Four bars make one last call over weekend

BY MARY BARCZAK
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Every year the infield at the Kentucky Derby attracts racing fans from all over Kentucky. This year, despite the rainy weather forecast, thousands of people came to witness the so-called “greatest two minutes in sports,” even if they weren’t watching the race.

Two girls jumping in some mud in the infield were surrounded by many cheering people. The crowd continued yelling as the girls battled until one was deemed the winner.

Adding to the atmosphere were several people who ran on top of the portable toilets. Some of the crowd turned their attention and cheers to that area of the infield.

The rain and chaotic activity of the infield didn’t let up until minutes before the horses loaded into the gates for the 136th Kentucky Derby.

“A Thousand Words” is a weekly photo essay that tells untold stories on the edges of campus.

CRIME REPORTS

Reports

JaQuentin Jenkins and Christian Graham, both of Barnes-Campbell Hall, reported on April 30 that their laptops were stolen from their dorm room. The value of the theft was $1,000.

Associate English Professor Alexander Poole reported on April 30 that his personal laptop was stolen from his office. The value of the theft was $450.

Sven Patrick Schmidt, McCormack Hall, reported on April 29 that several items were stolen from his dorm. The value of the theft was $2,965.

Drew Cassady, Smiths Grove, reported on April 29 that his backpack was stolen from the lockers outside the multipurpose room of the Preston Center. The value of the theft was $506.75.

Arrests

Clay Goodson was arrested on May 1 and charged with criminal trespassing after checking out of Rodes-Harlin Hall. He was released on May 2 on a $70 cash bond.

William Roger Stoll was arrested on May 1 and charged with public intoxication outside of Froggy’s Pizza. Stoll is still being held in Warren County Regional Jail.

Velisha Vanmeter was arrested on April 30 and charged with being under the influence of alcohol in a public place after being observed urinating in the Food Store parking lot on 13th and Center streets. She was released on May 1 on time served.

Thanks for reading the Herald, we’ll see you in the fall!
It’s not just a bar, he said. “You can come and hang out and bring your par- ents.”

Gray said the closing is “a failure” to college students, because it provided a good mix for a college hangout.

“Everyone goes there. It was a place for love, it’s a place for pizza, and it’s a place to sit and enjoy.”

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It’s time to retire, she said. “It’s not just a bar. You can come and hang out and bring your parents.”

Barry Pruitt, the public information officer for the Bowling Green Police Department, said Gammon’s lease for the building will expire on April 13. Tracey didn’t renew her liquor license.

“It’s time to retire. I think she said. Lynne said that Amy Gammon applied to be the new licensee of Three Brothers on April 13. Tracey didn’t renew her liquor license.

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As graduation nears, Career Services is a good resource

THE ISSUE: Graduation looming next weekend, it really hasn’t set in for students that the future is here, it will soon. But it seems students aren’t familiar with the resources that Western’s Career Services Center has to offer.

OUR VIEW: In a time when jobs are a precious commodity, it takes extra effort on behalf of students to be proactive in making career opportunities. A report released earlier this semester by Western said nearly 15 percent of December 2009 graduates were still unemployed. A larger graduating class will work the workforce on May 15, making jobs even more difficult to get.

Sometime it takes a good connection or good networking to land a job. Those who were a bit slow on the job hunt should take advantage of all the employment aids and opportunities the Career Services Center provides.

Career Services is located in the Downing University Center. Students don’t use the center enough, but it provides several services that can make the transition to the job world more successful for recent grads.

Students can access the Career Services Web site through Western’s home page and find links to information on networking, forming a resume and how to prepare for an interview. For students who don’t know where to start when it comes to job searching, the Career Services Web site allows users to upload their career portfolios and search for jobs through JobTips.

Career Services also holds job fairs, which allows students to access employers and networking and career building information sessions.

Some students might not know Career Services exists or what they do. Representatives from the center could speak to senior capstone classes and others to get the word out about how they can help students find work.

With the use of the resources Career Services Center offers, hopefully that more than 14 percent unemployment rate for Western gradus will be lower in the future.

This editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald’s editorial board.

THE ISSUE: What if you don’t study?

BO ARMSTRONG
Overdollad freshman

“Really don’t do anything different.”

GRANT BURKEEN
Bowling Green sophomore

“Listen to music, but I don’t want to admit what kind and be attached to that.”

REBECCA BUCKMAN
Wavyley freshman

“It has to be dead silent. I just have to be alone.”

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Career Services is an integral part of the major exploration process. Here we are to aid students in choosing a major and not just their classes. While it is true we can’t make the decision for the student, we can offer much guidance along the way.

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By LAUREL WILSON

The dedication for the Chapel of Christ on the College Heights campus will take place Friday at 2 p.m., said John Paul Blair, associate vice president for Institutional Advancement.

