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Chuck Wing/Herald

Cat revival: Bowling Green Police Officer Quentin Hughes gives Mo the cat mouth-to-mouth resuscitation after firefighters pulled it from an early morning apartment fire at 324 E. 12th St. Mo, owned by Louisville graduate student Keith O'Daniel, survived. Bowling Green Fire Department Capt. Bob Sanborn said the fire "appeared to be caused by something lying on the heater." The fire, which burned for 2 1/2 hours Tuesday morning, started in an apartment rented by former WBKO-13 anchor Beth Tucker, who was in the process of moving to Nashville. Damage was estimated at \$25,000.

Board will decide fate of Food Services today

BY STEPHANIE STIVERS

A decision is expected today on the future of Western's Food Services, and one regent says the contract will end up in the hands of a private firm.

The Board of Regents will meet at 10 a.m. to discuss the future of the Food Services. President Thomas Meredith said he hopes the board will reach a decision.

Food Services Director Louis Cook said he didn't know what the results of the meeting would be or how the university would be

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Louisville junior is Miss Black Western

BY K. DAWN RUTLEDGE

The curtains were closed and an anticipating audience passed whispers from ear to ear. Suddenly there was a burst of spiritual a cappella music and the curtain rose.

On the Garrett Ballroom stage last night stood seven figures hidden in darkness. As the music changed, the lights came on and the figures began to move across the stage with expressions of confidence on their faces. These were the 1992 Miss Black Western Gala contestants.

The Miss Black Western Gala is an annual pageant sponsored and coordinated by Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

The pageant was held last night before a full house.

The pageant exemplified the black female through four scenes. In the first scene, each contestant showed off her pride and heritage in the African garment category. The second scene was the talent competition, the third was formal wear and lastly, in a personal narrative scene,



Deondra Wardelle

each contestant told a short summary about herself in a creative format.

The program's finale came with the announcement of winners in each of the four categories, and the winner of the pageant was named. Louisville junior Deondra Wardelle was crowned the 1992 Miss Black Western.

"I feel great," she said. "I feel this is a new beginning for full-figured African-American women. I feel blessed because for years, stereotypes have kept women like myself from competing in these pageants. It's good to know that people now look at the beauty on the inside and not on the outside."

\$100 required to hold classes

◆ Even students getting financial aid will have to pay by July 22 to reserve classes for fall

BY JIM HANNAH

A sign tacked on a wooden pole next to the information desk in the Financial Aid office greets students with a message that will make their wallets a little lighter.

All students are required to pay \$100 (\$30 for students taking one to six hours) by July 22 to reserve classes for the fall semester.

The downpayment is not new. But for the first time, students who receive financial aid or scholarships won't be exempt from the fee.

"Last fall there were nearly 200 students who had money going to their tuition from financial aid or scholarships and registered, but did not come to Western," said Ronnie Sutton, Academic Services dean. "No one knew they weren't coming until the last day after one could add classes."

Sutton said that the fee is non-refundable. Students who have their tuition paid in full by financial aid or scholarships will be reimbursed after Aug. 28, the last day students can drop or add classes. For other students, the \$100 will go toward their tuition.

"I feel that this decision is ridiculous," Owensboro sophomore Eddie Goggans said. "It will cause so much extra paper

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GAY SOCIAL LIFE: All in the 'family'

BY SUSAN WESLING

They call it GAYDAR. You know, that special device that helps you spot, with pinpoint accuracy, one of them. A homosexual.

Not everyone has it, but it really does exist. Gays and lesbians talk and joke about this ability to watch another person and know if he or she is "family." They just can't seem to describe how it works.

It's primarily a gay and lesbian ability, but it's certainly not limited to them. One gay student taught his mother.

Most straight people, said Steve, who didn't want his real name used, look for "women who are hard and men who are soft," but that's not exactly it. "You just feel it," he said. "A brother can spot a brother, and a sister can spot a sister."

Michael Harless, a sophomore transfer student, said it's in the look in people's eyes and in the way they use their hands.

Natalie, a senior who also didn't want her name used,

HOMOSEXUALS



AT WESTERN

regards it as more sensory. "One fag can smell another fag 10 miles away."

Once people have been around the homosexual community enough, Natalie said, they just know what they're looking at.

"You can drive around campus and go 'there's one and there's one and there's one.'"

Regardless of how it works, using GAYDAR is one of the ways gays and lesbians at Western meet and get to know each other.

And on a campus considered

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◆ **Campusline**

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets at 8 p.m. Thursdays in West Hall Cellar. The Spring Retreat is this weekend. For information call President Michael Avella at 842-6218.

The Center for Teaching and Learning will sponsor a workshop on "Welcoming Diversity" from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Friday in Downing University Center, Room 349. Preregistration is suggested. For more information call the center at 745-6508.

Service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega will hold its business meeting at 7 p.m. Sunday in West Hall Cellar. For more information call Public Relations Director Kenneth Brittan at 745-4049.

Alpha Phi Omega is sponsoring a toy drive for Child Protection Inc. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday in Downing University Center. Money donations are also welcome. For information call Project Coordinator Jeff Sizemore at 745-2304.

SOTA (Students over traditional age) will meet at 4 p.m. Monday in Downing University Center, Room 340 and at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Garrett Center, Room 100. Officer elections will be conducted at the meetings. Information on any future meetings will be posted on the bulletin board across from the Food Services, on the first floor of Downing University Center. SOTA has obtained the following mailing address:

SOTA
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 For more information call David Fields, acting president, at 622-7794.

The Jerry Brown for President Campus Committee will meet at 4 p.m. Monday in Downing University Center, Room 308. For more information, call organizer Gary Houchens at 781-9076.

There will be an informative workshop on "Safe Care For Children: They are not recyclable" at 7 p.m. Monday at the Bowling Green Municipal Utilities at 801 Center St. Admission is a recyclable item, such as plastic or paper bag, glass, cardboard, etc. For more information call Martha Jenkins, president of the Kentucky Home Economics Association, at 745-3993.

United Student Activists will present "Closet Land" as part of its free film series at 7 p.m. Monday in Garrett Center, Room 201. For more information, call series chairwoman Lorna Sackett at 782-0408.

There will be a seminar on "Careers in Communication" from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday at Howard Johnson's for all juniors and seniors. For more information, call Carl Kell, communications professor, at 745-3296.

◆ **Setting it straight**

Herald photographer Chris McKenney took the photograph on the front of Thursday's magazine.

Applications are available for **Herald editor** and **Talisman editor** in Garrett Center, Room 122.

Deadline is noon Friday, April 10.



Heather Stone/Herald

Here she is: Louisville junior Deondra Wardelle celebrates her win in the annual Miss Black Western pageant last night with her friend, LaDonna Trowell, a Prospect senior. The other contestants were Louisville freshman Valerie Hadnot, Brenda Tyler, a Nashville graduate student, Yuolanda Tibbs, a freshman from Huntsville, Ala., Bowling Green junior Christian Anthony, Louisville junior Janeen Wilson and Radcliff freshman Rochelle Harrison.

◆ **For the record/crime reports**

Report

◆ James Shannon Smith, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported a watch and wallet valued at about \$170 stolen from his room March 11.

◆ Robert Ashley Duke, Barnes-Campbell, reported a duffel bag containing 40 cassettes valued at \$280 stolen March 6 or 7 from his car while it was parked in Bemis lot.

◆ Ralph Todd Hensley, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported \$500 damage done to his car when someone scratched it March 10 or 11 while it was parked in Bemis lot.

◆ Jason Stanley Stockton,

Keen Hall, reported his jacket, valued at \$300, stolen from the fourth floor of Downing University Center March 3. The jacket was recovered.

◆ Paul Joseph Delrio, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported a stolen check March 12. Someone forged the check for \$441.11 to repair a car at a local transmission shop.

◆ Lee Edward Park, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported his car broken into March 23 or 24, causing \$75 damage, while it was parked in Jones-Jagers lot.

◆ Someone reported \$105 stolen March 15 from the sale of programs during the Sun Belt Conference Basketball Tournament in Diddle Arena.

◆ Catherine Ann Powell, South Hall, reported that someone damaged the bug shield on her car March 22 or 24 while it was parked on campus. Damage was estimated at \$10.

