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Money missing from faculty insurance fund

Search for $660,000
now under way.

By Amher Couter

Administrators and faculty are trying to locate more than half a million dollars from Western employees that should be in an insurance fund. About $600,000 of the health insurance reserve fund is missing from Western financial records, according to a summary of the reports. Administrators and employees are determining whether the money is unintentionally or fraudulently.

"Some faculty members are busy with their classes and may not have gone," said President Gary Ransdell and Chief Financial Officer Art Mudd agrees that the money is not missing.

Committee, policy states that only committee members have the authority to do anything with money in the reserve fund as long as it is for a vote, said Patricia Mentor, a faculty representative on the committee and associate history professor. Ransdell has the authority to override any committee decision.

Internal Auditor Warren Jones reviewed a $660,000 difference between what his records should be in the fund and what Western financial records show is in the fund, according to a summary from the committee's June 14 and June 26 meetings. The Herald obtained financial records and minutes from the committee's meetings through an open records request.

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Crime reports

Reports
- Frank D. Johnson, Cherry Hall, reported on Nov. 8 an Epson Powermate 75 projector stolen from Cherry Hall, Room 305. The value of the theft was $1,500.
- Dave J. Roes, Constitution Drive, reported on Nov. 7 a wallet stolen from Thompson Complex's North Wing. The value of the theft was $50.
- Archie J. Bell, McCormack Hall, reported on Nov. 9 his parking permit stolen from his Cosmic 9-10 parked in Cosmos Lot B. The value of the theft was $55.
- Kevin L. Little, Kent Hall, reported on Nov. 9 his parking permit stolen from his Chevy Caprice parked in Cosmos Lot 1. The value of the theft was $75.
- Arredondo, Rogers Hall East, reported on Nov. 9 his being threatened in the third degree.
- Nancy M. Cook, McCormack Hall, reported on Nov. 9 her Duc tractor stolen from her Honda Civic parked on the seventh floor of parking structure 1. She also reported her driver's side window and the dashboard around her CD player damaged. The value of the theft and damages was $1,000.
- Morgan & Humes, Rockfield, reported on Nov. 11 her wallet and checkbook stolen from the Housing 1 Security Center or the first office they use. The value of the theft was $225.

Arrests
- Anthony M. Hightower, Hightower, was arrested on Nov. 12 for disorderly conduct after arguing with a suspected licensee on the Morgantown Road and University Pharmacy. He was booked the same day from Warren County Regional Jail on a $500 cash bond.
- James L. Reynolds, Old Louisville Road, was arrested on Nov. 12 for going and driving with a suspended license. She was released the same day from Warren County Regional Jail on a $300 unsecured bond.

Gone with the wind

Tony Grosh creates a cloud of leaves as he uses a blower to funnel leaves through the tunnel of the KI Friday morning. Grosh and others from Western's facilities management department have begun the yearly task of gathering the fallen leaves across campus.

Weather forecast

Weather watch

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WHAT'S GOING ON

Sex, Drugs and Rock & Roll 6 p.m., Downing University Center, Room 209.

Gender Images Film Series: "All About My Mother," 7:30 p.m., Mass MoCA and Technology Hall.

"The Blair of Batteman," 7:30 p.m.,Hardin Planetarium.

My Town Show, 8 p.m., Van Meter Auditorium.

Guillerm Family Orkestra and Arboreum dedication begins. Centennial activities, 9:00 p.m., front of Van Meter Hall.

WKU Jazz Band, 7:30 p.m., Capitol Arts Center.

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Bomb threat causes evacuation

By Andrew McNamara

The students were locked out of Mass Media and Technology Hall, which is usually filled with the chatter of students and clicking of keyboards, when they were informed of the threat, according to Mike Wallace, police captain.

"A Western telephone operator received the threat at about 1:52 p.m., prompting an evacuation of the building," Wallace said. "The threat was called in to the Mass Media and Technology Hall.