"It's very gradual and exciting for everyone in- volved," Blair said.

The primary use of the chapel will be for the campus community to have a place for quiet reflection and special events, such as weddings and funerals, Blair said. Student faith groups will be able to use it, but there won't be regular religious services, because officials want to have a lot of time for everyone to use the space for personal reflection, he said.

Blair said the chapel will be an important spiritual aspect to campus. "There have been people from many different religious backgrounds here," he said. "We're coming together with a lot of different religious beliefs, and the chapels are a way for people to get to know each other."

The building is mostly complete, though the construction crew might have a few minor details to finish, Blair said. Events have already been scheduled for the summer, including a wedding and an interment service, he said.

"This has been kind of a dream for many of us," Blair said. "I see it as a completion of the architect's design and an interment into the Commonwealth School, Blair said. The Commonwealth has a total of 200 niches, which can both hold remains. So far, 25 niches have been sold, Blair said.

Western alumni Bob Kirby and his wife, Nor- man, have been active in several areas at the uni- versity, including serving on the chapel committee, which made all of the deci- sions regarding the selec- tion of the architect, design and furnishings for the chap- el, Kirby said. Kirby and his wife, Nor- man, also made a donation to the chapel, he said.

"We're doing it for our students, and we're doing it for the community," Kirby said.

"I think this is an important addition to the campus," Blair said.

Moore hadn't planned on going to college until he had found out that his mother secretly applied to Western for him and his brother, Car- lton Moore, just two weeks before classes were scheduled to start.

"I'm going to call to do well in school after his cum- pulsory GPA," Moore said.

Moore said his mom chose Western because, with his 1.9 GPA and 12 on the ACT, which would now fall below Western's new admission requirement.

"I didn't even read the questions on the ACT. I just filled in answers," Moore said. He received his wake- up call to do well in school after his mo- ther told him to stay at Western, and he thinks it's going to be a good idea, he said.

"I think a lot of people over at the community college are a good idea, because it could motiv- ate the students to perform better," he said.

"I don't want to be the only college here," Moore said. "I want a challenge. I don't want just doing enough to get by," Moore said. "I want to be the best student I can be and try to do good in school."
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The flooding seemed to be the result of groundwater coming into Cravens, and as of Sunday night, the water was still flowing in, he said.

Wiles said they are now waiting for the water table to drop so cleanup efforts can begin.

For now, the center is closed off and will remain so for an undetermined amount of time, he said.

Flood waters have also impacted students trying to get around on campus.

Emmett Wood, public works director for the city of Bowling Green, said Regents Avenue was closed Sunday night because it was under a couple feet of water.

By Monday morning, the water receded, and one lane opened. Wood said the other lane did not open until a utilities trench for the new College of Education building was repaired.

Ben Johnson, assistant director of Planning, Design and Construction, said that despite the flooding on Regents Avenue, the new College of Education building had no issues.

Although Regents Avenue is a city road, Western keeps an eye on conditions on the road and advises the city, Johnson said.

Keirsten Jaggers, information officer for district three of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, said Monday that there was still water at Nashville Road between Emmett Avenue and Loving Way, but that the road was open and passable.

Western facility workers survey the damage at the blocked off entrance to the first floor of Cravens Library on Sunday after heavy rain caused flooding problems. Western’s maintenance crew were first alerted to the situation early Sunday morning and were still working to clean up on Monday afternoon.
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Olive Garden reopens in BG

By CRISTEN FRIDDELL
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Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 3220 Scottsville Road, opened its doors on Monday night for the first time.

Director of Operations Pam Denton said she was excited to have Olive Garden return to Bowling Green after one of the restaurants closed in the area in 2001.

“Now that we know Olive Garden is open,” she said while bouncing on the heels of her feet, “We are always like to look for community to build in.


Patrick Hartoun, general manager of a neighboring Olive Garden, came by to help with the opening of the Olive Garden addition.

He said he returned from Olive Garden’s Culinary Institute of Tuscany in March 2009.

The institute teaches Olive Garden chefs the secrets of great Italian food such as the different combinations of food, wine and flavors, according to the Web site.

“In Tuscan restaurants, everything is complemented by a great wine,” Hartoun said, as he held his hands in front of him, as if he were holding a dish.

In Tuscany, restaurants make every effort provide a home-style setting, an idea that Olive Garden has brought with them to the U.S., he said.

The servers in Tuscany don’t wear uniforms to work to create a relaxed atmosphere, Denton said.

Hartoun said he hopes to bring the pride and passion of Tuscan chefs to Bowling Green.

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“As athletes, we bring with them to the restaurant the enthusiasm and University pride. They bring home the pride and passion of Tuscan chefs to Bowling Green,” Hartoun said.