◆ A resident of McCormack Hall reported harassing notes placed on her car March 23 or 24 while it was parked in the parking structure.

◆ Raymond Steven Sherrill, North Hall, reported his car broken into March 23 or 24 while it was parked in Diddle lot. The right rear window was broken, causing \$150 damage. Two video game cartridges, valued at \$70, were stolen.

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FAMILY: Gays here open to people who come in

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by gays and lesbians here to be closed toward homosexuals, anything that helps in the social scene is useful.

People also meet one another through friends and through involvement in campus organizations such as the Lambda Society, a support group for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and their friends and families.

One of the problems with the homosexual life here is that Bowling Green doesn't offer much, Natalie said. It means driving to Louisville or Nashville, for example, if people want to go to gay and lesbian bars.

So parties and smaller get-togethers — called family gatherings — are the norm: "There are parties every weekend, or every other weekend," said Larry Brown, Lambda president.

Brown said when he came to Western, he didn't know very many people. He became friends with some students in Lambda and then "went to a party and it's

been open ever since."

That easy acceptance is one of the nice things about the homosexual community here, he said.

"We are really open to people who come in. We embrace everyone who comes in the door."

Homosexuals call one another "family." And with each other, gays and lesbians behave much as many blood families do. There's touching, lots of hugs and pats for both sexes. Not all families are that demonstrative, of course, but it's the kind of thing that comes easiest within a family's familiarity.

And there are also the put-downs and jokes. The kind that are OK to make about your own brother or sister, but watch out if anyone outside the family dares to say the same things.

So women tease men about being "butch" if the men do something especially masculine, and men say "come here, queen" to each other. Steve, who is black, likened it to his experience with other blacks.

"If somebody makes a racially derogatory remark to me, I per-

sonally like to fight, so that's fighting words. But if somebody black makes a racially derogatory remark, I mean, I don't even think twice about it."

It's a double standard, Brown admitted. He stopped his mother from using the word "fag" in a joke, he said, but uses it often himself around his gay and lesbian friends.

Natalie said the cutting up and making fun are necessary. "You have to laugh at society because if you can't laugh at it you're going to be damn depressed."

Some things certainly aren't laughed at, though. The harassment that homosexuals here have experienced, for example, as well as the racism and sexism that exist within the gay and lesbian community itself, Brown said.

In spite of that, gays and lesbians say they lead lives much the same as anyone else's.

"My household is no different, you know," Natalie said. "I use Tide to wash my clothes. I have a Kenmore washer and dryer. I

read Rolling Stone, I read People, I read TV Guide. I watch the same television shows that anybody else does."

And just like lots of other people, gays and lesbians find boyfriends and girlfriends, go out on dates and have sex.

The difference in an atmosphere such as Western's, Brown said, is in how free gays and lesbians feel to date publicly.

One of the hardest things about coming out of the closet, he tells other homosexuals, is dealing with public displays of affection. It's frustrating, he said, to see males and females holding hands or hugging or kissing on campus and to know that it will likely cause a problem if he and someone he's with do the same thing.

"I just see it as an unfair type of situation."

Every once in a while, though, just to rebel, Brown does do something public, he said.

"I hugged another person who happened to be black and that got some looks," he said.

"It was more for shock value than for anything else."

When all its facets are put together, Natalie said, the homosexual lifestyle is definitely interesting.

"One thing I can say about the gay life," she said. "It is never dull. It's a hassle, but it's not dull."

The hassles, however, aren't expected to go away any time soon. Brown hopes that Western, and society, will be much more open to gays and lesbians, but he just doesn't know when that will happen.

"Sometime in the very far future. I may not be around to see it."

There has been some change, though, he said. "I see that society is more open and accepting today that it was five or ten years ago. I don't think Lambda would have had a chance in the '80s."

Diane, a junior who didn't want her real name used, said gays and lesbians will continue to be suppressed until the public is educated. Until it understands "that it's OK. That we're not wanting everybody to be like us. We just want to be ourselves."

Comments offer insight into what straight population thinks

By Susan Wesling

Some of Paula DeVore's friends make derogatory remarks about gays and lesbians, she said. So do Tom Williams and his buddies, he said. As do people Melissa Sills knows.

It's mostly name calling, they said. Things such as "fag" or "that guy's a flamer."

The people Ron Weaver knows, on the other hand, don't have much of a problem with homosexuals, he said. He knows gays and lesbians and he's

friends with a lot of theater and art majors, he explained, who seem to be "pretty open about things like that."

Then there's Chris, who didn't want his real name used. He thinks homosexuality is "wrong, rude and disgusting" and said that "if they touch me, I'd beat their head in, straight up."

Talking to these few students doesn't make for a representative view from Western's student body, but their comments do offer insight into some of the

thinking of the straight population here.

DeVore and Williams said it's mostly their male friends who make remarks about homosexuals. "It's men's way of telling everybody that 'I'm not one,'" said Williams, a junior from Raleigh, N.C.

DeVore, a Bowling Green senior, said she doesn't think she makes comments, and when her friends do, she tells them that "we have to respect their (homosexuals') rights" because

"for all we know, they could be right, and we could be wrong."

Aside from Chris, a junior, these students said homosexuality doesn't particularly bother them.

"I just let everybody live their own lives," said Sills, a Nashville sophomore.

"I don't endorse it," Williams said, "but I don't run around beating up people because they're gay."

Weaver, also a Nashville sophomore, said homosexuality might

bother him, though, if he thought it were ever aimed toward him.

These students think the homosexual population here isn't much in evidence.

Gays and lesbians seem to "pretty much stay to themselves," Williams said.

As for the general attitude of the campus toward homosexuals, DeVore sees it as a suppressive one. "I don't really think our campus is very open. I don't think we, meaning heterosexuals, are very open-minded."

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Opinion

Cutting football budget could save academics

♦ Our view/editorials

Some tough decisions have to be made this month at Western. One of the tougher ones figures to be whether Western should drop football in order to help cut more than \$6 million from its budget.

Western needs to decide where its priorities will be — academics or athletics — and make that clear through its spending plan.

It would be a mistake to cut academic spending any more than it has to be. Western's primary mission is to teach its students. If one or the other area is in danger of being cut, there should be no question that athletics should give way first.

Of the athletics department's programs, football, which has a budget of almost \$1 million, should go before all others.

The budget committee apparently has mustered the courage to recommend that football be cut loose. They decided the annual discussions of gradually cutting down the amount of money given to football is out of the question this time.

Scaling back the program by offering fewer scholarships would save money and allow football to remain on the Hill, but the Toppers can barely compete now. Scaling back would just make it harder to win games, which would make it harder to attract fans, which would make the sport even more expensive.

Western XXI, the school's plan for the next century, stresses education over athletics, and eliminating football would fall in line with that plan.

However, there are arguments for keeping the program. It boosts school spirit when the team wins, and most students and alumni would miss the Homecoming tradition.

But a year of academics is more important to Western than one weekend of nostalgia.

Some people will be upset if Western cuts the football program, but the board has to do what's best for the future of the entire university. And if it comes down to cutting costs, eliminating football is one option that would save a lot.

It's a courageous decision that has to be made.

♦ Your view/letters to the editor

Real AIDS tragedy is ignorance of facts

I have been an educator for 26 years. I am a retired associate professor. I am a founder and the incorporator of AIDS Southern Kentucky (ASK). I have lost one life partner and several friends to AIDS. I am a person living with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). I am not a victim, and I am a patient only when I am receiving medical treatment.

My life is not a tragedy. These credentials should establish my credibility on the subject of AIDS.

I have read the plethora of letters that you have printed recently, and I have been appalled by the prejudice, judgmentalism, fear and ignorance of some of the writers. Even those writers who appear supportive of people with AIDS have, in some instances, displayed misinformation and shallow thinking.

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome is not a disease. It is a syndrome characterized by specific opportunistic infections (as

defined by the Centers for Disease Control) which occur in individuals whose immune systems have been severely damaged.

The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is believed to cause the damage of the immune systems of most people with AIDS, but this has not been proven. It is possible for AIDS to occur in individuals who do not have HIV infection but whose immune systems have been damaged in other ways. The only test, often called the AIDS test, is simply a test for the presence of HIV antibodies. The HIV antibody is not a predictor of AIDS.

