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HILLTOPPER KICKOFF
Western Kentucky vs. Florida International
Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002 — 5:30 p.m.
L.T. Smith Stadium / Jimmy Feix Field

Senior OLB
Jon Drummond
Photo by Dr. James Robinson
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Today will be a similar situation faced by the Western Kentucky football team six years ago: a first-year program with Division I-A in its future travels to L.T. Smith Stadium/Jimmy Feix Field in its first year of existence. The first time, South Florida traveled to Bowling Green and went back to Tampa with a 31-3 loss at the hands of the Hilltoppers on Sept. 27, 1997. This time around, Florida International, in its first season of I-AA football, heads north to take on the Topper. The Golden Panthers are off to a successful start in their inaugural campaign, entering this weekend with a 3-2 record and fresh off a 27-2 win over Georgetown two weeks ago. Led by former Miami Dolphin Don Strock, FIU is averaging 305 yards of total offense in its first five outings, and has scored at least 22 points four times. The most impressive outing to date was a 42-0 win over Butler back on Sept. 14.

Most of the Golden Panther offensive production has come via the air through the first five contests. Freshman QB Jamie Burke has started every contest under center for FIU, connecting on 61 percent of his passes (53-of-87) for 840 yards and eight touchdowns. His two favorite targets to this point have been a pair of sophomores — Harold Leath and Cory McKinney. The tandem has combined for 22 catches and three touchdowns apiece. McKinney leads the receiving corps with 379 yards, an average of 75.8 per game. Should the Hilltoppers focus on one man to stop when FIU has the ball, sophomore running back Rashod Smith will be the one with a target on his back. Smith is averaging just under six yards per carry, and has racked up 376 yards on the ground, while leading the Golden Panthers with six touchdowns.

On the defensive side of the ball, an obvious weakness for FIU is the inability to stop the run. The Golden Panthers are allowing 192 yards on the ground, and five of the six touchdowns scored against Florida International have come by way of the run. Defensive back Nick Turnbull leads the defense with 38 tackles, while also picking off a team-best three passes. Defensive end Duante Foster has an knack for getting into the backfield, leading the club with eight tackles for loss and sacking the quarterback three times.

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2002 FIU Schedule

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**AUGUST**
29 St. Peter’s .................................. W, 27-3

**SEPTEMBER**
7 at Elon ...................................... L, 22-23
14 Butler ...................................... W,42-0
21 vs. #24 Bethune-Cookman ............... L, 0-31
28 Georgetown ................................ W, 27-2

**OCTOBER**
12 at Western Kentucky ................. 5:30 pm
19 Maine ...................................... 2:30 pm
26 Gardner-Webb (Hc) .................. 2:30 pm

**NOVEMBER**
2 Jacksonville ................................ 2:30 pm
9 Albany ...................................... 2:30 pm
23 vs. Florida Atlantic .................... 3 pm

All times Central // Home games in bold

(Hc) Homecoming

**2002 FIU Quick Facts**

Location: Miami, Fl.
Founded: 1972
Enrollment: 31,822
Colors: Blue and Gold
Affiliation: NCAA I-AA
Conference: Independent
Stadium: FIU Community Stadium
Capacity/Surface: (17,000 / Astroplay)
President: Dr. Modesto A. Maidique
Athletic Director: Rick Mello

Head Coach: Don Strock
Alma Mater: (Virginia Tech '73)
Record at FIU: 3-2 (first yr)
Career Record: same
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Scouting Report / Team Statistics

Despite a bit of inconsistency and some light competition in the first five weeks, WKU head coach Jack Harbaugh knows his club can’t afford to let up today.

“I’m very impressed with the tape we’ve seen, especially for a first-year program. It’s obvious they have veteran coaches, and their team is disciplined and plays hard. The barometer of where this team rests is with the Elon game, where they lost by one point on the road — our experiences with Elon have been difficult games the last couple of years.”

The Toppers definitely enter this game with momentum on their side after an impressive 31-12 win at then-No. 6 Northern Iowa last weekend. The victory — WKU’s second over a ranked opponent in the last three weeks — not only kept hope alive for a third straight playoff appearance, but also threw Western right back into the mix for the Gateway Conference championship.

Western continued its balanced offense attack last weekend against UNI, running for 254 yards, while QB Jason Michael connected on 10-of-15 passes for 150 yards. Three different Hilltopper running backs found the end zone last week including Jon Frazier and Maurice Bradley, who each now have three TDs on the season. Fullback Jeremi Johnson also had a breakout day against the Panthers, running for a season-best 73 yards, including a 47-yard run midway through the fourth quarter that set up the game-clinching score for WKU. Through the air, four Topper receivers have racked up triple-figure yardage, led by Casey Rooney who has caught 13 passes for 244 yards. Despite missing three games, Jerome Reaves has been Western’s most economical target, catching five balls for 114 yards, an average of 22.8 yards per reception. Four of those receptions — which tied a career high — came last week at Northern Iowa as Reaves led WKU with 92 yards.

