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Population now is over crowded in the United States of America and many other places. In China you have more people than the farmer can produce in one year. In India you have the same thing, but the U.S. you have about three or four billion people in one country and in New York there is about ten million people just in the city of New York. Los Angeles has about two million people in the state of California, but the United States is over populated and the farming rate is about 1 percent too about four percent birth rate. In the future if something doesn't come up the United States will be over populated. And the U.S. has a lot of people coming in from other country in the world.

—Written by a freshman in a remedial English class.

Semi-literacy becoming fad?

By RICHARD HALICKS

The group of advisers weren't sure whether the buses could accommodate the people that was going to Louisville.

One-fourth of this year's freshmen—and perhaps many more—may not be able to find the five errors in the preceding sentence.

They are among the 636 students who this week are wrapping up a semester of English 055, a course for students who have trouble using the basic tools of grammar and composition.

The students' presence at Western is blamed on the university's open admissions policy, which allows any Kentucky student with a high school diploma to enter.

Their inability to write is blamed on television, backward parents, deficient high schools, poor study habits; an almost endless list of causes with bad

effects and few apparent cures.

Dr. Frank Steele, director of freshman English, said, "Illiteracy is very popular these days. It's a fad."

Steele's assessment seemingly is correct. When 055 began in fall 1975, about 300 students enrolled. This year enrollment has nearly doubled. The class does not count toward graduation.

The university taught remedial English courses before 055.

Freshmen who score 14 or lower on the American College Test English exam are automatically routed to 055. The classes are limited to 15 students each, and every teacher in the department shares the load.

For the semester in 055, students try to learn how to write a paragraph that makes sense.

Some never succeed, but many apparently are helped by the training they receive. Of the 1975 class, almost 70 per cent went on to pass English 101, according to

an English teacher who has studied 055 closely since it began.

The teacher, Dr. Mary Ellen Miller, assistant professor of English, has published more than 200 pages of case studies and statistics from 055.

While Dr. Miller says there's no question that Western should offer the remedial course, she believes that 055 wouldn't be necessary if high schools did their jobs.

Dr. Miller blames many schools' abandonment of the traditional, highly structured English curriculum, which included grammar, composition and literature.

In its place, she said, students are offered the innovative "phase-elective" English, which gives them more choices of what to take and often replaces the "staples" of English instruction with classes such as astrology, comic books and science fiction.

Steele indicts phase-elective as

a "terrible approach" to English instruction.

"Some students can go all the way through high school without ever taking a course in composition or a course in grammar," Steele said.

"When I started teaching I thought I'd get into some really sophisticated literature courses and the like. Yet I got in here and get a bunch of verbal amputees who are being asked to run in the Olympics."

Dr. Miller takes a somewhat more moderate view of phase-elective, though she still thinks it's flawed.

"There is nothing inherently wrong with phase-elective, as long as the students are properly advised. They usually are not," she said.

At any rate, students untrained in the most basic skills are arriving here in increasing numbers. And their presence

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Bowling Green, Kentucky

Dorm reformers find change slow

By TOM EBLEN

It has been more than six weeks since a group of Pearce-Ford residents tried to force the issue of dorm visitation policy out of administrative red tape by conducting an unauthorized open house and circulating a petition asking for changes.

This latest movement has been one of the most vocal in what seems to be an annual issue at Western. Whether anything will come of it this year still is unclear.

In this yearly debate, students have organized committees to present their complaints and the university has organized committees to hear them—and somewhere in this tangle of committees and subcommittees the issues are being studied.

President Dero Downing assigned Interhall Council and the University Housing Committee to study the petition and make recommendations to him. Within a few weeks, Interhall Council voted to support the petition. The housing committee still is studying it.

Dr. John Minton, housing committee chairman, said two subcommittees have been assigned to study the petition. One, headed by Dr. Curtis

Analysis

Tom Eblen, a Herald reporter, has covered student government and the dorm reform movement this semester.

Englebright, teacher education department head, will look at the student-life aspects of the petition. The other, headed by Harry Lergen, vice president for business affairs, will study the fiscal aspects of ending mandatory housing.

Englebright said last week that his subcommittee will study these aspects of the petition:

—Elimination of the "door ajar" rule.

—Elimination of direct supervision of residents during open houses.

—Optional visitation plans.

—Establishing special interest floors for students who request them.

—The possibility of starting a coed dorm.

—Installing kitchens on floors that do not have them.

Englebright said his subcommittee has set no deadline for finishing its study. "We're

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Photo by Lynn Wright

Lean time

The midday sun shed heat and light on (front to back) Chris Pfeiffer, Tom Simek and Tim Sears as they studied outside Helm Library before it opened Sunday. The library will be open from 7:45 a.m. to 11 p.m. through Thursday and 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

Increases in tuition predicted

By TOM McCORD

Nonresident tuition at most Kentucky universities will probably rise next fall and both resident and nonresident tuition probably will rise again in fall, 1979.

That's what Harry Snyder, executive director of the Council on Higher Education (CHE) said at a meeting of student government leaders Sunday, according to two Western students who were present.

However, Snyder would not confirm a specific schedule for tuition increases in a telephone interview yesterday. He said that tuition will rise with inflation. "I think we need to analyze it to see if the figures are appropriate," he said.

Seniors Gene Saunders and Kevin Kinne, who represented Western and the Student Government Association of Kentucky (SGAK), said Snyder told them that the possible nonresident tuition increases will not be as large as last year, when nonresident tuition went up \$125.

Kinne said the students also

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Change slow for reformers

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operating a week at a time," he said. "We're working as fast as we can."

Minton said the committee's study will include a survey of dorm residents next semester, and possibly a separate survey of resident assistants to get their views on housing regulations.

But whatever the Interhall Council, the housing committee, or anyone else recommends, the final decision is left to the Board of Regents.

Last year, the housing committee recommended to the board that the position of the door during open house be left up to the individual. The regents rejected the recommendation and

compromised by changing the rule from door open to door ajar.

Should the committee make the same recommendation after this study, Minton said, he still is not sure whether the board would go along. "That will be up to them," he said. "We intend to make a report on our recommendations, and the board will have to take it from there."

Soon after the Pearce-Ford protest, a group of students formed the Dorm Reform Action Group (DRAG) to lobby for the changes advocated in the petition, DRAG, which now calls itself the Student Rights Alliance (SRA), has elected new officers for the spring semester and claims it will continue the

fight—including possible legal action against the university.

SRA representatives have met with the Legal Aid Society of Louisville and claim they have a case on which they can take the university to court—although they won't say what it is.

In a statement issued recently by SRA, the organization said it hoped to have the petition approved by the Board of Regents by the end of next semester.

It said the organization will broaden its concerns to fight nonresident tuition increases and help students at Eastern Kentucky University start a Student Rights Alliance to fight visitation restrictions there.

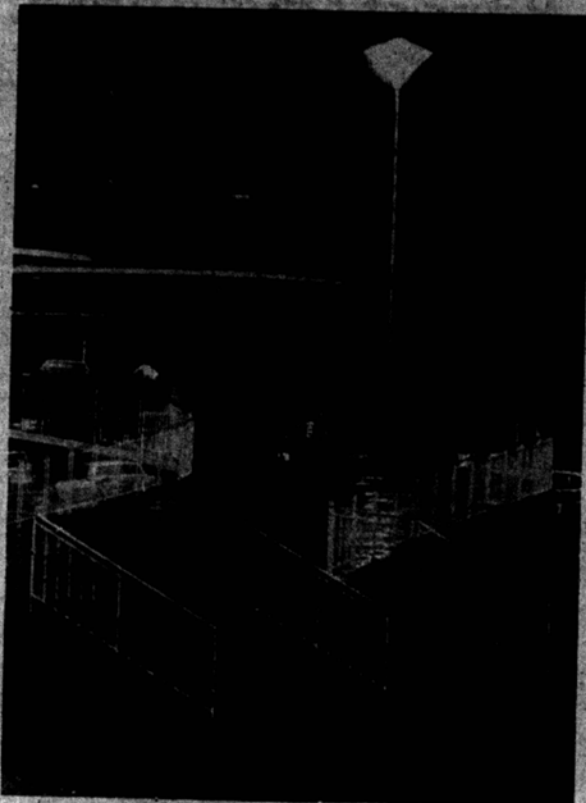


Photo by Mark Lyons

Double dribble

Rain dribbles down on Wanda Blane and the shiny wet ramp of Diddle Arena after the Hopkinsville freshman did a little dribbling of her own at basketball practice. Blane is a business administration major.

Tuition may rise for next two years

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talked with Snyder about possible student membership on the CHE and student activity fees.

Snyder said he expects the CHE to recommend mandatory activities fees. They were not permitted this year. Western charged \$1.50 for activities before the move.

Snyder said that at the meeting in January the council plans to act on the recommenda-

tions of three state universities to permit mandatory activity fees.

Saunders and Kinne said much of the meeting was devoted to discussion about a proposed student advisory committee to CHE.

