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Greek Week starts with song and dance

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There was a showdown in Diddle Arena Sun- day evening. There was chugging, breakdanc- ing and screaming, too.

Fraternity and sorority members combined the energetic dances to kickoff Greek Week at the annual Spring Sing.

"Nick at Nite" was the theme of this year's performance. Each fraternity and sorority pre- sented an act based on a show from old sitcoms on TV.

The members of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, who danced to the theme "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," agreed it was a fun event.

Lexington sophomore Tyler Goble, a mem- ber of the fraternity, said Spring Sing gave Greeks a chance to show that they are more than a stereotype.

"It’s a way for fraternities and sororities to show their creative side," he said. "I know we’re looked on as partiers, but we can have a softer side."

The performance drew an immense crowd of Greek members and friends and families of participating students.

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Members of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority wait backstage before their performance of a "Green Acres," themed routine at Spring Sing on April 18 at Diddle Arena.

Go to wkuherald.com throughout the week for more Greek Week stories, photos and videos.

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Off and dancing

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ALIVE Center Director Leah Ashwill said the idea behind the name was "Can you, as a Western student, get involved and make a difference?"

The week’s events can be found on the ALIVE Center’s Web site.

Events include volunteering in the food pantry at Potter Children’s Home, a notebook drive for Earth Day and mentoring and helping with after-school activities at the Boys & Girls Clubs, according to the Web site.

Students can swipe their Western IDs at the week’s events. The students who participate the most will receive gift cer- tificates and prizes from several local businesses, according to the Web site.

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Parking sends out survey

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At Western, some people complain about parking and others make a difference. Now, they have a chance to do something about it.

Last week, Parking and Transporta- tion took on an email list of faculty, staff and students asking them to answer a brief, nine-question survey about their parking preferences.

In the survey, there are three differ- ent possible parking plans described.

The first is the current system, called a hunting license, which allows cus- tomers to park in a variety of lots, but there’s no guarantee of a parking spot.

The second option is completely assigned parking, which would guar- antee the permit holder a parking spot in a specific lot, but it would require customers to pay more expensive and limit where cus- tomers can park.

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By SHAKIA HARRIS

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A good spot to park

New tailgating policy is a good compromise

THE ISSUE: Tailgating has been a hot topic for Western fans and administration over the last football season. Officials announced a new tailgating policy on Thursday.

OUR VIEW: The Herald comments Western officials are taking into account the needs of students and organizations. No tailgating policy will please everyone. But officials did a good job compromising with what students and administrators want.

When football season rolls around, excitement fans look forward to tailgating before the football games, sometimes just as much as watching the game itself. Tailgating gives fans, families and faculty the chance to enjoy some pregame drinks, such as cooking hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill, playing cornhole and blaring their favorite music. But after heavy rain during the Arkansas game last season, Western had to spend a lot of money cleaning up damage caused by muddy tailgating.

Soon after, officials announced that tailgating couldn’t park on the grass anymore. Instead of planning weeks to prepare for the new tailgating policy, Western officials agreed on a plan that pleased the students as well.

The new tailgating plan includes two paved parking lots and a picnic area for students to tailgate in near the intersection of Kennedy Road and the mortuary science parking lot. In addition to the student area, more than 4,500 linear feet are available for parking on Parking Structure 1, and more than 25 smaller areas on campus are available for tailgating and picnic areas.

The student area will be a grassy area closer to the stadium that includes 200 spots and will be open 24 hours a day to purchase $100 season permits to park in these areas. These permits will be open to students and the general public.

To come up with this plan, officials met with several student groups and got their opinions on the policy. Students should be satisfied with the new tailgating policy. It provides them with areas to tailgate that won’t hurt the campus grounds and are still within walking distance of the football stadium.

For people who don’t want to make the long-hour drive to the stadium, Western will provide shuttles to and from the designated tailgating area. Fans want to have a good time on football game days. The new tailgating policy shouldn’t take away from the overall student experience.

All in all, the parties involved in making the new policy should be applauded. It’s not a perfect victory but, when it comes to football around here, a win is a win.

