glasgow

Elizabeth Bicknell, Broadcastin
Bowling Green

Top of the Hill

From the Olympic track to the classroom, Western has earned national and international recognition through its groups and individuals. Some achieved their feats during the 1992-93 school year. Others continued their success from past years. On the following pages, the Talisman features a selection of these people and their accomplishments.
Fans attend the Homecoming game against Central Florida. Chad Bess
Communications Professor Larry Caillouet said he had no idea how much his four-month teaching position in Tbilisi, Georgia, actually meant until he was featured on television there for receiving one of the highest awards ever given by the university where he taught.

"I was utterly amazed," Caillouet said. "I enjoyed my sabbatical leave, but I never imagined I would come back with such an honor."

The Republic of Georgia, with a population of 5 million, is one of the 15 former Soviet republics. Caillouet said Tbilisi State University is about the same size as Western.

Caillouet was awarded Tbilisi State University's Ivan Javakhishvili Medal for his excellence in teaching and his humanitarian efforts.

Besides teaching classes, Caillouet donated medical supplies to the university clinic and handed out 300 Bibles.

"You don't realize how lucky you are until you experience the problems of another country," he said. "Over there, just being an American makes you a celebrity."
Wayne Hoffman admitted his department is different but said different is good. Hoffman, who has been the geography and geology department head for 17 years, said credit for how well his department is doing goes straight to the faculty and students.

"I take pride in the fact that most of the faculty and students participate in public services," he said. "That makes us a little different from some but helps us stand out more, too."

Since 1984, nine faculty members have won Ogden College, university or national awards for excellence in teaching, research and public service. The department also has had numerous articles and professional papers published by both faculty and students. Add that to the more than $1 million in grants brought in between 1987 and 1991, and Hoffman said you have "a real winner."

Hoffman said the department's undergraduate curriculum has been revamped recently in an effort to present a better package to students.

"This is only the beginning," he said. "People are going to be hearing about Western's geography and geology department for a long time to come."
The Topperettes
danced their way to the finals this year, placing ninth in the NCAA Cheerleading and Dance Team Championships in Dallas, Texas.

"It was great because it showed us that all our effort really did pay off," said Versailles senior Mindy Graham, the team’s captain and choreographer.

To be invited to Dallas, the team had to finish in the top 13 of 160 Division I dance teams. A videotape of a team dance and fight song was sent to a committee, which made the final choices.

The Topperettes, who perform during time outs and halftimes of home basketball games, said the win makes their practices now seem a little easier.

"If we did it once, we’re pretty sure we can do it again," Graham said. "That’s given us the motivation to keep our spirits up and hope alive."
Kerry Pemberton, Mathematics  Jamestown
Clint Perkins, Nursing  Bowling Green
Bob Phillips, General Studies  Bardstown
Deanna Phillips, Accounting  Mount Juliet, Tenn.

Ginger T. Pickstock, Business Education  Nashville, Tenn.
Catherine A. Powell, Elementary Education  Stanford
Chris Poynter, Print Journalism  Paris
Julie Price, Photojournalism  Amherst, Ohio
Connie Priddy, Business Education  Elizabethtown
S. Paige Pride, Biochemistry  Tell City, Ind.
Laura Kay Proctor, Accounting  Middletown
Tammy A. Rajewich, Corp. Comm. & Eng. Writing  Brownsville

Vanessa L. Rankin, Advertising  Winterset, Ga.
Marsha Ray, History  Bowling Green
Allison Reagan, Elementary Education  Glasgow
Ellena Rees, History & Geography  Owensboro
Kerry C. Reeves, Elementary Education  Clarkson
Hollie Reynolds, English  Bowling Green
Michelle Rice, Public Relations & Psychology  Nashville, Tenn.
AliceBlake Richardson, Biology  Ashland City, Tenn.

Julie Beth Brightley, Library Media Education  Sulphur Springs, Tex.
Angela M. Rippy, Finance  Hendersonville, Tenn.
Beth Robinson, Health Care Administration  Campbellsville

Ashley Bass, Broadcasting & Child Dev.  Nashville, Tenn.
Debra Bausey, Computer Information Systems  Greenville
Phyliss A. Ryan, Elementary Education  Bowling Green
William Brian Sauer, Management  Henderson

Michael Schecter, Marketing  Carmel, Ind.
Riona L. Shelton, Print Journalism  Bowling Green
Kelly Shreve, Elementary Education  Elizabethtown
Gregory Lloyd Shuck, Corporate & Org. Comm.  Louisville

Michele Stiebwa, Speech & Comm. Disorders  Lawrenceburg
John Simpson, Photography  Louisville
Michele Howard Simpson, Nursing  Maysville
Leslie G. Singleton, Accounting  London

Michael Silder, History  Charlotte, N.C.
Patterson Sorrentino, Advertising  W. Seneca, N.Y.
Jamarac S. Spencer, Biology  Smithfield
Lawrence Richard Spitzer, Photojournalism & History  Louisville
Melanie K. Sturk, Government
Crest Pointe, Tex.
Tracey Steele, Preprofessional Marketing
Newburgh, Ind.
Susan Stephenson, Dental Hygiene
Boca
Tanya Lynn Stinson, English & Allied Languages
Fairview, Tenn.
Tanya Lee Stinson, Textiles & Clothing
Fairview, Tenn.
Leslie Stover, Hotel & Restaurant Management
Falkon
Zack J. Stroble, Health Care Administration
Dayton, Ohio
Eric Swafford, Industrial Technology
Nashville
Eric Taylor, Marketing
Bossier Dam
Petit J. Terrell, Recreation
Carsonville
Alan Thomas, Corporate & Organizational Communications
Hardinsville, Tenn.
Alex Thompson, Psychology & Sociology
Bowling Green
John Estes Thompson, Agriculture Education
Tampinesville
Sharon Thompson, Financial Planning
O’Fallon
James Therien, Corporate Communication
Louisville
James T. Timley, Geography
Springfield, Tenn.
Susan Gill Torien, Mass Comm. & History
Hopkinsville
Ron Tsang, Comp. Ind. Arts & Mgmt.
Bowling Green
Shane Vandiver, Business Economics
Madisonville
Vicki Vowell, Psychology
Nashville, Tenn.

Patty Walschak, Biology & Chemistry
Scottsville
Karen Wallace, Marketing
Patoka
Cherrielle Wallor, Dental Hygiene
Nashville, Tenn.
Trevor Waltee, Print Journalism
Olive Hill, Ky.
Mary Weisgraffel, Elementary Education
Baremore, Ind.
Laetitia Welsh, Middle Grades Education
Hartford
Mary Elizabeth Wells, Elementary Education
Nashville, Tenn.
Sheila Wells, Biology & Psychology
Greensville
Nicole Wescell, Corporate & Org. Comm.
Ambleside, Tex.
Veronica Willerson, Social Work
Caddo
Kevin Williams, Mass Communication
Leeds
Matthew Williams, Marketing & Public Relations
Hopkinsville
T. Renee Williams, Elementary Education
Cecilia
Timothy S. Williams, Agriculture
Rossville
David C. Wilson, Government
Bowling Green
Indie Wilson, Psychology & Art
Greensburg
Nancy Wilson, Marketing
Glasgow
Stephanie Wilson, Health Care Administration
Ogdensburg, Tenn.
Tina C. Wilson, Interior Design
Albany, N.Y.
Terri Winchell, Public Relations
Madisonburg
Western’s journalism department has repeatedly brought national recognition to the university for everything from advertising to photography. Department Head Jo-Ann Albers said the awards contribute to the continuing success of the program.

“Not only do we have great students, but the professors we have are the best you could ask for,” Albers said. “They help each other make the department so great.”

Albers said the student publications, while independent of the department, offer students a chance to put what they learn from their classes to practical use, making stronger students and a better department.

The College Heights Herald, Western’s student newspaper, won its fifth National Pacemaker at the Associated Collegiate Press conference in October. The honor is given to a select number of student newspapers across the country each year.

The advertising campaigns team placed in the top 10 in the national Student Advertising Competition in Portland, Ore., last year.
Juniors

Edward W. Allen,
Bowling Green
Maris Amaro,
Bowling Green
Leigh L. Armstrong,
Bowling Green
Travis Armstrong,
Bowling Green
Michael Arvin,
Louisville
Sherri Asbury,
Hardwick
Sheila D. Atwell,
Clay City
Shawna Kristin Aust,
Bowling Green
Melissa Baggett,
Beverly Dune
Jenifer D. Baker,
Olmstead
Julie C. Ball,
Wilson
Kathy Ballard,
Henderson
Kathy Beasley,
Bowling Green
Gary Bickel,
Huntsville
Bert R. Blair, III,
Newburg, Ind.
Jenna Elaine Bond,
Wheatley
Bradley Brewer,
Somerset
Caroline Brodersen,
Louisville
Emily B. Brown,
White House, Tenn.
Raymond Brown,
Louisville
Tommy Brown,
Dunbarton
Erica Browning,
Glasgow
Lori Burton,
Hermitage, Tenn.
LaRonda Casarelli,
Louisville
Marc Cassadrone,
Saukville, N.Y.
Jill Noelle Cecil,
Lexington
Heather Chaban,
LaRonda
Yang Chao,
Bowling Green
Jenny Ann Chiles,
Caddo
Delila Clemens,
Chatanooga

Jill M. Canova,
Mishawaka
Sherri Cockrill,
Bowling Green
Holly Coffman,
Henderson
Kathjawa J. Cole,
Bowling Green
Susan Cook,
Cantil
Jonathan Coombs,
Bowling Green
Jill Cooper,
Darby
Matt Cornwell,
Kingsport, Tenn.
Chresta Cunningham,
Louisville
Ricky Dalson,
Bowling Green
Bernard Scott Davis,
Bowling Green
Chad Day,
Elizabethtown
Melinda Day,
Lebanon
Jonathan Decker,
Canaanville
Jennifer DeVoe,
Wilson, Ga.
Shane Tristan Dickens,
Elizabeth
Julie R. Dedson,
Elizabethtown
Angela Dennelly,
Lamar, Ind.
Tylea Dorsett,
Radcliff
Beverly Easter,
Bowling Green
Sharon R. Epkey,
Franklin
Amy Fagerlin,
Henderson
Elizabeth Ferguson,
Bowling Green
Shannon Finney,
Brentwood, Tenn.
Mary Flamhagen,
Lohman
Randy Flanary,
Lexington
Angela Frye,
Bowling Green
Tina Gans,
Nashville, Tenn.
Gregory Curt Gay,
Bowling Green
Todd Gibbons,
Clay City

48 Juniors

People 49
Sean Dollman

Sean Dollman spent his summer on the run – in the 1992 Summer Olympics, that is. Dollman, a five-time All-American track and cross country star for Western, said running in the Olympics had always been a dream of his.

"I guess I feel really complete as an athlete now," he said. "It was an incredible experience."

Dollman, a senior from Johannesburg, South Africa, competed for Ireland, his mother's home country. Before making it to Barcelona, however, Dollman had to make it through the Olympic trials in Oslo, Norway.

"I wasn't expected to make the team," he said, "but all the intense training really paid off."

Although he didn't win any Olympic medals, Dollman said being there was enough.

"The spirit of the competition is what counts, and it was at its greatest during the Olympics."
Jeff Campbell

He just wanted something to do in his spare time—something fun and a little different from sports and video games. But what started as a seventh-grade hobby for Jeff Campbell has now turned into a full-time commitment.

Campbell, a sophomore from Hendersonville, Tenn., began playing the clarinet in junior high, and now plays so many different instruments even he has trouble remembering them all.

Campbell, a music education major, plays bassoon in chamber band and orchestra, trombone in university band, tuba in marching band, baritone and mellophone in pep band and baritone and saxophone in jazz band.

Campbell spent the summer traveling 13,000 miles through 15 states and Canada as part of the Blue Coast Drum Corps of Drum Corps International. DCI is made up of 25 corps, each consisting of 128 members. Campbell’s corps placed 11th in competition.

“It got tiresome at times, but overall it was a really great experience,” he said. “We were a professional marching band, and in the line of work I’ll be going into, I’ll need all the experience I can get like this.”

For his outdoor recreation class, Freddie Bell, a junior from Ashland, Tenn., carries his canoe along University Boulevard. Joey Carwile
Francisco Adler, Bragg's, Fa.
Huma Abasain, Bowling Green
Christina Acker, Nashville
Cory Alexander, Nashville
Gus Allen, Brandenburg
Megan Allen, Shepherdsville
Cara Anna, Hendersonville, Tenn.
Martin Austin, Stanford
Angela M. Baxter, Bowling Green
Lana L. Beatty, Bowling Green
Vannak Beatty, Leitchfield
Christa Bell, Auburn
Stephan Benford, Nashville
Allen T. Best, Danville
Misty Dawn Biggs, Portland, Tenn.
Tyrone Boyd, Bowling Green
Meekah Bradshaw, Owensboro
Jennifer Brownlow, Hopkinsville
Sarah Bryant, Nashville, Tenn.
Tony Bledsoe, Leipersport
Tonya Campbell, Lebanon
Melanie Cantrell, Alvaton
Nicole Carter, Bowling Green
Carrie Centimole, Bowling Green
Diana Lee Climo, Bowling Green
Rhett J. Cockrell, Bowling Green
David Edward Colletti, Nashville, Tenn.
Pamela Conder, Owensboro
Karen Costello, Scottsville
Kaye Cottrell, Leitchfield
Michael Wayne Crawford, Bowling Green
Kevin Crain, Center
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Christa Creekmore, Glasgow
Lena Crouch, Lafayette, Tenn.
Jennifer Cundiff, Campbellsville
Ronda Davies, Owensboro
Donna J. Davis, Gueokki
Lisa Robin Davis, Bowling Green
Tony DeMurray, Campbellsville
Steve Denney, Bowling Green
Angela Dennis, Russellville
Gail Downs, Radcliff
Erie Eliaussen, Madisonville
Sharon Epley, Ashland
John Farrell, Woodbridge, Va.
Jason Finley, Louisville
Leslie Flynn, Lexington
Tracey Freeman, Lexington
Kimberly Frey, Hendersonville, Tenn.
Jennifer French, Bowling Green
Michael Wayne Gardner, Daviess
Brenda Garner, Bowling Green
Kim Goary, Hartford
Brian Grisett, Bowling Green
Leslie H. Gossett, Webster
Michelle Grant, Richmond
Melissa Graves, Bowling Green
Nancy Beth Green, Mayfield
Stefanie Green, Austin
Tiffany Groves, Campbellsville
Cook Phi Beta Lambda For members of Western's chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, business does not necessarily come before pleasure. "We may be a business organization, but that doesn't mean we don't know how to have fun," said sponsor Steve White. White credits the chapter's success to its members. "They don't just show up for meetings," he said. "Besides having strong goals and a desire to be the best, these people know how to have fun in and outside of chapter events. I think that makes them a little special." Western's chapter has been awarded the Most Outstanding Chapter in the state for the past three years and has received more national awards than any other chapter in the country. "Attitude is a key factor to success, and our members certainly have the right attitude," White said. Competition is one of Phi Beta Lambda's main interests. Members compete in everything from scrapbooks to parliamentary procedure.
J. Stewart Livsey, Bowling Green
Larry Lock, Bowling Green
Jennifer Logan, LaTrobeburg
Traci Logston, LaRue
Wendi Maddox, Henderson
Kerrick Malone, Louisville
Russell Malone, Paducah, Ky.
Amy Murlin, Hendersonville, Tenn.
Rebecca McCullin, Clinton, Tenn.
Gloria McStout, LaTrobeburg
Donnie Mendor, Rustonville
Michael Melethior, Clinton, Ga.
Jeff Minter, Bowling Green
Alice Mitchell, Gender
Ashley Montritt, Louisville
Linda S. Morris, Bowling Green
Kyle Musser, Goodlettsville, Tenn.
Bobbi J. Mount, Rockfield
Brian Mulino, Louisville
Melissa G. Murphy, Bowling Green
Melissa Nally, Brentwood, Tenn.
Jeff Nationa, Bowling Green
Mack Newberry, Louisville
Lorel Oliver, Lawrenceport
Rick Olsorson, Bowling Green
LaTasha Pogue, Bowling Green
Virginia A. Parks, Gallatin, Tenn.
Heather Peck, Franklin, Tenn.
Kerry Penham, Hendersonville
Angela Pollock, Brandenburg