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“We have been working here for four weeks,” she said. “We are looking forward to opening our doors.”

Olive Garden will be open for dinner at 4 p.m. every night through Friday. Saturday and Sunday, the restaurant will be open for lunch and dinner on Mother’s Day.

Olive Garden is owned by Darden Restaurants, which also owns Red Lobster and Longhorn Steak House.

The menu features pasta, seafood, wines and desserts, according to the Web site.

By EMIL Y WADLEY
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If you go

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SGA aims to redefine campus style with Western T-shirt swap

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Western’s Student Government Association is trying to make school pride more visible on campus.

SGA is sponsoring a T-shirt swap where students can trade in shirts with other university’s logos for a Western shirt.

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Bryan said students will be able to exchange shirts in the SGA office during finals week.

The SGA office, located in Room 130 of the Downing University Center, will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday during finals week, according to President Greg Kissinger.

Bryan said SGA is planning on having an event near Lou City in Eike Library during the extended library hours of finals week, but a specific date has not been set.

Bardstown junior Andrew Cusick said he would participate in the T-shirt swap.

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AN AMERICAN CAMPUS COMMUNITY
By ZIRCONIA ALLEYNE

First generation students stay motivated

When one of Kendra Coleman’s close friends got pregnant, she dropped out and headed back to go back home. Coleman said the prospect itself didn’t make her want to go to school. Coleman, a Nashville, Tenn., native, is a first-generation college student. She said she’s never been involved in any program that specifically caters to first-generation students but has found help from other areas.

“First generation student clubs don’t really have people going to them, or else it can all get tiresome and don’t really help,” Coleman said.

According to the 2009 NCAA First Generation Survey, 24 percent of first-time college students were first-generation students, but that number has increased 12 percent since the fall of 2009. With the growth of minority students or college campuses, there’s growing need for programs to help them along the way.

Jackie Piller, the assistant director of the Office of Diversity programs, said programs such as “The Masked Rider” at Bowling Green State University focus on developing professional skills for minority students. “I don’t know that they do but it’s not,” she said, “they definitely feel the pressures from home to succeed.” Piller said that “it’s not coming for you and your mother. Not for what your family wants you to do.”

Coleman said she learned on her own and has formed a mentoring relationship with Ta’Neka Vaden, a nurse practitioner at Health Services and adviser for Fraud on Christ and United Service, or FOCUS.

Vaden was also a first-generation student at University of Louisville. “She’s like what she’s doing with her life,” Coleman said. “She’s still in school, and a good, good Christian woman.”

Both Coleman and Louisville junior Damien Green, also a first-generation student, joined FOCUS club study at the Baptist Campus Ministry.

Student Support Services also plays a part in Coleman’s career journey. XSS has helped her get choices such as her major or her minor and has offered advice for the future. “They go beyond means to support me,” she said. At a young age, Green admitted he had other occasions who wanted to go to college and knew he wanted to pursue a career as a Christian minister. “He wanted to achieve something that nobody else in his family had,” he said. “My mom was proud, he wants to come and stay and to go into the family.” Despite his difficulties, Green said he’s determined, especially to pass biology, which he has taken three times to get a better grade.

“I know it is God who’s keeping me motivated,” he said.

Vaden said she’s proud of Coleman and Green for succeeding against the odds.

“Education is invaluable, so when you come to school and stick out and don’t take that advantage, you’re making it harder on yourself and future generations,” Vaden said. “I think if people knew the influence they have on others, they would take it like a 3.4 more seriously.”

New businesses that come to campus may have strength experiences that drive them away. “As freshmen, we have students left in place,” said Dr. Rick Aldridge, director of the Office of Diversity programs.

“Even though the first generation college student budget may allow for more meals, they may still be used to campus dining,” said Petre Freeman, a junior from Louisville.

“Your college isn’t easy for anyone. Just me and you have some of the most fun of her life,” Freeman said her freshman year in the fall.

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Cheap Bowling Green dates

Going to the movies and eating dinner at nice restaurants are fun, but let’s face it: The routine can get boring for a couple seeking excitement. After a long day of class or a hard study session, a track snakes through the grass behind the student residence halls at Bowling Green. The outdoor arena there is a cozy place to watch the night go by, the stars shine and the occasionally Nascar car race. It’s a perfect place to spend a Saturday night with your love and do more than just dinner and a movie.

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• Make a friendly wager on outcomes of a Nascar race.
• Buy a cocktail for $20 and drink it for free.

Task: Make something special for the one you love.

Race World

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Professor looks to expand African American studies

By ANGELA OLIVER

Loren Foster doesn’t hold back. He said he speaks with conviction to make sure people listen.

Though the assistant professor of African-American studies said his approach is abrasive, it has a purpose.

