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Western Kentucky University
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Refrigerator Bowl Newsletter

45th Annual Reunion, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 31-Nov. 1. Headquarters:
Courtyard By Marriott, 1010 Wilkinson Trace (across the street from the Convention Center), 1-502-783-8569 direct or 1-800-321-2211; \$64 rate for "1952 Football Team Reunion."

Some great news that might affect your travel plans: Bill Ploumis alerted us that our own "Whitey" Sanders will be inducted into the Prestigious Hall of Distinguished Alumni during a noon luncheon Friday, Oct. 31, at the Convention Center. If you plan to go and don't get here in time to check in before noon, you can check in after the luncheon. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Tickets and information can be gotten from the WKU Alumni Association office by callin 1-502-745-4397 or 1-888-WKU-ALUM. When making reservations for the luncheon, identify yourself as a 1952 Football Team member so the group can be seated together. The HODA is the highest honor of recognition for a Western grad. Dr. Kelly Thompson, E.A. Diddle, Ms. Frances Richards, "The Hilltoppers," Dr. H.H. Cherry, and many distinguished national figures in medicine, education, history, industry, science, and military fields are in the HODA.

You could, of course, arrive Thursday afternoon if that fits better.

Friday night, after socializing at the hotel, reservations have been made at Martin's Farmhouse Restaurant (all you can eat family style) for dinner.

Saturday will begin with the annual Alumni "W" Club brunch. The team and its guests will be special guests of the "W" Club. Reserved seating will be provided. This is the main team reunion event. In the afternoon, we can enjoy our Alumni Homecoming events on campus. The team will be recognized during pre-game activities of the 5:00 p.m. (CST) Morehead State homecoming game.

An updated roster is enclosed. The asterisk indicates those who have ^{return} informed ~~us that they plan to~~ attend. More responses are encouraged. And, also, please make your hotel reservations. Give "Botts", "Bubber", or "Muggs", a call if you need any help or information.

Next time

FOOTBALL NOTES

✕Special thoughts and sympathies from all of us and our families are extended to Arnie Oaken and his family with the loss of Mary Ray who passed away June 12, 1997.

✕"Tubby" (who is having a book he wrote published) informs us that he and "Big Ed" are rooming together. Look out on that floor. Worley's son, Michael, just graduated from Ole Miss.

✕"Stumpy's" on the way to Florida. (Note address roster)

✕Max will have pictures of 5-year-old granddaughter, Sierra, available.

✕Whitey" and Joyce Sanders announce their 8th grandchild born June 18, 1997 and the 9th grandchild is due in August.

✕Don Sparks celebrated 30 years as a U.S. Army retired colonel in Aug. 1985. Mary Lynn and Don have been married 37 years and have four daughters, two of which are Western grads.

Football poll lists Western at No. 5

The two words jumped out like a ball coming off Mark McGwire's bat.

But there the words were as I flipped through a college football preview magazine the other day and glanced at the Division I-AA football poll.

"No. 5 - Western Kentucky."

OK, I thought. This could be a misprint. I immediately looked for Eastern Kentucky, but the Colonels were listed further down.

Hmmm. What else? Maybe this was supposed to be Western Illinois. But there the Leathernecks were further down as well.

Could this really be true? Could this magazine be hyping a team that hasn't been to the Division I-AA playoffs since 1988?

I had to see if Hilltopper coach Jack Harbaugh knew about this.

"We put it up on the bulletin board," Harbaugh said. "We sent a letter out to our players talking about it."

Seems the Western football program has found a bit of motivation for its summer conditioning program.

And while the poll hangs in the locker room as a reminder, the Hilltoppers now just focus on the beginning of practice. Freshmen report Aug. 4 with the entire team in camp by Aug. 6.

The first full team practice is Aug. 7 with the first padded practice set for Aug. 10.

By JASON FRAKES

The Daily News

The traditional I-bone offensive attack of Western Kentucky University's football program will meet a sort of non-traditional schedule this fall.

The Hilltoppers will meet three schools that they have never faced in football when the 1997 season opens.

South Florida, Tennessee-Martin and New Haven are all featured on the 1997 schedule that was released today.

Still, Hilltopper football coach Jack Harbaugh is most excited about facing his team's more traditional rivals.

"The nice thing about our schedule is that it's more local," Harbaugh said. "Most of the teams are close to home. That's about one of the last things I-AA football has going for it. We can take our fans there, and they can bring their fans here."

The Hilltoppers will open their season Thursday, Aug. 28 at Tennessee-Martin. That game begins a stretch of four straight games against Ohio Valley Conference foes.

Murray State, which finished last season 11-2, will visit the Hill on Sept. 6 for Western's home opener, which will also be the annual Hall of Fame Game.

Western will then travel to rival Eastern Kentucky on Sept. 13 before hosting Austin Peay and South Florida on consecutive Saturdays.

South Florida will be fielding a

WKU football schedule

Aug. 28 - at Tennessee-Martin	7 p.m.
Sept. 6 - Murray State#	7 p.m.
Sept. 13 - at Eastern Kentucky	6 p.m.
Sept. 20 - Austin Peay	7 p.m.
Sept. 27 - South Florida	7 p.m.
Oct. 4 - at Alabama-Birmingham	6 p.m.
Oct. 18 - New Haven	7 p.m.
Oct. 25 - at Southern Illinois	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 1 - Morehead State (homecoming)	5 p.m.
Nov. 8 - at Indiana State	12:30 p.m.
Home games in bold	
All times Central	
# Hall of Fame Game	

team for the first time this year.

"They're going about it the right way," Harbaugh said. "They've had players on campus for a year practicing. And, that list includes a number of transfers from Division I-A schools. They'll be a real test for us."

Western will visit Division I-A foe Alabama-Birmingham on Oct. 4 before taking a week off. Harbaugh said he tried to fill the open date on Oct. 11 but had no luck.

"In terms of schedule strength and getting in the tournament, it's always better to have 11 games," Harbaugh said. "We tried and tried and tried, but at this late date we realized it wasn't going to happen."

Western will host Division II New Haven (Conn.) on Oct. 18 and close its home schedule Nov. 1 with homecoming against Morehead State.

Trips to Southern Illinois on Oct. 25 and Indiana State on Nov. 8 round out the schedule.

"It's a difficult task living as an independent and putting a schedule together," Harbaugh said. "But I like our schedule."