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Jordan Minton, a Louisville junior in Phi Gamma Delta, dislocates his shoulder Thursday night in his fight against Kappa Alpha senior, Zach Redman, at Jayne Pauwels’ Bowling Green. Ken Redman won the fight in the first round.

Some students and faculty members are upset about the Benefits Committee’s recent vote to deny domestic partner, or other qualified dependent (OQD), benefits to Western employees. Domestic partner benefits are an employee’s choice to offer to an employee’s partner, whether of the same or opposite sex, according to the data from Employee Benefit Research Institute.

Bowling Green senior Skyler Baker-For- demonstrator at last week’s Student Govern- ment Association meeting and created a Fa- cebook group supporting domestic partner benefits that has more than 750 members. Though the Western police chief said he would like to assign full-time officers to nearby campus spots, Deane said the department does need more police officers.

Students voice opinions on housing system

By TESSA DUVALL

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BATTLE

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Smith said Fight Night attendance is growing every year. This year, Sigma Chi had to turn people away at the door because there was not enough space.

This year, we had to shut the doors which has never been a problem before," Smith said. "Our venue is almost always becoming too small for our events."

Lousiville sophomore Kyle Dahl, a member of Sigma Nu, has attended the event four times.

"This is the most packed I've ever been," Dahl said. "It was fun, hard, tiring definitely don't regret it."

Auburn senior Kelli Woodard, who fought for Sigma Kappa sorority, came to represent the fraternity in a positive way," Goddard said.

In the men's lightweight division, Bowling Green sophomore Kris Horn from Sigma Nu dislocated his left shoulder and forfeited the match to quarterback Evan Goddard of Pi Kappa Alpha, was the champion of the lightweight class. Goddard, a Frankfort senior, has participated in Fight Night for the past three years, while Mundt, a sophomore from Springfield, Ohio, was taking his job at it.

Goddard said skills he learned from his personal trainer helped. His trainer stood on the side of the ring coaching Goddard to victory.

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"One side argues that you can never have too many officers. Others believe it is better to devote resources to programs that address other's roles in reducing criminal activity through crime prevention."
Dorms should remain open longer before spring break

THE ISSUE: Women’s dorms officially close at 6 p.m. Friday before spring break.

OUR VIEW: Dorms should stay open throughout the night. Dorms are used by many people — students, faculty or staff — to wait or to stay or sleep. Faculty members let class early, and students jump into their cars after throwing their out- cases into the back seat.

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Kentucky University have all enacted the university, Faculty Regent Patricia Minter said. Ms. Minter said that for the OOD to recommend anyone to the Board of Regents, it has to be the same person, or at least the same position. She also voted against the bill. According to data concerning tax implications and changes in the payroll system, the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville and Northern Kentucky University were all hit especially hard. The Benefi ts Committee's vote was a formal recommendation to the Board of Regents, which will take place in fall 2011. Faculty at the instructor level could be able to vote in the next faculty regent election, Taylor said. Although the discovery of KRS 164, a state law that prohibits anyone who isn’t at the level of assistant professor or professor to vote in faculty regent elections, Faculty Regent Patricia Minser said: “It reinforces the people that lost their right to vote, she said. Before the faculty regent election in April 2007, some Western instructors had been voting for many years without knowing they weren’t allowed to vote, Minser said. In April 2007, the faculty regent election was challenged as several people having to do with elections procedures, and in the process of investigating those charges, it is light that KRS 164 was being violated, she said. After realizing the state law had been broken, a new election took place in October 2007 that complied with the law. Each that instructors who had voted in the past were stopped of that right to vote, Minser said. Western faculty and administrators have been working to change the law since 2008, Taylor said. About 19 percent of Western’s faculty are at the instructor level, which means they don’t hold a doctorate degree, but in most cases they are full-time, career faculty, she said. Although the discovery of KRS 164 impacted faculty all over Western, the University community was hit especially hard because they have a lot of faculty who hold a master’s degree, but not a doctorate, she said. If KRS 164 wasn’t amended, many faculty and students also community college will have to vote when they move with the University, she said. Patricia Randolph, a psychology instruc- tor who’s been at Western for 25 years, said that the law doesn’t represent us and neither does the fac- ulty regent.” However, Randolph said that the students have a legitimate voice with the Board of Regents, Randolph said.”
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SGA pushes fair housing standards for Bowling Green

By BILL Y HICKS

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It’s really a city issue, but we’re hoping to give it a new perspective,” SGA President Kevin Smiley said. “Students don’t always know what kind of housing they’re going to get. That was the issue.”

Smiley agreed that there were common language between the city and university, and that it came down to the city’s code.

“We’ll make sure that both tenants and landlords receive common sense laws,” he said.

Walker supported the bill because it would be “a win-win situation.”

He said that adoption of the act makes it easier to get people on board. “I think it will open the door,” he said.

Smiley said that he hopes to see the URLTA bill and show its effectiveness.

The resolution supports the University of Kentucky’s Student Government Association’s effort to pass “fair housing” legislation.

Mayor Elaine Walker will approve the URLTA bill and show its effectiveness.

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“Tent,” Finwood said. “We have a long way to go before we end,” junior catcher Matt Rice said.

