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Southwest Kentucky University

Eastern 27, Western 16

A crushing defeat

Loss could destroy playoff hopes

BY TRAVIS MAYO
Herald reporter

A chair with a lonely occupant painted the picture of defeat. Jlode Gummner sat dazed, eyes staring straight ahead.

The senior fullback had watched time tick away Saturday night, as Western's football team lost to visiting Eastern Kentucky. The Colonels had stolen a game from the Hilltoppers and snapped a three-game losing streak to their oldest rival.

The 27-16 loss before 14,200 spectators at Smith Stadium stunned, leaving many players wondering what had happened in the past two weeks.

"It's just a combination of putting it together," Gummner said, "while searching for an answer. "It's more so a matter of understanding than upsetting and frustrating. We've got such tremendous talent, but we can't seem to put it together right in and right out to come in and make it happen."

While No. 12 Eastern (7-4) made things happen at the right time, the No. 21 Hilltoppers (1-11) seemed to come so close and not get there. Poor Western turnovers and costly penalties stopped several drives when Western was in reach of scoring.

The Hilltoppers fumbled the ball eight times, losing three to Eastern, and were penalized eight times for 70 yards.

Senior running back Rod Smalls' fumble ended Western's first possession of the game. One play later, Eastern sophomore tailback Corey Crum exploded down the field for an 83-yard touchdown. Crum was the leading Colonel rusher with 133 yards.

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Insurance costs could drop for faculty

Proposal would make Western self-insured

BY MATTHEW KARE
Herald reporter

Faculty and staff can expect cheaper insurance if the Board of Regents approves the Administrative Council's proposal to become self-insured at its meeting Friday.

"If we do not do this, we will be forced to go with a program with higher premiums," President Gary Ransdell said. "This option is considerably less expensive for our employees in terms of comparable premiums."

If the proposal is approved, Western will be self-insured Jan. 1, 1999.

The plan would offer faculty and staff five insurance plans to choose from. If approved, the university will begin accepting bids from local insurance companies.

Compared to last year's rates, almost all of the new offers are lower. Human Resources Director Tony Glisson said. He noted employees could save up to $300 a year with the new plan.

Employees would pay premiums to the university, not the insurance company. All money not used for medical treatment would be put into a slush fund to be used in years when medical costs exceed expectations.

Glisson said he estimated the slush fund to be about $600,000 a year.

Glisson worked with a committee of five faculty and five staff members to develop the proposal. On Thursday he presented the plan during a Faculty Senate meeting.

The project was to take effect Jan. 1, 1999. Glisson said it was delayed because of lack of interest from the administration and employees. The second date for debate was July 1, but it was postponed again because of lack of interest.

Faculty Senate Vice Chairman Carl Kell, who served on the proposal's committee, said the primary objective for the new plan is to create more stability and continuity. Previous years, many employees have changed coverage plans every year because of changing premiums.

The new plan will allow users to choose their doctor and hospital.

"That is as important to many families as low costs," Kell said.

Sid Baker, a building maintenance and repair supervisor, said that was something he would look for when choosing an option.

"I like having the flexibility to see the physician of my choice," he said. "Of course, cost always comes into this also."

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Fatal fire sparking changes

Western may add sprinklers following Murray tragedy

BY JOHN STAMPER
Herald reporter

A deadly dorm fire at Murray State University on Friday will likely bring sprinkler systems to Western dorms long before they were previously expected, university and state officials said yesterday.

"It would have happened eventually anyway, but considering the tragedy at Murray, the timetable for sprinklers has moved up considerably," said Brian Kuster, executive director of Housing and Residence Life. "The loss of a student at Murray is a loss for all of us."

The Murray fire killed one student, Michael J. Kinsler 19, of Niviceville, Fla., and left another, Michael S. Friddle 21 of Paducah, with third degree burns over 10 percent to 20 percent of his body. Friddle was listed in critical condition.

Friday night's fire at Nashville's Vanderbilt Medical Center.

The fire, which officials are investigating as arson, started at about 2:30 a.m. Friday on the fourth floor of the eight-story Hester Hall. Acrid black smoke quickly filled the dorm, forcing fire fighters to pluck some students from windows with aerial equipment and sending nearly 300 students into the night wearing only pajamas.

Hester Hall, like all but four of Western's 18 dorms, was not equipped with a sprinkler system.

"Calling the fire "a terrible tragedy," Sen. Nick Kafougli, D-Bowling Green, said state funds will probably be used to put sprinklers in all of Kentucky's dorms."

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Inside

Cross country

In its only home race of the season, The men's cross country team won the Kenesaw Classic on Saturday. The men were led by Duncan Shangase's second place finish. The women placed third. Page 11

Comics draw older readers

Comic books have moved far beyond the "Golden Age" and even "Silver Age" of years past. And as the content has grown more mature, so have the readers. Page 9
Weather forecast

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**Reports**

**Arrests**

- Sherman Lee Mooresan, Richmond Rockfield Road, was charged Sept. 10 with driving on a suspended license. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the next day on a $1,167.50 unsecured bond.
- Melissa Gayle Tipsps, Kingston Springs, Tenn., was charged Sept. 11 with DUl first offense, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, and disorderly conduct. She was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a $1,000 unsecured bond.
- Judith Alisa Stock, McCormick Hall, was charged Sept. 11 with alcohol intoxication in a public place first offense. She was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on time served.
- Ruth Lawson Webb, Small House Road, was charged Sept. 11 with DUl reckless driving and disorderly conduct. She was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the next day on a $1,000 unsecured bond.
- Charles DeAngelo Bowman, East 11th Street, was charged Sept. 12 with third degree criminal trespassing. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a $1,000 cash bond.
- Tramaine Lavaughn Thomas, Russellville, was charged Sept. 13 with DUl second offense, disordering a traffic control device, speeding and refusing a chemical test. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a $1,064.50 cash bond.
- David Wayne Epperson, Guymon, Okla., was charged Sept. 14 with DUl under 21. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the next day on a $500 cash bond.
- Stephen Daniel Quisenberry, North Hall, was charged Sept. 15 with public intoxication, resisting arrest and giving a peace officer a false name. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a court order.

**Breath taking:** Nashville junior Katelyn Wells catches her breath after being flipped upside down in a kayak Thursday afternoon at the Preston Center pool. Wells and her instructor, David Puckett of Russellville, were participating in a free kayaking clinic sponsored by the Outdoor Recreation and Adventure Center.

