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WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, BOWLING GREEN, KY.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1988

It's official — Reagan to be in Diddle Friday

By JENNIFER UNDERWOOD

President Reagan will become the first incumbent president to visit Western when he speaks in Diddle Arena Friday at 1:30 p.m.

White House officials yesterday confirmed Reagan's visit. Rumors of a possible appearance circulated last week after U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers of Kentucky, the state Republican party chairman, invited Reagan to visit Bowling Green.

Reagan will campaign for Vice President George Bush and Indiana Sen. Dan Quayle — the Republican

presidential ticket.

Tickets will be required to see Reagan, said David Rabin of the White House Advance Team. Western students, faculty and staff are limited to a certain number of tickets, which hadn't been determined as of last night.

Tickets will be available free today through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Diddle Arena Ticket Office. "It will be on a first-come, first-serve basis," said Rabin, who has been working with Western officials since Friday to prepare for Reagan's visit.



Other tickets will be distributed to the general public Tuesday through Thursday at the Warren County Bush-Quayle Headquarters at 732 State St. from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tickets are being issued to prevent an overflow of people into the gym, Executive Vice President Paul Cook said.

No parking will be allowed in the north and west sides of Diddle Arena after Thursday evening. That includes in front of Diddle to the university center. The only parking available near Diddle will be the four double rows closest to Smith Stadium.

The parking structure will be open as usual except from 12:45 p.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. No entrance or exit will be allowed at that time.

Parking for the event will be

available on a lawn south of the university center and a temporary lot near Pearce-Ford Tower.

No decision has been made on canceling classes yet, said Fred Hensley, director of public information.

Reagan last visited Bowling Green in 1984 when he addressed members of the National Hikers and Campers Association at Beech Bend Park. He also spoke here in 1977 at the Free Enterprise Fair.

The president is visiting the 2nd

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Jeanie Adams/Herald

Members of Alpha Delta Pi sorority celebrate after taking first prize in KD Shenanigans on Thursday. From left are Jennifer Johnson, a freshman from Evansville, Ind., Paducah freshman Shayna

Chumbler, Bowling Green freshman Lauri Martray and freshman Missy Petrey, also of Bowling Green. Proceeds from the variety show go to the Child Protection Agency. Story, Page 5.

Meredith to update master plan

By CINDY STEVENSON

President Thomas Meredith told the Faculty Senate Thursday about programs he's examined since he took office in early September.

Programs ranged from reassessing the budget to improving student retention.

One of his priorities is to update the campus to make sure it is safe in terms of walking, driving and parking.

Meredith said Western will use institutional funds to hire planners to redesign Western's campus master plan of the layout. The planning will probably take from three months to a year.

"We haven't had one done for 20 or 25 years," Meredith said. "It's way past time for us to do that again."

Some campus improvements include renovating dorms, building a 300-bed dorm and constructing a student health and activities center.

"Our housing people have told me their first priority is renovation," Meredith said.

The state is providing the money for about 96 percent of the activities center, and housing fees will provide funds for the new dorm.

Other programs Meredith outlined

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Glasgow campus is not just for non-trationals

By DARLA CARTER

When Glasgow sophomore Kelly Powell learned that a music appreciation class wasn't offered on Western's main campus at a time that would fit into her schedule, she could have opted to wait until the spring semester to take it.

Instead, she hit the road. Every Thursday night, Powell drives 33 miles from Bowling Green, where she is enrolled as a full-time Western student, to the Glasgow campus where she attends the class. Powell is proof that extended

campus programs aren't just for non-traditional students.

Some students enrolled at Western's main campus are utilizing the extended campus programs to fulfill their general education requirements.

In addition to a variety of graduate courses, "the centers make available general education courses for undergraduate students primarily at the freshmen and sophomore levels," said Ronnie Sutton, dean of scholastic development.

Western opened a campus at Glasgow this spring. It also maintains extended campus centers in Fort

Knox, Owensboro and Russellville.

Students say there are definite advantages to taking classes through the extended campus programs.

Stacey Garrett, a Greenville sophomore, said she takes them at the Glasgow center because "it's a little bit more convenient."

It enabled her to take classes in her hometown, which is located in the Owensboro center region, she said. It also allowed her to take classes while she was working.

Another advantage to taking a class through the extended campus programs is that some may require less

outside work.

Powell said her class doesn't have to listen to recordings of music or go to concerts like students in music appreciation classes on the main campus do.

"We don't have the instruments to listen" at the Glasgow campus, she said, and "the older students don't have the time to come (to Helm Library)."

"The class isn't easier, though," she added. "We listen to music in class and take notes from the book and class lectures."

Garrett, who has been taking

classes through the Owensboro center since about 1984, said the instructors "cut down on the busy work" — such as homework and projects.

"They usually give you a break," she said.

But that was not the case in a speech class Garrett took, she said.

The teacher "gave us too much to be off campus, like library work that some of us in this county weren't equipped to do," she said.

Raymond Cravens, a government professor who teaches the same

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Lawrence H. Smith/Herald

Campaigning for Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis, Gov. Wallace Wilkinson said the media has exaggerated Republican George Bush's lead.