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New ways to cover Greek Week

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Earth Day’s 40th birthday

By Tessa DuVall

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This year, Earth Day is turning 40, and Toppers is planning to celebrate the day getting over the hill. On Thursday, Western will host its fourth annual Earth Day festival, with more than 40 booths, exhibits and activities presented by community members and Western students, faculty and staff. Sustainability Coordinator Christian Ryan-Downing said the festival celebrates the anniversary and Western’s commitment to sustainability.

“We think it’s a great tradition that we want to carry on,” Ryan-Downing said. “We hope it’s big and wonderful every year.”

Ryan-Downing encouraged students to come out and to see what their peers are doing, to learn about sustainability and have fun.

There will also be giveaways, she said.

Activities begin at 9 a.m. with 30-minute tours of the University Farm. Events on the main campus take place from noon to 4 p.m. in the Downing University Center to sustainable living. Music and entertainment will go on into the evening and will be provided by GreenToppers and the Student Government Association.

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Get Advised!

Before you meet with your academic advisor, you should do the following:

• You can find out why your advisor is under the “Registration” link on TopNet and click “View Advisor Information.”

• Contact them (telephone or email).

• Come prepared Bring your IAP and have questions ready to ask your advisor.

During your advising appointment, you should do the following:

• Arrive on time.

• Show your advisor course you want to take in the SAs and fall of 2010.

• Ask the questions you prepared in advance about your academic major, minor, etc., and/or concentration.

• Discuss graduation requirements and timeframe.

• Discuss your career goals. It’s never too early to talk with your career services center on your career and resume in DAC, NAV.

• Ask about internship possibilities and/or study abroad opportunities.

• Make sure your files are current.

After your advising appointment, you should do the following:

• Follow through on the discussions you had with your advisor.

• If you have questions after the session, make sure to ask your advisor for clarification or other resources.

• Follow up on referrals your advisor may have made to areas such as the Learning Center (LC).

Register on your designated date.
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Sigma Kappa sorority members pray before going out on stage to perform the last show of the night at Spring Sing on April 18 in Diddle Arena.
Both chambers recommended a 1.5 percent cut for fiscal year 2011, which amounts to $1.1 million for Western, said Ann Mead, vice president for Finance and Administration, in an email.

Mead said she’ll begin building a budget using the anticipated reduction.

She thinks Gov. Steve Beshear will call a special session, and legislation will work out a compromise with sufficient time for a budget by the time the fiscal year starts on July 1.

It isn’t unusual to be without a budget by the end of the legislative session, but the longer the state goes without one, the more concerned people become, said John Hayek, vice president for Finance, Planning and Performance for the Council on Postsecondary Education.

“From a planning perspective, it’s nice to have it done sooner rather than later,” he said.

Around this time, the CPE sets caps on tuition rates for the upcoming year, Hayek said.

Tuition caps were scheduled to be set this Friday, but it may not happen then, Hayek said. He doesn’t know whether officials will feel like they can effectively make that decision without a budget.

If a budget isn’t in place by July 1, officials will run into “uncharted territory,” Hayek said.

If there wasn’t a budget by then, the governor needed to be able to spend money as he saw fit, he said.

But a few years ago, the Kentucky Supreme Court ruled that money can only be given to essential state services if there’s no budget in place, and it’s unclear whether higher education would be included, Hayek said.

“This would be the first year to test the governor’s authority when there’s no budget,” he said.

Ransdell said he doesn’t plan to keep meeting with legislators to advocate for higher education, because no new money for capital projects is going to be available at this point.

“We’re going to stay out of the mix and lay low,” he said.

—GARY RANSDELL
President

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Johnny Thompson performs at The Great Escape on Saturday as part of National Record Store Day. The annual event started in 2007 as a way to recognize independent record stores. Each record store offers exclusive deals on CDs and vinyl.