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Police say new patrols allow flexibility

By MOLLY HARPER
Herald reporter

Your footsteps echo against seemingly deserted buildings as you trudge home from an exhausting night class. As shadows stretch across your path, a second set of footsteps accompanies your own. Your heart leaping into your throat, you try to subdue dash to the safety of the nearest blue call boxes, only to find there is no one behind you.

The women’s task force devoted a section of its report, which was released in May, to situations like this and to other campus safety issues. Responses in the report reflect mixed attitudes as to how safe Western actually is.

Among the task force’s suggestions for a safer campus were increased lighting, added emergency call boxes and more police officers to patrol the “inner campus.”

Male faculty reported emergency call boxes were an improvement, but that their students perceive a lack of safety, especially those waiting for rides after night classes. There is also concern about University Boulevard’s history of pedestrian accidents.

Female faculty and staff cited recent lighting improvements, after-dark escort services, police presence and crime prevention programs as steps toward a safer campus. But they still listed deserted parking lots and poorly lit spots around Grise Hall and the Preston Health and Activities Center as areas of concern.

Student employees and graduate assistants expressed their fears of working alone in labs and office buildings at night.

They also pointed out the vulnerability of a college campus to roving “groups that prey on students.”

“I don’t think they were talking about the Hell’s Angels or anything as blatant as that,” said Judith Hoover, Women’s Task Force chairman.

“I think the person was talking about people who present themselves as students in order to take advantage of the people on campus.”

Captain Mike Wallace, of campus police, said a federal grant recently enabled additional officers to staff bike patrols. Combined with foot patrols, bike officers provide emergency assistance with faster response time because of their easier access between buildings.

“To tell you the truth, it takes a combination of all three — vehicular patrols, foot patrols and bike patrolsto cover the campus,” Wallace said. “Bike patrols are simply another tool to provide for the well-being of the students, staff and faculty here.”

“We hope we can keep them on after the grant-funding ends.”

Facilities Management Director Mark Strauss said five new emergency call boxes were installed last year, bringing the total up to six emergency phones and 13 call boxes.

Future projects include the relighting of the Diddle cut as part of the $1.2 million allocation for campus improvements. Strauss anticipates its completion sometime next spring.

Efforts were also made to lessen accidental injuries in campus buildings. The elevators in Poland Hall were renovated over the summer; they were getting kind of worn out,” Strauss said. “We also have funds set aside for sidewalk improvements and to repair floor tiles in hall entrances.”

Roever said it still gives her the willies to walk across certain dark spots on campus, especially on the weekends, when it seems like the buildings are abandoned.

But the recent improvements and the willingness of the administration to make more have been slightly comforting. “It would seem that they’re responding to those needs,” she said.

From Wallace’s prospective, safety has improved greatly at Western over the past five years.

He said this is because the campus police are able to operate with more flexibility and address needs such as light replacement and overgrown shrubbery.

“This is an ongoing project,” Wallace said. “As the campus changes, we have to make sure safety is considered. A college campus is as safe as you want it to be.”
New classes need funding

With the new millennium whisking in hordes of immigrants and zipping technological advances by us, students need to be better prepared for the future. The university has recognized that Western students may be left behind, thanks to a scathing Institutional Review report issued last year. A new committee of representatives from various departments and the Council of Deans was formed to undo what the review called a "cafeteria" approach to education.

Among the committee's recommendations are a computer literacy course and a second semester of foreign language to general education requirements.

We can't think of a better idea.

Learning other languages forces students to be culturally aware; it doesn't have to be more accepting. Language classes help students learn history, geography and how to communicate. They make the world smaller. Just not as small as the Internet.

That is exactly why a computer literacy class will push students to use the computers on campus more. They'll be media oriented. Imagine the possibilities if every student could use computer animation for speech class. Or talk via the Internet to Chinese students in an ethics class.

But before we sell Western as a catapult for the 21st century, the university should consider two major factors: money and quality.

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Without the dough, why bother? Make sure the university has all the funding to implement more computer classes with the latest equipment, not computers we rescued from a trip to the junkyard. Find the money to update the computer labs to handle the workload.

And don't forget the dinosaur-era equipment in the language lab. A bigger, more high-tech facility will have to replace the small classroom. Yet fancy equipment doesn't equal solid education.

Without full-time, qualified faculty, overall education won't improve. Today, several gen ed classes are taught by underpaid, retired professors who enjoy playing golf more than teaching. If Western wants to draw students, find professors who are on the cutting edge.

Western does offer a wide variety of gen ed classes for students in all majors to glimpse portions of life, history and science. Let's remember to back up the new programs with substance. Quantity without quality is worthless.

Letters to the Editor

Reserved spots open after 5

I leave routinely about 5:35 p.m. After 5 p.m., all reserved spots are no longer reserved. There are signs which say the specific hours that the spots are reserved. I see people circling in the lot I use looking for a parking spot when there are spots open (i.e. marked as reserved).

Yesterday I talked a lady why she did n't park in one of the reserved spots, since it was after 5 p.m. She said she did n't see the sign and was afraid she would be towed.

I would like to say that we have the money to make the signs more noticeable, but we really don't have the funds. I don't want to raise any issues on reserved parking. I guess I would just like to see something in the Herald that reminds students that these spots are not reserved after 5 p.m. and that we don't do the random towing anymore.

Ann Mead, budget and management information director

Take Back the Night succeeds

I thought I came here to work at college. To forget the violence and incest. But the past creates a unique wedge. And the mind and body won't let it rest. Perfectionism didn't make me feel better. I've been weak and trembling inside. Although you all believed I had it together.

Masks truly are the way survivors hide. So I went to a conference: seed one, Volunteerism around town for a while.

Chose homework and books over having fun

And attempted to put my past on file

The Clothesline Project, "Take Back the Night"

Voices From the Margin, women's studies

Broke through my masks to my fright. And through seeds and transformations of those

I have learned more at this school than any transcript shows

And my debt is more deep than my student loan officer knows.

Thank you to the overworked advocates for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and incest. Someone is listening.

Liz Wilson, Cincinnati senior

How would you rate your computer skills?

"Very high. I'm a computer science major."

Jason Faulkner
Bowling Green junior

"They're good. Of course, they could be improved."