Polls wrong, Wilkinson says

Herald staff report

The people, not the media, will elect the president Nov. 8, Gov. Wallace Wilkinson told about 50 local officials and Democratic party leaders yesterday at the Bowling Green-Warren County Airport.

Wilkinson said polls showing Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis trailing in his race with Republican George Bush are wrong — as usual.

"If you wanted to figure out who is really ahead in this election, you would go across the country and ask

the people," he said. "You wouldn't ask the media."

Bowling Green was the fifth of seven stops across Kentucky yesterday Wilkinson and U.S. Sen. Wendell Ford made to stump for Dukakis.

Wilkinson pointed to his victory in the 1987 governor's Democratic primary where polls showed him behind until election day.

"The media has no perception about how elections work in this country," he said. "So I don't let polls discourage me because the media is wrong more often than they're right."

Ford followed Wilkinson's address with a fiery 10-minute speech in

which he blasted the current administration on defense and the economy. He assured attending party leaders that Dukakis was not out of the race.

"You worry about carrying your own precinct," he said. "Don't worry about the rest of the country."

With the crowd still cheering Ford, local Dukakis campaign chairman Steve Catron warned the group that work still needs to be done for Dukakis to be successful on Election Day.

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Ag Mech

There will be a meeting of the WKU Ag Mech Club on Wed., Oct. 19, starting at 7 p.m. in room 265, EST. Topics to be discussed will include the Antique Tractor Pull, scheduled for Nov. 5-6 at the Ag Expo Center.

All interested students are cordially invited to attend.



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By REBECCA FULLEN

Students vote today for Homecoming queen in the university center lobby.

Polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for students with Western IDs.

The Homecoming queen will be crowned at Big Red's Roar Oct. 27 at Smith Stadium.

Aside from sponsoring candidates, organizations will also build floats for the parade held before the game, when Western hosts University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Oct. 29.

The candidates are:

■ Kim Capps, an Oakland junior majoring in industrial technology, representing The Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

■ Lisa Cummings, a Franklin

senior majoring in corporate and organizational communications, representing Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, the Kappa Alpha Order and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternities.

■ Courtney Davis, a Fort Thomas senior majoring in public relations, representing Sigma Kappa sorority, and Lambda Chi Alpha and Kappa Sigma fraternities.

■ Anita Fleenor, a Bowling Green senior majoring in pre-medicine, representing Alpha Delta Pi sorority, and Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Nu fraternities.

■ Angie King, a Union junior majoring in marketing, representing Delta Sigma Pi, a professional business fraternity.

■ Barbie Padgett, a Louisville senior majoring in government, representing Chi Omega sorority and

Sigma Chi fraternity.

■ Kimberly Summers, a Louisville junior majoring in speech, representing the Black Student Alliance.

■ Shelly Thomas, a Henderson senior majoring in speech, representing Kappa Delta sorority, and Pi Kappa Alpha and Alpha Gamma Rho fraternities.

A tie-breaker election for one of the two freshman representative positions is also being held today.

John Seiber of Hendersonville, Tenn., won one representative position with 158 votes in the general election Oct. 11, and Lori Easton of Bowling Green and Amy McCloud, of Hendersonville, Tenn., tied with 141 for the other position.

Meredith plans to improve advising

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include:

■ Reassessing the budget. The president asked senate executive officers for their ideas on how money should be appropriated. He said his top priority for faculty and staff is raising salaries.

■ Improving student retention. Meredith said he plans to work with the presidents of community colleges on a "two plus two" cooperation program to encourage students to attend Western their junior and senior years.

■ Working on a better system for advising students. The president said he has received negative feedback

about advising.

Meredith encouraged the senate to consider improvements and said he will work with Dr. Robert Haynes, vice president for Academic Affairs, "to better advise our young people."

■ Continuing investigations into the basketball program. Eight players were quoted in an Aug. 6 story in The Louisville Courier-Journal saying they received improper aid while Clem Haskins was head coach and Don Evans was assistant coach.

Dr. Stephen House, assistant to the president, said that a committee Meredith appointed should finish interviewing players by the end of November.

■ Making the latest journalism

report public. Former President Kern Alexander appointed a committee to make a report suggesting changes in the structure of university publications.

He formed the committee because of last year's controversy when Alexander suggested appointing faculty editors to the campus newspaper, the College Heights Herald, and the yearbook, the Talisman.

■ Appointing Senator Gene Gallejos as a representative on the university health insurance committee. A resolution was passed at last month's meeting requesting a senate member be on the committee.

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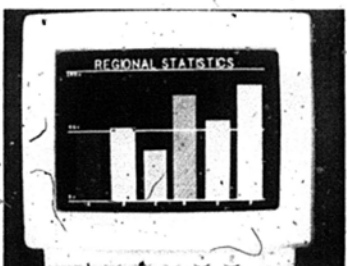


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Opinion

Candidates neglect education as an issue

Nearly a month ago the Herald asked Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis to answer questions about his education platform when he visited Western Sept. 20.

He didn't.