David Pobstien, Bowling Green
Rodmarina Treon Porter, Louisville
Shawna Porter, Newburgh, Ind.
Lori Runyon, Louisville
Tara Reecer, Bedding Springs, Tenn.
Jason Everett Reese, Hendersonville, Tenn.
Meredith R. Richardson, Louisville
Maren Ridley, Louisville
Stacy Roach, Bardstown
Julia Porter, Roberts, Bowling Green
Johnny Rouson, Bowling Green
Tennya Sandifer, Hartfield
Deek Schmidt, Ridgeway, Tenn.
Robert Sall, Shepherdsville, Ky.
Casey Smith, Louisville
Aarone Sinner, Caramel
Tim Smiley, Central City
Janice Kinser Smith, Bowling Green
Michelle Smith, Brandenburg
Orbie L. Smith, Lawrenceport
Jan Sobierler, West Palm Beach, Fla.
Renee Sork, Jesupville, Va.
Lori H. Spearl, Paducah
Julian Squire, Louisville
Chad D. Stahl, Bowling Green
Julie Ann Steenbergen, Glasgow
Kerrey Steenbergen, Glasgow
Bethany Stevens, Richmond
Angel Steffel, Hartford
Kendrick Stronge, Manchester
Sophomores

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Lori Tarrents, Johnson, Tenn.
Terrence Taylor, Fort Knox
Lynne M. Terrell, Fort Branch, Ind.
Justin Thacker, Scottsville
Melissa Thornhill, Brandenburg
Yoshenda Tibbs, Hunteville, Ala.
Coleman Ray Tylmanson, Jr., Russellville
Deanna M. Tindle, Rockport, Ind.
Stephanie Tinsley, Beaver Dam
Rose Trail, Marion
Charlotte Turner, Fulton
Anita Tyree, Morgantown
Carla Yerets, Hodgenville
Ingrid Villar, Mount Juliet, Tenn.
Corinne Elisabeth Vizzi, Gulf Breeze, Fla.
Julie Woddrip, Brandenburg
Lisa Weatherbee, Bowling Green
Jeney Webb, Owensboro
Susan Hamilton West, Hanson
Kimberly White, Russellville
Jamal A. Wilson, Kansas City, Mo.
Jonathan D. Wilson, Franklin
Yvonne G. Woliver, Bardolph
Brandi Lynn Yates, Godwin

Freshmen

Stephanie M. Allen, Louisville
Kevin Anastasio, Louisville
Ami Anderson, Nashville, Tenn.
Cynthia Anderson, Bowling Green
Natashia Andrews, Louisville
April Arboach, Louisville
Will Baird, Owensboro
Daryl Baker, Calhoun
Angela Banes, Lapeerport
Patricia Barber, Lexington
Tony Barlow, Morgantown
Leah Ruth Bartley, Tompkinsville
Matt Barton, Lexington
Carrie Busham, Bowling Green
Emily Baker, Somerset
Gloria Bohor, Hillsboro
Billy Douglas Bell, Albany
Michelle F. Bidneus, Louisville
Cassandra Billington, Bowling Green
Ibecca Black, Springfield
Michael Blohm, Bowling Green
Frank Bohman, Indianapolis, Ind.
Jason Bolin, Jamestown
Justin Bond, Bowling Green
Brandon Borich, Louisville
Teresa Brutcher, Bowling Green
Kevin Briggs, Horse Cave
Tanara Brobst, Webster
Stefan C. Broth, Pikeville
Courtney Brotenello, Bowling Green

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Eddie O'Carroll

After not qualifying for nationals last year, Western's latest cross country star, Eddie O'Carroll, came back determined to be a winner. It worked. O'Carroll, a senior from Ireland, finished ninth in the NCAA Cross Country Championships in Bloomington, Ind. Nearly 200 runners representing 51 schools ran in this year's nationals. Because he finished in the top 25, O'Carroll was named an All-American. "I was surprised I did so well," he said. "I was really scared, but halfway through the race it was like I knew something good was about to happen. My legs felt lighter, and before I knew it, I was passing just about everyone." O'Carroll qualified for nationals by placing fifth in the District III Championships. He was Western's only runner to qualify. "I went home last year disappointed about not doing as well as I had hoped," he said. "That's when I decided to come back with a winning attitude. Look where it got me."
Forensics team

Judy Woodring said her group has a lot to say. Give them a chance, she said, and "you'll have a hard time shutting them up."

But Woodring, who advises Western's forensics team, said she didn't mind. "That's what's made us champions," she said.

The team has been the state champion in debate for the past four years and has been nationally ranked. All the team members except one qualified for nationals. The three-hour practices four days a week are a necessity, Woodring said.

"Practices can be brutal at times, so when we win, it helps to balance the good with the bad."

"We have some of the best you'll ever see or hear," she said. "They're determined, dedicated. And they're winners."
Since the late 1980s, the teacher education department has been identified as one of the best in the country. Department Head James Becker said thanks to the "wonderfully involved" faculty there, it is not surprising.

As the largest department in the university, teacher education offers more than 1,700 undergraduate majors with 38 graduate and undergraduate programs. "Over the past six years, I've seen a dramatic increase in the number of students taking part in the department," Becker said. "I think that speaks well for the faculty we have."
Faculty & Staff

Robert E. Adams
Student Publications Director
JoAnn Huff Albers
Journalism Department Head
Harry Allen
Journalism Associate Professor
Charles M. Anderson
Assistant Vice President for Finance and Administration

Howard E. Bailey
Dean of Student Life
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John Chamberlin
Chemistry Associate Professor
Kevin Charles
Student Health Services Director
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Downing University Center Senior Administrative Secretary

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Theatre Professor
Larry Craig
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P.E. & Recreation Professor
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English Assistant Professor

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Engineering Technology Assistant Professor
Orrville W. Dotson
Agriculture Instructor

David Dunn
Public Health Department Head
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Home Economics & Family Living Professor
Larry F. Elliott
Biology Professor
Lee D. Emanuels
Community College Instructor

Eugene E. Evans
Management Professor
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Center for Gifted Studies Program Coordinator
Curt Evans
Teacher Education Associate Professor
Lawrence Finley
Management Professor

Rex F. Galloway
Management Department Head
Dennis K. George
Engineering Technology Assistant Professor
Theresa W. Gerard
Garrett Conference Center Hostess
Corban Gohe
Journalism Associate Professor

Carol B. Graham
Management Instructor
Debi Wade Grey
Admissions Associate Director
Mark Hagwood
Training Projects Admin. Secretary
Virginia Ellen Hanks
Mathematics Assistant Professor
To demonstrate the energy stored in a rubber band, Marvin Russell releases two carts which hit with the same amount of momentum. Russell, a physics and astronomy professor, has developed ways of teaching children about energy and motion. Cheryl Meyer

Warning up for the children's play "Tarheel Tales," cast members toss Louisville junior Mia Seitz into the air. Seitz, who directed the play, said warm-ups like this helped cast members "get in the right spirit." Joe Howell
A student rappels the parking structure during an ROTC class. Katherine Scott
After a basketball game, Brad Bartz, a junior from Evansville, Ind., relaxes on the couch in front of the Delta Tau Delta house. Marc Piscotty
Gordon Wilson Hall, shortly after sunrise on a winter morning. Rick Loomis
Lexington sophomore Stacey Sergeant and Pineville junior Brian Middleton say good night in the lobby of North Hall. Tom Leitinger
Owensboro senior Julie Perry, Radcliff senior Roy Williams, LaGrange junior Brian Ward and Frankfort junior Amy Gormley perform during Homecoming. John Simpson

Homecoming queen candidates address the crowd during Big Red's Roar at the fine arts center. Rick Loomis
Bowling Green firefighters extinguish what is left of the Big Red statue in the Kappa Alpha yard after the Homecoming decoration was set on fire. John Simpson
The Topperettes perform at a home basketball game. Marc Piscotty
With clenched hands, Julie Hannah watched television on the night of Nov. 3, 1992, at the state victory party in Louisville. When it was announced that voters had chosen Bill Clinton over incumbent George Bush and independent candidate Ross Perot, she took it personally.

Hannah, a Nashville senior, had been swept into the campaign months before that night, taking time off from her classes to work long, relentless hours at the state Democratic headquarters in Frankfort. She earned college credit while she was there.

Hannah, who decided at age 16 that she wanted to make a difference, had always been interested in political functions and wanted to get a different perspective on them. During the 1991 Christmas break, she sent resumes to political consultant firms and Senate offices in Washington, D.C.

The responses started coming immediately, and, much to her surprise, she was able to choose which office she wanted to work for.

Hannah first worked in Washington in the office of Congressman Bob Clement of Nashville. "I learned the basic do's and don'ts on the Hill in his office," she said.

She then worked in then-Sen. Al Gore's office as an assistant to the legislative aide on environmental issues. Next, she got on staff at the Democratic National Convention, where she helped sell tickets for the victory dinner that raised $4 million.

"The convention was an incredible experience," Hannah said. "There was such excitement and energy there."

She carried a cellular phone in one hand and had a beeper and a walkie-talkie in the other. Even though her average work day was 16 hours long, she enjoyed the pressure. "Sometimes I thought I wouldn't make it to the end of the day if I had one more responsibility put on my shoulders," Hannah said.

But she still found time to relax. Throughout the campaign she went to watch with Clinton's pictures on her wall. "I'd call someone over and ask her if she was there to make a difference," she said.

After the convention, Hannah sent a resume to the Clinton/Gore national headquarters in Little Rock, Ark., and asked if she could do anything to help college students become more involved in the campaign.

Once again, she was surprised by the response. When workers at
how serious Hannah was about wanting to help, they asked her if she would consider taking time off from school to work for the Clinton/Gore campaign in Frankfort. She eagerly accepted.

Again, the days were long - 15 hours a day, seven days a week. Hannah lived on a horse farm near Frankfort with people she worked with and was paid a monthly salary.

Before the election, Hannah said, "This is a very important election year. It's about renewing hope in America and Americans. It's about creating change to make this a better place to live. Gov. Clinton and Sen. Al Gore represent to me this inspiration of change."

LARRY WINN, a communications and broadcasting professor who has had Hannah in class, said her involvement in the campaign was "the most tremendous learning opportunity." And, he added, "given her abilities, I am sure she was an asset for the campaign."

Although Hannah enjoyed Washington, she doesn't plan to go back there to work. She wants to have a career in Kentucky. She said if she is involved in future campaigns it will be in addition to a career; she doesn't plan to devote 100 percent of her time to a campaign again.

But seeing the stands of supporters take on issues such as health care, women's rights and minorities gives her a reason to see a brighter future for America, Hannah said. "We have had to make so many sacrifices in this country over the past few years," she said. "Clinton is giving the new generation a chance."
Watching history
Profe$sor Samudra Ardrey's government class saw President Bill Clinton be sworn in.
Photos by Rick Loomis

Owensboro junior Kim Schroeder, Nashville sophomore Mary Kay Davis and Rick Weber, a senior from Troy, Ind., relax.

Nashville senior David Wilson heads toward 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., where the group toured the White House.

Bowling Green seniors Lynne Holland and Ruth Hendrix slept at the National City Christian Church, where cots were set up for visitors.

The group has a meeting with Kentucky Sen. Wendell Ford.

After being sworn in as the 42nd president, Bill Clinton addresses the nation.
Man on the floor
Bemis residents laughed at first, but soon got used to their first male RA

It was a job most men could only dream about — being a resident assistant in Bemis Lawrence Hall. But for Allen Best, it was a reality. He didn't apply for the job to meet women. He admitted that he had always wanted to be an RA.

"Ever since I've been at Western, I have always dreamed of helping others in a residence hall," he said. "I like being the one that people can come and discuss their problems with."

Best, a sophomore elementary education major from Danville, made history at Western by becoming the first male RA for a full academic year at a women's residence hall. According to Residence Life Director Dave Parrott, it was no problem.

"It's not a big deal to us," Parrott said. "Because of the shortage of women applicants, we had to put our best people together."

Parrott said there were no major barriers when hiring Best. In fact, he believed it would prove to be beneficial.

"We were trying to create a more extensive environment for a co-ed world," he said. "I would like to have this arrangement more, especially in the co-ed halls."

Best said he did not receive much negative feedback after he was hired to work on the seventh floor of Bemis. He said almost everyone liked the idea, especially the men he knew.

"All of my guy friends want to apply now," he said. "They think that I am really lucky. They are always asking me questions about how it is like to be with a bunch of women."

Best said he was quite comfortable with the arrangement.

"I'm in the normal swing of things," he said. "This job has become a normal routine."

Although Best was an RA, he had to follow the same rules that apply to all male guests, such as visitation hours. However, he did not have to be escorted.

"I post my hours on the door so that the girls know when I will be on the floor," he said.

"However, sometimes I take off my shoes so that I am quiet because most of them take naps. When I turn past the corner and they don't expect a guy to be on the floor, they scream. But the girls and I know each other well enough to respect each other's privacy."

Best took his job seriously in the beginning. But he recounted how the women originally found a laughing matter.

"I remember my first day she was training at the desk," he said. "Because of this training, I was set for the first floor meeting. Daryl Bridges (Bemis hall director) did not tell the girls about me. So I introduced myself as their RA, they all laughed and thought it was a joke."

Glasgow freshman Beth Bushway knew Best previously and said she had no idea he would end up being her RA.

"I was surprised because I didn't think Daryl and Allen were serious," she said. "At first, I was uncomfortable with this situation. Then after I got to know Allen even better, I became more comfortable with him in his position."

April Humphrey, a freshman from Tell City, Ind., liked her experience of being Best as an RA because it was normal.

"Allen is able to show that you can work well along with female RA position."

Best said the women accepted him and seemed to form a lasting friendship — he was part of the family.

"I feel like a little brother, and they are all like my big sisters," he said. "Everyone has been real supportive."

Best's duties as an RA were the same as for any other resident assistant — conducting safety checks, having desk hours and holding floor meetings.

"I have more floor meetings because I can't always be there in my room," he said.

"Not being on the floor 24 hours a day is the only bad part of the job."

Best found the position taught him more responsibility, but he said there were problems that came with the job.

"One girl got upset because she had problems with her boyfriend," he said. "She wanted to talk about it, and I didn't find anything wrong with doing so. But then she started bashing against guys, and I didn't think it was fair to me. I told her she should go to someone else to discuss this."

Despite the problems, Best said he learned a lot from his position.

"I've learned that more planning is involved when working with girls because they do want to know what is going on," he said. "I also learned to have respect for others, such as knocking on the door before entering. And I also learned about women. I now know that women are more organized...they are also much cleaner than most guys on the floors."

Best thought his training would be helpful for his next RA position.

"It's almost a preview for me to work in a guy's dorm," he said.

Leitchfield freshman Tabatha Spence was uneasy when Best became the RA because she wasn't sure how a man would fit in on her floor, but she said she later saw him as a hard-working person.

"I've never had any problems with him, nor has he ever been rude to any of us," she said. "He has been a better RA than any girl could have been."

Story by Melony Jones
Photos by Darren Silva
Not just building houses

Students and professors find satisfaction in helping others

On a chilly November afternoon, Martin Garrity stood outside shoveling, while his wife, Denise, was inside painting their new house on Tyne Street. They had worked for several months—building, designing and decorating—to make their dream a reality. And a few weeks before Christmas, they succeeded.

With help from Habitat for Humanity volunteers, the Garritys and their three children moved into their own home. Habitat for Humanity, which involves several Western students and professors, helps low-income families build their own homes. The group helped build the house on Tyne Street and renovate one Butler Way during the fall semester.

Every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., people offered their services—doing odd jobs like hammering nails, sweeping floors and painting walls. About 30 Western students were members of a campus chapter that was formed in the spring of 1992. Three professors—Regis O'Connor, Patty Randolph and Charles Bussay—were co-advisers. Habitat helps people help themselves, O'Connor said. "This is not a give-away program."

He said the families and volunteers work together in "sweat equity." The family is required to work 400 hours building their home. This "sweat equity" is their down payment. After this, they pay a no-interest mortgage of about $150 a month until they have paid back the cost of building supplies for the house. Habitat reinvests that money into building more houses.

The efforts during the fall semesters were commemorated during a dedication walk on Dec. 13. A group of about 35 people, mostly students, walked from Downing University Center to both houses. During the dedication ceremony, they got to tour each house to see their finished work and how the families had decorated.

The Garritys had already put up Christmas decorations. "It was beautiful," Randolph said.

Many students who helped with the projects got involved with Habitat during the 1992 spring semester. John LaFon, a Franklin, Tenn., senior who was president of the student chapter in 1993, said he joined because he was interested in construction and helping people.

