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## *Student mother*

*Second son's birth is lesson in determination*

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# College Heights Herald Magazine

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## Student mother

Working, going to school and taking care of a 7-year-old son kept her busy enough. But after giving birth to her second child just a week ago, Deborah Terry is even more determined to finish her education and get the most from life for her family.

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# Some gays casual about deadly disease

*The names of the Western students in this story have been changed.*

Silver walls and pink lights decorate the sparse interior of Nashville's Warehouse 28.

By midnight people line the walls, the mass on the dance floor gyrates to the beat of the music, and each chair, holding two or three bodies, sags under the extra weight.

At the bar, the men are casual as they kiss each other, hold hands and hug.

Many of them are also casual about a deadly disease that threatens homosexuals — acquired immune deficiency syndrome. They talk about AIDS, but most of them — some who think they may have been exposed already — still have sex with other homosexual men.

Jeff, a 22-year-old junior, went out with a man rumored to have AIDS. "I don't think about me having it or being a carrier," he said. But he said he doesn't want to take a test to find out if he's been exposed to the virus.

"I'd rather not know."

"For me, the worst thing is not the death part," he said. It's "knowing you'll die."

Many gay men don't take warnings about the disease seriously, Jeff said. "AIDS is one of those things that — until you're affected — you get the idea that 'it couldn't happen to me.'"

The men in the bar don't seem too concerned about the disease as they affectionately touch each other.

"It's an S-and-M bar," said David, a 21-year-old junior. "Stand arid model." He laughed and struck a pose.

But the physical interaction used to be more intense, said Steve Smith, part owner and general manager of the bar. People were less inhibited, he said, and more paired off in the corners.

AIDS also has affected his sale of alcoholic beverages. "Now they (homosexuals) drink less and behave in a more sober way," he said.

AIDS hasn't hurt attendance, however. Warehouse 28 still entertains more than 1,500 people weekly, Smith said, with more than 90 percent of those male homosexuals. Women are a rarity, outnumbered 20 to 1.

And the disease hasn't changed the attitudes of younger gays.

"It hasn't affected me," said Jeff, who frequents the Warehouse. "Right now death doesn't bother me," he said. "But the closer I get to it, it'll get a little more scary."

Jeff says he doesn't think about the disease because of the company he keeps. "I don't think my type would be a carrier," he said. He and most of his friends know their partners well enough to trust they do not have the disease.

Despite the worldwide research being done to find a cure for the disease that breaks down the body's immune system, its victims still face a 100 percent death

# AIDS



rate. Twenty-five percent of those infected will die in five years, said Ova Pittman, administrative specialist with the Warren County Health Department.

The disease is transmitted most often through homosexual contact, Pittman said. The next-highest risk groups are intravenous drug abusers, hemophiliacs, those who have had blood transfusions and heterosexuals who've had sex with someone exposed to AIDS, he said.

Blood used for transfusions is now tested for the virus and discarded if it's infected, Pittman said. People who have had transfusions before 1985 are still at risk, he said, but they can be tested.

For the 32,825 cases nationally reported up to March 17, there is an equally large number of people who don't have the symptoms yet, he said. And they may not have the symptoms for five to 10 years.

But those who don't stop having homosexual relations can protect themselves, Pittman said.

"A significant number of homosexuals and bisexuals are able to protect themselves by taking safe sex," he said. Safe sex is "any sex act in which no body fluid is exchanged," which leaves shallow kissing, hugging and reciprocal masturbation, Pittman said.

Homosexuals say the fear of AIDS is greater because people are misinformed.

"A lot of people ask me, 'Aren't you afraid of getting AIDS?'" David said. "They don't realize how big the gay population is," he said, commenting on the low percentage of AIDS victims compared to the size of the gay community.

Glenn Lohr, a Western human sexuality instructor, said, "If Western follows the average (15 percent), I would guess about 300" men are homosexual and a similar but smaller number of women are.

But Western seems to be more active. "In Louisville I didn't think there were any," said Steve, a 20-year-old sophomore, "but at Bowling Green, they were climbing out of the walls."

No one is sure how many gays are in the area, but Pittman said, "It's more than the average person thinks."

Since the disease was named, 79 cases have been reported in Kentucky, Pittman said. The only case reported in Warren County was reported early this year.

All AIDS cases must be reported at least 48 hours after detection. Although the disease is distant to many gays, deaths still occur.

"It wasn't someone I knew very much," David said, talking about someone he knew who died of the disease. "But still it was hard. It hit home. It makes you think."

When asked how AIDS has affected him, Henry, a 27-year-old graduate student, was quiet. His face turned solemn as he raised four fingers, symbolizing the four friends he can't laugh with anymore. □

Story by Dorren Klausnitzer • Illustration by John Chatten

# The Amish

## A look inside an older world

Outside, nothing disturbs the blanket silence of a damp April day in Barren County except an occasional car on Route 1297.

Inside, Lizzie Hostetler leans over a pastry-covered kitchen table, deftly rolling doughnut holes in cinnamon with her left hand and holding baby Lena on one hip with her right.

Lizzie is the eye of the storm. Around her skirts swirl five more children, chattering in a high-pitched dialect of German, Pennsylvania Dutch.