Since then, Republican nominee George Bush has visited Owensboro — another college town — and has sent Pat Robertson to speak here.

They also neglected to discuss plans for education reform.

And three debates — two by the presidential and one by the vice presidential candidates — have occurred in the last 30 days.

Still, the men's views on education have received nothing but token mention.

We've heard a lot about defense, the economy, the death penalty, abortion and the American Civil Liberties Union. That's fine; those subjects deserve attention.

But during the meat of the campaign for the highest office in the



land, how education can be bettered in this country doesn't seem to be exciting enough to make the 6 o'clock news.

It's not like Bush and Dukakis agree on the subject. A lengthy Oct. 6 Herald story explored the two candi-

dates' differences in theory on higher education alone.

The media is much to blame for overlooking the importance of education as a campaign topic.

Bush rightfully pointed out in the

last debate that platform sheets are distributed to media at nearly every campaign stop, but that they're usually slanted in favor of the same old "clear as the Boston Harbor" and "Where was George?" blarney when it comes time to write stories.

The debates were the obvious forum for discussion of education. But questions like "What are your opponent's good points?" and "Who are today's heroes?" got the nod over "Is the current school loan repayment plan adequate?"

In the months since Dukakis and Bush got their parties' nominations, education hasn't gotten the coverage we would have hoped for. Maybe in the 20 days between now and the Nov. 8 election, things will change.

Probably not, though.

Minor topics such as education can't be given precious time when important stuff like who the candidates believe to be today's Lone Ranger and Superman needs to be addressed.

Midnight Mania's darkest hour struck Friday night

A few years back, former men's basketball coach Clem Haskins introduced Midnight Mania to Western as an event to increase support and bring the fans closer to the program.

The idea was to have a midnight practice on the morning of Oct. 15, the first date practice is allowed by the NCAA.

The event had been very successful at the University of Kentucky and was spreading to other universities.

The idea also worked here — 5,000 to 6,000 fans would attend and cheer the team. In addition, it gave student organizations a chance to be involved with the event. Two years ago, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity brought then-Topper Kannard Johnson out of a large Special K cereal box.

Obviously, the event had been successful — until last Friday night. Barely 2,000 fans attended this year's event. And the players performed poorly.

Many players seemed to view the event as tedious and unimportant. Some purposely missed shots while team star Brett McNeal didn't bother to try one.

If the basketball program is going to gather support from the fans, this wasn't the way to do it. Fans want to be appreciated, not alienated.

The people didn't come to witness a second-class performance. Many left Diddle Arena feeling disappointed at the team's lack of enthusiasm.

In the same light, the poor attendance certainly didn't inspire the players, and some organizations didn't bother to make banners. The most glaring instance was starting center Anthony Smith being introduced without a banner.

While the support was not encouraging, the Toppers still should have put more effort into the evening. Midnight Mania is a tradition worth maintaining and should be viewed with greater importance by fans and players.

A successful program needs support at both ends of the court.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Watered-down plan

An Oct. 11 Herald editorial claimed that the proposed general education plan "will strengthen the foundation of students' knowledge." However, the discussion actually defeats the premise. It was stated that limiting selections within categories will provide "more information as opposed to a smattering from many areas." The editorial cited as an example the elimination of the present choice among 14 full-fledged literature courses, to be replaced by a single required course that "is expected to be a broad course which encompasses fiction, poetry and drama from various countries." Did someone say "smattering"?

Such a superficial, watered-down approach is not the direction of a respectable university general education program. Major universities typically offer a wide choice among traditional courses, developing some depth of understanding in representative electives. For example, general education science requirements typically are stated as six semester hours of science, three courses in science, a two-course sequence in science, etc. Students with aptitude and interest are not restricted to a few specific low-level survey courses as in the present proposal for Western.

In fact, the proposed plan provides less choice, depth and understanding than do many high school curricula. One might be confused by the generalities offered by proponents in an Oct. 6 Herald interview, but these bear little relationship to the actual plan. If the entire proposal were published, it would be clear to an informed readership that it represents a major

step backward in Western's emergence as a university.

Richard Hackney
professor of physics and astronomy

Frustrated smoker

Like most other smokers, I am becoming increasingly upset with the dirty looks I get from non-smokers whenever I light up. The thought occurred to me, however, that their frowns will change to smiles when they either collect or benefit from the taxes we smokers pay that they don't. It seems to me that cities and states that place stringent bans on smoking should not be entitled to the taxes they impose on tobacco products.

After all, it's only constitutionally fair. To begin with, they use our tax dollars to create weapons of mass destruction, then dump the toxic waste by-products into our water, air and ground. Then they have the audacity to collect some rather questionable taxes from smokers and tell us that, although we've contributed yet again to their treasuries, we don't have the right to smoke the products we were unfairly and unconstitutionally taxed for.

This country has been begging for a tax revolt for some time now, and this is the issue to serve as the catalyst for it. Any state or municipality that imposes smoking bans shouldn't be allowed to levy taxes on smoker's products. It seems simple enough to me.

