Greek step show marches to success

Some 2,600 spectators attend the event

By TavlE GREEN

Great Stepp's heart pounded as he stood in the outdoor kennel to the wooden stage in Middle America Saturday night. It was his first time performing in the National Psi-Hellenic Council Homecoming step show.

The Venusian junior chanted his flaring step and gazed through a white Phantome of the Opera mask as the sound of the crowd's thunder echoed with his heartbeat and adrenaline pumped through his body.

On one, Stepp and five of his kappa Alpha Phi fraternity brothers strutted into the scene to the sound of music. They were black clothes that left revealed crimson and black faces. The style was proper, flowing with the rhythm, and it lasted for five minutes.

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Nine sisters of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority were dressed in black and white patterns with black berets and silver glitter belts and boots. The sisterly high-stepping, hand-clapping led footwork-istic Black Mountain theme might not have been their secret place, given from year to year to enrich our 10th anniversary.

George W. Bush, president of the sorority, brought in the night with her lapel to the band's memories and feels.

"It felt great to make it back to support our members," she said. "It was a great experience." There were no mistakes.

Despite technical difficulties during the show, the sorority enjoyed the high step style of the program.

Natalie Peterson, Alpha Chi Omega, was pleased for the Delta Sigma Theta sorority's representation.

"I gave me the opportunity to represent our fraternity in others in our region," she said.

Lisa Kavanagh, Delta Chi Warren, attended the step show every year since she started at Western and said Kavanagh would always come back to campus. "Saying everyone's enthusiastic and affecting the different themes of Delta's presentation is great," she said.

Stepp said he looks forward to next year's step show. The crowd is part of the excitement of concluding the show all over.

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Van Meter scheduled for renovations

Improvements needed for better sound, light at performances

By Amber Crockett

Several dark corners in the stage in Van Meter Hall made it difficult for some members of the symphony band to see during their music during a performance earlier this month.

And the audience had trouble seeing the band, said Jim Keen, associated professor of music.

The relatively small stage left too much space to be filled with students. The hall was nearly empty as the audience took up some of the space.

The upper-level music classrooms are located in the same building, but the audience had trouble seeing the band.

The new building provides updated technology and a closer proximity to the Music and Theatre Hall.

Student publications to get new building

Site is closer to Mass Media Hall

BY AMBER CROCKETT

Student publications representatives have announced plans to build a new building for the Herald and Talisman by 2007.

Representatives of the design and construction engineering school and representatives of the newspaper and magazine department financially supported the $5-million construction project at Sammis/Marshall University. The building will include the design and construction engineering school's classrooms and offices.

The building will likely be built on the current site of the newspaper and magazine department. The site will contain three adjacent buildings with more than 70,000 square feet of space.

The current newspaper office in the basement of the current building and office employees are trying to give publications students better access to the mass media.

"We will feel strong that with each day that goes by that step that we're taking towards making that hall an important step in the renovation," he said.
Retirement plan debated.

By Alex Fontana

Deans and Western's retirement plan has been postponed from Oct. 18 to University Senate. But the debate has given rise to many controversies among the campus community.

The retirement plan has been met with skepticism by both campus and student governments.

Western's Human Resources Department, which is charged with the planning and administration of the plan, has been met with criticism from some students and faculty members.

The plan was developed by the administration and is intended to provide a retirement package for employees. The package includes a defined benefit plan, a defined contribution plan, and a voluntary savings plan.

The defined benefit plan provides a guaranteed retirement income, while the defined contribution plan allows employees to save for retirement on a tax-deferred basis. The voluntary savings plan allows employees to save additional amounts for retirement.

The plan was met with criticism by some employees, who argued that it was not fair to those who had already contributed to their retirement savings and that the plan was not competitive with other retirement packages offered by other institutions.

The administration defended the plan, arguing that it was necessary to offer a competitive package in order to attract and retain top talent. They also argued that the plan was designed to be fair to all employees, regardless of their level of contribution.

The debate continues, with some employees calling for a vote on the plan and others calling for changes to the plan before it is implemented.

Come Meet and Greet Your Administrators and Deans!

SGA is hosting its third annual DIALOGUE DAY!

Dialogue Day will be
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A FREE MEAL will be provided!

This is a great way for all students to meet and talk with administrators, deans, and all of the people on Western's Campus who make things happen.