The thunder of a pounding hammer upstairs nearly drowns them out and lets Lizzie know that her husband, Emmanuel, is making progress on the upstairs flooring.

Today is baking day for Lizzie, who, like other Amish women, makes the food and some clothing for her family.

"I don't like it (baking day) too good, either," Lizzie says.

Everyone else does. Josy, 5, leans across the table taking tremendous sniffs and smiling knowingly.

Everyone gets to taste when Lizzie bakes. "I gained 15 pounds on what she made last summer," said Sheila Cobb, an "English" neighbor who was visiting the Hostetlers. The Amish call those outside the church English.

Lizzie would rather fish, though. "I like fishing too well," she said. "If I could, I'd fish every day."

One day she took Lena with her to the nearby pond and "made a nest for her in the wagon. She slept the whole while."

Part of the simple life of the Amish is driving buggies instead of cars.

Story by  
Leigh Ann Eagleston  
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Bob Bruck



Emmanuel fishes a lot, too. "He caught a real nice bass," Lizzie says with a trace of a German accent. "It made me jealous."

As she finishes with the doughnut holes, she pops one in her mouth. Then she carries some sticks of wood to stoke the fire in the cookstove and puts in a pan of cookie dough.

Her wide, square hands smack some bread dough into a round shape, sounding like hands slapping an inflated ball.

Lizzie rests for a moment, taking off small glasses. Her black, loose-fitting dress and apron do little to hide her figure — that of a woman who bore six children in eight years. She looks older than 31.

The white prayer cap, tied firmly under her plump chin, nearly hides her smooth brown hair. Her four daughters, including

4½-month-old Lena, also wear prayer caps from birth.

The Amish, who originated in the Protestant movement of the 1700s in Switzerland, are a splinter of the Anabaptist movement and were much persecuted in Europe, according to "Amish Life," by John A. Hostetler, who was raised in an Amish family.

He calls them a commonwealth, governed by the laws of love and redemption. They believe in repentance, but not guaranteed salvation.

The term Amish originates with Elder Jacob Ammann — who taught more separation from the world than did other Anabaptist leaders. The Hostetlers were among about 19 Amish families who moved to Barren County from Lewisburg,

Tenn., in 1985.

The children don't know their heritage yet. But they are carefully raised to be Amish, and most join the church.

Although traditional Amish homes have no television, radio or telephone, the children have no trouble entertaining themselves while Lizzie works.

Shrieking with laughter, Cobb's son, Damion, 10, runs through the house with 4-year-old Elias Hostetler. The stumping of Elias' sturdy black boots can be heard in the kitchen. They return, and Damion flips Elias upside down at Lizzie's feet. She continues working, oblivious to the racket.

The Amish aren't supposed to spend money on entertainment. Their leisure time, as well as the rest of their lives, is supposed to reflect the simplicity of their faith.

But the dirty soccer ball the boys bounce around the living room is "where some of our money went when we went to Glasgow," Lizzie said.

Their dolls are homemade, like stuffed socks with no faces, and dressed in long gray dresses and cloaks.

Anything new is fun, too. When Emmanuel brought home some bags of scrap cloth, the children treated them like toys at Christmas. The cloth was tied neatly in bundles at first — but not for long.

Katie, 6, and Delila, 7, two of their daughters, found a white taffeta prom dress, trimmed in green, in the bag.

"They say it's a dancing dress," Lizzie

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An Amishman plows his field near Crossroads in Barren County. The Amish resist modern technology and use old-fashioned methods in farming.

told Emmanuel.

"Good, I can go dancing now," he joked. He zips the dress up on Delila, who beams in her oversized finery.

The Amish don't dance, but young single people go to "singings" on Sunday nights to see friends.

Because the cloth was bright-colored or patterned, Lizzie thought at first to use it for fuel. The Amish wear and use subdued

colors like deep blue or violet.

But then she decided to make mini-quilts to sell. "I'll be making little quilts for the rest of my life," she said. "I could make two or three in one day if I didn't do anything else."

A sign at the end of the lane leading to the Hostetler house advertises pastry, bread and fresh eggs for sale. They also raise sweet corn and pickles.

"Don't ask me what I'll be doing this summer," Lizzie says. "Picking pickles."

The Hostetlers are thrifty, said Cobb, who has known the family well for about a year. When Cobb lost a penny at the Hostetlers, she said Lizzie saved it for days to return to her.

"I like it (shopping) pretty good," Lizzie said. "But it takes a lot of money if you don't have it."

Looking at Katie's creased and broken shoes, Lizzie said, "I think it's about time for them to start going barefoot."

Although their simple way of life separates them from the rest of the world, they don't live isolated in one area all their lives.

Born in Canada, Lizzie moved to Tennessee when she was 12.

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# Student mother

At 9 a.m. last Monday, Deborah Terry lay in a hospital room, laboring to give birth to her second child.

The 20-year-old freshman was also missing a health test.

Four hours later she was released, still heavy with child. She went back to campus at 1 p.m. and took a make-up test, wincing with contractions every few minutes.

"I couldn't let it stop me," Deborah said. "I had to take my test."

Deborah takes 12 hours of classes, works 15 hours a week in the psychology department and takes care of her first son, Joshua, 7, and her live-in boyfriend, Stefan Grainger, when she gets home to their apartment in Franklin. Juggling so many responsibilities has been difficult.