Tanya Haynie
Bowling Green junior

"Need improvement. They're good enough to get by on. That's about it."

Charmaine Hunt
Madisonville senior

"It's really gonna be important in the future to have."

Terry Cannon
Louisville junior

"It's good enough to get by on. That's about it."

Terry Filer
sophomore from Georgetown, Ohio

"Above average. I go and do what I need to do."

Alex Ohlsen
Ohio senior

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Talent show draws all kinds

BY KELLEY LYNN
Herald reporter

The theater was silent and the air was heavy and hot from the Captella rendition of the Patsy Cline classic, “Three Cigarettes in an Ashtray.”

When she finished, the Lettfichfeld freshman was handed an explosion of applause.

Her performance behind her, Barnett could only wait for her next opportunity to become the first winner of the Topper Talent Spectacular.

“I don’t plan on winning,” she modestly said. “I’m just here to have fun.”

And her enjoyment was evident by her infectious smile and nervous energy. Barnett busied herself off-stage by befriending other performers and offering tips on how to remember song lyrics.

She said if she kept busy she wouldn’t have time to think about being nervous. The nerves of all performers were tight because the event, which was presented by the Kentucky Collegiate Music Educators National Conference, handed out $500 to the top five of the nine diverse acts chosen to participate. Almost any talent could be satisfied as the Downing University Center’s stage was host to everything from stand-up comedy to gritty alternative rock.

As sound echoed from the stage, event coordinator Lee Blakeman stole a relaxing moment and rubbed his eyes, reflecting on the night’s events. He had taken on the task of the event’s planning, but the grin on the face of the Bowling Green senior made it obvious the work was worth it.

The goal of the event was to raise enough money so the group could sponsor a music camp for students in grades 9-12 from area schools, and the event was a success.

“I think it went very well for the first time ever,” he said over the music pouring from the stage.

“This means the music camp is gonna happen.”

But as the awards were presented, thoughts stayed from fund raising and were pinned solely on the judges’ decisions.

Barnett bubbled as she went back on stage to accept her fifth place prize and was ecstatic to do that well.

The winner of the event was a male trio called Tucker Tote, who waved the audience with a version of Deep Blue Something’s “Breakfast At Tiffany’s,” they three together the night before.

Amidst the clatter and bustle of people clearing the stage, member Byron Lucas was wide-eyed with victorious energy. As he rolled up cords, he joked about spending his share of the $150 prize in a way all too familiar to many people on the Hill.

“I’m going to pay off my parking tickets,” he said.

And as Barnett left the theater still grinning widely, she tucked her hair behind her ear, shrugged one shoulder and simply commented, “Maybe next year.”
Tailgaters get mixed messages

By Misty R. Wilson and Shannon Bacc
Herald reporters

Inconsistency and confusion ran amok as many tailgaters drank alcohol on DUC south lawn Saturday before the Eastern-Western football game.

Western police officers on bike patrol made their way through the enormous crowd of students and alumni at the event, telling some to pour out their alcohol and others to put it in a different container. And to some, nothing was said.

Campus Police Chief Horace Johnson said police officers should not treat tailgating any differently now than they have in years past.

“As far as I’m concerned, the state law hasn’t changed,” he said. “People have probably always been drinking there; it just hasn’t been as obvious. We’re not telling them to hide anything.”

Open alcohol containers are not permitted in a public place, according to state law. But President Gary Ransdell said he is uncertain how the law would affect tailgating.

“I’m not going to take a strong stance on the issue without knowing what is legal,” he said. “I’m not comfortable with alcoholic beverages being consumed on campus, but I’m not naive enough to believe that it doesn’t happen.”

Western officials recently released a proposal for a new alcohol policy, which if approved would allow alcohol at some campus events. It is waiting for the Alcohol Beverage Control Board’s approval.

Ransdell said it does not address tailgating.

“Although the law is clear, but maybe not — it be said. ‘Apparentely we need to clarify what is legal and what is not.’”

According to university guidelines in Billippecs, no one is allowed to drink alcohol on campus. It reads: “In addition to federal, state and local laws governing the use and possession of alcoholic beverages, the university prohibits the possession, furnishing, or use of alcoholic beverages by all persons while on university-owned or controlled property.”

People consuming alcohol on campus at Saturday’s game received mixed messages.

“I was told, ‘If you have alcohol, you need to dump it or you’ll have a citation,’” said Tim Hampton, a recent Western grad from Edwardsville, Ill.

But Louisville junior Amy Blovens said the only run-in she had with the police was when she was entering the tailgate area. A police officer told her she was not allowed to have beer in a beer can.

Most participants entered the event in the drive between the Student Health Service and Travel Page Hall, where a sign saying “No alcoholic beverages. Kll 223-002” was posted.

Keith Coffman, former Student Government Association president, sat with friends on the lawn beside Page Hall. He said he thought the police patrol dwindled as the evening went on.

“I guess Ransdell got the word out to leave everybody alone,” Coffman said.

Ransdell said he does not condone underaged drinking and wasn’t aware of any problems Saturday caused by alcohol.

“I felt more comfortable with tailgating at this game than the first game,” he said. “There was a positive, familylike atmosphere. If anything was out of hand, I wasn’t aware of it.”

Auburn senior Brian Stanley pulls his girlfriend, Austin Peay senior Stephanie Coker, close while tailgating before Saturday’s football game against Eastern Kentucky.

SGA feastng on pig before home games

150 pounds of pork arrives at 5 a.m. every Saturday

By Jennifer Engleart
Herald reporter

As the first rays of sun shone across the DUC south lawn Saturday, the strong scent of pork wafted through the air. Central City junior Brad Sweatt danced around a large smoky grill.

Several members of the Student Government Association camped on the lawn Friday night, preparing for the first pig roast of the year. The event kicked off shortly before the Eastern-Western football game.

Sweatt, public relations director for SGA, along with Shelbyville junior Matt Bastin, prepared for the roasting of the 150-pound piece of pig, donated by Aramark.

“I am still buzzing, I’m still hyped,” said Sweatt, who had camped out and had virtually no sleep.

At about 5 a.m., Food Services Director Nathan Farmer brought the pig, which Bastin and Sweatt named Elmer.

SGA held a pig roast last year for a football game and decided to continue the tradition after Aramark offered to donate a pig for each home game.

Sweatt’s parents let him borrow their camper, and he and Bastin decided to make each pig roast like an old-fashioned campout.

