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Grade inflation cheapens students' efforts

By MARGARET SHIRLEY

The long-term effects of grade inflation at Western may influence more than who is named to the dean's list. The broader result may be to cheapen the whole grading system.

Just how great the impact will be of a system in which more than 50 percent of undergraduate students receive A's and B's has not been determined. Unfortunately, there



analysis

is an apparent lack of concern by administrators at Western about grade inflation.

Administrators are not quick to admit that grade inflation exists here. "There could be. Obviously some departments have fewer A's and B's than others," Dr. James Davis, academic affairs vice president, said in a recent interview.

Yet he said Western fits in with a national trend where "the B tends

to be more of an average grade than a C." And the translation of a C on grade slip explanations has been changed from "average" to "fair."

Since there is no way to adequately equate grades under the present system — an A in Introduction to Bowling simply cannot be measured against a C in Radiation Biophysics — comparing GPAs even under the best conditions is difficult. But with the

added problem of grade inflation scholarships, academic awards and honors programs become almost meaningless.

Concern about the increasing percentages of higher grades prompted an Academic Council committee in 1977 to conduct a three-month study of grading policies and a survey of faculty members.

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Photos by Jim Gensheimer

Sun kissed

On a picnic table near South Hall, Bobbie Jo Ramsey, a freshman computer science major from Glasgow, gets a kiss from Todd Roberts, a sophomore business major from Owensboro.

Further budget cuts may kill salary raises

By CYNDI MITCHELL

Higher education is likely to receive a 7.5 percent reduction in the budget in addition to previously announced cuts for 1981-82 — a reduction which could mean no faculty salary increases at Western next year, according to President Donald Zacharias.

Finance Secretary George Atkins told Zacharias and several Western officials Friday that the state was facing a revenue shortfall of \$185 million, or 7.5 percent of the state's general fund.

Just how much of the shortfall higher education will have to absorb is yet to be determined, but Atkins said the finance department was trying to distribute it fairly. "We're trying to impose, if there is such a thing, a fairness doctrine." He said higher education's portion of the general fund should remain

at about 17 percent.

The finance department should have its recommendations ready by the first of April, Atkins said. Then cuts for the eight state universities will be determined by the state Council on Higher Education, which Zacharias said he assumes will mean an additional 7.5 percent or \$2.2 million reduction for Western.

Last fall's budget projections had indicated Western's \$31 million budget would be trimmed by \$987,600 for the 1981-82 fiscal year.

"If we have to absorb the kind of cut Atkins talked about, there's no way we can avoid having salaries affected," Zacharias said.

Tuition increases expected to be approved by CHE in April may affect the extent of the cuts if the money is returned to the campuses and not to the general fund, he said.

"But there's still a debate as to where it should go," Zacharias said. "If you increase the charge for higher education, the increase should be used there."

Zacharias said even if Western saw the effects of an increase, salaries "would have to be severely affected."

Even before the new cuts, he said Western was already in the position of not being able to compete with other universities for faculty.

"With zero (salary) increases, it will make us extremely vulnerable to other universities in departments with a high demand (for faculty)," he said. "I just hope whatever occurs will just be of one-year duration."

Any faculty positions lost to other schools because of the lack of salary increase will be reviewed before they are filled, Zacharias

said. "If the vacancy would create a major hardship, we'd have to fill it."

If salaries can't be increased in the fall, Zacharias said he would request the state legislature to pass an emergency appropriation for higher education salaries — a move he said other states have done successfully.

Zacharias said that through CHE, they would document and demonstrate the need for such an appropriation.

Zacharias said that after speaking to Gov. John Y. Brown Saturday about the cuts, he "is greatly encouraged by his reaction."

"He (Brown) has taken a hard look at the presidents' reports and talked to public school officials, and I am convinced he's making a concerted effort to improve the revenue prospects," he said.

Inside

Today's Herald includes a 12-page March Magazine. Featured are stories on basketball manager Clint Allen, refugees studying in the Rock House, "senior panic" to catch a husband and People's Choice, an intramural basketball team.

Weather

Today

Mostly sunny and pleasant is the National Weather Service forecast. High temperature should reach 51 degrees, nighttime low near 32.

Tomorrow

Colder, with a chance of rain or possibly snow. The high should be near 50, nighttime low near 29.

Grade inflation cheapens efforts

—Continued from Front Page—

Although the committee found evidence of grade inflation, no changes were made in the grading system.

Dr. Curtis Englebright, teacher education department head, said recently one reason his department consistently gives a high percentage of A's and B's is that "we're not discriminating among the achievements of students. We're not discriminating between the good student and the next almost good student as precisely as we ought to."

The ineffectiveness of the present grading system also leads to psychological effects that must be considered.

Students are unsure about the importance of grades, particularly in the way they are used to measure what is learned in a course. To meet the pressure of maintaining a high GPA, students often choose "bunny" courses for an easy A, although they might have preferred to take a more difficult class but couldn't afford to risk a low grade. Or they might turn to cheating.

And what about the student who truly works hard to attain an A average? With the disparity of grades in different study areas and even within departments, outstanding-scholar awards may be unequally distributed among the "easier" majors.

Perhaps what is needed is an overall study of the grading system. Does the standard A-F system work? Apparently not, but even it could be improved by adding pluses and minuses. A 10-point scale might also be an alternative.

Employers may begin to question the meaning of grade-point averages listed on resumes. Economics department head Dr. John Wassom said employers now have trouble interpreting GPAs and pay more attention to the Graduate Records Examination and reference letters. Western's economics department had the lowest percentage of A's awarded last fall.

There also seems to be a contradiction between the high percentage of A's and B's and the

declining level of national college testing scores of incoming freshmen.

The problem begins in elementary and secondary schools where many students are not taught, or do not learn, even the basic skills of reading and writing.