“I have high expectations of my students in class and in life, and I will not lower them,” he said. “If I see them acting in a certain way, I will call them out, because I want them to succeed.”

Foster, who taught English at Hampton University before coming to Western last August, said he has plans to expand the program.

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“My students who live here and said he has plans to expand the African American studies program. He teaches one class and plans to create five more classes to add to the program, he said.
A team that was as good at dancing as advancing the image of Western emerged, Tope said. As much as they were dancers, they wanted to show that I could dance, that size shouldn't matter," Hogan said. A national competition alone couldn't win a national championship," Thomas said. "At the end of the day our goal is go out and win a national championship, and it's announced on the first day of the show," she said. "Everything that might be troubling or causing you anxiety — here it is.

The events during the quilt show included more than 120 different competitions relating to different quilting techniques, as well as workshops and seminars led by such experts as Fuselli and Elizabeth Humes and lectures on quilting every other hour. The winner of the quilting competition was chosen by the judges on Saturday, and the quilt jury presented on display in the museum.

The museum, which is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day, has 85 quilts on display, according to Reynolds. "Once you start thinking about making a quilt or choosing the fabric, you get very concentrated and focused," she said. "Everything that might be troubling just melts away."
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Friedman admitted that she noted Hall’s presence on the soccer team, saying she was too busy to consider thinking about anything else. But Hall finally convinced her, and Friedman said she felt glad she did — even though her training for running track were somewhat “separate.”

But before the season ended, Friedman felt that although she ran at Western, she was not able to fully pursue track and field. Instead, she decided to focus on cross-country and begin to train for the running events.}

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“I need to be in trouble as possible early because that just shows we are committed to being out there the community,” said Blythe.

But with time, Blythe will help Westmoreland as it continues to compete at the state and national levels. Westmoreland is currently ranked in the top 15 in the nation and is looking forward to its upcoming season. Westmoreland will be the host of the regional meet later this month.

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Master of two

Friedman making the most of her time at Western

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It’s rare that a student athlete competes in a new sport after spending the NCAA’s four years of allotted time in another. It’s even rarer when that athlete switches to a sport she never played, but that’s exactly the case for Rachel Friedman. Friedman, who came to Western on a soccer scholarship, graduated in December with a degree in exercise science and is now working on her master’s in the same field. Friedman is now competing on the track team as a distance runner, even though she never ran in high school.

She said Duane Hall, the associate director of strength and conditioning of Western Athletics, convinced her to join the track team once her soccer career was over. “I always did well with the fitness testing, and I have all the fitness records,” Friedman said. “Duane was also our strength coach and told me that he wanted me to think about running track once my soccer career was over.”

NCAA eligibility rules state that players are allowed five years of eligibility, but only true post-scholarship athletes can use all of them. Friedman didn’t redshirt her freshman year and only used three and a half years of eligibility by playing soccer through the fall 2009 season.

Friedman will have the rest of the spring season and all of next year to compete on the cross country and track teams. Hall said Friedman’s natural athleticism and ability to run is what made her an attractive fit for the track team, even though she never ran track before.

“With someone like track, you have to have a certain amount of genetic potential,” he said. “Based on test results that I saw from her, she has the genetic potential to be very successful. She’s just a great athlete all around.”

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By EMILY PATTON
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Some might assume that tennis coach Jeff True lets his whole family on Western’s team regardless of their skill level. But he and his family and players say that’s not the case. True has been coaching the men’s tennis team for 24 seasons, and he took over the women’s tennis team in 2001. He’s the all-time leader in Lady Topper tennis coaching victories.

True’s sons — Kyle True, Chad True and Andy True — have all played tennis for Western. His daughter, Kathryn True, currently plays for the team.

“People are always surprised — it’s not like we’ve been just dropping people in,” True said.

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Greater exposure high on Bjork’s priority list

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You can’t blame new Athletics Director Ben Bjork for being excited.

Because for a guy who thrives on visibility and program support, being in Bowling Green is like letting a kid loose in a toy store.

Bjork wasn’t exposed to the limelight much at UCLA, where he said college football’s top towns, and Bjork was also taken aback when he

For Smith, that meant two things — no Senior Day and, more importantly, the Lady Topper’s series against conference foe South Alabama would go on

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But any word that the clouds had parted, the rain had stopped and the Lady Toppers’ series against conference foe South Alabama would go on

But working at those schools also meant lighting huge coaches. Howard and many other coaches were just blinds on the radar in those towns, and Bjork was almost completely off it.

But Western basketball coach Ken McDonald will turn heads at Greenwood Mall.

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And apparently, Bjork will already garner some attention while dropping off family. He was everywhere last weekend, from donor breakfasts to award ceremonies to radio shows. That’s all part of Bjork’s plan to spread the Western brand.