“We have a very balanced offensive attack, but it is not yet consistent,” Finwood said. “We have a long way to go to get better.”

Western had a come-from-behind win on Saturday, and Rice and sophomore center fielder Ken Carter belted the Toppers’ first two home runs of the season on Sunday.

Cameron said once the offense gets rolling, Western will be tough to beat. “They can all hit, and I have always had confidence in them to do the job,” Cameron said.

But Finwood said the offense is doing just enough to win games for them. “We didn’t hit the ball well over the weekend, but we got many key hits, and our players showed a lot of patience batting,” Finwood said.

All three teams Western has faced this year made the NCAA Tournament, and Finwood said his team will be ready to face tougher competition, and to be at 3-1 at this point is great.” Finwood said. “Not Rahl play will be tough, but we will be prepared.”

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“Can it get frustrating at times, but the coaching staff and my teammates are always supporting me,” Rich said. “Even if I go 0-10 from outside, they’re going to continue to tell me to keep shooting.”

Head Coach Taylor Cowles said that Rich’s confidence, and the way she handled adversity, makes her a leader. “Her mental-toughness and focus never changed, and I think that’s a welcome to the kind of young lady she is, and that she’s a team-first,” Cowles said. “Because of that, I asked her to our program over the last four years. I’m really happy for her to be playing as well and able to provide what she’s providing.”

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Senior co-captain Shannon Smith said the Lady Toppers haven’t looked like themselves lately.

“Not like the same team that came home after winning three games in San Diego. Nor did they look like the team that swept Florida International in the first two games of the series,” Jenkins said.

“We definitely didn’t play WKU softball,” Smith said. “We didn’t come out to compete. We just didn’t come out to play.

“We completely beat ourselves.”

Last of an identity was most evident to Jenkins in Western’s 2-2 loss to the Golden Panthers in game two of the series.

The Lady Tops were down 2-1 until junior Elizabeth Ferrell hit a double to center to home, tying the game.

With both teams unable to score, the game entered the eighth inning tied at 2-2.

In the extra inning, FIU scored six runs off four hits and one Western error.

But entering this weekend’s tournament: the Toppers (19-12, 2-6 Sun Belt) are in a position to control their own destiny in a win-or-go-home game.

With the season’s long-term goal of an NCAA Tournament berth on the line, junior forward Sergio Kerkofs said that’s the way Western prefers to compete.

“We used to have our backs against the wall when we had that four- or five-game streak,” Kerkofs said. “Play every game as if its your last — that’s the mindset the team picked up.”

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By JONATHAN LINTNER

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Dec. 22 wasn’t the best day for senior guard Kenzie Rich.

The Lady Toppers (20-5, 14-4 Sun Belt Conference) had just fallen to 5-6 with a 76-60 home loss to Florida International on Saturday.

Rich was averaging a career-low 5.7 points, and shooting 25.9 percent from the field, and she had been held out of the starting lineup for the third straight game.

“I don’t know what it was that was wrong with her, but I knew the day that I was playing,” Rich said.

“I came to the game and I didn’t start me. I was able to sit and watch a game for a couple of minutes, relax and calm down, then go in and play. I think it helped the team and myself in the end.”

Turns out things did get better in the end.

Better with age

Seniors lead in Sun Belt indoor sweep

By M. BLAKE HARRISON | sports@chheritald.com

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Annual Monologues empower women

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Many snicker at its name or widen their eyes in shock after hearing it. But participants of the Vagina Monologues perform to prove the word vagina is not forbidden but instead embraced.

“It represents a stigma around the world and being a woman who is expressive about herself,” said Louisville freshman Tracy Ingram, who is performing a monologue of an old Jewish woman and her sexual liberties.

The show will be in the Garrett Ballroom at 7:30 p.m. tonight. A silent auction will begin at 6 p.m.

The Vagina Monologues were started by Eve Ensler on Valentine’s Day 1998, according to the organization’s Web site, www.vday.org.

“All of the proceeds from the event go to Hope Harbor Inc., a sanctuary for victims of sexual abuse. In other states and countries, the money also benefits local trauma recovery centers,” she said.

Elizabeth Mohon, a member of the Hope Harbor board of directors, said she wants people to come to her and feel comfortable about their bodies. Ingram said, “A theme of this is that the vagina is a tool in female empowerment.” Mohon said.

Ingram said the Vagina Monologues usually attract large audiences. All the stores told me true and acquired by Ensler herself.

Bowling Green senior Melissa Blakel, director of the Vagina Monologues, said this year’s event will be different than past years.

“There are a few new people, different lighting, blocking and interaction of the cast,” she said. “Last year it was aggressive; this year it is more seductive.”
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(Above) Pi Kappa Alpha junior Evan Goddard of Frankfort catches his breath after a weightlifting exercise at House of Fitness on Feb. 19 as part of his training for Sigma Chi’s Battle of the Greeks. Goddard won the middle-weight championship for the second year in a row.

(Lef) Kris Horn, a Sigma Nu junior from Bowling Green, prepares for his fight Thursday night against Kappa Alpha junior Zack Clark at Jaycees Pavilion.

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