HIV may be passed from one individual to another through exchange of semen or blood and from infected mothers to their unborn children. It is not a virus which selects either "guilty" or "innocent" persons.

I, and other people with AIDS, have been unable to accept the opinions of those who set themselves up as the arbiters of innocence and guilt. That is a prerogative of the Supreme Being.

As for my fate, I was fated to

live as human, and all humans are destined to die; the only question is when. I have accepted the fact that I will die; I do not know how I will die. Until I accepted these facts I did not live fully. In this respect, AIDS has been one of my most significant teachers.

The real tragedies of the AIDS epidemic are not those individuals who, out of prejudice, seek to hurt others. Those people are not significant to my existence. The real tragedies are those people who appear to be supportive friends — those who want to assist us with our dying — when our real need is assistance with living.

A second tragic group is made up of people who want us to keep quiet about the injustices directed at people with AIDS — those who want us to be quiet, accept our fate, and go away. This latter group includes many (if not most) of the administrators and faculty at Western. If you question this, I suggest you examine the reasons why Western has not actively implemented the educational requirements of Kentucky's AIDS

Omnibus Law, why Western's own policy on HIV and AIDS has not been enforced.

Finally, it is a real tragedy when a newspaper announces that additional letters on this subject will not be printed. Letters for publication should be judged on their relevance to issues which affect people's

lives.

H. Reginald Laswell
Associate Professor (retired)
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Technical Services

Editor's note: The note in Tuesday's Herald referred to letters regarding William McMahon's letter, not the issue of AIDS as a whole.

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◆ Your view/letters to the editor

ASG not sponsoring alcohol-related event

It is essential that the position of the Associated Student Government on the project titled "The Break After the Break" night at Cutter's be set straight.

ASG is not sponsoring this event and does not sponsor or encourage alcoholic-related activities. To clarify, this program was the idea of an individual congress member whose only purpose was to propose a fun activity for Western students. The original intent was not to endorse alcohol consumption or alcohol-related activities. There was a miscommunication concerning the advertisement and that is why it looked as if ASG was sponsoring the event.

I truly apologize to ASG congress members, committee members, administrators,

students and faculty and staff who were offended by this advertisement and were given a wrong perception concerning ASG's use of funds and sponsorship. I hope that the students, administrators and faculty and staff of Western do not have a distorted view of the student government due to this advertisement. If you do, you shouldn't, because ASG encourages only positive programming and would in no way strive to embarrass or offend this university and its students.

Again, I apologize for the advertisement and take full responsibility for the miscommunication. Please remember that ASG is not sponsoring this event and will not be held liable for any activities related to it.

Mistianna Holcomb
ASG public relations vice president and Murray junior

People should challenge source of homophobia

On three separate occasions, I participated in the advocacy of educating people about homosexuality.

My intent wasn't to force or impose the acceptance of homosexuality, but to challenge the predominant beliefs and stereotypes that surfaced as a result of psychological and sociological studies, and, at the same time, raise consciousness concerning the issues within the gay and lesbian community, specifically homophobia.

Homophobia has been witnessed in the classroom, coming from the lectures of instructors; in our peer groups, where being associated with anyone who looks queer is shameful and repulsive in the perceptions of others and one's self; and coming from our community leaders, whom we look to for guidance, telling us their negative or heterosexual views or both.

The results: People who refuse to or are afraid to acknowledge gay and lesbian members of the family, people who fear that "coming out" will bring them undue harm and stereotypes and misconceptions about homosexuality that may often lead to violence.

The problems are AIDS, the breakdown of the traditional family, a total disrespect for a group of people based on prejudice and assumption, and a threat to one's self-definition



Jerry Daniels, Jr.
Commentary

If we listen to them and believe what they say is accurate, then we are becoming like them — homophobic. For most of us this is true. Some of us have probably expressed our attitudes overtly, whether verbal or physical.

To these people (including non-students) I'd like to ask one question: Do you really know anything about a gay or lesbian person? Have you ever thought about analyzing what you've comprehended about homosexuality? How accurate is your knowledge of the issue? And have you ever thought about questioning the sources of anti-gay politics?

While you digest this, let me take time to remind you that a homophobic act is just like any other form of oppression (sexist, racist, etc.). Such an act indicates disrespect for another human being. How can so many people talk about improving human relations while at the same time contributing to the prejudices in the world?

On that note, I'd like to see all who fit into this scheme to challenge the source of such heterosexist or homophobic ideas. When we do this we can understand why so many gay and lesbian people are upset and coming out to defend themselves.

Editor's note: Jerry Daniels, Jr. is a Louisville senior.

◆ Go figure... *Patrick Richardson*



"Homework again, Larry? Sorry, man, I need some real food."

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BY SUSAN WESBLING

The two female students, trying to handle a tinge of embarrassment combined with a need to be forthright, explain as delicately as they can how a dental dam works to prevent the spread of disease in female sexual relations.

There's lots of laughter as they struggle to make the men understand without getting too graphic.

A short time later, somebody mentions Ann Landers' request that people write in about whether homosexuality is born or bred and suggests that everybody go ahead and write.

After that, the comic book aficionado lets the group know that in Alpha Flight, the character North Star came out of the closet.

Before the official start of this meeting of the Lambda Society - Western's support group for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and their friends and families - members get each other up to date on all kinds of goings on regarding the gay and lesbian world.

John, a Lambda member who didn't want his real name used, thinks the Society hasn't made much of an impact yet, but member Michael Harless attributes that to the fact that the group is still organizing itself.

"I think a lot of the gay community on campus is not aware of Lambda," he said.

Lambda is known well enough, John said, but "people are scared to come out on Western's campus" and scared to come to meetings. When Lambda had a booth set up in Garrett Center about a month ago, he said, he watched people he knew were gay walk by without even glancing at it.

Harless and Lambda President Larry Brown estimate that 15 people attend Lambda meetings and functions regularly, with a core group of six or seven.

The Society was formed in September, and Western officially recognized it in October. Since then, Lambda has been working primarily on getting its name out on campus through such things as informational booths and participation in a membership drive sponsored by the Interorganizational Council.

At this meeting, Brown passes around fliers advertising Lambda and asks the group to put them up throughout campus. "At night," he says wryly, "in case you don't want to be found out." More laughter.

The mission

Lambda's purpose, stated in its constitution, is fivefold: to provide a forum for gay, lesbian and bisexual students on issues relevant to university life; to provide a forum for issues relevant to life beyond the university; to provide an informational, supportive and social network; to promote and preserve the rights of gay, lesbian and bisexual students; and to promote the strengthening of diversity and social justice for all members of the university community.

John points to the third goal as a major benefit he finds in Lambda.

"I can have people to talk to,"

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AT WESTERN

he said. "Having gay friends, it's just easier. Someone I can relate to, who understands my jokes."

Some Lambda members, Brown said, as well as some other gays and lesbians, think the Society is too public, that Lambda brings problems on itself by being so open about something so controversial.

Brown thinks people in Lambda who believe the Society is too public are "just afraid of their cover being blown" deliberately, despite the group's promise of confidentiality for those who want it, by someone who might attend a meeting.

So far, he said, that hasn't happened, and he doesn't expect that it will, at least partly because Lambda requires anyone who attends a meeting to sign an agreement not to expose others there.

And other groups on campus, he said, are just as open about controversial political issues, and they're not expected to change to please other people.

For Brown himself, other people's concerns about the Society's openness aren't enough reason to conduct his relatively public lifestyle any differently.

"I've always had the idea that I should not change just because other people don't like it."

Looking ahead

Lambda plans to work toward more of its goals through a forum starting April 15. The forum will be at Western and is expected to include a homophobia workshop and discussions on minority issues, lesbianism, feminism, health issues and the church and homosexuality. A film festival will run the four days leading up to the forum.

Other plans include a week-long forum for National Coming Out Day in the fall. Beyond that is the possibility of a coming-out party on campus, but Brown said that probably wouldn't be for at least a year.

Lambda members would like the group to, eventually become a political force on campus.

Brown said Lambda plans to work to make sexual orientation a category protected by the anti-discrimination guidelines Western follows. The group also wants to eliminate the ROTC program's exclusion of gays and lesbians.