Anna Combs
Bowling Green senior

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Shenanigans used to raise fun, funds

By ANN SCHLAGENHAUF

It was a few minutes before curtain time for Kappa Delta Shenanigans, and Van Meter Hall was in chaos as nervous performers adjusted costumes and practiced lines.

As 8 p.m. approached, the noise in the auditorium increased. "How do you like this? Mass confusion!" KD sorority member Beth Button said. "How can we ever get a program started?"

But minutes later, the KD sisters mounted the stage and welcomed the audience with two songs.

More than a month's preparation went into the 2 1/2-hour KD Shenanigans Thursday night.

Kelly Scott, Shenanigans co-chairwoman, said that she and two other chairwomen started work Sept. 1. They put in about three or four hours each week arranging for flyers, securing judges and contacting the organizations that were involved.

Shenanigans is a variety show made up of skits put together by the Greek organizations on campus. The \$2,800 raised from the \$2.50 admission charge went to the KD philanthropy — the Bowling Green chapter of the Child Protection Agency.

Tuesday, the three spent seven hours screening acts to make sure they were organized and not offensive.

Scott, a Morganfield senior, said Shenanigans wasn't that hard to plan because the sorority has been doing it for so long.

Thursday, Scott and fellow chairwomen Tonjia Dougherty, a Bowling Green senior, and Karen Banks, a senior from Millville, N.J., arrived early with the KDs to practice their songs before the show and to help with props.

"There's a little stress because everybody wants to get on" to practice, Scott said as she guarded the back door.

Like the other organizations, the KD pledges were starting to get nervous.

"We've got to make them feel like it's worth their time and money," Louisville freshman Reed Jordan said about the crowd filing into Van Meter Auditorium.

The show that followed included two Elvis Presley appearances, David Letterman and the Church Lady from Saturday Night Live.

In the end, Kappa Sigma fraternity and Alpha Delta Pi sorority walked off with first prize, with second place being taken by Sigma Nu, fraternity and Chi Omega sorority.

The crowd cleared quickly, leaving only the three chairwomen and a few others.

"It's over, we're happy," Dougherty said. "We had a huge, huge turnout."

"We put in a few long days this week."

And what about next year's? "No way," Dougherty said. "It's somebody else's job."

Phonothon exceeds its goal

Herald staff report

With less than 10 minutes remaining in the Phonothon Sunday night and six calling nights left, workers pulled in enough pledges to surpass this year's \$60,000 goal.

Workers brought in \$4,725 Sunday, raising the Phonothon total to \$60,325. The goal for each of the six remaining nights is \$7,000, said Ron Beck, alumni affairs associate director. The Phonothon runs through Oct. 24.

The Phonothon raised an additional \$5,490 Monday night.

FROM THE HART by Kendall Hart



SETTING IT STRAIGHT

Because of a reporter's error, the day Kitty Dukakis, wife of Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis, was to call Jones-Jagers Elementary School was incorrect in Thursday's Herald. She called fifth-graders Thursday.

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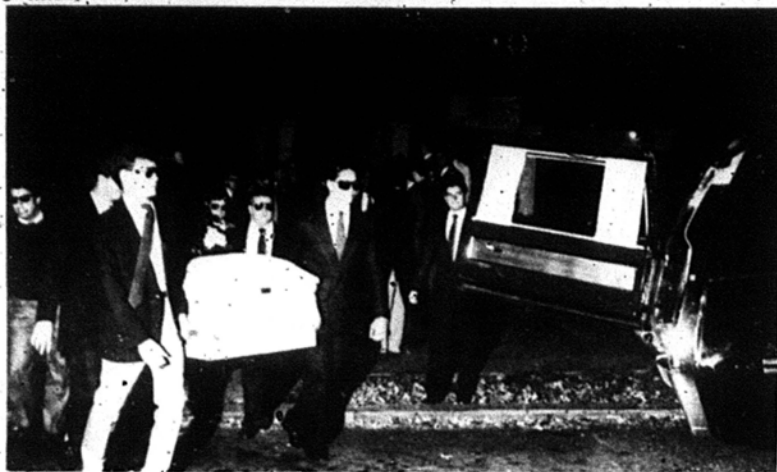
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Glendale senior Jeff Key and Hopkinsville senior members during a mock funeral procession for Todd Simmons lead Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity Paddy Murphy.

SAEs party for 'dead' brother

By ANN SCHLAGENHAUF

Steve Bray was a corpse Friday night.

Bray, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, played the stuff in his fraternity's Paddy Murphy celebration. His part included a ride in a hearse during the funeral procession.

Paddy Murphy is based on the legend of an SAE brother who became mixed up with gangster Al Capone and died a lonely man, according to Scott Key, chairman for Paddy Murphy Week.

Bray, a Paducah senior, said that after his ride in the casket, he will have "encountered something twice in my life that most people will only encounter once... a ride in a casket in the back of a hearse."

Custom holds that the ghost of Paddy Murphy will haunt a chapter until it throws him a party to prove he has friends, said Key, a Brownsville senior.

This was the first time that Western's chapter has held Paddy Murphy Week, Key said, though it is a SAE tradition nationwide.

"A lot of people might think it's morbid," Key said, "but it's not any different than Halloween."