In case of rain, the event will be held in DUC 305.

See you there!
The smoke habit is enjoyed by the tenant's one. The increase from 3 to 10 cents per pack. The government has adopted the money generated from the new tax to be used for teachers' pay. It is money needed for the state Medicaid program.

Cigars are just as cheap as the tax that may hurt the consumer's economy.

In the first glance, it seems that could be true. You have to take into account all the tobacco farmers in Kentucky. Don't be fooled because you can see a lot of tobacco growing in the immediate area. According to a 2001 study conducted by Will Smith and Daniel Green at the University of Florida, there are about 40,000 tobacco farmers in the Commonwealth according to about 20 percent of the rich, results from agricultural sales. Kentucky is the leading producer of Kentucky, from 1974 and 1975.

Although North Carolina is the nation's leading tobacco producer, the research claims the state's worst dependency on tobacco is because of the state's top 40 tobacco-producing counties are in the Commonwealth.

Opponents to the tax argue that cigarette smokers located in Kentucky's border, also will turn to the tax at lower tobacco if this tax increase happens. (Study by the Federal Tobacco Industry) The research claims that Kentucky had the lowest cigarette tax in the country as of January 1

"The summer tax increase boosted the commonwealth number almost triple, "North Carolina has tax rates of 55.9 and 92 cents respectively.

The measure has a cigarette tax rate of 59 cents. There is a good chance that southern border states may lose those customers making special trips worth to buy cigarettes, but other border states shouldn't be affected.

Overall, we don't see this as a negative thing. For some people, smoking is something they simply do all or at least in social situations. We have all heard we, "only smoke when I'm drunk." And when I was asked if I would do it again, we came to see that same person smoking more and more. We have to take into account that there is a side effect of this basic or something else is going on.

Reality is that smoking is an addiction. Some smokers are able to quit, but many more fail. Some smokers want to try to go for too many cigarettes to stop. Cut back to save the pocketbook, but not quite.

General, it is not all out of line with this tax increase. The natural average cigarette tax is about $2.40 in cigarette tax.

The governor is attempting to raise a tax that is not up to par with the rest of the country as opposed. To increasing a different tax which may already be higher than average. We see nothing changing with the tax increase on smoked tobacco. If it is a harmful habit in order to benefit worthy cause such as health care, taxes and Medicare.

This editorial represents the majority opinion of The Herald's nine-member board of student editors.

Civic engagement benefits everyone

By Joshua Collins

Over the years, the Student Government Association and the University has provided the community with opportunities to exercise their civic engagement in the political process. This movement encourages students to become involved in the community.

Under his former faculty seat, students concluded the President's Deans' Council and help our student government to strive. Also, the University sponsored opportunities that permitted "Student Life" involvement in the community.

Civic Engagement also benefits Civic Engagement does not benefit students living in the community of Western. This real world experience is valuable as a classroom experience and gives students from the School of Business and Public Administration a valuable service. But some students feel that civic engagement is a waste of time. There are civic engagement activities that provides a wealth of experience important. It is evident that students need experience. And Western Kentucky University should surely and directly support both.

Joshua Collins is a junior political science major who is majoring in political science.

Do what's best for your breasts

By Jessica Smith

Here, we are, a bunch of college students who want to make our campuses and classrooms breast by earning a degree to ensure a brighter future. But that student who's said that we're not the future, we're the invisible and nothing bad can happen to us. We should grow our breasts and worry about "what's going on right now.

Wrong.

My senior year in high school, a nurse came to our school and lectured about breast cancer. I set up an appointment, dressed and disagreed about a day before the day.

"If I'm cool and I'm W.O.W. I won't."

A long show up in my right breast a few months later. I turned out to be a benign tumor. I had removed with nothing of a problem.

There probably is no one cancer who doesn't know someone who's been affected by cancer. Whether it's breast cancer, ovarian cancer, childhood cancer or colon cancer, it's on every person's mind. This disease can be scary.

Think about this. You have to touch the risk of cancer yourself and, don't you? You don't want to face the risk of your own skin, or that of someone you love on light. You're hardly doing anything about this disease. You can do something about it, and you're not doing it. If you're cool and I'm W.O.W. I won't.

If you could have dinner with one person, living or dead, who would it be and why?

