Senators vote asks Western to defend benefits

Proposal to sue KTRS abandoned

BY AMBER COUTEAU

Most faculty members insist Next Fall's<br>Proposition 2011<br>Proposition 2011<br>Proposition 2011<br>Proposition 2011<br>Proposition 2011<br>Proposition 2011<br>Proposition 2011

Tuitions outpace inflation<br>
Universities must offset budget cuts due to weak economy

BY REGIS RICHARDSON

Students might have to sit up and take notice own tuition hikes since other programs cut staff.

Tuition costs continue to rise across the country as state appropriations decrease. This is according to a survey of 3,000 colleges and universities released by College Board.

The current inflation rate is 6.7 percent, which is higher than 4.2 percent in the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index.

Public universities have increased tuition 16 and 13 percent in the last two years, according to a New York Times article.

This year's inflation rate for a four-year public institution is 8.8 percent, a 3.1 percent increase over last year, according to College Board.

Private four-year institutions' tuition increased by 4.7 percent, and two-year public institutions saw tuition increase by 5 percent.

Western is 20th in the 2009-10 school year.

Parking citation board<br>
hears formal appeals

Appeals prevent registration holds

BY AMBER COUTEAU

Students have been able to

Western students apply what they learn in class

BY SAMANTHA HOFFMAN

a senior design student in the School of Medicine, said she was interested in health care and was looking to help a modern dental laboratory.

"You're going to have more pretty with who you get your braces fixed. Are you excited?" asked senior Cassidy Hamilton from Cross Plains. She quickly nodded.

About 15 minutes later, the bus

Mobile unit provides low-cost health care

Desktop Lab, a mobile health unit, is available to provide services at local health care clinics.

The Western students came out to see the Desktop Lab and to help out. They got to work on some screenings and they performed oral cavity tests.

Western's mobile unit is designed to bring geriatric health care and education to the 10 counties in the Bureau's Health District.

The unit brings dental care, health screenings, and various other services to underserved areas and reduced charges.

It also gives Western students the College of Health and Human Services a chance to apply what they have learned in a different environment.

The unit has served more than 14,000 patients, said Shari Simpson, director of the Institute for Rural Health and Oncology.

Hoffman said Western might be the only mobile health unit in the state that has both dental and medical capabilities.

The 20-foot-long mobile unit includes a super-speed centrifugal vehicle. A laser on the vehicle can scan up to a small common area where patients sit in wait until they are ready to be seen.

The door is 36 inches wide to accommodate the entire body of a patient as it is being scanned.

Cases will be heard on a periodic basis, depending on the time available. The department will schedule a hearing based on how the case is progressed.

Appeals will be heard in the next few weeks.
Crime reports

Reports:
- Janice N. Bringle, 401 N. Avenue, reported on Oct. 18 her purse, which contained a cell phone, thunderstick, driver’s license, credit card, money and a checkbook, was stolen from the secured floor of the Health Science Library. The value of the theft was $150.
- Lisa L. Hilger, West 12th Street, reported on Oct. 18 the theft of a wallet containing credit cards from her office in the Environmental Science and Technology Building. The value of the theft was $300.
- Melissa R. Medenick, East 13th Street, reported on Oct. 19 a checkbook containing a check for $270 was stolen from her wallet in the Environmental Science and Technology Building.

Falling into season

Students walk to class yesterday on Normal Street amidst the newly-fallen leaves. With a high of 55 degrees, students pulled out their winter coats and sweaters.

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Fair to help study abroad

By LEAH M. CAULFE

Gaining to learn people of a different culture, the student Charles Brown who visits hundreds of cities from her and live with a non-English speaking family for five weeks.

"Every single day was an adventure," Brazil said. Brazil often had a great sense of adventure, she wanted to improve her ability to speak Spanish to help her Spanish major. She also loved to travel.

Students like Brazil who are interested in studying abroad, will have an opportunity this fall to learn about available travel opportunities.

The Study Abroad Office is hosting a Study Abroad Fair from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. on campus, in the third floor of the University Center. Students can check out the students who have studied abroad and learn more about traveling from program representatives.

Brazil said, "I found the best way for me to get to know the Spanish language and culture was to go to a place where only Spanish was being spoken."