Snyder said he told the students he would support a committee to advise the CHE on matters such as the proposed tuition increase.

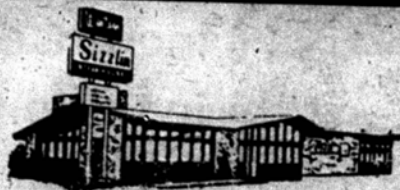
Kinne, secretary of SGAK, a student lobbying group that ASG supports, said his group is

asking for a student voting member on the council.

Kinne and Saunders said Snyder told the student leaders he would withdraw his support for the advisory committee if SGAK lobbied for a student voting member.

Snyder said yesterday that he thought the advisory committee would be the best idea for the students.

Snyder also said he saw "very little" chance of success if SGAK lobbied for a freeze on tuition.



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Report says operating budget little changed from last year

By LINDA SANDERS

The university will spend its money this year for about the same things it has the past two years, according to a preliminary report by the Faculty Senate's fiscal affairs committee.

After studying the budgets for those years, the committee reported that Western spends about 40 per cent of its budget on instruction, the largest category. The 11 per cent spent for the physical plant is the second largest category.

The report indicated that although the money spent for the library is going down from the time when Western was building up its libraries, the percentage of the budget spent for that category is higher than other regional schools. About 4 per cent of the budget is spent on library costs.

Student aid will receive about 2 to 2.5 per cent of the total budget, or about \$64,650 this year, the report said. That figure excludes Basic Educational Opportunity Grants and athletic scholarships.

Carl Keisler, committee chairman and professor of education, said at the senate meeting Thursday, that this figure is "pretty low," but that Western's low tuition may be the reason.

Less than 1 per cent of the operating and auxiliary enterprises budgets (which were figured together) is spent on research projects, the report said.

General institutional expenses account for more than 5 per cent of the budget, according to the report. About \$300,000 will be spent on telephones this year, it indicated.

The general administration expenses of about 3.2 per cent "look pretty good," Keisler said.

Auxiliary enterprises, such as food services, lose money, the figures show. "There has been a steady improvement," Keisler said. A net loss of about \$175,000 is expected this year, he said. A little more than 3 per cent of the budget is spent on that category.

The university invests the money it gets from tuition until the time it has to spend that money and earns about \$275,000 a year on those investments, Keisler said.

The fiscal affairs committee will check the figures and compare them to other regional universities before submitting the final report to the senate.

There appears to be "reasonably equitable treatment of faculty members" in assigning rank, according to a report by the senate's tenure and promotion subcommittee.

The report, which used figures supplied by the office of the vice president for academic affairs, dealt with nine-month appointments. It said that there seems to be a correlation between rank and years of service and between rank and attaining a doctorate.

Marcus Wallace, public safety director, spoke to the senate about the investigative unit of

his department. He told the group that no student has to spend the night in jail if arrested by campus police and some are freed if arrested by city police. The student affairs office is notified when possible if a student is arrested, he said.

Wallace said 101 campus arrests were made in 1976-76, 42 of which were arrests of students. Last year 75 arrests were made. Forty-six were students.

He said the rights of the individual always take precedence over solving a case. "If, in giving a person the full rights of the constitution you happen to solve a case, that's fine," he said.

Wallace spoke at the senate's request.

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Soldier convicted of assault on West Hall resident Dec. 3

A Ft. Campbell soldier pleaded guilty Friday to assaulting a West Hall resident Dec. 3 and was sentenced to 10 months in prison, according to Marcus Wallace, public safety director.

Joseph Alvin Brantley, 23, pleaded guilty to third degree assault after being indicted last week by the Warren County Grand Jury for second degree

assault. Wallace said Brantley was released on \$600 bond until Jan. 20 when a hearing will be in Warren Circuit Court on a motion by Brantley to probate the sentence.

Wallace also said nine incidents of theft and criminal mischief have been reported to campus police.

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CHRISTMAS POT-LUCK SUPPER

A "Christmas Pot Luck" supper will be celebrated on the evening of December 14th at 5:15 (following the 4:30 Mass). After supper there will be a showing of the animated film, "Martin the Cobbler," based on a short story by Leo Tolstoy.

Remedial class is unfortunate but necessary

More than 600 people started school at Western in August without knowing how to write a simple declarative sentence.

They weren't necessarily stupid. They simply had wandered through 12 years of schooling without learning how to write.

"Sometimes it's really frustrating," Dr. Frank Steele, director of freshman English, said. "You can see the idea struggling to take some kind of form, but the students have never been taught the form."

The form is simple, effective writing, perhaps the most important and most neglected part of primary and secondary education.

Poor use of the language is hardly limited to the 636 students in remedial English here.

A letter to the editor this fall from a man teaching English 101 contained eight errors in spelling and punctuation. Some of the errors were typographical. Some simply were wrong.

In a paper for his press history course this semester, a senior wrote: "When (he) arrived here from Europe, he was barely literate in the English language."

Mistakes of that kind are so common as to be unnoticeable. Many of Western's remedial English students, however, are deficient in their grasp of the language to the point that they can't put their simplest thoughts on paper.

Western has no choice but to accept the students who can't write. The state's open admissions policy allows any Kentucky resident with a high school diploma to enter a state university.

From there, it's the university's place to give the deficient students remedial instruction or weed them out.

Western has chosen to try. The effort has meant spending at least \$60,000 on this semester's program and giving most of the English department faculty part of the teaching load of the 42 sections of English 065, the remedial class.

The university is spending a great deal of money on something about which it shouldn't have to worry. But Western's concern for the "have-not" students it receives is heartening.

The biggest pat on the back, however, has to go to the teachers of 065. Teaching the course must be a difficult and generally unrewarding task, but most of the department's teachers think it's worth it.

And they're right.



Another editor, another farewell

An editor's farewell column and 15 cents will buy you a cup of coffee in the grill, except during finals week, when you need neither.

But the farewell column is a tradition among Herald editors. Some have tried to write thoughtful reviews of the semester or year, some have escaped with a modest thank-you to the staff. I think I'll have a stab at both.

One thing I've learned from observing the university for the past 2½ years has been that it's a great deal easier to observe than it is to participate.

Not that it's easy to observe. Especially when you're making \$10 a week for more than 20 hours' work, as much of the Herald staff has done this semester. If I stopped and figured out the average wage here, I believe it would approach 87 cents an hour.

It's hard to demand much of

a staff that's making 37 cents an hour. It's much harder to find the words of gratitude when the staff does a \$20-an-hour job.

I guess I'll leave it at that, and move on to a thoughtful review of the semester:

"Why did you print that story about me being a criminal, Mr. Hallicks?"

"I think Greeks have been treated really unfairly by the Herald."

"That's probably the stupidest thing I've seen in any newspaper. Why did you do that?"

"I told you: I quit three weeks ago. Why do you keep assigning me stories?"

"I don't see WHY you can't give us any coverage. Look at all the garbage you put in here."

"He thinks you took a stab at him in that editorial, and you may be hearing from him."

"Richard, think you could see 'em about giving me a raise? Like up to \$12.50?"

"We're paying good money for this ad and you all just ruined it."

"You have just blown this all out of proportion."

"Mr. Hallicks, I think you'll find this event quite newsworthy..."

"I don't know what he wanted, but he sounded mad."

"Dorm reform is the biggest thing to hit this campus in a long time."

"If I hear 'dorm reform' one more time..."

And so it went. If you think working on the Herald is an utterly thankless job, you're wrong. You say thank you every time you read it.

—Richard Hallicks

Grad student in Brazil has 'full-bright' experience

Gayle Waggoner is a Western graduate student studying in Brazil on grants from the Fulbright-Hays fund and the university Faculty Research Committee. She is observing the Brazilian folk art of hammock-making. The following article was compiled from extracts of Waggoner's letters and describes her experiences with the South American country.

By GAYLE WAGGONER

Looking back on my trip, it seems that it was arranged as a test by the Fulbright Commission just to see if I really could adapt and react resiliently. I left Norfolk,

Neb., at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 31. I finally arrived in Sao Luis at noon, Sept. 3. In between I laid over in the Miami and Brasilia airports for more than 25 hours.

Once in Brasilia, however, the delays were much more bearable. My first day there encompassed perfectly all the contradictions one encounters daily in Brazil. Let me share a couple of my impressions and experiences.

The city of Brasilia is everything that the picture books show us—and less. The buildings were at the same time extremely functional and admirably capricious. Most of them look much more appealing at night when

they are lighted and all the special effects which serve to set them off are functioning.

An Argentinian remarked that it was a city that Hitler or Mussolini would be happy with—no places for mass congregation and all the people segregated into super blocks from which they need not leave to shop, go to school, etc.

Brasilia is surrounded by satellite cities that push its population into the millions. Northeasterners inhabit these cities and the atmosphere resembles that of Sao Luis, for example.

These are the people who make the city go: the cleaners, drivers,

cooks, washers, clerks, street vendors, construction workers. While they still live outside the city proper, it is they who are making a success out of life there.