But those things will have to come a little later. For now, Harless said, Lambda is taking things a step at a time.

Lambda's basic goal, Harless said, is to educate the campus, and, Brown added, to give the estimated 8 percent to 10 percent of Western's population that is gay - 1,200 to 1,600 students - a voice in what goes on here.

Brown and Harless, both sophomores, think they have a pretty fair shot at doing that.

"I think by the time we get ready to graduate," Harless said, "we'll have brought Lambda so far that it won't be the campus outcast."

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Diversions



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Before tackling a game against UK's rugby team, Bowling Green senior Mark Lowry tapes his ears close to his head. Rugby players, whose only equipment in the rough-and-tumble sport is a mouthguard, tape their ears to protect them from injury.

THE 'BLOODY RELIGION' OF RUGBY

In our country, true teams rarely exist... social barriers and personal ambitions have reduced athletes to dissolute cliques, or individuals thrown together for mutual profit. Yet, these rugby players, with their muddied, cracked bodies, are struggling to hold on to a sense of humanity that we in America have lost and are unlikely to regain. The game may be only to move a ball forward on a dirt field, but the task can be accomplished with an unshackled joy, and its memory will be a permanent delight.

— Victor Cahn on David Storey's "The Changing Room"

It was a cold, breezy day in Bowling Green, but for those who spent it on Creason Field, there was too much heat being generated to notice.

On the field, a group of men with tape wound around their heads huddled together, arms intertwined. With muscular, hairy legs poking out of their mud-stained shorts, they were preparing for what lay ahead.

The rugby match was about to begin.

RUGBY: The game

To those who are new to the world of rugby, there is much to be anticipated.

As defined in the Banshee program, a booklet that explains rules for newcomers which is given out at the annual Banshee tournament, a Rugby Union "is an amateur game played by two teams of 15 players who are allowed to carry, kick and throw the ball."

Players try to score points by placing the ball over the opponents' goal line (a try), or by kicking it over the crossbar (a goal).

The game originated in England, where it is still a national sport. The game is composed of two 40-minute halves, with no timeouts.

By definition, the game sounds simple — yet to those on the field and on the sidelines, it's not.

With only a small plastic mouth guard for protection, the rugby player takes the field, ready to do whatever it takes to get the ball from his opponent.

"It's different than any other sport," said Carrie Ellerbusch, a junior from Newburgh,

Ind. "It's really fun to watch, and really, you can get a lot of frustrations out by just watching the game. It's fun to watch the violence. It's like getting aggression out by not even doing anything."

Some have compared it to a backyard football game without any rules.

"Hell, there'll be two or three people with black eyes a game," said Stan Hodges, a Glasgow junior. "Broken noses are pretty common, too. It comes from playing so aggressive."

Although the game is hard-hitting, there are rules that prohibit tripping, high tackles and biting.



Photo by Joe Howell

Western's Greg Holzknecht muscles his way through a grab attack to help his team clinch a 22-4 victory over UK last month.

"All play is supposed to be sportsman-like," said Todd Parker, a club member since 1984. "Basically you're not allowed to kick, bite, punch or gouge eyes out."

"There's a lot of opportunities for it to happen," Parker said.

With only one referee and 30 men on the field, it's hard to catch everything.

RUGBY: The fellowship

Vicious and blood-letting on the field, ruggers always have energy for the traditional partying that goes on after the game.

"There's a fellowship after the game," said Steve Weakley, a Louisville sophomore and a ruggie since 1988. "You could stomp on somebody's face during the game, and afterwards, you can try to drink them under the table. What happens on the field stays on the field."

The party, or "hosting," is usually done at one of the rugby player's apartments or a local bar.

Players fraternize with the members of the visiting team during the party where they drink beer and sing traditional rugby songs.

"We are a group that is as close-knit as any fraternity would be, and maybe even closer," said Bart Hodges, a alumni member from Eighty Eight. "They get the same camaraderie, the same brotherhood with us as they would at the fraternity house, and it's less money. There's more freedom here. They can be themselves and not worry about having to fit into a mold."

RUGBY: The controversy

When most people hear the word "rugby," images of intense partying usually come to mind.

The Banshee tournament, an annual event hosted by former students, rugby alumni and local businesses, brings seven teams from around the region to play an all-week-end tournament.

"The rugby club does not sponsor the tournament," Stan Hodges said. "It's put on by a group of individuals with a fundamental interest in the sport."

After the tournament, a large party takes place, attracting all kinds of people.

"The first rugby party that I went to, I was scared to death," said Jennifer Williams, a junior from Newburgh, Ind. "I'd heard rumors of how rough they are, and people told me not to wear short skirts or anything. But really, it wasn't bad at all."

"A lot of the people hear more about the parties than they do about the games," said Tim Cummings, a sophomore from Erin, N.Y. "It's about playing the game, and the association of friends, not just drinking beer."

Vaigene Dunham, head of Western's biology department, has been the team's adviser for almost a year.

Hip happenings

MOVIES

DUC Theatre

Tonight through Saturday
Sleeping With The Enemy, R, 7 and 9 p.m.

Greenwood Six Theatre

Basic Instinct, R, 7 and 9:30 p.m.
Fried Green Tomatoes, PG-13, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

The Hand That Rocks the Cradle, R, 7:30 and 9:45 p.m.

Medicine Man, PG-13, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.

My Cousin Vinny, R, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m.

Wayne's World, PG-13, 7 and 9 p.m.

Martin Twin Theatre

Hook, PG, 7 and 9:30 p.m.
Juice, R, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.

Plaza Six Theatre

Article 99, R, 9 p.m.
Beauty and the Beast, G, 7 p.m.

Gladiator, R, 7:20 and 9:20 p.m.
Grand Canyon, R, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Ladybugs, PG-13, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.

White Men Can't Jump, R, 7:10 and 9:30 p.m.

Stop or My Mom Will Shoot, PG-13, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.

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Garrett Ballroom, \$3

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Cafe, \$2

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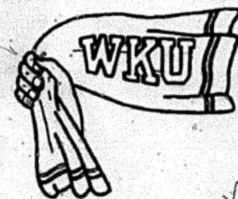
"Picnic," 8 p.m., today through
Saturday, 5 p.m., Sunday, Capitol
Arts Center, \$6, \$4 students and
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"Theatrical Short Stories," 8 p.m.,
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STORY BY: **ANN CLINGERMAN**

RUGBY: 'Silence of the Lambs' roars at Oscars

'We're not a bunch of hooligans'

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"Generally, the reputation of rugby players on any campus is going to be the same," Dunham said. "People look at them and think, 'These people playing without pads, they must be wild men.'"

"On our campus, a lot of it is because of their annual fundraiser, Banshee," Dunham said. "It attracts a lot of people, and some of them cause problems, but that has nothing to do with the club. I'll admit they are no angels, but I could take you to many fraternity houses..."

"We're not a bunch of hooligans like everybody tends to think," said Laurence Smith, a senior exchange student from Trent University, Canada. "It should be recognized as more than a bunch of ignorant red-necks sitting around, drinking beer and beating the shit out of each other. It is a real sport."

Many rugby players feel the same.

"Rugby is not all nudity and wild parties," Stan Hodges said. "A lot of people don't realize what rugby is all about. There are a lot of positions held. Who knows what we're really like? I mean, so much is heard about the Banshee, but they don't know what we are really like. It's not just a sport, it's a bloody religion."

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Like the month of March, the 64th Annual Academy Awards Ceremony went out like a lamb.

"The Silence of the Lambs" took all four top awards: best picture, best director, best actress and best actor. Only two other movies, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," and "It Happened One Night," have ever managed that feat.

The Oscar for best supporting actor went to Jack Palance for his performance in "City Slickers." Palance gave one of the crueziest acceptance speeches in history and provided host Billy Crystal with a running gag for the length of the show.

Perhaps the biggest surprise was the naming of Mercedes Ruehl, not Jessica

Tandy, as best supporting actress. Ruehl, who is more or less a Hollywood outsider, took home an Oscar for her truly memorable performance in "The Fisher King."

Following the hubub in Hollywood, there is yet another winner to be announced. There won't be a small gold statue waiting for the winner of the Herald's 1992 Oscar contest, but who needs a fancy paperweight when you can pick up \$25 in cold cash?

