Anatomy of an earthquake

Michael May, professor of geography and geology, said there are four factors that determine how an earthquake affects an area: the distance from the quake, the size of the quake, the surface geology of the area and the integrity of local buildings.

Just because Bowling Green is on the edge of earthquake zones doesn’t mean the city won’t feel the effects, May said.

Bowling Green is roughly 150 miles from the two major earthquake zones of Wabash Valley and the New Madrid fault, he said.

“We would feel in this area moderate quakes,” May said.

People can’t feel a quake if it’s less than 3.0 on the Richter scale, May said. A 4.4 or 5.0 at either of the nearby seismic zones would not be a strong in Bowling Green, but it could still make shake buildings that do not have reinforced masonry.

“Most buildings on campus should withstand moderate quakes,” he said.

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RECENT EARTHQUAKES

Haiti

Jan. 12, 2010
Magnitude: 7.0
Epicenter: 10 miles from Port-au-Prince

Chile

Feb. 27, 2010
Magnitude: 8.8
Epicenter: 200 miles from Santiago

China

April 14, 2010
Magnitude: 7.1
Epicenter: northwest China’s Qinghai Province

NEARBY EARTHQUAKES

1. June 18, 2002
5.0 in Evansville, Ind.
2. Sept. 17, 2004
3.7 in Corbin, Ky.
3. Feb. 10, 2005
4.1 in Etowah, Ark.
2.6 in Ingall, Ill.
5. April 8, 2008
5.4 in Mt. Carmel, Ill.
6. Feb. 10, 2010
3.8 in Virgil, Ill.

Sources: United States Geological Survey, Central United States Earthquake Consortium

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The surface geology of Bowling Green helps insulate residents from the full effects of a quake, he said. Bowling Green has shallow bedrock, which transmits the waves of a quake so they become less damaging, May said.

When they do occur, the secondary effects are often worse than the quakes themselves, May said.

Fires start due to broken gas lines, and injuries occur from falling items, he said.

Western’s plan

Mark Pendley, director of Environment, Health and Safety, said Western’s plan calls for staying under a sturdy desk or table during an emergency.

The plans says to hold on to the desk or table and remain under cover until the shaking stops. After the earthquake, remain calm and be prepared for possible aftershocks.

The drill planned for this February was canceled because of severe weather, Pendley said.

EHS has developed Building Emergency Action Plans for each building on campus, Pendley said.

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Legislature fails to pass state budget

By LAUREL WILSON

The General Assembly’s legisla- tive session ended Thursday without a two-year budget.

Legislators had until midnight last night to pass a budget, but the Senate adjourned yesterday afternoon before a budget proposal reached the House floor, said Brian Whitten, communications director for House Speaker Greg Stumbo.

The Senate fell early because they didn’t agree with the House budget proposal, said Sen. Mike Reynolds, D-Bowling Green.
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9 a.m. at the Agricultural Exposition Center, 4660 Nashville Road
Western Football Spring Weekend
Golf Tournament
10 a.m. at the Bowling Green Country Club, 250 Beech Bend Road
Red Cross Blood Drive
10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, 430 Center Street

Bowling Green Hot Rods game
7 p.m. at the Bowling Green Ballpark, 300 E. 8th Ave.
Western’s spring chorale concert
7:30 p.m. at Van Meter Hall

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SATURDAY

Omega Phi Alpha’s 5K for a Cause:
Legs for Literacy
7:30 a.m. at Preston Miller Park, 2383 Tombilinson Way
Third Annual Western Women’s Football Clinic
8:30 a.m. at Houchens-Smith Stadium
South Central Kentucky 4-H Horse Camp
9 a.m. at the Agricultural Exposition Center, 4660 Nashville Road
Western football annual spring game
6 p.m. at Houchens-Smith Stadium
Rainhill Rescue Benefit
6 p.m., 7 p.m., and 11 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, 810 Morgantown Road

*Steel Magnolias*
8 p.m. at the Public Theatre of Kentucky, 545 Morris Alley

CRIME REPORTS

Arrests
Carson Rains, Keen Hall, was arrested April 14 and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia in the Crofton Inn. Rains was released April 15 on a $3,040 cash bond.

Clint Mills, owner of Hitzone.com, reported April 12 that an employee, Ashley Gabard, stole money totaling $16,000 at the Center, located at the old Bowling Green Mall. Gabard was released April 13 on a $15,000 recognizance bond.
Students start competitive academic team on campus

By CAITLIN CARTER

APRIL 16, 2010 COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD

Students now have the opportunity to become a team member of Western’s newest “sport” — the Academic Competitor Club.

“Sport” — the Academic Competitor Club, competed on his high school, I figured we could get together and have a pretty good team.”

Guy Jordan, an assistant art history professor who acts as the club’s adviser, said members must put in hard work to be successful but will have fun along the way.