"I thought I would be like Superwoman,

only pregnant," she said. "Going to school, working part time, having a family at home to take care of — and one more coming. But it's a lot of work. It's harder than I thought."

After 48 hours of on-and-off labor pains, Dathien Cordell Grainger — 8 pounds, 10 1/4 ounces — was delivered Wednesday morning by Caesarean section.

Because he had an infection and because his birth was a surgical procedure, he was placed under heaters in infant intensive care.

"I couldn't wait to see him," Deborah said. "I had my hand over my eyes when they brought him in. Holding him was great.

"They hadn't cleaned him up and he

smelled sort of sour and he was peeling, like new babies do, and he had on this little stocking cap on his head. He looked like a little black Smurf."

Besides dealing with her growing family, she commutes each day to classes and her part-time campus job — and she has a running stand-off with her mother and boyfriend, who don't understand how important her education is to her.

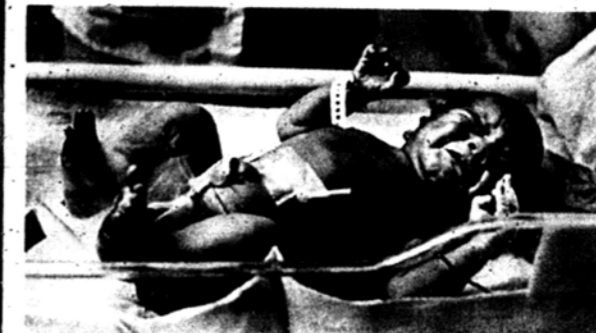
Deborah is the first in her family — 11 children from three fathers — to go to college.

"I've always wanted to go to college," she said. "Ever since I can remember. When I was little, I knew that's what I wanted. In school, I did everything I could

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Left, wincing in pain from a contraction, Deborah Terry leans on a rail in the hallway of the maternity ward of the hospital. She gave birth a few hours later. Below, Dathien Cordell Grainger, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, was born Wednesday morning by Caesarean section. The nurses said he's one of the loudest babies in the nursery. He's shown here about an hour after birth.



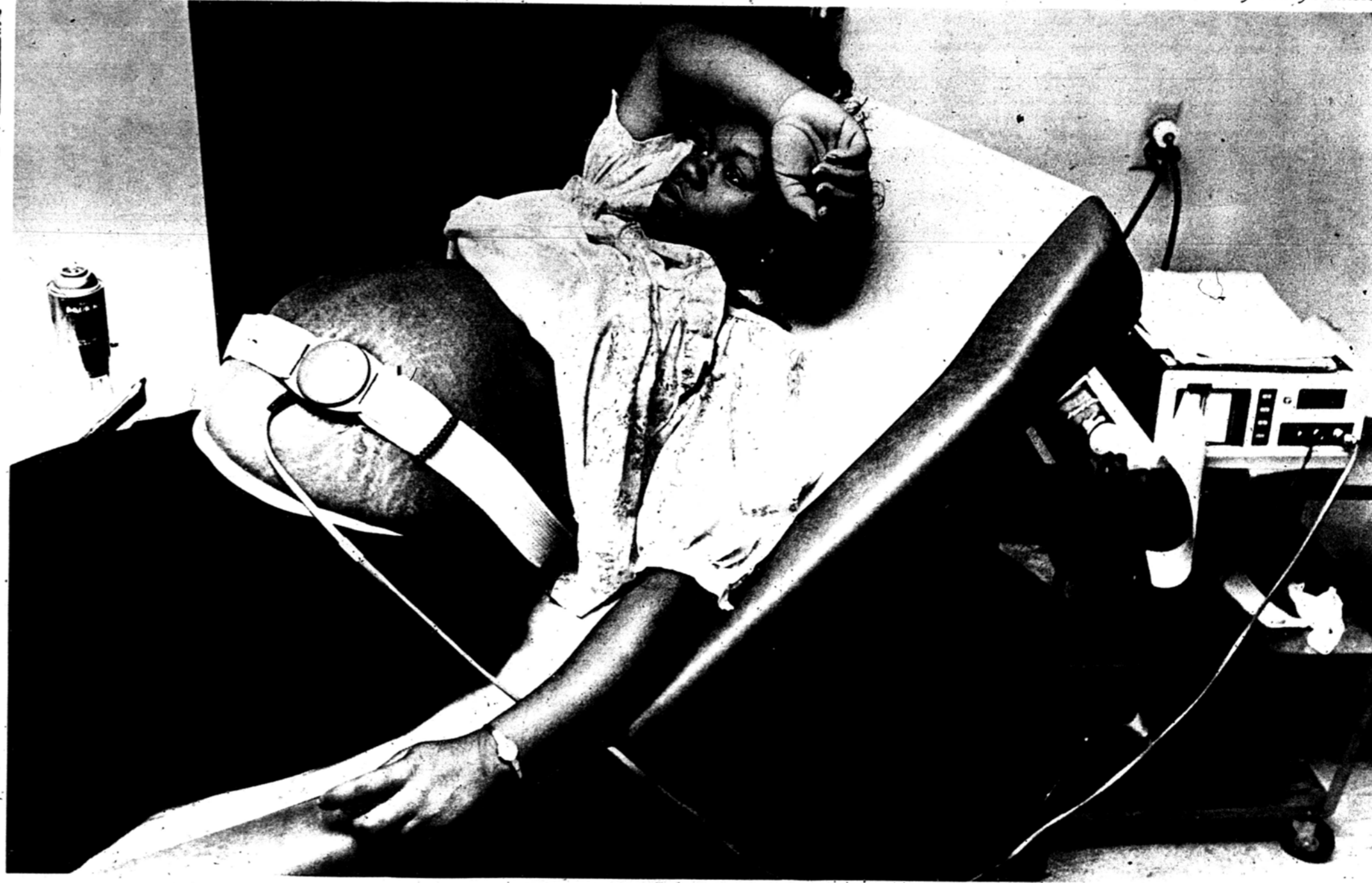
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Deborah chats with a classmate during a health class on campus.



