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# Evans, Higdon ready to lead students, SGA

BY TONYA ROOT

Rob Evans sat quietly through the Student Government Association meeting Tuesday, nervously tapping the table while waiting for results of the election.

Evans, an Owensboro senior, and his running mate Tara Higdon received 505 votes for SGA president and vice president. Their opponents, Scott Sivley, a junior from Hendersonville, Tenn. and his running mate Som-



Rob Evans

erset junior Andrea Wilson, had 468 votes.

Other races include

♦ For secretary, Brownsville junior Jason Vincent received 480 votes, defeating Bowling Green sophomore Jason Martin with 466 votes.

♦ For treasurer, Bedford sophomore Brandon Rucker received 580 votes, defeating Bowling Green junior Huma Ahsan with 355 votes.

♦ For director of public relations Greg Edmonds, a sophomore from Mason, Ohio, received 546 votes, defeating Glendale sophomore Kyle Key with 389 votes.

SGA President Donald Smith said 983 students voted in the general election. More than

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# Rutledge hiring raises questions about process

BY JIM HANNAN

When Western created the position of vice president for Institutional Advancement, Western alumnus Gary Ransdell volunteered to help the university find a qualified person.

Ransdell, the vice president for Institutional Advancement at Clemson University, became a key adviser, serving as President Thomas Meredith's unpaid consultant.

With Ransdell's help, Meredith picked Robert Rutledge for the job. Ransdell, who worked in Alumni Affairs at Western before going to Clemson, said this week that he did not know last summer that

♦ Rutledge was not acting as director of the Texas A&M Foundation when he applied at Western.

♦ From September 1992 to September 1993, the FBI subpoenaed certain foundation records, an operational review was ordered, lawsuits against the foundation were threatened and the vice president of the foundation left the organization.

Because Rutledge did not become a candidate until after a final pool of applicants had been selected, his appointment also raises questions about Western's hiring process for top administrators.

Personnel Director Mike Dale said there are no written procedures for hiring a vice president. Western's personnel manual contains written guidelines for hiring staff and faculty, but nothing for administrators.

♦ He did outline the general

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photo by Jason Nuttle

**In the spotlight:** To escape the heat in Craveh's Library, some students from an Interpersonal Communications class work outside the fine arts center on a "Night Court" skit Monday night. The library and several other campus buildings should have air conditioning by next week, said Wayne Mandeville, superintendent of heating and air conditioning systems.

# CREDIT CARDS: Impulse buying puts some students deep in debt

♦ This second story in a three-part series shows the danger of credit card abuse

BY JERRY DANIELS JR.

Tom Warner has spent a lot of money in the last four years.

The Bowling Green junior spent money on the compact discs he loves to collect, shows playing in New York City on Broadway and trips around the world—he spent \$1,200 for round trip airfare to London.

All of these purchases he made using a piece of plastic.



Then he found himself in a hole he couldn't crawl out of. "I guess I was a little more frivolous than I should have been at 19.6 average percentage rate," he said.

Alan Pyles, a credit counselor, said people who "max" their credit cards are impulsive buyers.

"These are people who lose control over their will not to spend what they don't have," he said.

Pyles works for Consumer Credit Counseling Services, a non-profit community service funded by creditors, credit card issuers and banks, to assist in the collection of past due accounts.

Targeted by credit

card issuers, many college students find themselves spending money they can't pay back.

"It's unfortunate that we don't have courses in high school to help deal with this problem," Pyles said.

For a while Warner was only able to pay the minimum payment on his monthly credit card bills.

There were also times when he had to make payment arrangements with creditors when he was behind in making payments.

This experience taught him something about credit cards, too.

Warner said that whenever he made the minimum payment on a bill, the money more than likely only paid interest.

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# ♦ Earth Day

# Weekend events help awareness of environment

BY ANN MADISON

Twenty four years ago tomorrow, Gaylord Nelson, a former senator from Wisconsin, discovered a way to get the nation's attention about a certain issue.

Nelson founded Earth Day on April 22, 1970, to stimulate the public's environmental awareness.

Since then, environmental activists organizations have held Earth Day activities in communities across the nation to educate the public about environmental issues and promote responsible ecological action.

Coleman Smith, president of Citizens

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## ♦ Just a second

### Suspect arrested for vandalism

A student was arrested Tuesday afternoon and accused of being involved in causing \$3,000 damage to a car on the first floor of the parking structure.

Jonathan Matthew Lowe, Rodes-Harlin Hall, was arrested for first degree criminal mischief after an unnamed witness identified him as one of the people seen damaging a car in the parking structure early Sunday morning.

James Bradford Raines, Gilbert Hall, was arrested Monday on the same charge when another unnamed witness identified him that day. Raines was released from Warren County Regional Jail Tuesday on a \$5,000 surety bond.

The case was presented to the grand jury yesterday, campus police Captain Richard Kirby said. However, the decision won't be rendered until Friday because the judges are out of town.

Lowe, Raines and some of their friends went to the parking structure after the Banshee party, where they were drinking alcohol, Kirby said.

There was \$6,020 damage to four cars in the parking structure Sunday morning, he said. Kirby said at least one more arrest will be made pending further investigation.

Lowe was released from Warren County Regional Jail yesterday on a \$5,000 surety bond.

## ♦ Campusline

Glasgow campus Associated Student Government and SOTA host Earth Day at 11 today at the Glasgow campus. For more information, contact the Glasgow campus at 651-6399.

Latin American Studies Committee and International Programs presents the Latin American Studies spring conference, "Argentina's Rebirth: The Decline of Populism in the Post Military Era, 1980-1994" at 2:25 today in the fine arts center, Room 146. For more information, contact Donna Cheshire at 745-5333.

Rugby team practices at 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Creason Lower Field. For more information, contact Stan Hodges at 782-3485.

Students Right to Life meets at 3:30 p.m. Thursdays in DUC, Room 230. For more information, contact Kelly Goedert at 745-6620.

The Latter-Day Saints Student Association meets at noon Wednesdays and 7 p.m. Thursdays in DUC, Room 300. For more information, contact Stephanie Wiles at 745-3244.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in West Hall Cellar. For more information, contact Charlie Harman at 943-8041.

Black Student Fellowship meets at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Baptist Student Union. For more information, contact Toy Lisa Mitchell at 745-2228.

Cheese Club meets from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays in DUC, top floor. For more information, contact Wieb Van Der Meer at 745-6472.

Spirit Masters host an interest meeting from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday in DUC, Room 340. For more information, contact Lara Briner at 745-6654 or the Spirit Master office at 745-5811.

Golden Key National Honor Society meets at 6 p.m. Tuesdays in Downing University Center, Room 341. For more information, contact Valerie Wilcox at 745-3406.

Christian Student Fellowship meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the CSF house across from South Hall. For more information, contact Amy Bryson at 745-3924.



Greg Cooper/Herald

**Whitewash:** Lloyd Blanton, a three-year Western employee, works on patching the ramps yesterday morning at Diddle Arena. He is repairing them so they can be painted for graduation. "Just trying to make it look better," he said.

## ♦ For the record/crime reports

### Reports

♦ A Rodes-Harlin Hall resident reported a man harassed her in the dorm's lobby April 16.

♦ Judith Smith Jones of Student Health Services, reported her payroll check stolen from her mailbox in Academic Complex, Room 135 April 15.

♦ Marsha Lea Heidbrink, art department, reported a card stand, valued at \$86, stolen from the first floor of the fine arts center on April 17 or 18.

♦ Jo Anne Conway, Bemis Lawrence Hall, reported her bed

range, valued at \$200, stolen from her truck, location unknown, on April 17 or 18.

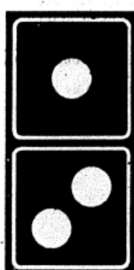
♦ Kenneth Christopher Logsdon, Barnes-Campbell Hall, reported his bicycle, valued at \$180, stolen outside his dorm between April 15 and 18.

### Arrests

♦ Jonathan Fredrick Beane, 1001 St. Andrews Circle, was arrested for alcohol intoxication in a public place April 15. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail that day after serving five hours.

♦ Sean Reid Thomas, 1040 Shive Lane, was arrested April 15 for driving under the influence. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail that day on a \$500 unsecured bond.

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# Hiring: No written policy for administrative staff

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procedures that should be followed in hiring administrative staff.

Those procedures don't address details such as how many candidates should be interviewed, when a search committee should be formed and when a national search should be conducted.

### Hiring Rutledge

"Ransdell said he learned that Rutledge was interested in Western when he called Texas A&M to check references on one of the four finalists.

The four finalists selected by Meredith came to Western in

late June. On July 20, Rutledge faxed his resume to Western. He interviewed July 22 and 23.

Rutledge said Meredith offered him the job before he left Bowling Green after the interviews on Friday, July 23. Rutledge took the job within the next 48 hours.

The four candidates who came to campus for interviews



Robert Rutledge

were chosen by Meredith.

Ransdell said he talked with Rutledge at professional conferences, but didn't have a close relationship with him.

Ransdell said the development foundation Rutledge was over at Texas A&M was respected within the industry.

As a result of Ransdell and Robert Rutledge talking, Ransdell wanted to make me aware that Robert Rutledge was available," Meredith said.

Meredith said he made the ultimate decision to hire Rutledge. He said Ransdell did not recommend Rutledge for the job.

### Trouble at Texas

Ransdell said that during his

conversations with Rutledge, Rutledge said something about working with the George Bush Library, but he never said he had stepped down as president and executive president of the Texas A&M Development Foundation.

In late May or June, before he interviewed at Western, Rutledge started working at the George Bush Library at Texas A&M after announcing he was leaving as head of the development foundation, said Don Wilson, president of the George Bush Library.

While he worked at the library, Rutledge said he kept the title as foundation president until a replacement was found.

The fact that he had changed job duties was not included in the resume he sent to Western.

Meredith has said he didn't recall whether he had talked to Rutledge about the troubles at the A&M Foundation. Rutledge couldn't recall whether he had said something about it either.

