I was confused with free rides

Taxi confusion with free rides

Yellow Cab vans look like Provide-A-Ride

By LINDA C. MACINTYRE

Washington: It is a time to relax, but students are worry- ing about distinguishing a free tip from a ride with a price.

There have been some discrepancies when students have been charged for rides.

But the Bowling Green Yellow Cab Co. owner said drivers should be charged fairly if they are reimbursed.

After spending an evening with friends, Louisville junior The Schoolboy said he and a group of friends got into a Yellow Cab. The driver refused to bring them to the Bowling Green Hotel.

"We were told the cab wasn't booked and that the driver didn't want to go," said Schoolboy. "But we kept on asking, and the driver finally said he would bring us to the hotel.

When you're done for the night, you don't expect to shell out $10 more dollars..."

楸 MELISSA CHAMBERLIN

Nathan Morgan/HERALD

Check out the Visual Voice on www.wkuherald.com for a rodeo photo gallery

Rodeo lassos in crowd

Western students enjoy performance at Ag Center

Integration celebrated

Diversity sees 50 year on Hill

By BOBBER HARRELL

Margaret Monday's head was filled with worry when she first attended Western in the fall of 1946. Doesn't get a ride from anyone else, her mother warned Margaret.

If you go to Western, you may be killed, some members of the community told her.

But Margaret Monday is the first female undergraduate student to attend Western, and her transition was filled with opportunity.

It had been Monday's dream to be a Western student since she first saw the news of Charley Hart as a child.

Her father had told her she'd be able to get a free ride, but Monday knew that some day she would be on her own.

"One day, I'm going to be a Western student," she said.

Monday and others helped preserve the history of free rides for students for many years after the anniversary of the Rocky Jones Free Ride, and her transition to a successful and academically successful Western student was celebrated.

Western is commemorating its 50th year of integration with a celebration that includes a rodeo, a Western Student Union and the Rocky Jones Rodeo.

The Western Student Union, which has offered free rides to students since 1946, President Russell Crowder, said the rodeo will be highlighted by a 50th anniversary rodeo.

The Western Student Union plans to make further progress into the future.

Monday said Western University is looking forward to the future with Brown.

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- Creating aPortrait of Sunset. 8 p.m. Wednesday. Media and Technology Hall.
- Black History Month Films. 3 p.m. Thursday. DU C room 300.
- Urgent Senate Meeting. 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Garret Center.
- Women’s Basketball vs. Arkansas.
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  - Chris Journey learns how to roll his kayak on his 8th birthday.
  - At the Preston pool, John Bartlett, Outdoor Recreation Facilitator, coordinates the hand (in the picture) hands up a clinic for kayakers to learn how to roll their boat.

**Crime reports**

- April Watson, Mistie Hall, reported on Feb. 8 for diamond necklace and Sony Hardwire with a charger and a remote control from Arg’s downtown. The value of the theft was $600.
- Amanda M. Tuscany, Rodis Holton Hall, reported on Feb. 9 for credit card theft in the third floor on Feb. 10, 2003 Fred H. had been shot with paintballs while parked on the fifth floor of parking structure 1 on Feb. 6. There were four dons and six suspects on the driver’s side. The value of the damage was $1,400.
- Natalee S. Ghorbani, Poland Hall, reported on Feb. 11 the passenger window of her 2003 Jeep Wrangler smashed while it was parked in the Bermuda lot. The value of the damage was $300.

**Accused**

- Heather L. Minahan, Sagamore Avenue, was arrested on Spinal Drive on Feb. 7 for driving on a service suspended for driving under the influence. She was released from Warren County Regional Jail Feb. 7 on a $220 cash bond.

**Corrections**

- Due to a herald error, the amount of money proposed in the latest grant application was initially identified in a headline article about PHS grant funding of $50,000. The actual amount is $40,000.
- Due to a herald error, Amber and Blake Yarema were mentioned in a caption on the front page of the Valentine’s Special Section in last Thursday’s issue. The column is to be corrected.
- Due to a herald error, alliteration in the headline of a news article about the new student publications building was incorrect in the Feb. 13 issue. The correct article headline should be the Student Publications building will be on campus.