Nearly half of all entering freshmen at Western last fall were considered inadequately prepared for college-level math, a third were poorly prepared in English and about a fifth had a reading ability no higher than the ninth grade, according to a memo from Davis.

Nine sections of English 055, a sub-freshman-level course, were listed in this spring's schedule bulletin, along with seven sections of remedial math and four in basic reading skills.

Perhaps requiring competency testing for high school seniors would lessen the need for these remedial classes.

If colleges are to be centers for advanced education, it is time that a more realistic grading system were designed.

Course catalogs to cost students

New students will now be the only people receiving free issues of Western's annual University Catalog.

The university will also use the current 1981 catalog for the 1981-82 academic year, instead of printing a new catalog.

The revised policy, implemented Feb. 20, will save \$32,000 in production costs and should generate \$23,000 in sales, ac-

ording to a campus press release.

All students entering the university for the first time (including freshmen and transfer students) will receive one free copy of the catalog during their orientation program.

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Body recall:

Fitness workshop teaches elderly how to keep in shape, enjoy living

By CHUCK CLARK

"Ugh!" Audrey Bowles groaned as she got up from the makeshift exercise floor in the Bowling Green Towers recreation room.

The 62-year old Bowling Green resident had been exercising some muscles she hadn't used in a long, long time.

Mrs. Bowles and 86 other senior citizens were participating in a Body Recall Workshop led by Dorothy Chrisman, author of a physical fitness book for the elderly.

The workshop was a beginning effort by Western's physical education department to start a physical fitness program for the elderly.

Dr. Charles Daniel, assistant professor of physical education and recreation, said, "We've had a program for two years, which has included such things as square dancing, indoor croquet and fishing, but it's only been at the towers. We're trying to get a really active program going now."

Mary Katherine Hancock, a graduate student working with the program, said there is a great need in Bowling Green for such activities.

"We are developing this because there is no current recreation program for the aged. We're currently working on assessing the residents' wants and needs," Hancock said.

Mrs. Chrisman, a 54-year old physical education instructor from Berea College, says she works on the theory of "move it or lose it" when she conducts a workshop on physical education for the elderly.

"You people need a program!" she shouted, receiving applause from her audience. "I want to die living! I want to die behind a lawnmower!"

"Successful people don't waste things," she said, "so don't waste yourself."

With Mrs. Chrisman's encouragement, many of the onlookers moved to imitate the exercises she was demonstrating.

Groans and a few giggles rose from the audience as they strained to touch their toes, rotate their wrists and roll large sponge balls around their bodies for dexterity.

Mrs. Chrisman encouraged the people in the group who took part in the exercises. "I am so proud of you people who have the courage to try. Spectatoritis is gonna kill us — you've got to move it or you're gonna lose it," she said.

"I already feel so much better," said Mrs. Eunice Ferguson, a 66-year-old who has arthritis. She said that throughout the program, she did as many exercises as she could.

A group of seven senior citizens, whose average age is 71, accompanied Mrs. Chrisman to Bowling Green and demonstrated non-strenuous exercises the elderly can do in their spare time.

Mrs. Chrisman, who describes herself as the "youngster of the group," told her audience a continuing program of physical fitness for "people — I don't call you aged" is important. "We've got to be successful. You people are gonna end up lying flat on your backs if we're not."

Mary Huil, a 70-year-old member of the group, said, "You feel better when you're finished, no matter how you feel when you come in."

Although Daniel was pleased with the turnout, he said he wished more towers residents had participated. "Only 12 out of the 210 people who live in the towers came. The rest are from the community," he said.

Mrs. Chrisman's workshop

inaugurated the Physical Education and Leisure Time for the Aged program which started weekly fitness meetings yesterday in the towers' recreation room.

The exercise sessions are sponsored by Western's physical education department, Community Education, Bowling Green Towers and Barren River Comprehensive Care Center.

In June, Daniel will present the program to the 31st annual conference of the National Council on Aging in Nashville, Tenn.

Daniel said the 28 million Americans 65 or older are the key to the program's success. "America is growing older," he said. "No matter how old you are, if you're physically active, your social, emotional and physical health is better."

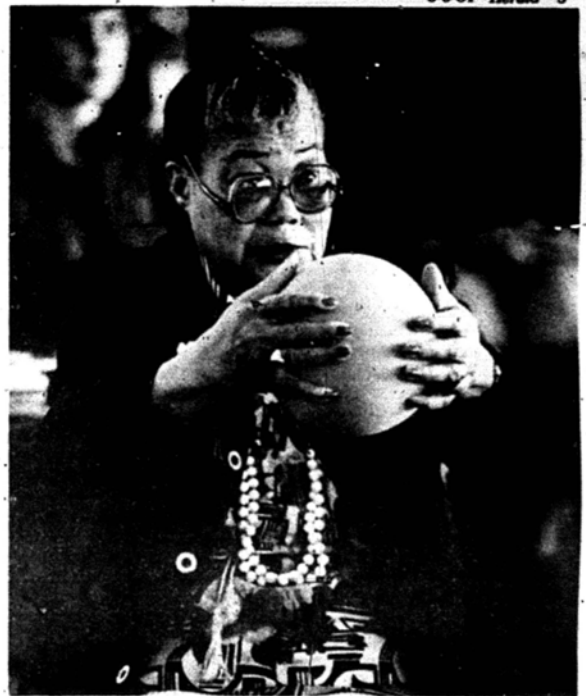


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Margaret Ragland of Bowling Green exercises with a foam rubber ball at the Body Recall Workshop at Bowling Green Towers.

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Opinion

*Until action is taken
to deflate college grades . . .*

Everybody suffers

Nothing seems to be worth what it used to be.

College grades are no exception.

Figures show that a high grade-point average today is about as valuable as the dollar bill.

Although grade inflation is obviously a problem, solutions are hard to come by.