“It’s a sport,” he said. “It’s not something else that is sort of just a pastime. It’s fun just like baseball and basketball are fun things to do, but it definitely is a competitive sport just like those other things are competitive sports.”

The club first competed in 2004, at St. Louis University on Feb. 27, Conder said.

“The tournament didn’t go great,” he said. “We weren’t the worst team there, but we struggled against some of the more experienced teams.”

Felkins, vice president of the club, said competitions take place mostly out of state, because the only other in-state opportunity to become a team academic team on campus is a competitive sport just like those other things are competitive sports.

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“It’s a sport,” he said. “It’s not just for guys who are obsessed with Ken Burns documentaries — those types of folks are the kinds that tend to do well in competitions.”

Jordan said.

The competitions begin with an informal session in May to pass a budget during the legislative session on the club took place on April 8.

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From left, Samuel substitutes Carly Britson, David Merrick and Brittany Stigall relax on the lawn in front of Van Meter Hall Wednesday evening. Van Meter recently re-opened after extensive restoration.

"We nurtured our history in a meaningful way with the re-opening of Van Meter," Ransdell said Tuesday. The facility will also be used for Gatton Academy's 2010 graduation, performances by Orchestra Kentucky and Bowling Green Western Symphony Orchestra and a dance recital in June. Younglove said.

"It has all the components of a major New York theater, including sound and lighting," he said. "The only difference is "a tremendous facility."

"We'll get to a point where we'll rent it out."

"The first public event in Van Meter, performing the event, he said."

"We'll bring in more outside events," Younglove said.

"We hope at some point to bring in more outside events," Younglove said. "We're excited to be home to a first-class theater for Bowling Green."
Western students will participate in a “Battle of the Greeks” this Monday through Wednesday. The Greek Week Blood Drive has more than tripled its collections since 2002, according to a graph provided by blood drive officials. Due to such a high success rate, Western Greeks have been challenged by Middle Tennessee State University Greeks.

Louisville senior Doug Russell, a Delta Tau Delta fraternity member and blood drive co-chair, said whichever school can donate the most blood will win the competition. MTSU’s blood drive started on Thursday, said Brittany Durham, donor recruitment representative for the American Red Cross.

Durham said she serves as the mediator between the universities and the Red Cross. Durham said she makes sure that both universities have everything they need for the blood drives to be a success, including staff and equipment.

“Public relations is the key of everything, that the blood drives works except for the donors,” Durham said.

Greeks hope to out-draw MTSU

By CAITLIN CARTER
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Greek Week Co-Chair LaDarra Starkey, a Poole senior and Phi Mu sorority member, said the blood drive always surpasses the set collection goal.

This year the goal is 1,700 pints, Starkey said.

“Other organizations wish they could clone our blood drive, because we do so well with it,” Starkey said.

Starkey said giving blood can save lives.

“Last year, we were not prepared,” Starkey said. “Wednesday was the last day, and there were so many people in there. It was really stressful.”

Many people wait until the last minute to give as a walk-in, Russell said.

“One thing that we’re trying to stress to people this year is that if you try early, you don’t have to wait until Wednesday to give blood,” he said. “The lines are shorter on Monday, and this will cut down on the wait time.”

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Thirty-year-old Nizam Muady immigrated to the U.S. with her 7-year-old daughter, Nawal, from Iraq about three months ago. They were then resettled in Bowling Green by the Western Kentucky Refugee Mutual Assistance Society.

But one item that has remained familiar to them in a foreign country is rice. Muady said she and her daughter eat rice every day. “It’s our favorite dish, especially at lunch,” she said through a translator.

The Western Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) hosted the first Run for Rice 5K last Saturday at Kereiakes Park to raise money to buy rice cookers for refugees in Bowling Green.

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The event raised about $1,512, said Jessica Magley, co-chair of SAAC. Magley, a senior from Bradenton, Fla., said SAAC wanted to host a charity event combined with something athletic.

Chris Kantosky, chief operating officer for the Society, said the organization resettles about 600 families of about seven different nationalities each year to Bowling Green. The federal government requires that the Society provides certain necessities, such as plates and toilet paper, to families when they resettle, he said. Rice cookers aren’t on the required list, but they’re one of the most requested items, Kantosky said.

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Brett Sim, leader of Weight Watchers at Western, participated in the race with some of her members. She said she’s been trying to promote running 5Ks to her group, and this was a great practice for them while supporting a local movement.

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Humans face off against 'zombies'

By KATHERINE WADE

For the past few days, dozens of students with orange, green or purple headbands tied around their arms or foreheads have been coming down the Hill near Freshman Hall. They are playing in the campus-wide game of tag. Humans vs. Zombies would begin Wednesday night and end Saturday.