Though none of the entrants guessed all the categories correctly, a few picked at least four of the six Oscar winners: Lexington freshman Alan Bates; Student Health Services employee Carol Wethington; Bowling Green freshman Kim Whalen; Russell Springs sophomore Melanie Wade; and Owensboro freshman Tracy Nolan. And the \$25 goes to... Alan Bates, for the

first entry submitted with the most correct answers.

(And please, Alan, keep your acceptance speech to 45 seconds or less.)

There's more

If Jonathan Demme's terminal case of the "and uhs" in his acceptance speech didn't put you off Hollywood for good, then tune in for the MTV Movie Awards on April 22. Chris Connelly, host of MTV's The Big Picture, will preside over the ceremonies, which includes a number of hipper categories than does the venerable Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences.

Look for awards like Most Desirable Male and Female, Best On-Screen Duo, Best Villain, Best Comedic Performance, Best Kiss and Best New Filmmaker Award.

♦ Movie review

Sex-filled 'Instinct' basically boring

BY MARK CRITCHFIELD

Director Paul Verhoeven made a name for himself by crafting a commercially appealing, high-impact, violent science-fiction movie with "Total Recall." Now, Verhoeven has shown the extent of his creative range by crafting a commercially appealing, high-impact, violent sex flick with "Basic Instinct."

The film opens with a rather graphic sex scene between a San Francisco night club owner/retired rock star and an anonymous female whose face is obscured by a mussed head of blond hair. As their activities climax, the blonde ties her companion to the head board and proceeds to stab him 31 times with an ice pick.

The film stars Michael Douglas as Nick Curren, a homicide detective and recovering cocaine addict and alcoholic who is investigating the club owner's murder. To complicate matters, Curren recently killed two innocent bystanders during a drug bust. (Hence his nickname, "Shooter.")

The investigation leads Curren and his rotund, wise-cracking hick partner, Gus (played by George Dzundza) to Catherine Tramell, a seductive, mysterious, blond novelist and frequent sex partner of the ice-picked club owner. Sharon Stone plays the manipulative, former psychology and literature major in a hauntingly evasive manner.

Oddly enough, one of Tramell's recent best-sellers involved a club owner being murdered with an ice pick while having sex with a mysterious blonde. Tramell uses the fact that she wrote the book as her alibi and claims that the murder was probably committed by some obsessed fan.

Nonetheless, as the plot thickens and becomes gradually more absurd, Tramell's history of association with known killers and deranged sociopaths comes to light. Apparently, she used these twisted men and women for inspiration for her writing as well as her rather creative sex life. Tramell has a live-in lover, a lesbian named Roxy, who slashed the throats of two of her family members as a teen.

As her next subject of inspiration, she chooses Curren and his history of drug abuse and itchy trigger finger.

Against the wishes of his partner and his psychiatrist ex-lover, Curren falls for his murder suspect. They begin an entirely sexual relationship that provides some of the most explicit footage to ever appear in an R-rated film (which is probably inspiration enough to entice most Americans to see it).

After the death of Tramell's voyeuristic live-in and the revelation that Curren's psychiatrist had sex with Tramell while the two were in college, it becomes increasingly difficult to determine just who murdered whom.

The film ends with a closing scene in the tradition of the ever-famous suspected unsuspected ending — it doesn't just thrill, it thoroughly confuses.

"Basic Instinct" is reasonably well-acted, though Douglas seems to be playing the same greater-than-thou protagonist that he has played in the past. Stone is refreshingly effective as the highly intelligent and disturbing villainess. Her character is kind of a female Hannibal Lecter, with the cannibalism replaced by nymphomania.

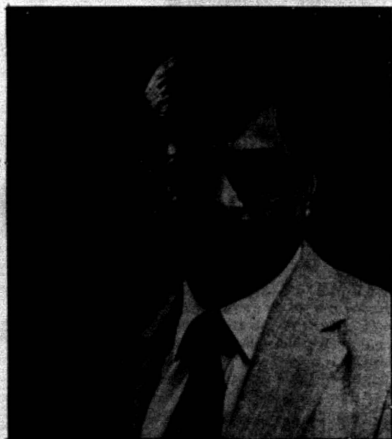
The film is not a brilliant piece of movie-making. The script is too often bogged down with sophomoric crudeness that could be expected of a "Police Academy" sequel.

Verhoeven has taken the sex scenes to such extremes that they pass the realm of eroticism and controversy to become downright boring. Instead of an original craftsman, Verhoeven comes across as a Hitchcock wanna-be with a porn director's sense of taste and tact.

The movie serves most efficiently to prove correct the age-old Hollywood axiom that "sex sells." Indeed, allegations that the film might promote homophobia with its homicidal, groping bisexuals are hard to subscribe to when a movie is this frivolous.

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work for the university and more hassle for the students. This stipulation mainly deals with incoming freshmen, but upperclass students will have to pay."

Belinda Higginbotham of Accounts and Budgetary Control said, "It will be some additional paperwork, but the benefits outweigh the extra work."

She said that it will prevent classes from being filled by students during advance registration who don't plan to come to Western.

Associated Student Government President Heather Faimlen said it concerns her that some students "will be

"At first I was taken aback by the \$100, but after it was explained to me, I realized I wasn't losing anything."

— Carol DeYoung
Morgantown sophomore

penalized for the action of 200 people. I am very afraid that

some students will not be able to get the money by July, and therefore not be able to attend Western next semester."

Faimlen, a Winchester senior, said that she plans to bring up the issue today during the Board of Regents meeting to see if something can be done to change the policy.

"At first I was taken aback by the \$100, but after it was explained to me, I realized I wasn't losing anything," Morgantown sophomore Carol DeYoung said.

Mary Jo Williams, a receptionist at the Financial Aid office, said that only a couple of students have complained to her about the fee. She said most students realize they aren't losing anything.

BOARD: Food service's fate decided today

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affected by the decision, but Regent Steve Catron said he expected the

board to vote for an outside contract.

"There is a very good chance it (Food Services) will go private," Catron said.

"I think it will be a very positive change for the students."

◆ The Board of Regents meets at 10 a.m. today.

Western began considering a contract with a private firm after a study showed that Food Services lost \$1.7 million between 1984 and 1989.

"I think it will have a very positive effect on the university," former Regent Freddie Travis said. "I think the quality of food will be improved and facilities modernized."

"No one will suffer. I don't think any employees will lose their jobs because of the change."

The board is expected to make a decision at the meeting and award a contract based on a recommendation from Meredith and a report from the

Food Services Committee.

"All proposals, facts, and figures will be made known tomorrow," Meredith said.


The committee worked for a year on the recommendation, which included proposals from interested companies and the evaluations of food services at other universities.

"We feel we have done a very thorough job," Auxiliary Services Coordinator John Osborne said. "I think the decision will be in the best interests of the students and the university."



"I think it will be a major change for Western," Catron said. "I think everyone should be excited."


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FEATURING: P.A.T.C.H. Works!
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HIV/AIDS: What Has Magic Taught Us?
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm DUC Rm. 305

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For more information about specific events, contact the APPLE Office at 745-5033 or 745-6438.

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Two new regents will be sworn in

BY JULIE GRUNDY

It's out with the old and in with the new for Western's Board of Regents today. Former regents Danny Butler and Freddie Travis are being replaced after their terms expired Tuesday.

Gov. Brereton Jones appointed Burns Mercer of Hardinsburg and Howard Gray of Lexington to the board Tuesday.

Mercer, a certified public accountant and director of Administrative Services for the Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, said he was "a little surprised" by his appointment to the board, but "very proud and glad to be able to do it."

Mercer, a 1972 graduate of Western, brings a variety of experience in higher education, Travis said. Mercer has served as the chairman of the Council on Higher Education as well as an executive committee member of Kentucky Advocates of Higher Education.

"I'm eager to get started," Mercer said, despite months of controversy between present board members.

The controversy has involved an audit of certain university accounts, most of which President Thomas Meredith controls.

The board unanimously approved the hiring of the Louisville accounting firm Arthur Andersen & Co. to review those accounts last Monday.

Board Vice Chairwoman Patzy Judd said yesterday she knows of "nothing new" with the audit.

