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Workshop 1996 a success

By Scott Hunt and Sarah Wilhelm

"I was expecting to sit there and be lectured," said Beth Kerr of Eastern High School concerning her first thoughts about the workshop.

Others expressed similar reservations.

Erin Wilkins of North Bullitt High School said she expected the workshop to be much more rigid and controlled than it has been. Overall, the classes have been received very well, much better than what everyone anticipated.

"I'm learning new techniques that enable me to become a better photographer," said Bowling Green High's Teresa Lewis. Photography students learned about their cameras, different styles for taking pictures and how to print and develop photos.

Lewis admitted that she came to the workshop thinking there was not all that much she could be taught. She said she was soon proven wrong.

She and others found that there is always more than one way to do something, ways that they might not know.

Loree Stark, a sophomore at Heath High School, said, "I learned how much work and dedication goes in to making a newspaper." Kerr said she was "expecting it to be boring." Many workshopers said that once they began getting in to all of the things going on and seeing how they could be applied next year, they really began to enjoy themselves.

"I learned that journalism isn't just writing a few simple stories," said Emily Bellamy of Owensboro High School. "It has a lot of different theories." In addition to all of the experience and education the workshop students received, they have also made many friends.

In fact, making new friends was one aspect that made the workshop a success. "I like the way we all bonded so quickly," Wilkins said. "Also, it is great that everyone gets along so well."

Complaints surrounding the workshop were confined entirely to the food and availability of Wi-Fi; some thought it was not quite up to par and others found that it was better than they expected.

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Workshopers recognized at luncheon

Three students were awarded $300 scholarships at the Awards Luncheon at the conclusion of the 24th annual High School Publications Workshop.

Honored were Kathy Miller, a senior at Meade County High School, Writing; Jennifer Robinson, a sophomore at Bowling Green High School, Photography; and Charles Myrick, a senior at Southwestern High School in Pulaski County, Design.

The scholarships may be used when the students enroll at Western to pursue a major in the journalism department.

Photo instructor Craig Bell also recognized Nathaniel Corn of Brentwood (Tenn.) High School as the best overall photographer.

Ken Fletcher of Eastern High School in Louisville and Lindsay Gerald of Monroe County High School were cited as co-best writers by instructor Bob Adams.

Design instructor James Kennedy honored all five members of his class – Myrick, Dawn Yates of Holy Rosary High School in Louisville, Jessica Sheroun of Parkersburg (Va.) High School, Mindy Roberts of Ballard Memorial High School and Beth Kerr of Eastern High School in Louisville.

The luncheon speaker, Dennis Smith, challenged the students to keep in mind the six "C's" that will help them achieve success.

Smith, an instructor and advisor in the retailing program in Western's Community College, gave examples of how the "C's" can be important in life. They are:

• Confidence
• Complete.
• Commitment.
• Concern.
• Connect.
• Comical.

He said having confidence in yourself is important because it gives others confidence in you, too. There's a fine, but distinct difference between being confident and being cocky, Smith said.

Completing tasks is a sign of a person who is committed. Every organization must have some people who are committed or nothing will ever get accomplished, he said.

Being concerned not only for yourself but also for others is an admirable trait, Smith said.

He also said it's important to connect with others who can help you succeed.

Finally, take time to have fun and laugh. Life is too short not to enjoy it, he said.

Rainy Day Monday

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**What about our Bob?**

By Kathy Miller

For 30 years Bob Adams, otherwise known as Mr. A, has devoted his time and effort to Western Kentucky University's journalism program and student publications.

For most of those years Adams has worked with students to produce the College Heights Herald, Western's twice-weekly student newspaper. Advising the yearbook/student magazine, Tall十分 Xposure, was added to his list of responsibilities about five years ago.

Adams is married to Western graduate Susan Adams, an elementary teacher, and they have a 22 year-old, Andy Adams, who plans to return to WKU in the fall. A typical Saturday for Adams and his wife would be a day searching for beer glasses and mugs and other "collectibles" at local yard sales and auctions.

"There is no money really made, it is all for the enjoyment. We are bargain hunters," Adams said.

Adams is also in charge of keeping track of all the stats on a computer at all of Western's football and men's and women's basketball teams. Adams said he enjoys the work because he is a Western fan anyway, especially Lady Topper basketball.

Over a period of 15 years Adams has owned six weekly newspapers, including the Cumberland County News, Edmonton Herald-News and North Warren Observer in Kentucky and the Citizen-Statesman and Cumberland Times in Tennessee.

Adams' favorite of these newspapers was the North Warren Observer because it was a lot closer and he could get more involved because it was only 15 miles away.

Adams said has given so much time and effort to WKU's students because he loves working with and teaching them. He considers their success his reward.

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**Design instructor James Kenney (left) teaches photography and design at WKU. Photography instructors Craig Bell is a staff photographer at the Gaston Gazette in Gastonia, N.C.**

Kenney's and his wife Nancy have two young sons and a third child on the way.