LaFon said this type of volunteer work is different from most. "It's an immediate reward—you actually see the work you've done helping others."

Owensboro senior Lisa Morgan said her interest was sparked when O'Connor spoke to her Sunday school class about what Habitat for Humanity stood for.

Morgan said her favorite job was hammering nails. "I can take out my frustrations, or just put my mind into what I'm doing," she said.

Watching the volunteers spend so much time and effort made the event something special, according to the families who moved into the houses. "The nicest thing is seeing people that care enough about oth-
ers to help them out,” Denise Garrity said.

With goals for the year accomplished, Habitat volunteers looked to the future. Western’s chapter hoped to build a house on campus in 1994 and transport it to a Habitat site.

Randolph said through Habitat she was fulfilling her need to improve the earth.

“It renews the true meaning of neighbors,” she said.

Story by Becky Reynolds
Photos by Tricia Hoffman

Chuck Roberts, an economics associate professor, holds a board in place for O’Connor as they work on the front walk.

(Above) Denise Garrity and her children carry bricks which will be used for their front porch.

(Left) Roberts burns trash left over from a morning’s work.
A ‘pleasant surprise’

Despite some early repairs, the Preston Center drew compliments and curiosity

Wiping sweat from her forehead, Cindy Dutton casually turned her attention to the television above her, occasionally laughing at Bart Simpson’s antics.

For Dutton, a senior from Hendersonville, Tenn., the Raymond B. Preston Health and Activities Center was the perfect remedy for a stressful day. Dutton paid no attention to the almost 100 other people using the center at the time. She paid no attention to the strain on her muscles. “It’s just fun,” Dutton said. “When you come here, you don’t think about all the people or how hard you’re going to work. There’s TV, music, basically everything you could ask for. It becomes something of pleasure rather than pain.”

Completed during the summer, the Preston Center offered students and faculty a state-of-the-art workout facility. With everything from weight training to lifesaving on campus. If nothing else, classes, the center became a place that motivates college students, this far pastime.

Dutton, who worked out regularly before the center was built, Thomas Meredith liked to hear said she was proud to think that it would get everyone excited about it and make them rush in to take advantage of what it had to offer.

Not all rushing, however, were students. Faculty used the center just as much, said Brandenburg junior Dominique Nepi, an employee at the center.

Despite construction problems which forced the pool to close for repairs to the facility, the Preston Center helped her down their throats.”

Compared to Diddle Arena, where students previously worked out, Meredith said the Preston Center came as a “pleasant surprise.”

“We really played the center up while it was under construction,” he said. “We were hoping that it would get everyone excited about it and make them rush in to take advantage of what it had to offer.”

Not all rushing, however, were students. Faculty used the center just as much, said Brandenburg junior Dominique Nepi, an employee at the center.

Despite construction problems which forced the pool to close for repairs and minor repairs to other areas of the facility in the spring, Meredith said students were just as pleased.

“Repairs are really no big deal,” Areephanthu said. “They just come along with anything. This is still a favorite place for just about everybody on campus.”

Nahville senior Brit Callendar, said the Preston Center helped her cope with the stress that came with the end-of-semester blues.

“It took really dedicated people to make it through the real hard time of schoolwork near the end of the semester,” she said.

Favorite times to work out varied, depending on the individual’s schedule. For Springfield senior Tim Spaulding, mornings proved to be the most productive time.

“It gets me ready for the day,” he said. “It gets me pumped and in—
At a cost of nearly $10 million, the Preston Center only became a reality through "some very generous gifts and grants," Meredith said. The major contributor was Raymond B. Preston.

"At such an expense, we wanted to make sure the center offered something for everyone," Meredith said. "It’s very important that the Preston Center focuses not only on recreation, but on health and healthy lifestyles as well."

The Wellness Center was created to give people an accurate evaluation of where they stood as far as their physical health. Nancy Givens, the Wellness Program Director, said it offered "diagnostic and prescriptive services" for anyone who wanted them.

"That’s the most important thing for everyone to remember," she said. "The center is here as a positive factor for those who care enough about themselves and their well-being to make use of it."

Dutton, although pleased the center offered such a variety of activities, insisted the majority of students went there for fun. "We’re in college," she said. "That automatically means we need a way to relieve stress. It’s nice to know we now have some place to do that."

Story by Julie Grundy and Jerry Mills

(Above) Public Safety officers and emergency personnel assist a man who broke his arm playing basketball. Francisco Adler

(Top) Members of the swim team arrive for practice when the center opens at 6 a.m. Francisco Adler

(Left) Jennifer Reeves, a sophomore from Richmond, Ind., and Tompkinsville senior Shawn Likens take a western dance class. Jana Thompson
Ghosts and good luck

Western’s myths are connected to many places on campus

From the statue of Henry Hardin Cherry on top of the Hill to the dorms in the Valley, myths surround Western’s campus. Some stories are charming. Others are chilling. As tradition has it, the tales are usually passed by word of mouth to incoming freshmen, giving them a closer look at the group they are joining.

According to Camilla Collins, modern language and intercultural studies professor, understanding a group’s folklore helps in understanding the group. "Every group has folklore," she said. "It shows the concerns of the group — their attitudes and what they think about."

One major concern among students is the stress of college life, which can be illustrated through numerous stories of students who committed suicide.

Legend has it that a girl killed herself by jumping from the ninth floor of Rodes-Hardin Hall. Every year on the day she died, her ghost returns. People have seen her figure stirring about her old dorm room and have heard footsteps on top of the building.

Once, when two women are said to have returned early from a holiday, an escaped lunatic broke into Schneider Hall. One of the women was wandering the halls alone when he found her and threw an ax in her back. She dragged herself to her friend’s room and scratched on the door for help. But her friend, too frightened to answer, waited until morning to open the door, where she found the woman dead in a puddle of blood.

Every year on that day, the woman’s ghost returns to scratch on the door of Room 206. Another popular story is about the ghost of Van Meter Hall. It is the tale of a middle-aged man who fell to his death when he slipped from a scaffold in the auditorium. His blood is said to reappear when the floor is washed. Figures have been seen lurking through the halls and eerie moans and swirling sounds are heard there at night.

People who claim to feel uneasy in Van Meter or have trouble studying there late at night may have the ghost to blame.

It has been said that once a severed head was found outside Van Meter with a note attached reading “I ain’t got nobody!”

“Find a penny, pick it up, all day long you’ll have good luck.” But don’t try this in the basement of Potter Hall. Once students heard the sound of metal scraping the ground and saw pennies rolling down the hall after them. They ran, but the pennies sped up. It is said that a girl hung herself in her basement room and this might be her way of communicating from the "other side."

But contrary to popular belief, her roommate did not get straight A’s because of it. It is simply a myth that if your roommate dies, you automatically get a 4.0.

For luck on the next test, it
might be better to rub the nose of the bust of Ivan Wilson on the second floor of the fine arts center. The shiny nose is the result of years of believers.

Several stories surround the statue of Henry Hardin Cherry at the top of the Hill. One says that if a virgin walks by the statue, it will bow or wink. On graduation day, if a virgin receives his or her diploma, the statue’s head is supposed to fall off and roll down the Hill.

Other statues serve a different purpose.

It is typical of college campuses to have a romantic spot. Western’s is located behind Small Hall. Known as a “charm circle,” it is made of four statues of goddess-like women, each representing a different season. It is where a student is supposed to receive his or her first kiss at Western.

And if one thing leads to another, try moving up to the rocky terrain winding from Garrett Conference Center to Van Meter. Built by Civil War soldiers in 1861, it is now known as a good spot to make love — or war.

Even Western’s mascot, Big Red, has been a mystery to students for years. People have guessed it to be everything from a deformed smurf to a fugitive from Weight Watchers with a sunburn.

And the stories go on and on, as long as there are students willing to listen.

*Story by Melissa Gagliardi*
‘Now presenting...’
Western was host to a variety of speakers and performers

Adilah Shabazz, daughter of Malcolm X. Francisco Adler
Pauly Shore, MTV comedian. Joe Stefanchik

Memphis rock band Human Radio. Teak Phillips

Alan Jackson, country singer. Joey Carwile
(Above) John Deasmore, drummer for the Doors. Jason Koski

(Right) Wynonna Judd, country singer. Jason Nuttle
A contrast in styles

Behind the Herald's award-winning image is stress, fun and marriage

As phones rang off the hook and a U2 tape played, a delivery man rushed in and handed a pizza box to a staff member. The box was placed on a conference table among similar boxes and fast-food wrappers.

With laughter in the background and music blaring, the College Heights Herald office might seem more like a place for parties than business. But those who worked at the award-winning student newspaper told a different story.

Students who work there struggle to manage a schedule full of Herald meetings and interviews, not to mention classes.

"It takes a definite time commitment, and I think it is difficult but I keep class in mind first and the Herald second," Louisville sophomore Jim Hannah, an administration reporter, said. "If you don't have a 2.0, you don't write for the Herald.

Hannah said it was hard for some people to understand why he would devote so much time to the Herald, but he said the hands-on experience it offers is a necessity. So did others.

"You can't learn to be a reporter just sitting in class and listening to a professor talk," said Bowling Green senior John Martin, spring 1993 editor. "If you're wanting a career in journalism, then working on the Herald is a good way to get feel for what it's like."

Some who worked on the paper said they did it just for fun, so they weren't majoring in journalism. Lexington sophomore Leslie Flynn, a corporate communications major, said covering a police beat helped her learn about the justice system. But Flynn said, because she is a structure person she could handle the long hours required from newspaper报道.

"I don't think I could deal with deadlines," she said. "I would rather have a more 8 to 5 job."

Because he spends so much time together, the members are like family, Martin said. "We are together all day Monday at the newspaper and sometimes go out together."

In October the Herald won its fifth Pulitzer Prize, said to be the Pulitzer Prize winner of college newspapers. The newspaper is considered one of the best college newspapers in the country.

As an editorially independent paper, the students' articles are not censored by the university. Lexington junior Anya Armst, features editor, said that is a benefit.

"This is the only way it can be," she said. "This is a student newspaper for the students and the students should have the last word."

Student publications adviser Bob Adams said since the students run the paper, his job basically means being available to staffers and doing what needs to be done at the time, whether it be fixing a printer or copy editing a story.

"If I see something that someone ought to look at, I am not going to
wait until the next day when the paper comes out to tell them about it," he said. "I don't want to tell people how to do things; I just want people to think about how they want it done."

Adams joins the staffers after production on Mondays and Wednesdays when they meet at Reno's Pizzeria for a fun end to a hectic night. "Reno's is a Herald tradition," said Paris senior Chris Poynter, 1993 managing editor. "Wings and beer are like the Herald staple. It's just a way to kick back and relax."

The staff changes each semester when some students graduate and others change positions. Martin said it's a relief when the last issue of the Herald goes out, but there is always something missing. "You don't miss the long hours or the stress," he said, "but you do miss the people." •

Story by
Jennifer Browning
Photos by Joe Carwile

Lexington junior
Anya Armes, the
features editor,
asks a reporter
about a story that
will run the next
day.

Paris senior Chris Poynter, the managing editor, and sports editor Tom Buter, a junior from Whitesboro, N.Y., join the staff for wings and beer.

Fall advertising
manager Andrew
Oldham, a senior
from Franklin,
Tenn., organized a
staff "H-E-R-A-L-D"
tournament.
Shots of alcohol

No matter in what amount, drinking remains one of the most pursued extracurricular activities.

(Above) At a party on College Street, Owensboro seniors Mike Owlsley and Jon Hamilton drink a wine toast to their performance with the band Riddle Road. Robin L. Buckson

(Top) Students hit the stores just before midnight on a Saturday. Jason Koski

(Above) In the later hours of a party at the rugby house, some play a makeshift game. Robin L. Buckson

(Left) Students pair up at a party. Chad Ross
(Above) After drinking a bottle of tequila, a student rests for a few moments on the floor. Marc Piscotty

(Right) During a party at the Pavilion, a beer can is tossed into the men's bathroom. Marc Piscotty

After a party at the Pi Kappa Alpha house, a person walked through a glass door. He was not injured. Robin L. Buckson

Bowling Green officer J.R. Wilkins checks up on a party. Chad Ress
When Bowling Green junior Joshua Honaker first came to Western, he knew his class load would be hard. He knew the after-school job he would have to get would make things even harder.

But Honaker said he had no idea just how rough it would be when it came to doing it all.

Besides being a full-time student, Honaker spent two nights a week as a student medical lab technologist at Greenview Hospital, performing such tasks as analyzing blood and urine samples and taking X-rays.

A pre-med student, Honaker said he jumped at the chance for the job.

"I get hands-on experience with patients," he said.

Honaker said he preferred the late hours because they didn't conflict with his 16 hours of classes and the three labs a week for his major.

He saw 35 to 40 patients a night in a shift that usually lasted from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. With school the hours were rough, he said, but he benefited from it.

Though he liked his job, it made sleep scarce. While working in the lab, it was the one tense moment after another that helped keep him alert. "In the ER, I see car wrecks and babies being born all the time," he said. "It was kinda bad one night — I was drawing blood on a patient and he had a heart attack."

Honaker later learned the patient survived and was fine.

Fellow lab workers said Honaker's job was intense.

"At times, it can be pretty stressful; it's up and down," said Medical Technologist Larry Gugelschuk, a lab supervisor at the hospital since June 1992. "An outsider has no idea what we go through in a day, and whether a person makes it or not depends on them and how well they handle their job during the..."
A fellow employee helps Honaker relax while studying physics.

A fellow employee helps Honaker relax while studying physics.

A fellow employee helps Honaker relax while studying physics.

A fellow employee helps Honaker relax while studying physics.

tough times.”

Gugolchuk said other lab workers liked Honaker because “he is very dedicated, courteous and you can rely on him. No matter what you ask him, he’ll try to do it.”

Honaker said he learned to appreciate his own health and the doctors and nurses he worked with.

“This job has helped me decide that I want to be a doctor,” he said.

But even after working at the hospital for a year, he was still trying to adjust to the schedule.

“My grades are okay, but I’m tired all the time,” he said. “You can’t function in classes as well, and I tend to nod off.”

Biology Professor Thomas Yungbluth said Honaker managed to pull it all together between his career goals and his academic life, but said even a guy like Honaker had to get some sleep sometime.

“In class, he told me that on Monday mornings I shouldn’t expect him to stay awake, so he would occasionally nap during some of the lectures; but from all indications, he is a very bright student,” Yungbluth said. “He would be a better student if he didn’t work, but I guess he has to do both.”

Honaker’s mother, Vera, said she was proud to call Joshua her son.

“He’s always been the best at everything he has ever done,” she said. “He always amazes me with his stamina.”

Even so, Honaker’s late nights worried her. “I feel concerned about him 90 percent of the time,” she said.

Biology Professor Jeff Jenkins first met Honaker at the 12th Street Church of Christ.

“After working all night on Friday and Saturday, he’s always in the door at church at 9 a.m. on Sunday,” Jenkins said. “I guess that about sums him up.”

Honaker simply described himself as a “nice, friendly individual who is rather quiet.”

And while others praised him, he just said, “I do the best I can.”

Story by Mike Brewer

Photos by Darron Silva
Facing the footlights

French lovers and a smart spider were two subjects of Western performances

(Above) Louisville sophomore Kay Madrick and Nashville senior Matt Searick rehearse “Burn This.” Darren Silva
(Right) Crestwood senior Melanie Kidwell and Matt Southworth, a junior from Brentwood, Tenn., perform “Les Liaisons Dangereuses.” Tricia Hoffman

(Above) William Leonard, theatre and dance department head, directs a scene of “Don Giovanni.” Darren Silva
(Top) Southworth, Leitchfield junior Norman Chaffins, Bardstown junior Matthew Bellard and Heather Pičfel, a freshman from Gallatin, Tenn., rehearse “Charlotte’s Web” for the Children’s Theater. Cheryl Meyer

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Nursing an education and a family

Melissa and Ricky Grant had a child in their last semester of school

After graduation, Melissa and Ricky Grant sat in their living room with their three-month-old baby daughter, Elizabeth, preparing to continue their lives. Almost a year earlier, they had wondered if plans of graduating on time were realistic. Melissa, a nursing major, found out she was pregnant during summer school in 1992. Suddenly the couple faced an even bigger challenge than passing classes. "They had been married for three years so it wasn't too terribly awful when she found out she was pregnant," said Melissa's sister, Paula Jensen. The Grants said abortion wasn't a consideration. "If we had aborted that little girl, after all the joy she has given us..." Ricky said. "I don't see how we could have done that.