Yeting, Zhang, Western's study abroad coordinator said it is crucial for studying to separate with different cultures.

Zhang said students need to study abroad as they can learn about different technologies and different cultures around the globe.

The study abroad opportunities are for anyone, said Christin Pardo, student advisor at the Study Abroad office.

"She said the experience can be affordable because the office works closely with financial aid offices.

"The only study abroad restrictions is that students must have a 2.5 grade point average," Prado said.

About 90 students participated in last year's program. Prado said, "We always have a great turn out.

"They said students want to travel abroad and ask why they waited so long." Students must show interest in studying abroad before deciding what country to study in.

A favorably turn out of places are: LatinAmerica, Asia, and Europe.

APPEALS: Parking permits revoked

Excerpts from last fall

"The students who file appeals before registration also are allowed to register without paying their tickets. The tickets must be in hand," Tang said.

It is common in the parking and transportation industry for students to register an appeal as a way to register for classes without paying fines, Tang said.

"The appeal process is a quick way to resolve disputes," he said. "The appeals board has the authority to make certain decisions on appeals filed."

"It is important to understand what is needed to file an appeal," he said. "They must hand out a letter," he said, "They must have a letter that is typed on the student's name and the student's name is written on the letter."
The number of vehicles on campus must be reduced, and no options should be overlooked. The Department of Parking and Transportation is intuitively new on Western's campus, and already it has taken its first large step toward addressing the biggest problem it faces—parking.

"We're not going to be able to build our way out of a parking problem," said Jennifer Taylor, Director of Parking and Transportation.

The new parking structure looks nice, but it doesn't solve any of the parking problems that some predict it would. About 10,000 parking permits, however, have been sold in just three months. The continuous movement of vehicles throughout the day helps to keep the demand at bay for now.

The way to resolve the issue is for fewer students to drive. The Department of Parking and Transportation officials have discussed restrictions, such as parking on campus but not on the residence halls; or why not? Many students on campus are using the residence halls across the campus rather than using this policy. In essence, that would be a logical solution.

First, it would greatly increase the number of cars on campus.

That's the right thing. Second, it would serve as a way to build more of a community on campus. The Western community thrives during the day on the campus, turns into a virtual desert wasteland on the weekends. Western officials may not have the ability to make the journey home every weekend that this point. With any luck, the "right time" will come every seven or eight years, when they might finally have a chance to make the decision they would have made in the first year without giving up some of the liberal-art education.

Tyrone said that he didn't face parking issues away from campus, given that he only goes in town a few times. Everyone now parks near their destination. That includes the cars, then putting parking permits on their permits. University officials, on the other hand, couldn't exactly the first person you would be associated with at this point. Whether you have too many people or too few, you're left without doing the right thing.

I have noticed that students who live off-campus are often the first to respect the parking restrictions. The new parking permits are available to all students and faculty, and they are easily obtained. Western's new online system offers a number of parking options for faculty and students. For the cost of $15 per semester, students and faculty can have a reserved spot in a conveniently located parking lot. Ball State allows for permits similar to Western's parking permits, but its cost is $5 per year. Parking permits also come with a discount.

We need to think about parking on campus.

Students at some other universities pay more than twice as much as parking permits. For example, a student parking permit at UC costs $8 per semester. Raising the price of a permit might help students determine whether their cars are really worth the cost.

Western officials have also discussed offering a carpooling pass at a discounted price. The idea sounds good in theory, but who is going to sit out there and make sure five people are sitting out of the car? If an extra season ticket, whose keep students from just buying a carpooling pass because it costs too much? The possibility of working with the Bowling Green Public Transit is also on the discussion list. To cover the $90,000 cost of operation, public transit would be charged a $15 fee. It would be like our student activities fee. Students who attend parking meetings get that money's worth while others are paying a fee for something they don't use. Essentially, students who continue to buy permits will be paying $15 for something they won't use. There will probably be some complaints, but it won't be enough to drive most students to buy permits all together.

There is no easy solution to the parking problems on campus, and it will probably take a few years to find something that works. Choices are not one of these solutions will solve the problem completely. It will probably take a combination of a few of them to cut down on the number of vehicles on campus. But at least the Department of Parking and Transportation is trying to tackle the issue. It's taking a step in the right direction, and we're thankful for it.