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By Loree Stark

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Preparing for the unexpected

By Emily Bellamy and Ken Fletcher

Life is like empty roll of film, you never know what you’re going to get but you always need to be prepared for the unexpected.

Dave LaBelle, a photography-in-residence used this comparison to photography, when he addressed the High School Publications Workshop.

“Teres Lewis, another photography student, said, “I felt that the exhibit was informative, beautiful, and it showed what a true photographer can do.”

“I think that people can benefit from the photographs because they really capture the raw emotions of the subject,” stated workshop student Erin Wilkins. This exhibit will be in the Kentucky Museum through June 23. After that the photographs will become a touring exhibit all over the country and maybe the world. This exhibit will be in the Kentucky Museum through June 23. After that the photographs will become a touring exhibit all over the country and maybe the world.

Students enjoy wasting their time

By Ken Fletcher

Whether the students were hanging from windows, wandering through the shrubs, or just talking to their peers, the workshop seemed to be enjoying themselves.

The high schoolers here at Western not only express themselves artistically different, they also have contrasting ways to spend their free time. "We run through the buses," explained both Brooke Sisco and Jessica James from Heath High School. In response to that Scotty Spears said: "Yeah, and I wrestled with the buses.

While some students seemed to find their free time to be well spent outside with the shrubbery others took the angle of just hanging out in dorm rooms.

After the doors of the room would find students sporadically seated throughout the room (some closer than others). "These workshops would discuss a plethora of topics, ranging from Seventeen magazine’s ‘Nightmares of the month’ (which mortified all of them), to Josh’s collection of PEZ.

The students not only discussed worldly topics they carried on tradition in participating in the annual Moe Game, and Erin Wilkins of North Bullitt High School summed up the rest of the dramatic activity by humorously stating: "We made fun of the basketball players and screamed at the top of our lungs along with the music." While the students had their fill of non-stop fan during free time and attempted to make new friends and new memories, workshop director and writing instructor Bob Adams said that he spent the time "I’m busy editing profiles.

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Maturity doesn’t play basketball

By Ken Fletcher & Scott Hunt

The barbare jungle cries began this way during mid-afternoon and continued far into the night.

The cause of this grave disturbance? “Hummm... Could it be Satan,” as Dana Carvey used to say? No, ironic as it may be, it is just the immaturity camp, or basketball camp. Although the rhythmic beat was contagious, the behavior that was around was somewhat disturbing.

It wasn’t long until objects and phones flew down to the lower levels of Bemis Lawrence Hall. Hormone crazed teens hung from the windows of desperation with the hope of a female acknowledging their existence. The ongoing struggle between the sexes caused a spewing of continual apologies and verbal confrontations.

How does all this happen in such a disciplined environment? Where is the adult supervision when you need it (rare as that situation may be)?

Although it’s a little too late now, perhaps future basketball camps should be issued directions on elevator operation. For example, you push the floor you want to get off on then you exit the elevator. You don’t need to constantly go to a floor you’re not getting off on or pull the alarm for no apparent reason.

In other words use the elevator don’t abuse it. Better yet, USE THE STAIRS!

Did anyone notice how unhappy the basketball campers were that the fire alarm went off? It was quite a weird coincidence that the alarm was triggered on the fourth floor. Although the front desk said it wasn’t pulled. Just a coincidence, no doubt. Of course, a potential fire is fueled by potential victims. Any female who would go up to their floor not fearing any form of unwanted advances or sexual harassment, especially after the basketball player’s behavior and comments from the elevator, should be considered suspicious, at least. Bad things can happen to good people too. The problems encountered at Bemis are reflections of our own society. If people who act rude and cruel aren’t discouraged from such behavior, it will only continue.

This is not a problem that will just go away on its own. We, like others somewhat encourage these actions. By giving up to the notions of big Duke and Earl we are letting this be an accepted behavior. Someone just needs to educate these children in respect for others. The vast majority of these ball players have no manners. What happened to a good old fashioned gentleman?

Teens go unnoticed

By Kathy Miller

Have you ever looked around at all of the teenagers giving of their time by volunteering?

Volunteering has expanded throughout our youth. Teenagers are getting involved in clubs and youth groups.

Teen volunteers in nursing homes, park clean-ups, hospitals and Habitats for Humanity all over the country and are never recognized.

Dance groups and school choirs reach out to residents in nursing homes by performing on their own time to give enjoyment to those who are unable to get out and see programs.

Many times you hear about a community park clean up. When the cleaning actually takes place many of the volunteers are teenagers giving their service to make their home and environment a safer and cleaner place to live.

Hospitals have youth working as candy strippers making rounds with nurses, changing bedding and being at a patients side to do what they need.

Habitat for Humanity is one of the major events that happens every year to help the unfortunate and homeless live a better life.

When the group meets in a particular community, teenagers come out and spend the day building houses.

These are just a few of the events that teenagers take part in to make this world a better place for everyone to live. So next time you see a teen working hard give them a pat on the back for a job well done.