**Additional information**

- The College Heights Herald connects all confirmed errors that are brought to reporters’ attention. Please call 745-6614 or 745-5444 to report a correction, or e-mail us at herald@wkuherald.com.
Small increase expected

By Amber Coulter

Smaller increase in state funding for higher education is not enough to satisfy the governor's proposed budget increases in the state. For instance, the Governor's budget increase for Kentucky Community and Technical Colleges is 15 percent for the fiscal year 2007. The Governor's budget increase for Kentucky's public universities is 10 percent for the fiscal year 2007.

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Editorial

Pell Grants are Vital

Congress should pass Bush's proposal to increase funding for Pell Grants.

Preliminary Bush's proposal to increase loans and the funds for Federal Pell Grants should be seriously considered by Congress.

In his budget proposal on Feb. 7, Bush suggested increasing the amount of annual spending for 2006 Pell Grants by about 54.1 billion. The increase would be included in total Federal Pell program funding to $7.9 billion, according to the Department of Education.

Also under the proposal, the amount of money a student can receive from a loan at one time would be increased.

With tuition increasing across the country, higher education is becoming harder to afford. Students are getting help with grants and loans.

The Pell Grant is the most vital aid amount and future college students. According to the Department of Education, the grant is the largest source of aid and post-secondary education, helping most of all undergraduates.

Though there are many programs in need of funding, Congress needs to find a way to make sure the Pell Grants is able to continue to aid toward the higher education of students with college educations.

Currently students took out about $2.2 million in need-based loans and $17 million in non-need based loans last year. The amount of money needed to be at a level sufficient to help students in college.

And the Pell Grant is a program that helps many students.

The loan increase is helpful for students who need some extra money immediately, rather than later. Because of a loans students can get at one time would be increased.

However, students would be responsible to take out money they need, not money they want to spend on party items.

Also in the higher education budget is an increase of about $5000 for the Academic Competitiveness Grants program. The increase would bring the funding for the AC to about $3.5 billion over the next five years. The money would be distributed to students who excel in math and science, vitamins science, and English.

The increase in higher education in Bush's proposed budget is way low in the future of America by helping to pay for education. Congress needs to make higher education a top priority.

This editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald's 10 member board of student editors.

Letters to the Editor

Campus ruggedness is not welcome

This letter is dedicated to a certain female design of a就要的

Chris Devarnson, who sat on the bench behind the Thompson Library. A North American delivery service had parked in the extremely narrow area between ESST and Thompson to make a delivery.

My understanding is that the primary function of the drive is to service the ESST, ESST and the new Repurposing Buildings. Through the help of a Sizable parking area, it is often difficult to find a place to park.

I sincerely understand and respect the need of delivery vehicles, and the need of students, faculty and staff to have a place to park. However, the American truck does not fit the drive only too fifteen minutes.

The problem is not only the width of the drive, but the height as well. The workers behind the service were in a stressful situation, and I have heard in general heard about the stress of drivers.

One of the down sides to the truck is the crowding in this impression women, but rather than understanding with common sense, the administrators fail to understand how helpful assistance to all who walk through the area.

Commentary

Valentine's Day should be great day for everyone

Amid the talk of the day, it is easy to fall into some cliches about this controversial day. I've written two columns in the past, acknowledging the holiday, but nothing can quite match the fun of this St. Valentine's Day.

I want to spend this day being romantic, no matter who. Probably should be love, love, love. Always seems to be the case. It's not just for couples, it's for the single. The single, the couples, the couples, the couples. It's all about love.

So today, I'll be a romantic. I'll be a romantic. I'll be a romantic. I'll be a romantic.

You should Valentines Day exist?

Darrin Burness

"I think it should." You have to have romance for the lovers.

Chicago

Joey Hudson

"Yes, but, I believe it doesn't have to be should be romantic. Just guns and shots and stuffs.

Bowling Green

Korey Refrahn

"Yes, because you get good presents.

