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ARTICLE ON WESTERN APPEARS IN SEPTEMBER CHANGE MAGAZINE

Bowling Green, Ky. -- John Egerton, a former Kentuckian with a growing reputation as a journalist and author, has written an article about Western Kentucky University which appears in the September 1974 issue of "Change" magazine.

The article, "Western Kentucky University: Facing the No-Growth Era," traces the growth of Western from its earlier role as a state teachers college when Egerton first became familiar with Western in the 1950s to its present status as a state university.

In earlier decades, Egerton points out, Western and schools like it changed little in student population from year to year. Then came the burgeoning growth period of the 1960s, with rapid expansion of both physical plant and enrollment.

Now, Egerton says, the campus has stabilized at about 11,000 students and must decide what kind of educational services it will perform in the future.

"Fortunately for Western," Egerton writes, "it never managed to change enough to destroy the personal qualities it has always worn as a badge of pride -- accessible administrators and faculty members, professors who teach undergraduates, loyal and involved alumni, good town-gown relations, and strong, almost paternalistic, interest in the welfare of the individual."

Egerton, a native of Cadiz, Ky., is a free-lance writer in Nashville, Tenn., and author of "The Americanization of Dixie." He was interviewed recently on NBC television's "Today" program. Egerton's articles appear often in "Change" which is a monthly of nationwide circulation devoted to the interests of higher learning.

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