Guys, pay attention!

By Lindsay Gerald

Lookin’ good ain’t easy. Any girl can tell you that. It seems that there is a double standard going on, and most men don’t even realize it.

Let’s begin with the average morning routine of the typical woman. The subject rubs her eyes and brushes her head in the pillow, not at all anxious to get up. (Like women are the only ones with this problem?) Then the fun begins.

In a comfortable robe, breakfast is hurriedly cooked, if there is a family, they are scrubbed, clothed and polished — all of which takes up most of the morning.

Teenage girls have lots of fun drugging their little brothers and sisters out of the bathroom. Does any guy know how long it takes to wash hair, condition it, comb it, scrunch it, spray it, curl it, spray it again, tease it, muss it, get it, spray it once more?

Then comes the makeup. First there’s foundation. After that, there is powder, blush, eyeshadow, mascara, lip gloss, lipstick, eyeliner, and an endless array of other products all designed to make us look like a goddess in our jeans and sweat-shirts.

Why don’t we just give it up and go as natural? The answer lies with teens themselves.

How many of you guys are guilty of asking a girl if she has overstepped when she shows up at school without her “face” on?

And how many of you have looked at a drilled up Cindy Crawford-like model and wished your girlfriend looked like that?

Society expects women to look wonderful but doesn’t expect the time and effort it takes. Sorry, it just can’t be done. So think about this the next time you’re angry at your girlfriend or buddy for being just a little bit like these words of Rilla Rudner, “Men shouldn’t yall at us for being late, they should applaud us that we ever get anywhere at all!”

Bob Adams

Writing Instructor

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Freedom of speech lost?
By Brooke Sisco

Freedom of speech is non-existent. When in a class or walking down a hall, you can’t just speak your mind. Life is full of unwritten rules that people are expected to follow.

Most people who are actually outspoken get ridiculed. Many people feel that it is rude or impolite to use freedom of speech.

Others, however, won’t speak their mind because they don’t want to hurt someone’s feelings. Many people get upset when they are lied to, but they would rather spare someone’s feelings and lie to them.

These unwritten rules get you every time. There is just something that keeps you from being totally honest with people. It is not something that will change right now, but maybe in the future more people will want to speak their minds too.

Perhaps someday honesty will be the rule rather than the exception. If the concept of freedom of speech hasn’t been forgotten by then.

Schools and violence – a reality?
By Erin Wilkins

It takes many different forms, plaguing some while seeming to forget others. Sometimes brought on by anger, and sometimes brought on by ignorance and neglect. It is violence- striking American schools and gaining major attention from the media, public and government. This problem is a major problem in their school. However, Workshop students said there is a different scenario at every school.

Some have gang-related violence at their school, while the typical violent act at another school might be a fistfight between two people. Still, others felt that it isn’t a case of blatant physical violence as it was a problem of rudeness and lack of respect between students.

At Eastern High School in Louisville, shirts must always be tucked in, and no hats, backpacks or jackets are allowed. Through these rules, the school hopes to keep violence in check by making it harder to carry a concealed weapon into school. However, some feel the rules aren’t that much protection, and are a little harsh for a problem some feel isn’t that bad.

“The rules are unnecessary because if someone is determined to bring a gun to school, they will,” said Eastern senior Scott Hunt. “Individuality is dead.”

Hunt also felt that the school authorities were taking drastic measures for a problem that they had made bigger in their minds.

Eastern junior Ken Fletcher agrees. “Apparently, the rules are for our own safety,” he commented.

Second time’s a charm for returnees
for most students, coming to Western for the Publications
Workshop only comes once in their life.

But as for these two, they plan on staying here...

By Ken Fletcher

Do you ever find yourself watching a movie a second time to catch the jokes or clues you missed the first time? Well we have two people here at the Western Kentucky University Publications Workshop that are applying that to their lives.

Seniors Josh Edwards and Kathy Miller are two veteran workshops returning for their second straight year in a row. Both are here to not only here to learn but to show others what foothold in the door before they attend WKU next year.

Edwards is planning on majoring in photojournalism which happens to be what he is learning here at the publications camp. Is that all ironic? Not in least, he feels that he learns more in the week that he is here than the entire 280 days he spends in school.

“At Russell (High School) they focus more on writing in my journalism class and here I get to be in a class that totally focuses on photojournalism,” stated Edwards. He said that the biggest reason he wanted to come was “I wanted to further enrich my photojournalism ability.”

Miller came back for basically the same reasons although her main interest comes in journalism. She said “I feel that in this workshop I learn just as much from the students as the teachers.”

-Kathy Miller

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Josh Edwards/ SHOPTALK

Josh Edwards, a senior from Russell High School, is back for his second workshop in photojournalism.

The “Perfect Interview”
By Erin Wilkins

Call it a journalist’s dream. The chance to interview or photograph anybody, an opportunity to get into that person’s mind — whether they are a hero, a role model, or even an interesting stranger.