Ransdell also said Rutledge told him that he was taking a pay cut to come to Western. Ransdell said he wasn't aware that Rutledge's pay would drop from \$277,673.96 to about \$87,000.

Ransdell said Tuesday that the questions raised about Rutledge concern him.

"It sounds like this may not be a person we want at Western," Ransdell said.

## EARTH: Organizations plan recycling events

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environmental Defense League, said it's important for people to educate themselves about environmental issues and take action to preserve to environment.

"They have to get out there and inform themselves," he said, "because it will come back to them in unsafe water or polluted air."

Some students agreed that Earth Day is important in helping people recognize environmental issues.

"Earth Day raises people's consciousness level," said Louisville sophomore Jeremy Nelson. "At least once a year people will think about saving the earth."

Although Nelson doesn't plan to attend the Earth Day activities because of approaching final exams, he said he helps preserve the environment by recycling cans and newspapers when he is at home.

This year, campus and community organizations have planned many events.

Bowling Green's Earth Day Activities include the following:  
 • Tomorrow: United Student Activists' annual Trash Bash on Downing University Center's north lawn will include exhibits, bands and a recycling center for newspapers, glass, aluminum and cardboard.  
 • Tomorrow: Tree-Riffic Tree Give Away sponsored by McDonald's and Western's Public Broadcasting. Free pine seedlings and planting and care instructions will be given away

at McDonald's.

• Tomorrow: Festival at Lost River. An arts and crafts show sponsored by Friends of Lost River.

• Saturday: Teacher's workshop on environmental education at Mammoth Cave. Call 745-4424 for more information.

• Sunday: Stream walk workshop conducted by Ken Cooke, director of Kentucky Division of Water. Interested people should meet at 1 p.m. in front of DUC to carpool to a local stream to learn about chemical and biological testing. The workshop will last until 4 p.m.

Louisville freshman Lisa Huber, a USA member, said she hopes the events will be successful. "It will remind people that Friday is Earth Day," she said. "The 'Trash Bash' will make it easy for people to recycle and ask questions about Earth Day."

### Local centers accept recyclables

Recyclable material can be deposited at the following centers:

• Harp R E and Sons Salvage Inc., 657 Power St., recycles all metal materials.  
 • Hayes Auto Salvage, 4498 Richardsville Road, recycles car parts.  
 • Mid-State Recycling Co., 602 Kentucky St., recycles aluminum and non-magnetic stainless steel.  
 • Southern Recycling Inc., 620 Clay St., recycles aluminum, newspapers and all types of metals.

## SGA: New officers ready to work

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15,000 students are enrolled and eligible to vote.

Evans said there shouldn't be any problems with everyone working together.

"We have a great team and they're all really excited and ready to work," Evans said.

Evans said he will work on things like Western Focus, a program that surveys students to find out what goals they have for Western.

"The easy part is over," Evans said. "Now it's time to get to work."

Higdon said student support and character helped her and Evans win.

"I'm glad it's over and I'm very excited about next year," Higdon said.

Evans said he knew what to expect because this was his second presidential election. He was defeated by Heather Falmien in 1991.

Sivley said he lost the election because there was a large opposition to him. "There was a remarkable effort put into misrepresenting Scott Sivley in this election," Sivley said. Sivley said Shawn Pinkston, whom he and Evans defeated in the primary election, was the main person responsible for misrepresenting him.

Sivley said he wants to contin-

ue to help Western and student government grow stronger. He said he is unsure of what he will be doing in SGA next year because he is busy with other things at the moment.

Rucker said he won because he showed students that he is in student government to serve them.

Louisville sophomore Stephen Lega said the voter turnout is still not good because it's not proportional with the number of students. Last year, 558 people voted and 1,200 voted the previous year.

Smith said 973 students voted for president and vice president, 946 students voted for secretary and 935 students voted for treasurer and director of public relations.

People voted in Tuesday's election for different reasons.

However, not everyone who

voted Tuesday did so because they had a friend running.

"We felt like it was our duty as Western students," said Louisville junior Melissa Adcock, who was with Nashville junior Leslie Inman.

Nashville senior Richard Curley said most students are discouraged to vote because they don't see what SGA does for them until the members have already voted.

"If we don't even know about it, then there's no point in having SGA," Curley said.

### SGA passes bill to spend rest of money

SGA passed a bill to use the unused portion of their \$47,182 budget to purchase a shuttle stop shelter and place it at the Big Red Shuttle stop along Normal Drive at East Hall.

Smith said the shelter could cost anywhere between \$2,500 to \$6,000.

SGA Treasurer Jason Embry said a rough estimate of \$3,000-\$4,000 will be left over from SGA's budget to be spent on the shuttle shelter.

**"The easy part is over. Now it's time to get to work."**

**— Rob Evans**  
SGA president elect

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—Robert Lownes,  
Nashville freshman

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# Taking a walk could mean taking a risk

Last night I went for a walk. A time outside of my room, to get away from the books, pencils, eyeglasses and blue light that filled my tiny cubicle of a room.

I had to escape — outward. I hit the pavement in hopes of relief. I put on my soccer shoes, airy, nylon shorts and a sweat-shirt. It was a half moon.

The air was thick. A warm welcome after the stale air of my dorm room. As I walked in the light of the moon, trees and earth beside me, I stared ahead.

My fists were clenched beside me with a key protruding from my

knuckles. I was ready to defend myself in case of attack.

Cars passed. Men stared. I passed two men talking who got silent as I passed and didn't resume their conversation until I was out of sight. I became aware of my thought patterns. Thoughts of my past, driving through campus after dark, yelling under my breath at the girls walking by themselves, cursing their stupidity.

"They're asking for it," I'd say. Last night, I was a hypocrite.

I rationalized as I marched up the hill, chin high, assertive stance, eyes fixed straight ahead.



**Ann Clingerman**  
*Commentary*

I kept saying, "I deserve a walk. Can I not do that for myself? Relax."

This was not a walk, it was a march to battle. My soccer shoes and shorts replaced the camouflage and combat boots.

I slowed my pace.

"Enjoy yourself. Take the time to smell the thick, spring air. Look at the houses you pass, through the leaves of the large oaks into the lit windows of the Victorian houses. What's going on inside?"

Yet I couldn't do it. If I relaxed and became comfortable, I would let down my guard and

become vulnerable. That's when it happens.

Attack.

Rape.

In self defense class, I was taught to always be aware.

It is sad that we have been conditioned to look over our shoulders and to be scared to go outside after dark by ourselves. It is ridiculous. I feel like I'm 4 years old again, running from the boogie man.

This frustrates me, but the solution is in self defense. Protect yourselves, buy some mace, take a friend or a dog, call Public Safety after dark (3333) and be aware.

## ♦ Your view/letters to the editor

### SGA helps us all

In response to David Bunnell's (April 19) provocative critique of Student Government Association representation and expenditures, I am writing to let you know where some of the university's money went this year.

With seed money from SGA, Habitat for Humanity of WKU was in turn able to raise \$4,000 to actually buy land for the next Habitat home to be purchased by a low income family in Bowling Green. Construction on this house, by the way, will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at 607 McElwain, and volunteers with heavy gloves are needed.

Psi Chi/Psychology Club was able to bring in a nationally known speaker and sponsor a student-faculty lunch attended by more than 100 people.

Students who heard the March presentation on how to generate undergraduate research are still coming to faculty with ideas for research projects of their own. Doing research will in turn help these students get into the graduate school of their choice.

Although no organization can equally represent every member of our diverse university population, I believe that SGA has enabled these organizations to make significant contributions, enhancing the quality of life in our community and the quality of the educational experience here at Western. In a time of chronic budget cutting, SGA has nevertheless helped enrich us all.

**Patty Randolph,**  
*psychology professor*

### Cartoon on Greek Week was bad

I am writing in response to Stacy Curtis' cartoon that appeared in the Herald on Tuesday. It is attitudes like the one expressed in the cartoon that give sororities and fraternities a negative image. Sororities and fraternities occupy their time in many other ways than what the cartoon suggested. What other group on campus donates as much time, effort, and money to the community as sororities and fraternities do? If anyone does not agree with this statement, I believe that the ad on page 18, (April 19 Herald) speaks for itself.

**Rachel Schroeder,**  
*Ft. Thomas junior*

**Editor's Note:** This letter was signed by 89 other people.

### SGA defends itself

I am writing in response to David Bunnell's commentary on the Student Government Association in Tuesday's issue of the Herald. I find it hard to believe that someone who has not attended a single SGA meeting this entire year deems himself an authority on whether or not student government is necessary.

Surely, the congress members in SGA realize that we live, as Mr. Bunnell says, in a time of severe budget cuts. Our rally against tuition hikes and our trip to Frankfort to lobby legislators are demonstrative of that knowledge. But, certainly Mr. Bunnell realizes that SGA is not a cure-all — that is, to place all the problems facing higher education today at the feet of student government for repair is ludicrous. The efforts of some 50-odd

students tend to go unnoticed in a university of over 15,000 with out the support of school institutions like the Herald.

If only 4 percent of Western's students came out and voted in our primary elections, how can the blame be put on SGA? We cannot take students by the hand and lead them to the polls. That is initiative that each student needs to take upon themselves.

Finally, also addressed to Mr. Curtis' question in the second frame of Tuesday's "Painted Fences," SGA is simply this: a group of students attempting to make things a little better for others, not an "elite group."

So, we know what SGA really means to this campus and what's it to you, Mr. Bunnell? It's everything.

**Kristen Miller,**  
*SGA public relations chairwoman*

# TUG

## TOMORROW

### 1 p.m.

## University Ag Expo Center



# TOMATOES: They're genetically altered to stay fresh longer

BY SHERRY I. WILSON

Consumers won't have to take as much time looking for rot when buying tomatoes in about three months.

Thanks to a genetic alteration, a new tomato, the "Flavr-Savr," takes longer to rot than the average tomato.

"It ripens on the vine, unlike your regular tomato that is picked when it is green and shipped to consumers," said Biology professor Alan Yungbluth. "Flavr-Savr has the ability to not deteriorate and has a better shipping quality."