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Transportation has received 2,400 people so far. Dennis Cain said the survey is intended to gather feedback on which direction to take parking in the future. "We started off camp kind of slow, which is norm of an offense that’s learning a new system," he said. "But for us to end up this way gives us that much more of a high hope for the fall." Pelesana said coming off an 0-12 season, there wasn’t much pride among the team. But he added that a successful camp can lift both the defense and offense believing they can still compete. "Our guys are so undersized with what you can easily pull a fake on them. It can’t be that way," Taggart said. "Defensively, I want our guys to understand that we don’t want people to score. We’ve got to get guys to stop and take ownership in the defense. We have to be more about that guy, but we’re not going to get an easy pull on them.

The final option is a hybrid of those two. The more I think about it, because he thinks that there needs to be more parking spots, especially by the dorms. I have ideas for Parking and Transportation, but I don’t know if they will be implemented until the fall semester of 2011."
Lady Toppers lacking timely hits

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When timing is off, so is a softball team.

At least that was the story of the Lady Toppers' hitting off being away from home games by Louisiana-Monroe in Monroe, La., last weekend.

Western (25-17, 5-9 Sun Belt Conference) fell 5-3 in game one on Thursday, allowing two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning off a mis-hit by the Lady Warhawks. However, Western wasn't discouraged by the loss, as they were able to come back and win the next two games against Louisiana-Monroe.

Friday, Western beat Kentucky with a 1-0 win in game one, courtesy of two runs in the first inning. The Toppers were able to take advantage of a Kentucky error and scored the run, which held up until the game ended in a 1-0 victory.

Saturday, the Lady Toppers were able to secure the win with a 3-1 win in game one, as they scored three runs in the first inning and held on for the win. Western was able to continue their momentum into game two, as they secured a 2-1 win to secure the series against the Lady Warhawks.

This week the Toppers will take on Murray State on Wednesday, as they look to continue their winning streak. Western currently sits at 19-17 overall, and 6-6 in the Sun Belt Conference, and will need to continue their winning ways to have a chance at making the Sun Belt tournament on May 12.
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The Western baseball team stands in the dugout last Wednesday during its game against the Louisville Cardinals. Western lost 7-6. The Western baseball team stands in the dugout last Wednesday during its game against the Louisville Cardinals. Western lost 7-6.

The results speak for themselves, and the decision at the end of the season correction," Selig said. "I think we all

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Volunteers weed out cave plants

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There are some in the park where the volunteers are just clearing re-growth from past years, but there are other locations that have never been cleared of weeds, Mitchell said.

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They keep in touch, talking to each other at least once a month. Thompson worked as a domestic flight attendant, meaning he only got free flights, he paid for the other parts of the trip out-of-pocket.

Jeremy Markeith Thompson, 32, is a graduate student from New Lenox, Ill., that is set to graduate in May after studying public administration at Western for the past two years. He worked as a graduate teaching assistant last semester. He created and taught “University Experience — The African-American Experience,” which was for black first-generation college students. Before coming to Western, Thompson spent eight years working in the U.S. and Canada as a flight attendant.

Community members and Western students gathered at Lost River Cave on Saturday for the seventh annual Earth Day Invasive Plant Pull.

Bowling Green freshman Drew Mitchell, a Lost River Cave employee, said that it’s important to remove weeds, because they create the area for native wildlife and animals.

Holt said she thinks one cause of the growth was because the public has become more environmentally conscious.

She said the event has grown every year, and Holt said the event was one of the first mass events and fraternities that come to help.

“We like to see students take pride in the park, and that they take responsibility. It’s part of their civic duty. It only happens once every 10 years,” she said. “I think what’s important is that they take responsibility. It’s part of their civic duty. It only happens once every 10 years.”

For every person who isn’t counted, the city loses about $52,000 in federal funding, Walk-er said.

Census forms were due on April 10, but people can still mail them in and be counted. Currently, the national return rate is 60 percent, according to the Web site. After the 2000 census, the return rate was 72 percent.

Students need to fill out census forms for where they are living on April 1, instead of for where their parents live or for the town they consider home. Walker said, “It’s a lie,” she said. “Not filling out the form is a federal crime.”

Walker said 2010 census projections show that Bowling Green’s population was 55,017, which is just four digits less than Bolton Green’s estimated population.