In most cases, it takes years to acquire the journalistic clout needed to pull in these kinds of interviews. But, a budding journalist can still dream.

Students at the Publications Workshop cited a variety of subjects that would make the perfect interview. Some would have an in-depth conversation with their favorite celebrity or an inspirational musician. Others chose to learn more about a figure from the past.

Several workshops wished to get up close and personal with a musician that they felt had extraordinary talent. Nathanial Corn, a junior at Brentwood High School in Tennessee, would like the opportunity to photograph Bjork because “She rules!”

Both Mindy Roberts, a senior at Ballard High School, and Jennifer Robinson, a sophomore at Bowling Green High School, think Janis Joplin would be the person they would most like to interview.

Robinson would photograph the legendary singer, in any setting. “She came from a nothing kind town,” Robinson said, “and then she became a rocker.”

For Roberts, “Janis Joplin’s

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Candi Alford
Sweet and innocent? That's not the way Candi Alford would describe herself.

"I like to be different," says the 15-year-old sophomore from Edmonson County High School. "I try to be the opposite of everybody else," she said. A look into her purple eyes (color contacts) confirms that.

Alford said she doesn't miss having brothers or sisters. "It's great being an only child. I am kind of spoiled," she admitted.

She enjoys taking pictures in her free time and also talking on the phone. She will be a photographer on her yearbook staff.

―Jessica James
Heath High School

Casey Baker
Casey Baker draws a lot of second looks. It's not because he is strange looking, but because every time you see him he has a different hat perched on top of his head.

Baker has about 25 or 30 hats in his collection, many of which made it to camp with him. Of all his hats, "the Fighting Irish one is my favorite."

At Meade County High School, he plays left field on the varsity baseball team, is active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and works as a photographer for the yearbook.

Out of school Baker likes to go fishing and hunting and generally be outdoors. He, of course, also likes to take pictures.

Although Baker hasn't been able to spend a lot of time outside this week, that will all change next week. "I'll be fishing," says Scott Hunt.

―Scott Hunt
Eastern High School

Jessica Bell
Besides working on the yearbook staff as a photographer, Jessica Bell, a 17-year-old senior from McLean County High, probably could also be found horseback riding or at a FCA or FBLA or FHA meeting.

After school every day, she goes over to Little D's Pizza, a small take out pizza place. There she's the only worker besides her boss and she only calls for help when she gets very busy.

When Bell is not involved in school, working or with her friends, she can be found spending time with her family, which is the most important thing in her life.

Over the years she has collected an assortment of more than 100 key chains. Her favorite is the one she got at Niagara Falls.

―Emily Bellamy
Owensboro High School

Emilie Bellamy
Owensboro High School senior Emilie Bellamy never seems to do anything wrong.

She is in the French Club, the National Honors Society, Student Environmental Awareness League, Champions Against Drugs and the Academy for Young Leaders.

Her extracurricular activities include swimming, Co-ed-Y, playing piano and being a life guard and swim teacher at the YMCA.

Bellamy will be co-editor of her school's award-winning paper, The Scoop, next year.

Emilie wants to go to Centre College in Danville after high school and major in pre-law.

"I LOVE to argue, and I will defend my point of view, always!"

―Jessica James
Heath High School

Nathaniel Corn
Nathaniel (Nate) Corn seems the strong-but-quiet type with cool blue eyes and medium-length wavy brown hair.

The 17-year-old junior attends Brentwood High School near Nashville. He said he applies himself in school in the subjects in which he is interested.

An Eagle Scout, Corn says he enjoys writing free-verse poetry, drawing and acrylic painting and photographing people and nature.

Corn, who runs track, said he enjoys reading Terry Brooks' science fiction novels.

As for music, his favorite band is Smashing Pumpkins. But, he likes most all music except for country.

―Loree Stark
Heath High School

Scott Hunt
What’s it like to be born a "7th child?" Scott Hunt isn’t sure, but he still cherishes the 10 months he lived in the 70’s.

Hunt, a 17-year-old senior at Eastern High School, will serve as editor to the Eastern Eagle next year. He is also in the Beta Club, SADD, NHS and the Spanish Club.

In his spare time, Hunt likes to ride his mountain bike named Mitch, watch the Atlanta Braves play baseball, juggle, rent movies

―Scott Hunt
Heath High School

Candie Bell
Candie Bell is a 17-year-old senior at Owensboro High School.

Her favorite extracurricular activity is photography. She has been interested since she was in fifth grade and it is what she plans on doing for the rest of her life.

"There it is, ham, I captured a moment in time, it will never happen again," Edwards explained enthusiastically! His love for photography started in the seventh grade, but what really sent him booming was the fact that his parents got him his own camera.

Edwards also plays the trombone at Russell High School, where he is a member of the jazz, marching, and symphonic bands.

He also enjoys listening to music, particularly jazz, classical and alternative. His favorite artists are Tommy Goodman and Duke Ellington.

He's known around school as PEZ boy because he has collected $500 of PEZ dispensers over the past two years.