Flavr-Savr is the first of its kind that consumers can buy off the shelf.

The tomato was approved by the Food and Drug Administration last week after a three-day debate about biotechnology regulations. An FDA advisory panel found nothing that would lead them to believe the Flavr-Savr was anything but an ordinary tomato.

FDA Commissioner David Kessler said the agency usually makes final decisions after a 90-day waiting period, and "we expect to do that in this case."

Flavr-Savr was developed by Calgene Inc., of Davis, Calif., and the company has been under scrutiny since the beginning.

Calgene inserts a small genetic code into a tomato plant and that delays production of an enzyme that causes a tomato to go mushy and rot.

Calgene claims that this gives the company an extra week before the tomatoes rot.

The tomato will not be labeled in grocery stores, and this is causing some people concern.

Consumer groups and natural food activists have criticized the use of the gene, which is said to increase resistance to antibiotics in humans.

Nutritionist Ilene Hertzfeld, owner of the Whole Earth Grocery, said the tomato should have further studies done on it.

"I think that it's a free world and it is all right to make it and market it," she said. "But I have strong opinions on the fact that the tomato will not be labeled." Hertzfeld said she feels that consumers should know if the tomato they are buying has been genetically altered.

"It bothers me a lot," she said.

**"Flavr-Savr has the ability to not deteriorate and has a better shipping quality."**

**— Alan Yungbluth  
biology professor**

## Western has first national speech finalists

BY CATHERINE WHIPPLE

The team of Nashville sophomore Adam Black and Crestwood sophomore Chris Fleming became Western's first national finalists in an interpretive event at the 24th Annual National Forensic Association National Championships, which ended

Monday.

The duo-acting team placed fourth out of 284 teams. Western's Lincoln Douglas debate team placed fourth in sweepstakes competition. 110 universities from 42 states attended the competition held at Western April 14-18.

The seven-member debate

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## CREDIT: Overspending easy to do with cards

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"You can never pay a card off paying the minimum requirement," he said. "That's a word for the wise."

Once he had a secure job, Warner said he had no problems catching up on his payments, sometimes paying triple the amount required.

Other students have found similar ways of handling debt instead of dealing with harassing creditors.

Bowling Green Junior Marisa Duarte said she ran up her credit limit on cars.

When she made small payments, she would use what little credit line she had on other things.

Tired of it becoming a routine situation — bounding creditors, constantly having no money for herself — she cut up her credit cards and paid off the balances.

Radcliff Junior Tammy Adams made cash advances on her first credit card for a month until she received her first paycheck from a new job.

Then she used her card on

other things like expensive dinners and fashionable clothes.

After the creditors started calling, Adams said her boyfriend helped her pay off her bills.

She said she even consults him before making a purchase using her credit card.

Fort Knox senior Missie Davis said even though she has learned from the experience of incurring credit card debt, she still has the urge to splurge.

"As soon as I get that money in my hands, I want to spend it," she said. "I don't think about how I'm going to save it."

Davis said her father helped her handle creditors once they started calling to demand payment.

She said she sends her father money every two weeks. He, in turn, negotiates with the creditors.

Now when Davis uses her card she allows herself to charge no more than \$20 a month on anything.

"If it's above \$20, I don't need it," she said.

## Dealing with debt not easy

By JERRY DANIELS JR.

Students often find themselves facing bill collectors after accumulating a debt and not being able to pay it off.

But this can be avoided, considering the options that exist to resolve any credit problems.

Filing bankruptcy is one option, said Elaine Charles, assistant vice president of Service One Credit Union.

Bankruptcy is the discharging of debt through the federal courts, Charles said.

People file bankruptcy for various reasons, sometimes because they are so overwhelmed with debt, she said.

Charles said bankruptcy filers should keep one source of credit open.

Keeping one line of credit open allows the person to have a credit reference should the person want to apply for a loan or a new line of credit, she said.

Otherwise, once a person has filed bankruptcy, they can't obtain credit for seven years.

Another option is to apply for a consolidation loan, said Edwina Jackson, a credit counselor with Consumer Credit Counseling Services.

A consolidation loan allows a

person to combine all debts into one to minimize payments. A bank may want something for collateral to secure the loan, Charles said.

Sometimes the most an individual can receive in a loan from a bank without collateral is \$7,000, she said.

Charles said that some people

are less likely to take out a consolidation loan if collateral is required.

Collateral may come in the form of a home equity loan or a car, for example.

Jackson suggested looking for a loan with the lowest interest rate to be paid off over a longer period of time.

She advises not to apply for any other loans or credit cards until the consolidation loan is paid off.

People who find themselves applying for a second consolidation loan for the same problem

might not be so lucky in getting it, she said.

Banks become wary of the applicant's ability to pay off the loan, she said.

Another alternative is to enroll in CCCS's debt management program.

The debt management program allows a participant to pay off all debts by making a single payment for all debts to CCCS.

The creditors receive a portion of the payment collected by CCCS.

In some cases, creditors will agree to reduce or drop the interest on the debt at the request of a credit counselor, Jackson said.

Alan Pyles, a CCCS credit counselor, said not many students refer to them for help in dealing with debt because they don't know about their options.

"It's amazing how people don't know how to get out of debt," he said.

The success rate of the program is 60 percent, Pyles said.

Anyone successfully completing the program can use CCCS as a credit reference.

"Companies are more willing to give out a credit card if they see you've gone through our program," Jackson said.

## Careful spenders avoid debt

By ROB WEBER

Being stranded with a flat tire along an unfamiliar stretch of highway in Tennessee reminded Candace Mercer of the benefits of having a credit card.

Without it, the sophomore from Goodlettsville, Tenn., wouldn't have been able to pay for her car to be towed to a repair shop.

Since Mercer tries not to use her credit card too much, she said it has served her well.

David Dutton, a graduate student from Hendersonville, Tenn., also said that having a credit card hasn't ever been a problem since he uses it cautiously.

Although some people end up with credit card bills they can't afford, those people have only themselves to blame, Dutton said.

"When you get a credit card you sign a contract that tells you about the annual interest rates — and you're saying you agree to consent to those conditions," Dutton said.

Although credit cards give people the ability to buy things

and get cash advances, that shouldn't be too much of a temptation to handle, Dutton said.

"Some people call those benefits rather than temptations," he said.

Leitchfield senior Tim Bocock said although he has used his credit card "a little more than needed" over the last year, it has still been worth having since it allowed him to have gas money for weekend trips home.

Although credit card companies may be too free in giving out credit to students, credit card holders still have the responsibility not to use their cards too much, Bocock said.

David Gugin, a graduate student from Evansville, Ind., said college students who overcharge with their credit cards don't deserve too much sympathy.

"People ought to be able to handle themselves," he said.

Gugin said he hasn't used his credit card for any emergencies, but it did help him make a trip to Texas for Spring Break.

"It came in handy then," he said.

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# Western must give more to community college

◆ *Plans already include hiring four full-time professors*

By CARA ANNA

Western should give more thought to its community college if it intends to operate it in the future, says a report sent to the university last week.

The college, the fastest growing area of Western with about 1,500 students, "appears to have been neglected and largely ignored in the university's planning and evaluation process to date," the report says. It asks that Western clarify the college's role in the university.

That recommendation and others come as part of a review conducted every 10 years by a private

group of Western's peers, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Western's response is due Oct. 1.

"There's nothing in there we can't do," President Thomas Meredith said of the report.

The question is how will it get done.

The recommendations point out what Western must do to be accredited. Accreditation, which is based on 429 criteria addressing everything from athletics to grounds maintenance, helps determine things such as federal funding for the university.

The SACS group will decide on Western's accreditation in December.

Some changes are already being made because of the report.

Meredith said budget plans include hiring four full-time pro-

fessors for the community college. At least one full-time professor is required in each academic area, and the community college did not meet that standard in four of its nine associate degree programs — banking, office systems technology, real estate and retailing.

The other option would have been to eliminate the programs.

Recommendations on the 6-year-old community college did not stop there, however.

Western should "establish adequate planning and evaluation processes, educational programs, financial and physical resources, and administrative processes," the report says.

There are a lot of options possible for the role of the community college and they will be discussed, Meredith said.

The college has been a "victim of circumstance," said its director, Jerry Boles.

It was in its beginning stages when Western XXI, which ranked programs according to priority, was created, Boles said.

And budget cuts have slowed the growing process.

"When you have something you're trying to build and at the same time the supply of money is going down, it's difficult," Boles said.

## Need maintenance plan

Another recommendation calls for a maintenance plan for the campus.

"Certain facilities are in need of immediate attention," the report says. A renovation of the main library is suggested and Grise Hall is reportedly short on

space.

In response, Western is asking several management firms to review the campus and submit proposals on how maintenance can be improved, said Jim Ramsey, vice president for Finance and Administration.

It would be done at the firms' expense.

Proposals will be reviewed over the summer, with hopes of entering into a partnership with one of the firms in October, he said.

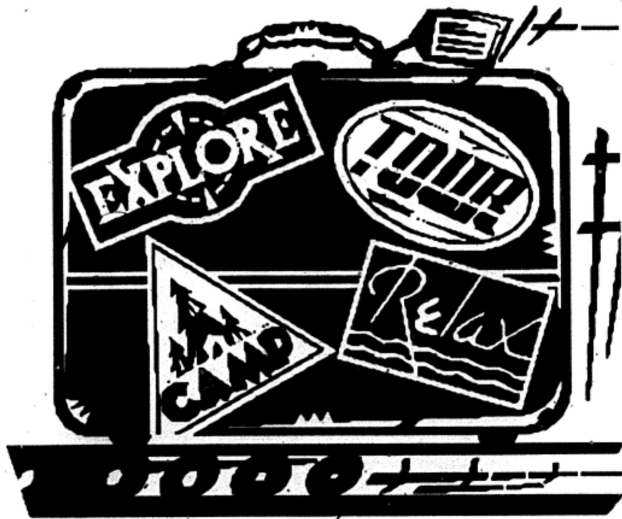
A partnership is different from the agreement Western has with Marriott, which provides food services to campus. In a partnership, employees will continue to be paid by Western instead of the company, Ramsey said.