The Western defense also came back to life in the UNI-Dome, holding the defending Gateway Champions to 289 yards of total offense. For the season, Erik Dandy continues to shine, leading the club with 80 tackles, including 11 for loss. That is 18 tackles better than Charles Thompson, who ranks second on the club with 62. Jon Drummond, a third member of the linebacking trios, enters the FIU game with 40 tackles while also recording a team-best six sacks.

Even though WKU cannot afford to look past this weekend, four important GFC games loom on the horizon. Western will begin the stretch run at Southwest Missouri State on Oct. 19, before returning to Smith Stadium for the 2002 Homecoming game against Indiana State Oct. 26. Western wraps up the home portion of the schedule the following week when Illinois State comes to town. Following the first of two off weeks in the final three weeks, the Toppers hope to find themselves in a position for a conference title when they close out the regular season at Southern Illinois on Nov. 16.

WKU Hilltoppers

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2002 Hilltopper Kickoff — 5
Thompson Tough In Win — In addition to making a team-high 15 tackles — the first time someone other than Erik Dandy has led WKU in stops since the season opener — ILB Charles Thompson recovered a pair of fumbles and added a sack in last week’s win at Northern Iowa. They were the first two fumble recoveries of the sophomore’s career, and it marked the first time a Hilltopper had multiple recoveries since Kyle Moffatt had a pair in a 46-38 victory at Murray State on Sept. 30, 2000. Thompson ranks second on the team with 62 stops and has collected both of his sacks in Gateway Conference contests.

Dandy Double Dips Again — Junior Erik Dandy had his fifth straight game with 10 or more stops after posting 14 tackles in the Hilltoppers’ win at No. 6 Northern Iowa last week. Dandy also was credited with three tackles for loss and a pair of passes defensed as WKU held Adam Benge — who ranked second in the league and fourth in the nation entering the game — more than 50 yards below his season average. Dandy’s efforts helped the Toppers hold UNI to just 289 yards of total offense.

Frazier Front And Center — Jon Frazier led WKU with a game-high 80 yards in the UNI contest last week, the third straight week and fourth time this season he has accomplished the feat. No Hilltopper has led the team on the ground in four consecutive games since current assistant coach Willie Taggart turned the trick from Oct. 3-31, 1998. Frazier also had two kick returns for 44 yards to give him his third consecutive game — and fifth this year — with more than 100 all-purpose yards. The senior is ranked in the top 10 in the Gateway Conference in three statistical categories — rushing (sixth, 62.5 ypg), kick returns (seventh, 19.6 avg) and all-purpose yards (eighth, 102.5 ypg).

Big Back Busts Out — FB Jeremi Johnson ran for a career-best 73 yards on seven carries in Western’s win over nationally-ranked Northern Iowa last week, including a career-long 47-yard run on the first play from scrimmage after UNI scored to pull to within 17-12 — the play helped set up Chris Miller’s touchdown with just over five minutes remaining that sealed the victory. Johnson also caught three passes — all of which gave the Toppers a first down, two converting on third-down situations — for 33 yards to take over the team lead with 14 receptions on the season.

Sack Specialist — Jon Drummond had a sack in his sixth straight contest at Northern Iowa last week, finishing with seven stops including a pair behind the line of scrimmage. The senior has had at least one sack in eight of the Hilltoppers’ last nine regular-season contests. His six sacks this year are three times as many than any other WKU player has recorded.

Top Five Territory — Peter Martinez had seven points against UNI, moving past Dickie Moore into fifth place on Western’s all-time list with 210 in his three-year career. His 34 points this year — which is two shy of doubling any other WKU player — have him ranked ninth in the GFC with 5.7 per contest.

Reaves Returns — Jerome Reaves tied a career best with four receptions at Northern Iowa, becoming the first Western receiver other than Casey Rooney to lead the Toppers in yards (he had 92) in the victory over the Panthers. It was Reaves’ first catches since Western’s season-opening game at Kansas State Aug. 31. Two other Hilltoppers have caught four passes in a game this year — Shannon Hayes and Jeremi Johnson both had four against Western Illinois on Sept. 14.

Coates Caps Victory With First Score — OLB Sherrod Coates scored the first touchdown of his career with a 20-yard interception return for the final points in the closing seconds of the UNI win, the first by a defensive player this year. It was the senior’s first pick since he returned an interception 14 yards in last year’s regular-season finale against Southern Illinois. Coates has intercepted one pass in each of his four years on the Hill.

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That still didn't ensure Drummond's arrival on the Hill. "I knew I had the grades and was cleared by the NCAA, so I was looking for a scholarship to play," he says. "I actually turned down Western at first, but coach Sims showed coach Harbaugh my tape and they called back saying that they would take a chance.

"People didn't even know who I was when I first arrived. But I thank them for the opportunity now."

Drummond's role in the program has grown over four-plus years, though he would argue the coaching staff's assessment that he is one of the leaders on defense.

"I didn't know the impact I would have as a senior," he says. "I take it seriously, but I try to stay laid back and be an example to people watching what I do."

"I didn't want to be in that position, but coach Harbaugh asked me to fill it."