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

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Harriet Miers is not the right person for the Supreme Court

If you could make policy at Western, how would you solve the parking problems on campus?

"How do you like these boots?"

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Professor to travel to Libya

By Samantha Huffman

Managing Editor

The head of Western’s geography and geology department is going from the crossroads of western Kentucky to the Sahara landscapes of Africa.

Keefer is going on an expedition tour of Libya. It is the first expedition tour to the country by the American Geographical Society since restrictions on travel to the country were implemented about 25 years ago.

Keefer is going on the trip as a member of the board of directors of the American Geographical Society. While in Libya, he will give lessons to about 50 people who are accompanying him.

The trip is like an educational mission, said Charles Parker, the American Geographical Society’s travel program coordination director.

“It’s sort of like a study abroad but for adults,” Keefer said.

The group will be comprised of people from different career fields, he said. Some will be from the American Geographical Society and the Explorer’s Club. Others will be people who just are interested in going on the trip.

Keefer is leaving on Nov. 1. The trip will last about two weeks.

Keefer will be examining elements of the relationship between humans and the environment, such as development in the area, the use of natural resources and climate change.

“Certainly there’s a lot of global experience in terms of having spent time in many different countries and many different cultures,” Associate Geography Professor, Charles Parker said.

Parker said students in the geography and geology department can benefit from faculty traveling and researching because it increases their knowledge.

Keefer said he would like to create a study abroad program in Libya. He created a study abroad program in Tunisia two years ago after he visited the country.

Keefer said he is looking forward to visiting Libya again because it has been difficult to travel to Libya.

The American Geographical Society began planning the trip as soon as the travel restrictions were lifted at the end of February this year, Parker said.

Keefer is the head of the department of geography and geology, which is organizing an expedition tour with the American Geographical Society and the Explorer Club. The trip is the first time the group has traveled to country since 1986.

Listen up legislators!

The WKU Student Government Association is pairing up with other Student Government Organizations from other Kentucky Schools to encourage Kentucky Legislatures to budget for more funding for higher education.

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Stop by the lobby of DUC and look for the SGA table or stop by the SGA office in DUC 130 to sign a letter; send an email, or make a phone call to your Kentucky legislatures demanding more funding for your education.

This event will take place today and tomorrow only, so stop by and make your voice heard!
Scholarship promotes leadership

By Keely Richardson
and Samantha Hepman

Most students receive a scholarship and aren't required to do anything beyond meeting attendance requirements. The 21 students do more than a high-grade job, opting to give back to their scholarship.

The Alumni Relations and Annual Giving office offers a Leadership Scholars Program for Western students. The program offers $1,000 a year for recipients, along with meaningful activities that bring the recipients together for different events.

The Alumni Leadership Scholars Program was established in 1983 at Western. It was patterned after the Jefferson Scholars Program at the University of Virginia, and AmandaLu Lane/Assistant director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving and the adviser to the leadership scholars.

"The experience is meant to mold them as as students and leaders," Lane said. "It is very effective," she said.

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Garrett Ballroom ceiling replaced

By Amber Coulter

Branch reporter

The ceiling in the Garrett Ballroom was upgraded through a not-so-rotten apple and$6,000.

The ceiling was a concern to cloak of white paint on the floor, leading to an overall upgrade of the room.

Preparations for the new ceiling were under way last week, and was to be finished by the end of next week.

Because of the project, the ceiling will be replaced with a white ceiling panel, which is a standard ceiling panel used in most buildings.

The old ceiling was removed and replaced with the new one, which is a more modern design.

"It's easier to maintain and replace the old ceiling panels," said Robert Hume, the assistant director of operations.

The new ceiling will be more energy-efficient and will last longer than the old one.

"We're trying to get the facilities up to date," he said.

Academics

Tutoring available to help students keep financial aid awards

By Kelly Richardson

Students who have worked in the Tutoring Center or even sometimes struggle with classes full of students. It's a good tool for students who are willing to work hard," Lane said.

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The renovation included the replacement of the ceiling, which was done in collaboration with the University Center.

"It was a great opportunity to work with the University Center on this project," Hume said.

The new ceiling is a significant improvement over the old one, and will help the Garrett Ballroom to better serve students and visitors alike.

"We're excited to see how the students will react to the new ceiling," Hume said.

