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By SHAKIA HARRIS

The Western Athletics Department has a new face. President Gary Ransdell made one of his first decisions as he interviewed for the position during the Sun Belt Conference Tournament – an offer to Football Coach Willie Taggart.

“The offer was unexpected,” said Dietle, head of the Psychology department.

It was cold as blazes, but I was determined to stick it out,” she said. “It was the only way to get through it.”

Thursdays, the police responded to a call of a car burglary. When police arrived on the scene, they realized it was part of a larger crime. A group of young people had broken into several cars in the area, looking for anything they could steal. The police were able to recover some of the stolen items, but the investigation continues.

By SPENCER JENKINS

Student dies after shotgun blast

A Student was killed Wednesday in Ten- nessee. He was shot and killed while walking near his apartment complex. Police are still investigating the incident.

Patience and charm were what the new athletic director, Bjork, brought to the table during his introductory press conference.

Bjork stressed patience and management, while others avoid operating in a “reactive” mode.

He said that he’s already been impressed by what Western has to offer and that he’s looking forward to working with his new team.

Bjork has been a senior associate athletic director at the First State Bank located at 455 S. 2nd and 5th Street.

He will begin his new role at UCA on May 1, 2010.

The hiring of Bjork is expected.

By ZACH GREWELL

New Western Athletics Director

Bjork will be standing in front of Wetherby Administration Building for a fundraiser to benefit the St. Baldrick’s Foundation for cancer research. The event is scheduled for March 17.

Sheenahander Schofield, an 18-year-old senior from Bowling Green, and her friends have raised over $150 for cancer research. Sheenahander said she heard about the event idea from her friend and wanted to be a part of it.

The St. Baldrick’s Foundation now raises money for childhood cancer research.

Western community members shave heads for cancer research

Western Athletics Department

State House budget moves to Senate

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Employees, students protest decision

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Campus recycling reaches all-time high

By Tessy DuVal

Western students are breaking down cardboard boxes and recycling their soda bottles and cans more now than ever.

In 2004, Western’s recycling rate was about 11 percent, which was a 7 percent increase from two years ago.

More than 9,000 pounds of waste were recycled last year, according to an email from WKU Recycling.

Waste included paper, plastic, aluminum, cardboard, glass and neonopes, according to the email.

Recycling Coordinator Cristin Lanham said that last year Western increased the number of recycling bins on campus and added plastic and aluminum recycling.

Lanham encouraged students to recycle, saying it’s green, it’s easy and it’s cheaper.

It costs a little more than $3 per ton to dispose of waste, Lanham said. Sustainability Coordinator Christian Ryan-Downing said via email that about 100,000 or more pounds of waste could be recycled on main campus if it were recycled.

“Rather than throw out the planet, we can save energy, air and water and other natural resources by recycling our waste,” she said.

Lanham said she hopes to add more recycling bins and a recycling facility to campus.

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NetIDs cause confusion and should be optional until next semester

THE ISSUE: As of March 8, students, fac-
ulty and staff had to start using a NetID username
and password for Western’s Portal, Blackboard, WestLab, Netlog, blackboard, class room and wireless
logins. This semester allows more time to fix any
problems that arise.

STAFF EDITORIAL

By the start of next semester, people will
have had time to adapt to the new system, and
NetID to log in, or don’t remember it, the old
NetID to work. If someone can’t use their
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about the event in an e-mail
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“I dislike the notion that there
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said. “As a student advocate, I
feel like that’s where we have
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Associate professor
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Overall, the event raised
a little more than $1,000,

Cotton then joined Skinner in the getaway vehicle as they left the bank.
Police followed the vehicle as they left the bank. Police
returned fi re, according to police
reported.

Information from the FBI
Bank Robbery Task Force
links the robbery to a Dec. 22,
2009 robbery of a SunTrust
Bank in Nashville, in which
the robber was wearing a
Santa Claus suit, police
reported.

Both suspects were shot
and pronounced dead at
the scene, police reported.
Money was recovered from
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The PMBA program is open to
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SAVE THE DATE!

April 19
College Heights Herald
OPEN HOUSE

Come join us and see what we are all about! Positions will be opening up soon so be sure to get your application in for the fall.
Keep an eye on the newspaper, we will hold even more on the Open House times and application deadlines soon.

THE HERALD

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MARCH 19, 2010 COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD
Students, employees get taste of police life

By SPENCER JENKIN

Members of the Western community are getting a first-hand look into the lives of campus police officers.

In 2004, Western police started the University Police Academy to give students, faculty and staff hands-on experience in the police force, said Joe Harbaugh, spokesman for campus police.