Above, Deborah sits with her boyfriend, Stefan Grainger, in the fathers' waiting room early Tuesday morning before she gives birth. Right, listening to her baby's heartbeat on a fetal monitor, Deborah sits in a small, hot room waiting for a nurse to return. The monitoring is part of a prenatal exam at the Warren County Health Department.



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to get there." Before she had the baby, Stefan said he was supportive of her plans. Although he doesn't want Deborah to come back to school this semester, he seems impressed by her determination.

"She's willing to work to make things happen — like college," he said. "That's what she wants and that's where she is. It was hard for her to get there, but she's there."

Deborah started classes last fall, majoring in computer information systems.

"In high school, we'd learned about computers and word processors," she said. "I enjoyed it, and I think I'll enjoy it more as I learn even more about it."

Deborah is small, with the roundness that comes with childbirth. Her hair is slick, glossy-black and straight until she curls it with a curling iron. Her eyes are big and liquid — the color of chocolate syrup.

Her first son was born a few days before her 13th birthday. The baby's father was an older man — a friend of the family — who "took advantage of me," she said. "You know, kind of sexual abuse. I didn't know what was happening."

"I used to be real ashamed. I couldn't even tell my momma. But now that I'm older, I know there's a lot of women and young girls going through the same thing. It's nothing to be ashamed of. It's sad, but it's something you got to get over."

"I think that's what makes me strong, inside. I went through a lot, being pregnant in the sixth grade and raising a baby when I



Deborah cuddles her newborn son in their hospital room at the Medical Center.

was so young. But it made me determined. I'm working now for Joshua and the baby. I want to go far for them."

Deborah said she and Stefan decided to have a baby in 1985.

"We've been engaged six years and we ain't got married yet. Can you imagine? And it's not him, it's me that's not rushing."

"Stefan doesn't have any kids of his own. He's always wanted a kid of his own. So I

went off my pills. It took almost a year.

"I wasn't eating much — didn't have much appetite. And I started gaining weight, and then I couldn't get into my clothes. And then I started feeling sick and I knew I must be pregnant."

But for her, marriage is not a prerequisite to pregnancy.

Deborah went to the Warren County Health Department on Adams Street for

prenatal care. About 200 women receive prenatal care there in any month. Many of them aren't married, said Sandy Rundell, R.N., prenatal clinic manager.

"It's real common with the black girls," Rundell said. "It's just not a necessity to them to be married."

Between classes, Deborah had regular appointments for weigh-ins and physicals.

"I'll marry Stefan the day I know — when I see strength in him. When I start something I keep at it until it goes right," she said.

"I feel like I'm better off not being married now because I can get through school better this way. After I get out of school, I can make good money and make a good life."

Stefan seems willing to wait. "I am so proud of her," he said. "She's working so hard for what she wants. I admire her. I've admired her since she was in the ninth grade. She goes for what she wants."

Since Deborah doesn't have a phone in her apartment, and Deborah's mother doesn't have a phone, it was hard for Deborah to get in touch with Stefan to tell him she was in labor. Stefan and Deborah's mother don't have cars, so they had trouble getting to Bowling Green when they found out she was having a Caesarean.

When he arrived at the hospital Tuesday, Stefan waited impatiently for the baby's birth. "I can't wait till this waiting is over," he said. "But it won't happen again in a million years. This here's my only child. I'm thrilled to death. I'm taking this pretty good, I guess."

Deborah said she doesn't plan to have any more kids for a while, either. "I've worked too hard to get where I am. I can't give up to marry now. I can marry later, after I'm somebody. College is my way to get up — to get what I can for me and these two."



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"But even though I couldn't marry him, I could give him a son. It's strange how you can love somebody and make a sacrifice for them."

The baby's last name is Grainger. "Joshua has my name," Deborah said. "So I gave the baby Stefan's name. It's his baby and I was trying to be nice."

"If I wasn't strong, I wouldn't have made the sacrifice to have this baby."

Stefan said, "I wish I was as hard a worker as her sometimes."

Working part time and going to classes are hard work anyway, Deborah said. Her pregnancy made everything more difficult.

"Being pregnant sure feels strange. Think about it—the extra load you have to pack up the Hill, and it moves around inside you, and everything you eat, the baby eats."

"It's nothing to be ashamed of. It's natural. But it sure is weird."