A 1977 survey answered by 380 Western teachers gave such solutions as attaching pluses and minuses to grades, adopting a uniform grading policy for the university and gaining more support from the administration when grades are protested.

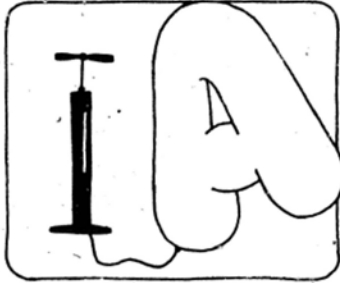
But Dr. Faye Robinson, associate academic affairs vice president, said that when teachers were surveyed by the academic affairs office three or four years ago, they overwhelmingly favored keeping the present system.

Dr. Robinson said the minus and plus system would probably have very little effect on grade inflation.

But it does have advantages. The system would give teachers more room to distinguish between students. There is a big difference between a 70 and a 79 average. This difference should be reflected in grades.

Another solution the university should consider is grading on a 10-point scale. The system would give teachers even more room to distinguish between strong, average and weak students.

Dr. Robinson said the system would



probably not "lend itself very well" to some classes which are not objective.

But why not?

Couldn't essay tests be graded as precisely as objective tests?

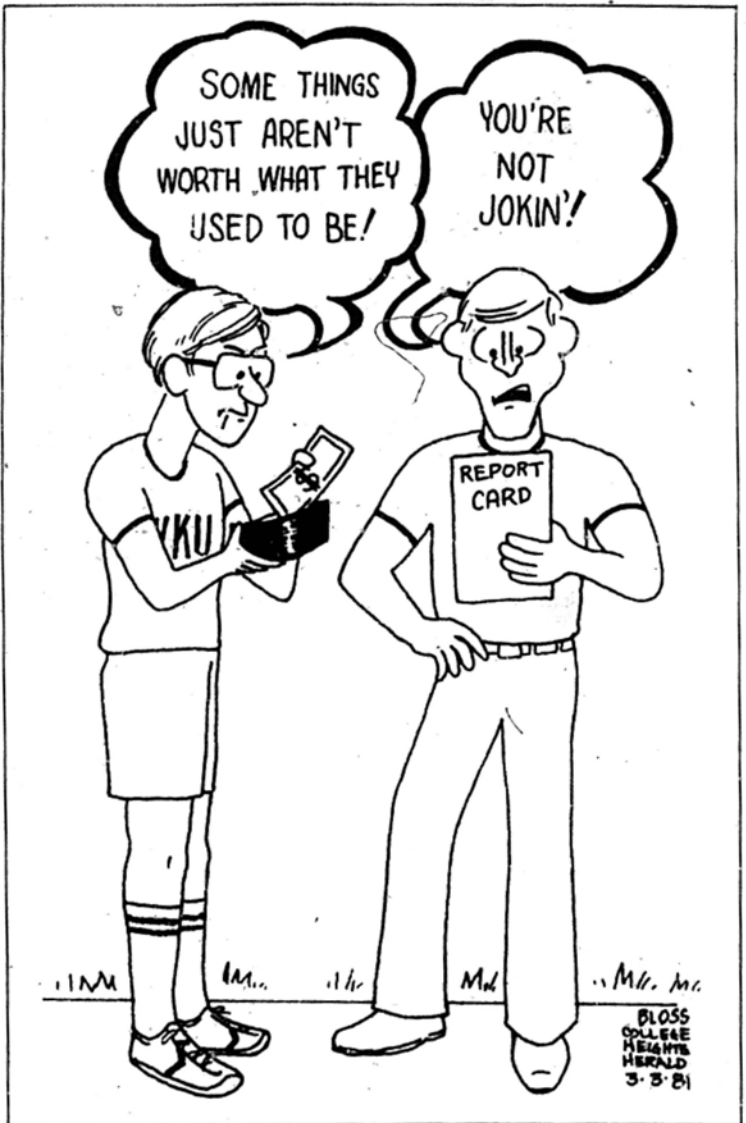
A 10-point scale would give grades much more meaning. Teachers would be able to give an exact grade of seven or eight rather than a vague "B."

Shortening withdrawal periods is another possible solution.

This semester students have more than two months to drop a class with a WP or a WF. If a student is only earning a "C" or "D" in a class, he can drop it late in the semester without any harm to his GPA.

Of course, students should have some time to change their minds about classes, but almost two-thirds of the semester seems ridiculous.

These solutions may not be certain answers to the grade inflation problem, but they are a start. Something must be done to reverse the trend and give grades back their meaning or everybody will suffer.



Letters to the editor

Exhibition opened

Many thanks to the Herald and the office of public information for the Feb. 17 article on my one-man show of drawings and paintings. The problem is that the article didn't tell when or where the show would be held.

The exhibition opened on Feb. 2 in the Claypool Young Art Gallery at Morehead State University and will close on March 6. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Dr. Neil Peterie
art professor

Volunteers requested

It is once again time to ask for volunteers for the Area Five Special Olympics. The students of Western have been very supportive of the program in the past and we are sure they will be involved again this year.

The Special Olympics is athletic competition for the mentally retarded. The

participants are those with an I.Q. of 75 or below. The competition will include various track and field events, bowling, gymnastics, softball throw and frisbee toss.

The Area Five games will be held at Bowling Green High School on April 25 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We will have approximately 500 athletes participating. It will take over 800 volunteers from Western and the community to make this event a success. Volunteer application forms will be available in the dorms and the university center. If you would like to volunteer or need additional information, please come by the recreation department, room 210 in Diddle Arena or call 745-3591.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Jo Verner
Area Five Coordinator

Jenny L. Parker
graduate assistant

Article hard to 'stomach'

A grain of salt notwithstanding, I couldn't quite "stomach" Cyndi Mitchell's article "Students battling white whale look," Herald, 2-26-81.