"I don't agree with Jon, I think he has always been a leader," Harbaugh says. "Sometimes it is misunderstood what it means to be a leader, but he has demonstrated the qualities you look for in a winner — he practices hard, he plays hard and he's successful academically. Jon has never, even done anything to discredit his family, the university or the program."

"The fact that he constantly is looking for ways to improve demonstrates that he is one of our finest leaders."

Not only has Drummond excelled on the field, but he has performed in the classroom as well. His proudest moment is making the Dean's List. "It's the most amazing thing I've done so far. It was determination from within — no one told me to do it, I just set and accomplished a goal. I had never done that before."

"I know my family is proud, especially with juggling football and other campus activities."

Next up for Drummond is graduation, and he hopes to stay involved with Western or the program. "I would like to be a graduate assistant coach."

"There are a lot of possibilities, but I would like to be a graduate assistant coach while working on my master's degree," Drummond says. "I'd love to work with kids, no matter what the coaching level is."

No one could be happier with Drummond's plans than Harbaugh. "I'm proud that Jon wants to be a teacher because I think we need people in the profession with his qualities. He is a tremendous role model for youngsters, someone who has proved all the nay-sayers wrong. When he deals with kids, no matter what level, he is a living, breathing example of someone who has achieved not just in football but as a person."

"Whatever Jon chooses to do he will be successful in."

Just know that, like a playmaker, Drummond will get the job done in the end.
### Individual Statistics

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WKU head coach Jack Harbaugh (pronounced HAR-baw) has taken the Hilltopper football program from the depths of despair in the early 1990s to its best stretch since the legendary Jimmy Feix coached on the Hill more than two decades ago.

He ranks second all-time at Western in both wins and games coached, posting an 82-68 (54.7%) overall, while leading the Hilltoppers to a 52-24 (68.4%) over the last six-plus years. And, he has posted a 18-6 (75%) mark in three years of coaching in conference action.

Now in his 14th season on the Hill, Harbaugh has led the Toppers to back-to-back NCAA I-AA playoff appearances for the first time since 1987 and '88, and he has taken Western to the postseason three times in the last five years.

Harbaugh directed Western to a 5-2 finish in the school's first season in the Gateway Conference last year, leading the team to an 8-4 overall mark for its sixth consecutive winning season—that's the longest streak on the Hill since Western posted nine consecutive winning years from 1967-75, and the third longest in school history. WKU was ranked as high as 10th in the final national polls.

The Toppers led the league and ranked second in the nation with an average of 303 rushing yards per game, extending the team's stretch of finishing in the top 10 in the country in that category to 11 years. Defensively, WKU paced the Gateway in rushing, total and scoring defense—the Hilltoppers allowed a league-record-low 231.8 yards per contest in the regular season—while ranking in the top 10 nationally in all three categories.

Five Toppers were named to at least one All-America team, while 14 players earned all-Gateway Conference recognition. And, Western had two players—senior defensive backs Joseph Jefferson and Mel Mitchell—selected in the National Football League draft, the first time since 1990 that more than one Hilltopper was chosen.

In 2000, his efforts helped Western to an 11-2 season—WKU's best since 1975—an undefeated Ohio Valley Conference championship in the school's final year in the league and an appearance in the quarterfinals of the I-AA playoffs. The Hilltoppers were fifth in the final polls, the best finish for a Western squad since the '80 team also concluded the year fifth in the rankings.

Harbaugh was selected the American Football Coaches Association Region 3 and OVC Coach of the Year, and he finished third in the voting for the Eddie Robinson Award, given to the top coach in I-AA. The defense led the nation in a pair of categories—scoring and turnover margin—for the first time since the '71 squad topped the country in pass defense. Seven individuals earned All-American recognition, and 12 were honored in the OVC following the season.

The '99 Hilltoppers averaged 283.2 yards per game (eighth in the land) en route to a 6-5 mark and a third-place finish in Western's first year back in the OVC in football.

The '98 Toppers, powered by one of I-AA football's most potent offenses—third in the nation in rushing (344.6 yards per game) and ninth in scoring (36.0 points per game)—and the I-AA Independent Offensive Player of the Year (All-American QB Willie Taggart), finished the year 7-4. That club was ranked 19th in the nation in the final poll and narrowly missed Western's second straight appearance in the NCAA national championship playoffs.

That effort followed a stellar 1997 campaign that ranks as one of the most successful years in the history of the sport on the Hill.

The '97 Toppers were 10-2, earning a berth in the NCAA I-AA Championship Playoffs and finishing the year ranked seventh in the nation. WKU's I-Bone offense led the nation in rushing with a school-record 332.0 yards per game.

For his efforts in the '97 season, Harbaugh was named the Division I-AA Independents Coach of the Year. In addition, he was the AFCA's pick for its I-AA GTE Region 3 Coach of the Year.

Harbaugh's 1996 club posted an impressive 7-4 mark (one of the best turnaround records in the nation) and challenged for a berth in the playoffs. The Toppers, ranked 27th in the final poll, posted victories over three nationally-ranked teams.