Deborah had some help with her pregnancy. Her friend Laura Pillow is senior departmental secretary for Western's psychology department. Laura held her hand and coached her through the labor. Every time Deborah winced or yelped "Ow!" in pain, Laura said, "Breathe."

Deborah gets vouchers for food under a program called WIC — Women, Infants and Children. The vouchers buy healthy foods — milk, juice, cereal, eggs and baby food.

She lives in a two-bedroom, federally subsidized apartment in Franklin where she pays no rent. To attend college, she took a Guaranteed Student Loan and a grant.

She would like to apply for AFDC — Aid

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Deborah Terry

for Families with Dependent Children, which would provide vouchers for healthy food for Joshua and the baby.

"But my grant and student loan count when they look at your income," she said. Federal programs base eligibility on income, and Deborah appears to make too much money.

"Seems like they'd know I was using all that money to get my schooling," she said. "So we'll get along without."

"I'm not going to worry myself crazy about this," she said. "God's helping, doing what He can. So I'm doing what I can."

"I want to get my degree. I don't want to rely on other people. After college, I want to get a good job making good money. I'm going to get me a nice place and raise my kids there. I want to go far for them."

"I don't want any help I don't need. I can't wait for the day when I can say 'No, thank you.'"

Deborah said she has accumulated a debt of about \$14,200 — including her student loan, hospital bills for the baby and expenses caused by a car wreck Stefan and Joshua had last year.

Joshua had to be flown to Vanderbilt

University Hospital for emergency surgery. He still needs plastic surgery on his head and face, she said.

"I don't know how I'm gonna pay those bills," she said. "But I'm gettin' to them as I can."

The bills won't be an excuse to fail, she said. "I could not sit at home all day and watch TV and wait for the check to come."

"Can you imagine watching TV and eating all day, watching yourself get big and fat? I'd hate that. I want more for myself."

Deborah's mother also helps her. "She'll keep Josh and the baby while I'm in classes, and this summer, she'll watch them while I work (in the Summer Youth Program in Franklin)."

"I couldn't do this without her. She knows how bad I've always wanted to go to college. She knows I want to make something of myself. She said she doesn't mind."

Deborah worries that working and studying keep her away from Joshua too much. "I feel bad knowing I'm not being there for him," she said. "Helping him with homework and stuff, that's important. I just don't have that time now. And he's suffering for it — he's not doing so well in

school and it's my fault. I think he may have to do first grade again."

Stefan and Deborah's mother hope she will leave school for a while to recover from surgery and take care of Dathien. "She should know she's gonna have to leave school alone for now," Stefan said Sunday.

Her mother said, "She can't go back now. It'll have to wait. That girl can be so hard-headed!"

"I'm going to finish up this semester," Deborah said. "I just have finals to go. If I'd known when he was coming, I'd have taken all first bi-terms this semester."

Being a single mother usually doesn't bother her.

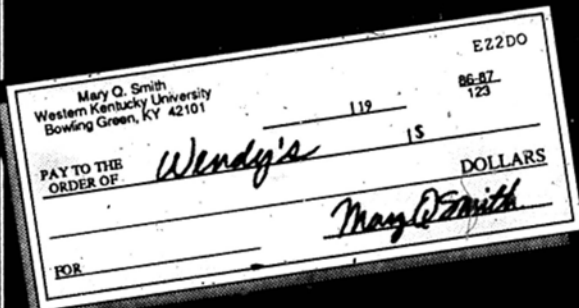
But in the hospital, after the baby was born, Deborah spent a lot of time alone. Flowers and balloons from friends at Western decorated the room but "what I want is somebody to talk to," she said Saturday. She had been in the hospital since just after midnight Tuesday.

"Momma and Stefan have both been (here) once. I don't have my school books here. I haven't got anything to do."

Stefan "makes me so mad," Deborah said. "I am so angry. He hasn't called or been here since he saw the baby. He'll make some kind of excuse. . . . I'm gonna kill him."

"The next time I have a baby — and it'll be awhile — I'll be better ready. I may be married, I may not. But the father'll be there with me all the time. And he won't let me down. We'll make a home together for these kids. And my two won't bother him. He'll love them as much as me."

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# WESTERN'S SUCCESS STORIES

STORY BY JILL DUFF AND TODD PACK

On May 9, a sea of about 1,200 robed students will file into Diddle Arena while the University Concert Band plays "Pomp and Circumstance."

And just as surely as parents will snap fuzzy pictures with pocket cameras, someone will say that this year's graduates are the leaders of tomorrow.

But in Western's case, the statement is more than a cliché.

"The way you measure the success of an institution is through the success of its graduates," said Fred Hensley, director of public information.

Some top administrators claim Western as their alma mater — **President Kern Alexander**, **Dr. Stephen House**, assistant to the president, **Dr. Paul Cook**, executive vice president, and **Dr. Jerry Wilder**, vice president for Student Affairs.

But Western has also turned out its share of businessmen, scientists, artists and military leaders.

Because Western graduates have been successful in their various professions on a national level as well as a regional level, Hensley said, "you have to feel good about the quality of the education here."

**Maj. Russell E. Dougherty** can't stop working.

Since retiring from the Air Force and moving to Arlington, Va., in 1977, Dougherty, 66, has accepted seats on at least six boards of directors, including Air Force representative on the Defense Scientists Board and Western's Development Foundation.