The process will begin in the next few days, he said.

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# Rutledge may have violated law, professor says

By CARA ANNA

A memo written by Robert Rutledge, vice president for Institutional Advancement, may have violated First Amendment principles, a University of Louisville law professor said yesterday.

The memo, written April 13, instructs six employees who work under Rutledge not to talk about employment issues or other issues that could be related to a sex-discrimination lawsuit filed last week by another employee in Rutledge's department.

"It sounds to me like a free speech problem," said Les Abramson, a U of L law professor who teaches professional responsibility.

The memo, written to Ron Beck, Gene Crume, Fred Hensley, Stephen House, Lewis Mills and Irene Motley, says that until being told the lawsuit has been resolved, "you should not discuss any employment or related issues with Ms. Murray. You should have no contact or communication whatsoever with her attorneys or their associated employees. If these individuals attempt to contact your (sic), you should immediately notify me."

The instructions suggest silencing of communication because Rutledge is an employee of the state and the First Amendment applies to action taken by the state, Abramson said.

Rutledge had no comment yesterday.

**"It sounds to me like a free speech problem."**

**— Les Abramson**  
U of L law professor

Anne Murray, an Office of Development employee, filed

the lawsuit against Western and the Board of Regents April 12 charging gender bias regarding pay, position and other issues. It mentions several actions involving the hiring of Rutledge and his treatment of Murray as her supervisor.

Rutledge's memo is marked, "Attorney-Client Privileged Communication." That keeps attorneys and clients from having to testify on what is discussed in certain situations.

But nothing in the memo suggests privileged communication, plus the people receiving the memo aren't named parties in the lawsuit, Abramson said.

Deborah Wilkins, Western's attorney, said Rutledge sent the memo out at her direction.

"He was passing on my instructions," she said. "This was the quickest way to do it."

It was not the best way, according to Abramson.

"Either the counsel ought to send it, or the letter ought to say, 'At the request of the university's counsel...'" he said.

Mark Floyd, Murray's attorney in the lawsuit, indicated that further action on the situation could follow.

"We disagree with the university counsel's interpretation of the scope of the rules controlling communication with individuals during the course of a lawsuit," he said.

Floyd said he hopes the dispute will be solved without having to seek court assistance.

## PROCRASTINATION: It's crunch time for students

By REBECCA SARRENT

The journalism computer lab is packed almost every night with students working on their semester projects while some people have to sit and wait for a computer to become available to them.

Bardstown Junior Dawn Ballard is a lab monitor and said that toward the end of the semester, the computer labs get crowded because there are a lot more projects and papers due than any other time.

"People tend to put everything off," Ballard said. "Now, they're scrambling to get it all done."

Now that the end of the semester is approaching, some Western students are working hard to finish — or in some cases to start — term papers and projects they have known about all semester.

Amy Hayden, a sophomore from Pensacola, Fla., has to turn in a project she has known about since January sometime during finals week.

"I haven't started on it yet, so I probably won't turn it in until Friday, May 6, the last day possible," Hayden said. "I always think 'Oh, I can do that tomorrow,' and then tomorrow comes and I still don't do it."

Students procrastinate for

many reasons. Whether it's laziness or other priorities such as work, registration and social affairs, they're getting the job done now any way they can.

Franklin sophomore Jennie Neely said when it comes to cram time and people are looking for her, they'll find her at Cafe-Voltaire, a coffee shop at 835 Broadway.

"When I procrastinate, I stay up all night and drink coffee," Neely said. "I think procrastination saves time because you can get everything done at once."

Along with the semester projects, finals are coming up and some students will still wait until the last minute to study.

"I'll probably study the night before my tests," Neely said. "If you haven't done any good in your classes all year, it's not going to do any good to cram now."

Cash also she she is going to study for her finals the night before because they're not comprehensive and they hold equal weight as everything else for her semester grades.

Even though procrastination causes stress for some students, some say it can also be good for them.

"I do my best work under pressure," Hayden said. "But I always get it done."

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# FINAL EXAMS: Is it safe to study at fast food restaurants?

By CATHERINE WHIPPLE

It's that time of year again — the nail biting season in which students drink extra coffee and stay up for those all night study sessions.

Some students go to their favorite restaurants to cram for tests, but after the Jan. 30 shootings at a Taco Bell in Clarksville, Tenn., are they safe?

Three Taco Bell employees were shot and killed by a former employee who was later caught by police.

Some students aren't worrying about the threat of violence and are studying off campus anyway.

Edgewood junior Andy Gallagher said he is not fearful of going out late at night even after being shot with a pellet gun last February on his way to study off campus.

"I pulled down my sleeve and there was a welt from a pellet on my arm," he said.

Gallagher said he reported the drive-by shooting by someone in a red Chevrolet to a policeman at the Hardee's on Russellville Road, but the person has not been caught.

Students said they usually go to familiar places to study.

Bowling Green freshman Cheri Hatcher studies at the library and Murray's occasionally when she wants to get out of the house.

"I'm not worried, because with the places I go, it's rare to walk in and not know at least one person," she said.

Some Bowling Green restaurants are deciding not to take any chances with violence.

Some restaurant managers are stepping up security measures or closing earlier to make customers and employees feel safer at night.

Kathy Rightfoot, manager of the Hardee's on Russellville Road, said the restaurant used to be open 24 hours, but it began closing its dining room at 1 a.m. two months ago.

"We had a lot of problems," she said. "People were coming in, vandalizing the store and threatening the employees."

Jane Watkins, general manager of the Arby's on Russellville

Road, said the restaurant is also beefing up its security, especially after the Taco Bell shooting.

She said they have recently installed three video cameras which record 24 hours a day. Arby's also has rules stating no employee can go outside alone.

"We've always had a closed door policy," she said.

Arby's employee Eric Beason said the employees and managers always go out in pairs, so he does not worry about his safety at work.

"To me it's no big deal," said Beason, a Louisville senior. "If someone was determined to get in, they would, but it's not so easy anymore."

Fazoli's Assistant Manager Bruce Walter said the restaurant brought a police officer in to talk to the employees about safety after the Taco Bell incident.

Marigold Adams, a junior from North Sullivan, Maine, said she used to work at Fazoli's, where they had to take garbage out in pairs.

Adams said she is tired of people giving the impression that they're safe only at home behind locked doors.

"I'm sick and tired of people wanting you to feel like a prisoner in your own home," she said.



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Scott Johnson, a senior from Brentwood, Tenn., works into the small hours on his English paper at Murray's Restaurant where he has been going often during the past couple of weeks, "depending on how much work I have," Johnson said.

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# STYROFOAM: Marriott open to recycling suggestions

BY MITCHELL QUARLES

Although styrofoam may be good for keeping food warm and drinks cool, it isn't good for the environment.

Chemistry Professor Earl Pearson said styrofoam takes many years to biodegrade.

"It depends on whether or not it is left out in the sun as to how long it takes for styrofoam to break down, but it does take several years," Pearson said.

Marriott uses styrofoam containers and cups in both the Marquis Club in Downing

University Center and the Hilltopper Inn in Garrett Cafeteria.

Marriott General Manager Rob Medley said there are no plans to recycle the styrofoam because there isn't a recycling center in Kentucky that recycles styrofoam and going outside the state could be expensive.

But he said Marriott is open to suggestions for alternative ways to recycle.

Styrofoam can be recycled and used to make polystyrene products such as toys and plas-

tic containers. However, the use of styrofoam to make plastic containers isn't without its problems.

"There is the chance that a bacterial contamination can be transferred from styrofoam food containers to plastic food containers in the recycling process," Pearson said.

Pearson said a few years ago, many people were worried about styrofoam because during its production process, it was thought to release chlorofluorocarbons — gases believed to be harmful to the atmosphere.

It was later proven that the gases did not contain chlorofluorocarbons, Pearson said.

United Student Activists Vice President Belinda Setters said she wishes Marriott would use plastic plates that could be washed and reused.

"If they couldn't rewash them, then at least plastic would be easier to recycle," said Setters, a Vanceburg senior.

Bardtown senior Beth Blincoe said she doesn't understand why Marriott uses styrofoam.

"They don't have to use it,

they could use paper cups and plates," she said.

However, Medley said using paper containers isn't a good alternative.

"Paper containers don't hold food well, and hot foods tend to break through paper containers," he said.

Bowling Green senior Kimberly Divine said until Marriott uses something else, she will avoid eating in the cafeteria.

"I don't use styrofoam at home, and I won't use it here," she said.

## Professor and his wife stay together despite distance

BY BILL KEMP

Some students plan to find the person they're going to marry during college, then buy the house of their dreams and live happily ever after.

But history Professor Robert Dietle says it is not uncommon for graduates to get married and have to live apart.

Dietle has an apartment in Bowling Green and teaches at Western. His wife, Assistant German Professor Ferrel Rose, teaches at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa.

He said they haven't always lived apart.

"We lived together as graduate students in Connecticut," he said. "Then we got married and moved apart."

Dietle said they have been out of graduate school since May 1991, and they have been married for two years.

But their careers took them in different directions.

"It's almost always impossible to find jobs at the same institution at the beginning of your career," he said. "Lightning doesn't strike twice at the same place."

Dietle said it was not hard to make the decision to live separately.

They knew they wouldn't be able to live together, he said, but they still wanted to be together. So, they got married because they wanted to make a lasting commitment to each other.

Dietle said he and Rose see each other during academic breaks and summer months.

"It would all toll up to about four months out of a year," he said.

Dietle also said Rose has a house in Iowa, and that's what he thinks of as home base.

Iowa is about 600 miles away, he said, and it takes 12 hours to drive there. He said the drive isn't very expensive, but the time it takes is valuable.

Rose said although their rela-

tionship is stressful at times, the distance strengthens it.

"It puts strains on the relationship," she said, "and it helps us appreciate each other more when we're together."