―Ken Fletcher
Eastern High School

Ken Fletcher
Imagine trekking the halls of school every day and having to respond to a nickname like "Stewy." For Ken Fletcher, a 16-year-old junior at Eastern High School, this is a reality.

Fletcher's odd nickname rooted from an unusual character off Beavis and Butthead named Stewy. The character has a reputation for having "cool stuff" and being dorky.

He was born in Washington, D.C., and has moved 15 times, including stops in Illinois, Minnesota, Texas, Maryland and Kentucky.

He's involved in lacrosse, football, wrestling and newspaper, where he is a sports editor and columnist. He is also a leader in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He enjoys writing poetry and short stories and used to be the lead singer in a band, Raging Hormones, "although all I did was scream into the microphone."

―Loree Stark
Heath High School

Lindsay Gerald
Lindsay Gerald has made some adjustments in her lifestyle since moving into Bemis Lawrence Hall. She has muted her practice of singing in the shower.

Anything to do with music and reading are the Monroe County High junior's favorite hobbies.

She says her best quality is her loyalty to her friends. "It takes a lot to gain me as a trustworthy friend, you have to want to be my friend." Gerald said.

She says her worst quality is her first impressions. In other words, watch out for her in a dark alley. "Sometimes I can give people the wrong impression," Gerald said.

Gerald, who has written poetry, short stories and a play, but says she lacks the "patience to write a novel."

One thing that really changed her life was about four years ago when her grandmother died from cancer. "I've seen people in caskets before, but I never realized that they left people behind," Gerald said.

She said her most unusual quality is her personality. She always makes a point to be unique. Perhaps her favorite food is "lettuce, straight up" — speaks for itself.

―Brooke Sisco
Heath High School

(Left to right) Jennifer Robinson, Mindy Roberts, Nathaniel Corn are of late George Tames. Walking behind them is Josh Edwards and Katie Wil...
Robert plans to attend the AGAPE Club at school, play basketball at home and doodle. He plans to attend Paducah Community College for two years, then maybe finish at the University of Kentucky. He is thinking about a career in photography but he isn’t sure just yet.

—Emily Bellamy Owensboro High School

Beth Kerr

"Elmo is my idol!" Eastern High School student Beth Kerr said.

This adventurous 17-year-old girl does have a serious side. She claims her best qualities are her sense of humor and that she can always keep people laughing. The worst quality she claims is she can’t say no to a friend.

Her most unique quality is her faith. She wears eight religious symbols every day. "I am a goober and I know it," Kerr admits.

Her hobbies include rollerblading, rock climbing, hiking and rollerblading. "I like anything that is dangerous."

She is also involved in Students Against Drunk Driving, National Honor Society and she is secretary of the Beta Club. She is also the stage manager for drama and she likes to play soccer.

"Always remember," she said, "that it is normal to talk to yourself. I think...

—Brooke Sisco High School

Teresa Lewis

Take a handful of energy, add a dash of humor and an ounce of compassion, mix well, and what do you have? There’s a good chance you’ll have a 17-year-old photographer at Warren East High School.

Teresa Lewis describes herself as outspoken, dedicated, and a good listener. Photography is one of her fiercest passions. "I’ll go to any lengths to get a picture," Lewis said.

Her hobbies are talking on the phone, shopping, hanging out with her friends, and, of course, taking pictures. Lewis played the trombone in the school band for four years, and she has also been a member Lewis says her best quality is her ability to get along with anyone and every one. But she also thinks she talks a little too much. She admits that her greatest weakness is her insecurity and self-consciousness - sometimes.

—Lindsay Gerald Monroe County High School

Kathy Miller

Even though block scheduling has Kathy Miller’s two favorite subjects, band and journalism at the same time next fall, she’s not worried.

The Meade County senior said she’ll just have to alternate which class she goes to because she is editor of the newspaper, the Wave Winds, and press secretary for the marching band.

Miller, 17, who was co-editor of the paper last year, will be starting her sixth year in band. "I like the dedication to band, the experience, and "the feeling is overwhelming when they announce, 'Grand champion, Meade County.'"

Playing in the marching, pep and concert bands keeps her on key during the school year, but journalism has become a year round activity since she started working part time at the Meade County Messenger. "It’s hard to get all the stories done during school," she said.

An admitted cotton candy bubble gum addict, Miller said she enjoys being with friends and traveling. She’s also becoming a NASCAR addict and would like to see her favorite driver, Jeff Gordon, in action.

Her long-term goal is to work for People magazine. "It’s a dream."

—Bob Adams

Charles Myrick

"I love working on the newspaper," said Charles Myrick, "but it only comes second in my life. 'Serving the Lord comes first.'"

A 17-year-old senior at Southwestern Paluski County High School, he is the editor-in-chief of the school newspaper. Myrick is also the editor of his church’s newsletters.

Myrick has a cat named Thomas and two dogs, Jack and Sparky.