It’s a law,” she said. “Not filling out the form is a federal crime.”

The love of which he spoke is not love is for traveling the world. His love is for the park, the animals and the flowers. He’s been back five times, each time staying for a few days of leaving law school, he already had a job teaching English in Shunag, Taiwan, working for Hoe’s parents.

Since 2001, Thompson has been to nine areas of the world including Paris, Tokyo, Taiwan and more recently Ghana. That year, Thompson decided law school wasn’t for him. “My dad gave me three days to decide what I wanted to do,” Thompson said.

While he was working on his bachelor’s degree at Southern Illi-nois University, he lived in an inter-national dorm where he befriended a student named David Ho. He was salutary about getting Thompson to travel. Within two days of leaving law school, he already had a job teaching English in Shunag, Taiwan, working for Hoe’s parents.

Thompson never had Najjar and Abdul-Musawwir as a professor at EIU, but he was involved in campus activities. Abdul-Musawwir was drawn to him.

“Definitely reflects the Obama era,” Abdul-Musawwir said. “He’s young, he approaches learning with an open mind and had more travel for the tourism, but a desire to seek knowledge.”

He took their advice and has spent his last two Christmases in Taiwan. Since his first trip to Tai-
A lot of the walls of the bluffs are covered with invasive plants, and they have never been cleared, so those are very difficult, and it takes someone who’s willing to take risks to clear them,” she said. Holt says she knows they’ll never completely get rid of the weeds, but she does have a goal in mind for future years. She said she’d like for them to be able to pull the weeds from every part of the cave so that the group can concentrate on managing the re-growth.

Shelbyville senior Stacey Marshall said that last year her sorority, Omega Phi Alpha, went to the cave for a retreat and had a lot of fun, so she recruited some of her friends to volunteer at the event.

“I think it’s important to get out the plants that don’t belong, but I also really enjoy being outdoors, and had a lot of fun,” she said.

Nick Lawhon, a senior from Gallatin, Tenn., works as a tour guide at Lost River Cave, but he was at the event to volunteer.

“As an environmental science major, he said he understands the importance of the plant pull. “It’s a big problem. There aren’t enough people that work here to get it done if people don’t get involved,” Lawhon said. “We can keep the park looking like it’s supposed to.”
The goal of our partnership is to encourage literacy, and we want to do that by bringing the folks that make the books here.

—ASHLEY FOWLES
Warren County Public Libraries assistant director

Hundreds of people crowded the Carroll Knicely Conference Center on Saturday to look for books and meet their authors.

The 12th annual Southern Kentucky Book Fest took place this weekend, showcasing authors from all over the region and nation.

About 135 authors representing all genres were at the book fest this year, said Ashely Fowles, assistant director of the Warren County Public Library, one of the organizations that hosts the event.

The book fest is a joint effort of the public library, WKC Libraries and Barnes and Noble Bookstores. Fowles said.

The three groups come together for several other events throughout the year, including bringing authors to local schools and having used book sales, but the book fest is their premier event every year, Fowles said.

“The goal of our partnership is to encourage literacy, and we want to do that by bringing the folks that make the books here,” she said.

The groups also hope to promote reading and make it a lifetime habit for people, Fowles said.

Short story author Chris Holbrook was at the event promoting his second book, “Upheaval.”

He lives in Eastern Kentucky and is inspired by his experiences when writing, he said.

Holbrook said he’s only been to one other book fest in the past year, and they were both worthwhile.

“I don’t think a lot of us sell many books, but it’s nice to get out there and meet other writers,” he said.

Local high schooler Morgan Coomes said this was her first time coming to the book fest.

She’s an avid reader who reads mostly fiction, she said.

Coomes said she was drawn to the book because of its message of diversity.

Hilton Airell and Mary Ann Percy, both residents of Franklin, Tenn., also attended the book fest.

Percy said they both read and write a lot, and that she comes every year.

“It adds another layer when you get to meet the author,” Percy said.

Airell said it was his first time at the book fest, and he was looking for books that spoke to him.