Dietle said he talks to Rose on the phone a lot, but most of their communication is through E-mail.

Dietle and Rose don't have any

children yet. Rose said they won't have any while they're apart, but she wants to when they can live together.

History Professor Marion Lucas said not everyone could handle a marriage like Dietle's. But, he said, Dietle handles his situation well.

"He does a great job of it. It's

obviously difficult," he said. "He has plenty to do, so he keeps himself occupied until they get to see each other."

Lucas said Dietle and Rose are able to maintain their relationship because they're both very mature people.

"They seem to be making it work," he said. "It's a tough way to

have to live, but if anybody could do it, he could do it."

Dietle said sometime in the future, they will be together.

"We've decided on two more years of this," he said. "Then we're going to make a decision. What that decision will be, I don't know, but we can't go on like this forever."

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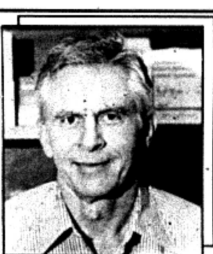
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# Gallery displays seniors' artwork, talent

◆ The art department has displayed students' art work every spring for 25 years

By ANN MADISON

As Bowling Green freshman Susan Lohr passed by the fine arts center gallery Tuesday morning, something caught her eye.

It was an oil painting by Sasha Barney, a senior from Seoul, Korea.

The painting showed a crowded mixture of purple, blue, orange and green wavy lines and swirl patterns.

"The bright colors really caught my attention," Lohr said. "The painting just jumps out at you."

The oil painting is one of 48 pieces in the Western Senior Art Exhibit which opened Monday.

In addition to oil paintings, the exhibit includes tapestries, pottery, sculptures, acrylic paintings and intaglio prints.

Art department head Leo Fernandez said the department has displayed a senior exhibit at the end of the spring

semester for about 25 years.

He said in the past, professors have chosen certain works to be in the show, but over the last few years the exhibit has been an open invitation for students to show their works.

He said students may choose a certain piece based on how they feel about the work.

Reza Baxter, a senior from Goodlettsville, Tenn., said she was proud of the hard work she put into producing the postcards she made using letterpress, pen ink and colored pencils.

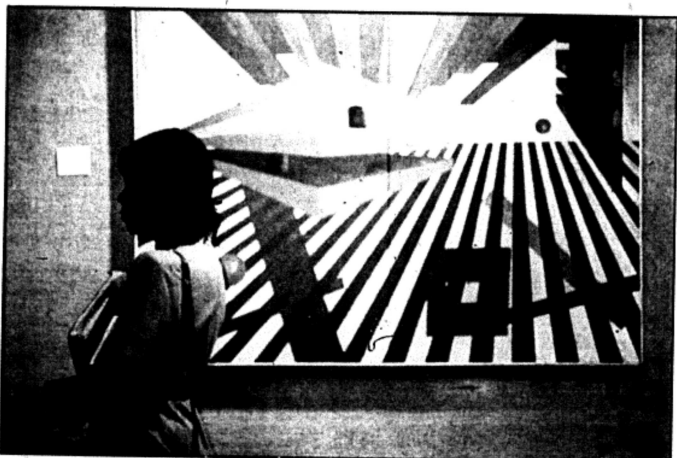
She said using the letterpress is a difficult process and is taught in only one graphic design class.

"I had always seen the senior shows and enjoyed them," she said. "Now, I'm glad to be a part of it."

Fernandez said the senior show is an art department tradition that honors the students' works.

"Seniors are generally considered to produce the best works," he said. "This gives them an opportunity to display them."

The exhibit will be open through May 4.



Brian Bohannon/Herald

Bowling Green junior Joni Easter browses past "Ultramunclane," an acrylic painting by Lisa Becker. The painting was part of Western's senior art exhibit on display in the fine arts centers gallery. The show runs through May 4.

## 'GOTTA DANCE': Program features Broadway show tunes

By CATHERINE WHIPPLE

Western will get a taste of Broadway this week.

The theatre and dance department presents "Gotta Dance," featuring the music and lyrics of 15 major Broadway musicals.

The two-act production, which opened last night, is divided into 15 sections — all entitled "Gotta" or "Got" something. Because of royalties, the real names of the musicals could not be printed.

Twenty-three performers sing and dance in the production. There are also three additional singers, a narrator and three musicians who play the piano,

percussion and bass.

Beverly Veenker, a dance associate professor and co-choreographer of the show with David Wanstreet, said a Broadway theme was chosen because it shows the versatility of the performers.

"There's a tremendous job market for people who do musical dance," she said.

Veenker said if all life performers do their jobs well, the audience will not be able to tell who is a dance major, a music major or a theater major.

Glasgow senior Neal Lee said he is looking forward to this year's performances.

"It's probably as good, if not

better, than any concert I've been in and this is my fourth year," he said. It's like a roller coaster ride for the audience.

Lee stressed the importance of the narrator, Lexington senior Timothy Hull, whose job is to guide the audience through the show, since there are 15 musicals instead of just one.

"A well-written musical takes the audience emotionally from one point to another," Lee said. "But this starts from ground zero every time so the audience doesn't have time to catch up."

"Plus, the narrator's very helpful when it comes time to change costumes," he said.

Almost a year's time and effort have gone into the production.

"We've been rehearsing since last semester and gradually working on the numbers," said Elizabethtown sophomore Angela Gooch, who appears in three segments.

Besides the Broadway music, the show will have another taste of the Big Apple with its costumes.

Steven Stines, a Western graduate who lives and works in New York as a costume designer and graphic illustrator, returns for a second year as costume designer.

He said his specialty is costumes for dancers.

"Just because you can design

costumes doesn't mean you can design costumes for dancers," he said.


He said dancers' costumes use different materials than theater costumes.

"The real reason I came back," he said, "is because this group of dancers is phenomenally talented and pleasant to be around."

"Gotta Dance" runs through Sunday with 8 p.m. performances tonight through Saturday and a Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and can be purchased at the fine arts center box office through Friday from 2:15 to 4 p.m.

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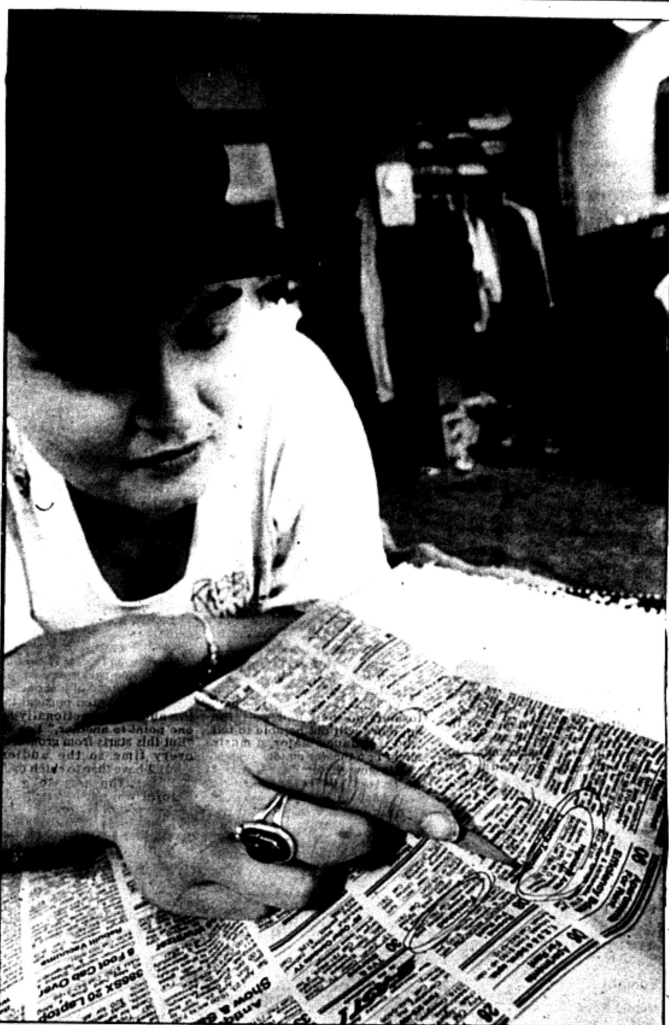
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## Home Sweet Home: Apartments vs. Dorms

♦ Love and the smell of blooming flowers are not the only things in the air this time of year. If you look closely, you can see frantic students scurrying around looking for dwellings for the fall semester. Some say they'll never live on campus, while others swear it's the best deal in town.



Life is good for Heather Harrison. Dorm life, that is. Ask the Madisonville senior why and she'll be happy to launch into an explanation that could convince even the harshest skeptics that a dorm room is the place to be.

Sure, she'll admit that the space is limited, the parking sometimes can be atrocious and fire drills aren't such a hot idea in the early morning hours.

But, she'll also tell you, there's a lot more to dorm life than the negativity that often surrounds it.

Those deciding whether to fill out another on-campus living application, take heed. Dorms have improved over the years, now housing cable and laundromats as well as recreation rooms. They offer a lot, Harrison said, and it's well worth it.

"Much of it depends on your attitude, I'm sure," Harrison said. "But I've seen it both ways, off-campus and on, and dorm life is about as good as it gets for me.

But maybe I'm just lucky."

Third floor, Poland Hall. A television. A VCR. A microwave and two refrigerators. Things are a little crowded in Harrison's small home away from home, but she doesn't mind.

"It's cramped, I have to admit," she said, "but it's also homey. We've got everything you possibly could want in here. My little room has everything I need."

Housing director Kit Tolbert said dorms have a lot of hidden incentives, such as no cost for cable and no charge for utilities and local phone use.

"And there's a lot of programming that those who don't live in dorms miss out on," Tolbert said. "If you don't live on campus,

you're not really in touch with what's going on."

Harrison agrees, but she remembers the old days well, sometimes looking fondly back at her memories of a private bathroom and clean kitchen.

Harrison hasn't been a dorm resident for long. She shared an apartment with her older sister and friend until this year, when they graduated and she couldn't afford to be on her own.