Harbaugh took over as head coach at Western in February 1989, after two seasons as assistant head coach at the University of Pittsburgh. He promptly led his first Hilltopper team to a 6-5-0 mark against one of the toughest schedules in I-AA football. That team narrowly missed a berth in the NCAA playoffs, while five of WKU's 10 opponents got into the I-AA playoff field that year.

In 13 seasons at the Hilltopper helm, he has seen ___ of his WKU athletes earn a variety of All-America honors a total of ___ times. Included on that list are a pair of offensive linemen—Brian Bixler and Patrick Goodman—who were honored both for their play on the field and as Academic All-Americans for their work in the classroom.

Harbaugh holds a B.S. degree (1961) in physical education and a M.E. in health and physical education (1964) from Bowling Green State.

He and his wife, Jackie, also a BGSU alumnus, have three children—John, an assistant football coach with the Philadelphia Eagles of the NFL; Jim, a former All-Pro quarterback in the NFL who now serves as an assistant coach for the Oakland Raiders; and Joani, married to former WKU assistant basketball coach Tom Crean, who helped engineer Michigan State's drive to the 1999 Final Four and is now the head basketball coach at Marquette.

Harbaugh has six grandchildren, seven-year-old Megan and three-year-old Riley Crean; 13-year-old Jay, six-year-old Jim, Jr. and two-year-old Grace Harbaugh; and, one-year-old Alison Harbaugh.
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74—Richard Gervais
6-3 / 300 / OL / Sr.
North Lauderdale, Fla.
Northeast High

43—Curtis Hamilton
5-11 / 205 / TE / Sr.
Paducah, Ky.
Puducah Tilghman High

13—Shannon Hayes
6-0 / 185 / WLB / Jr.
McKenzie, Tenn.
McKenzie High

34—Ronnie Lilly
5-9 / 185 / RB / Jr.
Detroit, Mich.
Oak Park High

70—Jeremiah Sowards
5-9 / 295 / OL / Sr.
Bowling Green, Ky.
Warren Central High

10—Jason Michael
5-10 / 200 / QB / Sr.
Louisa, Ky.
Army

49—Matt Rogers
6-0 / 230 / TE / Jr.
Columbia, Ky.
Adair County High

91—Corey Shaw
6-3 / 240 / DL / Sr.
Louisville, Ky.
Manual High

86—Carlos Smith
6-4 / 200 / WLB / Jr.
Mansfield, Ohio
Mansfield Senior High

3—Perez Smith
5-8 / 185 / WLB / Jr.
Broxton, Ga.
New Mexico Military JC

28—Brian Lowder
5-9 / 195 / SS / Jr.
Bowling Green, Ky.
Bowling Green High

19—Peter Martinez
5-2 / 180 / PK / Sr.
Nashville, Tenn.
Hillwood High

48—Karl Maslowski
6-1 / 235 / ILB / Jr.
New Lenox, Ill.
Lincoln-Way High

12—Patrick Reynolds
6-3 / 250 / DL / Sr.
Bowling Green, Ky.
Bowling Green High

5—Cris Riviere
6-0 / 200 / SS / Jr.
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Northeast High

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5-Cris Riviere
6-0 / 200 / SS / Jr.
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Northeast High

77—Joe Washington
Radcif, Ky.
North Hardin High

97—Arthur Wilson
6-0 / 295 / DL / Sr.
Cincinnati, Ohio
Winton Woods High

62—Chris Price
6-0 / 290 / OL / Sr.
Indianapolis, Ind.
Warren Central High

4—Antonio Veals
6-0 / 190 / FS / Jr.
Louisville, Ky.
Trinity High

41—Chris Miller
6-0 / 225 / RB / Jr.
Heidelberg, Germany
Heidelberg High

92—Irelle Oderinde
5-10 / 215 / DL / Jr.
Georgetown, Ky.
Scott County High

90—Kinnus Paul
Detroit, Mich.
Northwestern High

73—Eric Ravellette
6-1 / 310 / OL / Sr.
Vincennes, Ind.
Lincoln High

2—Jerome Reaves
6-3 / 195 / WLB / Sr.
Arcadia, Fla.
DeSoto County High

12—Patrick Reynolds
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Bowling Green, Ky.
Bowling Green High

5—Cris Riviere
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Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Northeast High

60—Daniel Withrow
6-3 / 285 / OL / Jr.
Bowling Green, Ky.
Bowling Green High

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**Coaching staff**

Head coach: Jack Harbaugh, 14th season

Assistant coaches:
David Elson, seventh season
Willie Taggart, fourth season
Mike Fanoa, third season
Keven Lightner, second season
Don Martindale, second season
Bryan Cross, fourth season
T.J. Weist, first season

Markell Rice, first season
Dan Haley, first season

Strength & Conditioning Coach:
Lance Vermeil, first season

Student assistant: Joe Guinan, second season
Lineup Card

When Western Has The Ball

Hilltopper Offense

WR
13-Shannon Hayes
77-Joe Washington
15-Casey Rooney

LT
60-Daniel Withrow

LG
62-Chris Price
73-Eric Ravellette

C
60-Daniel Withrow
73-Eric Ravellette

RG
74-Richard Gervais

RT
71-Buster Ashley

TE
69-January Lindsay

QB
10-Jason Michael
7-Alex Dukes

FB
1-Jeremy Johnson
30-Brock Baker

RB
21-Jon Frazier
41-Chris Miller

GE
eral Bottlers

Wku Special Teams

P — 8-Brian Claybourn
PK — 19-Peter Martinez
KO Ret — 21-Jon Frazier
Punt Ret — 13-Shannon Hayes
LS — 91-Corey Shaw
Held — 6-Brian Claybourn