Bray said he "was thinking about

all these eerie things" during his ride.

"I was thinking about how it would be the time I really died."

Before the procession around campus, pallbearers carried the casket, between rows of SAE brothers dressed in dark suits.

Bray said because pallbearers don't carry the casket evenly, the body "goes everywhere."

After the procession, SAE chaplain Tom Wortham read the 23rd Psalm and said a few words over the deceased as chapter members broke out handkerchiefs and mourned.

The brothers and little sisters of the fraternity filed past the casket, dropping black ribbons on it and letting out fake sobs.

One little sister put her head on the casket and wailed, "We were lavalied!" — which means they were going steady — before being led away by friends.

After the chaplain finished speaking, the mournful quiet was broken by the shout of "Let's party!" Bray jumped out of the casket, and the fraternity celebrated.

Bray said, "I was very relieved to get out."

Wortham, a Louisville sophomore, said when he was conducting the ceremony, "It was kind of weird

looking out at all these people sitting there in black."

But he wasn't nervous. "When you have the spirit of Paddy Murphy with you, you just completely relax."

"At first," he said, "I thought it was kind of sacrilegious. But it's all in fun, so it didn't bother me too much."

Kathleen Chester, a Louisville senior, said, "It's a sober moment (the funeral). It's good that the chapter can pull together during hard times like this."

Todd Simmons, a Hopkinsville senior and SAE provost, said the Paddy Murphy parties are a lead into Wine and Roses, a 1920s party where fraternity members dress as gangsters and their dates wear flapper dresses. Wine and Roses was held Saturday night.

The fraternity house was packed Thursday night during visitation, and the casket could not be seen because of the crowd on the dance floor.

Beth Blandford, an Owensboro senior and SAE little sister, said when she first heard about Paddy Murphy, "I kind of laughed."

She said people thought, "It's no reason to have a party."

But Blandford enjoyed it anyway. "It's a little morbid, but it's fun."

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Sports

Despite slip back, soccer future rosy

Coach David Holmes said at the beginning of the season that the soccer schedule would be the most difficult in the sport's seven-year history at Western.

He was right. Western has played quality teams from game one.

Holmes' schedule has no patsies — but several strong teams, such as the University of Evansville and Southern Illinois at Edwardsville.

The theory behind playing such a demanding schedule is that it will prepare the team for postseason action.

It's a good idea.

Even if the players lost a few more games than people liked, they would have been ready for last weekend's Sun Belt West Tournament. The tournament is what the team has been pointing to all season anyway.

If they had done well in the tournament most people wouldn't even remember the disappointing regular-season record.

It didn't work, though.

Western lost both games in the tourney, falling 1-0 to the University of South Alabama Friday and 4-3 to the University of South Florida on

COMMENTARY



Doug Tatum

Sunday.

Although Western, 3-9-1, won't advance to the conference finals, Holmes should be applauded.

He could have made the schedule much easier by playing more Division II teams. But he didn't because he has some long-term goals he wants to accomplish.

He is trying to make Western a Division I power. To do that Western has to play top teams. And that means Western players have to take their lumps.

If Holmes had made the schedule easier, the Hilltoppers might not have suffered through a season-long scoring slump like they did.

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Western eliminated again in Sun Belt West tourney

By DOUG TATUM

Western looked to improve on last year's performance against the universities of South Alabama and South Florida in the Sun Belt West Tournament Friday and Sunday.

Coach David Holmes' team scored more goals than last year's, but the end result was the same.

Western lost both games in Birmingham, Ala., and was eliminated from playing in the conference championship Nov. 4-5.

In the opening game Friday, the Hilltoppers lost to South Alabama 1-0. They lost Sunday to South Florida 4-3. South Florida and South Alabama advanced to the conference finals.

Last year Western lost to South Alabama 4-0 and to South Florida 4-1 when the tournament was in Smith

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The losses left Western's record at 3-9-1 and spoiled the seniors' chance of winning the conference for the first time.

"I think all of us are disappointed," senior Lee Walton said. "Especially after last year's performance we thought we could do well and go to the finals."

The Tops still had a chance to go to the finals when they played South Florida on Sunday. Western needed to win by three goals to advance.

Strikers Pat Dilts, Greg Nicholson and Phil Barkley each scored a goal. The three goals were the most Western had scored all season.

South Florida scored three goals of

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Guard Durey Cadwell busts through a banner Friday night during Midnight Mania. Bottom, junior center Anthony Smith prepares to lay a shot off the backboard as Kenneth Trice and Brett McNeal, in white shirt, look on.

Mania opens practice

Herald staff report

The 1988-89 edition of the Hilltopper basketball team was unveiled Friday night at Diddle Arena during "Midnight Mania."

About 2,000 fans came out to witness the Toppers' 25-minute workout, which began at about 12:05 a.m. This was the sixth year of the midnight practice.

The Toppers will be trying to improve upon a 15-13 team that finished sixth in the Sun Belt Conference.

Leading the team this year will be senior guard and leading scorer Brett McNeal. McNeal averaged nearly 20 points per game last year and has been considered for possible All-American status. Hoping to complement McNeal will be 6-5 junior guard Roland Shelton and 6-8 junior center Anthony Smith.