He also began practicing law at the prestigious Arlington firm of McGuire, Woods, Battle and Booth.

But while most 66-year-olds begin to think about retiring, Dougherty said he isn't planning on quitting any time soon.

"I'm having a ball," Dougherty said Saturday in a telephone interview from his Arlington home.

The Glasgow native has come a long way since graduating from Western in 1941 with a degree in education. He attended the University of Louisville law school before entering the Air Force.

His military career included stints as a commander at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana and as commander-in-chief of the Strategic Air Command in Colorado.

But he says his small-town background has helped him most in his career.

"Small town, small schools," Dougherty said, "these things are great because there's no place to hide."

"You have to stand up and face your responsibilities."

"I was born and raised in a small town by parents who cared," he said. "They held me responsible for my actions and applauded me for my successes."

Dougherty had to earn the \$15-per-semester tuition to Western by managing a dance band and taking odd jobs, but "that's why I have a deep appreciation for the education I received."

He said his success has "all been fun."

"I've worked for it, and I appreciated it."

The first black commissioner for the Department for Administration in the Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet also got his start at Western.

**Mitchell H. Payne** graduated in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in government and in 1973 with a master's degree in public administration.

"Your educational process never stops with just receiving a degree," Payne said.

After leaving Western, he attended law school at the University of Louisville, graduating in 1978.

"I think Western was a good nurturing point for me," Payne said. "Western and I



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just made a good mix — a good match."

He said that when he attended Western "the country seemed to have a lot of role models." And mentors helped inspire Payne to reach his goals, he said.

"The Spirit Makes the Master" was an appropriate motto for the school, Payne said. Students felt that they were in control of their lives and that they were making progress in social areas, he said.

Payne said that forging ahead in life requires making plans for the future, but that "setting goals alone is not enough."

"Setting goals for oneself — both personal and professional — and having an action plan" to implement the goals help lead to success, he said.

Being a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity while at Western impacted Payne's life and taught him about success. Black Greeks were new to Western then.

"I was at Western at a unique time," he said. "It was a positive atmosphere all around you."

One of Payne's fraternity brothers and former roommates at Pearce-Ford Tower, **John W. Stewart**, now owns his own Louisville law firm, John W. Stewart & Associates.

Stewart graduated in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in government. He has owned his law firm for about 4½ years.

If he hadn't attended Western, Stewart said, he might not have gone to law school at the University of Kentucky or become a prosecuting attorney.

"I really had no idea when I went to Western what I wanted to do."

But university attorney Bill Bivin, then a government professor, convinced him he "ought to take a look at being a lawyer," Stewart said.

Western and UK gave Stewart "a good mixture of education," he said.

Choosing friends carefully, dealing with people honestly and working hard helped him reach his goals.

"If you work hard enough," Stewart said, "it'll pay off."

In the 1930s, the university's official name was Western Kentucky State Teachers College. But a brain surgeon at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine thinks Western had a "pretty good program" for pre-med students, too.

**Dr. William F. Meacham** graduated from Western in 1936 with a bachelor of science degree. He went to medical school at Vanderbilt from 1936 to 1940.

Meacham finished special training for surgery and neurosurgery in 1947 at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, and returned to Nashville to perform neurosurgery.

In 1949 he became chief of neurosurgery at Vanderbilt. He retired in 1984 but still does brain surgery part time.

Because he gets bored easily, Meacham said he wanted to go into a profession that was difficult.

"I've done brain surgery now for over 35 years," he said. "My motivation was that I was challenged by the difficulty of brain surgery."

To pay his way through school, Meacham played the saxophone in dance bands.

"I blew my way through Western and the first year or two of medical school," he said.

"The examples of leadership and the examples of life from the faculty" at Western helped prepare **Brig. Gen. Herbert M. Wassom** for his future in the Army.

"I just enjoy the good start that Western gave me."

Wassom graduated from Western in 1961 with a bachelor's degree in industrial arts. In 1985 he became an assistant division commander of the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell.

Wassom also attended the National War College and received his master's degree in political science from George Washington

University. Both schools are in Washington, D.C.

The military involves "the responsibility of leadership — the responsibility to learn and make correct decisions," he said.

"I am very happy in what I do." Besides readying him for a military career, Western played a big role in Wassom's family life.

He met his wife, Judy, on campus. His daughter, Tara, graduated from Western last year, and his son, Doug, plans to attend the university in the fall.

"The school "gave me an education and a good start in life," Wassom said. "Western has been a central part of my life for a long time now."

"That seven o'clock physics class was a long walk," **Shirley Gray** said, but the classroom was where she met her future husband, **Dr. Harry B. Gray Jr.**

The couple graduated from Western in 1957 — Harry with a bachelor of science degree and Shirley with a bachelor's degree in science and mathematics.

Harry, an energy expert, is the director of the Beckman Institute at the California Institute of Technology.

Shirley teaches math at California State University at Northridge.

"The chemistry faculty were especially supportive of Harry" and encouraged him to go to graduate school, she said. He attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., after leaving Western.

"Knowing so many people" and being "able to participate in so many activities" were aspects of Western that she liked, Shirley said.