Although his knowledge of the controversy comes only from the newspapers he reads, Mercer said he is "no stranger to controversy."

"I'm ready to roll my sleeves up and get involved with what's going on here," he said.

Gray, a 1971 Western graduate, is president of James N. Gray Construction Company, Inc. in Lexington. A member of Western's alumni board and the

"I'm ready to roll my sleeves up and get involved with what's going on here."

— Burns Mercer
new regent

College Heights Foundation board, Gray said Western has long been a part of his family.

"I'm looking forward to serving on the board," he said. "Western has a great heritage."

Gray said he believes the healing process has begun for the university, and everyone is ready to move forward.

Travis said Gray is an "excellent individual and good thinker who will bring good things to the university."

Although Travis served on the board for three-and-a-half years, he said he is not upset by the governor's decision.

"Gov. Jones has picked the people he feels Western Kentucky needs at this time," Travis said. "I respect that."

Butler was unavailable for comment.

Both Mercer and Gray's terms will expire in 1998, but may end sooner because of the new regent-selection law which goes into effect in July.

The law requires Jones to pick regents and members of the CHE from a list of nominees given to him by a seven-member nominating committee confirmed by the state Senate.

The purpose of the law, Jones said during his campaign, is to remove as much politics from

higher education as possible. Jones said he hoped to eliminate any possibility of board members being appointed because of the amount of money contributed to political campaigns.

According to The Courier-Journal's database on Jones' contributions, however, Mercer donated \$590 in 1991 to the gubernatorial primary and Gray contributed \$5,000 to Jones' political causes — \$2,000 to the 1987 lieutenant governor's race and \$1,500 each to the 1991 primary and general election.

Jones said he would erase all members of university boards by June 30 and start with a clean slate, but previous members can be nominated for reappointment. Half the current board members must be reappointed, according to the law.

The board will meet at 10 a.m. today in the Regents Room to install the new regents and award the Food Services contract.

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Sports

PEHLKE: 'I'm saying let's win it all'

◆ *Southwest Missouri State will bring a 31-2 record into its national semifinal game against Western Saturday.*

BY CARA ANNA

As the activities at the Mideast Regionals came to an end last week, senior guard Kim Pehlke looked solemnly at the waiting media.

"We can't believe we're here, but now that we've beat Tennessee, we can't let down," she said after Western defeated both the Lady Vols and Maryland. "Now I'm saying let's win it all."

"Amen," Coach Paul Sanderford said, rising to leave.

Their next destination would be Los Angeles.

Four months ago, the Lady Tops came into 1992 struggling with a 4-4 record and their slot in the national rankings had

fallen from the top four to 24th.

Saturday morning the Lady Tops will walk onto the floor of the 16,500-seat Los Angeles Sports Arena and into the eye of a national audience.

In the past few weeks the team has risen back into the top four, the Final Four. It could not have come at a better time.

It all began, players said, with a come-back win against Arkansas State in the finals of the Sun Belt Conference Tourna-

Southwest Missouri State vs. Western

Where: Los Angeles Sports Arena

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ment.

"It seemed like in that game we decided to take it as far as we could instead of playing out the end of the year," junior forward Debbie Scott said before the team left for Los Angeles.

"We kind of woke up and said, 'We really can do this,'" sophomore forward Debbie Houk said. "We knew we had the potential. We didn't know if we could make that last step and play as a team."

"The feeling of coming back and winning kind of set us in motion for the rest of the season," Pehlke said. "We saw if we could do that, we could do anything."

As a result of that decision, Alabama, Tennessee and Maryland were eliminated, all victims of the momentum the Lady Tops have carried into this final weekend.

Waiting to challenge that momentum are Southwest Missouri State and Stanford or Virginia. Western has had more losses this season than the three teams combined.

The Lady Tops will open the Final Four against 10th-ranked Southwest Missouri State Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

Southwest Missouri State is a team the players knew very little about a week ago.

"We will know everything by the time we play them," Houk said.

The finishing touch could be the feelings that have pushed the Lady Tops past

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Toppers impeach Governors

BY JEFF NATIONS

The Toppers continued to dominate Tennessee schools, defeating Vanderbilt 13-10 in Nashville Tuesday and Austin Peay 10-2 at Denes Field yesterday.

Western is 5-0 against schools from the Volunteer State and 15-8 overall.

The Toppers' pitchers kept visiting Austin Peay at bay yesterday.

The Toppers staked out an early lead for junior starting pitcher Chris Petrocella. Leadoff man Steve Marr reached base on an infield single. Brad Worley laid down a perfect bunt to advance Marr and reach base himself.

With one out, Governor second baseman Wes Simms couldn't handle Bill Weyers' hard chopper, allowing Marr to score Western's first run.

Paul Jackson drove in another when he grounded out, and Chris Phillips tripled to center to give Western three first-inning runs.

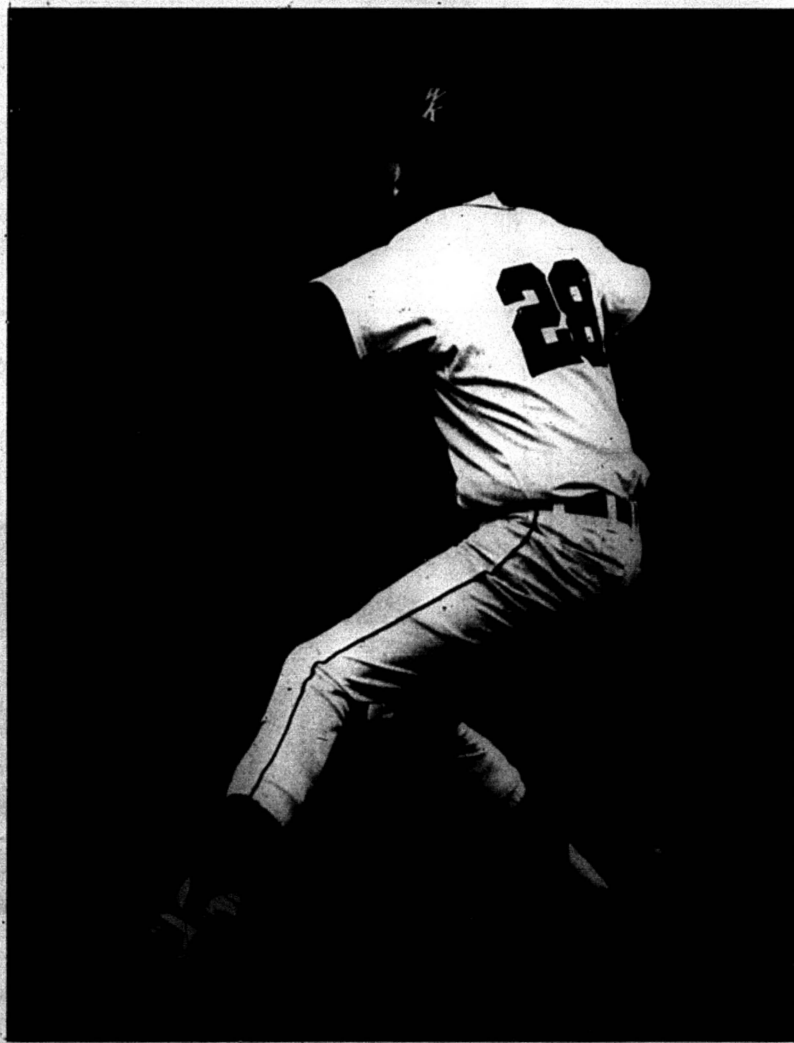
The Governors struck back in the third, ending a hitless drought at seven batters when Simms homered to left-center.

Governors starter Rod Streeter gave the Tops another run in the fourth when he balked with Weyers on third.

Austin Peay picked up its second run when right fielder Randy McDermott singled in Jason Mikulecky from second.

Topper third baseman Mike Roosa doubled in two more runs in the fifth with a long drive to left, and in the sixth, the Toppers added two

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Chris McKenney/Herald

Western starting pitcher Chris Petrocella delivers during the first inning of Western's game against Austin Peay yesterday afternoon. The Toppers won 10-2.

Western to run at SEMO Saturday

BY JEFF NATIONS

The track team will be back in action this weekend when it travels to Cape Girardeau, Mo., to compete in the SEMO Relays at Southeast Missouri State.