Golden Panther Defense

DE
92-Chris Horne
97-Terrence Allen

LB
56-Dane Irwin
46-James Black

LB
43-Jason Preston
55-Shawn Dudley

LB
45-Kyle Salus
53-Jonathan Sturrup

CB
8-Greg Moss
27-Reese Timmertoo

SS
11-Jerome Weaver
21-Nick Turnball

FS
18-Gentry Jackson
22-Kris Thomas

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Lineup Card

When Florida International Has The Ball

Golden Panther Offense

TE
81-Joe Struyf
72-John Shanahan

LT
88-Dannon Monroe
70-Glen Fox

LG
9-Ed Wenger
62-Carlos Ruiz

C
83-Julius Eppinger
75-Victor Cornes

RG
87-I.4grant Perry
77-Victor Cornes

RT
8-Lagrange Perry
79-Matt Matthews

FL
86-Cory McKinney
78-D.J. O Neal

SE
13-Jamie Burke
10-David Tabor

WR
87-Lagrange Perry
15-Tititan Freeman

*FIU will start the game with either the H-back or WR

RB
4-Rashad Smith
38-Jerod Lundecked

H-back
38-Jerod Lundecked

FIU Special Teams

P — 7-Doug Jones
PK — 14-Adam Moss
KO Ret — 26-Bill Grant
Punt Ret — 87-Lagrange Perry
LS/P — 42-James Knapp
LS/FG — 79-Matt Matthews
Held — 10-David Tabor

Hilltopper Defense

DE
97-Arthur Wilson
90-Kenneth Paul

NT
54-Chad Kincade
57-Kris Mau

DT
99-Payton Williams
91-Corey Shaw

LB
64-Brandon Higdon
92-Josh Alexander

LB
77-Nick Carre o
98-Ira Turner

LB
96-Duane Foster

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L.T. Smith Stadium / Jimmy Feix Field

The 2002 season will be Western’s 35th in L.T. Smith Stadium, one of the most beautiful and efficient football facilities to be found on any college campus. The Academic-Athletic Building No. 2 and L.T. Smith Stadium/Jimmy Feix Field is a vital part of WKU’s athletics complex.

The facility will have a new look this year after the installation of Astroplay synthetic turf over the summer, a $1 million project. The new surface will allow the Hilltoppers to practice full-time on Feix Field, while also creating more opportunities for use by Western’s soccer teams, the Big Red Marching Band and the intramural department.

Smith Stadium entered a new era in its storied history on Sept. 19, 1987, when Western hosted Murray State in the first-ever night game in the facility, a 21-17 WKU victory. The new lighting system, costing more than $100,000, went into use that night after a successful fund-raising campaign conducted by the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation that summer resulted in the private funding needed to light the stadium.

The stadium and its accompanying facilities sit in the midst of the WKU athletics complex, which also includes the Academic-Athletic Building No. 1 and its 11,300-seat E.A. Diddle Arena; an all-weather track that was redone in 2001; facilities for intramurals and physical education activities; and Nick Denes Field, the home of the baseball Hilltoppers. All are located in an area of the campus between Big Red Way and University Boulevard.

This gives Western both a coordinated series of athletic facilities and well-equipped teaching areas for the Department of Physical Education and Recreation. In addition to the stadium, the Academic-Athletic Building No. 2 contains classrooms, faculty offices and complete locker room, weight training and sports medicine facilities for football and other sports. The stadium is named for the late L.T. Smith, who came to Western in 1920 to establish the industrial arts curriculum. He headed that department until 1957 when he took over as the administrator of the Physical Plant. In 1963 he was named Coordinator of New Construction, a post he held until he retired in 1965.

In addition to his other duties, Smith coached WKU football in 1920 and 1921 and the basketball team in the 1921-22 season. He was instrumental in bringing Coach E.A. Diddle, a member both of the Naismith and Helms Foundation Basketball Halls of Fame, to Western to take over the athletic coaching duties in 1922.

Smith, a member of the Ohio Valley Conference Hall of Fame, also served as chairman of the school’s Athletic Committee almost continuously from the time he helped form it in 1922 until he retired.

The Smith Stadium field was named in honor of Jimmy Feix at the beginning of the 1991 football season. Feix was Western’s first gridiron All-American as a quarterback in 1952. Then, after a successful pro football career cut short before it started due to injury, and a four-year stint in the military, Feix returned to Western as an assistant football coach in 1957.

Feix took over the head coaching duties in 1968 and went on to lead Hilltopper football to some of its greatest seasons ever, concluding his illustrious 16-year stint as head coach with a school record 106 wins. He then spent two years in the Office of Alumni Affairs before returning to Hilltopper sports as Director of Athletics in 1986. He retired in 1991 and resides in Bowling Green.