Two bomb threat calls were made in to the Mass Media and Technology Hall and one in to Tate Hall, the report was recently reported.

Music said that the threat to Mass Media makes her feel more secure because the current state because she had no one in Mass Media.

Fort Campbell resident Michelle Bell was signing her computer to Reuters when she learned about the threat. She was also in Thompson when a bomb threat was called in at Fort Campbell.

"I think it's a weird situation," Bell said. "It's a weird situation because you don't know who the person is or why they would do something like that."
As enrollment continues to climb, we must stop and ask ourselves, 'How big is big enough for Western?'

The cyclical nature of history becomes evident once again, this time in the form of higher education. Much as a century ago, only the wealthiest individuals could obtain a college education. Even though the end of the 19th century continued to be a key factor in the decision whether to set up an additional college, the nation's perspective changed sometime along the way. This country developed this viewpoint: all who are able to go to college is a personal choice, but the ability should be available to everyone. Today's college students sometimes forget that their parents were once a privileged group, and at one time their education was not available for granted. Conventional high school students are no less their want to attend college, there will be a way to make it happen.

But does the answer lie in tuition? In the near future. According to an article in the Chronicle of Higher Education, the number of students graduating from American high schools is expected to continue growing until 2049 when it peaks around 3.2 million. That's a 10 percent increase from the number of high school graduates in 2002.

Furthermore, state and local leaders are encouraging more high school graduates to attend college. Institutions across the country, especially in the South and West, are seeing increased enrollment and increased funding for their colleges.

That equation does not work. In July 2006, The Chronicle of Higher Education's article on enrollment issues in Virginia. George Mason University was quoted considering the "open door" for Virginia high school students who could make the "transition to the state's more prestigious universities," especially University of Virginia. However, the enrollment increase in Virginia has resulted in a trickle down effect. The most prestigious schools are facing cutbacks. Western's officials meet to discuss budget cuts, only accepting the best and brightest the state has to offer. Other茸茸ing students who are rejected by these institutions then apply to other schools, such as George Mason. Students with a solid 3.3-GPA average can't even guarantee acceptance into these schools. In day a "safety school" is not necessarily over. What does all this mean to Western?

One thing is clear: Western has not been able to fulfill its original enrollment target. Western has been a 23 percent growth in enrollment since its founding. The 17,878 students who were enrolled in fall 1960 had a projected enrollment goal of 10,350 and an actual increase in high school graduates. That would mean Western could potentially have the enrollment increase in high school graduates. One of Western's main selling points is having the opportunity of a large population with respect to the small schools. Giving up that size would be losing one of the signatures of Western.

This campus has an equilibrium point, and we need to find it. As an idealist, it feels wrong to say that a campus size that will suit the needs of everything. At every college and university, there is an equilibrium point.

It seems as simple as supply and demand. If the admissions standards is one way to keep enrollment down, the equilibrium point is as simple as increasing the required GPA for high school students from 2.5 to 3.0 would make little difference in the number of applications Western receives. Five Western students in the fall 2006 class report that while they are very glad to be here, they feel like Western isn't as big as they thought it was.

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Today's university presidents are often evaluated based on enrollment numbers, and given the campus pressure. To the students, they feel like they are big enough. But Western's officials are no less than 10 percent of the students whose size is important to us, and just as many want to be part of the "special Western" culture. Western's problems with high-demand majors like business and engineering are not just about the "numbers game," but about the size of the school.

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CARTWRIGHT: Guest speaks of life

England in 2002 to promote her book, "Be Like Me, Any One of You." The book, which explores her and the idea of it, earned her praise from the industry. In the book, Carter speaks of her life on the public school system and the public voice's eminent passage when they would be teaching.

The only moment when the audience wasn't laughing came when Carter told the story of a life from the past. She's whose dream was to see University Studios Hollywood and her beach with her pigeons.