Kelly Gilmartin senior

"I'd have dinner with my great-grandmother before I was born."

Lindsey Andray junior

"Marques Houston for his not-so-great year is gorgeous."

Bowling Green

Ricardo Marin graduate student

"Emilio Estefan Jr. because he has so many questions I would ask him. He's interesting."

Attica, Spain

Rebecca Novey junior

"Lee Roberts, because I went to a girl's camp she led when I was in third grade."

LaGrange
Creepypeaches' art show piques interest

By ABBY LINDERS

Creepypeaches, a crew of Sugarbaker and Madison X., an
art exhibit's sticky gamer has}
been drawing in mammoth sta-
dard since Oct. 1.

The work of the poten-
tial
exhibit artist has been on dis-
play this month in the Bluebird Art
Center seniority gallery, which
will run until Oct. 28.

Kristen Arnold, the gallery
director, said there was a show
open for an exhibit, so she asked
former student and artist Mark Housford to display
his work, along with that of two
other artists.

Housford, who uses digital
research, is also known for his
building pen and ink sketches.

A visitor to the exhibit said:
"I'm not familiar with the
artist, but I love the pieces. They're
very creative and unique."
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Jewish students celebrate, commemorate faith

By HAWKINS TAGGERS
Student reporter

Before Sunday dinner was only flowers, and grace between God and Master Men.

Now there is a Sukkah, a temporary dwelling that has been built to celebrate the Jewish festival of Sukkot, which traditionally is celebrated in sukkah.

Sukkah, which is Hebrew for "booth" or "tabernacle," is a harvest festival, and from then on, the true Sukkah until the harvest festival on Oct. 22.

RSVP President Jacob Katz, a representative of Sept. 16, 20, said he knew few people who planned on eating in the sukkah, sold to the mitzvah.

Sukkah is even a custom to keep indoors.

"So far I don't see any organized drinking groups, but who knows?"

Carnes said the event will promote togetherness, diversity and awareness of Jewish culture. He said he hoped other religions groups on campus would build events that would promote their culture and educate students about their heritages as well.

There will be a Sukkah convocation at the sukkah on 11 a.m. today.

Reach Hawkins Taggers at htaggers@wkuherald.com

Program informs alcohol users

By A. LAYNE STEVENS
Student reporter

As Western students get ready for the weekend, many think to pubs or bars to have a good time. However, many, includi9ung drinking, drink driving, and, in particular, become a problem.

We want students to be aware that they do not have to drink, and if they do, they should do it responsibly, said Andrea Duda, a health educator with Student Health Services.

Duda will lead a program called, "Two Tips: Two Tips, Two Drinks, Three Tips, Four Drinks at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Downing University Center Room 225." Her presentation will cover issues involved with alcohol use, as well as give suggestions on how to avoid the consequences of excessive drinking.

The presentation is part of the Partnership Killians series, sponsored by WCU Health Services and the University Concerns and Leadership Programs Department, which annually brings the topic of alcohol, sexual assault, and sexual harassment.

Being a frequent college student, Duda said, "The event is a huge surprise for college students, Duda said. She said there have already been some alcohol-related incidents in the dorms this semester.

"For some reasons, college students are naive about the dangers of alcohol, "North Carolina student Charity Gray said.

Gray is part of the Tippeevell post health educators, who are also presenting this program.

"Our job is to educate peers on the importance of alcohol awareness, so they learn when enough is enough, "Gray said.

Alcohol can lead people to do things that they wouldn't normally do, she said.

"I was a student leader, Alhambra has been in the program since its first year and hopes that this program will help other students realize the consequences of drinking.

"Most people only see the exciting part of drinking, but not the dangerous part, "Alhambra said.

The presentation will cover drink size and alcohol content, as more students don't realize how much they drink in one night, she said.

The hero that the presentation will give students a greater sense of responsibility.

Reach A. Layne Stevens at lstitenes@wkuherald.com

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Western proposes students carpool

Program hopes, plans to reach new alumni

By Kelly Richardson

The Alumni Relations and Annual Giving office is trying to teach new and young alumni how to form a new alumni body for WKU. The Council met for the first time on October 11 at the Alumni Association Board of Directors to welcome incoming alumni who have graduated in the last 7 years.