Briefly, Man (Woman) is not physique; Man is an idea, an image, of Love. He (She) comes from above, not below. Shaming or invalidating someone's material outline in order to validate another "better" shape is a bit underhanded; moreover, it is absurd. I found the perspective presented in the article immature and undignified.

Let's all pray for inner peace and an end to opinions that in the end humiliate the accuser more than the accused.

John Metzger
Bowling Green

ASG elections supported

It is that time of year again for the Associated Student Government to conduct primaries and elections for the

selection of officers and representatives. This year we have a number of highly qualified candidates running for office, and my concern is that we have an apathetic student body. Last year only 10 percent of the student body voted for the members of ASG; therefore, nine out of 10 people chose not to get involved.

The students are facing hard times ahead such as the budget cuts, tuition and housing increases, and cuts in the grant and student loan programs by the Reagan administration.

This is not the time to be skeptical to our student leaders, but we should all be unified whether we are greek or independent. I encourage all students to get involved and vote in the ASG elections this spring.

We must have a student government that backs the administration in order to have our needs met, in terms of equal funding for universities.

Paul J. Deom
junior

Faculty leaders push for action to enhance higher education

The Kentucky Congress of Senate Faculty Leaders discussed enhancing the state's higher education system and gained a new member when it met Saturday at Eastern.

COSFL chairman Tom Jones of Western said yesterday that Morehead, one of the two schools which had not been in COSFL, has joined the organization. Only the University of Kentucky does not belong to the organization, Jones said.

Jones said resolutions approved asked:

—That COSFL, as an advocate of higher education, encourage universities and their Boards of

Regents to also act as advocates.

—That a letter of appreciation be sent to members of the Committee on Higher Education in Kentucky's Future, a committee of the Council on Higher Education, for its public support. Named were former Gov. Bert Combs, committee chairman Ed Prichard, federal Appalachian Regional Commission co-chairman Al Smith and committee member Bill Mann.

—That a study suggested by CHE member William Cox to reorganize state universities include representatives from each college.

—That COSFL send a letter

commending President Donald Zacharias and J. David Cole, Western's Board of Regents chairman, "in appreciation of their advocacies of higher education beyond the bounds of Western."

—That because of substantial budget cuts, higher education should be "maintained and enhanced."

—That tuition money go directly to the university instead of the general university fund.

Jones said the resolutions weren't meant to single anyone out for criticism. "The enemy is a lack of money," he said.

What's happening

Today

The Horsemen's Association will meet at 7 p.m. in the Environmental Sciences and Technology Building, room 260.

Dr. Richard Weigel of the history department will speak at the Phi Alpha Theta meeting at 3:10 p.m. in Cherry Hall, room 210.

The Student Council for Exceptional Children will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the College of Education Building, room 131.

Thursday

Gayle Waggoner of the Center for Latin American Studies will speak on "The Mystic Past in the

Practical Present: Afro-Brazilian Religions" at 7 p.m. in the Bowling Green Public Library, program room.

The lecture, which is co-sponsored by the Center for Latin American Studies and the public library, is free.

The Young Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. in the university center, room 341.

Second bi-term sign-up continues

Students may add a second bi-term course in the registrar's office through Friday.

Final examinations for first bi-term classes begin tomorrow.

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For the record

The Warren County grand jury indicted Western professor Dr. Stanley Cooke yesterday on one charge of second-degree assault and two charges of third-degree assault.

Cooke was arrested Feb. 13 by Bowling Green police after he allegedly struck three juveniles with a wooden stick.

Although the grand jury normally hears only felony cases, it can issue indictments on all related charges. Cooke's trial will be in May.

Paul Bradley Lewis, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported Sunday that camera equipment and a wallet, worth a total of \$760, were missing from his room.

Barry Len Carter, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported Sunday that a camera valued at \$250 was taken from his room.

Margarite Corinne Spagnuolo, McCormack Hall, reported that her car was moved from the third to the sixth level of the parking structure Friday or Saturday and that \$462 worth of tapes were taken.

Jeffery Mark Shirley, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported that a wallet and cash worth \$60 were taken from his room Saturday.

Dana Leigh Moore, McCormack Hall, reported that a battery worth \$60 was removed from her car Friday or Saturday on the third level of the parking structure.

Moore said this was the fourth time this year that someone has taken a battery from her car.

Julie Ann Thompson, McCormack Hall, said a battery worth \$72 was removed from her car Friday or Saturday in the parking structure third level.

Matthew Joseph William, 857 Hampton Road, was arrested Friday and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. William was lodged in Warren County Jail and his court date was set for March 24.

A grease fire was reported Friday in the 16th floor kitchen of Pearce-Ford Tower. Damage was estimated at \$100.

Morrell Moore, 338 Keen Hall, was given a pre-trial diversion in Warren District Court Wednesday, provided he makes restitution to the university within 10 days. Moore was arrested Feb. 2 and charged with third-degree criminal mischief for allegedly damaging a fire door in Keen Hall.

Ronnie Dean Wall, 231 East Hall, and Terry Wayne Rice of Hendersonville, Tenn., were arrested Wednesday and charged with disorderly conduct. Rodes-Harlin residents had reported a disturbance outside the dorm.

Ramiah Sue Sadler, Gilbert Hall, reported that a gold piece, jewelry and cash valued at \$608 were taken

from her room Wednesday. The gold piece was later recovered, Sadler reported.

Joel Adam Weihe, 903 Pearce-Ford Tower, was given a pre-trial diversion in district court Thursday. Weihe was arrested Feb. 4 and charged with possession of marijuana and theft under \$100.

On the recommendation of the county attorney, the charge against Donna Carol Board, 711 Old Morgantown Road, was amended to theft under \$100. Board was arrested Jan. 30 after \$100 in cash was taken from the university bookstore. A plea of innocent was entered and the pre-trial conference will be tomorrow.