Brasilia is a living monument—it has its own life apart from the people who inhabit it.

I got into Sao Luis just in time for an entire week of holidays, so I must confess that rather than begin my research project, I went to the movies, saw several parades, spent a day on the beach, went to several restaurants, passed one evening in a night club on the beach and another in a university night club and reacquainted myself with my city—which has changed

so much in the nearly two years that I have been gone.

I'll write again when my project has begun to bear fruit; for now I am coping, well—readjusting to icy showers, toilets that don't flush toilet paper, buses packed with passengers, fresh crabs and shrimp and fish, open markets and vendors selling door-to-door, children saving everything I throw away—just because it was mine—naps in a hammock after lunch, high prices, beans and rice at every meal, Sundays on the beach and perfect strangers accosting me in the street—to practice their English—in short, to life as it is in Sao Luis.

Letters to the editor

Dorm reform is game

The "popular" dorm reform movement is about as interesting as a WKU football game. It stirs up a lot of excitement in the beginning when everyone still has hope, but finally (and thankfully) dies out when everyone realizes we never had a chance in the first place.

But I am still waiting for that glorious day when an open dorm policy is an ancient topic. Let's get on with the business at hand—education. If you need a guy or girl up in your room to study effectively, then perhaps your motives are a little misguided.

I came here to learn and to have a good time, but in that order. Dorm reform has crowded out every other discussable and worthy issue. I think it's time we took a good look at why we're here.

Janice Winter
freshman

Likes 'L'esprit'

I want to direct this letter to the College Heights Herald staff and whoever created the idea of the supplement entitled "L'esprit" in the Dec. 8 edition to the Herald. Congratulations on a piece of work well done.

At this point in the semester when everything is growing routine and "hum-drum," it is very refreshing to read something with variety, and most of all meaning. It seems that almost everything we read anymore has only a surface value, leaving the mind craving for something to think about after the words are read. This collection of poems satisfies that craving.

In this holiday season when our thoughts turn towards our families and love, these poems help captivate our feelings and make those intangible emotions such as love and friendship more real.

With final examinations upon us again, and that dark sensation of loneliness and depression so prominent around us, these poems are a very welcome sight to be enjoyed. So, thank you College Heights Herald, and a special thank you to all those poets who supplied the poems for our pleasure. Your work has added something special at a time when it was sorely needed. It is no wonder the Herald is a nationally ranked publication.

Jeff Engel
junior

Supports editorial

As a nonresident and an "outsider," according to some individuals, I would like to thank you for the support you gave out-of-state students in the Dec. 1 editorial on tuition raises.

Several spheres of interests make up a high quality university. The diversity of students on campus constitutes one of these spheres.

If Mr. Snyder and other officials continue to raise tuition rates for nonresidents, these students will soon transfer or complete their education in other states. Is this what Western wants?

Without the diversity of students from the entire United States, Western will turn into a regional campus and the components of a high quality university will be lost.

If Kentucky is for Kentuckians only,

why did they let nonresidents into university doors in the beginning? To shut oneself off from the outside world is to say the institute is becoming obsolete.

Officials imply they must raise tuition in order to be comparable with bordering states. What they fail to realize is that bordering states have tuition rates for in-state students that is double the tuition rates for Western's in-state students. It seems hardly impartial to impose such a monetary demand on one set of individuals.

I have no desire or plans to leave Western even if another raise is endorsed because this institution is building a solid future for me. It saddens me to realize that potential and existing nonresidents will turn away from Western's doors due to financial discouragement.

Karla Schlenker
sophomore

Clarifies stand

I feel I owe an apology to Sharon Sherwin, and to responsible students like her, for having left the impression in my letter of Dec. 6 that all supporters of the Pearce-Ford petition are sexually motivated. I certainly do not believe that to be the case.

Ms. Sherwin's letter raises the whole question of "law." If there were no irresponsible drivers, there would be no need for speed limits. I may somewhat resent the implication of the speed limit that I personally am in need of external restrictions on my driving behavior, but, practically speaking, I am aware that the speed limit itself is necessary because there are irresponsible people. Similarly, if

there were no people who disregarded the sanctity of life, there would be no need for laws against murder.

It is to be regretted that responsible individuals like Ms. Sherwin have to pay the price for other people's immaturity, but unfortunately that's the way life is.

If I have reduced all supporters of dorm reform to a sex-crazed stereotype, I apologize to students like Ms. Sherwin. In return, I hope she and her fellow supporters will dispense with their stereotypes of those of us who conscientiously oppose the Pearce-Ford petition. We are personally insulted by the implication that we are all a bunch of Victorian prudes!

Gary Henry
graduate student

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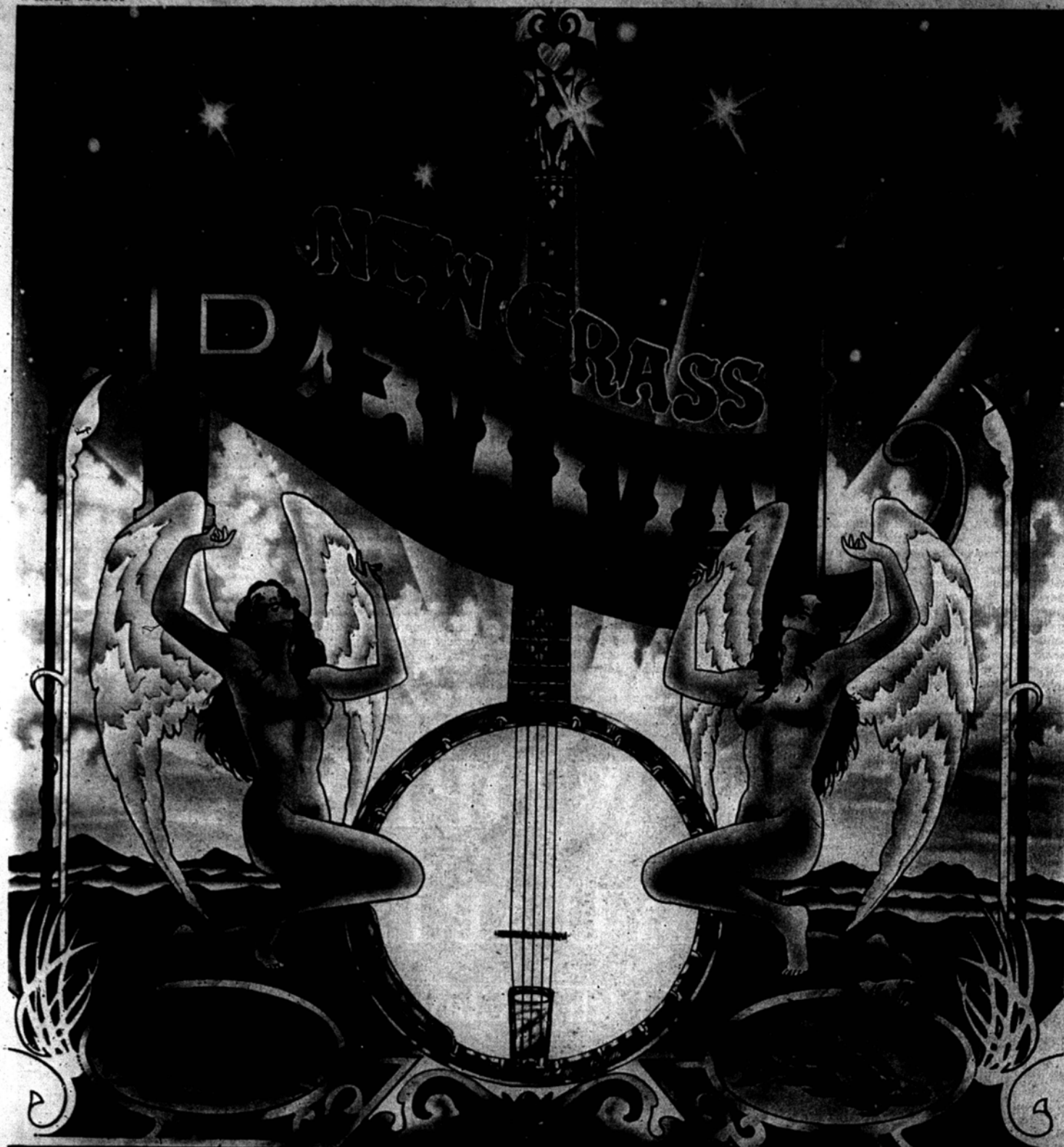
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Snow-tread choice depends on tire type

By ALAN JUDD

The kind of tire on a car is the biggest factor in deciding what kind of snow tire to buy, according to Bowling Green tire dealers.

"We try to match them," Harry B. Richardson, manager of the Firestone store on Broadway, said. "If the car has radial tires, we put radials on it. If it has conventional tires, we put conventional on it."

Another factor in buying winter tires is the kind of driving a person does, according to Dick Slater, manager of the Goodyear store, Eleventh Street.

Slater said retreaded tires are sufficient "depending on their purpose. Different kinds of driving dictate different kinds of tires."