Instead, they chose to make sacrifices. Melissa said what bothered her most during the pregnancy was the morning sickness. "I would pray in class every day that I would get home before I'd get sick," she said. When Elizabeth was born on Feb. 13, Melissa began to wonder if she

Louisville senior Melissa Grant received a stroller from classmates at a shower.

Pregnancy caused Melissa to miss two weeks of school.

As contractions got more intense, the Grants walked through Greenview Hospital.

Because of religious beliefs, the Grants did not consider abortion.
would graduate on time, but after she rested she said she didn't worry. She had nursing classes three times a week, worked at the hospital twice a week and had Fridays off to spend time with the baby.

"I was tired a lot trying to study, work and take care of the baby," Melissa said. "If it had been any other semester I don't think I would have made it."

Ricky agreed, saying the senior classes of nursing are less stressful because most of the time is spent at the hospital doing clinical hours. Melissa also didn't have exams.

Jensen, a Louisville junior, babysat on Thursdays and her mother, Debbie, came from Louisville every Saturday and stayed until Tuesday to help.

Debbie said Melissa's pregnancy had a good effect on their relationship.

"We've been amazed of how she has matured and adjusted to her new roles," she said. "It has really been incredible. It's hard to see your daughter as a mother. I'd be watching her when she'd come in from class and just to see how Elizabeth would react when Melissa would come in and see how she recognizes her mother's voice."

Melissa said her professors and Lynda Carter, a mentor she did her clinicals under at the hospital, let her make up assignments and make up clinical hours by doubling them up on weekends and during Spring Break.

Meanwhile, Ricky worked 20 hours a week at Pizza Hut, served two weekends every month in the Army National Guard, took care of the baby, majored in chemistry and tried to graduate in May as planned.

He said he didn't handle the pressure as well as Melissa.

"She's always been really strong," he said. "She's the oldest one in her family and she's always been a leader. I think that is what helped her get through this." When things began to get tough, Ricky thought about dropping out of school and finishing in December. But officially withdrawing from Western would mean losing his Army College Fund scholarship, a major part of the Grants' income. He decided to stay.

He said he thought his professors realized he was having trouble, but said there was nothing they could really do.

During the last three weeks of school, Ricky quit going to classes and decided to finish at the University of Louisville in December.

"I told everybody she had the baby and I had the postpartum," he said. "I am comfortable with the situation now, but it has been harder on me than on her."

Melissa agreed, saying his classes met two or three days a week, while hers only met once.

Ricky said his decision was made so he could do what was best for his family.

"I don't care who says you've got to finish school," he said. "The one thing the Army taught me was to stand up for what you believe in and don't be wishy-washy. I don't think I would have made the same decisions when I was younger."

Ricky said despite the problems and sacrifices, Elizabeth brought the Grants closer together.

"Usually I could find some reason to leave and go study, but now I want to be here with my family," Ricky said. "We'll do things together with Elizabeth, like she'll feed her and I'll burp her. It's fun."

The couple planned to move to Louisville, where they were going to build a house. Melissa would work at Methodist Hospital. Ricky would go to school for two more years and also get a job in nursing.

Although having Elizabeth was a challenge, the proud parents said they wouldn't change a thing.

"It was worth it," Melissa said. ♦

Story by Jennifer Browning
Photos by Robin L. Buckson
Tassels and cheers

More than 1,600 students entered Diddle Arena and emerged as alumni.

More than 2,600 degrees were awarded by Western.
Teak Phillips

(Above) Kathleen Wilson of Waynesville, N.C., had Western award her diploma from Western Carolina University so she could graduate with her son Kirk. Kurt Vinion

(Right) The commencement on May 8 was Western's 136th. Teak Phillips

Faithful senior Devan Carigan survived the heat and walked away with a degree in public relations. Teak Phillips
Tassel and mortarboard cap off the day. President Thomas Meredith congratulated everyone who walked the line, more than 1,600 students. Kurt Vinion

The audience stands to welcome Western's new alumni. Kurt Vinion

Robin Sorrels celebrates the graduation of her brother, Glasgow senior Donald Sorrels. Kurt Vinion
Mom's a KD
Marie "Mom" Kessinger became a sorority sister before retiring

For 17 years Marie Kessinger was mother for 900 Kappa Delta sorority girls and her life revolved around their lives. She saw the girls come and go, but in January it was her turn to leave.

She had heard the song countless times before, but the lyrics had a new meaning.

"Though it's hard to let you go, in His hands we know, that a lifetime's not too long to live as friends."

The Kappa Deltas held hands in a circle as they sang the song of goodbye to their housemother. As Kessinger, 73, made her way around the circle hugging all the girls, tears began to flow down her face.

"Words cannot express the way I feel leaving," Kessinger said. "There comes a time in our lives when we need to make a change."

As a housemother, Kessinger was responsible for making sure things were running smoothly. She was involved with almost every aspect of the house, she talked with the girls about problems they had and ordered supplies that were needed. Kessinger was the last of her kind; when she left, she was replaced by a house director, Joan Hogan.

Kessinger was initiated into Kappa Delta on Jan. 23, and at the reception that night she was named "Honorary Diamond" of her pledge class.

"Nine hundred girls made me special," Kessinger said. "They made me an important part of their lives, so I always felt like I was a Kappa Delta."

Chelsea Kratt, a junior from Franklin, Tenn., agreed. "Mom was KD," she said.

"We all love Mom," said Stephanie Wilson, a senior from Gallatin, Tenn. "I don't know how she does it, but she remembers everyone's names. You can always count on her to help you out."

Kessinger said she had always told the girls she was never too tired or sleepy for them to come in and lie on the bed and talk with her about anything.

Lexington junior Heather Meehan appreciated the motherly attention Kessinger gave the girls living in the house. "She had chocolate chip cookies and milk with us," Meehan said.

"Freshmen that just leave home and sometimes the older ones just need to talk," Kessinger said. "I'm always here for them; I'm kind of like their second mom. I'm not there to take their places. I like to think we work together."

Kessinger moved Elizabethtown at the end of January to live with her sister. "After a length of time, you bow out when you're still able to do things for yourself," Kessinger said. "I want to leave on a high note instead of a low one."

Through the years all the girls did "so many special things for her," Kessinger said. They had been such a part of her life that there was no way she could forget them.

There was no scene when Kessinger left. She left early in the morning so she could avoid one. She said her goodbyes at the initiation.

"I have so many wonderful memories to take with me," Kessinger said at the initiation. "Thank you so much for making the last 17 years of my life so special. I love all of you." • Becky Reynolds contributed to this story.

A Kappa Delta alumna, Cindy Crume, hugs Marie Kessinger after she was initiated. Kessinger, the last housemother at Western, resigned from her position after 17 years.

Giving her last thanks and farewells, Kessinger speaks at the KD house.

Story by Epha Good
Photos by Joe Stefanchik
In the stands of Smith Stadium, Eric Orland, a sophomore from Hendersonville, Tenn., plays along with the Big Red Marching Band. John Simpson
Ad Club
First Row: Laura Pilz, Cindy Davenport Hook, Lisa Pilz
Second Row: Sandra Karr, Michael Arvin, Michelle Baggett, Christopher Alexander

Agronomy Club
First Row: Pam Keenan, J.P. Williams, Jason Meadows, Nyssa Call
Second Row: Debbie Wentzell, Shannon Hurley, Rodney Harklesou, Kelly King, Robbie Ann Bullington, Linda Brown

Agriculture Education
First Row: Emily Shirley, Kirt Brinkley, Gayle Aubrey, Tracy LaLae, Amy Keys, Bonnie Oldham
Second Row: Chad Morgan, Mason Crawford, Susan Gray, Anthony Britzendine, John Gentry, Jessica Gentry

Alpha Delta Pi
First Row: Shauna Ball
Second Row: Kelly Combs, Ashley Gardner, Jessica Hood
Third Row: Jennifer Rice, Marnie Holland, Jennifer Moore, Dianna Tucker

Equestrian team student coach Jennifer Reeves, a sophomore from Richmond, Ind., watches Becky Morris, a freshman from Utica, Ohio, during a beginner stock class. Teak Phillips
David Wanstreet, an assistant professor of theatre and dance, watches Tonya Niebruegge, a sophomore from Goodlettsville, Tenn., Renee Clary, a freshman from Hendersonville, Tenn., and Owensboro freshman Ashley Ayer rehearse. Chad Ross
Alpha Delta Pi

First Row: Angela Lauchese, Heather Peck, Karla Lange
Second Row: Laura Smith, Kandi Lynn, Melissa Smith, Ashley Tinsley
Third Row: Andrea Knight, Kriscie Parker, Donna Harramy, Janice Clements, Mary Rose

First Row: Lori Marcum, Joanna Prisett, Julie Waller
Second Row: Stephanie Austin, Denise Annet, Holly Brozla, Crystal Fisher
Third Row: Amy Hedson, Tammy Johnson, Christi Cunningham, Cynthia Green, Ginger Markham

First Row: Kim Meredith, Amy Madison, Hope Murray
Second Row: Amanda Cleck, Lisa Eckler, Kimberly Withers, Stacy West
Third Row: Staci Storrs, Jennifer Bollinger, Mollie Harmon, Jill Bridges, Tamara Taylor

First Row: Rebecca Scannallato, Amy Gehart, Catrina Brink
Second Row: Michelle Cash, Jeannie Black, Staci Henschel, Stacy Hietter
Third Row: Cindy Walters, Heather Hall, Jennifer Eaton, Nancy Lee Bradley, Tamara Leh

Franklin freshman Nancy Bradley competes in the Greek Pledge Olympics. Joe Stefanich
Louisville senior Tony Suddath, Owensboro senior Anna Williams and London senior Chuck Hill cheer during the Homecoming game. John Simpson
Alpha Delta Pi

First Row: Kris Templeton, Emily Morgan
Second Row: Jessa Cheatham, Beth Gillespie, Lenee Butz, Jennie Neely
Third Row: Michele Frantz, Carrie Hughes, Chryanne Simpson, Ashton McNabb, Mary Purdy

Alpha Delta Pi

First Row: Hope Gibbs, Jenny Mahle, Laura Rice
Second Row: Lynn Collins, Amy Vanaver, Stacie Clark, Ashley Powers, Heather Hauzer
Third Row: Sherry Ann Hudiburg, Kelly Buhlin, Angela Cripps, Joy Haruned, Jennifer Johnson

Alpha Epsilon Delta

First Row: Karen Bell, Lori Daniel, Trina Crowe
Second Row: Frank Jackson, Fritz Hinze, Patty Walchak, Kelly Elliott
Third Row: Blaine Perrell, Paige Pride, Matthew Smith, Chris Smith, Richard Granese, Keith Rice

Alpha Gamma Delta

First Row: Trisha Henning, Shannon Gray, Jenny Almy, Amy Rock, Kim Geary
Second Row: Angela Dyer, Lori Collins, Amber King, Angela McWhorter, Ashley Rose

Jock Fiterated, a freshman from Evansville, Ind., prepares for the swimsuit competition at the "Hunk of the Hill" event sponsored by Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Darron Silva
Bowling Green sophomore Mary Rascoe works at Alpha Delta Pi's Ronald McDonald House fundraiser. Jana Thompson
Blood, sweat and tears
A little of everything kept students busy during Greek Week

(Above) Lewisport freshman Chris Hall prepares to contribute to the annual blood drive. Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and Kappa Delta sorority won the drive. Jason Nuelle

(Above, right) As Owensboro senior Don Crume coaches Pi Kappa Alpha, Delta Tau Delta member Eric Daugherty, a sophomore from Evansville, Ind., tries to defeat the team. The Pikes won the event. Yeah Phillips

Beaver Dam sophomore Chad Porter, Henderson sophomore Heath Thurby, and Ashland sophomore Joel Hayes rest before Spring Sing. Their fraternity, Alpha Gamma Rho, won. Tamara Voninski

Muncie senior Michelle Thompson and Louisville sophomore Shannon Dreibach, both Kappa Delta members, wait for their cue at Spring Sing. Sigma Kappa sorority won the event. Tamara Voninski

JoAnne Wimpleberg, a senior from Evansville, Ind., is congratulated after winning the Ole South Pageant sponsored by the Kappa Alpha Order. Wimpleberg is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi. Francisco Ailler
Alpha Omicron Pi
First Row: Gretchen Ploch, Annemarie Maxwell, Kelly Lovett, Kristen Armstrong, Amanda Perry
Second Row: Juliane Carter, Patty Johnson, Jenny Heidrick, Jennifer Miss, Crystal Smith, Laura Gipe

Alpha Phi Alpha
First Row: Terrence Moore, Julian Cornett
Second Row: Eddie Godfrey, Terrence Romans, Kevin Johnson, Raymond Brown

Alpha Phi Omega
Notional Service Fraternity
First Row: Terrence Moore, Julian Cornett
Second Row: Cynthia Buskeil, Christopher Miller, Mark Wyatt, Jarrett Nicholson, Craig Taylor, Kimberly Crain

Alpha Phi Omega
Notional Service Fraternity
First Row: Mohana Rahim, Angela Goodman, Lori Long, Laura Pullen
Second Row: Jennifer Alcorn, Michelle Bidente, Christy Elmers, Anna-Laura Hunt
Third Row: Becky Reynolds, John Marusi, Terrence Taylor, James Turner, Tim Atterberry, Amy Chavolla

Juliane Wimpleberg, a senior from Evansville, Ind., tries to avoid a Sigma Kappa defender during a flag football game at Dixie Field. Alpha Omicron Pi won 13-0. Joe Howell
African-American Players

"It has opened doors for me as a black actor," said Tony Morton, a freshman from Franklin, Tenn.

Photos by Katherine Scott

(Above) "The African-American Players have made me a stronger actress," Russellville freshman Samantha Spencer said. "It also makes me proud to be a black woman because of the hardships we've overcome in today's society.

(Top) As the cast of "Sister Soul" prepares for a trip to Louisville, the sound director, Louisville freshman Tricia Posey, takes a break.

Louisville sophomore Ericka Malone, the writer and director of "Sister Soul," watches the play from backstage with stage manager Lester Bains.

(Left) Spencer, the lead in the musical, talks to her character's mother's grave.