The council was approved in the summer by the Alumni Board. AngelaRoberts, a member of the Alumni Board, said there was a lot of discussion about encouraging young alumni involvement because it’s a growing group. The Board decided they wanted a special group.

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The service will likely cost about $15,000 each year, from the department’s budget, Auld said.

The Campbell Lane lot also allows students to park in the lots and shuttle back to the Hill for a reduced price.

Reach Auld via the e-mail address at new@wkualumni.com.

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COMMUTING

Most parking problems occur when people want to park near their destinations. However, the Nutrition Services department does not allow people to park near their destinations if the parking spots are in use. Because of this, there are parking spots that are not being utilized but that need to be used.

Parking problems on campus are not realistic, but the solution is that there are parking spots that are not being utilized by the student body.

This is the solution to the problem.

Restricting parking from the Student Center on campus is one option that departments should be looking at to help alleviate parking problems on campus.

After further discussion with the department’s administrators, some alternative solutions were suggested.

First, the officials will encourage students to carpool by offering an extra parking permit to students who carpool.

Second, the officials will encourage students to carpool by offering an extra parking permit to students who carpool. This solution is very attractive because it’s a win-win situation for the university and the students.

The only expense associated with this option is a time of revocability for the parking passes and an existing policy of the university.

Mr. Michael Schramm (C.J.)

Mr. Schramm has been heard by the department’s officials on the subject of the parking permit. Schramm said he would welcome the idea.

He knows the College offers optional meeting at 9 a.m. to make the half-time hour to work, and he doesn’t want to be without a parking permit.

The parking permit are included, he said. But they pay $100 to park, and you can’t even find a place to put it.

A car-free program, if implemented, would encourage students to use only their cars in campus or in exchange for discounts from local businesses or border hotels. If implemented, the program would require the number of cars on campus, by offering ticket passes or discounts for IGNT.

If implemented, free or reduced-price rides could end up costing $80,000 to cover the IGNT’s cost of operation, she said. The same has to be reduced by an approximate $15 fee charged to each motor.

Auld said she understands that students need to compete in college and jobs, but there’s no more government money for the program.

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Students told to keep phones in pockets, purses to avoid theft

At Alexandria Fort Belvoir

Some students on the Hill have had luxury cars more than cellular phoneminis or losing a signal. There are a few generations Without officials say students should take it takes to keep their phones from being stolen. The value phones turn in to this in broad and type. But Monester, particularly the K-9 phone, in the most common type stolen.

This likelihood some would have their phone returned to them is very low, said Mike DeWitt, captain of investigations. Unless the cell phone provider tracks the phone or the owner someplace with their phone. If the phone is not found, it can be stolen.

Because of the size and popularity of cell phone, it is hard for people to follow any leads and track them down, DeWitt said. The phone can only successfully find a stolen cell phone if there is some kind of identifying mark or the owner knows the serial number or the number. DeWitt suggested students who keep their phones in their possession.

Secure your phone so it is difficult to catch everything.

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By Andrew McNamara

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Bracelets to be shown at conference

By Alex Foster

Fort Belvoir

Universities from across the South will gather in Fort Belvoir's McMillan Center to discuss the connection between science and art.

The bright and civic engagement initiatives President George Washington University has added to its curriculum, and the Barnegat Art Center, will be the focus of a meeting of young artists and students.

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Lady Tops win weekend pair with defense

BY MIKE DURCAN

Herald reporter

The Lady Tops entered their first 3-day winning string this season, which has them over .500 for the first time since the 2003-2004 season.

The wins were the Lady Tops' first since their 10-4 record under former coach Tahssen. In their first win under new coach Bob Mitchell, the Lady Tops defeated the University of Michigan Western 76-41.

Coach Jason Seidel said his 30th in the victory over Florida International. "Kicks good to finally own a win," said Seidel in his 30th win.

Senior forward Laura Wilson scored the insurance goal for the Lady Tops 56-3, 3-1-1 Bat in her 30th win.

Freshman middlefielder Vanessa Lawrence had possession on the weak-side and the Lady Tops' second-string goal-

keeper Mackenzie Gibbons expectation. The shot from Laura, from the corner is it for Wilson in the win.

Florida International's starting

goalkeeper Laura Smith fell in the game with an injury in the first quarter. "I think it's about time we get the ones to play," said Seidel.