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Anonymous: Parents meet to solve child-abuse problems

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thin string;
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hurt one.
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scream,
Then say "good-bye,
self-esteem."*

—MLL, age 9
From "The Circular,"
a Parents Anonymous
newsletter

By NATHAN JOHNSON

Nine people sat in a room in Bowling Green trying to help each other with a problem they all share. A similar group sat in another room down the hall.

Each person or a spouse had abused his or her child, either mentally, physically or sexually.

Sometimes the group is joined by sponsors concerned with abuse prevention, but the core of Parents Anonymous consists of those who have sought help from the group and from one another.

Group leader Barbara Anne faced the other members, who were sitting in a semi-circle. Barbara Anne, who was elected chairwoman by the group last July, directs the discussion and confessions, sometimes asking questions of one member or the other — seeking insight into what was stopping the other member from talking.

"We love. We share. We understand," Barbara Anne said. "And if we love, we share, and we understand, we help. If you have love in your heart for someone else you share with them completely...."

Barbara Anne doesn't have a degree in psychology or social work or counseling, but it isn't necessary. It would, perhaps, get in the way of the rapport she has with the group.

She understands the problems of the others because she is one of them. She abused her child and came to Parents Anonymous for help.

"I verbally abused my little

girl," she said. "And that can scar and damage more than a slap. Words cut deep," she said.

Brenda Williams, state coordinator of Parents Anonymous, said theirs is basically a self-help group for parents who abuse their children in different ways. "Abuse," she said, "can be physical, emotional, verbal, sexual or by emotional or physical neglect."

Most of the non-profit organization's money comes from private donations, but some federal money is provided.

The group made its first attempt at fund-raising with a concert last Friday. Ms. Williams said the concert was necessary because no dues or membership fees are collected.

Although participation in the group sometimes functions as a judicial remedy (replacing imprisonment or breaking families and placing children in foster homes), the organization doesn't receive any local government

money. The Bureau for Social Services, the official reporting agency for child abuse, also refers parents to the group.

One of the problems with raising money, and with relating to people not in the group, come from the stigma attached to child abuse.

"People in general," Ms. Williams said, "think the child abuser is a monster."

Bowling Green has two official groups that deal with child abuse, the Child Protection Committee, Inc. and Parents Anonymous. Child Protection, Inc. is responsible for starting the Wee Care Nursery, where parents can bring their children when, as Rhonda Riedlinger, executive director, said, "they just can't stand them any more." Child Protection, Inc. also started Teens Anonymous.

Ms. Williams said about 148 referrals involving abuse were made to the Bureau for Social Services from May 1979 to May 1980. Eighty-seven cases were confirmed. Two hundred and fifty-two cases of neglect were reported

and 106 confirmed.

Ms. Williams said state law requires anyone who even suspects child abuse to call the Bureau of Social Services, but they often don't because they aren't certain that abuse exists. But she said it is an offense not to report suspicion of abuse as well. Calls can be made anonymously.

Kentucky has 14 active Parents Anonymous chapters. About 25 families are active in the Bowling Green chapter in weekly meetings, and another 160 who use the Wee Care nursery.

"Without PA," Barbara Anne said, "I'd go crazy."

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Theater reorganization plan withdrawn

By ROBERT CARTER

A proposal to reorganize the degree program in theater was withdrawn before Academic Council could act on it Thursday.

The proposal — actually 13 separate measures which would affect 45 courses in the communication and theater department — was withdrawn because the graduate sections of some 400-level courses had not yet been

approved by the Potter College Curriculum Committee, Dr. Regis O'Connor, department head, said.

The department's changes primarily include renumbering several theater courses, but also replacement of four one-hour rehearsal and performance courses with eight similar courses, of one-half hour credit each.

Academic Council did hear the first reading of proposed changes

in requirements for majors and minors in government. Under the proposal, majors and minors would be required to take Government 100, 110 and 230 (majors would also take Government 301, renumbered from 201). One-half of the hours required in the program would have to come from upper-level courses as well.

The council also approved a new honors course, "The Humanistic

Tradition of Britain," a class which involves a trip to Great Britain. The course, numbered Honors 104H, is to be offered during the Christmas holidays. It has also been accepted for general education credit in Category F.

In other business:

The council approved updating 100- and 200-level military science courses in mountaineering, marksmanship and military

studies. The new courses (except for military studies) are applicable for general education credit in Category E.

Two degree programs in the home economics and family living department were consolidated into a single institutional management.

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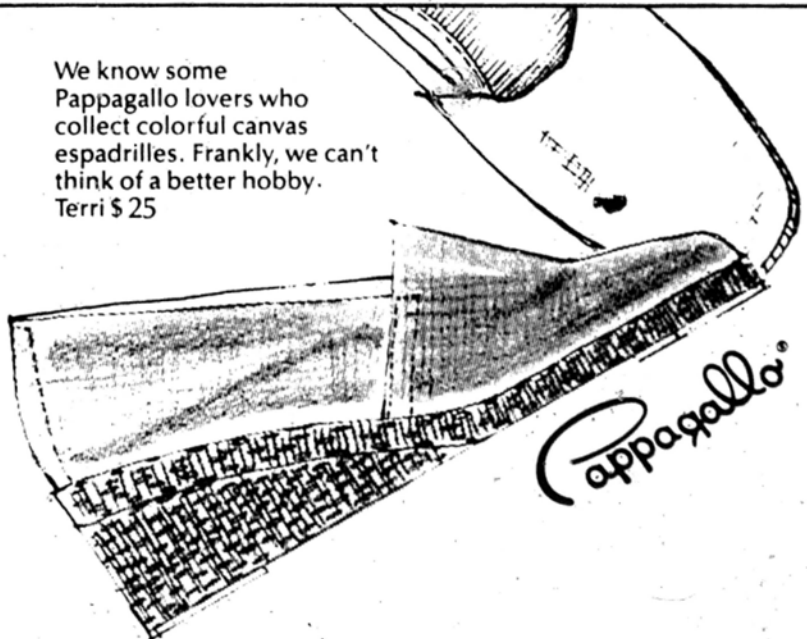
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Foreign students share food, heritage

By NATHAN JOHNSON

A Malaysian candlelight dance, a film showing ancient Nigerian sculpture and an international fashion show added a special flavor to some very special cuisine Friday night at an international

food tasting in the Garrett Conference Center Ballroom.