(Below) Powder is used to prepare one actress for her role as a white woman.
Alpha Xi Delta

First Row: Jennifer Lohr, Jenny Wells, Dawn Mitchell
Second Row: Anna-Laure Hunt, Huma Abson, Gigi Exridge, Heather Two Rivers
Third Row: Michelle Williams, Amy Harr, Teri Grisson, Jenny Vastine

Alpha Xi Delta

First Row: April Russell, Chery Fox, Heather Short, Metkham Sananikone
Second Row: Wendy Roberts, Casey Francis, Miranda Bynum, Sarah Longest
Third Row: Angela Stricklin, Sherry Frazier, Lori Rumney, Kim Sutera, Carys Centimale

Alpha Zeta

Professional Agriculture Club
First Row: Carla Smith, Teresa Cox
Second Row: George Runnels, Jennifer Marohnic, Gwendelynn Sue Lucas, Kelly King
Third Row: John Gamblel, Thomas Green, William Gregory, Jeff Edwards, John Gentry

Alpha Zeta

Professional Agriculture Club
First Row: Jimmy Jones, Debbie Winchell, Jennifer Biser, Mitchel Logsdon
Second Row: Barkley Hancock, Amy Fuglcrin
Third Row: James Worthington, Mason Crawford, Jared Nicholson, Michael Smith, Anthony Brosendine

During Greek Week events day, Mari Black, a freshman from Carmel, Ind., meets “Beedl,” a 4-foot-6 boa constrictor owned by Louisville freshman Sam Lawson. Teck Phillips
American Society of Civil Engineers

First Row: Jason Hurt, Thomas Simpson
Second Row: Jeffery Marksbury, James Horton, Shane Blackman

American Society of Healthcare Executives

First Row: Susan E. Mitchell, Leslie Hazard, Kimberly May
Second Row: Beth Robinson, Zack Streife, Paula Campbell, Holly Sowders

American Society of Interior Designers

First Row: Carrie Jaworski, Tracie Brandon, Wai Wong
Second Row: Kathryn Epping, Leanne Thorbeck, Amy Morris

American Society of Mechanical Engineers

First Row: Cenny Lingo, Kurt Hoffmann, Andy Ritter, Kaveh Khatir
Second Row: Russ Henry, Johnny Leaden, Victor Hunter, Jan Brown, Scott Davis

A resident of Potter Children's Home warms up on the steps of Diddle Arena before making a vertical rappel. Western's ROTC program hosted residents of the home one Saturday. Jason Koski
Baptist Student Union

First Row: Amy Goode, Tammy Dastic, Pete Wilson, Danyel Atwell, Maria Bush
Second Row: Julie Fentress, Angela Snead, Scott Harris, Abe Napper, Steve Miller, Willie Devere

Second Row: Julie Rennels, Angi Snook, Scott Marr, Abe Napier, Steve Miller, Willie Devere

Third Row: Julie Rennels, Angi Snook, Scott Marr, Abe Napier, Steve Miller, Willie Devere

Beta Alpha Psi
Professional Accounting Society

First Row: Julie Rennels, Michelle Johnson, Leigh Landrum, Dana Here
Second Row: Cynthia Irving, Jason Taylor, Susan Cook, Brent Ballard
Third Row: John Glassick, John Stubble, Marshall Kelley, Rick Aldridge, Travis Armstrong

Beta Beta Beta
Biology Honor Society

First Row: Elissa Renee, Greg Swack, Melissa Scott, Laura Harris
Second Row: Tiffany Simmons, Paul Weather, Trinity Jo Baugh, Michelle Wilson
Third Row: David Morrow, Tom Sweetman, Charles Meneer, Gretchen Dorff, Kelly Graybeil, Jason Watson

Franklin junior Bryan Byrd: Jo Gentry, a sophomore from Bounville, Ind.; and Morganfield junior Ariana Wallace listen to a prayer at a gathering to promote racial harmony. The Black Student Alliance and United Student Activists sponsored the event. Rick Loomis
Block and Bridle

First Row: Bekely O'Bannon, Jasen P'Tool, Gwendolyn Sue Lucas, Mary Letitia Hughes, Mitchell Legsdin
Second Row: Mason Crawford, Scott Burks, William Gregory, Kenneth Lastley, Debbie Winfield

Block and Bridle

First Row: Chad Davidson, Anita Barnett, Nicole Burden, Mary Seitles, Stephanie Harley, Deane Costly
Second Row: Kimberly Ford, Corin Smith, Michael Smith, Courtney Murrell, Jennifer Staylor
Third Row: David R. Hodgson, Darren Benton, Brian Guckenberg, Ronald Green, Brandon Tarvin, Dan Costello

Block and Bridle

First Row: Jamie Johnson, Carrie Becht, Leigh Ann Koeten, Brandy Shelly
Second Row: Tina Struyk, Sherry Proctor, Susan Grey, Heador Chinsholm, Jessiie Gentry
Third Row: Shaun Murray, Rhett Turner, Anthony Brzende, David Beal, Kirk Brinkley

Campus Crusade for Christ

First Row: Loretta Staley, Greg Martin, Christina Barden, Jenny Webb, Amy Sweezy
Second Row: Rachel Scott, Angie Owen, Jeff Miller, Gina McGee, Andy Hanan
Third Row: Travis Smith, Todd Williams, Timmy McElhan, Kevin Cooper, Susan Ludy

Dawville freshman Jeff Corbett and Gracey junior Glenn Marcum watch Bowling Green sophomore Jody Davill's chip shot at the Sigma Nu house. They were using a beer can as a ball and a trash can and a dog hole as hole. Marc Piscotty
Campus Crusade for Christ

First Row: Denise Smith, Amy Abal, Esther Haddock, Elaine Pierce, Jennifer Arzu, Karren Watkins
Second Row: Janet Sparks, Tracy Legsdon, Jay Haggard, Heather Shroat, Amy McClard, Kristi Payne
Third Row: Debbie Cox, Laura Bates, Thomas Weakley, Tad Farris, Doug Hoss, Erwin Threatt, Roxanne Threatt

Chemistry Honor Society

First Row: Lori Daniel, Talia McKinney, Nikki Hodel
Second Row: Jackie Gransn, Jennifer Thompson, Carla Cornwell, Kelley Moran
Third Row: Stuart Burriss, Richard Gransn, Timothy Miller, Frank Jackson

Chi Alpha
Religious Organization

First Row: Lorraine Fawcett, Ellen Harter, Kimberly Hadley
Second Row: Robert Brown, Rick McCartney, Eddie Allen, Michelle Larson

Chi Omega

First Row: Tara Riggs, Karen Burns
Second Row: Laura Gope, Anne Cowherd, Tracy Blankenship
Third Row: Kristen Farris, Holly Folsom, LeAnn Pearson, Amy Hale

Nashville senior Lorraine Fawcett, a member of Chi Alpha, joins in a campus-wide praise celebration in Downing University Center. Darron Silva
Chi Omega

First Row: Angela Donnelly, Julie Kirby, Camilla Tucker
Second Row: Kristen Ayer, Leslie Chapell, Ashley Means, Julie Shelton, Heather Maier
Third Row: Desiree Geotree, Kerri Lipson, Amy Boyce, Jenny Ariz, Leigh Anne Halloran, Jenny Lyell

Chi Omega

First Row: Marlow Hall, Bridget Hunn, Caroline Bucy
Second Row: Lisa Rosa, Leslie Reed, Carlotta Kustos, Tricia Burton
Third Row: Shannon Horn, Paige VanMeter, Amy Lynn Haskins, Meredith Clipp, Kimberly Preese

Chi Omega

First Row: Shelia Jones
Second Row: Rachel White, Anna Pittman
Third Row: Penny Houchens, Amy Craggs, Dana Kayrouz

Christian Student Fellowship

First Row: Darla Pierce, Ginger Pierce, Lisa Gerlach
Second Row: Steve Stovall, Tami Franklin, Lecsa Morin, April McClure
Third Row: Jenna Hill, Lamar Miller, Dave Brown, Tom Springer, Lesa Nelson, Dave Hill

Steve Stovall, campus minister for Christian Student Fellowship, watches as a water balloon explodes in Prospect senior Tami Franklin’s hands. The group was having a water volleyball mixer. Chris McKenney
Circle K

First Row: Emily Garrett, Kerri Watson
Second Row: Leslie Rose, Gretchen Dorff, Carey Foreman

College Republicans

First Row: Chad Gray, Lisa Johnson, Ellen Reitmeyer
Second Row: Renee Marsella, Chip McKay, Gina McGee, Jason Vincent
Third Row: Jim Robertson, Brian Smith, Joshua Nelson, Julie Ball

Criminology Club

First Row: Eric McCandless, Matthew Williams, Terry Alexander
Second Row: Ed Bohlander, Michelle Prochaska, Knody Janes, Brent Wasson
Third Row: Edward Alvey, Mike Kerts, Kevin Collin, Paul Falcher, Lesley Ann Black

Criminology Club

First Row: Melinda Sires, Melanie Stark, Melissa Barlow
Second Row: Amy Travis, Sherri Troutman, Julia Pace, Peggy Anne, Karen Russell
Third Row: Elizabeth Mohon, Mary Pace, Betsy Collin, Ed Bohlander

Morganfield sophomore Marilyn Thomas prepares for Vice President Dan Quayle's visit to Bowling Green. Joe Carwile
Delta Sigma Rho-Tau
Kappa Alpha
Forensics Honor Society
First Row: Amy Snodgrass, Melony Jones
Second Row: Cory Hellen, Christopher Roberts, Julio Davis

Delta Sigma Theta
First Row: Erica Bolling, Erica Whitesow, Brunessa Beckles, Chonnele Waller, Erica Phelps
Second Row: Maya Petties, Rita Roberts, Melissa Baggarly, Keely Jones, Towanna Lewis

Eta Sigma Delta
Home Economics Honor Society
First Row: Tricia Jobert, Lisa Pile, Laura Pile, Kate Miller
Second Row: Lou Ehrcke, Charles Rains, Patrick Snodgrass, Bryan Baysinger

Fashion Inc.
First Row: Angela Donnelly, Marietta Proggett, Tracy Blankenship
Second Row: Angela McWhorter, Mica Arline-Mapp, Catherine Knowles

Redcliff senior Maya Petties forms the Greek symbol delta during the United Black Greek Step Show. Petties was performing with Delta Sigma Theta. Cheryl Meyer
Fencers
First Row: Cara Anna, Patty Waichak, Daniel Fuller
Second Row: Katy Simpson, Michael Trappase, Thomas Simpson, Chris Wright

Forensics
First Row: Amy Stewart, Tojuana Kendall, Sarah Cutterman
Second Row: Shannon Gray, Robert Mattingly, Christine Long, Melony James
Third Row: Chris Fleming, Cory Holton, Adam Black, Christopher Walsh, Terry Barbee

Forensics
First Row: Bibbe Blair, Judy Woodring, Janay Crabtree
Second Row: Woody Zorn, Sandra Schneider, Julie Davis, Amy Studgrass
Third Row: Christopher Roberts, Stephen Gibson, Andrew Trippell, Eric Cecil, Bill Thompson

Gamma Sigma Sigma
First Row: Tracy Collins, Natasha Burley, Pamela Wells
Second Row: Leslie Clardy, Yolanda Shaw, Renee Sparks

Owensboro junior Jill Cecil bought two Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers for an hour during a fraternity fundraiser and decided to dress them as “Robert Palmer girls.” Cecil takes the dress off Bryan Franklin, a junior from Greensboro, N.C., as James Otto, a senior from Mr. Julie, Tenn., watches. Craig Fritz
Hillraisers

First Row: Amanda Alexander, Holly Davis, Daryl Payne, Angela Barnt
Second Row: Justin Quigley, Leslie Stone, Scott Lewis, Laura Leach, Rob Thompson

Kappa Delta

First Row: Angela Grimes, Jinger Davis, Tricia Boyd, Chelsea Klatt
Second Row: Heather Smith, Sherry Karnuth, Sarah Peeples, Sandra Kerr, Pamela Robinson
Third Row: Kristen Knight, Kellie Taylor, Mistianna Holcomb, Paige Pride, Kristan Abernathy, Jennifer Greer, Cathleen Bell

Kappa Delta

First Row: Natalie Powers, Shelly Murphy
Second Row: Laura Baetzm an, Kristine Partin, Andrea Wilkerson
Third Row: Karrie Stohlka, Kristie Jackson, Stephanie Wilson, Christiane McCombie, Jackie Stout

Kappa Delta

First Row: Julie Karnuth, Mitz Fallis
Second Row: Heather Meenaeh, Amanda Thurmond, Rachel Schroeder, Becky Harris
Third Row: Kim Hauchins, Tracy Gallo, Jenny Studek, Colleen Hampton, Alyson Krawchuk

Lexington senior Mia Haselwood, Nashville senior Lia Sheucraft, Nashville senior Neely Sheucraft and Louisville senior Kim Flood, all Kappa Delta members, sing with an Indige Girls song at a party. Marc Piscotty

188 Organizations

Organizations 189
Kappa Delta Pi
Education Honor Society
First Row: Zack Brooks, Julie Bunch
Second Row: Michelle McCarty, Christy Tackett, Anna-Laurea Hunt

National Press Photographers Association
First Row: Cheryl Meyer, Darren Silva, Tina Rossell, Jana Menefee
Second Row: Rick Loomis, Francis Gardler, Jason Bunk, Craig Fritz
Third Row: Steve Traynor, Tor Erik H. Mathiessen, Brett Weiner, Barry Williams, John Simpson

National Press Photographers Association
First Row: Janie Thompson, Jamila Wilson, Dana Johnson, Andy Cutraro
Second Row: Leah Hagsten, Kirk Studinski, Tracy Albano, Melissa True, Chris Ghenbain
Third Row: Mark T. Osler, Sherry Harper, Ken Harper, Deirdre Ritel, Jason Nulty, Jerry Hevey

National Press Photographers Association
First Row: Patrick Witty, Rhonda Vanover
Second Row: Stephen Cherry, Eric McCandles, Ian Solender
Third Row: Mark Weil, Scott LaJoie, John McLemore, Darrin Phlegley

Photojournalist-in-residence Dave LaBelle wears the effects of his going-away party in Garrett Conference Center. LaBelle was leaving Western to preach in Georgia. Tor Mathiesen
**Newman Club**

First Row: Scarlett Winters, Melissa True, Tom Treouch, Melissa Kirtley
Second Row: John Little, Brett Weiser, Arthur McFadden, Patrick Hobert, James Kestill, Rick Osborne

**Omega Psi Phi**

First Row: Christopher Lightsey, Erik Tandy
Second Row: Charlie Nichols, Joseph Wood, Herb Davis

**Order of the Omega**

Greek Honor Society

First Row: Masianna Holcomb, Melony Jones, Emily Morgan
Second Row: Paige Pride, Jennifer Miss

**Phi Alpha Theta**

History Honor Society

First Row: Barry Sanders, James Bradley
Second Row: Amanda Alexander, Elissa Rees, Sara Powell
Second Row: Melony Jones, Paula Trafton, Robert Bork, Matthew Lunsford, Robert Antony

Franklin junior Nikita Stewart performs with Alpha Kappa Alpha during the United Black Greeks Step Show at Homecoming. Toni L. Sandys
Phi Beta Lambda

Professional Business Organization

First Row: Paul Wooley, Karen Dinsmore, Taisha Moon, Daryl Payne, Tammi Stenger
Second Row: Susan Cook, Sped Ahnau, Steve White, Shane Nance, Stev Bodeker

Phi Eta Sigma

Freshman Honor Society

First Row: Coleman Tlghman, Emily G. Morgan
Second Row: Sherry Woods, Mistianna Holcomb, McKin Jones
Third Row: Jodie Pennington, Jennifer Mine, Carla Vessels

Phi Mu

First Row: Nicole Gerome, Mary Frances Hull, Heather Judd, Jennifer Childers, Amy Ketterer
Second Row: Amanda Flier, Chris Foster, Jennifer Flowers, Lori Tarrents, Sandra Kubichak
Third Row: Anna Head, Kelley Steenbergen, Monica Myers, Michelle Burch, Laura Riemenschneider

Phi Mu

First Row: Natalie Morgan, Brandy James, Beth Smith, Keesy Halland, Lisa Dobosson
Second Row: Amy Mastingly, Rita Vaughn, Ronda Davis, Wendy Cheff, Tanya Stinson, Charity Staton
Third Row: Heather Hepp, Andrea Cailies, Andrea Wilson, Teresa Niebruegge, Shawna Kohle, Tonya Hedinall, Sunny Tripkow

Students learned the "Acky Breaky" dance at Phi Beta Lambda's Country and Western Dance Night in Smith Stadium.