According to its Web site, humansvszombies.org, the game originated in 2005 at Goucher College and spread rapidly across the country, having reached more than 200 schools so far. Tuesday afternoon, a large crowd had gathered on the Hill for its Western game at a senior park. Community building is one of the ways Pirtle believes the game goes beyond simple tag.

"Every time I play, it's never just one or two," he said. "They're always in groups, and they usually don't even leave us down there before." The game began with players as "humans," except one randomly chosen "zombie." Morgantown sophomore Katherine Shephard got a call from someone informing her that she would be the original zombie. "It's kinda creepy," she said. "I'm the first original zombie this year."

Players are killed and turned into zombies when they are tagged by a zombie player. "I wasn't expecting to get out so many kills as I did," said Shephard, who had turned on players by noon. Each day of the game ended with a mission in the evening. About 80 human players showed up for "Eescit," the Wednesday mission, whose human players had to safely deliver an "infected" human from Relim to Hubbel Services.

The human players surrounded the infected one, walking him down the Hill. They told her knob, which is the head position, walking curiously in every direction for zombies. Junior Jon Maynard, an art student from Martin County, was armed with two Nerf guns and constantly on the lookout for the enemy shots. He said he has always loved to play Nerf with his friends.

"It's a chance to play with hundreds of people," he said. The mission ended when the human players successfully escorted the infected person to Hubbel Services.

Union junior Derek Noem spent the time watching the shooting and making sure she didn't attack any more humans. When a zombie is hit by a Nerf dart, they must look-out for a surprise attack. He said he has always loved to play Nerf against 'zombies'.

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"It'll be good," he said. "There are too many humans right now, but in the end some people are definitely gonna die." Noem said a couple of his friends helped organize the game, which started out with basically stuff of the country, having reached more than 200 schools so far. According to its Web site, humansvszombies.org, the game originated in 2005 at Goucher College and spread rapidly across the country, having reached more than 200 schools so far. Tuesday afternoon, a large crowd had gathered on the Hill for its Western game at a senior park.

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Western gradss turn junk into consignment shop

By MARY BARCZAK

A green tea pot, rock gar- rysel, a vintage type writer and a doorknob that are some of the "junk" that the consignment shop Junkyard Gypsies offers.

Junkyard Gypsies which is located at 1152 and 1150 Kempton St. has been in business for two years and has two locations. The two locations are housed in two building and in the same area.

Western graduates Kim Sim- pon and Kristen Stier are the owners.

Simpson said she loves old- owen for its good location for their business. "We stumbled upon something cool, " she said. "We wanted to set up a store in that area." Simpson said she and Stier look to try and play the store to stay. "We try to pick something that would be like our own house," she said.

Sisson said owning a consignment shop is a dream of hers, something she wanted to do. "I happened to get a call in the middle of January, and then we set up our store," she said. "We started with basically stuff we had in our house." The business currently has about 250 consignment items in the store.

People bring in things that they don't want to get rid of anymore and they display them, she said. If the items sell, the consigners get half of the worth. The store is a regular at Junkyard Gypsies. "This is the coolest thing," she said. "It happened fast. Kim called me last January, and then we had a couple of friends."

Lee said she has been a customer of Junkyard Gypsies for about 2 years. "I'm a junker, and I just think it's so cool," she said. Lee said she has consumed some items such as tables, lamps and pictures into the shop. "It's a 'knack' for turning junk into something therapeutic, for me," she said. Lee said some of her favorite pieces is that she has purchased from the shop. "I like the story part," she said.

Western grad昝Kristen How- ell said she has been a customer of the shop since it opened. "You can never tell what you are going to find in there," she said.

Bowling Green resident said, she said she enjoys taking junk that she once put pictures and lamps, to sell at the shop, a "Junkyard" and get a paycheck for stuff that was at one "name sake or in a piece of driftwood."

This gift to her daughter Hannah for her 19th birthday, she said. "My daughter is in Ch. O." Howell said. "She really liked it and has it hanging in the sorority house now."
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The freshman from Biloxi, Miss., has used his competitive spirit to claim the starting pitcher spot for the Lady Toppers.

(25-5, 5-7 in Sun Belt Conference) while competing with freshman Malorie Sulaski and sophomore Dana Nathanson for the position.

At the beginning of the season, Head Coach Tyra Perry said she knew all three pitchers had talent but also inexperience.

Nevertheless, Wagner has put her true behind after pitching a nearly perfect performance two weeks ago against Troy.

“I hate losing,” Wagner said. “I might vomit, and I might get upset when someone gets a hit for a little while, but I think that’s why anyone really loves the sport. You want to do well.”

Her 15 innings of work during the Troy series allowed just seven hits and one run, earning Wagner her first Sun Belt Pitcher of the Week award.

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With wins over Murray State and Kentucky already locked up, Western saw the Cardinals.

A victory over a highly-touted Louisville team would have been the marquee win on the Toppers’ schedule — a game Wells called “a great team and great game like we did, you definitely don’t lose.”

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