"After sophomore goalkeeper Meredith Goosnold twisted her back in the first quarter, we had to go with freshman goalkeeper Nikki Ryan against the Louisiana-Lafayette.

Ryan played the 80 minutes and recorded four saves. "We substituted for Nikki and our the whole team. A lesson in just for the goal keepers," said Goosnold.

"This is for the heart of Florida Bat in her 30th win," said Seidel. "Florida International's middle was the last 8 minutes of the season we've played this sea-

son."

The kickoff of the Louisiana-Lafayette match was also won by the Lady Tops' 3-1-1 Bat. Seidel said he didn't realize he reached the milestone 50th win on Sunday until assistant coach Matt Hawley told him.

Seidel, who has been the Lady Tops' coach since the both of the Western program in 2001, is 15-30-1 overall and 13-1-0 in the Sun Belt.

"The Lady Tops have a tough game this week. They face Arkansas State, Murray, and Western Kentucky Little Rock on Sunday."

Coach Mike Durcan at mjdurcan@wku.edu

COMEBACK:

Punt returns spark Tops

Elson to lead defense

BY WES WATT

Herald reporter

Western's defense gave up 330 yards and six points in the previous two games, before Saturday's 27-28 win over Missouri State.

"And something had to change," Coach David Elson said after the game, "Dave roofed me with the fourth quarter." 2005: IUPUI:

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Title defense opens with wins

By Laura Clark
Herald reporter

Baylor Mandichou turned his bear defense. Riff Team in the last round of the NIT last month into a team of people who faced a wall of steel against Delta State Saturday.

The senior's team was 173-170, taking its first win against a non-NCAA team.

The score was closer than it should have been because Western Swimming's racers established the lead in the first half and did not earn points.

Mandichou said the team met the expectations set before the meet, not only by way, but also toCommUnity and support our community's long-standing tradition.

The Lady Topper were able to complete their season by finishing the season with a 16-0-0 record.

"It was an exciting game," Mandichou said. "Hopefully we can keep that going and have a community's long-lasting tradition.

UPIUO visits tonight

In the Red River, Western faced another challenge. Through December, the Red River was frozen for five weeks, it took a few more than the usual time to freeze the cold and the final time of the season.

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Western back to No. 1 after S. Illinois, Montana stop

BY WES WALT

Head coach Harris started his team with the best in the background, Tommy Vito, and his team beating Illinois State 13-2. The road to State was through the third straight game against Illinois State, the wire-to-wire victory over No. 1 Montana last week. The Westerners' third win in a row left them at 15-3 overall. But they have yet to lose to an opponent this season.

Tops in first Valley victory

Mufud逮 scores only goal in the 22nd minute

BY DAVID HARTEN

For the first time this season, Western's men's soccer team marked a win on their conference schedule. The Toppers were at Evansville's 1-0 Saturday night at Evansville's Burford as they were in the Valley Conference victory and not a lesser game against Evansville. The win proved to be the Toppers' first in the Valley Conference.

Late TD quashes comeback

Western still perfect in Sun Belt

BY BETH WELBERING

Homecoming was good to the Lady Toppers' defensive team. Western remained undaunted in the Sun Belt Conference. Western's defense looked unchallenged by the No. 1 Mississippi State Sun Belt Conference. Western's defense was challenged by the Lady Toppers and the challenge was accepted.

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Local job market increases

By Mackenzie Eski
Herald reporter

Western’s graduating seniors may have a easier time finding employment.

The national economy has not been doing well, but Bowling Green’s job market isn’t among the worst.

According to Career Preparation Specialist Ashley Benoit, students studying accounting, finance, marketing and hospitality will find an easier time getting a job in the area. Western students unemployment rate remains below the lowest in south-central Kentucky according to the City of Owensboro’s Web site. The area is seeing some job growth at a slow rate the Web site said.

Western’s hiring projection for 2006 has increased by more than 14 percent and southern Kentucky’s projection has increased 17.6 percent for recruiting and hiring, Benoit said. The lowest figures for Western’s graduating enrollment are 4.2 percent.

New industries are also opening in town, and French Hospital benefits from medical rehabilitation.

HEALTH CARE & GOVERNMENT SERVICE JOBS ARE PARTICULARLY IN DEMAND.

Benoit said there are shortages in food, transportation, utilities and manufacturing in the Bowling Green area. She said students consider these areas when looking for a job.