"It was nice," Harrison said. "I can see advantages to both. With dorm rooms you get free cable and utilities, but with apartments you get a place that really feels your own, if you know what

I mean. It's a good feeling."

But there were disadvantages as well. She wanted to meet more people and feel more a part of campus. So she packed up her bags and headed for the hill.

"It's worked out well," Harrison said, "really well. I have a great roommate, we haven't had any bug problems and I can sleep in later since I don't have to worry about leaving early to find a parking spot. My car is already here and so am I."

"It's just something to get used to," she said. "Dorm life hasn't been a problem for me. It's been pretty good."

Turn your attention across town and you'll get quite a different story. Randi Flanary deserted her dorm room just this semester, moving a few minutes away from campus "and a long way from the bothers of dorm life."

SEE RESIDENCE, PAGE 14

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— **Randi  
Flanary**

Lexington senior

Story by Julie Grundy Photo Illustration by Teak Phillips



# Hip happenings

## ◆ MOVIES

### DUC Theatre

**This Weekend**  
Short Cuts, R, 7 and 9 p.m.

### Greenwood Six Theatre

**This Weekend**  
D2 The Mighty Ducks, PG, 7 and 9:10 p.m.

Lightning Jack, PG-13, 7:10 and 9:15 p.m.

Schindler's List, R, 8 p.m.

The Paper, R, 7 and 9:10 p.m.

White Fang 2, PG, 7:05 and 9:15 p.m.

8 Seconds, PG-13, 7:05 and 9:15 p.m.

### Martin Twin Theatre

**This Weekend**  
On Deadly Ground, R, 7 and 9:30 p.m.  
Remains of the Day, PG, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

### Plaza Six Theatre

**This Weekend**  
Bad Girls, R, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.  
Major League 2, PG, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.  
Cops and Robbers, PG, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.  
Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult, PG-13, 7 p.m.  
Above the Rim, R, 9 p.m.  
Brainiac, R, 7 and 9 p.m.  
Surviving the Game, R, 7 and 9 p.m.

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### Around Town

**Tonight**  
Riddle Road, 9 p.m., 13th Street Cafe  
Candy Says, 9 p.m., Thursday's

**Friday**  
The Lunatics, 9 p.m., 13th Street Cafe  
Superfuzz, 9 p.m., Thursday's

**Saturday**  
Lender Be, 9 p.m., 13th Street Cafe  
Daddy Long Leg, 9 p.m., Thursday's

### New Rock 92 Top 10

1. Rollins Band - Disconnect
2. Whale - Hobo Humpin' Slobo Babe
3. Hole - Miss World
4. Husker Du - Sheena is a Punk Rocker
5. Erasure - Always
6. Backbeat Soundtrack - Always
7. Morrissey - Billy Bud
8. Nine Inch Nails - Closer
9. Overwhelming Colorfast - Both Sides
10. King Missile - Love Is

# RESIDENCE: 'Home is where you make it'

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"I spent three and a half years in a dorm room," the Lexington senior said. "That was plenty long enough for me. I know everyone doesn't feel the way I do, but I was ready to get out long ago."

Flanary said she thought dorm life would be different. She thought it would be like "its own little community."

"What it ended up being was a three-year nightmare," she said. "You just don't know."

Greg Willis has seen a lot of students like Flanary over the years. Willis is responsible for renting 60 units in Bowling Green — some are apartments, some houses, and some he owns with a partner. But it's always the same when it comes to students, he said.

"It's hard to have an empty apartment or house in a college town like this," he said. "But stu-

dents are great. They're no worse than anyone else, even when it comes to parties or having friends over."

So what is it students are looking for in an off-campus apartment? Just a little freedom, Willis said.

"I think most students enjoy living off campus when they can afford it," he said. "And if you balance your roommates out with the amount of rent you have to pay, then you're probably paying no more than you would in a dorm."

Willis rents everything from efficiency apartments at \$150 a month to houses that can run near \$700. Houses, however, seem to be most in demand, he said, allowing friends more room to entertain and have a little peace while living together.

"When it comes to deciding where to live, it just depends on what best fits each student,"

Willis said. "Places off campus are comparable to the dorms in a lot of ways, but may be a little better deal for those staying in town over the summer and holidays. Either way you go, there's a lot to consider."

But for Flanary, it was a clear-cut situation. Dorms were a mess. There were small things that became a pain after a while, she said, like checking visitors in and out and no 24-hour visitation in the two dorms she lived in during her time on campus.

But there were worse things, things that told her "it was time to get out of the place."

Food in bathroom sinks, for example. Or shoes soaking in the toilet. Loud neighbors, no respect for one another.

"You wouldn't call it a very sanitary place, no matter how hard the ladies worked to keep it clean," Flanary said. "And the obnoxious neighbors made

everything seem worse. It wasn't a good situation."

Life has been better since she got her apartment away from campus, but it was a hard sell for her parents, who liked the security dorms seemed to offer.

"There are plenty of good things about dorms, I'm sure," Flanary said, "but not enough to keep me there."

She's finally found the silence she had been searching for along with "plenty of room to entertain and enough freedom to truly feel at home."

But such freedom shouldn't come too soon, Flanary said.

"Everyone should spend at least a year in a dorm to make friends and see if they like it," she said. "You can't knock it until you've tried it. And as long as you're happy, it doesn't matter where you're living. Home is where you make it."

# Western grad creates comic character

BY BILL KEMP

Evildoers, beware. There's a new hero stalking the streets: Clint the Carrot, guardian of healthy eating habits.

Issue number one of "The Incredible Adventures of Clint the Carrot" was just published by Hog Leg Comics Company. It was created, scripted, and drawn by Western graduate Dave Easton.

In the story, a little boy named Philo Wales discovers a plot by Boff-Oh Candy Inc. to take over the country by spreading addictive snacks and candy. The scheme is masterminded by the diabolical Mottest King Dong with the help of his henchman, the twisted scientist Doctor Granatee.

In an attempt to stop them, Philo accidentally awakens superhero Clint the Carrot.

King Dong becomes aware of Philo's interference, and he creates the evil Gingerbread Man, who will evidently play a major role in the next issue or two, to

stop them.

"Actually, the little kid's the hero," Easton said. "He's a big-headed super genius, but his parents don't know it."

Easton said the storyline has a "healthy versus non-healthy" twist, "but it's not a preachy kind of thing. That's kind of how it worked out."

Easton said he started this project to have some fun.

"It just kind of started as a hobby," he said.

He said putting a comic book together and having it printed and distributed is a lot of work, and his partner, Eric Jackson, helps out a lot by doing layouts, production, and helping with plots for the stories.

"I drew it," Easton said. "Eric scanned the drawings on

the computer and laid it out, then it went straight to film, and we printed it."

Easton said it was hard to find a company to publish his book.

"I tried to sell it to New England Comics Press and another company," he said, "and they didn't want to publish an unknown."

He said it was cheaper to form their own company, Hog Leg Comics. It is based in Hendersonville, Tenn.

Easton said he had confidence in his idea.

"I knew that we could get it published," he said.

He took some copies to a comic book show in Nashville and they sold well, he said.

Easton said he would like to start some new titles when Hog Leg Comics Company can afford it.

"All the characters I've come up with I've incorporated into this title, but I'd like to branch off eventually," he said.

Easton said he would also like to add some different styles of comics to his company.

"Serious comics sell better — it's a documented fact."

Pac Rats employee Craig Popplewell said Easton brought some copies in last week, and there are about eight copies left. He isn't sure how many they started out with, he said.

Easton said he has completed three issues of Clint the Carrot, but only the first has been printed so far.

Now, he's working on nationwide distribution.

"All you can do is mail it out and hope they like it," he said.

As for the Clint's future, Easton said he will probably keep writing it, but would like to find someone else to do the art.

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## ◆ Basketball news

# Toppers get two recruits

By DENNIS VARNEY

The wait is over for Coach Matt Kilcullen to get Western's first basketball recruits of the season.

A signed letter of intent from Carl Thomas, a 6-7 honorable mention McDonald's All-American from Tampa, Fla., was mailed yesterday and is expected to be on Kilcullen's desk today.

Kyle Chapman, a 6-5 guard from Henderson, has also said that he will join next year's team as a walk-on.

The Toppers have one scholarship remaining.

Thomas had originally made an oral commitment to the College of Charleston after Kilcullen failed to sign him when he coached at Jacksonville.

Thomas, who averaged 20 points and 11 rebounds at Tampa Preparatory School, said he wasn't impressed with the basketball facilities at Jacksonville, and changed his mind when Kilcullen came to Western.

"What I liked a little bit better was that I'll get to play against some of the best players in the nation," Thomas said. "Western's top-20 program. The competition wouldn't have been the same at Charleston."

He said Kilcullen also made a difference. "He's just a funny guy and he reminds me of my high school coach."

That coach, Joe Fenlon, said Thomas would have been a steal for the College of Charleston.

"He was a kid that was a sleeper," Fenlon said. "He didn't have the money to go to the big camps so not a lot of people knew about him."

Fenlon said that coaches started to notice Thomas when they came to recruit his point guard who signed at Vanderbilt.

"When people came in to see Anedrick Fraser, they left talking about Carl," he said.

Thomas said his campus visit had a lot to do with his change of mind. He said he was impressed with the players and the people in the community.

"I saw how they took basketball as their No. 1 priority. They treated me as if I was already a member of the team."

Fenlon said Thomas is an excellent ball-handler and that

there has been talk of him bringing the ball up against the press. Thomas said he is unsure about what kind of contribution he would make in the beginning.

"I'm going to try to work my butt off to start some," he said, "but I think I would be a good person to have confidence in to bring off the bench."

Fenlon said he is pleased that Thomas' academic needs are going to be met also, which was an important factor in his decision to come to Western.

"He really wants to set a good example for his brother and his sister."

Chapman was born in Bowling Green and said that playing at Western will fulfill a dream of his.

"Most kids grow up dreaming of playing for UK," he said. "I always shot for Western as my goal."

