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# News from Western

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## OWENSBORO NATIVE HEADS WESTERN STUDENT BODY

Bowling Green, Ky. -- Steve Yater, a junior at Western Kentucky University, plays an integral role in the life of Western this year. The history and government major from Owensboro is the President of the University's Associated Student Government.

Yater has a multitude of tasks to perform, but feels that his most important job as head of Western's student governing body is serving as the student representative on the Board of Regents, as part of his office. He is Western's sixth student regent.

Yater believes that his most difficult job is adapting to troublesome situations that potentially confront a student body president, but the Daviess countian who has experience in leadership positions prior to assuming his ASG post, can take it all in stride.

In the present academic year at Western, Steve plans to carry out those things that he advocated in his campaign last spring, two of which already have been adopted. The University adopted the academic bankruptcy plan and the pass-fail plan, which allow students to repeat courses in which low grades were earned or allow students to withdraw from a course with no grade during the first 10 weeks of the semester.

The University has also given the Associated Student Government an increase of \$11,000 in their entertainment budget. This money represents a 22% increase over last year's budget. Yater says plans are to use the money for more lectures, concerts, mini-concerts and other such student activities.

Yater says he has some rather "strong views" about the Western campus, meaning "no campus can touch Western for beauty, spirit and the people found here," he says. "The administration here is genuinely concerned about the students and their thoughts," he says, which will be helpful to him over any rough spots during the school year.

Yater is a native of Owensboro, and is a 1968 graduate of Daviess County High School. In high school, he was a member of the Student Council, was regional champion of his school's debate team and served as Vice President of his senior class.

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He worked actively in the 1968 presidential campaign for Hubert Humphrey and served as a delegate from Daviess County at the Kentucky Democratic Convention.

On Nov. 22, 1968, he began two years' active duty with the U.S. Army, serving as a data processing and accounting specialist at Fort Lee, Va., with the U. S. Army Support in Thailand for one year and at Fort Hood, Tex. While serving, he received several commendations, among which he was named the ninth Logistical Commands Soldier of the month in October, 1969.

In Nov., 1970, Yater returned to civilian life and worked for several months in the 1971 state Democratic Gubernatorial Primary.

In June, 1971, he enrolled at Western Kentucky University and that year chaired a campus student Democratic campaign for gubernatorial running mates, Wendell Ford and Julian Carroll.

In April, 1972, Yater was elected President of the Kentucky Democratic College Council and also took a seat on the Executive Committee of the Kentucky Young Democrats at the Kentucky Young Democrats Convention.

In June, 1972, he was named the Outstanding Young Democrat in the Second Congressional District.

In the fall of 1972, Yater once again chaired the student Democratic Campaign effort at Western while also serving as the Second District Youth Coordinator for Walter "Dee" Huddleston in his bid for Kentucky's U. S. Senate seat.

He is the youngest member in history elected to serve on the Warren County Democratic Executive Committee composed of 15 people in December, 1972 and in May, 1973, was named the Outstanding College Democrat in Kentucky at the Kentucky Young Democrats Convention in Louisville.

Yater served as a member of the University's forensics team for one year and is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity.

He plans to enter law school following graduation from Western and hopes to pursue a career in law and politics.