Commuting

Want to know what happens to your body when you get off an airplane? Ask the experts.

No. 1 Western against Southern Illinois on Thursday may give young hoopsters a taste of conference title, West will take on the all of the teams faceoff in the nationally televised game.

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A significant percentage of the patients who attend Mount St. Mary's Medical Center for cancer care feel that their lives are improved by just having a friend to talk to. Now, the hospital is using trained volunteers to help ease the burden of patients and their families.

The patient volunteer program is designed to provide companionship, emotional support, and a sense of normalcy during hospitalization. Volunteers are matched with patients based on age, gender, and interests to ensure a positive experience.

Volunteers undergo a thorough screening process, which includes a background check, a health assessment, and a commitment to provide 10 hours of service per month.

The program is open to any community member over the age of 18 who is interested in making a difference in the lives of patients.

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Festival spreads Hispanic culture

By Ashley Maines
Herald reporter

From behind a altar clad in orange and yellow Mexican attire, Bishop Padilla watched as younger, fuller figure dressed in traditional Mexican clothing paraded out in their native and colorful Attire. This, a reenactment from Columbus, Ohio, of the landing at the Quincentennial, which marks the 500th anniversary of the first Columbus Festival in the Americas.

The children's festival was organized by Women's Department of Modern Languages and took place in the fine arts center on a sunny Saturday. We were able to be involved with the Spanish-speaking community in Rowan and be exposed to the Hispanic culture,

News Briefs

Debate to teach students political parties

Students will get a chance to hear from political parties before a debate this week.

Speakers of the Day: Speaker of the Day, John Richards, D-Blowing Rock, 31st District.; Speaker of the Day, Israel DeCesare; D-Bowing Green, will speak ahead of a debate between the College Republicans and Young Democrats at 7 p.m. Oct. 26.

The debate will take place

The debate will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. The forum is

Campus events

Indie film to show on campus

By Angelika Maniero
Herald reporter

Los Angeles native Nicole Konsta sees her opportunity to bring an independent movie to campus and a new Western classic to be shown with local Hispanic and non-Hispanic citizens at the celebration.

Rebecca Gayler Marion of Western and Konsta

Kappa Delta Sorority

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Health Services to relocate

BY AMEE COLLINS

Designers on a large white printout paper, reviewing new health services building

"We are constructing a new building, which will occupy a site

in the middle of the

complex," Dr. John

Grane said.

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Marching Madness

* Photos by Josh Armstrong *

(Above) Alyssa Jude, center, Kristin Kohlsdon, left, and Whitney Markland, right, members of the Nicholas County High School Marching Band Color Guard, practice their routine moments before entering the stadium at Warren East High School for the 2006 Kentucky Music Educators Association State High School Marching Band Semifinals Saturday morning. The finals were held Saturday morning at Spott Stadium at Western.

(Top right) Members of the Nicholas County High School Marching Band warm up before they perform their routine at the 2005 KMEA Marching Band Semifinals at Warren East High School on Saturday.

(Bottom right) Murray High School Marching Band percussionists Matt Pool, left, Nathan Crafton, center, and Robert Almoson, right, review their routine outside of the Persian Center before entering Smith Stadium to perform at the 2005 KMEA State Marching Band Championship on Saturday.

Tonight is SGA’s 1st ever DOCUMENTARY SERIES PRESENTATION.
Tonight at 6:30 pm SGA will present the film “Living with Cancer: A Message of Hope” on DUC South Lawn
The Student Government Association will host the viewing of a documentary every month to be projected on the side of Academic Complex, similar to that of Debate Watch last November.
This month, SGA is supporting Cancer Awareness Month.
At 6:30 there will be a short introduction and cancer survivor speaker.
At 7:00 the documentary “Living With Cancer: A Message of Hope” will be presented. The film will last approximately an hour.
At 8:00 there will be discussion groups hosted by different University Departments. Relay For Life, St. Jude’s “Up Til Dawn” board, and other organizations who support cancer awareness will have informational booths set up for students.

Come and Learn about Cancer and how it can affect you and the people around you.

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**STRETCHES:** Belmont visits tonight

The Lady Toppers will play their last non-conference game at 7 tonight in Diddle Arena against Belmont.