Savannah, GA
Discrimination case delayed

By Aimee Coulier

It may be another year before a discrimination lawsuit against Western goes to trial. Ursula Woods, the plaintiff, has filed a motion to delay the trial and has filed a motion to disqualify an attorney to support the defense counsel, Donald W. Wilkins. That process could take another month to resolve. Ingrid Woods, Woods' attorney, said she does not know when the trial will take place. Woods referred all questions to her attorney, David Blackwood, who could not be reached for comment. Attorneys and a judge from Western County Regional Court had a scheduling conference about the lawsuit last week. It's early in the suit, and the plaintiff's attorney did not want to comment, said Greg Stivers, Western's attorney in the case. Another conference has been set for late June or early July for the completion of discovery. That means that the trial will not be until the fall, Stivers said. Now there is no set trial date. Both parties in the suit will exchange witness information on or before then, Stivers said. Both parties are using new websites and new systems to find information on or before then, Stivers said. Both parties are using new websites and new systems to find information on or before then, Stivers said.

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Student organizations discuss diversity

By Katie Haasenbrouck

Some different campus organizations hold their own concerns currently at a student forum. A Diversity Council, sponsored by the student government association, held its first meeting recently. Eight student groups and three campus organizations attended the meeting. Assistant professor of psychology, Linda Lilly, said that the forum is "a step in the right direction." Eventually diversity is going to be a broader definition than your race or sexual orientation. Lilly said that the forum is "a step in the right direction." Eventually diversity is going to be a broader definition than your race or sexual orientation. Lilly said that the forum is "a step in the right direction." Eventually diversity is going to be a broader definition than your race or sexual orientation. Lilly said that the forum is "a step in the right direction." Eventually diversity is going to be a broader definition than your race or sexual orientation. Lilly said that the forum is "a step in the right direction." Eventually diversity is going to be a broader definition than your race or sexual orientation. Lilly said that the forum is "a step in the right direction." Eventually diversity is going to be a broader definition than your race or sexual orientation. Lilly said that the forum is "a step in the right direction." Eventually diversity is going to be a broader definition than your race or sexual orientation. Lilly said that the forum is "a step in the right direction." Eventually diversity is going to be a broader definition than your race or sexual orientation. Lilly said that the forum is "a step in the right direction." Eventually diversity is going to be a broader definition than your race or sexual orientation. Lilly said that the forum is "a step in the right direction." Eventually diversity is going to be a broader definition than your race or sexual orientation. Lilly said that the forum is "a step in the right direction." Eventually diversity is going to be a broader definition than your race or sexual orientation. Lilly said that the forum is "a step in the right direction." Eventually diversity is going to be a broader definition than your race or sexual orientation. Lilly said that the forum is "a step in the right direction." Eventually diversity is going to be a broader definition than your race or sexual orientation. Lilly said that the forum is "a step in the right direction."

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RODEO: Students participate in various ways

The rodeo provided agricultural students with an opportunity for fellowship and fundraising. For some, it was also a chance to perform.

"We'd never seen it," said Devon. "We're going to get in on the ground and all of them."

The rodeo also featured a "wild" horse and "wild" cat. The "wild" horse was a black stallion that tried to buck its handler, "Wild," who had to keep it on the ground.

The "wild" cat was a black and white tabby cat that had to be kept on a leash.

Students in the rodeo participated in various ways, including:

- Rodeo "rodeo" rides
- "Wild" horse and "wild" cat rides
- "Wild" horse and "wild" cat training
- "Wild" horse and "wild" cat shows

The rodeo ended with a "wild" horse and "wild" cat show. The "wild" horse tried to buck its handler, but the "wild" cat kept it on the ground.

The rodeo was a success, and the students enjoyed participating in various ways.

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The kids love the extra time and attention they receive," he said. "They have a cool older friend to hang out with and some college-aged volunteers because they are the children's age. Becker said children who are 12 years old are eligible to participate in the program if they are 12 years old.

Allen said, "It helps just to be there and to talk about things they can't necessarily say what's going on", he said. The Big Brothers Big Sisters is a non-profit organization and relies on donations to operate.

The main fundraiser for the South Central Kentucky branch is Big For Kids' Sake, as event where teams of five to seven people is participating in a bowling tournament. Anyone who wants to join is welcome to join the event, said Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Kentucky.

The College Bowl For Kids' Sake will be held on Sunday, March 29 at 2 p.m. at BEIS in Owensboro University Center. Teams of five should register for the event by Friday, Pemberton said. The cost is $25 per team. The community Bowl For Kids' Sake event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 23 and 20 at Southern Lakes in Bowling Green and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 11 and 20 at Big Hilltopper Bowling in Glasgow.

Anyone who wants to join at least the big kids' event should call the Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Kentucky at 800-624-7999.