The food, prepared by Western students, was set up on two tables, buffet style, and 200 people loaded their plates with a variety that included chicken and cheese appetizers from Switzerland,

maoaloba from Jordan, biriani from Qatar, Saudi Arabian macaroni, pasoleh from Palestine, mantecados from Honduras, vegetables and chicken from Saudi Arabia and pineapple orange delight from Hawaii.

Once on the plate, the names of

the dishes were hard to remember. The chicken and cheese appetizers were little cupcakes about an inch in diameter, and mantecados are pastries topped with white sugar.

Doug Snyder, a Hawesville sophomore, said he wasn't worried that he didn't always know what he was eating. "I'm sure it's edible since they eat it all the time. I'm sure the stuff we eat seems strange to them." Snyder ate everything on his plate.

But the food was only part of the evening's two-hour festivities.

After most had finished eating, one of the announcers walked on stage. The dinner chatter — composed of a variety of languages — died away, and he outlined the schedule of entertainment for the rest of the evening.

Seven Malaysian students, in traditional Malaysian dress, moved gracefully onto stage. The lights dimmed, and the candles the dancers held in their hands became the center of attention.

The dancers moved slowly and gracefully, arching the candles over and sometimes behind their heads as they knelt, stood, formed and reformed lines and semi-circles. They danced to stringed sounds, a drumbeat and something that sounded like a flute.

The dancers then placed the candles in a line and waited for a different type music to begin.

This time they moved more quickly in a dance comparable to a

square dance, only theirs was more somber and followed a greater variety of patterns. They held halved coconut shells which met as the dancers did.

Then a film depicting Nigerian "Ife" and other types of art was shown. The art was composed mainly of busts that, as the film pointed out, surprisingly resembled those of the ancient Greeks and Renaissance naturalism.

Last came the international fashions.

The foreign students — dressed in traditional and sometimes very expensive dress — had been the focus of cameras throughout the evening. Finally they stepped onto the stage as their clothing was described.

The names of the clothing were unfamiliar. First came two Malaysian students, a man wearing a batik shirt and a woman wearing a kebaya for special occasions and a sarong.

The fashion show ended with a student presenting and explaining the Palestinian national costume — a long, white garment with a cloth covering for the head held tight by a black band.

Osama Sharif, chairman of ASG's International Student Committee, said the event is held every spring. "We feel we have something to share with Western and Bowling Green. We feel we can give a little back by sharing our customs and heritage."



Photo by Steve Lowry

Malaysian desserts are one of many dishes students prepared for ASG's International Food Tasting Festival. Dr. and Mrs. Donald Tuck listen as Azah Ysof, a freshman English major from Malaysia, describes her nasi kunyit dish. The festival was Saturday in the Garrett Conference Center Ballroom.

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Sports

Foul shots beat Tops

By TOMMY GEORGE

LOUISVILLE — Western coach Clem Haskins said his technical foul with 7:27 remaining in the first half didn't result in Western's 90-75 loss to 20th-ranked Louisville Saturday at Freedom Hall.

"It didn't help either," Haskins

Men's basketball

said after the game, leaning with one hand against the locker room wall to support himself and the other on his hip. "But you've got to let the officials know where you stand. (Derek) Smith and (Rodney) McCray were just all over Percy's (White) back on that rebounding play and the officials just watched. But I guess overall they (officials) did a fair job."

Western trailed, 23-22, and had been awarded the ball when the technical was assessed. Louisville reserve Roger Burkman sank the two technical free throws and the Cardinals went on to score 10 straight points to take a 33-22 lead.

Despite a Western timeout, Louisville continued to control the game and took a 40-30 halftime lead.

The margin was too much for Western to overcome as the Toppers finished the regular season at 19-7. Louisville boosted its season mark to 19-8.

"We played hard against a team of no slouches," Louisville coach Denny Crum said. "We had a few lapses, especially turning the ball over on inbounds plays, but that was mainly because we haven't faced a press where they put pressure on the inbounds man. But our press hurt them (Western) a lot more than theirs hurt us."