The academy, which was on a two-year hiatus, is up and running this year, he said.

Each participant suits up with a vest, belt and a training gun that is the same weight as the loaded Glocks police use, Harbaugh said.

“It basically gives them an idea of all the weight of gear and environmental factors that you can’t change,” he said.

The “criminals” are actors who are usually Western police officials or people who have been through the academy before.

To become a participant, one must first apply and pass a background check.

In the academy, students participate in typical police situations, Harbaugh said.

He said 26 students took part in the mock traffic stop on Tuesday in the Creason parking lot.

Harbaugh said campus police usually allow 20 students to participate, but took more this year because of an increased student interest in the academy.

Some students participated in a scenario in which the driver had picked up an intoxicated friend who was armed with a weapon or had drugs on them.

“The participants had to deal with the situation as a real cop would with the assistance of actual Western police officers,” Harbaugh said.

Louisville freshman Tameka Terrell said she wanted to get the feeling of being a cop because she is a sociology major with a minor in criminology.

“At first I was scared, but I think I could do it again,” she said.

Owensboro freshman Paul Shively said he comes from a background of police officers and wanted the experience.

“It feels powerful being in all that gear,” he said. “It’s an experience thing.”

Harbaugh said the academy is beneficial to Western police because many people who come out of it get involved in the Explorer program and eventually become Western police officers themselves.

The Explorers are Western students who volunteer with campus police. They routinely check on dorms, patrol campus and provide night escorts.

“It all starts right here,” Harbaugh said.

“limited space available- call now!”
“free gift for touring!”
Women hang up shirts to discuss sexual violence

By MARY BARCZAK
news@chherald.com

Hope Harbor and Western sponsored the Clothesline exhibit on Wednesday in Downing University Center to raise community awareness of violence.

The exhibit was one of the last Sexual Assault Awareness Month events. Other events this month included the Vagina Monologues, Cup of Prevention and Jury of My Peers.

Shana Elkin, director of operations at Hope Harbor, said the organization sponsors the exhibit every year to recognize the victims and survivors of any violence against women such as domestic violence or being attacked for their sexual orientation.

“Violence is a problem for everyone in the community, not just women,” she said.

Local women who have been assaulted decorated T-shirts for the exhibit. The women’s drawings included butterflies, flowers, stars and a battered woman wearing sunglasses to hide her bruises.

They also wrote phrases on the shirts that convey their own personal journeys with violence.

One said, “You made a hole where my heart was.”

Another said, “He let me go on love, and he loved me to death.”

The Clothesline Project began in the early 1990s, in Cape Cod, Mass., Elkin said. A group of women started it because they wanted to give the women of the community a chance to speak about their encounters with violence.

“Around that time, women gathered around the clothesline to talk and communicate with each other about what was happening in their lives and with their family,” she said.

She said they also hope the exhibit helps women who have been traumatized by these experiences to heal.

Lexington sophomore Casey Cravens said they were glad to see the display.

“We both are used to living in a big town, and now that we live in Bowling Green, which is relatively smaller, you don’t tend to think about this happening here,” Cravens said.

The girls said it was scary to think about sexual assaults happening in the local area, particularly on campus.

“There’s no reason that we should have to feel scared to be walking back to our dorms at midnight,” Cravens said.

They said they thought that the display sent a good message to students.

“It’s scary to think of this happening especially at our age when you’re thinking about getting married,” said Musick. “With how high the divorce rate is, you have to think about how many of these are ending because of domestic violence.”
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By MARY BARCZAK

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"If you know Mal, she doesn't re-act a lot. She doesn’t like to show her emotions and doesn't have much to say," Perry said. "She just wanted to do whatever she had to do for the team and did a great job." Sulaski said she was nervous to be on the other side of the ball. "Hitting is the relaxing part of the game to me," Sulaski said. There are no expectations, so I am able to just have fun every time I go up to the plate.

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Who pulls the strings at Western?

It’s hard to question Western’s athletic success over the last 10 years. Last spring, the Topper softball team, spearheaded by All-American Karin Ransdell, made its way into the NCAA tournament, setting a new program record of 52 regular-season wins. The team’s success is a testament to the work of Woody Selig, who has led the program for the last 10 years.

But after Ransdell pulled the rug out from underneath Elson, in a way he did not want, the Topper football team’s losses paled in comparison. The football team’s string of losses on recent athletic decisions.

The two were under serious scrutiny before the move to the FBS, taking a toll in coach searches and providing a general presence in athletics that goes beyond minimum requirements. Now that Selig is facing up to his tenure at Western, we’ll soon find out how much of a puppet Selig was in the coaching searches and providing the move to the FBS.

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