Tess Philips

194 Organizations
Phi Kappa Phi
Scholarship Honor Society
First Row: Elissa Rees
Second Row: Jennifer Thompson, Talia McKinney, Nikki Herdel
Third Row: Jonathan Harrell, Jennifer Mize

Pi Mu Epsilon
Math and Computer Science Honor Society
First Row: Laurie Goad, Talia McKinney, Dawn Long
Second Row: John Spraker, Claus Ernst, James Owen

Phi Upsilon Omicron
Home Economics Honor Society
First Row: Ginger Lewis, Lavanda Adcock
Second Row: Angela Donnelly, Tonya Stinson, Tina Thaxton, Susan Miller

Pre-Law
First Row: Mistianna Holcomb, Edward Kearny, Carla Kirkland
Second Row: Kevin Moore, Andrew Trippel, Stephen Gibson

After Tejanana Kendall, a freshman from Paris, Tenn., was named Miss Black Western 1993, Nashville freshman Katriesa Waters watches as the tiara is placed on Kendall’s head after it got knocked off. Robin L. Buckson
Psi Chi
Psychology Honor Society
First Row: Vicki Vowell, Laura Gipe, Emily Morgan
Second Row: Ryan McConnell, Kelly Geedert, Patty Randolph

PRSSA
First Row: Julie Hickman, Kathy Baker, Heather Hauer, Terri Winchell, Brandy James
Second Row: Matt Williams, Eric Davis, Denise Pugs, Wayne Hallett

Recreation Majors
First Row: David L. Vanover, Patti Terrell, Tammie Stenger, Christie Fiss
Second Row: Denise Patterson, Paige Cuoke, Devon Williams, Jimmy Blair, Hope Murray, Shaun Wiler

Residence Hall Association
First Row: Jocelyn Catlett, Angela Grimes, LaTanya Millhouse, Kerri Watson
Second Row: Sandy Cline, Eric Evans, Thomas Jordan, Jodi Gilbert, Heather Cocanougher
Third Row: Joseph Mathen, Jerry Moore, John Nixon, Raymond Entell

William Morgan of Bowling Green, 11, is carried away by his "buddy" after the Special Olympics at Smith Stadium. Several students volunteered to help at the event. Sally Eaton
Sigma Alpha Epsilon

First Row: Kenny May, Chad Stahl, Scott Cash
Second Row: Jason Martin, Matt Krzyzol, Robert Duke, Jeremy Sublett
Third Row: Daniel Pendleton, Kevin Moore, Brian Harris, Donald Smith, Tim Smith

Sigma Kappa

First Row: Lisa Gritton, Lori Wainscott
Second Row: Jenna Band, April Combs, Amy Tinkham, Leslie Singleton

Sigma Kappa

First Row: Sarah Sulzer, Bekki Jo Pritchard
Second Row: Tahitha Rehl, Carrie Morel, Amy Loukus
Third Row: Becky Givens, Nikki Crensey, Betsy Collin, Stacey Blandford

Sigma Phi Epsilon

First Row: Chris Sullivan, J.P. Musa, Dow Bandi, David Apple, David Gabe
Second Row: Craig Butter, Gus Niehaus, Robert Wagner, Trevor Wathen, Eric Wright

Several members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon sun themselves on the roof of their house one spring afternoon. Francisco Adler
Speech and Hearing

First Row: Michelle McCarty, Kelly Baskill, Christie Lewis
Second Row: Susan Conn, Julie Allgood, Karen Martin

Spirit Masters

First Row: Brunessa Beckles, Neely Ann Showcraft, Rebecca Flynn
Second Row: Ginger Markham, Deanna Mills
Third Row: Donald Smith, Eric McWilliams, Jennifer Mize, Will Fuqua

Spirit Masters

First Row: Gretchen Ploeh, Heather Meenan
Second Row: Heather Hall, Traci Smith, Heather Smith, Juliane Carter
Third Row: Meredith Howe, Bert Blevins, Patrick Monahan, Scott Sivley, Staci Kitchens

Student Alumni Association

First Row: Youhana Tibbs, Valerie Hudosl, Cheryl Adams
Second Row: Mary McNeal, Stephanie Allen, Jennifer Lewis, Leri Collins
Third Row: Jason Taylor, Philip Ams, Tom Taylor, Todd Ballard, Sharon Lee

Paige Pride, a senior from Tell City, Ind., tries to wash off Brian Lomax, a freshman from Gallatin, Tenn., after their team was eliminated from the Student Alumni Association's baseball tournament. Jason Keoki
Student Government Association

First Row: Donnie Miller, Jennifer Raffaelli, Jeremy Schillti, Susan Mitchell, Joe Rainis, Cindy Hayes
Second Row: Bert Blevins, Scott Sirley, Jason Emery, Cinnamon Roberts, Nikki Creasey, Woody Zorn, Dreg Edmonds, lluma Abnon
Third Row: Edward Myers, Eric McWilliams, Kyle Key, Donald Smith, Joe Tinley, Matthew Anderson, Kirby Rose

Students Over the Traditional Age

First Row: Carla Kirkland, Ann Lindsey, Koren Russell
Second Row: Deb Floral, Donnie Miller
Third Row: David Fields, Wallace Wood, Gene Hadden

United Black Greeks

First Row: Meliana Baggerly, Erica Phelps, Towana Lewis
Second Row: Maya Alyce Patties, Charlie Nichols, Keely Simons Jones

University Center Board

First Row: Emily Morgan, Emily Brown, Dana Lynn, Pamela Wells, Michael Scott
Second Row: Tonya Lynn Simon, Tonya Lee Simon, Jeni Kanzler, Renee Shaw, Katshy Porter
Third Row: Joshua Nelson, Trevor Wathen, Jonathan Harrell, Jerry Moar, Terrance Taylor

President Thomas Meredith played the role of a student while Steve Czirr, a senior from Brentwood, Tenn., took his place in the office after Czirr won the "President for a Day" contest sponsored by the Student Government Association. Jason Nuttik
Nearly 100 students, faculty and staff members participated in a pro-choice march sponsored by United Student Activists. The march began at Cherry Hall and ended with speeches at the square downtown. Cheryl Meyer
Women In Transition

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Second Row: Teresa Edmondson, Cindy Hayes
Third Row: Sherrie Spruddin, Judy Snoddy, Kibby Rose, Peggy Anne

Young Democrats

First Row: Teresa Powell, Elizabeth Baker, James Baker
Second Row: Ariana Wallace, Anne Lindsey
Third Row: Chris Brady, Eric Griggs, Gary Griggs

Brownsville sophomore Zanga Anne Lindsey, a Republican who supported Clinton, shouts to passing cars at a local intersection.  Darin Phegley

A Clinton/Gore supporter was among the minority in the crowd that welcomed Vice President Dan Quayle to Bowling Green.  Chuck Wing
Diddle Arena was sold out for the last two men's basketball games, including a double-overtime loss to New Orleans, then ranked 21st in the nation. Marc Piscotty
While the volleyball team prepares for a game at Southeast Missouri State, Louisville sophomore Kelly Meagher jokes with her teammates. Joe Stefanchik
Women's basketball Coach Paul Sanderford argues a call. Marc Piscotty

During a Lady Topper game in Diddle Arena, Greensburg junior Debbie Houk responds to a play. Marc Piscotty
After attending his first basketball game, eight-day-old Isaiah Bell gets a hug from his father, senior guard Mark Bell. Tamara Voninski
The men's basketball team and Big Red gather before playing Arkansas State. Marc Piscotty

Shepherdsville sophomore Mike Winkenhofer warms up before an exhibition game against the Russian Czars. Tor Mathiesen
In overtime against Southern Indiana, Rory Lithgow, a senior from Amanzimtoti, South Africa, reacts after kicking the ball into his own goal. Joe Stepanchik.
Barbourville freshman Garrett Thompson practices the triple jump. Rick Loomis
Losing season doesn't taint personal goals
By Chris Irvine and Jeff Nations

Jack Harbaugh stood in his office, peering at the white canvas of the board in front of him. Marker in hand, he carefully added another school to his projected schedule of opponents for next season. The 1992 season had faded into history, and Harbaugh was eagerly preparing the next chapter.

The Toppers, who finished 4-6, had just wrapped up the season with a win over intrastate rival Murray State, and Harbaugh was in good spirits as he plugged away at his scheduling schemes.

"Richard Grice intercepts a pass and runs it back 82 yards for a touchdown," he said. "The bench clears and our players just engulf him. Even the coaches engulf him. Without football, Richard wouldn't have experienced that; none of those guys would have experienced that."

Harbaugh said the 1992 season was the toughest he'd ever been through in his coaching career. Western, hit hard by state cuts in higher education, reduced the football program's annual budget to $450,000, about half of the previous year's funding. As a result, Harbaugh had fewer scholarships available for recruits, had one less assistant coach and was forced to schedule six of his 10 games away from Smith Stadium. All contributed to the losing season, Harbaugh said.

Faced the previous spring with the prospect of losing the program altogether, plus having five offensive linemen quit before the season started, Harbaugh credited the players with staying focused and not crumbling under the weight of the team's problems. "I think our players did a tremendous job of keeping their perspective of trying to win football games," he said.

The doubt surrounding the team was beneficial in some ways, offensive line Coach Rick Densworth said. "It was a blessing in disguise. It helped get rid of players who were just going through the motions and opened up opportunities for more team-oriented players."

It was Densworth's offensive line that blocked for the Toppers' successful running attack, which finished as one of the nation's best. "They did a great job on the field for us," Harbaugh said. "We finished third nationally in rushing despite losing five offensive linemen, using a pair of quarterbacks and several running backs."

At the Homecoming game against nationally-ranked Central Florida, the Toppers had their best performance of the year, receivers Carlos Murphy and Al Burks said. "They came in as a team, and we blew them out of the water," he said.

The Toppers broke a 41-year-old school record for total offense by racking up 683 yards in the win, mostly by rushing the ball at the
19th-ranked Knights.

Western suffered two close losses on the road.

Against Western Illinois, the Toppers were ahead most of the game but fell behind in the closing minutes. Led by quarterback Julius Malcom, a junior from Conley, Ga., the Toppers were able to move into the range of kicker Chris Pino, a senior from Naples, Fla., for a game-winning field goal attempt with just seconds remaining.

Pino's kick hit the left upright of the goal post and dropped no good. Western Illinois held on for the victory.

"The game was in our hands," Harbaugh said, with a trace of disappointment in his voice. "I never believe a game comes down to one kick. There are a hundred plays before that win or lose a football game."

The Toppers' game against Southwestern Louisiana had a similar ending.

The Toppers led late in the game but fell behind by a field goal with slightly over a minute left. Working against the clock, the Toppers were able to move the ball downfield for the tying field goal attempt. On the attempt, holder Matt Mocnayry, a Nashville senior, was unable to handle the snap from Mayfield senior center Mike Swafford, and the ball sailed loose to be recovered by the Cajuns.

Western ended its season with the road win over Murray State. The game featured a storybook ending for Grice, a senior from Clarksville, Tenn., whose total 15 tackles led the team. At the end of his last collegiate game, Grice found a way to put an exclamation point on his final season with an interception.

"The last thing I wanted to do here was to win this last game," Grice said. "There you have it—grand fashion."

Sheldon Benoit (40), a sophomore from Toronto, Canada, and Melvin Johnson (23), a senior from Daytona Beach, Fla., break up a Southern Illinois pass. The Toppers won 41-39 after blocking a field goal attempt with five seconds left. Rick Loomis

After scoring, Bowling Green senior Roscoe Echols is congratulated by Cincinnati junior Dion Bryant. Rick Loomis
Team improves tomorrow
by growing up today
by Nicole Zirnheld and Jeff Nations

Coming from a small high school in Martinsville, Ind., Roxie Akard never dreamed she'd be a starter at outside hitter for the Toppers her freshman year. "I thought it'd be a big change from high school to college," she said. "I mean, it was, but I figured I'd sit on the bench for a couple of years and then get to play."

With only two returning starters from last season's conference runner-up squad, volleyball Coach Jeff Hulsmeyer said the team had little choice but to go with the younger players. Hulsmeyer said the team, which finished 7-2 in the Sun Belt Conference and 13-20 overall, was "inconsistent but always improving."

A major weakness for the Toppers was a lack of team unity on the floor, he said. "One major difference between an old team and a young one is knowing the game and just reacting," Hulsmeyer said. He considered Akard, Janet Ryan and Shelly Nelson vital to the team's success.

Ryan, a Louisville senior and a four-year starter for the Toppers, is "one of the best players to ever play at Western," Hulsmeyer said.

He said Nelson, a senior from Elberfeld, Ind., "developed into a consistent threat on the right side" at her outside hitter's position over the past four years. "Both Janet and Shelly displayed excellent leadership on the court," he added.

Akarad came in as a freshman and walked away with a starting position because of her ball-control skills, he said. Despite a rash of injuries during preseason practice that hobbled six players, the Toppers pulled off a victory in their season opener at home against Morehead State.

The team then stumbled during a nine-game stretch on the road, losing seven matches.

Akarad said the trip to play national powers Colorado and Colorado State was the highlight of the season. "Even though we lost, played with them," she said, "I wasn't happy with being blown out of the floor."

The Toppers' conference record was good enough to get them Jonesboro, Ark., site of the Sun Belt Conference tournament. They didn't stay long, losing a first-round game to New Orleans and a consolation match to tournament host Arkansas State.

"It was a big letdown," Nelson said. "Our whole season is struggling, but we started to pull together in the last few weeks. We thought it was going to be different."

Hulsmeyer, who signed at the end of the season to work in the private sector, said the season would pay future dividends for the program. "This season was a good learning experience for our young players and a positive experience for the future of the Western volleyball program," he said.

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After scoring against Arkansas-Little Rock, Amber Simons, a sophomore from Oak Brook, Ill., and Louisville senior Janet Ryan celebrate. Francisco Adler

Simons blasts a return against Morehead State. Joe Stefanchik
Photo story
by
Joe Stefanchik

(Right) Traveling to Southeast Missouri State, Shelly Nelson, a senior from Elberfeld, Ind., and her teammates take time to sleep.

(Above) Louisville sophomore Kelly Meagher reacts to losing two straight matches.

(Left) A man glances at the team while waiting for his food at a Kentucky Fried Chicken in Missouri.

Players cheer after the team scores against Southeast Missouri State.
After a slow start, Toppers catch a second wind
by Pam Kiggins and Jeff Nations

At the end of regulation play in the Sun Belt Conference tournament, Western and South Alabama were tied with two goals apiece. The Toppers had reached a place they had never anticipated, a deadlock with the conference regular-season champions.

But in overtime, the Jaguars scored more accurate as the Toppers were defeated 4-2 on penalty kicks.

Tim McMullen, a sophomore from Hendersonville, Tenn., was blunt about the game's end. "Basically, we just missed all of our kicks," he said. "They didn't even have to block them; we were just missing the goal. It was pretty sad, really."

But McMullen said the Toppers' loss in the championship didn't dash his morale. "It wasn't really disappointing," he said. "Tell you the truth, we weren't even expected to be there. We had to play three games, and they only had two. But we were still right with them the whole game."

At the start of the season, Coach David Holmes said the team's inexperience would hurt it somehow, but he knew his team would come together at the end of the season.

"Our goal all along was to be in the championship game, and I knew all along that we had the makings of a good team," Holmes said. "All we were lacking were experience and maturity."

The team ended the season 9-9-3 with a second-place finish in the conference tournament.

Holmes said the team's uneven performance was due to the youth factor; more than half of his players were freshmen.

"At the start of the season, we were a very, very young team," he said. "We lost eight starters from last year's very successful team."

Brian Lewis, a Houston junior, said the experienced players led the team. "We had a young team, but a strong core with the returning starters whose leadership developed the younger players," he said.

The Toppers got off to a slow start, going 2-8-1 in their first 11 games.

Included in those losses was Western's annual Hilltopper Classic. The Toppers didn't fare well, finishing last behind Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, Marquette and Alabama A&M.

At another point during the losing string, the Toppers had a 3-2 lead over Southern Indiana but had to settle for a tie after team captain Rory Lithgow, a senior from Amazimtoti, South Africa, mistakenly kicked the ball into his own goal.

After losing to Kentucky 3-1, the team turned around and went on to win six of its last eight games and tie another to reach the conference championship.

"The highlight of the season was being 2-8-1 and ending up 9-9-3 and in the Sun Belt championship game," McMullen said. "We just really went on this winning tear."

Another highlight for some players during the winning streak was

(Above) Battling for possession of the ball, Western's Chad Boda, a junior from Tampa, Fla., collides with a Louisville player. Joe Stefanchik

(Right) Coach David Holmes talks to his team after a practice at Creason Field. Tom Leininger

Tim McMullen, a sophomore from Hendersonville, Tenn., watches as two Xavier defenders block his kick. Joe Stefanchik
the 5-1 victory over Louisville on Western’s Senior Day.
In the conference tournament, Western beat Texas Pan-American 3-2 to advance to the semifinal round. In a rematch against Arkansas-Little Rock, Western avenged an earlier tie by winning 4-1.
Although the Toppers did not win the championship, Holmes said the team did a good job overall.
"Everyone contributed and played hard," he said. "I think that this team showed the most courageous effort of any Western team I have ever coached.
"After a slow start and a fantastic finish, the only thing left is to get bigger and better." •

(Right) After scoring, Brian Lewis, a junior from Spring, Texas, is congratulated by McMullen.
Toni L. Sandys

(Below) Steve Henson, a junior from Madison, Tenn., collects his thoughts.
Rick Loomis
Cross Country

Runners respond to obstacles with varied results
by Cara Anna

A runner, his legs splashed with mud, crossed the finish line at the NCAA Championships and ended Western's 1992 cross country season.

It was not Sean Dollman. The defending national champion from Western had his senior year cut short by injuries.

Instead, the runner was Eddie O'Carroll. With Dollman injured, the senior from Cork, Ireland, stepped into the lead role and pushed himself all the way to ninth place in the national meet. He was named an All-American for his performance.

O'Carroll's finish surprised everyone, especially O'Carroll, who had merely hoped to place in the top 25.

"I just crossed the line and couldn't believe it," he said.

O'Carroll's finish was not the only highlight of the season. The men won the Sun Belt Conference title for the first time in five years, O'Carroll and senior Michelle Murphy from Cork, Ireland, won individual conference titles and Coach Curtis Long was named conference Coach of the Year.

O'Carroll was the most obvious success story, Long said, but the coach was also pleased with members of both teams who faced adversity and overcame it.