Rush-Bath WittTonger at sports@wkugarnal.com

**Lady Toppers career kill leaders**

1. Jenni Witmer (987) - 2,743
2. Rose Cupit (812) - 1,367
3. Andrea Bartley (785) - 1,283
4. Tina Thomas (786) - 1,243

**Current Lady Toppers statistics**

Toppers picked to win Sun Belt East

Western was picked to win the East Division in the Sun Belt polls, as posted recently on Sun Belt Central. The Lady Toppers are 3-2 in East division.

Live ON ESPN

**WKU vs. Southern Illinois**

Thursday, October 27th

6:30pm L.T. Smith Stadium

**Hallapalooza!**

This residence hall with the highest attendance percentage and displays the most WKU Spirit will win a Big Screen TV. (Check-in at Gate 1 between 6-7:30pm)

**Greek Night**

The popular event that returns the most organizational specific coupon will win $500. Contact your Greek president for details.

**Spring Break Trip Giveaway**

Every student in attendance will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a Spring Break Trip for two. Flight and hotel accommodations are to be included within the continental US. (courtesy of Let’s Travel). Winner announced in second half and MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

For Questions, call 745-6048.

**Students FREE w/WKU ID**

**Debate:**

Wednesday, Oct. 26, 7:00 pm

DUC Theater

2 guest speakers:

Speaker of the House
Jody Richards

State Representative
Jim DeCesare

Debate following between College Republicans and Young Democrats

Following the debate there will be a question/answer session.

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Western shocks ranked Bluejays

By David HAXTON

After nine years and 10 matches, they finally did it. The Western women's soccer team upset No. 11 Creighton, 1-0 Saturday on Senior Night.

It was the Western women's first win over Creighton since 1994, the streak ending with the Bluejays' 8-3-3, 3-3-3 NCCAA record.

"This game was one of the best games we've ever played here," coach David Holmes said. "It was a great night for Western Kansas University, and for the athletic department."

Western scored in the first game when freshman forward Dusty Doonan put a pass from senior midfielder Steven Meckelk in the net in the 77th minute. It was the only goal Western needed.

"It feels incredible just to be a freshman and score a game-winner like this," Doonan said. "So far, it's the best moment of my career for sure."

The match was back and forth throughout, but Western holding a 1-0 advantage in the end.

Sophomore goalkeeper Kyle Schneider collected five saves on his part to the team's defense. Schneider now ranks 16th all time in career saves for the Western Kansas women's soccer program.

Western also had to withstand a Creighton attack at which the Bluejays took four shots on goal and attempted three corner kick shots in the final 10 minutes of the match.

Schroeder said credit should be given to the Western women's defense. Senior defender Brian Kline and Clay McMillan "did a great job of keeping the ball out of them." Also, "(Creighton) did a good job of getting the shot off in the first half."

And in the second half any shots they did take were saved by our goalie," Holmes said.

The win puts Western ahead of Drake into fifth place in the Missouri Valley standings. The Toppers also improved to 2-2 against top-25 teams this season. This defeat was the first this season for the Bluejays, Western 3-1-0 in conference play on Sept. 16.

Creighton is now 1-3-0 in the Valley and 4-3-2 overall.

"I don't think they're going to play with the kind of confidence and passion that they did today, and we should be very proud of that," Holmes said.

With the Toppers struggling, Creighton and Western running out the last three seasons, Kansas said the team was excited to finally figure out the best and both teams.

"This one is the match we've been waiting for to come to Western," he said. "I know our team is very hungry and excited to see what we can do."

"We're both fighting to get the victory right now," Holmes said.

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**Western 42, Western Illinois 7**

**By Walt Ward**

MACOMB — Sophomore punter Jordan Lawrence's first-quarter bloody, crosswise punt was one of the less-than-flattering plays of the game leading to a 20-7 halftime score.

The Hilltoppers were clicking like a friendly watch as they beat out Western Illinois 27-7 Saturday.

The game was the 14th for both teams as they take on the Illini in the second round of the Western States Conference.

Sophomore punter Jordan Lawrence shined for the Hilltoppers, as he kicked off the game with a punt that made it to the Illinois 40-yard line, and had the ball on the Illinois 13-yard line to start the game.

Lawrence had a total of three punts in the first quarter, and he averaged 41.5 yards per punt.

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