Coach Curtiss Long said that

the Toppers will compete as a reduced squad in the meet.

"We're going to be at relatively full strength, but there will be a

few people who will have scheduling conflicts with classes or their events fall on Friday," Long said.

The team will compete in the two-day event Saturday only.

All-American Sean Dollman will be the featured runner for the men. Long said that Dollman plans to compete in the 1,500 meters.

Long is also interested in the steeplechase. In addition to Bradley Tucker and Jef and James Scott, Henrik Maako will be competing in the event for the first time.

This will be the Toppers fourth meet in a little over two weeks, but Long said he has no injuries "other than the usual bumps and bruises."

Long said he expects tough competition at the meet, but thinks it will be good experience for his team.

By competing primarily in the relays, the team achieves more "group camaraderie," Long said.

◆ Sean Dollman will run in the 1,500 meters.

TOPS: Outslug Austin Peay 10-2 at Denes Field

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more when second baseman Andy McDonald hit his third home run of the season, a solo blast to left.

Later in the sixth, leftfielder Chris Phillips singled with two on to drive in the Tops' ninth run.

Western picked up its final run in the eighth. McDermott opened the inning in relief. After walking three consecutive

batters, sidearmer Neil Murphy relieved him. Pinch-hitter Eddie Sharer hit into a double play, but Clay Wiedenbein scored to produce the final margin.

Four Western pitchers combined to allow the Governors only eight hits in nine innings. Petrocella worked the first four innings to gain his second win of the season. Andy Alepra came on in relief in the fifth and allowed only one hit while striking out

two in two innings.

Beau Adams took over in the seventh and put down the first four batters he faced before Mikulecky ripped a single up the middle. Adams knocked down the ball with his glove, stopping the ball from hitting him in the face. Adams escaped the inning unharmed in both body and statistics.

Kevin Wallace pitched the final inning for the Toppers.

Tuesday, the Tops outslugged the Commodores for a two-game season sweep of the Southeastern Conference school. Junior pitcher Dean Carpenter, who relieved in the sixth, got the win for Western, while Lance Ellingson notched a save.

Knights on deck

The Toppers will travel to Orlando this weekend for a

three-game series with Sun Belt Conference rival Central Florida. The Knights are 23-10, with a 5-5 conference mark, including a sweep of South Alabama.

McDonald thinks the Toppers are ready to improve on their 1-5 conference mark.

"Everybody's playing more relaxed," McDonald said. "I think that's what we have to do to be successful in the conference."

◆ Sports briefs

Pehlke, Hutchinson named top athletes

Only days after helping lead the women's basketball team advance to the Final Four, senior guard Kim Pehlke was given her latest honor. She and senior soccer player Chris Hutchinson were named Western's Male and Female Athletes-of-the-Year.

They will be recognized at the annual Honors Convocation April 12 at Garrett Center.

Pehlke led Western in scoring this season while becoming one of the program's top 10 all-time scorers with 1,441 career points. She also moved into second place in assists with 368.

She was named to the All-Sun Belt Conference Team and was the Most Valuable Player of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament and the NCAA Midwest Regional. She is one of 11 finalists for the Wade Trophy, which is given annually to the nation's outstanding female basketball player.

Hutchinson's performance this season for the Topper soccer team, which finished 11-8-1, made him the school's record holder in career goals (45) and career points (99).

He scored 16 goals this season, including eight game-winners.

Only seniors are eligible for the award.

Golfers to play in Lexington

The men's golf team will take part in the Johnny Owens University of Kentucky Invitational tomorrow and Friday in Lexington.

Western took second place last weekend in the Oak Meadow Invitational in Evansville, Ind., finishing one shot behind Ball State.

The Toppers will face stiff competition in this weekend's tournament, including Miami of Ohio and Kent State, but junior Ron Poore said Western should hold its own.

"They're ahead of us," he said, "but not that far ahead."

Lady Netters pound Tennessee State

Western's women's tennis team broke a six-game losing streak Tuesday with a 9-0 trouncing of visiting Tennessee State.

Leading the rout was first seed Ellen Hogancamp, winning 6-0, 6-1. Second seed Amy Haskins also won a lopsided match, 6-1, 6-0.

"We needed this win coming off a string of close losses," Coach Laura Hudspeth said. "We've got our confidence going."

The team plays Saturday at Evansville.

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- F-#22 Karen Rapier, Sr., 5-11, 10.8 ppg
- C-#43 Tonya Baucom, Jr., 6-0, 12.8 ppg
- G-#35 Melody Howard, So., 5-8, 14.7 ppg
- G-#30 Tina Robbins, So., 5-7, 7.4 ppg

The Lady Toppers' starters

- F-#31 Debbie Scott, Sr., 6-1, 7.6 ppg
- F-#54 Liesa Lang, Sr., 5-11, 9.3 ppg
- C-#40 Paulette Monroe, Jr., 6-4, 12 ppg
- G-#04 Renee Westmoreland, Jr., 5-10, 10.2 ppg
- G-#21 Kim Pehlke, Sr., 5-7, 12.3 ppg

Virginia
vs.
Stanford

The Lady Cavaliers' starters

- F-#34 Heidi Burge, Jr., 6-5, 10.2 ppg
- F-#32 Tammi Reiss, Sr., 5-8, 16.6 ppg
- C-#30 Heather Burge, Jr., 6-5, 17.4 ppg
- G-#10 Dena Evans, Jr., 5-5, 6.5 ppg
- G-#24 Dawn Staley, Sr., 5-5, 14.3 ppg

The Lady Cardinal's starters

- F-#31 Chris MacMurdo, Jr., 6-0, 11.3 ppg
- F-#50 Rachel Hemmer, Fr., 6-3, 11.2 ppg
- C-#52 Val Whiting, Jr., 6-3, 18.3 ppg
- G-#25 Christy Hedgpeh, So., 5-10, 13.4 ppg
- G-#15 Molly Goodenbour, Jr., 5-6, 12.2 ppg

How the teams got to Los Angeles for the Final Four

SMSU	WKU	UVA	SU
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Second Round, at Iowa City, Iowa: SMSU 61, Iowa 60 (OT)	Second Round, at Bowling Green, Ky.: WKU 98, Alabama 68	Second Round, at Charlottesville, Va.: Virginia 97, Geo. Washington 58	Second Round, at Palo Alto, Calif.: Stanford 82, UCSB 73
West Regional Semifinals at Seattle, Wash.: SMSU 83, UCLA 57	Mideast Regional Semifinals at West Lafayette, Ind.: WKU 75, Tennessee 70	East Regional Semifinals at Charlottesville, Va.: Virginia 103, West Virginia 83	Midwest Regional Semifinals at Boulder, Colo.: Stanford 75, Texas Tech 63
West Regional Finals at Seattle, Wash.: SMSU 94, Mississippi 71	Mideast Regional Finals at West Lafayette, Ind.: WKU 75, Maryland 70	East Regional Finals at Charlottesville, Va.: Virginia 70, Vanderbilt 58	Midwest Regional Finals at Boulder, Colo.: Stanford 82, Southern Cal 62

What the coaches are saying

Cheryl Burnett, SW Missouri

"We feel like the heroines of Missouri. I think we've been a bit lucky, but I also think we've come so far on hard work." On Western: "They're very big. The tallest kid in our lineup is 6-4. Even their perimeter players have a great game. Rebounding is the key because of their great size."

Tara VanDerveer, Stanford

"We're all very excited. We kinda set the goal for ourselves to go back. We've won before, and I feel we can win again." On Virginia: "I think they present a lot of different problems. They are extremely competitive, extremely motivated. They are not a one-person show. They rebound well and run well. We like the same type of style."

Debbie Ryan, Virginia

"We are more relaxed this year than the past two years. Because the players are relaxed, they have helped me the past week or so to adjust. I really feel good going into this Final Four." On Stanford: "Tara is coming in with a team that is in a sense an upstart team. They have done some things that have amazed me ... They are very formidable."

Paul Sanderford, Western

"I'm excited about the team and the way we're playing right now. We're coming in with the idea to win the national championship, not just to be there." On Southwest Missouri State: "They start a very small lineup. Probably defensively they present a problem because of quickness. They run as many people in and out as we do ... One word that describes this basketball team right is, 'believers.'"