Chapman was awarded an academic scholarship after finishing his senior year at Henderson County High School with a 4.0 grade-point average.

"I put myself in a good position to get an athletic scholarship or an academic scholarship so I could still walk on," he said.

Curtis Turley, Chapman's high school coach, said Chapman's shooting ability is his biggest asset, but his overall game has improved his junior and senior years.

Chapman averaged 17.6 points and 7.6 rebounds last season while shooting 52 percent from the field and 39 percent from three-point range.

He said he talked to former Coach Ralph Willard about joining the team as a walk-on.

"I always wanted to go to Western, but I wasn't sure about whether he would stay or not," he said.

He considered other schools after Willard left, but Kilcullen told him the offer was still open after seeing him play in the tryouts for the Kentucky All-Star team.

He said he knows Western already has a good team and that playing time could be limited in the beginning.

"Obviously there's not going to be a lot of minutes there, but I'll get a lot of experience in practice," he said. "I'm looking to continue the tradition where they rejuvenated the program."

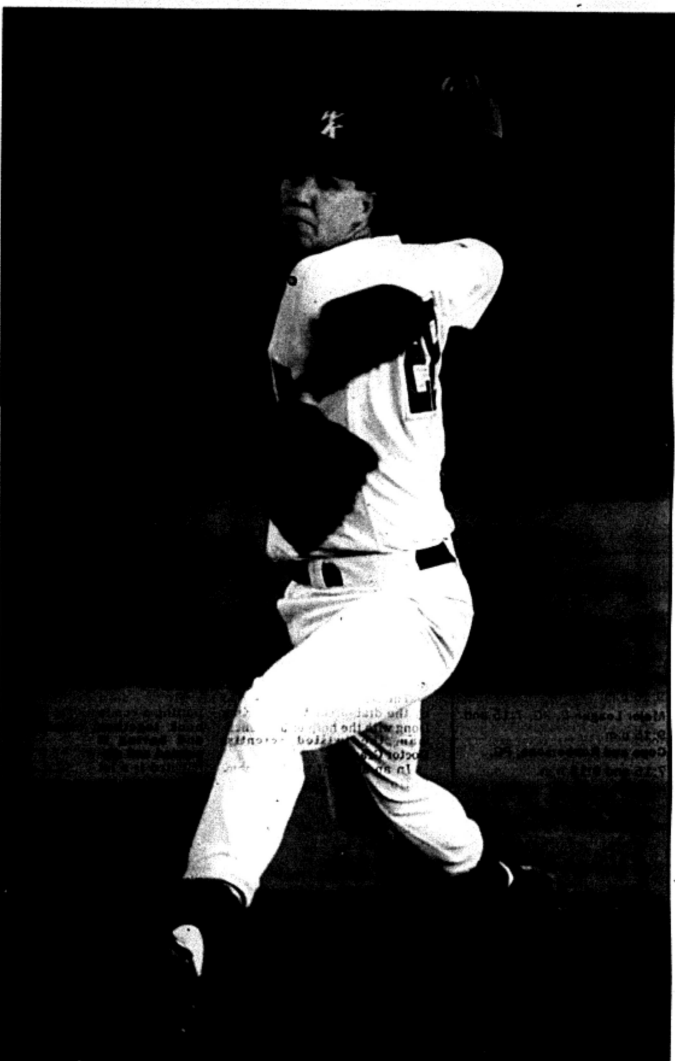


Photo by Jason Nuttle

Senior pitcher Doug Smyly started, but got no decision against Kentucky in Tuesday's seven-run loss at Nick Denes Field.

## 'Cats pound out 20 hits in 12-5 win

By CHARLIE NICHOLS

The Kentucky Wildcats came into town on Tuesday hoping to sweep the season series between the schools, and thanks to a poor performance by Western's pitchers, they got their wish.

Three Wildcats homered in the game as Kentucky pounded out 20 hits, more than enough to compensate for the five errors their defense committed.

Last night, the Toppers traveled to Evansville, but results were unavailable.

The Toppers jumped out to a 1-0 lead when senior left fielder Barry Nesbitt hit a double. He advanced to third on a passed ball and scored on a wild pitch.

The Wildcats came right back when junior shortstop Eddie Brooks hit a two-run home run off of senior pitcher Doug Smyly to make the score 2-1.

In the bottom of the third the Toppers scored four runs to take a 5-3 lead. Sophomore right fielder Troy Campbell highlighted the inning with a two-run RBI single.

The Toppers led 5-4 when Smyly was relieved by senior Matt Cook. Smyly pitched four innings, giving up seven hits, four runs, two walks and he had four strikeouts.

After Smyly left the game, the Wildcat batters really came alive. They scored runs in five of the last six innings.

"We played well early in the game and then their hitting got to our pitching," Assistant Coach Sam Stewart said.

Cook lasted two innings, allowing seven hits and two runs.

Junior Andy Alepra came in to relieve Cook and pitched 1 1/3 innings, giving up two hits, three runs, one walk and he had one strikeout. Sophomore third baseman Chris Gonzalez tagged Alepra with a three-run home run to make the score 10-5.

Senior Robb Taylor pitched 1/3 inning, giving up two hits, two runs, three walks and he had one strikeout.

Junior Joe Cromer came in relief for Taylor and pitched 1 1/3 innings allowing two hits, one run, one walk, and he had one strikeout.

Cook (2-2) was tagged with the loss and the Toppers fell to 12-19.

### Govs next for Toppers

The Toppers will step out of conference play when they play Austin Peay (18-19) tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. in Clarksville, Tenn.

The Governors, out of the Ohio Valley Conference, are led by Jason Mikulecky and Shane Dorch. Mikulecky leads them in home runs with five and is batting .366. Dorch is 4-2 and has a team low 3.74 earned run average.

## ◆ Men's tennis

# Bingham wants strong finish

By JEFF NATIONS

When Coach Jody Bingham's tennis team met in his office yesterday morning at about 5:30 to get on a university van to Little Rock, Ark., few visions of winning the Sun Belt Conference tournament danced in their heads.

Bingham and his team have few illusions of winning their first-round matchup, probably against South Alabama, ranked 28th in the country.

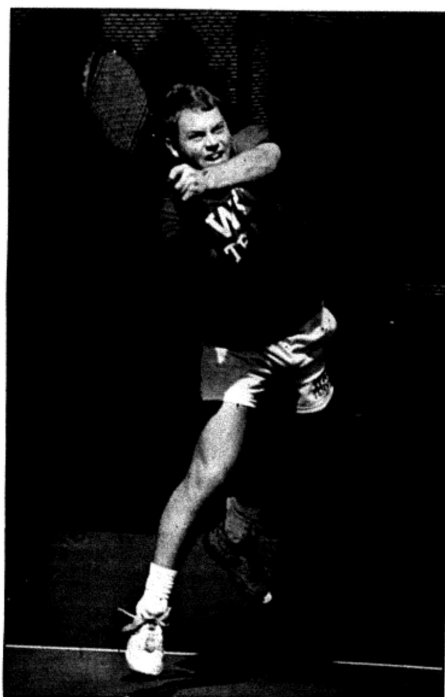
"South Alabama will win the Sun Belt Conference tournament," Bingham said. "If we're going to have a chance to do anything in the Conference, we'll have to go through South Ala-

ma." Bingham's players are aware of just how difficult that task will be.

"Just do a lot of praying, I'd say," sophomore Matt Weller said. "When you get to that level you can just hope for the best. You just hope you'll play an unbelievable match."

The Jaguars (20-4) beat several major programs this year, including shutouts of Michigan State, Nebraska, and Minnesota. And they would be ranked even higher, Bingham said, if other top twenty programs would play them.

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Greg Cooper/Herald

Sophomore Mike Curran will be the No. 1 seed this weekend.

## TENNIS: Bingham says his team could pull an upset

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Except for the Jaguars, Bingham thinks his team can stack up favorably against any other Sun Belt school. Seeding, which is determined by the coaches, will decide who faces South Alabama in the opening round today.

"I figure it's going to be a blood fest between the coaches, because nobody wants to play South Alabama," Bingham said. "We didn't have a lot of quality Division I wins and I think that will hurt us at the tournament this year."

But whoever the Toppers face in the first round, Bingham said his players will have to step up their intensity to pull any upsets.

Sophomore Mike Curran, who'll face the Sun Belt's best at Western's No. 1 seed, has to overcome an assortment of injuries that have nagged him all season.

"Mike's a hundred percent," Bingham said. "If he can come down here to the Sun Belt and perform well, that's going to be a big plus for us."

But the Toppers know it will

take several of them playing well at the same time for them to make any real noise in the Sun Belt tourney.

"I think everyone on the team has talent," freshman Danny Barnes said. "It's just that people didn't play well at the same time."

Sophomore Alex Lykos agreed. "It's been sort of like a disjointed season," he said. "We haven't played well as a team."

Wuller said the Toppers' uneven play was a result of their youth (no upperclassmen on the team) and uninspiring opponents. "Maybe it would have been better for us, even if we didn't win a match all season, to play a straight Division I schedule," Wuller said. "We might have gotten more out of it."

Wuller, who'll play as Western's No. 3 seed, has another reason for wanting to play well in the tournament. Next year, he'll transfer to Sun Belt rival New Orleans.

"I'm excited," Wuller said. "I've already signed with the University of New Orleans, so I just want to show them what I got."

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## Women's tennis team ready for tourney

BY P. ALAN BERNARDY

It must have seemed like old times when the women's tennis team (2-10) left for Little Rock, Ark. yesterday for the Sun Belt Tournament.

They took an extended trip into the South over Spring Break to compete against some of the teams they will again be facing this weekend.

They hope to improve upon a ninth-place finish last year and have stepped up their chances after landing a No. 8 seed.

"I think we have a really good chance to break into the top six," Coach Laura Hudspeth said. "But it all depends on how

everyone's matches go."

Western will open up in the first round against Texas-Pan American, a team that freshman No. 1 seed Allison Hassall said she knows nothing about.