The stadium had an original seating capacity of 19,250. Adjustments to provide more comfortable seating in the upper deck (and, the elimination of ground level seating) in 1989 reduced the size of the stadium to its current 17,500 seats.

Smith Stadium has hosted a variety of events through the years, including NCAA playoffs, Kentucky high school championship playoffs, state band festivals, concerts and WKU commencement exercises.
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"ONCE UPON A HILL" THEME FOR WKU HOMECOMING 2002

"Once Upon a Hill" is the theme for Homecoming 2002 activities at Western Kentucky University Oct. 21-27.

"This year's theme encourages everyone to reconnect with Western through recollection of their own memories that happened once upon this Hill we all call home," said Mary Beth Frith, chair of the Homecoming 2002 committee.

From WKU students, faculty and staff to alumni and community members of all ages, "Homecoming 2002 truly has something for everyone," said Frith, associate director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving.

The week's activities include a luncheon and pep rally in downtown Bowling Green, a pep rally at the WKU-Glasgow campus, induction ceremonies for the Hall of Distinguished Alumni and the Athletic Hall of Fame, Homecoming parade and Big Red Street Fest, reunions of campus groups and a worship service featuring award-winning singer and WKU alumnus Larnelle Harris.

"Of course, activities culminate during the weekend with the Festival of Friends and the Homecoming football game on Saturday," Frith said. "It's a wonderful — and inexpensive — way to spend some quality family time during this exciting time of year."

John Oldham, coach of the 1971 NCAA Final Four team; the late Gordon Wilson Sr., longtime head of English Department; and the late L.Y. Lancaster, father of the WKU pre-med program, will be inducted into the Hall of Distinguished Alumni on Oct. 25.

Joining the WKU Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 26 will be Sean Dollman, NCAA cross country champion, and the late Gene McFadden, a WKU football star in the 1950s.

Three special events will coincide with Homecoming 2002 activities. They are:

- Exhibit of about 50 cartoons by Bill "Whitey" Sanders, a WKU alumnus and award-winning editorial cartoonist, opens Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Kentucky Building. A sneak preview and forum on editorial cartooning is planned for Tuesday, Oct. 22.
- Dedication of Minton Hall at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25. Central Hall is being renamed to honor John Minton, WKU's fifth president.
- Jim Wayne Miller Celebration of Writing at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27. Silas House, author of "Clay's Quilt," will be the featured speaker at the Garrett Conference Center.

For alumni who haven't been back to campus in recent years, Homecoming 2002 provides an opportunity to see campus improvements and construction projects, such as the Guthrie Tower and the renovations of Diddle Arena and residence halls, Frith said.

For more information, contact the Alumni Association at (270) 745-4395 or 1-888-WKU-ALUM, visit the Alumni Association web page at http://www.wku.edu/Alumni/index.htm or the Alumni magazine online at http://www.wku.edu/Alumni/magazine/index.html.

WKU CAREER EXPO 2002 SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 22

More than 100 employers and graduate school representatives will attend the Western Kentucky University Career Expo 2002 on Oct. 22.

The Career Expo, sponsored by WKU's Career Services Center, is scheduled for 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Carroll Knecly Conference Center at WKU's South Campus. Last year more than 1,100 WKU students and alumni attended the event.

At the event, participants will meet representatives from organizations recruiting for permanent, part-time, coop or internship positions or explore careers by meeting with company representatives about the types of positions available at their organizations. Graduate school representatives will explain opportunities for post-graduate study.

For more information and a list of organizations planning to attend, visit the Career Services Center web page at www.wku.edu/CareerServ/ or call (270) 745-3095.

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**WKU SWIMMING AND DIVING READY TO OPEN SEASON**

There will be a slight shift in the balance of power between the Western Kentucky University men's and women's swimming and diving teams in the 2002-2003 season. The men return all but three swimmers, while the women lose nine members off of the two-time defending Sun Belt Conference champions, including Brandi Carey and Sydney Mountford, the last two SBC Swimmer of the Year honorees.

"We are really excited about the men," said Western Kentucky head coach Bill Powell. "We only lost three seniors from last season and just two scored points. On the women's side, we lost nine seniors from last season. Of our (849.5) points in the Sun Belt Conference championships, we lost 500 of those."

Following the Red-White intrasquad scrimmages Thursday and Friday, Powell and his swimmers head into next weekend's Kentucky Relays eager to get the season off on the right stroke.

"With the men, we feel that with the swimmers we have back, plus the newcomers we have coming in, that we are already ahead of where we finished last season in the NIC (National Independent) Championships," said the coach. "We have 12 new freshmen, who will not only add to the depth that we have, but bring some talent."

For Powell, the excitement for the men comes following what he felt was somewhat of a down year when the men went 7-3 in dual meets. It was the second most losses in a dual meet season for the Hilltoppers since 1991-92. The men lost four meets in 1997-98, but responded to go undefeated the next two seasons.

"We didn't have what I would consider a great season last year losing three meets," explained the coach. "We've only lost more than three meets eight times in the history of the program. For us, losing three meets is a lot of losses."