Photos by Jeanie Adams and Greg Wood

Tops take a miracle to beat Southwest Missouri

By TOM HERNES

Coach Dave Roberts is seeing strange happenings on the football field.

His explanation — biblical. "I'll tell you, there were some miracles out there today," Roberts said after Saturday's game in Springfield, Mo. "I hope my minister is listening, because we dodged a bullet."

The Hilltoppers, which improved

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to 5-1, held on for a 21-14 win over Southwest Missouri State University despite being buried statistically in the second half.

Consider this:
 ■ The Tops' offense took nine minutes to run a play from scrimmage in the third quarter. They would only take 15 offensive snaps in the half.
 ■ Eighth-ranked Western's most

important offensive play of the second half was a six-yard run by fullback Pedro Bacon.

■ Southwest Missouri went for a first down on fourth-and-one at their own 18 and made it.

"In the past couple of years, we found a way to lose these kinds of games," Roberts said. "Today we found a way to win."

The Bears took the second half kickoff and drove 81 yards to pull within 21-14. Tight end Ken Kelly's

two-yard touchdown reception on the 18th play put an end to the nine-minute drive.

"I asked the guys if we could have the ball back before the end of the third quarter," Roberts said.

The players obliged, but only for three plays.

Southwest Missouri got the ball back, ran 48 plays and gained 207 yards in the second half.

But to the credit of the Toppers' Division I-AA top-ranked scoring

defense, it did not allow any more points.

"They (SMSU) had a ton of yards, but when it counted we stopped them and won the game," Roberts said.

Western's most crucial defense of the goal line came in the final three minutes of the game.

The Bears rolled down the field to the Western 11-yard-line. Defensive end Brad Anchors picked an oppor-

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Rob McCracken/Herald

NOTRE GAME—Watching a new television set in the front yard of the swimming team's house on College Street, viewers celebrate during Saturday's football game between Notre Dame and Miami. From left to right are (front) Dan Powell, a Western graduate; Alan Britton, a sophomore

from Greenville, Tenn.; Jeff Braak, a senior from Grand Haven, Mich.; Leigh Ann Harmon, a senior from Evansville, Ind.; (back) Sean Herbert, a senior from Auburn, N. Y., and Alan Kain, a senior from Evansville. The bunch was rooting for the Fighting Irish, who won, 31-30.

LaLance win helps Tops extend string

By DAVID GUFFY

TENNIS

Coach Ray Rose calls it the most successful weekend in the last two years.

The Lady Toppers won three matches at the University of Cincinnati to extend their win streak to five.

The Toppers, 6-3, defeated Xavier University 7-2 Friday. They beat Marshall University 9-0 and Cincinnati 5-4 Saturday.

Rose said the win against Cincinnati was the most important, because of a final match between Amy LaLance and Cincinnati's Leslie Corey.

The six matches were played simultaneously, and with the match tied at four it came down to a set between Western's No. 2 seed LaLance and Corey.

With the rest of the team yelling on the sidelines, the match came down to a tie-breaking third set.

LaLance won the first game 6-0 and lost the second 3-6. After being down 5-2 in the third game, she came back to win the set 7-6 and take the match. "I was determined not to lose,"

LaLance said. "I just kept my concentration and kept on playing."

LaLance said she didn't know she was playing in the deciding match.

"Everyone was yelling from the sidelines," LaLance said. "They were excited because this was the match we needed to win."

Rose said he was impressed with the match.

"Amy accepted the challenge and came back," he said. "It was the kind of win a young team needs."

In singles matches, No. 1 seed Trish Mahon lost 6-0, 6-1, as did No. 3 seed Kelly Haskins, 6-1, 7-5, and No. 6 seed Wendy Gunter, 3-6, 6-1, 6-1. No. 4 Julie Bowen won 6-0, 7-6; No. 5 seed Ellen Hogancamp also won 6-0, 6-0.

Western won two of three doubles matches.

LaLance and Haskins lost 7-6, 7-6, while Mahon and Bowen won 1-6, 6-3, 6-4. Hogancamp and Gunter won 6-1, 6-1.

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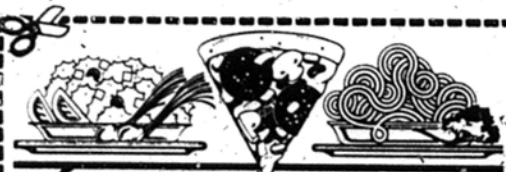
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Runners get top mark at midterm

Midterms hit campus last week and students got an idea of their academic progress heading into the second bi-term.

Coincidentally, Saturday marked the midpoint of the Toppers' football season.

Western is 5-1 and ranked No. 8 in Division I-AA.

If I were a teacher, this would be my midsemester evaluation of the progress by position. The grades for defense, coaches and special teams will appear in Thursday's paper.

QUARTERBACK — David Armstrong has been shaky and has yet to dominate a game.

In Armstrong's defense, Western isn't passing as much this year, and tight end Robert Coates, last year's leading receiver, has been injured.