The last name's healthy enough to fly to California, so Carter came to St. Pete. Soon after her visit, his health improved enough to make the trip, but he died soon after.

"I'm glad to do it, and I did," she said, almost visibly.

The story touched on Carter's belief in pursuing one's dreams. She said dreams that now were the time is their time to allow the idea to be the idea that came out of it. At the end of her presentation, Carter took the time to answer questions, and a few of the ideas she appreciated most was a trip to the beach.

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Money: Misplacement causes concern.

Mister said, who served as University Senate President during that time. When a university becomes self-insured, employees pay lower health insurance premiums, but the school is responsible for all health-related claims. Claims filed.

In 2000, there was not enough money in the fund to cover all the claims filed. There were $35 million in claims filed in 2000 that had originally popped.

Women’s general fund was used to make up the difference, Mister said. The general fund is comprised of funds from several sources, such as state funding and tuition.

Mr. said the committee voted to keep the money coming in when a catastrophic event occurred because it’s just a matter of time, he said.

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29 university financial reports according to meeting minutes. Robert Davis, Society mayor, stated he was not present when Mister tucked him about the meeting.

“Mr. hasn’t found the money and there’s no problem,” Davis said. “Mr. may not have had them in a problem. That’s what I’m trying to find out.”

Davis said he’s been worried about recent fund money being used for other purposes. Money was taken from the estate fund this past summer to fund a year’s salary and budget for a faculty and staff wellness manager. Little time on the committee’s agenda to get a report about the misappropriated money because it expressed his concern about it at the last AV meeting. Mister said there’s no need to make a presentation because the committee members haven’t had time to hear from him during their meetings.

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Randsdell appointed to equine education board

By Kelly Richardson

President Gary Ransdell said he plans to select about 50 horses, that he is prepared to loan as a member of the Board that oversees the Kentucky horse industry.

RANSDELL plans to spend the next year and a half listening to horse industry stakeholders and conducting a thorough review of the state's horse industry. He said he will then make recommendations to the Kentucky Legislature in 2022.

"I think it's a two-and-a-half year job," he said. "We're going to have meetings. We're going to have public comments. We're going to have input."

The Board's goal is to develop a comprehensive, strategic plan for the horse industry.

"I'm really excited about this," he said. "It's going to be a great opportunity."

The Board will meet for the first time tomorrow with an agenda that includes a presentation on the horse industry's current economic impact on Kentucky and a discussion on marketing opportunities.

Ransdell said he plans to spend time on the Board and work with stakeholders to develop a plan for the industry.

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CPE approves $34.8 million budget for 2006-08

**By Kelly Richardson**  |  **Plasmacenter**

- Western needs $23.4 million to fund operating costs for the next four years, according to the Council on Post-Secondary Education.

The CPE approved recommending $34.8 million for Western, which is money for building renovations and replacements. The CPE is recommending its recommendations to Gov. Ernie Fletcher and the General Assembly today.

CPE's recommendation is less than what Western needs for its projects, but Chief Financial Officer Ann Mead said the state planned with the recommendations overall.

President Barbara Burack said partial funding for projects is frustrating.

"Well, we certainly avoid all the mess," she said. President Gary Ransdell said there's a lot, too, but believed Western did OK overall.

Sandra Wooley, vice president of finance for CPE, and all state universities probably want more money. She said she hopes legislators will fully fund the recommendations.

"Well, we certainly hope we get every penny of it," Wooley said. "I don't think anyone plans it very well." State universities received $27.4 million as the base budget, Wooley said.

The recommendation is the official start of the biennial budget process, Mead said.

After the recommendations go to Fletcher and the General Assembly, Fletcher will make recommendations to the Legislature by January. The House and Senate bills will make their own budget.

Legislators will then put together a committee to make a compromise, between the budgets, which has to be approved by the House, Senate and Fletcher. (The CPE decided, that Western is $2.4 million underfunded in operating costs compared to its benchmarks, Mead said. Benchmarks are schools that are similar to Western and used to measure Western's success.