Events can come in a fun and easy format, Pemberton said. There will be the opportunity for boys and girls to win prizes.

"It is a lot of fun to be around other kids, you can use that experience, work by work, said. "It's a very enjoyable experience."

Reach Samantha Humphre

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50 YEARS: Enrollment of black students continues to increase

said she felt safe at Western. Black professors would talk about what they didn't like about black people in class.

One professor would sometimes tell black students "ignorant" instead of "stupid," Mundy said. "Negro" was a socially acceptable term for black people at the time.

Problems arise as campus diversifies

Black student enrollment at the university has traditionally been low. Speaking at Western has steadily increased since its inception in 1969. The Office of Diversity Programs, diversity between black and white students at Western continues to change.

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**Academics**

**Nursing course added**

By Nina Bosken

People of different cultures will now be taught to work more safely when being treated by nurses who learned their bachelor’s degree from Western.

Western is now required all nursing-students to take a week-long course called Transcultural Nursing that focuses on the health practices of various cultures. One class is required for students seeking a bachelor’s degree in the program, and staff nursing assistant professor Sheila Wilson.

About 40 students are taking the class this semester, Wilson explained the increase.

The course was first offered about three years ago, Nursing Department Head Donna Blackman said.

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**Theater**

"You can’t say that you’ve done it until you’ve seen it," Mark said.

Mark was the first person to step onto the stage and take his bow. He was already well known for his work in the theater, and had always enjoyed performing.

"I love doing it," Mark said.

Mark has performed in both Garrett and Johns City, where he played the guitar and sang. He said the series is a good way to help people become more comfortable.

"I definitely want to perform at every opportunity that you get," Mark said.

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**Academics**

"The mission is to serve," Wilson said.

Our nursing students welcome the opportunity to learn about other cultures. The mission also plays a hand in game called "Frog Boys." Blackman said.

Glacier, John Hub said because of that people of different cultures enjoy their symptoms, and they want the patients better.

"We are interested on becoming because, while we’ve learned a lot from other cultures," Hub said.

"Frog Boys" are also the different shows that are taking long to form.

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Transfer students become more common

Samantha Hufnagel

A new school in a new state awarded Tiffany Hillman her summer vacation this year. The junior from Tampa, Fla., spent two years at Florida State University and decided to transfer to Western last fall.

She wanted to be part of the burgeoning program and the fact that Western was a smaller school like many other transfer students. She began writing her essay. "I've been doing it for a couple of weeks," Hillman said, "I just got it done, and it's not bad!"

Western was the destination for 463 transfer students last year. Of those, 373 came from other Kentucky universities or community colleges. The school is not just keeping students in Western, but increasing the number of students taking courses at more than one university, according to a survey of 239,000 students and seniors at colleges in the United States as reported in the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Western offers transfer students resources to help them get the courses they need and also plans to create more assistance for transfer students entering here.

Western's transfer student population increased from 696 in 2000 to 940 in 2004, said Manie Daniel, director for transfer student affairs.

Students from state institutions or schools who transfer into Western, said Daniel, are often more familiar with the university environment or already have experience in college.

"The non-traditional programs really make the school more welcoming," Daniel said. Also many students have been doing concurrent college and high school where a five-year degree is not available.

"I wanted to go somewhere where I could make a connection for myself, I think I have," said - Ryan Stevanus

President Kirsch.

"Number of College Transfers Spring 2005

Western Kentucky 159

Eastern Kentucky 212

University of Kentucky 228

Louisville 205

Murray State University 137

Morehead State 136

"Transfer students have been very good. They are very motivated and dedicated to their studies," Daniel said.

Junior Tiffany Hubert from Tampa, Fla., center, Mack Glenn, spoke at a forum for transfer students at Downing University Center last semester.

Senior Elizabeth Bishop, junior psychology major, presented a research paper on self-esteem that she had conducted last semester as part of her psychology courses. Bishop said she was more comfortable sharing her research in front of her peers than she was in front of the entire college community.

Bishop found it interesting that the research was relevant to students today.
**Title:** Kempf pitches first career shutout

**Split:** Kempf pitched five no-hitters in high school, according to team manager Pete Anderson. Kempf was called up to the majors earlier this season and has been a key pitcher for the team. He has a 2.00 earned run average and has struck out 75 batters in his first 12 starts.