Sweatt said he had a blast.

“It was really fun,” he said, while dancing and listening to Jimmy Buffett.

Bastin said SGA will host another pig roast before Saturday’s football game against Austin Peay.

“It tastes really good,” the SGA vice president said. “It’s worth it.”

Students attracted by the strong smell of pork gathered under the SGA tent to take part in the array of food. Chips, baked beans, potato salad and hot dogs were also donated by Aramark.

Bassville sophomore Jody Brooks gave the roast rave reviews.

“Umm, ummm good,” she said.

Campus News

Sloan leaves Academic Computing position

Jay Sloan, the former director of Academic Computing Services, changed positions at Western this fall. Sloan’s time will now be divided between work in Institutional Research and personal sabbatical activities.

Owen Anderson, vice president for Information Technology, said Sloan made significant contributions to student computer labs on campus.

Sloan said he has been a part of “amazing changes over the years.”

Jim Sanders, director of the Center for Instructional Technology, has taken over Sloan’s responsibilities in Academic Computing Services.

— Holly Goddard

Drug addiction series begins Sunday

A television series on drug addiction hosted by journalist Bill Moyers will begin airing Sunday.

Movers on Addiction Close to Home, will be on WKY-TV at 7 p.m. Sundays beginning this week and repeating at 8 p.m. Fridays.

Movers own son struggled with drug and alcohol addiction.

A world wide web site titled “Close to Home Online,” at www.phx.org/cesothome, is available for more information related to the series.

— Holly Goddard

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"I would think, especially in light of what happened in Murray, that this question will come up, and it is likely that there probably be an appropriation made to upgrade these facilities with sprinklers," Kuster said.

In the past, the state legislature has refused to fund upgrades in dorms, saying they should be maintained with housing fees. Kuster said he and officials from other state universities will join to lobby for sprinkler money, but he promised that sprinklers will be added even if state money doesn't materialize.

"If we don't get state money, we'll try to do one or two buildings every year for the next few years," Kuster said. "But the only way to do that is to raise housing fees." The state fire marshal's office has told the university to install sprinklers in all dorms, but since the buildings were built before fire codes required sprinklers, Western doesn't have to comply with the recommendation.

Daily Pearce-Ford Tower, Zacharias, New Sorority and McKeas halls have sprinklers in all rooms and common areas, and all dorms that have trash chutes also have a sprinkler in the chute. All dorms on the Hill are also equipped with chemical fire extinguishers, smoke detectors in common areas that set off the fire alarm, and a smoke alarm in every dorm room that is checked monthly. All the university's kitchens have an overhead fire suppression system, except those in Zacharias and New Sorority.

The university also spent $100,000 over the summer to make the lobby of Gilbert Hall and the directional halls. Western is now spending $174,000 to upgrade fire alarms in Nancy Runner and the directional halls.

But despite the bevy of fire prevention equipment and influx of money, local and state fire officials said Western can do some simple things to help save lives.

Officials from the state fire marshals office and the Bowling Green Fire Department are less than flattened with how Western responds to fire alarms, saying the department should be notified when every alarm goes off.

Under the current system, when a fire alarm is activated, a corresponding alarm goes off in campus police headquarters, which sends an officer to the scene. The fire department isn't called until police verify that there is a fire.

"If I was the fire chief in the city, I would want to know every time an alarm tripped and I'd want to have my equipment ready," said Carvon Hudson, the assistant state fire marshal.

He said the couple of minutes saved would be worth the pain of responding to every alarm, since a new fire generally doubles in size every 30 seconds.

But university officials disagree. Kuster said it would be dangerous for pedestrians if fire trucks responded to every false alarm, which includes 235 of the estimated 250 alarms last year.

"There is a greater chance of somebody being hurt when all the fire trucks come barreling through campus than the chance of fire," Kuster said.

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Ombudsmen chosen to offer support, advice for harassed

Six faculty, staff to lend helpful hand

By MOLLY HARPER
Herald reporter

One of the hardest parts of being sexually harassed is having no one to talk to about it. At Western Kentucky University, a new sexual harassment policy, six university officials have been chosen to advise people who believe they have been sexually harassed.

General Counsel Deborah Williams said a number of factors, including a person’s gender, their location on campus, and recommendations from deans, led to the combination of people chosen to be ombudsmen.

“We tried to get a diverse group of people together,” she said. “We were really lucky that we were able to do that and space them out across the campus.”

Though the ombudsmen haven’t received extensive training, Williams has met with them and explained the university’s decision on recent harassment cases, and told them what to look for and how to help an alleged victim.

Daniel Pulimelli, math assistant professor, said she believes her involvement with students is what led administrators to choose her as an ombudsmen.

“I’ve worked with students for a long time,” he said. “I think that they trust me and that the faculty can do that as well and be helpful. At least I hope that’s why they picked me.”

The ombudsmen are supposed to listen to students, faculty or staff members who feel they have been harassed.

Bowling University Center Manager Patty Witty cited different reasons for her nomination for ombudsman.

“One of the reasons that I was chosen is that I think most people realize that I was out there, I was a student, and I’m just out doing my job.”

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The answer, he said, is that “you get to be a part of something that’s important to Western.”

Student Patrol ‘just doing their job’

Most days, about noon, Jonathan Harper becomes one of the most hated students on campus.

Dressed in his red work shirt and matching hat that marks him “Student Patrol,” he makes his way to the top of the Hill, leaving a dotted path of yellow tickets.

Dozens of students eating lunch in front of Garrett Center stop what they’re doing and watch closely as Harper atolls up and checks parking stickers.

He spots a black Toyota Camry with a green student sticker. He signs and writes another ticket.

“Everybody thinks we’re out here to get em’,” the Tompkinsville junior said as students hurried to class and passed when they saw him, staring as if he were a rogue cop, “I’m just out doing my job.”

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News & notes

Shannon Back

Most members of the student patrol don’t even want to be police officers. Harper is an industrial technology major.

“I just signed up for a campus job,” he said. “This is what I got.”

This is Harper’s third year working for the student patrol. He is the only member who returned from last year, the rest are freshmen.

The group, when dressed in the red shirts, are shunned by most of campus. So the members have to stick together. They listen to one another’s problems.

One might think that the job description, and all that goes with it, would deter students from accepting the job. But Sgt. Gordon Turner, coordinator for the Student Patrol, said no one has ever quit.