At larger universities it's easy to blend in with the crowd and become anonymous, she said. Harry was senior class president and on Western's tennis team, Shirley said.

"We both really enjoyed being students at Western," she said.

Other Western notables include the late **Dr. Basil Cole**, a 1931 Western graduate who invented the formula for Diet 7-Up; **Gerald Glanville**, a 1968 graduate who is now head coach of the Houston Oilers; and **Lea Cole**, a 1964 graduate who is manager of human resources for Mobile Oil Corp.

Others who attended Western include:

- **U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers** of Kentucky's fifth district.

"I went there for a year, then I dropped out for a year or so," Rogers said in a telephone interview yesterday afternoon from his Somerset office.

He made C's and D's in "the regular freshman stuff," he said.

But Rogers, a Monticello native who has represented one of the nation's poorest districts since 1980, later earned his bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Kentucky and graduated from UK's law school.

- **John Carpenter**, film director, who attended Western and then headed for California to finish his degree in cinematography. His films include the original "Halloween," Stephen King's "Christine," the TV movie "Elvis" and last year's "Big Trouble in Little China."

- **Don Kendall**, president and chief executive officer for PepsiCo Inc., the parent company of Pepsi-Cola, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

- **Judge John Palmore**, retired chief justice of the state Supreme Court, now a Lexington attorney and a member of Western's Board of Regents.

- **Julian Goodman**, retired president, chief executive officer and chairman of the board of NBC.

- **U.S. Rep. William H. Natcher** (2nd District).

# Grad invests in beauty

Since graduating from Western a year ago, entrepreneur James L. Marshall Jr. has been turning business ideas into reality.

He's 25 and co-owner of Beautiful You Professional Hair and Skin Care Center, which opened in downtown Bowling Green four months ago.

The beauty salon, which targets blacks, looks like a scene from the pages of "Better Homes & Gardens," with a spiral staircase, hanging plants and brass fixtures.

Marshall, an affirmative action officer at the Department of Transportation, is intelligent and polished; decisive and professional. And he's totally committed to making Beautiful You a success.

Marshall says the salon, owned by him and partner Alphonzo Starkey, is the most elegant in Bowling Green.

The idea came up in a discussion with a Frito-Lay safety officer at the Governor's Safety and Health Conference last June, Marshall said. He returned to Bowling Green and began a market research of a 540-square-mile area centered in Bowling Green.

"What I found out was astounding," he said.

According to 1985-86 census data, there are about 20,000 blacks in Warren and surrounding counties.

"The potential just blew me away," he said. "There was definitely a need for the business."

Then Marshall conducted a feasibility study and looked for a partner. He eventually met up with Starkey in Nashville.

Starkey is involved in the hair-care field and originated the Starkey Geometrical Cut hair style. He liked the salon idea, Marshall said, so they signed a partnership contract Jan. 5.

Three of the six cosmetologists at Beautiful You were hired from other local salons.

Marshall plans to increase the number of chairs from six to nine or 10 by September. His main concern now, he said, is "finding a beauty aids business" to occupy the third level of the salon at 415 Park Row.

Marshall has failed to convince several companies that sharing a building with Beautiful You would be financially smart. But he keeps looking.

"I'm giving myself until the end of summer, and by then there will be somebody else in my building," he says with calm determination. "You mark my words."

Marshall said an interest in "returning something to the community" is one reason he opened the salon.

"I hope to stimulate some unity in the ethnic community," he said. "I look around and see no major visible ethnic businesses in Bowling Green. I'd like to become a role model for ethnic youth who want to go into business."

And he wants to "break the stereotype" some people have of local black businesses.

"Blacks here need a service rendered them with the amenities they have found in white businesses," he said. "Blacks go to white businesses because they feel they're getting something they're not getting at black businesses."

The salon opened March 3. It was servicing about 20 customers a week, but a "slow spell" that began about two weeks ago has seen that number drop to about nine a week, he said.

Most customers have been black women, but there have been some whites and men.

"We specialize in ethnic hair, but we'll service anyone who walks through the door," Marshall said.

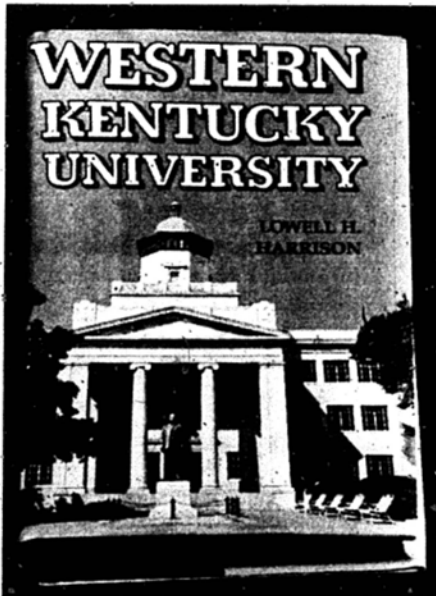
Marshall, who received an associate degree in



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## Lowell H. Harrison Will Be Autographing His New Book Western Kentucky University May 9 at DUC



Immediately following commencement on May 9, Lowell H. Harrison, WKU professor and author of many books on the commonwealth, will be autographing his new book, **Western Kentucky University**.