"If you went down the list of athletes, you'd see each faced a challenge and went ahead and achieved," Long said.

While the men adjusted to injuries and running without Dollman, the women coped with injuries, illnesses and fewer runners than usual.

The men rebounded by the time of the conference meet, placing all of their runners in the top 12 of their race. O'Carroll and Hendrick Maako, a sophomore from Pretoria, South Africa, finished first and second. The team went on to finish eighth in the District III Championships, four teams away from qualifying for the nationals, the best finish since 1984.

"For the team, the difference from previous years is that we were contenders to go somewhere instead of pretenders," O'Carroll said.

"This was probably one of the best teams we've had in many many years," said Jeremiah Tormey, a senior from Clones, Ireland.

The women placed second at the conference meet after winning, then placed third at the district meet.

"We didn't run very well at all at a team," Murphy said.

Murphy and several others ran personal bests during the season. Murphy said she enjoyed getting a PR in the early meet, but "I don't want to talk about the other half of the season."

"For many athletes it was a difficult season," Long said. "But I like the attitude and determination they showed. They scored as well as they could."

The men's team starts a race in Louisville. Deirdre Eitel

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University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Invitational
1st of 1 team
Track Legends Classic: 3rd of 7
Kentucky Collegiate Cross Country Championships
2nd of 18
Pre-NCAA Invitational
12th of 41
Claymore Invitational: 3rd of 8
Sun Belt Championships: 3rd of 10
NCAA District III: 9th of 39
NCAA Championships: Eddie O'Carroll 9th of 265

(Above) Michelle Murphy, a senior from Cork, Ireland, won the women's Kentucky Collegiate Cross Country Championships. Josh Stefanovich

(Left) Injured early in the season, Sean Dollman, a senior from Johannesburg, South Africa, offers encouragement to teammates. Chuck Wing

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Team gets ‘Back in the High Life’ despite odds
by Pamela C. Kiggins

The ball left Cypheus Bunton’s hand in an arc toward the basket. With only seconds left in the NCAA Sweet 16 game against Florida State, Western’s season had come down to Bunton’s shot, a desperate attempt to send the game into double overtime.

The ball hit the rim and bounced, came down and hit the back of the rim before falling away, ending the Toppers’ season.

Later, Western fans cheered as senior guards Mark Bell and Darnell Moslow slowly walked through the Charlotte Coliseum to greet family, friends and others who had come to see them.

Bell hugged his wife and son and seven of his 17 brothers and sisters who attended the game. Finally he approached his mother, who took him in her arms and rocked gently back and forth as he broke down and cried.

It was a tearful ending to a more than successful season for the men’s basketball team, which finished 26-6.

"Not too many people expected anything out of us," said forward Darius Hall, a Detroit sophomore. "I think the community would have been happy with just a regular season of 14-14. They didn’t expect us to go the Sweet 16."

"We shocked the world," said forward Derek Flowers, a Dothan, Ala., sophomore. "They (the community) would have been happy for us to win 20 games and go back to the NIT. They didn’t expect us to get in the Top 25, but we shocked the world."

Before losing to Florida State, Western showed spectators nationwide it could play basketball with the best teams in the country.

On its way to the Sweet 16, Western defeated Memphis State in the first round, 56-52. The Tigers, led by All-American Anfernee Hardaway, didn’t hit key free throws, including crucial misses that would have tied the game in the closing seconds.

The second-round opponent was Seton Hall, the region’s second and an 11-point favorite to beat seventh-seeded Toppers.

Western defeated the Pirates 68-65. The team was given the opportunity to cut down the nets, but declined. "It was the first time in my life I've added a finality to it," Coach Ralph Willard said. "When we come to the regional — yeah, then we're going to cut down the nets."

But they never got the chance. Willard had predicted postseason goals for Western’s season, but he knew the trouble he would face.

Obstacle No. 1 — critics. Some thought the Toppers would struggle with last year’s top scorers, Jack Jenney and Harold Thompson.

"We want to believe we were a Top 25 team," Willard said. "Coach had been saying we were but we had to convince ourselves first," Moslow said.

Western’s huddle is reflected in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament trophy after the defeat of New Orleans in the finals. Teak Phillips

Despite having a knot ‘the size of a grapefruit’ in his leg, senior guard Mark Bell led Western’s 78-77 upset of Louisville. Marc Piscotty

(Below) In the closing moments of a conference tournament win, Elston sophomore Greg Glass and Derek Flowers, a sophomore from Dothan, Ala., celebrate with teammates. Marc Piscotty

(Left) Despite Coach Ralph Willard’s encouragement, Western lost in overtime at home to South Alabama. Marc Piscotty

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Obstacle No. 2 — Injuries. Because of injuries to Flowers; Bunton; Bell; forward Bryan Brown, a senior from Austell; and guard Marty Stone, a Hendersonville, Tenn., senior, the Toppers only had seven players for practice.

Willard temporarily recruited two football players and a baseball player to run scrimmage games.

Western won its first 10 of 11 games despite the low number of players.

The turning point of the season, many said, was Western’s 78-77 upset at Louisville. The Toppers led by as much as 14 points before Bell left the game with 14 minutes to go with a leg cramp. Despite pain, Bell returned to finish the game with 24 points.

The game was decided in the final seconds when guard Darrin Horn, a Lexington sophomore, hit the winning three-pointer and Louisville missed two dunks before the buzzer.

After the win, coaches’ polls started to give Western attention. ESPN mentioned the Toppers frequently and showed highlights of their games.

Diddle Arena was sold out for the team’s last two home games, including a double-overtime loss to Sun Belt Conference leader New Orleans.

In the conference tournament, Western defeated then-No. 13th-ranked New Orleans 72-63 in the championship game. The win gave the team its first ever trip to the NCAA Tournament.

(Above) Forward Bryan Brown, a senior from Austell, Ga., was one of four seniors on the team. Rick Loomis

(Right) Forward Chris Robinson, a freshman from Macon, Ga., reacts to a Darnell Me three-pointer. Marc Piscotty
NCAA Tournament bid since 1987.
Bell later said he was proud to be a part of a team with the intensity of the Toppers.
"I think we did a great job," he said. "I love the team. I think we played this season above everyone's expectations and we were a success."
**Return to Final Four ends in Sweet 16 for seniors**

*by Tom Batters*

He was there the first day of practice, when he knew his team had plenty to overcome before it was anywhere near being an NCAA Tournament contender.

He was there through the heartbreaking losses at the buzzer when he wondered if luck would ever be on his side.

And he was there for the emotional wins that came late in the season.

It was only natural, then, that when Coach Paul Sanderford couldn't be there with his team, he called it "the most frustrating night" of his career.

The date was March 25, and the Lady Toppers were taking a 10-game winning streak into the NCAA's Eastern Regional semifinal game against Ohio State in Richmond, Va.

Sanderford, however, was in Bowling Green's Greenview Hospital with double pneumonia that had worn him down for about two weeks.

He could only lie in his hospital bed and watch his team on television, something he never had done in 11 years at Western.

When the Lady Toppers had a six-point lead at halftime, he called the team.

"I told them to keep guarding people and to rebound," he said. "I also told them I was proud of them."

Assistant Coaches Crist McKinney and Steve Small told Sanderford's place on the sideline, but their voices were not the loudest.

(Left) Forward Debbie Hous, a Greensburg junior, reaches against a Southwestern Louisiane player. John Simpson

(Above) Louisville guard Kristie Jordan was part of a senior class that Coach Paul Sanderford called one of the best in his career. Marc Piscotty

(Top left) Assistant Coach Steve Small reacts to a basket. Marc Piscotty

CENTER Paula Anne Monroe, a senior from Kansas City, Mo., and forward Denise Hill, a junior from Wilson, N.C., were two of Western's leading rebounders. Rick Loomis

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Despite having double pneumonia, Coach Paul Sanderford coached the first-round NCAA game.

A pair of shoes sits in the locker room after the final game, an 86-73 loss to Ohio State.

raspy voice the players had responded to all season.

"We just lost our composure," senior Renee Westmoreland said. "Coach Sanderford probably would have made sure that didn't happen if he was there."

Sanderford said it was frustrating. "It was like working hard for a class all year, but not being able to take the final exam."

Western (24-7) lost the game 86-73, and seniors Kristie Jordan, a guard from Louisville; Trina Wilson, a center from Jamaica, N.Y.; Paulette Monroe, a center from Kansas City, Mo.; and Westmoreland, a guard from Scottsburg, Ind., said goodbye to college basketball.

Most of the players had tears in their eyes as they slowly walked to the locker room.

"It was hard, like losing a best friend," Westmoreland said. "We worked so hard at it every day and then suddenly it got ripped away."

But Sanderford's absence and the end of four dynamic careers shouldn't overshadow the positive points of the season.

Early on, Sanderford prayed to the "basketball gods" as the ball continued to bounce against the Lady Toppers.

On Jan. 1, a shot at the buzzer gave Western a 60-59 loss to Southwest Missouri State at home.

On Jan. 20, Kentucky's Stacey Reed hit a desperation three-pointer as time expired for a 64-59 Lady Kat win in Lexington.

On Feb. 4, Westmoreland's last second three-pointer bounced off the rim against top-ranked Vanderbilt as the Lady Commodores won 62-59 in Nashville.

Some teams might have thought it just wasn't meant to be.

But the Lady Toppers used those frustrations to their advantage. They went 12-2 after the loss to Vanderbilt.

"At one point, I thought it was going to be a terrible season," Jordan said. "But we really started to work harder in practice and..."
We Ilmoreland, Louk and Wilson team up on opponent, Marc Piscotty

Assistant Coach Steve Small took Sanderford's place in the Sweet 16 against Ohio State. Joe Stefanich

Diddle Arena crowd in its favor. This time the team was in Ruston, La., home of Louisiana Tech, a team that was unbeaten at home.

Western crushed Southwestern Louisiana in the first game, defeated Arkansas State in the second and shocked the Lady Techsters 81-73 in the championship.

"We weren't expected to win," guard Ida Bowen, an Inez sophomore, said. "We had lost there earlier in the season and most of their fans didn't even expect us to get past Arkansas State."

Western went on to get a top 16 seed in the NCAA Tournament and defeated Miami 86-73 in the first-round game in Diddle Arena.

Sweating, coughing and running down, Sanderford was taken to the hospital immediately after the game.

Assistant Coach Steve Small said the real disappointment to the season was not losing Sanderford for one game, but losing the four seniors forever.

"You can choose to quit a job or get married," he said. "But the end of a college career is never by choice."

Sanderford called the four players one of the best senior classes he had had in his career.

Westmoreland and Monroe joined Western's list of 1,000-point scorers during the season.

Jordan averaged 16 points in her last four regular-season games and was named to the All-Conference tournament team.

Wilson had a team-high 60 percent shooting percentage during season and her 6-5 height caused problems for opposing team defense.

"It's a shame that the seat didn't get to enjoy the March Madness one more time," Sanderford said. "I think both of the success of the men's team and me getting sick, people did put much attention toward how hard they really worked every day."
Unity and the unexpected contribute to success
by Dennis Varney

No Western swimmer had ever won a race at the Easterns, the regional championship meet for the Toppers. The odds seemed stacked against someone seeded in the middle of the field.

Lexington junior Ben Graves looked past the odds. Graves took the field by surprise, winning the 50-yard freestyle in 20.67 seconds in what Coach Bill Powell considered the upset of the meet.

Graves said he never thought it would happen.

"It felt good to place that high," he said. "I wasn't expecting it and it's the hard work all year that I'm thankful for."

His performance qualified him for the U.S. Swimming Nationals in Nashville, where he competed in the 50-meter freestyle.

"Getting to nationals was my goal all year and all the hard work paid off," he said.

He missed qualifying for the finals by half a second and finished 38th in the year and all the meet, he said.

"Hard work paid off," was his thought as the Topper's middle field. Graves said he never thought it would happen.

"It felt good to place that high," he said. "I wasn't expecting it and it's the hard work all year that I'm thankful for."

One of the times unity was evident was when Brian Nash, a senior from Terre Haute, Ind., had what Powell called the swim of the season when he won the 200-yard breaststroke against Ball State.

The Toppers were behind when Jay Glick, a senior from Peru, Ind., told Nash, "If the team can't win then you can."

Nash said he took that inspiration and found himself even with the Ball State swimmer at the finish of the race. He said he knew it was all or nothing and went on to win.

"It was all mental at that point," he said. "It didn't matter how fast be swam at that point, I would have swam faster."

Another highlight of the season came when Brad Hagan, a freshman from Ketchikan, Alaska, won against his two brothers at the Missouri "Show Me" Invitational, the first known occurrence of three brothers competing in the same meet.

In the last event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, all three were in consecutive lanes and led the race for the respective teams. Hagan's brother Rob won.

Hagan said the time was "just like all times."

"The team's first home meet began with a disappointing meet but ended as the biggest win of the season," said Seth Reetz, a senior from Reynoldsburg, Ohio. "It won't affect our performance."

Western won all 13 events in what was supposed to be a close meet. Powell said he never expected the outcome.

"If you had told me ten minutes before the meet that we were going to win every event, I would have told you to go check out another meet," he said.

The regular season ended with Craig Smart, a senior from Milan, Mich., shows Big Red how to do the wave. Watching are Doug Evans, a freshman from Okeefe, Fla.; Brad Hagan, a freshman from Ketchikan, Alaska; and Richmond freshman Steve Caliri. Tor Mathisen

Powell taking an involuntary swim in the Preston pool, courtesy of the swimmers.

Western then prepared for the Eastern Intercollegiate Championships, the focus of the team's effort throughout the season.

"In swimming, you put all your eggs in one basket," Powell said. "You just put everything into that last meet of the year."

The team finished seventh, its best performance ever. Besides Graves' swim, four school records were set by Western swimmers:

- Reetz in the 200-yard backstroke.
- Ashland junior Chan Ferguson in the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke.
- The team of Graves, Ferguson, Joel Wiberg, a sophomore from Loganport, Ind., and Chris Healy, a junior from New Albany, Ind., in the 200 freestyle relay.

Ashland junior Chan Ferguson swims practice laps. Francisco Adler

After winning an event, Ferguson is congratulated by Scott Panella, a freshman from Hudson, Ohio. Francisco Adler

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relay.
Powell had started the year with a team that was smaller in size than usual, but even at the beginning of the year he said there was no doubt in his mind the team would be better than the year before.

(Above) Chris Healy, a junior from New Albany, Ind., helps celebrate a win by Brian Nash, a senior from Terre Haute, Ind. Francisco Adler

(Top) Nash jokes with teammates during a meet. Francisco Adler

Coach Bill Powell was thrown into the pool after the final regular-season meet. Francisco Adler
With newcomers, teams are more than just distance runners

by Cara Anna

The most memorable athletic contests, Coach Curtiss Long said, are ones where the athlete must use courage to overcome adversity.

There were several races during the track season that could qualify.

"Take, for example, Fort Campbell junior James Scott, who suffered an allergy attack during a 3,000-meter steeplechase but still finished 12 hundredths of a second behind the winner.

Or look at Eddie O'Carroll, a senior from Cork, Ireland, who set a Sun Belt Conference record in the 5,000 and learned two weeks later he had done it with a broken bone in his leg.

Or consider Hendrick Maako, a sophomore from Pretoria, South Africa, who held off an opponent in the last mile of the 10,000 in the conference championships to win by less than two seconds.

"Every one of us was close to the track, close as can be," said Fort Campbell junior Jeff Scott of Maako's race.

"We were yelling as loud as we can, not just when he was in front of us." But perhaps the biggest struggle of the season came from several newcomers who were able to make their mark by the end of the season, mostly in the sprint and field events.

Unlike the 1992 season, where distance runners carried the team in the championships, sprinters and field performers placed high enough to contribute to team scoring.

"The greatest thing — in the past, distance runners were getting all the points," Jeff Scott said. "This time other people were in the finals.

"We were so excited. The team just came together — I was like, 'Gosh, I haven't seen this kind of team unity since high school.' We cheered them all the way around the track."

It resulted in both the men's and women's teams placing fourth in the championships.

Western had several individual winners, all in distance events. Maako won two events. Breid Dennehy, a senior from Cork, Ireland, also won two events.

Dennehy was the only Western runner to advance past the conference level, qualifying for the NCAA Championships in the 3,000 and the 5,000. She was ranked in the top 10 in the nation in both events.

Because of a nagging injury, the season ended when she had to drop out of the 5,000.

Dennehy and Michelle Murphy, another senior from Cork, Ireland, led the women's team, with Murphy being named Western's Female Athlete of the Year.