Many of Western’s police officers are former members of the student patrol, including Turner. He, like most students in the program, just needed a job.

“But it turned into a love for law enforcement,” Turner said. “I guess that’s why I like working with the students now.”

They are extra eyes and ears out there.

That unwritten job requirement sometimes puts Harper and the others in awkward situations when they face them ticket.

“The first week of classes this year I wrote a guy a ticket,” Harper said. “He found me, cursed me out, then came back the next day and apologized.

“I think most people realize that they got a ticket because they did something wrong, and it’s my job to catch them.”

Harper caught about 30 people on Thursday. As he made his rounds in front of Garrett, people stared. Some whispered.

“Comeon, Harper, why do you have to do that? I’ve whirpped a passerby, laughing.

“Harper, that’s cruel,” another said jokingly, “You must be cool to give people tickets and get paid for it.”

Harper laughed.

“Why not? For him, it’s just a job.

“People don’t like me because they say I give tickets and I’m out to get them, oh well,” he said. “Like them, I’m just trying to get through school.”

And it seems he’ll get by just fine, as long as he doesn’t ticket an influential Western official.

But people don’t abuse power on this campus, now do they?
**Features**

**These ain't your Daddy's comic books**

Comics aren't for kids anymore ... and college students know it.

John Powers reads comic books. But you'd never know it. The 20-year-old Clover Park junior looks like any other student on the Hill. He sports the baggy khakis the sneakers and the obligatory backpack, just like everyone else.

Powers smiles as he chats about his love for the comics medium. He shares a tale of imaging a few back issues or a favorite title for "dirt cheap" and laughs.

And Powers is not afraid to let people know he reads comics. "They're great, especially if the book has a talented writer," he says. "There are a lot out there with decent writing, stuff that would appeal to just about anyone our age. I read 'Mage' by Matt Wagner. I've also read a lot of stuff by Alan Moore and I have a lot of stuff about King Arthur, and sources and information provided by our country. According to industry legends, a lot of his stuff on legends. The main character's based on King Arthur, and sources and information provided by our country. According to industry legends, a lot of his stuff on legends. The main character's based on King Arthur, and the sidekick is based on the Hiawatha story. I've had material that's pretty decent, even made some things happen. And some of the stuff I've read on the internet would be a little different. It still amazes me to see some of the talented people who go on to their classes, trickle back to their dorm rooms and waste countless hours glued to the tube.

"I came across some more than 100 listings in last year's student directory for different clubs and organizations on campus. There's certainly something for every interest. (Heck, there's even the Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Straight Alliance. A person's bound to find something in it.)"

Some of the more popular clubs on campus are basketball, bowling, and poker. They're overwhelmingly male, and most are 16 to 25 years old. In fact, about 60 percent of the customers at Pac-Rat's - Bowling Green's comics shop - are adults, says store manager Shana Hamilton.

Twenty-somethings have been flocking to comics for about the last 10 years or so. But for one good reason, comics writer Devin Grayson says. The content has been evolving, and readers are attracted to the medium because there's material that caters to them.

"I didn't start reading comics until about four years ago," the 28-year-old "Catwoman" writer says. "I think I'd read an ' Archie' comic when I was a kid or something. But because the things I read were decidedly for adults, it intrigued me."

Some of the more popular adult-oriented comics are indeed intriguing. There's comic writer/artist Evan Dorkin's "Cheese," a trippy account of the exploits of King Arthur, and the sidekick is based on the Hiawatha legend. There are plenty of students like Powers at Western and around the country. According to industry sources and information provided by DC Comics, around 80 percent of comic book readers are adults. They're overwhelmingly male, and most are 16 to 25 years old. In fact, about 60 percent of the customers at Pac-Rat's - Bowling Green's comics shop - are adults, says store manager Shana Hamilton.

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If you're interested in comic books geared toward adults, here are some collections you might want to check out:

- *A Family Matter* by Will Eisner
- *The Killing Joke* by Alan Moore and Brian Bolland

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COMICS: Industry is growing

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Most writers aren't Godlike minions and rotten dairy products aside, the mainstream industry has matured, too. The spandex-clad Saturday morning superheroes we've all heard of have grown up. The wisecracking, villainous Joker is no longer a giggling prankster: he's now an amoral psychotick who kills people for fun. Even the hokey, water-breathing Superman has gotten interesting. Over the last few years, he's lost his mother, his hand, and his sanity.

So when did the maturing of the medium begin? Many readers cite Frank Miller's "The Dark Knight Returns" and Alan Moore's "Watchmen" for the change in the mid-80s. But the roots can be traced back to the 1940s with a man named Will Eisner.

Eisner, 81, calls himself "a writer who writes with pictures." But those familiar with his work will call him a pioneer a man has never been afraid to use the medium or tell very real, very adult stories. In 1940, Eisner - who, by this time was a successful cartoonist - decided to explore mature content in the comic medium. He did in "The Spirit," an eight-page syndicated newspaper strip. It was published in Sunday newspapers from 1940 to 1952.

It was here that the masked crime fighter The Spirit, as Eisner affectionately referred to him, made his jump from picture to picture to story. People could identify with these characters; not only were they in a single issue, but emotional, everyday situations. They couldn't pay the bills. They were, as Eisner says, "as real as I could make them.

"I'll never forget, after the first strip, a man came up to the window in New York City in the early 1940s and wanted to buy a newspaper. I handed him the strip and he read it. "There's something about this strip," he said. "It's more a walk-in-the-book over the years," Eisner explains "You can't develop a real story - a human condition story - with superheroes. That's why my stories usually centered around people and characters the reader would meet for only one issue."

Eisner has been exploring the human condition ever since. He has made notable comic books - called graphic novels - on a regular basis since the late '70s, addressing topics like religion, urban revitalization, the American Depression and the treatment of the elderly.

"You might call what I do these days "heavy,"" Eisner says. "But you're talking to a man who thinks comics are just as viable as literature. The wonderful thing about this medium is that it's still young and new, and there's so many areas to explore, so many new things to do. My theme comes from the adventure of doing something new, trying something impossible."

Grayson's been influenced by Eisner, in fact, she's read the books he's produced on writing and drawing for the medium. The one thing his work - and other "pure" writers since him -- has taught her is that there can be a comic out there for anyone, with anything.