While the men did lose their top sprinter in David Tucker and butterfly specialist Pat Derr; Powell maintains his team is in good shape.

"David was our top sprinter last season, but we have a couple of guys that we think can do a good job," said Powell. "We brought in Tommy Pollock, who was the Florida state champion in the 50 and 100 freestyle, and Jerrod Janes, a transfer from St. John's, who is strong in the sprints. We have some other sprinters as well."

"Pat was a good butterfly swimmer, but he was one of five good ones we had last year that were pretty equal. The other four return. We lose some experience, but not depth."

Leading the returnees for the men is senior Gord Veldman. The senior has qualified for the NCAA Championships the last two seasons and finished second at the Canadian Nationals in the 100 backstroke. He competed in the Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England, and qualified for the Pan-Pacific Games in Yokohama, Japan. Other top returnees include: Ryan Crosby, who was fourth in the 100 butterfly at the NIC and holds the school record in the 100; Greg Strickler, who has the second-best time in WKU history in both individual medley events; Nick Bracco, who ranks second to only Veldman in the backstroke events in school history; and Andy Ray, the top returning diver.

With the mix of returnees and newcomers, Powell believes his team can make a splash at the NIC meet.

"SMU and Hawaii were the top two teams by far last year at the NIC," said the WKU coach, who is entering his 34th season on the Hill. "With the team we have this year, I think it is possible that we can finish as the runner-up. SMU is too dominant."

While the focus and expectations may be centered on the men's team this year, Powell has not given up on the women.

"The women lost a bundle from last season, but our freshmen are excited and enthusiastic about coming in and leaving their mark," he explained. "We have lost 500 points from last year's Sun Belt Championships, but someone is going to have to take the title from us."

Carol Brown and Alexis Rieck will be two of several returnees expected to step up. Brown is the top returning sprinter and Rieck is the top returning scorer after tallying 53 points at the SBC Championships and 43.5 at the NIC meet. Lucy Faria, who finished in the top three in both breaststroke events, is also being counted on in 2002-2003.

"We're not as versatile this season as last year, but with nine newcomers we may have more depth," said Powell. "We brought in some good distance swimmers this year, which we didn't have last year, but we'll be thin in the sprints which is a big concern. We not only lost Brandt but Megan Zerhusen as well. Carol is our only sprinter we have back so we'll need some others to step up. Being thin will hurt us not only in individual events but also in the relays."
Dr. Gary A. Ransdell was named the ninth president of Western Kentucky University on Sept. 12, 1997.

Dr. Ransdell, 50, received his bachelor's degree from Western in 1973 in mass communications, a master of public service degree in public administration in 1974, and a doctor of education degree from Indiana University in 1978.

Dr. Ransdell joined Western after serving as Vice President for Administration and Advancement at Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina, where he amassed a successful record in a broad range of administrative responsibilities, including financial affairs, facilities management, legislative relations, public relations, and fund raising. During Dr. Ransdell's 11-year term at Clemson, the endowment grew from $22 million to $168 million.

His previous professional experiences at Western also include service as a field representative in the Office of University School Relations from 1974 to 1976 and as Associate Director of Alumni Affairs from 1978 to 1981.

Dr. Ransdell became Director of Alumni Relations at Southern Methodist University in 1981, a position he held until 1987 when he was named the Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Clemson.

Dr. Ransdell is leading Western through a five-year strategic plan called Challenging the Spirit. This plan will by 2003 transform Western from a regional institution to a nationally competitive university. A basic tenant of the strategic plan is to nurture and strengthen the intellectual, emotional, and physical values of the university while changing habits and patterns which have historically inhibited Western's growth. Since the plan was initiated, the university has experienced significant growth in enrollment (14,543 to 16,492) and retention (67 percent to 71 percent). Key elements in the plan include Western's first capital campaign with a goal of $78 million, of which over $70 million has been raised; a dramatic push in sponsored research, which has grown from $11 million to $22 million; significant progress in faculty/staff compensation; the creation of new degree programs in electrical, mechanical, and civil engineering; a complete renovation of campus residence halls; the construction of a new Journalism and Technology Building; construction of new science facilities; and the construction of new WKU buildings in Glasgow and Elizabethtown. Western has the largest number of distance-learning courses and the largest distance-learning enrollment among Kentucky's eight universities. A renovation of Western's E.A. Diddle Arena is underway as is a restoration of national prominence for Western's men's and women's basketball teams.

Dr. Ransdell was recognized in 1997 as one of the WKU Department of Journalism's four outstanding professional practitioners when he received the Outstanding Professional Award for Public Relations.

Dr. Ransdell serves on the Distance Learning Advisory Committee for the Kentucky Virtual University, has served on the Board of Directors of the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce and as the 1999 Chair of the Warren County United Way Campaign. In July 2000, Governor Paul Patton appointed Dr. Ransdell to a four-year appointment on the Southern Regional Education Board.