"If you're doing a large amount of driving, I wouldn't recommend retreads; but for local driving retreads represent a good value," Slater said.

He said the best winter tire Goodyear sells is a new winter-summer combination. "It can be used on all four wheels

year-round, and it is a radial."

The average price for the new tire is about \$55, he said.

Chuck Witherspoon of Bale Tire Center said Bale's best winter tire is a radial that sells for about \$70. Polyester- and fiberglass-belted tires sell at about \$38-\$40, he said.

Retreads sell at \$17.95 for all sizes, Witherspoon said. "A recap today is just as good as a new tire," he said.

Richardson said Firestone's prices differ quite a bit according to the size of the tire. He said a tire for a medium-sized car, a G-78X15—"our most popular size"—costs about \$68 for a radial and \$40 for a polyester-belted tire. For a small car, a B-78X13 radial costs about \$46 and a polyester about \$30.

Richardson said retreads cost \$23.95 for G-78X15 and \$18.75 for B-78X13. "You save nearly half if you have a good casing to start with," he said.

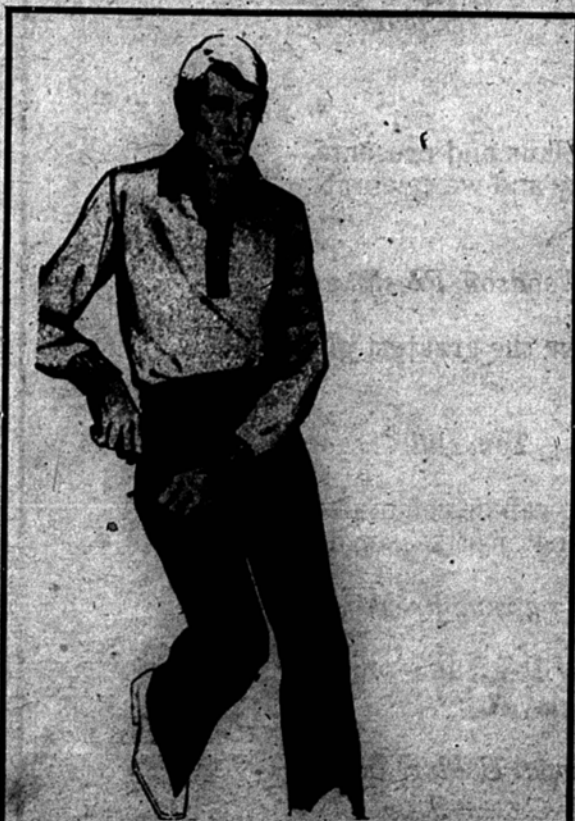
Slater said Goodyear's fiberglass tire prices range "from a low of \$27 to a high of \$49 or \$50." The average price for retreads is \$21, he said.



Photo by Steve Benson

Configuration

With the use of her hands and facial expressions, Rhea Ellen Miller attempts to analyze how molecules react to each other. Miller, a junior prepharmacy major from Bowling Green, was doing her work in the science library in Thompson Complex.



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On this, my first real Christmas, I celebrate with joy the birth of the one who gave Himself, that we might live."

*Roger Edwards
Sophomore*

"I used to think Christmas was just Santa Claus and presents, but now I know that Jesus was born on this day and we celebrate His birthday."

Linda Woodson, Freshman

"Christmas is a time of giving: when God gave the greatest gift of all—His Son."

Tom Hill, Junior

"I now realize that the coming of our Saviour can be celebrated throughout the year. It's an everyday thing, not just seasonal."

Elaine Thompson, Freshman

"Christmas this year is different for me. Now Jesus lives within me and I can celebrate His birthday every day."

Margot Holder, Junior

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Jesus Greetings from the Maranatha Christian Center.

Freshman is 'spin-ster'

By MISSY SHELTON

Relaxing in a chair with her legs tucked under her, Indian style, Julia Ashdon, a Western majorette, said, "My baton is always in my hand."

The blonde, brown-eyed Ashdon is very slim, relaxed, friendly. She has been twirling since she was three.

"My sister inspired me to start twirling," Ashdon, an elementary education major, said.

Since then Ashdon has won many titles and awards. In 1970, she won the Junior Miss America of Baton. She has also been Senior Miss Michigan for two consecutive years and placed first runner-up in the Senior Miss International pageant.

Aside from her pageant titles, Ashdon has collected 600 trophies and medals from various state, regional and national competitions.

She is not sure whether she is going to attend the 1978 Grand National competition next August. "My mother wants me to compete in the competition," she said. "I may just compete in the dance-twirl competition."

Ashdon, a Battle Creek, Mich., native, has twirled on a team called "The GT Connection" for the past two years. "There are three other girls on the team besides me," she said. "We have



Julia Ashdon

placed third at nationals for the past two years."

Practice is a big part of a twirler's life. For Ashdon, practice is "an hour and a half every day."

"When I practice, I work until I feel that I have accomplished something. I try to practice every day."

"I go through each of my routines once," she said. "Then I work on certain tricks and series that are giving me problems."

"Every summer my teacher, Brooks Going, holds a twirling camp. I get a lot of extra practice during these camps."

Ashdon has taught baton twirling for three years, and she said, "I enjoy teaching, and I love working with children."

She receives a housing scholarship and a \$100 academic scholarship. She chose Western because of the "twirling benefits," she said.

"My first year as a college majorette has been very good," she said. "I didn't think that I would care about being away as much as I do. I am a homebody."

Even though a "homebody," Ashdon said she has enjoyed the opportunities to travel that her baton twirling has given her.

"The most important thing baton has done for me," she said, "is to enable me to travel and to make many new friends across the country."

To name just a few places, Ashdon has been to California, Colorado, Wisconsin, Florida, Kansas City and Minnesota.

"If I didn't twirl," she said, "I wouldn't go anywhere."

Ashdon does not intend to "twirl" her life away.

"I would like to do some volunteer work with handicapped children," she said. "I worked with deaf children back home at the Cold Water State Home."

"I would like to continue my twirling through four years of college. I would like to enter more contests."

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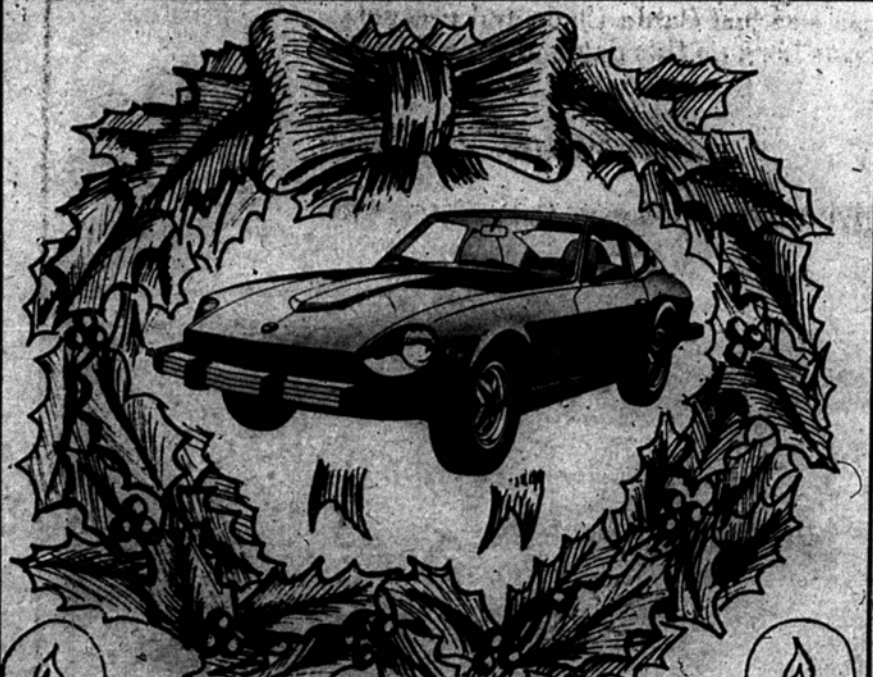
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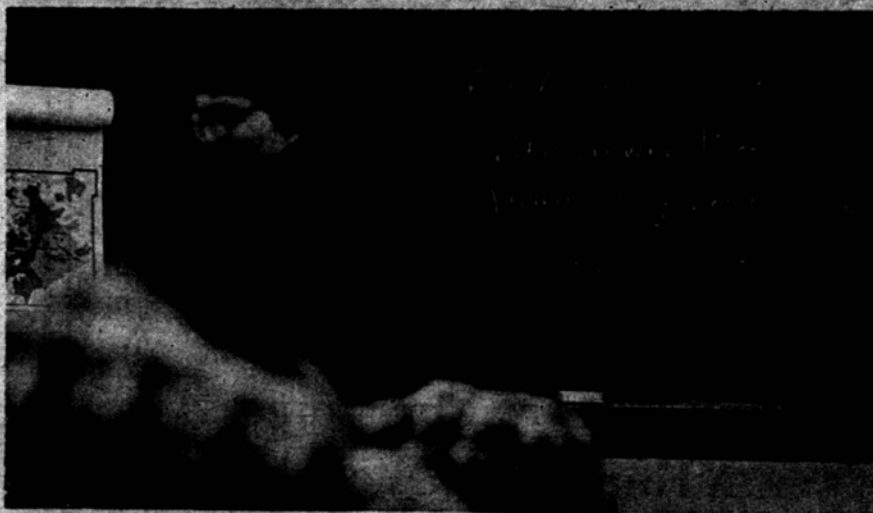
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Finally....