"It's one of the things I love about the medium," she says. "There's lots of room for different people to come in. When I write, I'm thinking about the things I grew up reading. And I think about my experiences. Obviously, neither involved comic books. I can pull in different resource material for material.

The diversity of the work produced these days means a good reader's experience for any college kid, Hamilton says.

"There's so amazing stuff out there right now," she says. "For the dedicated comic book collector, it can provide more entertainment than anything else. You can actually come into the store and find something you'll be entertaining and thought provoking. And that's for about 50 cents, not that bad of a deal."

Greek Olympics help new students unite

ADPi's, Pikes win annual event

BY SHARON MAGARIAN
herald reporter

Enthusiastic chants of pride were heard across campus as new fraternity and sorority members competed in the "Greek Olympics" Friday afternoon at DU's south lawn.

Clapping hands and laughter dotted the event along with many high fives and hugs.

"It was a chance for Greeks to have fun and show what it is all about," said Ryan Mathews, a senior from Hendersonville, Tenn., and president of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

The Olympics featured events like an egg and spoon race, a wheelbarrow race, a three-legged race, a dizzy bat race, pass the orange, and potato sack races.

Liz Embree, a freshman from Old Hickory, Tenn., and Muhlenburg sophomore Carey Bevier are new members of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, who won the potato sack race.

"I'm having a great time," Embree said. "It's helping me to meet a lot of people."

Bever's belief the olympics also worked on the importance of teamwork, which was showcased in all events.

A point system was used to determine the winners.

In first place was Alpha Delta Pi sorority, the Pikes: second place, Phi Mu sorority; Sigma Nu fraternity; Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity; and third place, Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, Sigma Chi fraternity and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

All fraternities and sororities enjoyed themselves, even the ones that did not place.

"I thought that it was really cool," said Phi Delta Theta fraternity member, Chris Lindholm of the Republic of Yemen. "We the fraternity got to know other people."

The olympics' main purpose was for new Greek members to know other members and form new friendships, benefited by Joey Richardson, second vice president of the Panhellenc association, believed happened.

"The event promoted big unity," she said. "Some groups had not been matched up before, so they got to know each other very well.

Unity was a common theme during the event. All groups showcased the ornate Greeks' flags, with sorority members wore their group shirts.

"Everyone came together to show spirit and to get involved," said Andrea Katherly, a freshman from Lebanon, Tenn., and member of Phi Mu.

The new members, mostly freshmen, benefited from the event.

"It is a chance for freshmen to bond together," Embree says.

Many new members were also accompanied by their fellow Greek members who were there to show their support.

Mathews offered some advice to his new members, which they took to heart. "Go out and have a good time, represent us well, and meet a lot of people."

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It's enior quarterback, was easy to tackle. easy.

Sophomore Valerie Lynch, EKU

For once, Willie Taggart, Western's phenomenally elusive and quicksilver senior quarterback, was easy to tackle. It was frighteningly easy, dreadfully easy.

Sophomore Valerie Lynch, left, and junior Evelyn Corona hug supporters after the women's cross country runners finished their 5K run Saturday morning at Kereakes Park. Lynch came in third, and Corona came in 17th. Western's women's cross country team came in third behind Georgia and Southern Indiana.

Runners ‘pack’ title together

Men's cross country places six in top 10; women third

By Chris W. Hill

Herald reporter

It was a most satisfying second-place finish for the Colonels. At Kereakes Park, several anchors were able to follow Sue Fong through the finish line.

In winning Saturday's Old Timers Classic at Kereakes Park, the Western men's cross country team accomplished two goals set by Coach Curtis Long. Stay together as a team and defend the home course.

Shangase, a sophomore, led the men to victory in their only home meet of the season as six Western runners finished in the top 10.

We had some outstanding moments and efficient performance.
Longtime Topper fan now cheering for both sides

Father of former Western star now has son playing for Colonels

By JOHN DARR

James Jewell had seen this before. The band pumping out song after song. His youngest son dancing and pointing toward the field. The same friend sitting next to him, sharing commentary.

This man had seen this before, and knew it too well, but Saturday he had a different perspective.

James is the father of former Western quarterback J.J. Jewell (1991-94), who was a three-year letterman and starting quarterback during his days on the Hill.

In fact, James says he went to Western football coach Jack Harbaugh’s wedding and his father. He remembers his daughter coming to games since 1969, when the Jewells played in the old coliseum, which is now the fine arts center.

Back then, he would never have thought he would have one son, a Western alumnus, and another, a freshman on the Eastern Kentucky football sidelines.

J.J. Jewell, a defensive back, was on the white and maroon jersey and played on the supplier’s list at Eastern last year but archival Western 27-16 before 14,200 fans at Smith Stadium.

Beginning with the first play of the game, the constantly smiling 59-year-old never once felt like he was in between either school.

James said that had J.J. come to Western, he would have been following in the footsteps of his older brother, J.D., and that wasn’t something he wanted to do.

J.D. wanted to make his own name; he wanted to be in his own limelight. Eastern had that winning tradition his brother enjoyed at Western, and he wanted the chance to win a championship every season his team played.

“You can’t make a choice for your boys when they’re grown,” James said. “J.D. made his own decisions.”

James said he and J.D. understood completely.

Then there abruptly shifted in mid-sequence to watch the second-half kickoff. His eyes gazed toward the Eastern line of helmets and shoulder pads.

But James still saw the play ended (face mask penalty against Western). James turned to all the men around him. They shared a laugh and he made it back to finishing his sentence.

Yes, James said, he and J.J. understood.

Between games, he said there had never been any family tension and that he is for both teams.

James always calls J.D. on Thursday to wish him luck and hear the Eastern angle of attack. J.J. hadn’t missed any of his younger brother’s games, and he wasn’t going to, even though he said he still hated Eastern.

James focused on the game again, then shared more words with everyone.

“When J.J. played, they passed more, and they ran the option. They had two options then. You have to have something other.

All in the Jewell galaxy agreed.

James proclaimed that Eastern was going to win, that Western looked too nervous. Be it the seed or that beating it took from Murray last week, it wasn’t the same team he was accustomed to watching the past 30 or so years.

Blessed in a St.Louis Cardinals jersey, Corey Ferguson, a friend of the family, waited until James finished, then leaned over to tell his part in all of this.

Ferguson said his parents, and the rest of what seemed to be an endless line of smiling faces, all came from Owosho to see J.D. be a member in the ritual of football and friends.