Western would experience an 18.3 percent increase in state funding compared to the current amount if the state gives all of the money in the recommendations. Mead said. Western received $17 million in state operating costs in the 2004-05 budget.

CPE recommended in the two years Western is given half of the $23.4 million in operating costs in the first budget and the other half in the next budget, she said.

For the 2004-06 budget, Western received $18.8 million for operating costs. Wooley said.

The operating costs will go toward expenses such as salaries, adding new positions and additions in existing costs. Wooley said CPE wanted to get the state universities funded.

Governors have shown improvement in plasmaphereses, but operating costs were also recommended for a new health center, the student training center being added to the Downing University Center and the new science buildings, Mead said.

Western could also receive $2 millions to staff and operate the Kentucky Academy of Math and Science if the state agrees with CPE's recommendation, she said.

CPE also included recommendations for capital money for Western, which is money for innovation and construction.

Western could receive $2.3 million for replacing Try Time Hall, she said. The university wanted $2.7 million for the rebuilding.

CPE recommended that Western receive $718,000 for the Phase II of the renovation of the science buildings. CPE also recommended $4.5 million for the Institute for Combustion Science and Environmental Technology.

Western would receive $1.1 million for various capital projects, including the $2 million for this parking area, Mead said.

CPE recommended $1.2 million for intermediate technology upkeep for Western.

In CPE's recommendation, Western could also receive a scholarship grant fund, which supports some state schools in serving the needs of their community, Mead said.

The final program guidelines for the scholarship program won't be finished until January, Mead said.

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They return to Murfreesboro, Tenn. at 6 p.m. on Thursday as the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament, and will face the No. 8 seed, Tus.

Kejet’s Crew breaks five-figure fundraising goal

After the match-up against Tus., the team held a reception for Kejet’s Crew. Naming the Rodeo Greens’ Dr. Kejet, her Crew was established to raise money for the James Graham Brown Cancer Center in Louisville.

Donors pledged money for every ace ace The Lady Topper hit this season at a rate for donations. Kejet’s Crew has raised more than $9,000 so far, said Heather Cintala, assistant director for the development for the James Graham Brown Cancer Center.

The official total will be announced during half-time of a basketball game next season. For more information on Kejet’s Crew, contact Amanda Schreff in the volleyball office at 745-2114 or visit www.wkuports.com.

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**Playoff:** Defense scores only TD

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"I thought I had them there today, too," he said.

Tennessee's Efrin Godwin played for the Lady Topper in 2002, when their New Mexico State visit was in the Sun Belt Championship and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

Blons joined the squad a year later after playing at Texas, for a season.

Assistant coach Nancy Furry began her coaching career when the seniors were freshmen.

"Well, all of them were great players, when they got here," she said. "They're all still amazing.

Western's ability to match its experienced seniors with its all-talented younger players helped it to be successful this season, Hudson said.

The Lady Toppers never lost a match or game at home season, and their only conference game at home came Friday night against Middle Tennessee State. 90-87, 25-30, 30-22, 30-21.

"But we could have finished better on the road," Furry said.
Penguins pound playoff hopes

By WES WATT

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio -- Penguins' playoff hopes were nearly ended by an upset loss to a Lady Topps team that had the first-place since 1999 and full to

Sophomore running back Stephen Willis, center, is swarmed by Youngstown State players during Saturday's game. Western lost 42-50, eliminating the team from playoff contention.

Lady Tops win 36 of 37 games in 12 SBC wins

BY BETH WILKINS

An explosive offensive performance by the Lady Topps provided the spark that powered the team's 36th win in 37 games.

As the Lady Topps played against their arch-rival, the Western defense was unable to contain the Lady Tops' offense.

The Lady Topps took the lead early in the game, scoring three touchdowns in the first quarter.

In the second half, the Lady Topps added three more touchdowns to secure their 36th victory.

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