Dr. Ransdell and his wife, Julie, met, dated, and were married while at WKU pursuing their undergraduate degrees. They have two sons - Patrick, 22, who is a recent Western graduate; Matthew, 18, who is a Bowling Green High School graduate and freshman at Clemson University — and a dog named Topper!
WKU Athletics Director Dr. Wood Selig

Dr. Wood Selig was named Director of Athletics at Western Kentucky University on Aug. 5, 1999, and in his first three years on the Hill WKU has seen the following accomplishments:

• won the Vic Bubas Cup, presented to the Sun Belt Conference school which displays overall excellence in the league’s 18 sports, for the first time in 15 years with the Hilltoppers overall performance during the 2001-02 school year — four teams won championships and two earned runner-up honors as 13 squads finished in the top four in their sport;
• the football, men’s and women’s basketball teams all reached postseason play in 2000-01, the first time in school history they’ve accomplished the feat in the same academic year — the trio repeated the feat again last year;
• nine Sun Belt Conference championships (regular season and/or tournament) in the last three years — 1999 women’s cross country, and volleyball, men’s basketball (both) and women’s swimming each of the last two seasons;
• saw 2001-02 basketball attendance rise just under 2,500 fans per game, the third largest jump among the 322 Division I schools that sponsor the sport;
• established the Big Red Radio Network with 17 network affiliates (the second largest collegiate radio network in the Commonwealth of Kentucky) and a 25,000-watt FM flagship station for Lady Topper basketball;
• established the Hilltopper Sports Satellite Network (HSSN), which televises more than 20 WKU athletic contests annually and reaches up to 10 million homes;
• completed an arena feasibility study in conjunction with the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation, the city of Bowling Green and Warren County; as a result, a $32.5 million athletic facility renovation began in May — much of which is monies raised in sp.E.A. (Athletics Enhancement Campaign) and a $5 million state grant; the arena (including a new state-of-the-art weight room, training room, two 30-by-33 foot scoreboards complete with video boards, 16 luxury suites (which have all been sold prior to the first scheduled game in the renovated arena), a new academic advising center, a Hall of Champions to display an athletic historic timeline, memorabilia and trophies from all Western teams, air conditioning, lighting, four elevators, new locker rooms for all basketball teams, expanded concessions and restroom facilities, chairback seating for 7,500 people and a 30,000-square foot auxiliary gym with two basketball practice courts; and, additional facility enhancements that include — the completion of the soccer/softball complex with permanent seating, restrooms and concessions; the renovation of Nick Denes Field, which includes a press box and an indoor batting cage completed last spring, and chairback seats for 1,000 fans; replacing the surface of Jimmy Feix Field with a new synthetic turf and relocating the football practice fields to a new, multi-use facility; and, the completion of renovation on all track and field facilities;
• increased athletic revenues from less than $4 million in 1999-2000 to over $10 million for the 2002-03 season;
• extended the University’s contract with Collegiate Licensing and issuing new logos and wordmarks for WKU Athletics on Aug. 7, 2001;
• secured the right to host six Sun Belt Conference championships in the 2002-03 and ‘03-04 years, highlighted by the combined men’s and women’s 2003 and ‘04 basketball tournaments: WKU will also host cross country, volleyball, women’s soccer and softball in 2003-04;
• added women’s soccer as the 20th sport on the Hill — WKU now has 10 men’s and 10 women’s programs;
• created an exclusive WKU athletic web site, wkusports.com, with page views reaching over 250,000 per month during the basketball season;
• ensured WKU will continue to host the Kentucky High School Athletic Association’s Girls Sweet 16 through 2006; and,
• achieved a graduation rate of 77% by Western athletes who have exhausted their eligibility.

Selig came to Western from the University of Virginia, where he had been Associate Athletic Director for External Operations.

The 41-year-old Selig (pronounced SEE-lig), a member of the athletic administration at Virginia for 11 years (1988-99), had served as Associate Athletics Director for External Operations for five years, helping the 24-sport Cavalier program reach new heights in fund-raising, ticket sales and corporate relations, along with marketing and promotions efforts. He joined the staff at Virginia as director of sports promotions in 1988 and was promoted to assistant athletic director for marketing and promotions in 1990, a position he held for four years prior to assuming associate AD duties.

A native of Chapel Hill, N.C., who calls Norfolk, Va., home, Dr. Selig began his career in college athletics as an administrative assistant to the AD at Ohio University (1984-85) before moving to Virginia Commonwealth, first as director of ticket operations (1985-87) and then as assistant to the athletic director (1987-88), where he organized fund-raising activities, produced and marketed corporate sponsorship proposals, and coordinated scheduling for men’s basketball.

Selig, who earned his doctorate in higher education at Virginia in 1999, recently received the Warwick Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award presented by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) for outstanding research and writing about alumni relations for his “Study of Donor Predictability Among Alumni Athletes at the University of Virginia” published in 1999. His study explored the patterns of giving among UVA’s alumni athletes. He received his bachelor’s in psychology from Washington & Lee in 1983. And, he holds a master’s in sports administration from Ohio University (1985).

An active member of a number of professional organizations, Dr. Selig is married to the former Ellen Miller of Annapolis, Md., and they have two sons, Camden Alexander (5) and Nicholas James (3).
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