Dr. Marie Crowe's 8 a.m. history exam given yesterday was among the first tests administered as finals week began. Rick Travis rubs his face while Bunny McGinnis relaxes as they attempt to finish the test. Dr. Crowe said she added a two-point bonus for any jokes the students knew to use at the faculty Christmas party.

Photos by Mark Lyons



Finals week isn't all work

Finals week doesn't have to be all work. For those who have a little time between cramming, there are places to go and things to do.

Movies

Murder by Death, a mystery-comedy by Neil Simon, will end its run tomorrow at the Center Theater. The all-star cast includes Peter Sellers, Truman Capote, Peter Falk and Alec Guinness. Rated PG. The movie schedule will resume next semester.

Voyage of the Damned, starring Orson Welles and Faye Dunaway, is at the Plaza Twin II in the Fairview Plaza. Rated R.

Audrey Rose, another reincarnation movie, is at the Plaza Twin I. Rated PG.

Kidnapped Coed and Get Set

Twins is at the Riverside Drive-in until Wednesday. Rated R. Race with the Devil and Take a Hard Ride start Thursday. Rated PG.

Three Women, starring Sissy Spacek, is at the Martin Twin I in the Bowling Green Mall. Rated PG.

The Spy Who Loved Me, the latest James Bond movie, is at the Martin Twin II. Rated PG.

Television

Conversations with Eric Sevareid is on at 7 tonight on channel 5, WTVF. Charles Kuralt talks with Sevareid about his 38 years with CBS news.

Dracula's Daughter stars Gloria Holden. The sequel starts off where the 1930s classic "Dracula" left off. It's on at 12:30 a.m. Thursday on channel 5, WTVF.

Doug Henning's World of Magic, on at 7 p.m. Thursday on channel 4, WSM, stars Sandy Duncan and Glen Campbell. Henning became a hot item after he starred in the Broadway hit "The Magic Show."

Concerts

Bob Seger and The Silver Bullet Band will perform at 7 p.m. tomorrow at Nashville's Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$6.25 and \$7.75.

Boz Scaggs and Rick Danko Group will be at Rupp Arena in Lexington at 8 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$7 and \$8.

Blus Oyster Cult and Edgar Winter's White Trash will be at Louisville Gardens at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 the day of show.

Friday and will reopen at 1 p.m. Jan. 8.

The bookstore and the library will remain open until noon Dec. 23 and will reopen Jan. 3.

Food services will close for holiday

The university center cafeteria and the Garrett cafeteria and snack bar will close for the holidays after regular hours Friday. They will reopen Jan. 12.

The university center grill will close at 6:30 Friday and will reopen at 9 a.m. Jan. 8.

The university center recreation floor will close at 6 p.m.

Professor says state's farm image no longer valid

The stereotype of Kentucky as an agricultural state is becoming increasingly inaccurate, according to Dr. T. Norman Tomazic, industrial technology associate professor.

The percentage of Kentucky workers employed by manufacturing industries is close to the national average, Tomazic said at a meeting of the Kentucky Junior Academy of Science Saturday.

General Electric and Ford Motor Co. are the biggest industrial employers in the state, Tomazic said.

College graduates with backgrounds in mathematics and biology are needed in Kentucky, Tomazic said, because research is a growing part of industry. According to Tomazic, about \$30 million in 1977 was spent on industrial research in the nation.

About 30 high school students attended the conference. Al Baker, plant manager of Lord Kinematics Corp., and Dr. Gordon Wilson Jr., chemistry department head, also spoke.

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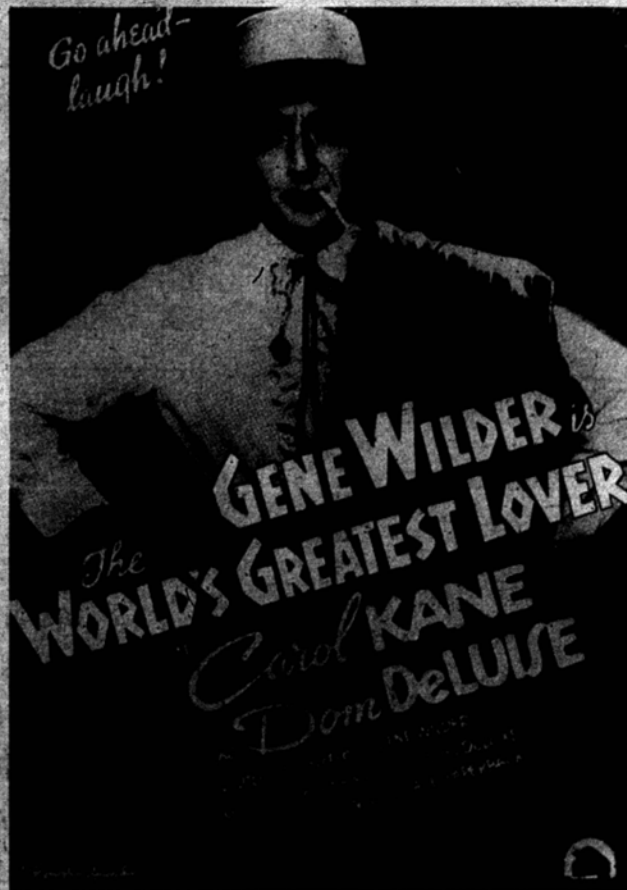
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By CAROL NORTON
and ERIC HASSLER

For some students, the day begins at 4 a.m., facing cows instead of books.

On the university dairy farm, 10 student employees practice the art of milking cows twice daily. The rest of the day is filled with other dairy-related activities, classes and labs. The students work 15 hours a week.

Although dehorning and artificial insemination are performed on the farm, milking is the major job, according to Charlie Jones, the dairy farm's manager. Jones said the 100 cows produce 700 gallons of milk each day.

"We gross \$120,000 to \$130,000 a year," he said. "The dairy brings in more money than any other part of the farm."

Dehorning, another part of the student employee's job, isn't painful to young calves, Jones said.

"It is to prevent injury to one another," he said. "It takes about 10 seconds."

Ike is the only bull on the farm, and most of the cows are artificially inseminated, Jones said. Only two or three of the cows are bred with Ike.

Students from an animal science lab meet at the farm once a week and learn first-hand about the job. Skilled breeders perform the insemination.

The cows remain outside during the winter, but Jones said they generate enough body warmth.

"Seventy-three degrees is the ideal temperature for milk production," according to Anthony Bombay, a student employe from New York.



Lynn Graham of Bowling Green and Lee Sorrell of Shelbyville, Ind., coax a cow from its stall. Martin Cull uses both hands to steady the cow before examining it.

Photos by Eric Hassler



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Noon Biology 148, 158
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4 p.m. 2 TTh classes

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8 a.m. Sociology 110
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Noon 12:50 MW classes
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4 p.m. 8 MW classes

Friday

8 a.m. 10:25 TTh classes
10 a.m. 3:10 TTh classes
Noon 4:20 TTh classes

Military society selects queen

Lovis Lawrence, a junior accounting major from Auburn, was chosen queen of the Scabbard and Blade Military Ball.

Scabbard and Blade, military society for men, had its 44th annual ball Dec. 3.

Jill Baggett, a Madisonville junior, was first runner-up. Barbara Camp, a junior from Lawton, Okla., was second runner-up.

★★★★TOP CADET★★★★



Cadet David Veech receives a certificate for a steak dinner and congratulations from Professor of Military Science, LTC Gary A. Riggs. Cadet Veech, a freshman from Bardstow, Kentucky, has been selected as the Top ROTC Cadet for December. Cadet Veech is a member of the special forces organization and enjoys riding motorcycles and outdoor adventure. He took ROTC for the challenge and self discipline.