In his spare time, Myrick works as a cashier at a local McDonalds. He has a gray '85 Cavalier.

—Erin Wilkins, Jessica James, Brooke Sisco, and Lorre Stark

Mindy Roberts

When asked what excites her, 17-year-old Mindy Roberts said, "Everything."

Roberts, a senior at Ballard Memorial High School, is involved in several activities at her school. She is a band student, tutor and a teacher of PSI (Postponing Sexual Involvement). Next year, she will be the editor-in-chief of her school paper.

Roberts claims that she spends all her free time at work. She drives her job at the Bluegrass Restaurant in her '92 Mustang. She will listen to any kind of music except rap.

—Sarah Wilhelm

Jessica James

Band is a key word in the life of Heath High School junior Jessica James. James says she hates turkey and chicken with a passion, but loves pizza.

Her parents, Joe and Judy, have a fetish for "J" names. Take Jessica’s sister for example, Jennifer Jo, who is 23. and

—Sarah Wilhelm Heath High School

Erin Wilkins, Jessica James, Brooke Sisco, and Lorre Stark spent much of their time at the workshop in front of a computer.

—Sarah Wilhelm

Jessica Robinson

Textured food, tofu, soybeans and vegetables are the main foods that 15-year-old sophomore Jessica Robinson eats. She has been a vegetarian and hangs out with his friends and his girlfriend, Jenn Hay. He also rides around in his '95 white Acura Integra.

Hunt says that he likes a lot of music. He listens to more alternative than punk. Jenn is pushing country music on him. However, he hates most of it.

After finishing high school, he wants to attend college and eventually go to medical school.

—Sarah Wilhelm

Charlotte Peak

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for three years. The Bowling Green High sophomore also has a variety of beads she has been collecting for a year and a half and a wild assortment of socks.

Her favorite pair are long baby blue and navy blue striped socks with navy blue heels that come between her knee and calf. When Robinson is not singing in the school choir or with friends around campfires accompanied by guitars streaming, she can be found helping the recycling program in the environmental science class.

The sophomore representative at her school is also the photographer on the yearbook staff. She's also in the Drama Club and has performed in "Camelot" and "To Kill A Mockingbird."

-Jessica Sheran Meade County High School

Brooke Sisco, a junior at Heath High School, is a person who knows her own mind. And she says it's important to know what people think, possibly because this aids her in the arguments she is so fond of. She touts herself as being very opinionated.

Sisco believes her absolute best characteristic is her outgoing personality, which makes her a natural-born leader. She says her greatest weakness is falling in love and all the emotions it entails.

Around Heath High, you can spot her playing bells in the band or participating in the colorguard (she just happens to be co-captain). In her spare time, she works at the Market House Theater ushering, working the desk and even acting in a few plays.

Her obsession with the color green may be unusual, but "ever since I was little, I've been drawn to the outdoors, so it was natural that I'd like colors like green and brown. Green just kind of became my favorite. It's my personality." Sisco said the most important thing she has done is "changing myself for the better."

--Lindsey Gerald Monroe County High School

Scotty Spears

"I like to do anything dangerous that I haven't tried before," said Heath High Junior Scotty Spears. "That's why I keep hanging out of windows."

Spears has another potentially dangerous interest—tracking the local weather, which is an obsession as much as it is a hobby. He wants to become a stormchaser or meteorologist.

"I don't drive yet, so mostly my pictures of storms right now are backyard pictures," said Spears.

Spears will be a reporter for the Heath Post in his first year in the journalism class. He is an active member of the science club, which competes in the statewide Science Olympiad. Spears placed fourth in the state in the rocks, minerals and fossils category.

He plans to put his photography skills to work in the future so he can photograph tornadoes. Until then, he's waiting for the perfect tornado to pass by his backyard.

-Erin Wilkins North Bullitt High School

Loree Stark

Here's a story of a girl named Loree. If the tune is familiar, it's probably because Loree Stark likes the Brady Bunch so much she named her cat Brady. The Brady Bunch is not the only old television show Stark enjoys, one of her hobbies is watching the oldies on Nick at Nine. She not only watches the oldies but listens to them as well. Her favorite band of all time is that old Liverpools, The Beatles.

Some of her other hobbies include reading books, writing her own stories and hanging out at the mall with her friends. After school she plays clarinet in the Heath High School Band and is a member of the orchestra, is a class representative for the student council, is a clarinetist at the Market House Theater, and in entering her sophomore year she will start her first year of being a staff writer for her school newspaper.

Her brother Greg Stark attended this workshop last year. He plans on continuing her journalism education at Southern Illinois University.

-Erin Wilkins North Bullitt High School

Sarah Wilhelm

It is somewhat of an understatement to say Sarah Wilhelm is musically talented. It would be more fitting to call her a one-person band. Wilhelm, a sophomore at Heath High School, plays the flute, clarinet and saxophone. She is a member of her school's concert, jazz, pep, marching, solo and ensemble and wind ensemble bands.