**Sports Brief:** Team scores a season-high 12 runs, including a grand slam home run by catcher Mike Taylor. Pitcher John Smith was named the game's MVP, striking out 10 batters in seven innings. The team's next game is scheduled for tomorrow at home against the rival team.

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The Toppers will open the season March 23. They will play a home-and-home series with Yeshiva at the Garden City, New York, on April 1 and 2. The favorite to win the Sun Belt Conference this season is South Alabama.

The Toppers will host South Alabama on April 30.

The Toppers could collect 61 points in the Sun Belt regular season, but they finished second and third respectively behind South Alabama in the conference race.

Farr said the team's goal is to participate in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament when it comes to Bowling Green May 3-5.

The Toppers finished second in the Sun Belt Tournament last season.
Western surfing through the Sun Belt

**Baseball**

**Changes abound this year**

By David Harms

Change and improvement are two words that could describe this off-season for the Western football program.

With improvements in Owsley Field and a chance in the coaching staff, Western is looking to build on the team's work during the fall of '96.

Western is coming off a season in which the Toppers finished 21-23 overall and eighth in the Sun Belt Conference at 6-8.

The Toppers will be guided by the first-year coaching staff of Chuck Floyd, offensive coordinator, and his former博士 and current assistant Jonathan Hunt.

"Our first objective is to get the guys to compete," Floyd said. "If we do what we're capable of doing, we've got a chance to win every game."

Floyd will make his Toppers coaching debut at 3 p.m. Friday at home against Central Michigan.

The Toppers will try to better their averages from last season both offensively and defensively.

Western finished sixth in the South in both batting average last season and eighth in overall team grading.

At the plate, Western's biggest returning player will be junior catcher Andrew Newton.

Newton, a pre-season All-American and All-Sun Belt Conference selection, led the Hilltoppers last season with 11 home runs and 35 RBIs.

He also ranked third on the team in hits with 64 and sixth in batting average at .329.

Senior outfielder Matt Rasdall is the Toppers returning leader in batting average.

**Softball**

**Western wins three in Florida**

By Amy Shell

Sleeping in the batting cage on Sunday, senior outfielder Kimberly Tidwell said she didn't know what was coming from Jackson State in the ninth inning.

Keeping her weight back, she patiently waited for the sign to hike up her world and over the left-field wall, making her first career home run.

The Lady Toppers scored the most runs this past weekend when they moved to Tampa, Fla., for the Blue Star Invitational, which began Friday and concluded Saturday.

Western (5-2) began the weekend by beating UCF 10-2 on Friday before a win over Southeastern Conference foe Mississippi State 11-5 on Saturday.

The Lady Toppers picked up a pair of wins against Jacksonville with a 10-9 win on Sunday and a 3-3 tie with an 11-3 win on Saturday.

I think the team was a whole played a lot better than we were expected," Tidwell said.

**Lady Toppers romp in 7th straight victory**

By Jake Mitchell

And on the seventh win, South Alabama turned a game.

Moon Green came out with a tally against West Florida in the early going, but the Lady Toppers were able to match their edge to regular season home run came on a three-run home run to help the Lady Toppers steal with Middle Tennessee State. (18) in Sun Belt Conference Baseball.

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**Tops take SBC East title**

Western earns first-round bye

By Jason Stearn

It's tough to defend a team that shoots exceptionally well.

North Carolina State's one-of-the-kind defense, with two 11- and one 11-point games, made the game of the season.

"I thought we had a tremendous focus and defensive energy in the first half, and that really set the tone," coach Barry Henn said.

"When I'm most pleased with the fact that the team gives it its all," Henn said.

With the win, Western advanced to the Eastern Regional and earned a first-round bye.

**Lady Toppers scored 28 Mean Green seniors, 10 more than their season average.**

Coach Mary Taylor Corsiles said defensive pressure was the key for the Lady Toppers to overcome a tough North Texas squad.

**Sophomore forward Crystal Kelly times to pass the ball past**

North Texas junior point guard Amy Atkinson in the Lady Toppers' 84-70 win Saturday.

"For 35 minutes, we played a pretty good ball game against a pretty good team," North Texas coach Tina Skelton said.

"We just needed five more minutes."