In the book, Harrison traces the Western story from the school's origin in 1875 to the January 1986 selection of its seventh president. Harrison's account of the institution's development is laced with anecdotes and vignettes of some of the school's interesting personalities: Henry Hardin Cherry, "Uncle Ed" Diddle and "Daddy" Burton.

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# Amish

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"We put all our things on the freight train," she said, "and went part way on the Greyhound."

One of 14 children, Lizzie went to public school for a while in Canada. But her children, and most Amish children, go to an Amish school taught by an unmarried Amish woman until they're 14.

Amish women don't teach after they're married. "They lose more teachers that way," Cobb teases.

"I'm not surprised if this one gets married in spring," Lizzie said. She leans back smiling. "Maybe I'll go down to the school-house."

The children learn grammar, math and English language in school. Pennsylvania Dutch is spoken in the home, and most children don't speak English until they're 6 or 7.

Tradition is stressed. Children learn that a farm is the man's domain and the house is the woman's.

When one of Emmanuel's friends pulls up in his square, black buggy, he calls Emmanuel downstairs and they go outside to talk.

Standing in the field, dressed in black boots and dark pants and jackets, they look like brothers. Both of them sport scraggly auburn beards and dark, round glasses.

Delila is learning about a woman's duties. She obeys her mother readily, fetching thread or admonishing her brothers to stop playing in the sand outside.

A pile of white cloth covers an old Singer sewing machine. "I guess I've cut 28 diapers today," Lizzie says. Despite their submissive role, women have full voting rights

in the church.

Nearly every activity in the home includes the family and sometimes the community.

Emmanuel, also 31, is building their house, which is almost finished. Other men in the community help cut the trees and hew the wood.

"I don't know how many I've built," Emmanuel says. "You should see the \$90,000 house I (and others) built in Tennessee" for an "English" man.

With 17-foot-high ceilings and paneling in walnut, cherry and ash wood, it was beautiful, he said.

With its sawdust-covered floor, the Hostetter home is more serviceable than beautiful.

The big kitchen holds a black woodburning stove, a wide wooden table and a varnished hutch and cabinets. It could be a kitchen from the 1800s except for the Ritz cracker tin on the stove and the plastic drainer for the dishes.

They don't have running water. A water wheel generates water from a spring, pushing it through a plastic spout and into a bright blue barrel.

The living room is furnished sparsely and looks severe. A few straight-backed chairs and a rocking chair are scattered around on the floor covered with tar paper. On the wall, a clock chimes three times. But it's 4 p.m. They don't follow Daylight Savings Time.

Upstairs is still unfinished. Two double beds are the only furniture.

But the unfinished house is better than the basement, where they stayed until the house was livable. Before that was built, they lived in the narrow milk barn at the edge of their property.

When Emmanuel returned from getting Delila at school, Lizzie teased, "You were

looking for a reason to quit laying floor."

"The cookies were in the way," Emmanuel said. The kitchen looks into the unfinished room upstairs.

"Why didn't you holler? I can put that away," she said. The sawing and hammering are loud, but "I can stand a little headache."

Quietly affectionate within the family but somewhat leery of outsiders, the Amish can be welcoming and friendly.

Cobb got to know the Hostettlers by buying peanut brittle and pastry from Lizzie.

Now, when she doesn't visit them for long stretches "I get chewed out for it," Cobb said, because Lizzie gets lonely.

"When I start staying around too much, I start liking it too much," Cobb said. "I start absorbing their culture."

But despite living in the modern world — the Hostettlers live a stone's throw from a mobile home — "they don't give up on the old ways," Cobb said. "It takes two generations to change the width of a man's hat brim."

The more conservative an Amish group is, the wider a man's hat brim is and the larger the woman's bonnet is.

Some "English" people "flat can't stand" the Amish, Cobb said. "And some, like me, can't do without them."

"English" and Amish people can be friends, despite their differences, she said.

"The day I felt like I quit being a guest in their house was when they (Lizzie and Emmanuel) got in a fight in front of me."

But the cultural difference limits how far inside outsiders can go. People are born Amish; they don't become Amish.

"You're as close as you can be, but you can't be part of it," Cobb said. "Sometimes it hurts." □

# Beautiful

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architectural technology last year and plans to get an associate program in real estate this year, has a strategy for attracting customers from Western.

"We try to support all the (black student) organizations in hopes that they will support us," he said.

Beautiful You recently prepared the hair of participants in Delta Sigma Theta sorority's fashion show, the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority's debutante cotillion and the Miss Black Western Pageant.

Marshall also has some events planned for the community. He wants to sponsor a hair show in July, an "Ebony Woman" musical awards show to honor local black female leaders and a breakfast club for local black leaders. A Beautiful You volleyball team will play its first game May 16 against State Street Baptist Church.

The volleyball team will be good for the community, "which is badly lacking unity," he said. "Anywhere you live, you want unity and harmonious co-existence among blacks."

Marshall recalls "countless" people who advised against starting Beautiful You. But he didn't listen.

"If you see something and it's right there in your face, you've got to go for it," he said. "I'm young. If I fail, I can bounce back. I'm only 25."

"But I don't think it will fail. The numbers just don't add up for it to fail." □

— Story by LaMont Jones Jr.

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