Somehow, between all of her music and her school work, Wilhelm finds time to serve as FFA treasurer and work on the Tobacco Education Project which involves speaking to fifth and sixth graders about the dangers of tobacco use. This will be her first year on the school paper.

What little free time she has left is spent going out with friends, watching television and cross-stitching.

-Erin Wilkins North Bullitt High School

Katie Willoughby

Fred's Super Dollar Store seems to be the center of 17-year-old Katie Willoughby's existence. "I don't do anything outside of school because I work all the time!" she said.

Willoughby said she doesn't particularly like her job. Because she works a lot she has no extracurricular activities. "I work, go to school at Bowling Green High School, go out with my boyfriend, Josh, and that's it!"

She has worked briefly in layout, writing, and photography, all in beginning journalism. "Well I did say that I was going through a "Nirvana craze." I'm kinda late, but I'm going though it now."

-Emily Bellamy Owensboro High School

Dawn Yates

A senior at Holy Rosary Academy, a Catholic all-girls school in Louisville, Dawn Yates is probably the only workshopper at her school. Her father's name is Smoky.

Her sister's name is Slinky. She also has a turtle named Charlie and a dog named Smoky.

Yates is in the Recruitment Club which recruits new students from area middle schools. She is also in the Beta Club and is editor of her newspaper.

Her hobbies are talking on the phone and playing computer games.

She says the workshop has taught her how to use computers to put together newspapers and helped her to meet new people.

--Scotty Spears Heath High School

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“Everybody dance now!”

The WKU Topperettes hosted a dance camp for high school girls at Greenwood High School

By Emily Bellamy and Brooke Stice

The nationally ranked Western Kentucky University Topperettes rocked the halls of Greenwood High School as the 11 Topperettes and their coach, Susan Fruits, hosted Dance Camp ’96. The purpose of this camp was to teach new routines to high school girls so they could get fresh ideas and experiences for their own squads.

“It’s challenging, but fun,” said Jennifer Smith of Campbellsville. She participated in the camp for the first time this year. The girls learned one of ten different routines throughout the camp. “It’s pretty simple since I got an easy routine to teach,” said Topperette Autumn Ennis of Edmonton.

The Topperettes agreed that their favorite aspect of the camp is seeing the routines that they made up perform. The cost of the camp was $25 per girl, with cheer squads and individuals being eligible.

“So far, the camp is going pretty well,” said Rachel Manning, a Topperette from Nashville. “The girls are working hard on learning the routines and getting them perfected.”

During summertime, the patrol brings peace to the WKU campus.

By Lindsay Gerald

It’s everywhere...it’s everywhere— the long arm of the law, that is. And it reaches into the campus of Western Kentucky University.

Major Ed Wilson is in charge of the patrol on campus. He presides over 17 patrol agents (there are 22 officers on Western’s campus). There are day, evening, and night shifts 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

During summertime, the patrol doesn’t drop off any—the minimum number of officers on a shift is three. Wilson stresses that there is little, if any, difference in police involvement during the summer session. With many summer camps and an average of 20-35 calls per day, the Department of Public Safety can’t afford to skimp, he said.

Here’s a common sense fact for you: the most biggest crime on campus is theft. Students leave their purses, hug, cars, or (do you believe this?) CD’s lying around, and there’s always some sticky-fingered kleptomaniac willing to snatch them. The WKU police has a 98 percent conviction rate on all crimes, Wilson said.

In comparing Western’s record to other institutions of higher learning, Wilson replied, “I guess I’m prejudiced, but I’d like to think we rate pretty high.”

Most of all, Wilson said it’s important to have the campus police and students working together. “We’re here to serve the community; we’re not here to punish people.”

Photographs by Casey Baker and Jennifer Robinson

Campus police bring peace to WKU even in summer months

Rain, rain go away

By Scotty Spears

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Sheryl McCracken is not just blowing hot air

By Jessica James
Sheryl McCracken is no ordinary lady. She loves to play the bagpipes. Although many people say that it is hard to play the bagpipes, "It's not that hard if you practice every day," she said. She is more than happy to perform at weddings and funerals. "It's just a hobby," said McCracken, who used to play the clarinet in band.

McCracken practices anywhere she wants to. "I try not to play anywhere that I'm going to disrupt a class," she said. McCracken slacked off for several months due to lack of time with her job and schooling. She is now warming up her pipes to perform at a competition. She performs in competitions year round, including the recent Highland Games at Baren River State Park. She also plays with a Louisville band called the Louisville Pipe Band. "The starting point for bagpipes is grade five," said McCracken of her bagpipe classes. "From there you go to grade four, then three, two, one, and grade zero is the highest." She hopes to make to grade zero. "I'm on grade three now," McCracken said she started playing about eight years ago when she was about 24. Her bagpipe is made out of African black wood. "I think this type of wood is becoming rare, because the price of a new one of this type is between $3,000 and $5,000." At the time she bought hers, it cost about $1,500.