He then turned to James that if Western recruited more from this area, attendance would be more consistent.

James agreed, then jumped up to take the crowd and see the happenings on the field. His son wasn’t in the game, but that didn’t keep him from watching.

“Oh yeah, I will always want to be at Western games,” James said loudly. "But I can’t be here when Eastern is playing somewhere else.”

— James Jewell

father of J.J. and J.D. Jewell

Western quarterback Willie Taggart scrambles for yardage during the Hilltoppers 27-16 loss to Eastern Kentucky on Saturday, Taggart had 20 carries for 131 yards.

Red Towel Tally

Grading the Hilltoppers’ performance vs. Eastern

OFFENSE

Passing — It was a good guess that the ground game would get the most use by Western. The air shouldn’t be blazed by the Hilltoppers that much, as senior quarterback Willie Taggart completed 4 of 6 passes for 22 yards. 102 yards short of last week’s total.

Running — Facing Eastern and fighting from behind, Western funneled the football and found control of the field fading away. The Hilltoppers did rush for 306 yards, but the total wouldn’t have been any better if they were in the Battle of the Bluegrass.

DEFENSE

Passing — The Colonels passing wasn’t as powerful as promised, but it did pad and protect the Eastern end. Junior quarterback Jon Demont denied the passing defense for 183 yards.

Running — Colonel sophomores running back Corey Crume carried the ball 83 yards to open the contest and create a 60 lead. Crume rushed for 133 yards and two touchdowns, and junior tackle Derek Logan ran for 114 Eastern tallied 266 running yards.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Overall — Senior kick returner Ryan Daniel’s 88-yard dash down the field for a touchdown allowed Western to dominate the special teams. The Hilltoppers’ 126 returns bettered Eastern’s 50.

DEFEAT: Playoff hopes dimmed

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On the next possession, Western was flagged three consecutive times, penalties that took the Hilltoppers from the Eastern 27-yard line to the 42. Then a Western fumble recovery by senior linebacker Tracie Hackett gave the Hilltoppers possession at the Colonial 21. The result was another Smart fumble at the goal line.

And Western was already playing catch-up.

“We can’t do that,” senior quarterback Willie Taggart said. “We’ve got to stop making stupid penalties and shut down on the mental mistakes.”

Eastern didn’t beat us tonight. We beat ourselves.”

Western turned the ensuing kickoff 88 yards for a touchdown.

Dined for the score, just as former Hilltopper Joey Stokton did a year ago, another possible momentum shift that was cut short when Denton opened the fourth quarter by striking sophomore wide receiver Anthony Boggos for a 54-yard score.

Eastern led 20-16, a lead that would never surrender.

And Gummer watched as Western lost its third of the last four games, dating back to last season’s playoff loss to Eastern Washington.

Western coach Jack Harbaugh was watching, too. He couldn’t explain what had happened. “I wish I knew the answer,” Harbaugh said. “It’s something we experienced last teams like this don’t make. This was a game that was lost. This is a game that we could’ve won and should’ve won.”

Now Western must play Saturday’s game against Austin Peay as if it were the first game of the season. And the goal of winning a Division I-AA national championship could be stopped in its tracks. The murrmur of big odds against the Hilltoppers making the playoffs could be heard on the otherwise quiet Smith Stadium field.

Those murmurs were returned with quick responses.

“Not that it’s not.” Hackett said, “If you’re a competitor, you’re going to keep playing ball. And ours is a team of competitors, so we’re going to keep going. It’s not the end of the world.”

After receiving a hug at midfield from Eastern coach Roy Kidd, Taggart predicted what road Westerns had to take.

With eight games remaining, two of which are against I-A teams, eight wins need to be recorded.

“If we want to make it to the playoffs, we’ve got to win the rest of them,” Taggart said. “We have to. If we don’t, we’ll be home in November.”

Gummer hasn’t taken his eyes off the goal. Standing outside of the Western locker room, senior Hilltoppers touting, he said the gold ring is still being eyed.

Then the lonely sideline would crowd.
Smith: Life goes on

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under the bottom of his eyelid.

But the former Hilltopper quickly gathered himself. He spoke with conviction and strength about Mother's Day, 1967.

One treacherous night

"It goes without saying that it was a traumatic experience," Greg said. "I have never forgotten it."

Greg, Dwight and their sister, Kay, were on their way back to Western that Sunday afternoon. They had spent the weekend in Princeton, visiting their family. Also, Stillman Chapel Methodist Church was honoring the three.

They left the church instead of staying for Sunday dinner because final exams were coming up and they needed the time to study.

But Greg, Dwight and Kay never made it back to Bowling Green that day.

Water from a flash flood caused the tires on Greg's car to lock up. The car toppled over. A man saw the accident and pulled them out with a tractor 15 minutes later. But Kay and Dwight were already drowned. Greg apparently found an air pocket and escaped with minor cuts and bruises.

"I don't think I'll ever get over it if I live to be 100," their mother, Pearl, said.

Most devastating was that Dwight was scheduled to sign as the Los Angeles Lakers' No. 2 draft pick in the coming week, the pinnacle of a successful basketball career at Western.

"Not only did you lose a brother and a sister or two children, but you also lost two wonderful people with bright futures ahead," Greg said. "But you go on. You perservere."

And as Pearl quoted from the Bible, "Let the dead bury the dead."

Greg moves on

Greg, 51, has been a national sales manager with Fisher Broadcasting for the past 22 years.

"I've never stopped being a basketball player, though," Greg said.

In fact, Greg played in the Nike Games this summer, where he and teammates won the gold medal for an all-black age group. He has also helped organize the Black Alumni Team, which plays 25 to 30 games a season to raise money for various charities.

One of his two sons followed his father's example and played for the University of California, Berkeley and now plays professionally in Taiwan.

Overcoming segregation

Greg finished a stellar college career at Western that propelled him to further success in the National Basketball Association.

During the 1966 and 1967 seasons, Greg aided Dwight and Clem Haskins in leading the Hilltoppers to a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances. Greg posted five 20-plus rebound games during that period.

"Greg was the type of ballplayer that improved every year, and he really excelled in the second half of his senior year, so much so that I had the opportunity to recommend him for a college All-Star game in Indianapolis, and he was voted the Star of Stars," Johnny Oldham, Greg's former coach, said.