"We've never seen them and we haven't played them," she said. "I think it will be a close match, but I think we will win."

The team, which has only won two matches since the beginning of the spring season, has steadily improved, Hudspeth said.

"This is a totally different team than the one I started with," she said. "If nothing else, I'd like the girls to have a chance to compete against some of these teams that beat us earlier in the year."

Hudspeth said the tournament field has been getting tougher over the last few years.

"I think that all the way down, every team has been playing tougher competition," she said. "And that's made the tournament stronger."

Hassall, who is attending her first conference tournament, said she is not nervous, just anxious to play her match and see what happens.

"I just think that everyone on the team can't give up," she said. "We've had a lot of really close matches against some of these teams, and it could just as easily go our way."

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# Western not the only Hilltoppers

BY JEFF NATIONS

When David McKey took over as women's basketball coach at Lamar, he went from being a big Hilltopper supporter to becoming one of its biggest rivals.

Lamar hired McKey away from Saint Edwards University, an NAIA school in Austin, Texas, and the only other college in the country nicknamed "Hilltoppers."

John Knorr, who is president of Saint Edwards and has been there since 1971, said another NAIA school in California was called "Hilltoppers," but they discontinued athletics in the mid-80s. Knorr said geography was the determining factor in how the school got its nickname.

"We didn't copy Western Kentucky," he said. "Our main building, which is a huge castle-like structure, is located on a hill and dominates the landscape. We've been known as the Hilltoppers since right after the second world war."

Knorr said Saint Edwards, a Catholic school with an enrollment of about 3,000, was founded in 1885. At various times, they were known as the Tigers and the Saints.

Western has been known as "Hilltoppers" longer, beginning in 1923. Prior to that, the school, then known as Western Kentucky State Normal School, was known as the "Pedagogues" or "Teachers," in honor of its original mission of training teachers.

Although they share the same nickname, the two schools have taken different paths in choosing school mascots.

Western's "Big Red" was created in 1970 by student Ralph Carey, and has remained basically the same since then.

Before that, said Interim Athletics Director Jim Richards, many people at Western wondered just what a

Hilltopper was. Richards said that even when he was a student at Western, contests were held to give the school a mascot.

"They used to have a long rifleman for the mascot," Richards said. "Then we had a guy who wore a red top hat and carried a cane. That did not go over very well, particularly."

At Saint Edwards, the mascot was a mountain man until the basketball team took action. "They went down to the humane society and got this big old ram," Knorr said. "And they just kept it in the corner, until pretty soon, it just stuck."

And since then, the "Fighting Ram" has been their mascot.

Paul Just, Western Kentucky's Sports Information director, said he didn't think the two schools have competed in athletics.

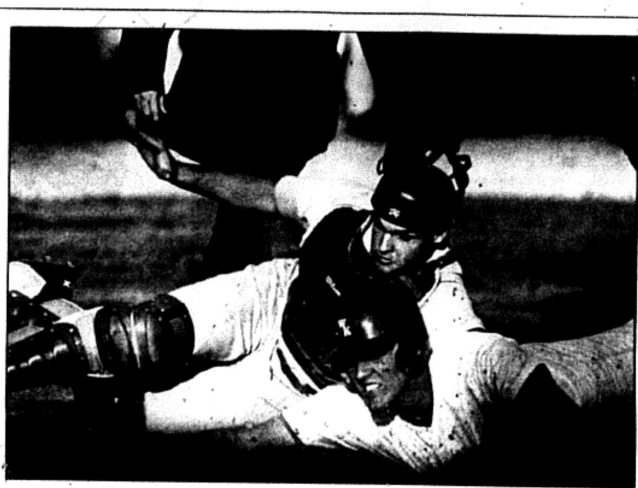
But Just said Western did have at least one connection to Saint Edwards. Michael DeGillo, a former graduate assistant on Murray Arnold's basketball staff, played at Saint Edwards.

"He was shocked when I said, 'Oh, the Hilltoppers,'" Just said. "He didn't think anyone had ever heard of Saint Edwards."

Despite the link of a common nickname, Knorr said his school doesn't hold any special loyalty to Western, except when they played Texas in this year's NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

"There is a lot of rancor between us and the University of Texas in the respect that they get a lot of national exposure and we don't," Knorr said. "I can only think of one person here who graduated from Texas. So we always like to see them lose."

And besides, Knorr said, "It's kind of neat to be the only two Hilltoppers."



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**He's out!:** Western's James Davis is tagged out at home by Jacksonville catcher Andy Holin. Western lost three games in a row to Jacksonville this weekend to fall to 12-18.

## ♦ Sports briefs

### Soccer signs recruit

Soccer Coach David Holmes signed his eighth new player for the upcoming fall season on Wednesday.

Chris Zutterman, a four-year starter at Nelson County High School, chose Western over Kentucky and Louisville. Zutterman holds the state record for most career goals

with 128 in four seasons. He was an all-state selection in both 1992 and 1993.

### Wiseman is honored

Junior Cindy Wiseman, a setter on the volleyball team, was named the 1993-94 Western Kentucky University Scholar Athlete-of-the-Year.

Wiseman maintained a near-

perfect 4.0 in biology, her major. She'll transfer to Louisville next year to complete a degree in physical therapy.

The team award for highest collective GPA went to the women's tennis squad.

Western honored 81 athletes as scholar athletes for accumulating a GPA of 3.0 or better or having a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.

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## ♦ Golf Sun Belt Tournaments

## Women finish fifth

BY DENNIS VARNER

Although the women's golf team posted its best round of the season on the second day of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament on Tuesday in Nashville, it couldn't reverse the rough day it had on Monday.

"The first day buried our hopes of making a good finish," Coach Leslie Lawrence said. "It just kind of happened that everybody had their bad round on the same day."

Lawrence said she hoped to finish in the top three, but Western finished fifth in the eight-team field.

"This year's tournament didn't meet the expectations I had," she said. "We didn't get to practice on the back nine. I think it's unfair to send them onto the course without practicing there first."

But the second day was a big turnaround for the team as it shot a 326, 24 strokes better than the previous round.

The Toppers finished with a 332 yesterday to end the tournament with a 1,008, behind Lamar (925), Arkansas-Little Rock (965), South Alabama (975) and Arkansas State (977).

The team closed its season on a bittersweet note. Both its seniors, Jennifer Moore and Lissi Diedericks, struggled, while freshman Erica Montgomery put together one of her best tournaments of the year.

Montgomery finished 12th individually and shot a 246 in the three-round tournament.

Diedericks was forced to sit out the last two rounds of her last tournament because of strained ligaments in her left hand.

"She may have pressed the issue," Lawrence said. "She aggravated the injury on Monday, but she didn't want to quit since it was her senior year."

"It was apparent that she could suffer some permanent injury, so I told her to consider both sides."

Moore finished in 17th place with a 251, but still managed to make the All-Conference team.

"It's been a great experience here," she said. "I'm at the point where I'm graduating, so I'm kind of glad it's over. It's time to move on, but I'm going to miss it."

## Men slip to sixth place

BY MICHAEL SCOTT

Junior Brian Harris shot a three-under par 69 to lead the men's golf team to its best tournament performance of the season yesterday at the Sun Belt Conference tournament. The Toppers finished in sixth place overall in the three-day event.

"It was a career round at Western Kentucky University," Coach Lee Robertson said. "It was a really fine performance."

South Alabama won the tournament with a three-day total of 846.

Juniors Joe Daly and Kelvin Burgin shot a 70 and a 71 for Western. Freshman Ryan-Tucker shot a 73 to complete the team score of 283.

"I just played better," Burgin said, having shot a 78 and a 76 in the first two rounds. "I putted better and I had more greens in regulation."

Senior John Stiles, a transfer student from Ball State, shot a 76 in his final 18 holes as a Topper.

Western had slipped from fifth place to sixth place after the second round. Final-round play got underway yesterday morning at the Springhouse Club, where last week's rain forced tournament officials to shorten the 7,100 yard course to 6,500 yards.

"It went great," Daly, the team captain, said. "It was shorter than we're used to, with all the water on the course, but it was still tough."

Daly fought his way through two penalty strokes for a final round of 70.

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# Haskins returning to Diddle as a coach

◆ **Former All-American is the first Lady Topper to become a Division I head basketball coach**

Assistant Coach Steve Small still remembers Clemmie Haskins' last game as a Lady Topper in 1987. "She told me she would never pick up a basketball again," Small said. "She said she wanted to pursue a career in broadcasting."

One year later, she was an assistant coach at the College of St. Thomas in Minneapolis.



Clemmie Haskins

Ironically, Haskins' first game as a head coach will be in Diddle Arena against Mississippi in a tournament hosted by Western.

The date and time of that game haven't been released yet. "I'll remind her what she said to me," Small said. "Then I will tell her how proud we are of her. It has been great to watch her climb the ladder on her way to becoming a great head coach."

Haskins, 28, the daughter of Minnesota head coach and former Topper standout Clem Haskins, is the first former Lady Topper to ever become a Division I coach.

She is Western's fourth all-time leading scorer with 1,762 points and led the Lady Toppers to the Final Four in 1985 and 1986.

"She was always like a coach on the floor," Lady Topper Coach Paul Sanderford said. "She never even had to dribble, shoot or pass to show she was a leader. All she had to do was step onto the floor."

Haskins spent the last four years as an assistant coach at Arizona.

She has also played for the U.S. National team, coached by Iowa's Vivian Stringer and has worked at basketball camps conducted by Tennessee's Pat Summitt.

As a high school player at Warren Central she led her school to a state championship.

For her accomplishments, she was named to Street and Smith's high school All-American team and voted Miss Basketball in Kentucky, most valuable player in the Kentucky State Tournament and Hertz Kentucky Athlete of the Year.

"I'm thrilled to death to see her get the job," Sanderford said. "She will bring a lot to that program."

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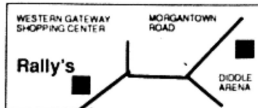
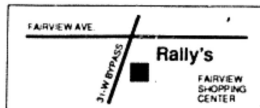
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