"We played sporadic, but I was pleased with the way we shot —

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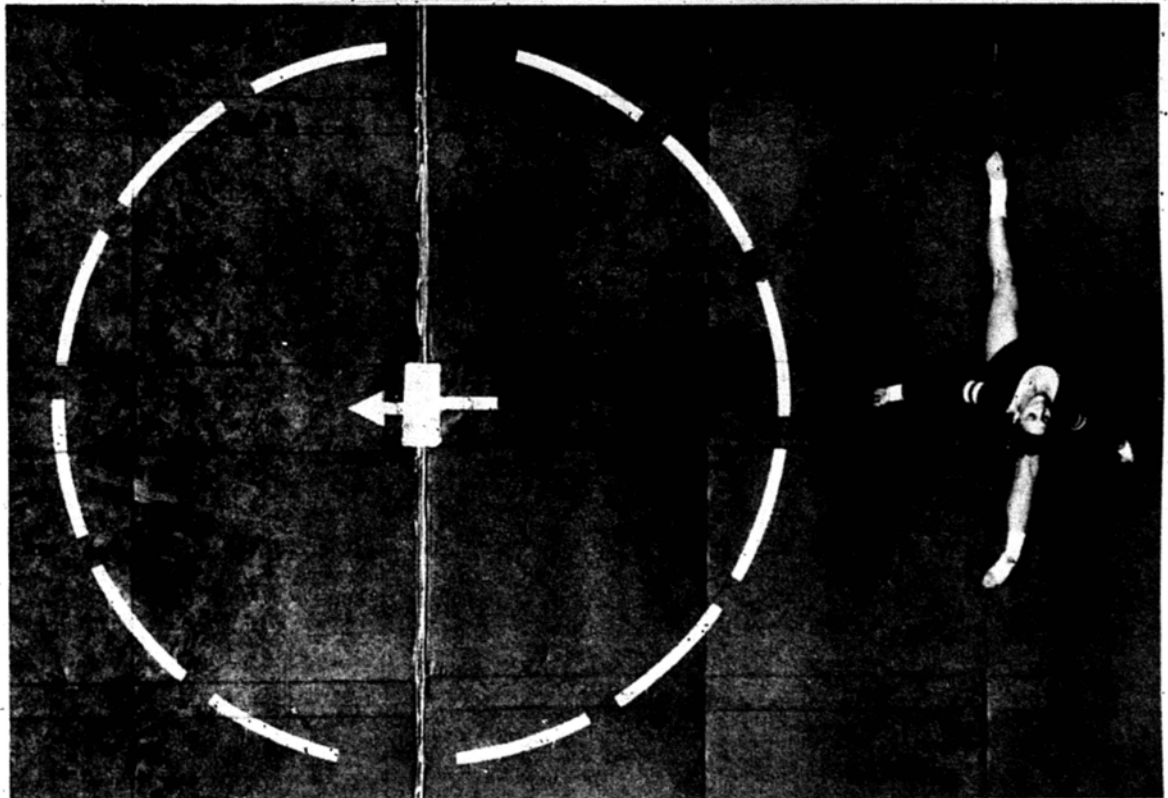


Photo by Todd Buchanan

Rhonda Wilkerson of Eastern gains points in the floor exercise toward her best overall finish. Western, weak-

ened by injuries, lost its last gymnastics meet of the season, 132.75-96.8.

Future of gymnastics uncertain

Western's injury-riddled and struggling gymnastics team ended its season Friday night losing to Eastern, 132.75 to 96.8.

Coach Charmaine Farrington said Western athletic administrators will make a decision next fall on whether the university will fund gymnastics next year.

However, Athletic Director John Oldham said the team's status "is not on the line any more than any other sport at Western."

The gymnastics program has had its problems for some time.

Ms. Farrington was not hired until last September and the team

Mark Heath

Sports Editor

hasn't had a coach that was a full-time staff member since the 1979 season. Last year the squad was coached by a student, Pam Moss.

Ms. Farrington said Western considered eliminating the program last fall and forming a women's softball team. She thinks Western will wait another year

before making the move, though Oldham said the change "was a consideration, but was later decided not in the best interest of women's athletics."

In short, Western's gymnastics program has its problems.

Ms. Farrington is in a recruiting bind. She can't bring in new recruits and then next fall tell them there is no team.

"I can't bring some kid in," Ms. Farrington said, "and then say 'Hey, I'm sorry you didn't go to the other school and get a scholarship.'"

The team has three partial

scholarships — two for out-of-state tuition and one in-state. However, since Kentucky has very few high school gymnastics programs, Ms. Farrington must go out of state to acquire good athletes.

She will have two scholarships available next season that were not used this year, for an out-of-state and an in-state athlete.

However, scholarship problems were minor compared to the injury problems of this year's team.

The only scholarship athlete on the team — Linda Warren, a

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Western's bid to upset Middle falls short

By PHIL SKAGGS

Luby Chambul set a conference record in the shot put and Larry Cuzzort, Barry Mountain and the distance medley relay team qualified for the National Collegiate Athletic Association championships, but Western couldn't upset favored Middle Tennessee.

Middle compiled 145 points to win the Ohio Valley Conference championship meet Friday and

Men's track

Saturday in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Western finished second with 124 and defending champion Murray was third with 114. Rounding out the field were Austin Peay, 52; Eastern, 51.5; Morehead, 32 and Akron, 10. Tennessee Tech did not compete.

The host team was led by Greg

Artis, who set conference records in the long (26-feet-6½ inches) and the triple jumps (53-12). Artis accounted for 46 of Middle's

"We knew it would be like that," Western coach Curtiss Long said. "We knew we had to have help (have some of the weaker teams finish high) in other events. But Middle Tennessee ran a superb meet. They did what they had to do to win. They deserve to be the champs."

Chambul set his record with a

put of 61-8½, and Eastern's Ken Glover had a high jump of 7-2 to break another OVC mark.

Cuzzort, who won All-America honors in indoor track two years ago, qualified for the NCAA finals by winning the 3-mile run in 13:34. The senior from Evansville, Ind., who also placed third in the mile at 4:05.8, gave a strong performance despite missing a lot of training in January with the flu.

"He was definitely not 100 percent," Long said. "His times were very, very good, but he's only

been training for a month and it was reflected by the fact that we only ran him in two races."

Mountain qualified for the NCAA in the 440-yard dash with a time of :47.9 in the trials Friday. He placed fourth in the finals at :48.0.

The distance medley relay team of Ron Becht, Dave Murphy, Ashley Johnson and James Marshall qualified for the NCAA with a time of 9:46.6.

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Foul shots beat Tops

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especially from the line — when the game was in doubt," Crum added.

If Crum had reason to be pleased with his team's free-throw shooting, Haskins had every reason to be distraught.

Both teams hit 34 field goals, with Louisville taking three more shots (64) from the field. But the Cardinals were 22 of 29 from the free-throw line while Western hit a dismal seven of 22 for 31.8 percent.