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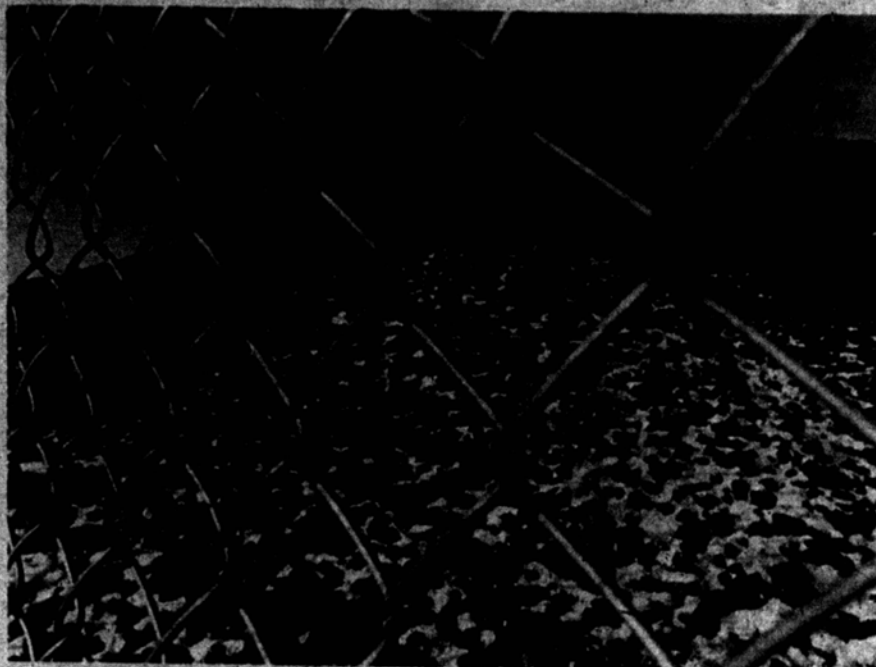


Photo by Mark Lyons

Traces of a recent snow highlight Western's dormant coal supply, which sits locked up behind the Service and Supply Building located on University Boulevard.

Fuel oil more expensive

Ban on coal will be costly

The state-imposed ban on coal burning here will cost the university \$218,000 more than it planned to spend on heating this season, according to Harry Largen, vice president for business affairs.

The extra money will be spent on fuel oil, which is more expensive but cleaner than coal.

The state Division of Air Pollution Control earlier this month refused to give Western a permit to burn coal because the university had inadequate pollution controls on its coal furnaces.

In the meantime, the \$96,000 worth of coal the university had stockpiled, sits outside the services and supply building.

Largen said he's not sure where the extra money to pay for fuel oil will come from.

He said the university applied for the funds in a letter to the state last week, but he refused to speculate on the state's reply.

If the state will not supply the money, Largen said, Western will have to come up with it from its own budget, which may mean cutting back on expenses in other areas.

The university already had built up a 30- to 45-day coal reserve when the environmental agency refused to renew Western's permit, according to Owen Lawson, physical plant administrator. No coal has been delivered here since Dec. 5.

Western is allowed to burn coal only in emergencies, and then for only 72 hours, Largen said.

He said the university builds a \$300,000 contingency fund into its budget each year. That fund

will be the first place Western will look for money to pay added costs of burning oil, in the event that the state doesn't meet Western's request for more money.

"If push comes to shove, we can always postpone some things," Largen said.

He named equipment purchases as one of the items that could be postponed, and also said that income from registration fees is up slightly from estimates.

The university originally budgeted \$270,000 for heating between Nov. 1 and April 1. Largen said the revised estimate stands at \$480,000.

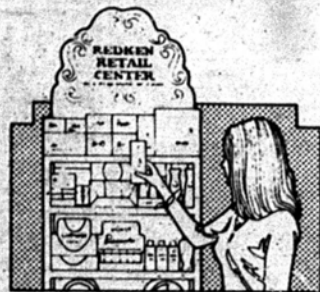
Owen Lawson, physical plant administrator, asked campus residents to conserve energy and reduce heating costs by turning down thermostats.

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Math teacher visits China to observe teaching methods

By ROGER MALONE

"After you've been there a day or two, you sort of lose some of where you are—your sense of time and space," Dr. Pauline Lowman said of the People's Republic of China.

Dr. Lowman, assistant professor of mathematics, visited the communist nation last month as part of a 23-member delegation sent by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics to observe the state of mathematics education in China.

The group, headed by Dr. Jerry P. Becker of Northern Illinois University-De Kalb, spent 17 days visiting public schools in Peking, Shanghai, Kweilin and Canton.

Dr. Lowman said the people in China seemed unreal. "As they pass you they are expressionless—except for staring, constant staring at foreigners."

The Chinese workers wear drab blue and gray suits with baggy trousers, she said. There were also two or three cuffs of "pajama-like" underwear showing beneath their trousers.

"Millions of bicycles were coming from every direction and the riders didn't seem to have a sense of fear," she said.

They weave their bikes in and out of traffic in the busiest streets and their only protection against the oncoming trucks and buses is constant horn blowing, she continued.

She said the people tend to shy away from photographers, except for the children, who would pose if anyone pointed a camera at them.

Lowman said another difference between China and the United States that is immediately noticeable is the lack of grass.

"You don't see grass growing for the sake of grass growing," she said. "You see cabbage right along the edge of the highway—green vegetables, potatoes, sweet potatoes."

She explained that less than 20 per cent of the land in China is tillable and every inch of it must be used to feed the 900 million people living there.

Individualism is not stressed in the school system, she said, adding that everyone is taught to function as a unit.

She said when someone approaches the students, they never look up or notice him until the instructor acknowledges his presence. In the classrooms "there is a robot-like situation, push a button and you work," she said.

She said everything is regimented. "The students march to class, march from class and even march to the playground for their exercises," she said.

"Militia-type" music cues the students on which exercise to do next.

'As they pass you they are expressionless—except for staring, constant staring at foreigners.'

The exercises, even in kindergarten, resemble war exercises, she said, adding some exercises are "almost like they were fighting with a sword."

As the students perform their exercises, they chant thanks to the late Mao Tse-tung and his successor and denounce the Gang of Four (a group led by Mao's widow, Chiang Ching, that apparently attempted to seize power after Mao's death), Dr. Lowman said.

She said the schools are supposed to teach both the theoretical and practical sides of math, but they have dropped the theory part.

The Chinese school system's motto is "Red and expert," according to Dr. Lowman, but she said, "They seemed more Red than expert."

She said that when mainland China became communist, entrance examinations to the universities were dropped, and more emphasis was given to political potential than to students' intelligence.

When the Gang of Four was overthrown the government began reinstating the examinations, Dr. Lowman said.

She said the main difference between American schools and

Chinese schools is that they lack much of the equipment American schools have.

The classrooms she visited had enough equipment she said, but this equipment was generally old and very worn.

She said the students and instructors were amazed to see electronic calculators. They left one at each school they visited.

She said Peking University does have a computer system, but it is "nowhere near" the computer facilities at Western.

The Chinese school system is divided into four types of schools: elementary schools, middle (secondary) schools, universities and factory schools.

Lowman said a student can spend up to ten years in elementary and middle schools. They attend classes six days a week, she added.

She said that not everyone in China goes to middle school.

"Some go to factory schools, communes or the countryside to continue their education."

During the summer, the government sends teachers and students to join "work brigades," Lowman said. These groups are sent where they are needed most to do practical labor, she said.

While in Kweilin, Lowman said she saw a government film showing fields being harvested by machine, but the only method she saw in the fields was hand-harvesting.

She said she saw a work crew digging an irrigation canal by hand. They were moving the dirt that had been dug from one side of the canal by a "bucket brigade."

She also visited a university operating room where abdominal surgery is performed. They were not worried about germs, "they let us walk in in our street clothes," she said.

Lowman said she was selected to be a member of the delegation because she recently completed a research project for Peabody College, Nashville, on math education in the People's Republic of China.

She said two other factors which led to her being selected were that she had traveled extensively in the Orient and that her Ph.D. program included a minor in international education.



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Jay Carter signaled across the pool to the Kentucky swimmers to let them know who won the meet after he and three teammates won the last event, the 400-yard freestyle relay. Backstroker Ron Finley, one of three freshmen who set school records, won the 200-yard backstroke in 2:00.1. After arriving a couple of hours before the meet, Jeff Wells (top) and Tracy Phillips (bottom) used a trampoline to rest before the meet.

Photos by Ricky Rogers



Western slides by UK

By RICKY ROGERS

LEXINGTON—After running through the cold, drizzling rain and filing into the dimly lit Trailblazer bus, Western's diving coach Tom McKinnie got up and said, "Okay everybody, let's do it together."

To the tune of "Auld Lang Syne," the jubilant Hilltopper swimmers started singing, "We won, because we won, because we won..." These were the only words to the song and all that were needed.

Just a half-hour earlier, in the basement of the famous Memorial Coliseum, Western upset the University of Kentucky, 58-55, for its first dual meet victory over

swimming

the Wildcats.

It took an outstanding effort from the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Butch Dymowski, Jay Carter, Steve Krigbaum and Jeff Wells to pull out the victory.

After the three-meter diving event, Kentucky held a 55-51 lead. However, the Topper four, who received a prerace tunnel to walk through from their teammates, edged the Cats' team of John Demison, Paul Falot, Terry Syias and Mark Gribble, 3:13.7 to 3:15.2.

Just six days ago, it took the same effort for the Hilltoppers to defeat West Virginia at Charleston, W. Va. Western's dual meet record is 3-0.

Against Kentucky, one of the keys was the record-setting performances of three freshmen recruited from Michigan and the continued outstanding swimming of sophomore Kiko Ledesma.