Armstrong's improvement or lack of it could determine Western's playoff and national championship chances. **GRADE: C-**

RUNNING BACKS — The trio of Joe Arnold, Pedro Bacon and Tony Brown is one of the best in Division I-AA. Arnold has dashed for 734 yards and is chasing Clarence Jackson's

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Tom Hernes

season record of 1,444 yards. Brown's power running is a nice complement to Arnold. Bacon has recorded the two longest Topper runs of the season. **GRADE: A.**

WIDE RECEIVERS — Darwi Harris has been surehanded and Cedric Jones is a deep threat as well as a proficient punt returner.

Ronnie Shepard has great speed that has been utilized on a few flanker screens.

It's a talented group, but lack of action lowers its mark. **GRADE: B-**

TIGHT END — Coates' preseason foot injury has hampered him. He has played sporadically in the last four games but has not been utilized in the passing game. A healthy Coates can

make a difference before the final exam.

Backups Doug Jones and Ron Jackson went down with injuries, and defensive end Zip Zanders filled in. **GRADE: C.**

OFFENSIVE LINE — A pair of 290-pound linemen, Dean Tiebout and Dewayne Penn, have been dishing out a heavy helping of pancakes — a football term used for an offensive lineman knocking a defensive player flat on his back.

Dan Watterson is having a solid year at center and guard Chuck Hughes is a fine pass blocker.

Bob Hodge has also done well filling in for injured tackle Rob Weinle.

One of the largest lines in Division I-AA is a good one. **GRADE: B+**

OVERALL OFFENSE — Western has scored 140 points in six games, an average of 23.3 a game. That is decent production. The running game is excellent, but the passing game must improve so opposing defenses can't key on the run. **GRADE: B.**

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SIDELINES

Secondary no longer primary concern for Western

Western's defensive backfield was a question mark before the football season started.

There were reasons for concern because the Toppers had lost three starters, including first team All-American James Edwards.

That put enormous pressure on defensive backfield coach Mike Cassidy to develop some players quickly.

Easing some of the burden was the return of starting cornerback Ron Burroughs. But he completed just one-fourth of the puzzle.

The biggest questions were at the safety positions. Filling those spots would be a converted running back, Vincel Anthony, and an untested junior college

transfer, Jonathan Watts. Both played sparingly last year. Ironically, however, Anthony and Watts have been outstanding while Burroughs and veteran Riley Ware have struggled some.

Together, Anthony and Watts have 84 tackles, ranking them fourth- and fifth on the team. In addition, Anthony has already intercepted two passes.

"They're great kids," Cassidy said. "They work very hard in practice and demand the best of



Vincel Anthony

themselves.

"Before the season, I felt tackling was Vincel's biggest weakness. But as you can see, that's not a problem anymore."

Watts believes the potential to be good was there all along.

"We knew we could hold our own and become a pretty good unit," Watts said. "A lot of people questioned us, but we always believed in ourselves and now we're showing it."

But Cassidy won't get excited just yet.

"I have some questions whether we can cover man-to-man on a blitz," he said. "We'll be tested this weekend against Tennessee Tech with their run and shoot offense. We'll have to wait and see what happens."

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Tops need dependable scorers Bacon gets career high by running 138 yards

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But this is the first time in Holmes' five years at Western that he didn't have a dependable scorer.

In the past Western has always had a great scorer, such as Mecci Koydemir, Victor Hays or Luis Lliontop.

But this year the top returning scorers were seniors Chris Grecco and Larry Hall. The midfielders each had eight career goals entering the season. Top scorers can't be midfielders; dangerous people need to play up front.

The top two scorers on this year's team are freshman Paul Newton and senior Pat Dilts with three goals each.

The entire season comes down to one fact: Western couldn't score goals. If you can't score, you can't

win. It's that simple.

Why so little scoring?

A tough schedule and a young team are two possible reasons, but they aren't the only ones.

Luck has had a lot to do with it. In Western's case, it was bad luck.

The Toppers hit more posts, suffered through more bad calls, knocked balls inches wide of the goal and had more opposing defenders kick the ball out of the goal this year than most teams do in four seasons.

Of the five straight games Western lost, it was expected to win three. Only against Evansville and SIU-Edwardsville were the Tops underdogs. Against the University of Louisville, the University of Alabama-Birmingham and Xavier University, Western outshot, outplayed

and outthusted its opponent.

But the Tops didn't outscore them.

That's the bottom line.

Next year Western needs someone to step forward and pick up the scoring. And if no one on the team can do it now, then Holmes needs to recruit someone who can.

The rest of the season will be difficult, especially for the seniors. For them, the remaining six games are almost meaningless.

But those games could also be a golden chance for Holmes to get a better look at some players who haven't had much playing time.

Some people say that to go forward you need to take a step back. This season was Western's step back.

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time to sack quarterback Daryl Patton, which set up a fourth-and-15 situation.

Patton completed his fourth-down pass to Kelly, but Western strong safety Jonathan Watts tackled him at the 14-yard-line securing the game — almost.

With 1:31 left, Western needed at least one first down to run out the clock because the Bears had two timeouts left.