He said one book he bought was Michael Reisman’s “Simon Bloom: The Gravity Keeper,” a science fiction novel about a boy who can control the laws of physics.

Airell said he had a great time getting to meet and talk to so many authors.

“It was like meeting God or a rock star,” he said.

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From right, Author Patti Lacy of Normal, Ill., talks with Cristi Pruitt and Sherry White, both of Bowling Green, at the Southern Kentucky Book Fest at the Carroll Knicely Conference Center Saturday.

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Pearlman Studnick said she thought the form was really easy to fill out. “I mean, there were no intrusive questions on there,” she said with a laugh.

Carmel, Ind., sophomore Kristen Smith said she didn’t like the question about race on the form. “Some of my friends didn’t know what to put, because they didn’t really fit in a category,” she said. But Smith said filling out every other part of the form was simple. “It was really easy — just questions,” she said.

Local census officials couldn’t be reached for comment.

**NEWS BRIEF**

**Former employee asked for more information in harassment claim**

A former Western employee who’s suing Western has 30 days to provide more information about her claim.

Gina Brown, former director of development for Athletics, filed suit on March 19, claiming she has been harass- ingly treated unfairly because of her gender, race and national kiss, Thompson said. “Whenever I leave I want to inspire others to travel because it’s so cheap and you can see the world through his trav- eled Western’s motion, said he sees Thompson as a national kiss, Thompson said. “I’m so in love with you to grow in ways you never thought possible,” Thompson said. “I think that’s where Thompson wants to inspire others to travel because it’s so cheap and you can see the world through his travel and forces them to cre- ate their own paths.”

Thompson said he wants to inspire others to explore the world because traveling shows people who they are supposed to be and forces them to cre- ate their own paths.

—Laurel Wilson

**Interim VP for enrollment named**

An interim has been named to fill Dean Kahler’s position as associate vice president for Enrollment Management when he leaves later this month. Kahler will leave on April 26 to become the ex- ecutive director of Navitas at Western, according to an e-mail from Barbara Burch, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

Burch sent an e-mail to faculty and staff Monday announcing Dale Brown as the interim associate vice president for Enrollment Management.

Brown, who served three years as the superin- tendent of Warren County Public Schools, came to Western in January as a professional-in-residence in the department of Educa- tional Administration, Leadership and Research, according to the e-mail.

A national search has already started for Kahler’s replacement, according to the e-mail.

—Laurel Wilson
Jim Martin, a retired horticulture professor at Western, remembers when he became a member of the Unitarian Universalist church in 2001.

“I felt a sense of community and a sense of intellectual and spiritual stimulation I had never felt before in a religious environment,” Martin said. “I knew almost from the first visit that this was the place for me.”

Now, Martin is part of the effort of Unitarian Universalist Church of Bowling Green, located at 2033 Nashville Road, to build a closer association with Western faculty and staff and recently formed a young-adult group.

Katrina Philips, an active member of the church, serves on the Campus UU committee and works with students.

“The students are really passionate about exploring spiritual diversity and finding meaningful ways to make the world a better place,” Phelps said.

The students want to gain a stronger understanding of personal faith and encourage others on campus to do the same, she said.

Martin said the goal of the campus group is to make other aware of this “faith opportunity.”

“Our new religious exploration building with its large community room will provide more than adequate facilities for all sorts of activities,” Martin said.

Unitarian Universalism has Jewish-Christian roots but doesn’t advocate a specific belief system, according to the Web site for the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. Instead, the church advocates that individuals search for “advancing truth.”

The Unitarian Universalist church in Bowling Green was established in 1963 and hired Peter Connolly, as its first minister, in August 2009. “We have gotten to the size where we needed a minister,” Connolly said. “There can be more unity in the sermons now.”

The sermons, which are open to discussion at the end, are on many subjects ranging from ethical eating to social justice.

In 2009, the church incorporated different religious practices by celebrating Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hanukkah.

Connolly said the Bowling Green church is growing rapidly in terms of student participation.

More students have attended the church this year than ever before, he said.

Services at the church are at 11 on Sunday mornings, and refreshments are served after the sermon.
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