First there was Dymowski, who overcame a neck injury to take both the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events.

Dymowski, who hurt his neck while horsing around with a teammate Sunday, couldn't move it at all Monday and Tuesday, while missing both days of practice. He got to practice a little the day before the meet.

Dymowski bounced back with a school and Coliseum pool record performance of :21.51 in the 50. It broke the school record of :21.52 set by Rick Yeloushan in 1974.

Then Dymowski threatened the oldest school record of :47.3 set by Yeloushan in the 100-yard freestyle in 1973. But his winning time of :47.6 fell just short.

Ron Finley defeated the defending Kentucky Intercollegiate Swimming Conference backstroke champion Greg Shep-

herd and UK's top freshman, Matt Williams, in the 200-yard backstroke.

Finley broke the school record of 2:00.2 set by Dave Kowalewski in 1974 by one-tenth of a second. Finley also finished second in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:48.3.

The last of the freshman trio is Bill Jackson, who broke his own Topper record of 2:15.5 in the 200-yard breaststroke event set six days ago.

Jackson edged out UK's second-place finisher, Bob Heinbrock, who is the defending KISC breaststroke champion. Jackson's time was 2:15.1. He also finished third in the 200-yard individual medley in 2:03.3.

Ledesma, Western's Most Valuable Swimmer last year as a freshman, was a double winner. He won the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:02.5 and the 300-yard butterfly with a time of 1:58.6.

The fourth school record set was Western's 400-yard medley relay victory. Backstroker Finley, breaststroker Jackson, butterflyer Ledesma and freestyler Carter covered the distance in 3:35.09, also a Coliseum record.

The Hilltoppers took both relays and six first place finishes in 11 events. The Wildcats' record fell to 2-1 for the season.

Swimming coach Bill Powell said, "This is the best team spirit I ever had here at Western."

"They have gotten together and pulled off two major upsets—over West Virginia and Kentucky. And both meets were on the road."

What's next? As the team bus headed for the Red Lobster restaurant instead of the usual golden arches of McDonald's after the meet, the swimmers chanted, "Undeafated, oo-ah, undeafated, oo-ah...." Apparently they plan to stay that way.



A nighttime visit to Diddle Arena...

Blitzen: "Hey, Rudolph. Where are we?"

Rudolph: "We're in south-central Kentucky, approaching Bowling Green. We're scheduled to land at Western Kentucky University in five minutes."

Prancer: "Well, let's hurry up. It's really cold and this sleigh and the old man are getting kinda heavy."

Santa: "Hush up there, reindeer. Quit complaining and keep your eyes open for a funny-looking round building beside a half bowl-shaped football stadium. It's easy to spot. It's the one with no empty parking spaces surrounding it."

Rudolph: "Navigator to pilot, come in please."

Santa: "Go ahead, navigator."

Rudolph: "We're approaching the round building now. Estimated time of arrival is three minutes."

The gift-laden sleigh glided silently to a stop on the roof of Diddle Arena. Dasher, Dancer and Donner huddled closely together for warmth as Santa dismounted and walked to the lead reindeer, Rudolph, whose nose illuminated the winter sky. Soft snowflakes stuck to the old gentleman's beard as he surveyed the campus and reminisced on by-gone Decembers.

Santa: "I've been coming to Western, oh, since before your father was born, Rudolph. They're fine people, these Hilltoppers. I bet you didn't know I was the fella who brought Ed Diddle his first red towel, did you?"

"No sir," Rudolph said as he remembered the same old story told him each Christmas from the roof of Diddle Arena.

Santa: "Yeah, they tell me the red towel has become sort of a tradition around here. But I guess the main thing I like about the people here is their taste in clothing. They wear some pretty nice looking red and white suits, too."

The snow began to fall heavily and the wind whistled between the eight tiny reindeer as Santa removed his bag of good cheer from the sleigh and headed for the arena's rear door.

"I sure wish they had made a chimney in this place," he thought as he slipped through the "slightly ajar" door. "It kinda ruins my image, but I'm sure glad Johnny Oldham leaves the door open for me each year," he mused.

As he passed the basketball offices, he paused to remove a small package labeled "Jim Richards" and slipped it under the coach's door. "He sure needs this," Santa said softly of the gift—a book entitled, "A Coach's Guide to Free Throw Shooting."

He next placed a package at the door of golf coach Frank Griffin containing six compasses. "Maybe this will help them find the greens," he thought to himself.



A trip past Bill Powell's office left Santa wondering why the swimming coach's letter to the North Pole had not requested much. "I guess he doesn't need much this season, but I'll leave him his only request—a 9:50 1,000-yard swimmer," Santa thought as he deposited a long, slender box wrapped in water-proof paper.

Next to Powell's office, he stopped to munch on the traditional plate of goodies left near the door of Oldham's office. He wondered why the athletic director no longer left "Big W" sandwiches as he picked up a note next to the plate of cookies and cake.

"Dear St. Nick," the note began, "I hope you remember we need a little extra help this year. I think most of our coaches have been good boys and girls this year, so why don't you be extra nice to them, especially Jimmy Feix. He didn't say too many 'ho-hos' this fall. Merry Christmas and safe flying—Johnny O."

Santa remembered the note and the delicious cake and candy as he dodged a patrolling public safety officer on his way to

Smith Stadium. He first stopped at the office of tennis coach Ray Rose and slipped an envelope under the door containing the addresses of Turkish tennis players. "Just what he wanted," Santa thought.

Passing the office of Dr. Barry Shollenberger, Santa remembered the Topper baseball coach's first season and laid a packaged rabbit's foot near the door. "All he needs is a little luck and he'll have a championship team," he thought.

At the door of cross-country coach Del Hessel, he left a wool toboggan. "That bald head of his is sure going to get chilly this winter," Santa thought, smiling. "I wish I could honor his wish for some more English distance runners, but I already left my yearly supply at Murray."

Passing the football locker room, Santa left three huge boxes at the door of defensive line coach Stumpy Baker. "A request for three more Tony Townses was a hard order to fill, but I hope he's happy with these monsters," he thought.

At the door of offensive

coordinator Sam Clark, he remembered one of Feix's requests and left a playbook entitled, "The Shotgun Offense Made Easy." Included on the package was an envelope containing a one-way plane ticket to Northern Michigan University. "I wonder why he wants this," Santa thought.

Santa emptied his bag at his final stop—Feix's office. The various-sized gifts filled the corridor outside the football coach's office. "He sure sent a long list this year," he thought. "Quarterbacks who don't throw interceptions, fast defensive backs and versatile players immune to knee injuries sure kept my elves busy filling his

requests."

The snow had deepened as Santa emerged from the stadium and noticed the football scoreboard and remembered his next stop was Morehead, Ky. where a football coach named Chapman wanted three seconds on the Smith Stadium clock. "Hmmm," he thought.

After awakening the sleeping reindeer, the jolly gentleman guided his sleigh off the Diddle Arena roof and set course for Morehead. The public safety officer in the Diddle parking lot wondered if it was just the wind howling as he thought he heard sleigh bells and a faint yell: "Merry Christmas to all and to all a winning season."

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Toppers hold on against UL

By ROBIN VINCENT

LOUISVILLE—A late rally by Louisville failed to destroy an 18-point Hilltopper lead, as Western edged the Cardinals, 61-59, Saturday night at Freedom Hall.

The Toppers pulled away to a 33-26 lead at the half behind some

women's basketball

outside shooting from Donna Doellman and the free throw shooting of Beth Lane Blanton and Brenda Chapman.

Doellman, who scored 15 points in the first half, scored the team's first three baskets to give the Toppers an early 6-2 lead.

The Cardinals rallied to lead, 24-22, behind the close-range shooting of 6-foot-2 sophomore center Audrey Baines, who scored 12 points in the first half. But the Toppers were on top, 31-26, at the half.

The Toppers got off to a fast start at the beginning of the second half and quickly ran up a 54-36 lead.

After Doellman picked up her fourth foul with 9:57 left, Baines began the Louisville rally, picking up 10 points in six minutes. However, the rally wasn't enough as Western won, 61-59.



Photo by Davis Sutherland

Topper Beth Blanton improvises on a layup during Western's 61-59 win over the University of Louisville Saturday.

Topper coach Julia Yeater was pleased with most of her team's play.

"I thought we did a real good job the first 30 minutes of the game, and then the last ten minutes, we kind of ran out of steam," she said.

"Their press made us turn the ball over and seemed to take

something away from us the last few minutes."

Louisville's coach Terry Hall wasn't too impressed by the play of either team.

"I thought it was a very sloppy game on both teams' part," she said. "There were a lot of turnovers and our shooting really hurt us."

Doellman adjusts to new position

By BETH TAYLOR

When Pam Kordenbrock, Western's leading scorer last year, reported to conditioning drills this season with her leg in a cast, Hilltopper coach Julia Yeater was anxious an experienced center.

But Donna Doellman, a 5-foot-10 forward and the team's leading rebounder last year, has stepped in.