NCAA: Scott has been there before

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other higher-ranked teams in the tournament.

"We knew we could win because everyone thought we would lose," freshman forward Ida Bowen said. "We wanted to prove them wrong."

"We've got two more games to win, then we will celebrate."

While this is the first trip to the Final Four for 12 of the 13 players, it is Scott's second.

She has a championship ring from 1989, when she was a member of the national champion Tennessee Lady Vols.

She will have a different perspective Saturday morning from her teammates.

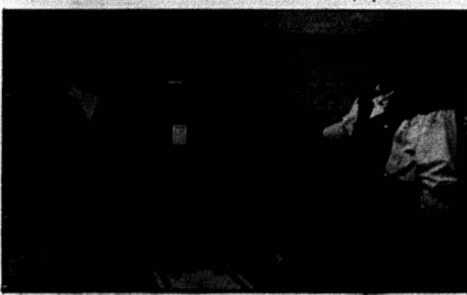
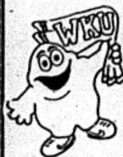
"The first time, I had never been to the Final Four. Now no one else has ever been. This is my chance to help them, to show that a lot of the teams ranked in the top four do not win it all. Anyone anywhere can."

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LADY TOPPER DAY



Warren County Judge Executive Beal Griffin, seated, left, and Bowling Green Mayor Johnny Webb sign official documents proclaiming Sunday, April 4, Lady Topper Day in Bowling Green and Warren County. Assistant Coach Steve Smith, left, and Head Coach Paul Sanderford also participated in the ceremony. WKU President Thomas C. Meredith earlier proclaimed Saturday Lady Topper Day on the WKU campus.

PROCLAMATION
WHEREAS, Coach Paul Sanderford, his staff and the Western Kentucky University Lady Topper Basketball Team have enjoyed a successful 1991-92 season, and WHEREAS, this is certainly a usual and expected occurrence, and WHEREAS, they have the right to participate in the NCAA National Championship by competing in the Final Four this week in Los Angeles, and WHEREAS, this has brought much positive national publicity for this university, and WHEREAS, we encourage all Western alumni, students and fans to support the Lady Toppers in their quest for the National Championship.
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WHEREAS, the Western Kentucky University Lady Toppers have recently claimed the championship of the Sun Belt Conference and the NCAA Mideast Regional Tournament; and WHEREAS, the Lady Toppers will compete in the NCAA Women's Final Four in Los Angeles this week; and WHEREAS, the Lady Toppers will be making their third Final Four appearance in the past eight years; and WHEREAS, the Lady Toppers have brought much publicity and prestige to Western Kentucky University, the city of Bowling Green, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and WHEREAS, the Lady Toppers have established themselves among the elite in women's college basketball; and WHEREAS, the citizens of Bowling Green and Warren County congratulate the Lady Toppers on their winning spirit and proudly encourage them in their upcoming tournament pursuit.

NOW THEREFORE, we, Johnny D. Webb, Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, and Beal W. Griffin, Jr., Judge/Executive of the County of Warren, Kentucky, do hereby proclaim April 4, 1992 as LADY TOPPER DAY in our city and community and urge all citizens to support the Lady Toppers in their efforts in the NCAA Tournament.

Johnny D. Webb Mayor, City of Bowling Green
Beal W. Griffin, Jr. Judge/Executive, County of Warren

◆ Baseball

Senior offers leadership in turnaround

◆ *Franklin senior Steve Marr was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays but decided to stay at Western*

BY TOM BATTERS

It was after the baseball team had lost six of seven games, including two of three at home to Jacksonville, that co-captain Steve Marr called a team meeting.

He gathered the players down the left-field line and let them speak their minds with no coaches around. Since then, Western has won seven games in a row to go 15-8.

Other factors have contributed to the winning streak: stronger pitching, maturity, better defense, but the presence of Marr, a senior from Franklin Simpson High School who does double time as a pitcher and outfielder, had something to do with it, teammates said.

"He's the team leader, by far," junior outfielder Paul Jackson said. "He cares a lot about the younger players, and when he talks, they listen."

Freshman pitcher Beau Adams said Marr can explain to the other players what it takes to win. "I think he has great potential to be a coach."

Freshman catcher James Davis said Marr is the person who brings the rest of the team together. "I've learned a lot from just watching him play."

Last year, in the Major League Baseball June draft, the Toronto Blue Jays selected him in the 40th round. He decided to come back for his senior year of college.

"I've been given a chance to further my education by playing baseball," he said. "I would hate to throw that away. I value getting my degree more than anything."

The decision earned praise from Coach Joel Murrie.

"He is a very dedicated person who understands the true meaning of the student-athlete," he said. "He has represented the program well in his four years

here." Marr is majoring in finance and hopes to own his own business in the future.

Assistant Coach Dan Mosier said because Marr came back for his senior year, he has a chance to be drafted even higher. "He is a unique player in that some scouts like him as a pitcher and others like him as an outfielder," Mosier said.

Marr said he is not thinking about being drafted or what position he would rather play as much as he was last year. "This year I just want to concentrate on having fun and helping the team as much as I can."

He has helped the team in a number of ways. He is 3-0 as a starting pitcher and leads the team in innings pitched. As a starting outfielder, he is hitting .439 with two home runs and 16

runs batted in.

He hustles when he plays right field, diving for sinking pop flies, running into fences to save a ball from going out of play, firing a strike to second base to nail a baserunner.

"He puts in twice as much time to be the best he can be as a pitcher and an outfielder,"

freshman pitcher Kevin Wallace said. "He's the hardest-working player that I've ever been on the same team with."

Marr's biggest obstacle to overcome in baseball is his size (5'10" 170 lbs), but that makes him work even harder. "What I don't have in size, I make up for in determination."

Roommate Chris Phillips, a junior outfielder and second baseman, said there is a different side to Marr from the ballplayer most see.

"He can be very understanding and caring," Phillips said. "When things aren't going well, he helps me out a lot and tells me to hang in there."

Off the field, he talks modestly but brings his point across. "What kills me is when someone thinks they are too good or too talented to work," he said. "You should always be working to make yourself better in sports and anything else."

"What I don't have in size, I make up for in determination."

— Steve Marr
Topper pitcher and outfielder

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SPORTS

Students get caught up in twister tournament

BY TAMMY COOLEY

"Spin the wheel, spin the wheel!"
 "Man, this hurts!"
 "Get your knee out of my ear."
 "Is everyone comfortable?"
 These were the cries of participants in last Thursday's campus-wide Twister tournament hosted by the Kappa Delta sorority which raised more than \$3,000 for the Bowling Green Child Protection Agency, Inc. and the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

Twister is a game consisting of a plastic mat covered with four rows of colored circles. Players listen to directions given by a "spinner." The spinner spins a color wheel and shouts out commands such as, "Left foot on green."

"I'm doing this strictly for fun," Bowling Green junior William Joiner said. Joiner is a social work student who wanted to "help the children."

"It sounded like a lot of fun," said Kristen Graves, a senior from Lebanon, Tenn. "This is a time when everyone can get out here and act silly without feeling stupid."

As the sounds of WDNS-D98 FM sliced through the chilly, wet air, 20 two-person teams on 10 mats transformed themselves into human pretzels. There were

"I'd like to see the dog win. He'd definitely have the advantage."

— Susan Browning
Louisville junior

flashing undergarments, faces smashed against knees and knees smashed against elbows. A curious dog wandered the grounds sniffing participants' underarms.

"I'd like to see the dog win," Louisville junior Susan Browning said. "He'd definitely have the advantage."

The cost to enter the tournament was \$10 per team. Raffle tickets, collection plates about town and T-shirt sales also helped the sorority earn money. Owensboro junior Julie Hatfield said.

Sean Dollman, a senior from Johannesburg, South Africa, and Ft. Campbell sophomore James Scott won the tournament.

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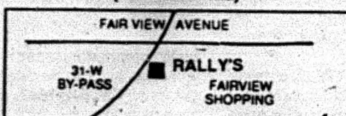
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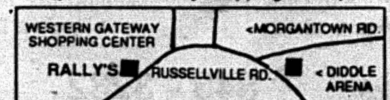


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