"And when that happened, two pro teams started recruiting him—one was the Kentucky Colonels and the other was the Milwaukee Bucks."

But off the court, Oldham was busy adapting the team to integration.

"There were very few places we could spend the night and very few places where we could gather, especially for the road games," Oldham said. "They thought I was the tightest person in America because I would have the manager or trainer go to McDonald's or Wendy's or some place like that and get me some food and put it on the bus, and we'd come home, and they thought I was awful.

"Greg said he was grateful to Oldham for the way he protected the team during that time. He said Oldham never let the team be bothered by such things."

"He kept it all at arm's length," Greg said.

One last cheer

Sister Sheila Smith-Anderson contends that through the accident and even all of Greg's accomplishments in life, he has remained the same.

"He's always been grounded," she said. "He never stopped being himself. He still calls home every Sunday.

Greg singled out each of his family members during his acceptance speech in the Garrett Ballroom to rotoste his sister's point. His coaches are sure to agree with Sheila, too.

Greg admitted he still thinks about the accident every day.

But on this night, he joined his brother in Western athletics immortality. The Smiths are the only family that has two inductees. The 15,000 spectators who gathered at Smith Stadium cheered loud and long for Greg as he stepped forward to be recognized at halftime of the Eastern-Western football game the next night.

His hand held high, Greg saluted heaven and the crowd, tasting the joy and tragedy one more time.

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by as many as four points at 16-6 in the fifth game before making a 8-4 run on Arkansas State (4-8, 6-1). A major player in that run was Humphreys, who smashed the final two kills that gave Western the lead and then the win. She set a new career high with 23 kills. She also led the way with a .337 hitting percentage. Freshman left side hitter Tara Thomas led the team with 16 digs.

After the win, an elated Coach Travis Hudson lifted assistant coach Ken Marshall into the air in a massive bear hug before fielding hugs and hand shakes from fans. "This is just the most special group of girls," he said after the celebration had calmed. "We didn't play well, but we just kept battling."

The Lady Topper had 41 attack errors in the game, nine more than the Lady Indians. But Western never let up, never got frustrated. "That shows a lot of maturity for our team," said junior middle hitter Kim Carpenter, who was named the Sun Belt title in 1997 and is favored to win again this season.

The Lady Topper will host Arkansas-Little Rock at 7 p.m. Friday in Diddle Arena. Arkansas-Little Rock, also a conference powerhouse, claimed the Sun Belt title in 1997 and is favored to win again this season.

Sophomore defensive specialist Beavin Hill bumps a pass as Western defeated Arkansas State last night at Diddle Arena.

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Follow the Hilltoppers at home and on the road with the Herald sports team.
Volleyball wins own tourney

By Leigh Ann Moore
Herald reporter

Sophomore left side hitter Nicole McCullough had two kills on the nine- floor Saturday and attempted a break-dancing spin. Andrea Humphrey jumped onto the back of sophomore defensive specialist Beavon Hill.

And Tina Nicolau, the lone senior on the team, had a last tear as she grabbed the wooden trophy from the scorer's table.

"I finally get one of those things," the right side hitter said, holding the pot into the air.

The Lady Toppers volleyball team beat the claimed victory over Sanford 15-2, 15-11 and 15-4 for the title of the Mabchek Ceramics Hilltopper Invitational Tournament.

Western dominated tournament play all weekend, finally nailing its competition — Chicago State University 6-0, Wintrop University 6-0 and Sanford 4-5.

The Lady Toppers (11-3) won each match in three games, beating Chicago 15-3, 15-2 and 1-0 and Wintrop 15-3, 15-2 and 15-4.

"This one has eluded us the last couple of years," Coach Travis Hudson said.

As a matter of fact, the boat team hadn't won its tournament since 1990.

But Saturday, Western proved it has found the recipe for success that has been missing the past three seasons.

"We're a team full of people that want to win," said Humphrey, a sophomore middle left.

She led Western with 15 kills and contributed a .402 hitting percentage.

We were on a streak and knew that we could go into conference play with.

Km Carpenter, a junior transfer from Loyola Wash., was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player after posting 15 kills in the age with a .556 hitting percentage and eight digs against Sanford. She also had 10 kills.

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But Hudson said the ladies have, for the most part, embraced their changing roster.

That unselfishness and the fun, family-like left side hitter on the team has Hudson marveling his Lady Toppers.

And when they are on the floor, he no longer sees them as a group of individuals. Instead, they are fused into one.
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championship hopes. The season is only three weeks old, and we are ready to bury the championship dream in favor of a simpler goal: just make the playoffs.

And, being an independent team with a 1-2 record and consisting of Top 25 teams, even that figures to be an arduous task. Eight games remain, and two of those are against Division I-A teams.

"If we want to make it to the playoffs, we've got to win the rest of them," said Taggart, a realist. "We have to if we don't, we'll be home in November."

Which is not what Taggart had in mind when he labored this summer to regain the year of eligibility he lost as a freshman.

Taggart's dream is to win a conference title, something Eastern figures to be an arduous task. Eight games remain, and two of those are against Division I-A teams.

"We've got to cut down on the mistakes," said Taggart, a realist. "Even when we were down with six minutes left, I still thought we could win."

After those words, Taggart dragged off the field. About an hour later, the sprinklers began watering the field.

One can only hope they didn't wash away Taggart's and his teammates' chance at glory.

**Western Sports Scorecard**

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* Cross Country races typically consist of three or more teams.

**Highlights:**

Sophomore forward Chris Lloyd scored two goals Sunday as the Hilltoppers beat New Mexico 2-1 to win the Furr's Supermarkets Fall Soccer Classic Championship in Albuquerque, N.M.

**Volleyball** — Junior middle hitter Kim Carpenter was named Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week for the second straight week as the Lady Toppers increased their winning streak to eight games.

**Soccer wins tournament**

The Hilltopper soccer team won the inaugural Fall Soccer Classic Championship on Sunday by beating host New Mexico 2-1. Sophomore forward Chris Lloyd scored both goals for Western (8-3), as it handed New Mexico (9-1) its first loss of the season.

Western shut out Denver 2-0 in the opening round Friday. Sophomore forward Donovan Schulte scored the first goal off an assist from freshman middle fielder Kyle Wushat in the 83rd minute.

Defender Brandon Thompson scored the final goal off an assist from Lloyd in the 89th minute. — Herald staff report