Murphy came within seconds of qualifying for the NCAA's in the 5,000, was on the conference title in the event and ran the third best women's time in Western history.

O'Carroll also pushed a mark in the 5,000, Long said. "I had to console myself knowing I would be back next year," he said.

He'll be joined by the group of athletes who began to make their mark in 1993, including Louisville freshman Marcus Ridley, Louisville freshman Nick Pfister, Owensboro freshman Claire Davies, Owensboro freshman Erick Curry and others.

"It's remarkable how far people came," Long said. ♦

Joe Stefanchik

Sturgis freshman Bradley Tucker competes in the steeplechase at the Murray Twilight meet. Joe Stefanchik

After breaking the tibia bone in his right leg while qualifying in the 5,000, he could only watch the rest of the season as a medical redshirt.

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Padgetah senior Michelle Harris was one of a number of sprinters who played a strong role with the team. Joe Stefanchik

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When teams get on the right course, results follow
by Tom Batters

At the beginning of the season, the golf coaches came to work through cold winds, rain and snow. They had to hold practice in a gymnasium, and as they watched players hit balls off mats they wondered whether their teams would ever play in a real match.

But Lee Robertson and Kathy Teichert didn’t let the bad weather in March slow them down. They had to hold practice in a gymnasium.

“Every one of these kids has a reason to be proud of their season,” Teichert said. “It’s great to be involved with such young players that can be even better next year if they work hard over the summer.”

Somerset freshman Sandy Stokely became Western’s first women’s golfer to be named to the All-Conference team and won the Eagle’s Nest on the course. She grew up playing. “I knew I would do well when I came here,” Stokely said. “But I never thought I would finish this high so fast.”

The men’s team also had a member of the All-Conference team. Glasgow senior Bryan Baysinger was fourth in the tournament and won the Oak Meadow Intercollegiate in Evansville, Ind.

“I’ve never seen anyone carry himself so well on and off the golf course,” Robertson said. “I’ll miss the heck out of him. But we have a good group of young kids to fill in for him.”

Baysinger and Brian Harris of Springfield were the only seniors on the men’s team. The women’s team had Russellville senior Ally Hartley and LaGrange senior Jennifer McGohon.

Western students didn’t get much of a chance to see the teams in action. The men had no home matches and the women had only one.

The women made the most of their opportunity, finishing sixth of 16 in the 1993 Lady Topper Invitational at Hartland Golf Course. It was their first match of the year and at first, really didn’t think we would finish that high,” Teichert said. “But once I saw how focused everyone was, I wasn’t surprised in the end.”

Jennifer Moore, a junior from Ewell, Mich., led Western with a ninth-place finish. Not only did Western show it could play well in the invitational, it showed it could play well in the regular season.

In the final round, Liesl Diedricks, a junior from Pietersburg, South Africa, hit a ball out of bounds into the woods. She found a ball, hit onto the green and ended up with a birdie. When she removed the ball from the hole, however, she discovered it wasn’t hers. She then played the hole again and shot a seven, a difference of four strokes.

“She was honest enough to say it wasn’t her ball,” Teichert said. “Some players wouldn’t have done that.”

Teichert said the tournament was a success for her team and Bowling Green. “The teams had a good time and they will be back next year.”

The closest the men’s team came to home was the Johnny Owens Invitational in Lexington and the Oak Meadow Intercollegiate. In Lexington, the team struggled at Kearney Hill Golf Links, which Robertson called one of the toughest courses the team played on all year.

Robertson and Teichert agreed there was no time to put themselves on the back for the year’s success. They said if the players continued to practice over the summer and fall, things could only get better.

“If they don’t keep working, their success this year won’t mean as much,” Teichert said. “They have to want to get better. I’m confident that they’ll do that and our program will continue to get better.”

Michelle Higgins, a sophomore from Rochester, N.H., chips in the Lady Topper Invitational. Cheryl Meyer

Jennifer McGohon of LaGrange was one of only two seniors on the women’s team. Joe Stefanich

The women’s team, helped by Russellville senior Ally Hartley, finished sixth of 15 teams at the Lady Topper Invitational. Toni L. Sandys
While women start slow, men face challenges on the road

by Cara Anna

Early in the spring, Coach Laura Hudspeth posted signs around campus asking for women's tennis players.

She had lost three players over Christmas break for various reasons and was faced with a team that was mostly walk-ons and freshmen. For a while, it was a struggle.

"I had to give up a lot of lessons," she said. "It was not a strong situation to be in."

The team went winless through its first eight matches. "It was just embarrassing more than anything," said Leitchfield junior Priya Mane.

That changed in the ninth match, against Centre College. "We went in there and said, 'We can win this,'" Mane said.

And once that first win was achieved, "that did it," Hudspeth said.

The team won its next match, then went 1-1 in the Sun Belt Conference tournament, finishing ninth of 10 teams.

"It seems like we ended on a good note," said Paducah freshman Cherie Little.

The tournament loss was against a Louisiana Tech team that was seeking revenge from the 1992 tournament, Hudspeth said. "A lot of our girls weren't there last year, so our girls weren't maybe as intense as they were."

In a season where each player was pressured to adjust quickly and start winning, everyone stepped up a notch by the end, Hudspeth said. "There were very few teams that just blew them off the court."

The men, meanwhile, were also young but had high expectations. The team improved its finish in the conference tournament, placing fifth of seven teams, but ended at 11-11 after a four-game losing streak on the road in the second half of the season.

"We played great at home but on the road we couldn't put it together," said Lexington junior Quint Brown.

Several road matches were a result of scheduling, and when you have a tougher schedule you have tougher results, Coach Joe Bingham said.

"By planning tough schedule play, we probably bit off more than we could chew," he said.

It took the freshmen some time to adapt to the competitive play, but as time went on, Brown said the team got closer together as the season went on, Brown said.

"We were cheering like we were at a basketball game or something," Brown said.

Brown finished with the team's best individual record, 15-7. Matt Wuller, a freshman from Destrehan, Fla., finished 14-8.

The only player graduating from either team was Frankfort senior Mike Doss and Vine Grove senior Berni Howard, the men's top seed.

Howard finished at 7-14. "Berni had a tremendous four-year career," Bingham said. "He struggled at the No. 1 position constantly."

Vine Grove senior Bernie Howard was the men's top-seeded player.

Chuck Wing
Season ends with the toss of a coin
by Jason Frakes

With a mix of 11 junior college transfers and six returning starters, expectations were high for the 75th edition of baseball on the Hill.

The Toppers set preseason goals of winning the Eastern Division of the Sun Belt Conference, winning the conference tournament and advancing to the NCAA Tournament, a feat Western accomplished only in 1980.

With LaGrange senior Paul Jackson returning from an All-Conference performance in 1992 and Bill Weyers, a senior from Kimberly, Wis., back after finishing third in the conference in batting, it looked as if the Toppers would have a chance to fulfill their goals.

No such luck.

With the toss of a coin, Western was denied a conference tournament bid and a chance to advance to the NCAA Tournament.

The coin toss was the result of a final, frantic week of conference play.

By then, South Alabama was a lock for the division's top seed in the conference tournament. However, the Toppers, Arkansas State (10-8) and Jacksonville (8-10) were battling for the division's two remaining bids.

The Dolphins won their final three games, and Western won two of three at Arkansas State to put all three teams at 11-10.

Through a complicated tie-breaking system, Arkansas State was awarded second place. However, not even four more tie-breaking procedures could decide third place.

It took a coin toss.

"I speak on behalf of the whole team when I say it would have been more satisfying to have won or at least had a chance to go to the NCAA Tournament on the field, rather than have the flip of a coin," Coach Joel Murrie said. "As competitors, most of us can deal with the fact of being beaten on the field."

Assistant coach Dan Mosier said Western was playing some of its best ball in its last conference series, in which the team had outstanding pitching and made only one error.

"We went there thinking we had the chance to go to the tournament," said Shaun Smith, a senior from Appleton, Wis. "Through we turn a double and 15 seconds after we were to go to the last game they may keep us out," he said. "It may be some other game."

Bad weather kept Western indoors for much of the preseason. Barry Nesbit, a junior from Dubois, Pa., takes batting practice in the Economic Development Center. Jason Nuttle

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After fielding a ground ball, Clay Wiedehahn, a Cincinnati sophomore, makes an off-balance throw to first base. Teak Phillips
After tagging second base, Wiedenhein throws to first to complete a double play. Cheryl Meyer

(Above) Sean Thomas, a junior from Winter Garden, Fla., protests a call. Robin L. Buckson

The Toppers started the season 2-0, then went to San Diego State for the Arthur J. Gallagher Tournament. Rain forced a cancellation of the tournament, but tournament officials invited the Toppers to play anyway in a formal setting.

Smith said the trip was one of the highlights of the year.

"We had success against some really good competition," he said of its next 14 games at home, going 12-2.

The weather continued to play havoc with the Toppers' schedule as rain and snow forced cancellation of games for nearly two weeks.

Darin Bernhard, a junior from Orlando, Fla., said the days off had some negative impact.

"The team got a lot of hitting in, but it was a lot of hitting by ourselves," he said. "We were putting too much pressure on ourselves. We didn't face any live batters.

The season eventually continued and the Toppers took an 8-3 record into their first conference series at Jacksonville. Western had been picked to finish second in the division behind South Alabama. Jacksonville was picked third.

Preseason predictions meant nothing as the Dolphins swept the three-game series.

After a 17-3 loss at Vanderbilt, the Toppers stood at 8-7 and hoped to return to their previous success.

Nick Dones Field provided the perfect remedy. Western played 11 really good games against some really good competition," he said of its next 14 games at home, going 12-2.

Sean Thomas, a junior from Winter Garden, Fla., said a new attitude was the key to the turnaround.

"After our third loss in a row (at Jacksonville), some of the guys told Coach that we weren't having fun," he said. "We were putting too much pressure on ourselves. We weren't having fun no matter what and it's working."

After a two-week stretch of non-conference games, the Toppers went to Mobile, Ala., for a key series with South Alabama. The Jaguars were leading the division and Western was right behind with a 7-5 conference record.

Jackson, the only senior to have played all four years at Western, said going to Mobile was always the biggest trip of the year.

"South Alabama is always the most exciting place to play baseball for Western," he said. "The atmosphere is almost perfect. They have rowdy fans and a really nice ball park."

Western took one of three games from the Jaguars.

The Toppers finished the conference schedule with six games against Arkansas State, setting up the fateful coin toss.

The team finished the season 30-22.

As predicted, Western's strength was its offense. The Toppers finished second in the conference with 7.5 runs per game and fourth with a .302 batting average. Weyers led the conference with a .422 batting average and 16 doubles.

Weyers also broke Jackson's school record, hitting in 24 consecutive games. The streak began in 1992 as Weyers collected hits in the final 14 games.

Weyers broke the streak at Eastern Kentucky.

"It was a lot of pressure that day," he said. "I had just had an uncle pass away and I almost missed the game to go home for the funeral. It added even more pressure because I wanted to do good for him."

Murrie said he will remember the positives rather than the negatives of the season.

"It's been very pleasant working with many different people this year," he said. "I got to see individuals improve and mature on the field as well as off the field."

(Left) After being struck by a pitch, Bowling Green senior Bryan Lawrence heads for first. Tash Phillips

(Below) Bowling Green sophomore Eddie Sharer licks a new baseball to break it in. John Simpson
Old jokes and hours of work

Swimming Coach Bill Powell has guided Western to 23 consecutive winning seasons

Back in 1969, when swimmers wore suits that came up to the navel and strapped around the shoulders, before modern electronic timing devices and multi-million-dollar pools, Bill Powell came to Western to start a swimming program.

He had no prized recruits, and when he asked most of the kids how well they could swim, some would say, "I can swim a long way," and he knew he was in trouble.

"If you asked me to name all the swimmers that I didn't like in all my years of coaching, I wouldn't even be able to fill one hand," Powell said. "I've coached all kinds of kids and have been close to almost all of them."

His first team went 3-4.

Western has never had another losing season.

Powell, a native of Wyandotte, Mich., completed his 23rd season at Western last year and said he doesn't plan on retiring any time soon.

"I really enjoy my job," he said. "I want to come to work every day."

It's not the 190 wins that have kept Powell going. He didn't even realize he was close to reaching 200 wins until someone told him.

Powell's relationship with his swimmers is the reason he comes to work at 5 in the morning and stays until 7 at night.

"If we go over to his house, we have to either listen to Buffett or watch him on TV," Ashland junior Chan Ferguson said. "And he's got a million jokes."

But as the swimmers know all too well, there are times when Powell has to put the tapes away, stop telling jokes and be a strict disciplinarian.

"He knows when it's time to work," Ferguson said.

During the season, Powell holds two-hour practices twice a day. It's his time to show swimmers they are there to become harder workers and better athletes.

"Everyone will leave here a better person," said Richard Rutherford, a senior from Richland, Ind. "We've all learned that hard work pays off in the long run."

Powell, former captain of his swim team at Western Michigan, often comes to swim at 5 a.m.

"Sometimes, the swimmers even beat me to the pool," he said. "I guess that's a sign of wanting to work."
Powell admitted his passion for swimming doesn't end when he gets home.

"I have a drawer next to my bed with all swimming stuff in it," he said. "I like to look through it and look back at all the teams I've had."

Powell, 56, might need more than a drawer to keep his memories in by the time he's finished coaching. He said he would like to coach his seventies if Western and his wife will let him.

"I guess I should find something else to fill my time," he said. "But I don't really have any other hobbies. Swimming is my hobby."

Story by Tom Batters
Photos by Toni L. Sandys
Back in the game

Volunteer coach 'gives us that Western spirit,' a player said

Eck Branham tells people that football changed his life. "I came from the mountains in this state," he said. "I tell people that if it hadn't been for football, I probably would have stayed there and been a coal miner, and maybe had half a dozen kids."

Branham lettered in football, baseball and basketball for Western during the 1933-1936 seasons, but football was always his love. He played quarterback and defensive halfback under legendary Coach E.A. Diddle, who Branham said taught him Western spirit.

Branham attended his first Homecoming football game in 1937 and hasn't missed one since, except when he served in World War II. He said he has no plans to break that tradition. "You get to see the old players you played with, the few that are left," he said. "It's just a good feeling, like a family."

When Western's football team was threatened with extinction because of budget cuts in April 1993, Branham helped rally support for the program by calling alumni and getting donations from businesses. "Not having football at Western is hard for me to imagine, and it would kill my spirit," he said.

Branham, 78, even took his support onto the field, volunteering to coach Western's kickers last season. The former high school coach instructed the kicking unit on what he called "the fundamentals." He never missed a practice or a game, he said.

Branham was a star halfback under legendary Coach E.A. Diddle, who Branham said taught him the fundamentals of the game. "I really didn't get to know Eck until he coached me," he said. "He had the same for Western's football team. He brings that maturity and stability to our program," he said.

"Sometimes our players just get caught up in whatever's bothering them," Branham said.

"Branham is happy to be helping," Coach Jack Harbaugh, who was Eck Branham's best friend, said. "I stay in good condition, I've never had a cigarette and I've never tasted beer or whiskey; not many people can say that."

Branham said he wanted to coach the kickers again in 1993, but he didn't have long-range plans about the job. "Oh hell, I don't plan on what I'm going to do tomorrow," he said. "I enjoy being there, and the players like me to be there. I'm kind of like a godfather to the players, sort of a counselor, really."

"He tells me what he's thinking," Harbaugh said. "I enjoy being there, and the players like me to be there. I'm kind of like a godfather to the players, sort of a counselor, really."
Red towel wavers

No matter what sport, there were always people who stayed with it to the end.

Members of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity participate in Big Red's Roar. Joe Stefanchik

Marisol Torres, a senior from Clarksville, Tenn., bundles up during a home baseball game. Joe Stefanchik

Duncan Gibson, a senior from Brentwood, Tenn., drove eight hours to see Western’s men in the Sweet 16. Marc Piscotty

Soccer players Ren Woodruff, a sophomore from Franklin, Tenn.; Steve Henson, a junior from Madison, Tenn.; and Chadoda, a junior from Tampa, Fla., won a spirit contest at a Lady Topper game. Joe Stefanchik

(Left) Big Red appeared at all home basketball and football games. Marc Piscotty

(Below) Coach Jack Harbaugh thanks the crowd. Ken Harper

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After losing their Oaxball game, Owensboro sophomore Chris Camp and Owensboro junior Andy Edelin ride home in the rain. Francisco Adler
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