Louisville stretched its lead to 20 points in the second half, though Western was able to cut the margin to eight with seven minutes left.

"They did play in spurts, but it was their offensive rebounding that really killed us," said Western center Craig McCormick, who hit eight of 11 shots and four free throws for 20 points.

Forward Tony Wilson, who scored 12 points in 28 minutes of play before fouling out late in the second half, said the 16,613 home-crowd sellout made a difference for Louisville.

"We played aggressively and hustled; the score doesn't really indicate how well we played," Wilson said. "Most of the night we were able to stop their press and we kept them from running."

The Cardinal killer was freshman guard Lancaster Gordon, who hit nine of 13 shots for a game-high 20 points. Smith added 15 and Charles Jones, Scooter McCray and Burkman had 12 each. Jerry Eaves added 11.

Guard Mike Reese — though one of six from the free-throw line — finished with 17 points while Percy White added 13.

We were wrong

A story in Thursday's Herald incorrectly listed a consolation game for the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament. There is no such game. The championship game for the four-team tournament will be at 7 p.m. Saturday.



Photo by Jim Gershelmer

Western's Craig McCormick (42) and Percy White (50) jump to block a shot after Kenny Ellis knocked the ball away from Louisville's Scooter McCray. McCormick and White had 20 and 13 points, respectively. McCray had 12 in Louisville's 90-75 win over Western.

Roster

Intramurals

An organizational meeting for the men's softball league will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Diddle Arena, room 144. Everyone interested in playing should attend. Play begins March 17. For more information contact the campus recreation office at 745-5216.

Riflery

Led by a record-setting performance by Kirby Sack, Western won the Camp Perry Matches last weekend at Booneville, Mo.

Despite the victory, Western missed an invitation to the National Collegiate Athletic Association championships by 25 points.

Sack broke the Camp Perry

kneeling position record of 190 set by her brother, Eric, by three points.

Chris Lair tied the prone position record of 198 set by Carrie Browning.

Gymnastics

Western lost a dual meet to Eastern Friday, 132.75 to 96.9.

Susan Stormzand was top scorer for Western in the overall competition with a 27.55.

Stormzand also took top honors in the vaulting with a 7.95 and uneven parallel bars with a 6.25.

Lisa Powell's 4.7 was Western's top score on the balance beam.

Susan Westray's 5.95 was Western's top score in the floor exercises.

Chambul sets OVC record

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(In competition earlier this season, Murphy qualified in the two- and three-mile, Becht in the mile and Chambul in the shot put.)

Western won seven events in the meet. Becht won the mile in 4:05.1; Murphy the two-mile in 8:44; Tony Smith the 60-yard hurdles in :07.45 and Johnson, Simon Cahill, Eric Grumbach and Dave Armstrong the two-mile relay in 7:42.

Artis was the only Blue Raider to win an event, but Middle had second- and third-place finishes in

the 60-yard dash, 60-yard hurdles, 440-yard dash and long jump. Blue Raiders also placed second in the two-mile, triple jump, pole vault and distance medley relay.

"We competed from top to bottom better than you could have expected," Long added. "We had six individual career bests and three relay times that were our best of the year, so you're looking at nine outstanding performances."

"When you compete like that and get beat, you've just got to shake the other team's hand."

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Team's future uncertain

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sophomore from Syracuse, N.Y., — broke her leg early in the season.

Ms. Farrington said Warren would have been the team's No. 1 performer. Friday night, Warren competed on the uneven parallel bars in an exhibition meet and scored 6.9, Western's highest mark of the season.

Because of Warren's injury, the Hilltoppers competed with only two experienced performers: Susan Stormzand and Joni Robinson. However, Stormzand, a sophomore from Grand River, Mich., was the only experienced team member to go uninjured.

Robinson, a sophomore from Fort Knox, returned from last year's squad and was expected to be one of the team's top point getters. However, Robinson injured her ankle midway through the season.

Ms. Farrington was then forced to rely on walk-ons with little experience and they, too, quickly became injured. Susan Westray, a freshman from Crestwood, and May Raible, a sophomore from Louisville, both had foot injuries during the season. Stacy Williams was the last member of the team to suffer an injury. She was kicked in the eye during warm-ups Friday.

Because of the injuries, Ms.

Farrington decided not to take the team to its final two meets: the Kentucky Women's Intercollegiate Collegiate Championship and the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Regionals.

Western, the only Division II gymnastics team in Kentucky, was granted approval to miss the KWIC championships because the regional meet was the next day. Ms. Farrington then decided to skip the AIAW regional meet.

So the gymnastics team struggled through another year and once again awaits a decision on its future.

Western's basketball team will definitely compete in post-season play.

Oldham said Western has been asked by an organizer of the National Invitational Tournament to host an opening-round game should Western not be invited to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament.

Western would play in Diddle Arena March 11 or 12, Oldham

Women's tennis coach named

Former Western star Katy Tinius has been named women's tennis coach, replacing Betty Langley, who resigned in December.

Mrs. Tinius played at Western from 1976 to 1978 and was the top

said.

Coach Clem Haskins is expected to be named NBC-TV's Rookie Coach of the Year this Sunday during halftime of the Notre Dame-DePaul game.

Though NBC will not make an announcement until Sunday, Haskins was interviewed by NBC commentator Al McGuire at Saturday's Louisville-Western game.

Haskins' team also showed in Saturday's game against the defending national champions that it can compete in the big leagues.

The Hilltoppers played close — hitting the same number of field goals — with a team that probably should be ranked in the country's top five.

If they could only shoot free throws....

Among Western's guests at the Louisville game was North Hardin junior Robbie Valentine, considered to be one of the state's top prospects. Warren East's Freddy Dunn was also at the game.

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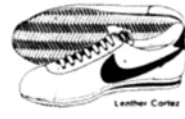


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