Although she claims to be more a defensive than offensive player, Doellman is averaging 16.3 points per game. She led the team scoring in their last two games with 27 points against Vanderbilt Wednesday and 25 against Louisville Saturday.

The position is not totally new to Doellman.

"When Pam fouled out during the state semifinals against UK, I played center then," she said. "My main objective was to put some good defense on UK's center, Pam Browning."

Western beat the Lady Kats, 71-63, to advance to the finals where they lost to Morehead, 70-68.

Doellman made the All-tournament team with Brenda Chapman and Kordenbrock, and Western earned a spot in the regional as state runners-up.

North Carolina booted the team 70-52, in the first game at Memphis. "I thought we'd do better than we did," Doellman said. "It was still exciting just to be there, but it's more exciting when you win."

A junior, Doellman has had to adjust to her new role as center and is beginning to shoot more.

"It's really a challenge. I'm not used to playing with my back to the goal," she said.

"I've never been an offensive player. Last year I was always looking in the middle, trying to get the ball to Pam. But now I'm in the middle."

This year the Tops have compiled a 5-1 record with a team including nine freshmen.

"We have a lot of talented people, but we still haven't played like we're capable of yet," Doellman said. "But that's okay; you don't want to peak too early."

She was recruited by five colleges but came to Western "because the coaches (then Dr. Carol Hughes and Curtis Turley) were so excited about the program. They had a positive attitude and knew we could win...and we did."

Her first concern was whether

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Western loses third straight

By BRYAN ARMSTRONG

As James Johnson goes, so goes Western's basketball team.

The 6-foot-7 senior forward paced the Hilltoppers in their first five games this year, averaging 27 points and 11 rebounds.

Such was the case at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Saturday, when Johnson's 14 points and 10 rebounds staked the Toppers to a 42-30 halftime lead.

However, the Panthers shut Johnson down in the second half, holding him to just two points and seven rebounds on their way to a 73-70 win. According to Western coach Jim Richards, UW-M accomplished this by stopping Western's inside game.

"They played an extreme, sagging man-to-man defense," Richards said. "They didn't even bring their defense as far out as the head of the circle. They tried to take away our inside play by forcing us to shoot from outside. They took it away."

The loss dropped Western's record to 2-4. The Toppers play host to Cal-Poly (San Luis Obispo) Saturday.

Western commanded the game early. After a driving layup by Panther Gerald Hardnett tied the score at 2-2, Western reeled off six straight points to take an 8-2 lead, an advantage it held for the first half.

UW-M made two runs at Western before halftime, once closing the gap to 16-14 and then cutting it to 28-24, when forward Albert Jones tipped in a shot at the 5:40 mark.

But three jump shots by center Aaron Bryant and layups by Johnson and sophomore guard Greg Burbach extended the Topper lead to 38-25. UW-M called timeout to stop the Topper momentum and cut the lead to 12 by halftime.

men's basketball

Three more baskets by Bryant early in the second half put Western ahead, 48-32. However, the Panthers outscored Western, 29-12, during the next 12 minutes to take a 61-60 lead. Hardnett's baseline drive around Mike Prince put UW-M on top.

Western grabbed the lead three times after that, the last at 66-65 on a Johnson tip-in, before UW-M pulled away for good. A Steve Ashby jumper with about a minute left brought Western within one at 71-70, but two free throws by Panther Malcolm Dotson gave UW-M the win.

Bryant was a bright spot for

Western. The 6-7 junior center hit 10 of 20 for 24 points and claimed 15 rebounds. He had been benched by Richards in Western's previous game, a home loss to Butler.

"Aaron played real well," Richards said. "His shot selection was better and he hit the ones he took. He hit the boards harder and played with more enthusiasm."

Western will still be in search of its first home win Saturday. At one time 2-1, the Toppers have lost three straight.

"We have to practice. We have a lot of things to work on," he said. "Our passing game is not good at all. But with a little luck, we could be 6-0 instead of 2-4."

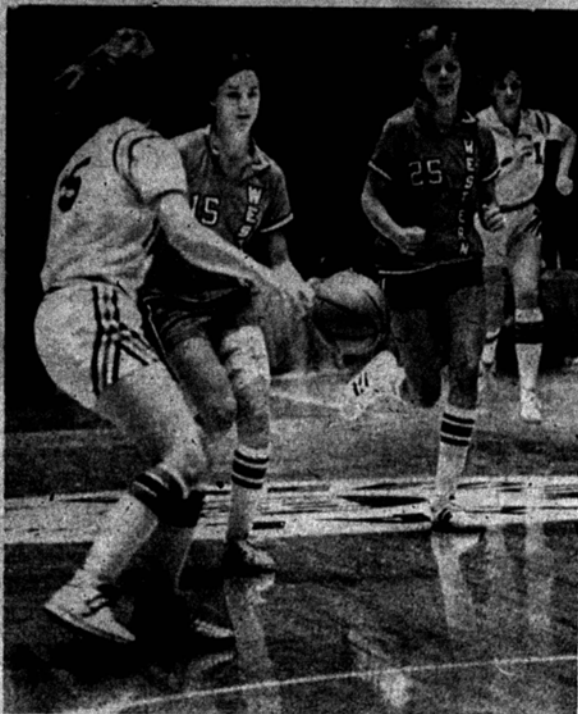


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Western's Donna Doellman (25) follows a Topper break.

Top makes switch

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to play volleyball or basketball. She played on three volleyball teams during her high school senior year.

"I saw basketball as the oncoming sport for women, at least in Kentucky," the Cincinnati native said.

Her twin Danny is a star basketball player for Northern Kentucky. "I've always been athletically inclined," she said. "So if I wanted to play something—it had to be basketball with my brother and father."

Although she considered going to Northern, Doellman wanted to be on her own and make a name for herself. She also didn't want the coaches recruiting her in hopes of luring her brother.

"It's really weird—we've (she

and her brother) played games on the same nights and scored the same number of points several times."

In the summer, Doellman plays major league softball with the Rum Runners. The team placed fifth in the 1976 All-World tournament, and Doellman was named to the All-World team as first baseman.

Now on a full basketball scholarship, she is hoping for a return trip to the regionals, where she thinks the Tops can improve their record. Kordenbrock is expected to return to action next semester, and Doellman will resume her forward position.

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Semi-literacy a growing problem

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poses the question of whether Western is responsible for teaching them skills they should have learned in high school.

Dr. Robert Mounce, dean of Potter College, estimates that the university spent at least \$1,200 on each of the 42 sections of 055 offered this fall.

Mounce said that is the average paid a teacher here for teaching a course, meaning the remedial program in English is worth a minimum of \$60,400.

That figure doesn't include the costs of the writing lab that the English department operates for students who need special help.

But Mounce said he believes Western should help the deficient student.

"The role of teaching is to take students where they are and go as far as you can with them," he said. "With the open admissions policy what it is, there is no alternative to offering a remedial program."

Mounce's feelings on the university's responsibility of offering 055 are not shared throughout the program.

Dr. Walter Rutledge, assistant professor of English who taught an 055 section two years ago, said he doesn't think the program is worth the expense.

Rutledge, who said the course was not valueless but was

frustrating to teach, said, "055 operates on the humanitarian idea that 'if you've helped one, you've succeeded.'"

"But I think the money probably could be applied elsewhere to greater benefit."

With the open admissions policy what it is, there is no alternative to offering a remedial program.

—Dr. Robert Mounce

Officials and teachers are fairly confident that those who can't write won't become more prevalent in the ranks of incoming freshmen.

The students' inability to write, or "semi-literacy," as Steele calls it, "has nothing to do with intelligence—just a simple lack of verbal skills," Steele said.

Dr. Miller said a bill that the legislature is expected to consider

this spring may help students get those skills.

Dr. Miller said the Kentucky Education Improvement Act should include a provision for skills testing in the third, fifth, eighth and 11th grades. The last test would be a requirement for graduation, which in turn is the sole requirement for admission to a Kentucky university.

This fall Dr. Miller was on the curriculum subcommittee of the governor's task force on education, which is putting together the act.

The 1978 session of the General Assembly will act on the bill as part of Gov. Julian Carroll's legislative package.

Dr. Miller said she was a staunch supporter of the skills test, which would record a student's progress throughout his education and give schools some indication of what their graduates know.

In an entry in her first publication on 055 at Western, Dr. Miller wrote:

"I hope some of the shocking statistics (our 055 students score in the bottom 15th percentile in the nation, for example) and some of the writing samples included here can help us persuade purse-string holders (not only at the university but in the legislature) that we need even more financial support to teach Johnny, finally, how to write."



Photo by Steve Benson

Ginny Pillow helps a student during a tutoring session.

2 dorms open for holiday

It appears that the university will be able to house all the students who wish to stay on campus over Christmas break, according to Horace Shrader, housing director.

Women will be housed in Schneider Hall while men will

stay in vacant rooms in Pearce-Ford Tower.

Rooms will cost \$13 per week and will be rented on a first-come-first-served basis.

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