That normally wouldn't have been a concern, but the Toppers had made only one first down in the second half.

On third-and-three, Bacon picked up six yards and the crucial first down.

What made the events of the second half even more mystical — biblical if you will — was Topper domination in the first half.

Western's running game exploded for 216 yards and a 21-7 lead.

Bacon paced the way with a career-high 138 yards, including 16- and 90-yard touchdown runs. Tailback Joe Arnold scored the other TD on a one-yard run.

"There was great blocking by the line, and they (SMSU) were keying the sweep with Joe and Tony (Brown)," Bacon said of his 90-yard score. "I just cut right behind the nose guard and linebackers, and there was nobody else on my side of the field."

Except for allowing a 41-yard touchdown pass from Patton to receiver Ray Radcliff, the defense was just as good.

Cornerback Riley Ware and defensive end Zip Zanders recorded interceptions, and defensive end Xavier Jordan caused a fumble.

After the first half, Western left its good play in the locker room and sweated out the win.

"We were fortunate to win the game," Roberts said. "I know I'll be going (to church) tomorrow (Sunday)."

Players leave tourney positive despite losses

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its own in the first half and added another in the second half to win. Although Western lost both games the younger players and Holmes were

positive about the tourney.

"We were just unlucky by not being able to score against South Alabama," freshman Andy Deimling said.

Since the team won't be playing in the conference finals, the season will

end when Western plays the University of Dayton in Ohio on Oct. 30. Until then, it will play five more games.

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Cat plaques, cat statues, cat clocks, even a cat mat. I couldn't begin to duplicate her collection of kitty litter if I spent a year at a garage sale. Conspicuously absent, however, was a real cat. Strange. I thought, and began to fear that a weekend with cat woman could be a lot less than purr-fect.

But then she came home, and Mark introduced her. She was dressed surprisingly well—no leopard pants. In fact, you could say she was the cat's meow, but I'd rather not.

She offered me a cup of Dutch Chocolate Mint. Now that was something I could relate to. Then she brought it out in the most beautiful, distinctly unfeline china I'd ever seen. As we sipped, I found out that Mrs. Campbell has my same weakness for chocolate, loves the theater as much as I do, but, incredibly, never saw "Cats." So, Mark and I are taking her next month.

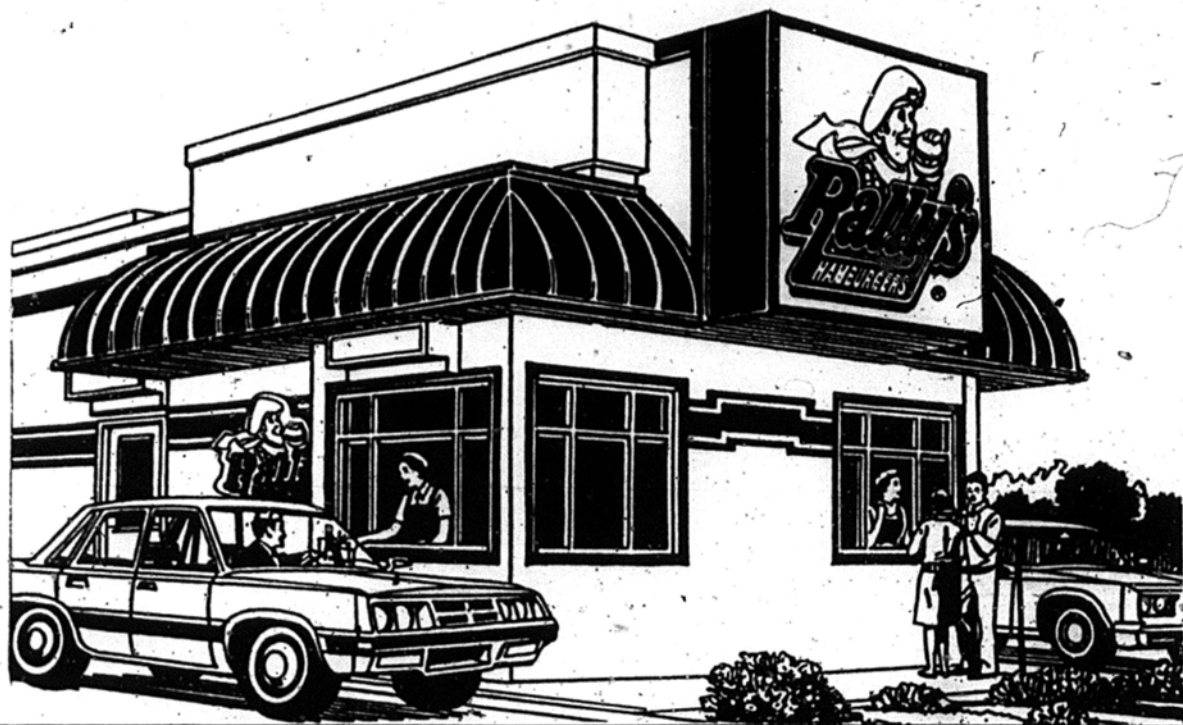


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