Names of buildings reflect past

by Scott Hunt
At this year's High School Publications Workshop, some students have been too busy trying to dodge the rain to notice some of the things around them. Among these mysteries of campus are the names prominently displayed on the buildings.

Most of the buildings are named for people important to the university's history. For instance, the Garrett Conference Center, where the writing, design and photography classes take place, is named for Paul Garrett, the second president of Western.

The publications workshopers' dorm home is named after Bens Lawrence, a former member of the Board of Regents. The board is the final decision making body for the university, and most members are appointed by the governor.

Of the buildings here at Western, three are named for people still alive. The Raymond B. Preston Health and Activities Center is named for Preston, a Henderson business man and member of the Board of Regents. The Dero Downing University Center, often referred to as "DUC," is named for Downing, the fourth president of Western. The Cravens Graduate Center is named for Raymond Cravens, a past academic vice president.

There are several reasons a building might be named for someone. It might be a monetary contribution, as is the case for Snell Hall. Snell Hall was a gift from Ogden college alumni Perry Snell.

Many are named for those who have worked to help Western. Former governor of Kentucky, Lawrence Wetherby, who has the Wetherby Administration Building named for him, or Finley Grise, former Dean of the College, who is honored by Grise Hall, are two such people.

Regardless of the reasons behind the naming of many of these buildings, they all represent a part of the college's history and a certain respect for that. Often the past is forgotten or overlooked, and this is one tradition-filled way to keep that from happening.
Basketball camp is not all fun and games

By Jessica James
Basketball: It's not just a simple game played out in the back yard anymore. Now there are basketball camps and teams, from little leagues to pros.

During Western's basketball camps, players come from all around the state to show off their skills to coaches and learn new techniques and drills.

Some of the players, like Brian Roberts, said "It's okay." Others, like Clint Silvers, said "It's hard."

Yet others said they weren't having fun because "It's hard and boring."

Jeff Walz, an assistant women's basketball coach at Western, helps run the camp store which sells pizza in the dorm.

"It's a great learning experience. They play four games a day all four days they are here," Walz said. "They basically try to play as many games as they can in one day."

Brad Divine, one of the summer employees at the camp and a senior basketball player at Western, said, "It's a great opportunity for the students. It is a very good camp, very organized, first class all the way."

When asked if he tried to recruit people, he said, "If I see them around, I tell them that they have a good chance of being recruited," hoping they would come to Western.

Divine keeps score during the games, and he says that he misses being out on the court at camps.

"There are no camps to go to anymore!"

Darrin Horn, an assistant men's basketball coach and camp organizer, was not available for comment.

Horn's secretary says that he is coaching at three team camps June 10-13, and at two day camps, which are individual camps, this month.

"On average, we have 10 to 15 teams at the team camps with eight to 10 players each," Horn's secretary said.

It is a learning experience for all of the students and coaches. Basketball — it isn't just a game anymore!

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music just does something for me."

Others chose to have a conversation with a family member. Both Emily Bellamy, a senior at Owensboro High School, and Jessica James, a junior at Heath High School, would learn more about their grandparents.

"My grandfather died before I was born," Bellamy said. "I want to see what kind of history he has."

James agrees. "I want to know more about my grandfather."

Scotty Spears, a junior at Heath High School, would most want to interview his mother because "I don't get to talk to her very much."

Other workshopers wished to interview a favorite actor or historical figure.

Both Kerr, a senior at Eastern High School, thinks Mr. Rogers would make for the ideal interview. "I think he is really cool - he was my hero growing up."

Kathy Miller, a senior at Meade County High School, would interview her idol, race car driver Jeff Gordon. "He's my hero. He's a great NASCAR driver, and he's sexy."

Charles Myrick, a senior at Southwestern High School, would interview Jimmy Hoffa. "Nobody seems to be able to find him, so I'd be a millionaire," Myrick said.

Johnny Depp would be Dawn Yates' pick for the perfect interview. Yates feels that Depp "has more to him than what is on the surface."

All journalists have a special someone they'd like to interview. Whether the subject is familiar or seemingly unreachable, the common lure is the chance to dig a little deeper.
A farm safety day camp was offered at Western Kentucky University Tuesday to teach kids ages 6-13 the do's and don'ts of farm life.

The children learned safety tips in nine areas and learned how to climb out a window the correct way and to escape from a burning building.

One group, the Rams, was one of the best groups to detect what liquid was a chemical when shown four solutions the same color. Emily Parsley from the Rams said, "It was fun. We even got to see a cow." She was there with her sister, Mattie Drew Parsley.

This is the second year for the farm safety program sponsored by the Kentucky Partnership for Farm, Family, Health and Safety. Organizers said about 90 volunteers were involved in helping with the sessions, lunch and snack area and a first aid center.

"Children need to know what to do when a strange animal or any other problem approaches them."

Larry Piercy, Farm Safety Specialist, shows Shane Strain, 9, the wrong way to mount a tractor.

Photographs by Nathaniel Corn and Josh Edwards.