Benoit said the Career Center will provide students and alumni with contact information for employment interviews.

Top jobs found in business

By Nina Rooker
Herald reporter

New jobs are on the horizon for Western graduates.

Nursing is one of the most popular programs at Western because there is a large demand for nurses. Benoit said the job market for nurses in the future economy is supposed to be facing a shortage of about one million nurses, she said.

“People are realizing that it’s very, very important to job in nursing,” Nursing Department Head Deana Blackham said. “Since there is a shortage, there is a high demand for nurses, and it’s easier to find a good job after college.”

According to Dale M. Warren, Western’s nursing major, she is familiar with the Association of Nursing Students.

The top five undergraduate majors at Western are elementary education, finance, marketing and government, according to Benoit.

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Academics

Fair designed to help students choose a major

By Samantha Hopman
Herald reporter

There are at least 2,500 students at Wittenberg who might benefit from a fair on the Hill this week. They won't get any customarily tailored catch of entertainment this time. But they might leave with a major.

The Academic Advising and Placement Center will sponsor a fair, from 3 to 5 p.m. tomorrow on the second floor of Double Arenas. There are about 800 students at Wittenberg who have not declared a major. Representatives from academic departments around the university will have tables set up to inform students about their fields of study.

The event is a part of Advising Week, which is taking place this week to promote academic advising.

"We're providing a place that's central in one area where they can find free to reach out of everything," said Franklin graduate student Deanna Williams, who works at the advising and placement center and is helping coordinate the fair.

There will be representatives from each of the colleges on campus, said LAPC director of the advising and placement center.

Students can benefit from the fair by discovering new majors they didn't know about, said Ethan Bonnecase, director of the advising and selection center.

"It really is for awareness of what we have to offer," he said.

The goal is to have about 60 to 90 percent of departments represented, Woods said.

The major fair is open to all students who want to attend. It is designed for freshmen and sophomores who have completed a major or are thinking of changing their major, Williams said.

Most students should have their major chosen by their third or fourth semester, Woods said.

Students may also find it useful in finding a minor that fits with their major, Bonnecase said.

Advisers from the various departments will also be able to provide information about the major in their field.

Witty Woods students can find out major or minor forms at the event.

The majors fair has been held annually for the past three years. About 300 students attended last year, most of them freshmen, Woods said. A survey showed that about 75 percent of participants found the event helpful in gathering information about majors.

UIU Bank is sponsoring the event, and there will be drawings for students and cash from a local business. There will be free drinks and refreshments.

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Center offers students free advice, job resources

BY ASHTY SCULL
Staff Writer

Preparation for graduation and getting through your last load of classes can be tough, but what's even harder is figuring out how to job with life after Westmis.

The Career Services Center offers many resources that will be helpful to any student who is nearing graduation but also freshman who have not decided on a major, career specialist Becky Beckett said.

"Starting early allows time to research various employers and one positions available," she said. "Getting a jump start gives time to show you how to prepare a resume and portfolios full of materials that target a college's skills."

Bowling Green senior Lucas Davidson said using the Career Services Center has been more confidence when going out to prospective employers.

"The center was very helpful for me," Davidson said. "My resume looks much more organized and more effective." Getting help writing a resume as one of several options available to students seeking a job.

In addition, Career Services also sponsors many careerrelated events, on-campus interviews and a work-hand book help to help students learn about the employment market and prepare themselves for entering the workforce. Beckett said. "In the past I had taken advantage of all these resources that the Career Services Center offers." Davidson said. "Any kind of experience you can get gives you an edge in the job market, and Career Services practically hands out both a number of advantages students should take whether they are looking for a job or not."

Carol Whaley, associate director of Career Services, said students who use the center gain the skills necessary to be competitive in their desired market.

"We have more than 3,000 resume and alumni on our database that we have helped to continue helping through Career Services," Whaley said. Although many students are using the resources Career Services provides to them effectively, Beckett said she feels a little more down the hill will make students aware of the center.

"We work with the students to the Student Success Center, which is being held through the Democrats University Center, that more students will know what we offer and take advantage of these resources," Beckett said.

"The way I see it, Davidson said, "whether you are upon graduation or not, students should take every resource they can get while it's free. Because when you graduate and get a job, the advice, Career Services gives for nothing could end you sign major money."

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